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Parking deck plan advances Atlantic Group hired to do analysis of lots on Elm, at train station

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

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WESTFIELD - After three parking studies in the past seven years, the town finally appears to be moving forward to remedy the parking problem after the Planning Board unanimously approved a redevelopment analysis for two locations.

At special meeting last Thursday, The Atlantic Group and Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel law firm presented a report declaring the

Prospect and Elm streets lot and customers of downtown businessthe South Avenue train station lot as areas in need of redevelopment to accommodate parking decks.

The Atlantic Group was hired to examine the sites by the Town Council after the areas were recommended for redevelopment by the Westfield Parking Advisory Committee, the group that did the latest parking study.

As the downtown has developed, parking has been a problem for commuters at the train station as well as employees and es. The problem is evidenced in the 919 people on the commuter parking permit waiting list, which has a four-year wait. The Westfield Parking Advisory Committee report released in February reported a 350-450 parking space shortfall in the downtown business area.

The firms hired by the town referenced the parking advisory committee report in its analysis of the two areas. Examining seven measuring factors established by the committee as

grounds for redevelopment, the firms cited two in which the sites fall short of standards --- lack of proper utilization of the land and obsolescence that is detrimental to the community.

In its analysis of the 1.7-acre Elm and Prospect streets lot, the firms' report stated, "It can be redesigned to provide more parking than it currently offers, thereby accommodating added customers and commuters, making the downtown more userfriendly and competitive."

The report also stated that

residential units could be added to screen the parking structure and support activity.

A few Prospect Street residents objected to the lot in their area, including David Zane who said that approving the site based on two out of seven redevelopment requirements is a stretch. He added that the lot is "fully functioning" and a parking deck would increase traffic, pollution, loitering and crime.

Charles Weidman, a Planning

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Title on the line

Westfield begins defense of its Union County Tournament title Saturday. See story on Page C-1.



Forced indoors

A member of the Secaucus High School color guard twirls her flag at the fourth annual marching band competition at Scotch Plainsinwood High School Sunday. nother picture appears on Page B-1.

Raiders left with mud on their face



Scotch Plains-Fanwood took on the Cranford Cougars Sunday afternoon on a rain-soaked Perry Tyson Field in Scotch Plains. The game,

which was scheduled for Saturday, had to be postponed because of torrential rain. The Sunday game forced the fourth Scotch Plains-

Tamaques Way problems will be fixed



By KEVIN B. HOWELL

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WESTFIELD - After a lengthy public discussion on a potential traffic light at the Central Avenue and Clover Street intersection at Tuesday's Town Council meeting, two things became apparent - residents are passionate about the issue and a traffic study was never requested by the Town Council.

Central Avenue, which is a county street, is one of the busier roads in town, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross, particularly students of Jefferson School. In 2000, then Town Administrator Thomas Shannon sent a letter to the county requesting it examine the intersection. Though a copy of the letter was supposed to be delivered the council, Mayor Gregory McDermott, who took office at the start of 2001, said he was never informed about the issue. As the county moved forward with its study and concluded it was best to install a traffic light, residents in the area argued both for and against the traffic signal. Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, decided to call a committee meeting to hear arguments last Thursday. However, several committee members were unable to attend the meeting. Because most of the committee was not there, most of the council heard of the issue for the first time Tuesday. The issue took up an hour of the meeting, with angry residents lined up to speak out.



Biggest event

of the year

Saturday for THE social event of the season --- the Far Hills Race Meeting. For more, see Prime Time on page 8-3.

site and has agreed to fix the Thousands will come to Far Hills on problems. Kenneth Marsh, he and a repre-Young mother just wants to live a normal life

contractor who did the paving, visited the work sites on Tamaques Way and Irving WESTFIELD - The contrac-Avenue on Tuesday. The contractor said that the tor who paved Tamaques Way at

Fanwood band competition to move inside the high school. The Raiders lost the game 13-6.

paving, which is a new technology called micro-paving, takes time to settle and will look better called a poor job, reviewed the as time passes. Marsh agreed that road has improved since the job was first completed.

According to Town Engineer However, problems of excessentative from Dosch-King, the sive tar will be removed by sand-

blasting, Marsh said.

Two weeks ago at the Town Council meeting, several Tamaques Way residents complained about tar on curbs and covering manholes and water pipes. Mayor Greg McDermott said the paving was a cost-saving project to fill cracks in the street. Marsh said that contractor had done similar projects in other municipalities, but never in Westfield.

The job went awry on Tamaques Way, which one resident said was due to malfunctioning equipment. The contractor also did work on Irving Avenue, which turned out better. The contractor has yet to be paid, as the council wants to see problems rectified first.

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A representative from Dosch-King will attend the council's conference meeting Tuesday to address concerns.

See Light, page A-2

REMINDER

Rain delayed

The sidewalk show and art sale. which was rained out last Saturday, will be this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Westfield.

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THE RECORD-PRESS SCOTCH PLAINS Jeannine Roy is just trying to live a normal life, a life that has elud-

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the end of September, leaving

residents furious at what they

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ed her since she was 1. It was at that age that she was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that causes the fluid in the body to become thick and sticky, causing respiratory and digestive problems. Now a 22-year-old mother, Jeannine is trying to survive the disease and live life like she never has before-normally.

Jeannine hopes this chance at life can come through a doublelung transplant surgery that would take place at University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. The transplant would eventually allow her to breath normally, but more immediately, save her life.

receiving treatment yearly for the disease. However, in the past two years, her condition has worsened and she has been hospitalized every other month for three-week periods. She said her doctor told her that her oxygen level had decreased and gave her the option to try to get on the lung transplant list.

"I was hesitant in the beginning, but since I was constantly in the hospital I changed my mind," Jeannine said.

To get on the list, Jeannine must undergo an evaluation by a transplant team. She has a consultation on Oct. 31 to determine if she's eligible. The average time on the waiting list is 2 fi years. According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, donor lungs are allocated based on blood type, size and accrued time on the waiting list.

The transplant is also costly, Jeannine has been in and out but Jeannine's family and friends of the hospital her entire life, have rallied to raise money for

the surgery. "COTA for Jeannine R." is a fund-raising campaign through the Children's Organ Transplant Association, an organization that assists in the coordination of fund-raisers for transplant needs. The nonprofit organization has set up an account for Jeannine's transplant expenses. Jeannine's cousin Dana Slack

heads a campaign committee of friends and family who are holding several fund-raising events in order to raise \$200,000 for transplant-related expenses not covered by the insurance. Expenses include medications may Jeannine will have to take for the rest of her life, which could cost \$1,200 monthly.

The 15-member committee, who started the campaign in September, has held two events thus far and has raised \$11,000, according to Slack. The committee had a garage sale, a car wash and set up a table at Fanny Wood Day. They have also had canisters at various locations in Scotch Plains, Jeannine's hometown, where people can make donations. Slack said they average \$100-\$200 a week from canister collections.

In addition, there will be a charity basketball tournament at the high school tonight at 7 p.m. that a 16-year-old Cystic Fibrosis sufferer helped organize.

"It's going great," said Melanie Mele, a committee member and Jeannine's friend since they were students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. "We haven't even had our kickoff (event) and its been going real well. People in town have been supporting us a lot."

The kickoff event is the "Gala for Jeannine," which will be held at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. COTA will host the event that includes dinner, dancing and a raffle.

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Jeannine Roy ... inceds lung transplant

Church lots the answer to Cranford's parking prayer?

By GREG MARX

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CRANFORD -- In an effort to address the township's growing parking shortage, officials decided last week to explore the possibility of using church or commercial property as parking locations.

The idea was one of several to come up in a wide-ranging discussion of downtown issues at a special meeting of the Township Committee Oct. 10. "There's significant parking in private lots that should be explored for a shared arrangement," Downtown Management Corporation Director Kathleen Miller Prunty.

The township will contact several churches near the downtown to ask if they would be willing to rent out their parking spaces during the week. Under such a proposal, the churches would receive the parking revenue - indeed. township officials said one church has already taken this

step on its own. But the township would seek a long-term commitment from the churches, so any newly-created spaces could be incorporated into a long-term parking strategy. Public officials will also

reach out to First Union Bank to ask about the availability of the company's parcels on Chestnut Street and North Avenue. First Union owns numerous properties in Cranford, some in areas on the edge of the downtown that would be suitable for commuter or resident parking.

In addition to inquiring about the private properties, officials will seek estimates on the cost of adding a level to the municipal parking lots on High Street and on Miln Street, in the center of the downtown. Any construction on those sites would probably be limited to the creation of one extra floor, rather than a large, multi-level deck, said Commissioner Phil Morin.

In addition to the parking

Newcomers planning busy month

WESTFIELD - The Newcomers Club of Westfield has scheduled these activities:

Thursday, Oct. 24 -- Coffee for prospective members, 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 25 - Halloween party for kids at Parker Greenhouses, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. A hayride, straw fort,

pumpkin-decorating contest and cider are included. Tuesday, Oct. 29 -- "Ladies Dinner Out" at Novita Ristorante, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5 — Book discussion group at Jolly Trolley. Saturday, Nov. 9 — Beer tasting, 8 p.m. This event is a joint program with the Welcome Club of Westfield.

Membership in the Newcomers Club is open to women 21 and older who are new to the area or have had a major lifestyle change. For more information, phone Alicia Weaver at (908) 654-5373 or Genevieve Daly at (908) 789-4842.



Parking deck project advances

tion.

"As a supposed partial solution to the

downtown's parking needs, it is inefficient."

the report stated about the train station lot.

"An appropriately designed parking deck in

the area could add significantly to the parking

supply and consolidate facilities for commer-

cial visitors. It would add to the town's attrac-

tiveness and convenience of rail transporta-

stated the train station lot has a 450-500-

space shortfall. It also cited NJ Transit sur-

veys which confirmed the station averages

2,100 commuters, 1,600 from Westfield.

Approximately 700 commuters are either

dropped off at the station, or park in private

The Parking Advisory Committee's report

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Board member who sat on the Parking Advisory Committee, said that the committee examined about nine different sites for the decks. He said that traffic and safety was an issue in the committee's report and it recommended a left-turn only when exiting the parking garage to shuttle traffic away from the residential neighborhood. He also contended that parking decks improve traffic problems.

The train station lot also spans 1.7 acres, but does not include the drop & ride area. The firms' report declared the area has a deleterious land use and obsolete layout because of its surface parking.

Ron Meeks recommended that discussion, the committee discussed needed improvements to all new sign, awning and facade applications be subject to DMC the sign and facade portion of approval, and also proposed a Land host of new regulations on the **Development** Ordinance. location and design of signs. **Prunty displayed numerous**

The committee directed examples of signs which violate township regulation and for Township Attorney Al Stender to draft an amendment to the which permission was never sought. In many cases, the ordinance reflecting the recomtownship has taken no action to mendations, and said professionals would step up enforcehave the signs removed, she ment efforts, beginning with warnings.

In a symbolic gesture, Prunty and Meeks also recommended the township move away from a designated "Victorian" motif for the downtown to an approach more in keeping with Cranford's eclectic architecture. "There is no need to create a single style for downtown Cranford," they wrote in a

town

Meeks' proposal to move from five retail and office zones to two. The next step in that process is to determine what uses should be permitted in the downtown, and whether properties such as service stations should be allowed on the fringes of the business district or excluded entirely.

That issue and others will be revisited next month, when the steps toward simplifying down- committee will hold another

memo to the committee. And officials took the first

zoning, considering special meeting.

you couldn't tell. On the outside Internet who had a double-lung exactly what I want to do. Maybe go back to school. I just

lots or residential neighborhoods.

lete? The answer is yes."

could come through bonds.

"It is apparent from the statistics that

there is a (parking) shortfall," said William Ziff, a Planning Board member. "The question

is are the lots underutilized and are they obso-

sent out to contractors and should be returned.

within a month. Following a review of qualifi-

cations, the town will send out request for pro-

posals to select contractors. According to

Patrick Henry of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith,

Ravin, Davis & Himmel, the RFQ makes it

clear to contractors that the town wants no tax

increase for the projects. Henry said financing

Requests for qualifications (RFQ) are being

normal person. Tax-deductible donations can be made to "COTA for Jeannine R." and mailed to Children's Organ Transplant Association, 2501 COTA Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403. For more information on the gala and fund-raising events call (973) 390-2353

Prunty and Zoning Officer

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the

said.

Young mother just wants to live a normal life

Continued from page A-1 Tickets are \$60. The committee plans to hold the gala annually to continually raise funds.

Jeannine has attended every fund-raising event. Though she is in the hospital now, she hadn't been there since July. She said she plans to be at every event she's able to attend.

"She's strong. She's been through a lot. When you see her

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safety for our children, it's if we

want it safer for our children,'

said Ken Clemenko, who lives at

Cedar Street and Central

Avenue. "There are other (safety)

measures you can do such as

sidewalks or reducing the speed

"The issue isn't if we want

she looks perfectly normal, but inside she's not. Any time I visit her in the hospital, she's never down. And if she is, she doesn't show it. She's always smiling," Slack said.

Though she tries to remain strong, Jeannine admits she is nervous about the surgery and tries not to think about it. She spoke with a girl through the

transplant. Jeannine said she answered some of the questions know I'll be able to breath like a she had about the procedure. According to the Cystic

Fibrosis Foundation, 70 percent of transplant recipients survive after one year and 48 percent survive after five years.

"I'm very excited," Jeannine said looking forward to a life with new lungs, "I don't know

> traffic accidents and speeding. Tracy said an extreme volume of cars travel Central Avenue and the safest way to cross children is with a traffic light.

He said that Clover Street has a high accident rate and a traffic signal would make it safer to make a left turn onto Central Avenue from Clover. In addition? 70 percent of the vehicles crossing Clover at Central exceed the 35 mph speed limit, a problem that traffic lights have proven to

decrease, according to Tracy. The council will likely addre the issue in Public Safety committee meetings and then the committee will make a recommendation to the council. According to Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh, the county hasn't done a warrant study nor has the Department of Transportation approved the light yet.

limit to 25. A traffic light will be a permanent fixture and we need to evaluate other measures first." Most residents in attendance

shared Clemenko's opinion. About 250 residents signed a petition opposing the light. Their main argument was that drivers would cut through residential



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Calls for traffic signal in Westfield cause stir

streets to avoid the light. They are children crossing the street, also said that the intersection is only busy before and after school, and lesser measures would be more appropriate.

However, some residents braved the anti-traffic light crowd in support of the signal.

"I'm in favor of the light," said Virginia Avenue resident Chris Dellarso. "It's extremely dangerous at Clover. You're really taking your life in your own hands crossing the street."

Julie Tarr also spoke up for the light, saying that the intersection is dangerous throughout the day. She added that cars will not go through side streets because they don't do it at other lights on Central Avenue, a statement that received several laughs from the audience. Police Chief Bernard Tracy presented his recommendations based on a November 2000 speed study. He said the three concerns



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Camp offers respite for children of Sept. 11 victims

The one-year anniversary of Blairstown. Sept. 11 has passed, but the grieving that local families face associated myself with 9-11," doesn't end by a date on the calendar

As part of an ongoing commitment to lessen the pain families and children of Sept. 11 experience, Comfort Zone Camp, a free bereavement camp founded four years ago, will hold its seventh camp specifically designed for the children of the World Trade Center attacks. The next camp is Oct. 25-27 at Camp Mason in ful."

"It was the first time I really said Hilary Strauch, a 12-yearold girl from Avon, who had been hesitant to attend a recent metro-area Comfort Zone Camp. However, Hilary did find a connection in meeting other campers and has maintained relationships with those she met. "This is the only place I felt understood, and it helped make the day-to-day stuff less stress-

The Comfort Zone Camp experience was equally positive for Hilary's mother, Ginny. "There were 40 widows there, and some of them broke my heart," Ginny said. "There was a lot of anger, a lot of unsifted emotion, but nothing I said there was wrong. I felt very safe."

Comfort Zone Camp, available for seven-to-17-year-olds, is a sleepover camp that provides a fun and safe environment where children and teen-agers can address their loss through activities designed to encourage emotions. The campers participate in arts and crafts, games, trustbuilding exercises and small "healing circles" led by grief counselors.

Children who attend the camp are paired with a trained adult volunteer who is there to assist in activities and lend an ear all weekend.

For Lynne Hughes, co-founder of the nonprofit, Richmond, Va.,based Comfort Zone Camp, helping grieving children is a per-

of her parents by age 12.

We offer a place where kids can get back to being kids, see they are not alone and have the opportunity to express their feelings in a fun and safe camp envi-

ronment," Hughes said. An outlet such as a bereavement camp is especially important for the children of Sept. 11 because they are grieving in a fish bowl while the world is

watching them, Hughes added. To register for the Blairstown

sonal mission. Hughes lost both Comfort Zone Camp, call (866) 488-5679 or download an appliat comfortcation form zonecamp.org.

Transportation will be provided for any child from the metro area who wishes to attend. Family accommodations for the weekend are also available.

Comfort Zone Camp is scheduling additional one-day minicamps for families and weekend Sept. 11 bereavement camps in the metro area for 2003.

Leaves pickup begins **Oct. 28**

SCOTCH PLAINS - As leaves begin to fall and homeowners clear their yards, residents should be aware of the new vegetative waste ordinance.

The ordinance, adopted last week by the Township Council, prohibits residents from leaving materials in front of their homes more than 10 days before designated pickup dates. Violators will receive a notification and 72 hours to remove the items or vegetative waste. Subsequent violations will result in fines.

According to Walter DiNizo, director of public property, the ordinance applies to leaf disposal. The township designated Oct. 28 as beginning of the leaf pickup cycle, which will run through the second week of December. During this period, residents can put leaves at the curbside for pickup. DiNizo said that homes are usually served two or three times during this cycle.

Since the ordinance is no new, DiNizo said the township will be lenient with residents who have already put leaves out. However, leaves left out after the pickup cycle ends will be subject to the ordinance.

Though leaves left at the curb do not usually cause major problems, DiNizo encourages residents to avoid piling them near storm drains so water can drain properly.

County children celebrate being drug-free



Brunner Pre-K students Matthew Shuman and Carolyn Santo Salvo wait in front of the milkweed patch on their classroom bulletin board as they wait for the Butterfly Parade to begin.

Pre-schoolers complete, then teach unit on the Monarch butterflies

SCOTCH PLAINS - On the first day of school, children in Bernadette Hoyer's Pre-K classes at Brunner School found several Monarch caterpillars waiting for them

Through first-hand exploration, songs, books and craft projects, the children watched

each stage of metamorphosis take place and learned about the Monarch's migration to Mexico each fall.

On Oct. 4, the Pre-K students, wearing butterfly wings and antennae, held a butterfly parade. The parade of butterflies visited each of the classrooms at Brunner School and shared information about Monarch butterflies and their migration with teachers and students.

The celebration concluded with the tagging and release of Monarch butterflies in the school garden.



Freeholder hopefuls to meet in Cranford

The Union County Council of Democrats. the League of Women Voters will sponsor a forum for freeholder candidates at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Cranford Municipal Building, - 8 Springfield Ave. The program is open to the public.

Candidates for the three Union County freeholder seats open this year have been invited to participate. They are Anira Clericuzio, Joel Whitaker and Elyse Bochicchio Medved, Republicans, and incumbents Angel G. Estrada, Nicholas Scutari and Richard Proctor, site www.lwvnj.org.

The Union County Council is an affiliation of local Leagues in communities throughout the county. The candidates' night that it sponsors each year is part of the voter education ser-

the public. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization open to all citizens, men as well as women. Information on membership is available from the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, (609) 394-3303 and web-

vice that all Leagues provide to

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Union County, NJ- A controversial free report has just been released that is angering doctors all over the country. If you suffer from symptoms related to carpal tunnel syndrome and are tired of wearing splints, taking pills or hearing about surgery, then you need this free report. To order your copy of this stimming new report, call toll-free 1-800-286-4937 24 hr. recorded message.



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Union County residents will band together when they "unite for a drug-free millennium" at the fourth annual Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Day.

The free event is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in Nomahegan Park, Clanford. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 20. Last year's event drew more than 2,000 people from throughout the county, according to the organizers, the Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse.

Children's activities include pony rides, a rock wall, a moonwalk and face painting. Food will be available for purchase. In addition, winners of an essay contest have been invited to read their essays on the subject "What Is Your Anti-Drug?"

Volunteers are wanted; phone (732) 381-4100.

Co-sponsors of the event are the Union County Board of Freeholders, New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, Union County Municipal Alliances, U.S. Enforcement Drug Administration and Commerce Bank.

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Students conduct forum for congressional hopefuls

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

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WESTFIELD — The majority of the students packed into the Westfield High School auditorium last Thursday could have no direct impact on the local congressional election.

Though most of them fall short of the required voting age, they still gained a valuable political experience by participating in a candidates' forum.

The forum focused on the District 7 congressional race between Republican incumbent

Michael Ferguson, Democrat Tim Carden and Libertarian Party candidate Darren Young. Assemblyman Thomas Kean, Jr., R-21, represented Ferguson at the forum. The event was organized by the high school's Placement Advanced Government class, who put on a forum for the state gubernatorial race last year. Senior Sean Wright was the

mastermind behind the forum. Wright, who worked in Carden's office during the summer, came up with the idea and brought it to the high school administration

"I thought it was necessary to try to get the students involved because generally you find a lot of apathy with the student body,' said Wright, who moderated the forum. "I tried to reach out to the students by getting them as actively involved as I could and I thought an assembly was the best way. The goal was to raise awareness of the congressional issues and show the importance of a congressional election."

Wright did most of the work in contacting the candidates. He said it was difficult reaching

Ferguson because he's in Washington, and though the congressman was unable to make it, the forum still turned out well.

The AP Government class became active in the process about four weeks ago, according to Linda Cruz, the class's teacher. The students submitted questions on three topics; health, environment and homeland security. After revising the questions, a three-student panel was selected to read the three questions.

"I was expecting the candidates to weave around the ques-

tions and address their policy issues rather than actually answering the questions, but I thought they were pretty straightforward," said Greg Cantor, one of the panelists.

A small group of students also lined up at microphones in the aisles to ask the candidates questions. Because of time, only two students were able to ask questions.

"I think some students weren't clear on the views of each candidate of the different parties, so it probably helped clarify issues they might have

had," said panelist Whitney Gordon.

The class had recently discussed politics and the different views of political parties. Cruz said the class deals with public policy, politics and public opinion pertaining to American gov-ernment. Of the forum's student participants, only Wright and Gil Arbitsman are eligible to vote.

"It gives me a better idea of the position of each party and each candidate so I have a better idea of who I'm going to vote for,' Arbitsman said.

Cranford takes its first steps toward restructuring its debt

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD - In an effort to save tax dollars and ease the burden of anticipated future expenses, the Township Committee took the first steps toward restructuring the public debt at its Oct. 8 meeting.

The township currently has more than \$14 million outstanding in short-term bond anticipation notes, said Finance Chairman Phil Morin. Those notes offer very low interest rates - currently less than 2 percent and limited requirements on principal payments.

But state law allows a municipality to fund a project through bond-anticipation notes for only 10 years, at which time conventional, long-term bonds must be issued. And though a municipality

can fund a project entirely through short-term notes by making higher-than-required principal payments, conventional bonds are the standard way to fund long-term capital improvements.

So with interest rates at historic lows, the township is moving now to convert \$10 million of its short-term debt to long-term bonds. The new long-term debt -which consists primarily of the \$5.4 million 1998 bond ordinance for the community center --- will be paid out over 18 years.

At a level interest rate of 4.35 percent, total payments on that debt will cost taxpayers \$14.2 million, though township officials said the rate will likely be considerably lower. Currently, said township bond counsel Steven Rogut, the bonds could probably be sold at a rate of about 3.75 percent.

The actual sale of the bonds is

scheduled for early January.

With the approval of the Local Finance Board, the township will use a non-conforming schedule to pay off the new long-term debt. One proposal is to pay off just \$80,000 in 2003, as Cranford makes its last payment on its most recent long-term debt issue, and then to pay off \$580,000-590,000 in each of the remaining years.

The small payment in 2003, Morin said, will allow the township the flexibility to deal with anticipated budget-busting items, such as the pending assessment for capital improvements at the Valley Sewerage Rahway Authority, and other short-term capital needs.

"A fair amount of (the savings) has to go back into the surplus to handle some of these costs," he said.



Citizenship lesson

Students at Brookside Place School in Cranford will focus on becoming good citizens of their school, community and country this school year. On Sept. 11, students created a large American flag made up of individual red, white and blue squares. Each square was personalized with a message of patriotism from each student in the school. The flag is on display at Brookside Place School until Veterans Day, when it will be presented as a gift to the Cranford VFW during a special ceremony at the school.





Cops probe

Union County police are investigating the loss of more than two dozen hardwoods in a section of the Watchung Reservation bordering a residential neighbor-

of the trees last week. The trees,

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Newest Rotarians

Patricia A. Plante, second from left, and Mark Charbonneau, fourth from left, were inducted as new members of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club at its last meeting. Rotary District Governor Marsha Carldon, left, did the honors. With Plante and Charbonneau are their sponsors, Lori DeMilt and Robert Kraus, Rotary Club President Ray Jaiko is at right.

Officials repeat: Rail is dead issue

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH -- County and state officials reiterated last week that the reactivation of the Staten Island and Rahway Valley railroads will not occur without municipal consent, but local officials and residents remained wary the tracks will return to service.

At the Oct. 9 Borough Council meeting, state and county elected officials came out to pledge their opposition to reactiviation. Joseph Cryan, who represents the borough in the New Jersey Assembly. said that while state money has gone toward the project in the past, it will no longer.

"We have indicated our opposition," Cryan said. "Clearly and unequivocally, there will not be another state dollar allocated or utilized for this project.'

Freeholder Nicholas Scutari was similarly blunt about the county's opposition. "Kenilworth has rejected the reactivation of this track, therefore we reject the reactivation of the track," he said.

At a county meeting the following night, the freeholders restated its opposition, and Assemblyman Tom Kean echoed the sentiment, said one resident who was in attendance.

But despite the chorus of voices in opposition, borough residents and officials said they are not convinced. Several local officials questioned whether, under Union County's contract with Morristown and Erie Railway, the county has the legal authority to halt reactivation.

The contract sets out a fourphase reactivation schedule for sections of the two railroads running northwest through Union County. The contract's language places some conditions upon reactivation, but does not specify a municipal veto.

County officials pointed to one

reads, "This portion of the rail line shall be rehabilitated only upon the mutual consent of the parties to this Agreement, who will continue to develop an appropriate timeline for such rehabilitation," as indicating a veto power. But one Kenilworth official derided the clause as "legal gymnastics.

Gordon Fuller, chief financial officer of Morristown and Erie, could not be reached this week for comment.

Asked why the county would enter the contract if it had no intention of reactivating the line, Scutari said the objective was to gain a greater degree of control over the train lines. Railroads are usually governed by state and federal agencies, officials said, but the state Department of Transportation turned over jurisdiction of the right-of-way to the county in 2000.

The contract also makes provisection of the contract, which sion for the county to receive a

portion of the proceeds if the lines are reactivated.

opposed to the reactivation because they believe the line, which runs north from Roselle Park along Market Street to the Boulevard and then to Route 22, will pose a safety hazard and a impair quality of life. A short spur also extends off the main Raritan Valley line along Fairfield Avenue.

"We still do worry. We need to work toward some final solution," said Faitoute Avenue resident Ed Westervelt. "We're all watching very carefully."

Developer appeals flood-area rejection

By GREG MARX THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD — A Planning Board decision prohibiting a subdivision in a flood fringe area has been appealed in Superior Court.

In April, the board rejected an application from developer Primavera Parkview to subdivide a 16,000-square-foot lot at 15 Kensington Drive and build two houses where one now stands. In the memorial resolution adopted the following month, the board unanimously stated, "it would seem that said development would unreasonably add to the problems dealing with stormwater control in this Flood Fringe Area."

In explanation of the denial, the board stated the impervious surface that would have resulted from the new development would have violated township regulations. But the attorney for Primavera Parkview contends the board inaccurately applied the ordinance, and the subdivision should have been allowed.

A case management conference on appeal was held Sept. 20, but no date for a hearing has been set. an assistant to Planning Board Attorney Joseph Depa said last week.

Whatever the outcome of the appeal, the application has caused concern in some quarters. Environmental Commissioner Chairman Nelson Dittmar, in an-April 29 memo to the Township Committee, identified development in the flood zone as a potential safety hazard.

"The only way to address this issue is by reviewing, revising and adopting development ordinances that prohibit subdivisions in the flood zone because of flooding,

safety and community character concerns," Dittmar wrote. "Allowing continued subdivisions and development in the flood zone perpetuates a very serious public safety problem by increasing the number of families living in the flood zone and decreasing the amount of pervious surface."

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Dittmar recommended the township impose a moratorium on subdivisions in the flood zone, and amend the Land Development Ordinance to permanently prohibit them in the area.

Since the spring, there has been little discussion of the topic township at meetings, Commissioner Phil Morin said, The Master Plan Re-examination Report, completed earlier this year, calls for better regulations but does not make specific recommendations. And new Zoning Officer Ron Meeks said while he is aware of the issue, it has taken a back seat to downtown concerns.

But, said Morin, it is important the township take up the issue. While he was skeptical a moratorium could be enforced, he said, "I think it's important that we go back and look at our ordinances to look at tightening or restricting development in the flood zone."



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Annual 'Souper Sunday' set at First Congregational Church

"Souper Sunday" service and luncheon will be Sunday at First The Back Bay Mission is a com- to resonate with them today. At Congregational Church.

WESTFIELD - The annual memorable two-week trip to share their experiences and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss. describe how that trip continues munity ministry organization the luncheon that follows, they

Kenilworth residents are

"Souper Sunday" is an annual event hosted by the church's Board of Outreach Ministries and includes a presentation by a guest speaker, followed by a shared lunch of soup, bread and desserts.

This year, the guest speakers will be visiting church members, Jean Harris Fox, Timothy Hylan, Tamri Lowery, Michael Naragon, and Gayle Strommen who as youth fellows 20 years ago, took a

that provides a variety of health and social services to the disadvantaged of Biloxi. It also supports a work camp program, where youth groups volunteer to paint and repair houses belonging to the elderly and disabled.

In 1982, Fox, Hylan, Lowery, Naragon, and Strommen were participants in the work camp program, and it had a tremendous impact on their lives. During the service, they will

will also present a program of stories and slides relating to their work at the Back Bay Mission and there will be an opportunity to meet and talk with them.

Services begin at 10 a.m. The "Souper Sunday" luncheon begins promptly after the service, about 11 a.m. No prior registration is required. For more information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494.







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Township names top volunteers

SCOTCH PLAINS -- The township has announced its Volunteers of the Year for 2002.

They are Carol Kraus, female volunteer; Anthony Giannaci, male volunteer; and the produc-tion crew of TV 34, volunteer organization. All will be honored at the Mayor's Charity Gala on Dec. 6 at Pantagis Renaissance.

Kraus has been president of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council, president of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jaycee-ettes and president of the Resolve Community Counseling Center. The longtime volunteer is a member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League.

Giannaci has been president of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Athletic Booster Club. A Cub Scout pack leader and Little League baseball coach, he has coached sports teams for the Police Athletic League.

TV 34 tapes Township Council meetings and community events for telecast on Comcast in the township. The production crew is Robert Merkle, director: Donald Truedson; George Doldouras; and Emmi Rank.

Admission to the Mayor's Charity Gala is \$50. Tickets are available at the Recreation Department office in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave.

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Principal, administrator join the staff in Cranford

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD - The Board of Education filled two important vacancies at a Monday meeting, hiring a new high school principal and assistant superintendent for administration.

Carol Grossi, currently principal at West Essex Senior High

Cranford High on or about Dec. 16.

Grossi, who received both her bachelor's and her master's degrees from New Jersey City University and has also served as principal at Bogota High School, will earn an annual salary of \$116,000.

The current high school princi- tant superintendent position

Nov. 15 to take an assistant superintendent position in Cranford Randolph. Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod said he has an interim principal in mind, but would not say who that person is.

Also hired by the board was Paul Palek, who will fill the assis-

School, will take that position at pal, Laura Cardine, will leave vacated by the recent retirement of Bill Cashman.

Palek, presently a high school principal in Pequannock Township and adjunct professor at Ramapo College, will also begin on or about Dec. 16. A holder of bachelor's and master's degrees from Montclair State University, Palek will earn \$117,500 annually.

"Both these individuals have a very rich and diversified background in education, and I feel very fortunate that they are joining our team here in Cranford," Feinsod said.

The hiring of Grossi only weeks after Cardine announced her resignation "was a pleasant surprise and most unusual, especially since it's not uncommon to

run into a dearth of candidates." he added.

With these positions filled, Feinsod said, administrators and board members will turn their attention to hiring a new principal at Orange Avenue School. Current Orange Avenue principal Robert Seyfarth will retire Jan. 1 after three decades with the district.

udit shows Kenilworth schools need to beef up its reserves

By KIMBERLY MERZ

CORRESPONDENT

KENILWORTH --- The Board of Education needs to "hump up" its unreserved fund balance, according to Certified Public Accountant, Richard Hellenbrecht Jr., of Armour S. Hulsart and Co., who presented the results of the 2001-2002 school year audit.

Hellenbrecht explained that the unreserved fund balance comes from the general fund, which is the main operating fund for the district. He snid

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that comparing the budgets from 2001 to 2002, the fund balance has decreased approximately \$200,000. The unreserved fund balance is \$293,722 at this time. The New Jersey state regulations allows the school districts to have up to 6 percent of their general fund in the unreserved fund, which would equal about \$700,000 for Kenilworth.

"We don't like to see any of our school districts go less than 3 percent, The fund balance is there in case something happens. A prime example is if three

or four special-education students move in ... The cost of that is not budgeted. The fund balance is a little bit low, it's lower than last year," Hellenbrecht said.

"All of the other accounts are in really good order. Most of the cafeteria accounts that we do (audit) lose money. This district is one of the few school districts that it is able to stand on it's own, without the school kicking in about \$20,000-30,000."

Administrator Business Vincent Gonnella said that there were some unexpected costs, due to hiring new staff and the addition of special education students, which depleted the fund, and the budget is now based on tighter estimates. In the past, he said that he may have estimated something as costing \$50,000. If that item only cost \$25,000, the surplus would go into the unreserved fund.

Generally, Hellenbrecht said, the records are in "outstanding condition." However, he highlighted two additional recommendations for the board.

The first recommendation was to keep more accurate records of ticket sales during athletic events. He said that if there were 1,000 tickets at the beginning of the school year, and 500 were sold, there should be a

certain number of dollars in the bank. "Make sure this school year that the ticket inventory is kept up a little bit better." Hellenbrecht suggested.

Secondly, he said that the high school activity account was not reconciled correctly on a monthly basis.

"Some of the ledger sheets from the different clubs, the balance was different from at the end of one year to the next year. It was hard to follow some of these items," he said.

Board President George Schlenker was concerned about the student activity accounts.

"At least every other year we get recommendations on the improvement in the handling of student activities. We get a plan of action in which this is going to be corrected, everybody swears on a stack of Bibles that it won't happen again, but here it is. How do we finally get through to these people that this is a matter they have to take seriously?" Schlenker said.

Gonnella, though, defended the performance of district employees. "If you talk to a person (from Hulsart), you will realize that this is leaps and bounds beyond what it was several years ago. The Harding school accounts were impeccable".

Gonnella also said that he

was aware the district needed better control over ticket sales. One option would be to hire a separate ticket seller and collector, he said, and he is also evaluating the benefits of paying for a ticket collector versus having the individual sports collect the

tickets. The funds generated would then go to that particular sport, instead of the board.

Nancy member BOE Zimmerman suggested having one pass for all sports, which might encourage spectators to attend more events

The Police Fireman Relay is

set for 10 a.m. The One-Mile

19th Turkey Trot races set Nov. 30

WESTFIELD - The 19th annual Turkey Trot, presented by the Friends of Westfield Track & Field, will be held on Saturday. Nov. 30, at Tamaques Park.

Entry forms are available at the Westfield Library on East Broad Street; the Westfield **Recreation Association**, located in the Town Municipal Building; the Westfield Y on Clark Street; and The Leader Store, East Broad Street at Prospect Street. It is also possible to register over the Internet at www.active.com.

The program for the day, regardless of weather, will feature the Police Fireman Relay, the Five-Mile Run and the One-Mile Fun Run.



at 11 a.m. Pre-entry for this race (before Nov. 20) is \$17 and includes long-sleeve shirt, extra shirts \$10 each; post-entry is \$20 (with shirt, while supplies last). Awards will be given to the first 3 male and female finishers and to the top 3 finishers in all agegroup divisions.

up will begin at 9 a.m. at the park. Entrances to Tamaques Park are from Lamberts Mill

Track & Field is an organization that supports the cross-country and the track and field programs at Westfield High School. For more information about the organization or the Turkey Trot, call Ray at (908) 245 9422 or





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Police Log

Identity reportedly is stolen to secure property mortgages

SCOTCH PLAINS

The theft of a musical instrument from a locker at the high school was reported Oct. 7.

The theft of jewelry from a residence on Spruce Mill Lane was reported to have occurred during the past few months. No forced entry was reported.

Credit card fraud against a Spruce Mill Lane resident was reported Oct. 7. The victim was notified by bank personnel that someone attempted to purchase computer equipment.

Ryan Stano, 31, of 1317 Clinton St., Linden, and George Swift, 24, of 290 River Road, Piscataway, were charged with disorderly conduct for fighting outside the Scotchwood Diner about 1:15 a.m. Oct. 7. Both menwere released on summonses.

16-year-old girl from Elizabeth was taken into custody after an incident on a NJ Transit bus at the Union County Vo-Tech on Raritan Road Oct. 8. She allegedly struck the bus driver during a dispute about change. Complaints are pending.

A Homestead Terrace resident had his identity used to secure mortgages against property Bank personnel are investigating.

The theft of a checkbook from inside the Baptist Church on Park Avenue was reported Oct. 8.

A simple assault among students at Union County Vo-Tech was reported Oct. 9.

A Union Catholic High School student reported having her pocketbook stolen from a class-

room Oct. 11. The student left class about 9 a.m. and returned at 10 a.m. and discovered the pocketbook missing.

A high school student reported being assaulted at the Scotch Hill Country Club Oct. 13. The victim was leaving a Sweet Sixteen party with a friend, when the he was allegedly approached by his friend's father and was pushed while being yelled at.

A Rivervale Court resident reported criminal mischief to his vehicle which was parked in the parking lot of his complex on Oct. 14. The victim said that his vehicle's passenger side front halogen headlight was removed.

WESTFIELD

The theft of a motor vehicle from the 300 block of Livingston Street was reported Oct. 6.

Maxwell Sheck of 317 Union Ave., Scotch Plains, was picked up on a warrant out of Scotch Plains on Oct. 7.

A Kimball Avenue resident reported criminal mischief to her motor vehicle on Oct. 7.

Tyrone Brown of 682 W. Seventh St., Plainfield, was picked up on a warrant Oct. 9.

A Mohican Drive resident reported a burglary to his home along with the theft of miscellaneous personal property Oct. 11.

Evan Smith, 20, of 544 Forest Ave., was charged with assaulting two officers who were responding to a call from Smith's mother who claimed he was intoxicated and out of control on Oct. 12.

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Westfield man relishes challenge

By JENNIFER McCANDLESS

THE RECORD-PRESS

NORTH PLAINFIELD - No matter what time of day or night, new property maintenance and zoning officer James Rodino is on call.

Rodino, a Westfield resident who took over the position Aug. 5, said enforcing the borough's property maintenance and zoning ordinances is more than a nine-to-five job. If an issue needs his attention at 2 a.m., Rodino said he will come to the borough and do what he can. "I'm on call 24 hours," Rodino

said. "I get calls from cops after hours for things people may not see during the day. I have no problem coming out in the middle of the night. Getting these calls for violations makes it easier for me to enforce our ordinances."

Rodino said since coming to the borough, he has been busy keeping up with complaints of overcrowded housing conditions, abandoned vehicles and general property maintenance complaints. Rodino also handles zoning issues, such as determining where people can put up signs and what board, either

planning or zoning, a person needs to go to for variances or approval of projects.

Rodino said he has received complaints that the borough has a problem with illegal housing, but Rodino said the problem is not as bad as some may think.

"There are some areas where there is some overcrowding," Rodinosaid. "But you have to rememberthat there are some large houses in the borough. Up to 10 people can live in a five bedroom house. It may seem like overcrowding, but it really isn't.'

Rodino said there are cases where property owners turn basements and attics into living spaces and more residents live in a house than are allowed by law. There are also cases where people do work on their homes without a permit or having an unregistered vehicle on private property.

"We have some overcrowded homes and some properties that are in disrepair," Rodino said, "I try to nail those things on the head before they become a big problem. The problems here, while serious to residents, are nothing that can't be handled in a timely manner."

Rodino said when he receives a complaint, he or his assistant investigate. Rodino said if a problem exists, he will notify the owner and they have a certain time frame inwhich to correct the problem. If the problem is not taken care of, Rodinosaid a summons is issued and the property owner must appear in court.

"There is a process that we have to follow," Rodino said, "If someoneis found in violation of an ordinance, they still have rights. I have a job to do and ordinances have to be enforced. We can enforce the ordinances in many different ways. Court is always a last resort. Explaining what is allowed and what needs to be done to correct a problem usually produces results."

Rodino said residents, police, administration and the Borough Council have been very friendly and helpful. Rodino said there are many people who call or offer help to make his job easier.

"So far, the job and the town have been great," Rodino said.

Rodino came to the borough from Plainfield, Rodino was the mainte-

nance superintendent for the Plainfield Housing Authority for one year. Rodino said there were 300 vacant buildings the city could not take care of and "it was a fulltime job making sure the buildings didn't burn down."

Rodino said the job in Plainfield was not what he really wanted to do and he jumped at the chance to come to North Plainfield, Rodino said he was the Director of Housing Services in Irvington for nearly three years before working in Plainfield.

Rodino, who lives in Westfield with his wife and daughter, said he likes working in North Plainfield.

"I ride around the streets and people recognize me," Rodino said. "Everyone tries to help me out and let me know of potential problems. It's nice when 1 get something done and people thank me. That's unusual. I've been doing this 30 years and Tve worked in some tough towns. North Plainfield is different because everyone wants to work together. I think that is what is going to make it easier for me to do my job well. And, that's all I want, to do my job the best that I can."

Education Enrichment Foundation makes 8 grants

FANWOOD --- The Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood has awarded eight grants for the

2002-03 school year. Each grant goes to one or more teachers who supervise a classroom project in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system.

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Terrill Middle School. Linda Kouril, "Spanish Poetry in Dance and Song," Scotch Plains-Fanwood High

School.

Diane Kelly (language arts)

Jennifer Eyestone and Karen supervisor), "Reading Magic" committee, parents of kindergarten-Grade 4 pupils.

More than 60 grants have been awarded by the Education Enrichment Foundation since 1994. For more information, phone President Sally Hogan at (908) 889.4361.

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Commentary

State university overhaul needed

A commission appointed by Gov. James E. McGreevey has unveiled an ambitious plan to overhaul and merge the state's higher education system.

The commission, headed by former Merck chairman Dr. Roy Vagelos, is recommending the merger of Rutgers. University, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and the New Jersey Institute of Technology into a single entity to be tentatively known as the University of New Jersey.

Such a merger is long overdue.

Like the rest of the state's public education system, New Jersey's higher education system has traditionally been fragmented into competing fieldoms.

While the system has produced a high quality education, it has also produced an inefficient administrative system that has hampered the growth of the institutions. It has also hampered their ability to successfully compete for research grants and the best possible academic talent. The commission found that New Jersey's booming pharmaceutical industry ironically often chooses other states for clinical trials of new drugs.

One of the intriguing features of the proposal would be naming a chancellor and a board of regents to oversee the new system and be responsible for planning and policy. McGreevey had an excellent idea when he suggested that former Gov. Thomas Kean, now president of Drew University and a longtime advocate of better education in New Jersey, be named as the first chancellor. Kean has the respect, knowledge and political savvy to implement such a radical restructuring.

New Jersey deserves a first-class university system that will earn not only a nationwide reputation, but an international reputation. But improvements to the system have often been stalled by competing interests and the lack of central goals and policies. This merger, as it will be fleshed out in the coming months, deserves full attention by the state Legislature.

The boldness of the plan and the early enthusiasm it has generated should spark McGreevey to undertake a similar blue-ribbon study of the state's public school system. Though New Jersey may spends one of the highest per pupil amounts in the nation, the outcome very often does not reflect the depth of that investment. And property taxes, the major source of revenue for public education, continue to spiral upward.

It is time to tackle the public education system. Does it really make sense to have more school districts than municipalities? The state government and Legislature have been reluctant for decades to tackle the issue. A high-prestige commission — just like the one that recommended the overhaul of the state universities — may provide the long-overdue impetus to overhaul the public school system.

The Record-Press



Letters to the editor

No easy way to stop identity theft

To The Record-Press:

Last week's front page story on identity theft did not mention several websites that contain a wealth of information on this issue. Several good unes are www.idtheftcenter.org, www.identitytheft.org. and

www.privacyrights.org/identity.htm.

Unfortunately, actions that individuals can take to protect themselves from identity theft are limit. ed. Yes, you can shred your credit card receipts, and you can check your credit report once a year. But identity theft happens when thieves gain access to personal information about you, especially your Social Security number and birth date.

Such information can be obtained over the Internet. It can be copied from insurance claim forms, which often require Social Security numbers and birth dates for verification purposes. Financial services and credit reporting companies are allowed to exchange your personal information with their affiliates, including your financial transactions, even if you don't want them to. Read those privacy notices that come in the mail. The widespread use and availability of personal information makes it easier for criminals to gain access to it, usually without your knowledge. And since driver's licenses have become the de facto national ID card, fraudulently obtained licenses only contribute to the problem. A thief who can get a duplicate license with your information. but with their picture on it, is a serious threat to your security Even the recent trend toward making public records available on the Internet can cause problems.

The days of "security by obscurity," when sensitive information was hard to get and stashed away

in a file cabinet somewhere, are coming to an end. What can be done? Procedures for issuing driver's licenses and other forms of official IDs needs to be tightened up to reduce fraud. Changes to various business practices are probably in order, so that the use and availability of sensitive personal information is more restricted.

Limiting the use of Social Security numbers as personal identifiers is one example. Stronger privacy policies, such as requiring businesses to get your permission before they share personal information about you with others ("opt in"), instead of requiring you to "opt out" of any information sharing, is another. Stronger forms of authentication could be required when conducting sensitive transactions, so that someone can't impersonate you even if they know your Social Security number and a few other details.

Would you feel insulted if your bank asked you to place your finger on a finger scanner when you



Jersey Boy

This is the year of the Old Fogey Rocker

The Who has been on tour and so have The Rolling Stones. Whether attending their concerts is a glorious or sad experience depends on what side of the middle age equation you sit. For a generation just coming into contact with these acts, the concerts must be like a live documentary on The History Channel. For those of us in middle age and with good enough jobs to afford the inflated prices. there is a certain sadness at the approach of mortality but a certain glory that rock and roll will never

Bruce Springsteen and I are growing old together. A quarter century is a sobering chunk of time, especially when you're suffering the pangs of the inevitable second adolescence in mid-life. We are now "Born to Hobble" on knees that creak when we have to get up in the middle of night once, maybe twice, to go to the bathroom.

Springsteen is the ultimate Jersey Boy; it's hard to explain to a younger generation the unpact his music had on the members of my generation, especially those who came from working class backgrounds in New Jersey. While Springsteen has universal appeal in the rock and roll world, his songs shot like flaming arrows into the souls of Jersey Boys. He had the uncanny ability to sing the songs of our hearts.

The early Springsteen songs were rebellious and even triumphant; with their idealism and raw dynamism they captured the uneasy energy of restless youth that you miss the most in your second adolescence. It's hard to explain the adrenaline rush from a Springsteen song when you were riding along a back road with your friends. We showed a little faith and we were rewarded with magic in those nights.

As Springsteen got older, his songs reflected a growing maturity. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, his songs darkened with the realization that real life wasn't so easy especially with factories closing throughout New Jersey and working class towns fading next to lush suburbs. The songs expressed our disappointment in the way life was turning out (love does not conquer all), but there was still a flickering hope that everything was going to be fine as long as we managed to cling to our youthful faith. Then, in the mid-80s, Springsteen delivered "Born in the U.S.A.," an album that captured the revival of the national spirit, yet maintained a bittersweet cynicism about the deepening duality of American life. The anthems on the album were glorious, yet there was not a Jersey Boy who could prevent a tear on hearing "My Hometown" for the first time. It was good to see another Jersey Boy become incredibly rich and popular, but we were wary when he modeled a beautiful model and moved to California. On his first album Springsteen said it was hard to be a saint in the city; now he was showing it was hard to be a saint with money. Springsteen showed he had learned his lesson in 1987 when he released "Tunnel of Love," perhaps his most-fully realized album. Like those of us who had grown up with The Boss, he had finally said goodbye to youth and was meditating on the inevitable failures we all experience. The songs were sad, but reassuring His first marriage had ended and he had finally come to his senses and married a Jersey Girl. Since that time, Springsteen has been trying to find a new voice to carry him through the rest of middle age. The songs are sparse; the boundless exuberance has been replaced with a brooding wisdom. as if he has realized the responsibilities of advancing age. There is a part of us which wants him to return to the thundering anthems that were the soundtrack to our lives, yet we too realize that our lives have evolved to another stage. We can't abandon our responsibilities to race up and down Route 9 in suicide machines. Yet, despite all our travails, to the end of our lives, thanks to Springsteen, we still have faith there's magic in the night.

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The identity theft problem is complex. Addressing it successfully will require changes to established ways of doing things. Simply making identity theft illegal won't make it go away, and no potential solution is foolproof. But as this burdensome crime becomes more prevalent, greater incentives will exist to find solutions.

Bob Pinheiro Westfield

What is your favorite remedy for a cold?



"Leat chicken soup" Eileen Cotter Fanwood



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"Get a lot of rest and eat soup.' Lisa Mareli

Cranford

"My wife has a lot of remedies, but 1 don't, 1 believe if you have a cold you should suffer because you are sick. There's nothing you can do." JOHN SINCLAIR Metuchen



"Drink ginger and pear soup. I got the recipe from my mom. We used it when I was growing up in China. We had no medicines.

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Downtown revitalization is the top issue in Fanwood

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

- FANWOOD - Downtown revitalization is at the top of everyone's list in borough elections this year.

The process of choosing a developer is under way with the current council, however, those yving for council positions bring their own philosophies to the table, as Republican and Democratic candidates have slightly different approaches.

Two three-year council seats are up grabs in the Nov. 5 elections, as well as one partial term that will expire in December 2003 Republicans currently hold a 4-2 advantage on the Borough Council. Republicans. Andrew Calamaras and Stuart Kline, the incumbent, oppose Democrats Tom Plante and Jack Molenaar for the threeyear seats, while Republican David Trumpp faces Democrat Donna Dolce for the partial term.

Andrew Calamaras-R

A former Scotch Plains resident, Calamaras has lived in Fanwood the past four years. Since moving to the borough, he has been active in the comminuty

"Life has been good," Calamaras said. "My philoso-

director of the Volunteer Center for United Way Essex and West Hudson. Dolce wants to work closely with the county in recruiting volunteers and hopes the borough will hire a volunteer coordinator.

Volunteer coordination connects with her other goal of improving communication throughout the borough. She says that residents need to be better informed and she plans to exhaust all mechanisms to communicate with residents.

Dolce also wants to improve pedestrian safety through traffic calming measures and maintain the cost effectiveness of managing the borough. She says that the borough should explore alternative sources aside from taxes, such as fees for services and grants. She said money can be saved through sharing cost with other municipalities and the county and some personnel costs can be cut by hiring part-time employees as opposed to fulltime workers.

Dolce has a background in education, human resources and recreation. She has served as chairman for the borough Planning Strategic and Strategic Assessment committees and as second vice president of Girl Scouts of Washington Rock.

Stuart Kline R

Committee, member of the Planning Board since 1995 and former member of the Fanwood Assessment Committee, Jack Molenaar sais he will bring his experience and expertise to the Borough Council.

Molenaar's priority is to improve communication with residents and get them involved in borough activities. He wants to have the community involved with the council's decisions, saying that Fanwood is a small community and it should be able to accomplish that.

"I run a lot of public meetings and I have to get people to reach a consensus. That's not going on (on the council) and we have to get to that,' Molenaar said.

Molenaar wants to set up a community committee to bring the community into the budget process. He also wants community input on the downtown redevelopment plan before it goes to the Planning Board to shorten the approval process.

"(Residents) don't want to be Westfield, they just want to be a better Fanwood," Molennar said of the residents' concerns about downtown.

Molenaar is professional planner and designed the traffic calming measures on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. He says pedestrian safety is a priority in the borough, but traffic calming isn't necessarily the Fanwood Cultural Arts Lions Club and served on the density. We need to make sure Committee, Park Middle School PTA, Union County Baseball Association and Fanwood Democratic Committee.

David Trumpp-R

A lifelong resident, David Trumpp sees serving his community as a privilege. He ranfor the council last year, but lost. However, he was appointed to replace Carol Wood, who died earlier this year.

"If you have time and the will to do it, you should give something back to town. Fanwood is unique and special because of its residents," Trumpp said.

Trumpp is a member of the

Recreation Commission, Historical Preservation Commission and Strategic Planning Committee. Along with downtown redevelopment, he wants to make recreation improvements and have effec-

tive grant management. Trumpp said Fanwood deserves a downtown center that offers retail and commercial office space. Like his Republican running mates, he feels it will stabilize residential taxes.

"We're moving ahead in the right direction in downtown revitalization," Trumpp said. "There's some things we need to address such as parking and once we move ahead that morchants have an opportunity to still be a merchant in the town they supported for a long time. I don't want to chase them away from Fanwood. Maintaining and attracting businesses is vital."

For recreation, Trumpp wants to work closely with Scotch Plains to expand access to its programs and facilities. He pointed out the council's improvements to Forest Road Park, which allow for expanded programs. He also said the borough acquired grant money that offset costs, and hopes to continue that in order to start new programs and be more responsible with spending.



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phy is you should give back to your community. The current administration has been doing well, I want to stay involved."

Calamaras has been on the borough Planning Board for two years, a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA, a past-president of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club and has served as vice president of a property owners association board of directors in Pennsylvania.

He says his experience running a community and service organization in the borough prepare him for a position on the council. In addition, his professional career, president of a manufacturing company, gives him the wherewithal to manage a budget, he said.

Calamaras and his running mates believe they can kill two birds with one stone as they address downtown revitalization. By developing downtown, Calamaras said, it will increase the tax base and stabilize property taxes. In addition, Calamaras supports a constitutional convention on property tax relief, but believes it can address interrelated issues as well.

Calamaras' other priority is the borough recycling center. He says that the center is one of the treasures of Fanwood because not all communities have one. He says that it benefits residents and community rganizations and the borough can derive income from it. He hopes to extend its hours if elected.

Donna Dolce-D

Dolce is running for the partial term that will begin immediately after the Nov. 5 election. She has lived in Fanwood for 14 years and brings expertise in volunteer coordination. "The borough runs on the strength of volunteers and I want to make sure they're used efficiently," Dolce said.

Dealing with volunteers is Dolce's profession as she is Downtown

Going for a third term on the council, Stuart Kline said he enjoys serving the people of Fanwood and hopes to improve the borough in the next three years.

In his six years on the council. Kline draws attention to the recent progress in downtown redevelopment as the most important issue and accomplishment of his tenure.

"Downtown has to be a vibrant, functioning part of our town. It serves our residents and it can be more aesthetically appearing," Kline said.

Kline said that by focusing on downtown revitalization, the borough will tackle its two prominent issues; downtown and property taxes. He said that a vibrant downtown with strong retail and commercial business will alleviate the tax burden. He added that the train station combined with a revitalized downtown makes Fanwood a desired destination and will enhance property values

However, Kline understands that downtown redevelopment will not totally solve property tax problems. He said that Fanwood is about 95 percent developed and downtown redevelopment can only do so much and that the borough needs relief from the Legislature to ease the tax burden.

Kline's third goal is to maintain quality recreation facilities. He points out that while council, the borough on improved the Forest Road Park baseball field and has made progress with the shared-services Field of Dreams project.

Kline has lived in the borough for 13 years and is also a member of the Lions Club. He said his experience on the council has taught him the workings of municipal budget procedures that will aid him in another term.

Jack Molenaar-D

As a past chair of the Revitalization

the answer. He says the bor ough needs things as simple as more crosswalks for pedestrians.

Molenaar added that he wants to establish a volunteer committee, lobby the state for a constitutional convention on property taxes, and expand shared services beyond adjoining municipalities.

Tom Plante-D

Much like his running mates, Tom Plante said he hopes to improve communication and pedestrian safety, which tie into his goal to protect the unique quality of life in Fanwood, Plante said he's running for council because he has a deep concern for community, and the borough needs new people with new perspectives.

Plante said that the council does not properly inform residents, which is vital in a small town. He said that in the past, projects went forth without input from residents, including the paving of Martine Avenue, which made the street busier and unsafe for pedestrians. He suggested that the traffic lights be timed to benefit pedestrians rather then motorists.

Plante wants to extend the community involvement to the downtown redevelopment process.

"Whatever plan is approved has to have the approval of residents in the area and doesn't dramatically change the way of life," Plante said. "People are for redevelopment, but are weary of high-rise buildings, townhouses and demolishing buildings and moving businesses.

Plante said he will put an emphasis on maintaining and providing for the needs of borough services such as police, fire department, rescue squad and street cleaning. He wants to earmark money for those services, giving them priority in the budget.

Plante has lived in Fanwood for 14 years. He has served on

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Civil War rite meeting highlight

FANWOOD The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood meets 8 p.m. Tuesday in the North Avenue railroad station.

Scheduled is a re-enactment of a memorial service for 57 Civil War soldiers buried in the Veterans Circle at Hillside Cemetery. These soldiers include J. Scott, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The re-enactment, conducted

by two re-enactment divisions, was taped by George Weiss for telecast on TV 35.

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

College Night planned Thursday

SCOTCH PLAINS - All juniors and seniors in Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, plus their parents, are invited to College Night.

The annual program is 7:30 p.m. Thursday on the SPFHS campus at 641 Westfield Road. Admissions officers from more than 65 colleges are scheduled to attend.

For more information, phone Mary Clare at (908) 889-4304 or Meril at (908) 889-4942.

College Night is sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club.

College Club hosts fund-raiser

WESTFIELD --- The College Woman's Club of Westfield is sponsoring a scholarship fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 25.

The fund-raiser is the 8 p.m. performance of "Over the River and Through the Woods" by the Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West. Admission is \$18 and refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

For tickets, phone (908) 789-3041; orders will be held for pickup at the theater.

Band competition organizers drop back, punt



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Mother Nature threw a curve at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association who hoped to host the fourth annual marching band competition at Perry Tyson Field behind the high school on Sunday afternoon. After torrential rain made the football field unplayable, the Raiders were forced to postpone their game with the Cranford Cougars until Sunday afternoon. The move forced the 10 competing high school bands inside the high school. Shown above are students from the Secaucus High School band and a member of its color guard.



Proceeds from the fund-raiser benefit the club's scholarship fund. Last year \$22,500 in scholarships were awarded to Sarah Burke, Wan Ting Chen, Mara Jidd, Erin McClellan, Free Sherry, Rosemary Topar and Marie Tracy.

Church sponsors Fall Fun Festival

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church holds its first Children's Fall Fun Festival this month.

The festival is 1-4 p.m. Saturday in the church parking lot at 1961 Raritan Road. Rain date is Saturday, Oct. 26.

Activities are aimed at boys and girls 3-10 years old. These include pumpkin painting, face painting, balloon animals and three-legged races. A bake sale and other food will be available for purchase.

Cost is \$3 per child. Registration is recommended; phone (908) 232-5678.

Township offering flu shots Saturday

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Health Department offers flu shots to older township residents 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 and 31 at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave.

Anyone 55 or older who lives in Scotch Plains is welcome. The Oct. 24 event is for members of the Golden Agers Club. Medicare recipients must present their Medicare card.

Those who have diabetes, heart disease, lung disease and kidney disease are also welcome. Anyone allergic to eggs, chicken feathers, chicken dander or chicken should not receive this vaccine without contacting a physician.

Flu shots also will available 8 a.m.-noon tomorrow at the Municipal Building as part of the annual Health Fair.

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William Kravec II; pharmaceutical researcher

WESTFIELD - William G. Kravec II, 45, a pharmaceutical researcher and licensed optician, died Oct. 8 at his home.

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As a clinical researcher with Schering-Plough Corp. in Kenilworth since 1990 he helped develop the allergy medicines Claritin and Nasonex. Mr. Kravec spent five years with Janssen Pharmaceutica in Piscataway before joining Schering-Plough. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Monmouth College in 1980.

Mr. Kravec held an associate's degree in ophthalmic science from Camden County College and was a member of the Society of Dispensing Opticians. He was a district committeeman in Westfield and appointed by former Gov. Christie Whitman to the New Jersey Council for the Disabled.

He also was on the board of directors of the Garden State Games. Mr. Kravec was the top wrestler on the Westfield High School wrestling team in 1973-

SCOTCH PLAINS - Mary M. Malina, 90, died Oct. 8, 2002 at her home.

She lived in her native Jersey City before moving to Scotch Plains in 1954.

An artist, music teacher and pianist, Mrs. Malina won many awards for her paintings. She provided piano accompaniment for broadcasts on WOR in New York.

She was a eucharistic minister for Masses at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, where Mrs. Malina sang in the choir. She taught communion classes in her home for more than 20 years and was a member of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites.

74; he was a goaltender on water polo teams at the Westfield Y and Monmouth College.

In his youth he was an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 77 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

He was the former chairman and current co-chairman of the local Sewage and Waste Commission.

Mr. Kravec was born in Newark and had lived in Westfield since 1964.

His father, William G., died in 1976.

Surviving are his mother, Elizabeth Van Allen Kravec of Westfield; two sisters, Cynthia of Westfield and Nona Reppy of Palm Harbor, Fla.; two nieces and a nephew.

Services were held Saturday at St. Paul's Church.

Arrangements were by the Colonial Dooley Home. Donations may be sent to Garden State Games, P.O. Box 271, Caldwell, NJ 07006 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

Mary M. Malina

Mrs. Malina was active in theater with the Hart Players at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and the Proscenium Players in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, John, died in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary D. Modlin of Scotch Plains; and a son, Rev. William Modlin of Jackman, Maine.

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

Memorial donations may be sent to Atlantic Hospice, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ 07041.

Obituaries

Charles J. Bachi

J. Bachi, 68, died Oct. 10, 2002 at ElderCare-Westfield Genesis Center.

He was born in Brooklyn and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Basking Ridge 2 1/2 years ago.

Mr. Bachi was a senior vice president with Shearson Lehman Brothers, a Wall Street brokerage. He spent 23 years with the firm and its predecessors before leaving in 1992. He opened Bachi Consulting in 1993 and operated it until his retirement in 2000.

He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from St. Francis College in Brooklyn Heights. A St., Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201.

Fred R. Bender

WESTFIELD - Fred R. Bender, 87, died Oct. 9, 2002 at his home.

He was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Westfield since 1952. Mr. Bender retired in 1979

after 35 years as a personnel and public relations officer with the former Alexian Brothers Hospital and the former St. Elizabeth Hospital, both in Elizabeth. He was with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey before going into hospital work.

A 1935 alumnus of Seton Hall University, Mr. Bender was an Army meteorologist in World War II with the rank of first lieutenant. He was an organizer of the New Jersey bicentennial celebration.

Mr. Bender was a past-president of the Elizabeth Kiwanis Club and the Sierra Club of Union County He was a director of Visiting Nurse & Hospice Services and the Union County

SCOTCH PLAINS - Charles restaurant critic, Mr. Bachi enjoyed crossword puzzles, boating and tennis.

His wife, Alice J., died in 1996. Surviving are two sons, Charlie and Daniel; two daughters, Maryellen McGrath and Lorraine Rhodes; his companion, Catherine Racioppi; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Memorial Funeral Home. Fanwood, followed by a Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Francis College, Attn: Alumni Relations, 180 Remsen

Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

For 50 years he participated in retreats with the Founders Group at the Loyola Retreat House in Morristown. Mr. Bender was a fourth-degree member of the John Dawson Gilmary Shea Council 253, Knights Columbus, in Elizabeth.

His wife, Katherine E. Dunn Bender, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel of Chicago and Dr. Frederick of Lafayette.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Garwood, following services at Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery, Linden.

Memorial donations may be sent to Loyola Retreat House, 161 James St., Morristown, NJ 07960 or Bender Memorial Academy, 416 Linden Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

Robert E. Hill

WESTFIELD Robert Eugene Hill, 86, died Oct. 9, 2002 at his home in Mountainside.

A native of Elizabeth, he lived in Roselle, Westfield and North Plainfield before moving to Mountainside.

Mr. Hill and his late father, E. Eugene, founded the industrial real estate firm Hill & Hill in Westfield in 1952. Father and son operated the firm until the son's retirement in 1976. The younger Mr. Hill was a pastpresident of the Society of **Industrial Realtors.**

He attended the Pingry School and Princeton University Hart, 2060 Oak Tree Road, hachelor's ogrning

degree in business administration from Golden Gate College.

Mr. Hill trained the Eskimo guard in Taller, Alaska, while in the Army during World War II. He was a longtime member of the Westfield Rotary Club.

Surviving are his wife, Marietta Kuolt; a daughter, Kathleen R. Santangelo of North Wales, Pa.; a son, James E. of Silver Spring, Md.; and three grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent Westfield Rotary Club to Scholarship Fund, c/o Michael NJ 08820

Martin Wallerstein; attorney, arbitrator

Wallerstein, 59, an attorney certified by the American Arbitration Association as an arbitrator, died Oct. 8 at his home in Martinsville.

He most recently was a partner in the East Brunswick firm Levine & Wallerstein. Mr. Wallerstein earlier was a partner in the Fanwood firm and Iselin before moving to DiRienzo & Wallerstein; a partner in Greenberg, Feiner, Wallerstein & Benisch, which had its offices in Berkeley Heights and West New York; and an attorney with the Livingston firm Morgan, Monaghan Melhuish, - & Spielvogel.

Mr. Wallerstein served on the Arbitration Committee of the Hudson County Bar Association along with the Torts Section and Insurance Section of the American Bar Association. He also was a member of the New Jersey Defense Association, Defense Research Institute, Essex County Bar Association and New Jersey State Bar Association.

He began his career as a clerk to Assignment Judge Joseph Halpern of the Middlesex County Superior Court in New Brunswick, Mr. Wallerstein earned a bachelor's degree from the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University in 1965' and a juris

a member of the Fox Hollow Country Club in Branchburg

FANWOOD - Martin B. and long held season tickets for New Jersey Nets basketball. He also followed Rutgers University sports, New York Giants football and New Jersey Devils hockey.

Born in the Bronx, a son of the late Joseph and Betty Wallerstein, he lived in East Paterson (now Elmwood Park) Fanwood in 1977. He had resided in Martinsville since 1997.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Duffy Wallerstein; two daughters, Jolie Doyle and Michael husband of Bridgewater and Alison Glaser and husband Matthew of North Potomac, Md.; a stepson, Curt Alderman and wife Pani of Scotts Valley, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Alysa McCormick and husband David of Lawrenceville; a brother, Norman and wife Robin of Edison; a sister, Ronnie of Netcong; six grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday at Menorah Chapels at Millburn. in Union. Burial was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge.

Memorial donations may be sent to Martin B. Wallerstein Memorial Building Fund, Congregation B'nai Israel, 40 Whitenack Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 or Martin B. Wallerstein Fund, P.O. Box 652, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. The latter organization will be used for public education about the need for early detection of lung cancer.

Henry Ozimek

WESTFIELD - Henry P. Brick and a former member of the Brick Township Lions Club. A brother, Emil, and a grand-

son, Karl Kremzner, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Janice Mayfield Ozimek; two sons, James and Navy Capt. Peter; two daughters, Elena Madsen and Eve Finestein; two brothers, Lewis and Richard; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Silverton Memorial Funeral

Carl Bergman

WESTFIELD Carl World War II and held a degree

doctor degree from the New York Law School in 1968.

A golfer, Mr. Wallerstein was

Ozimek, 86, died Oct. 9, 2002 at his home in Brick.

Mr. Ozimek was born in New York City. He lived in Westfield; Rome, Italy; Japan; Mexico City, Mexico; and most recently in

Brick. He retired in 1982 after 33 years as a chemical engineer with the international division of Pfizer. Mr. Ozimek graduated from Columbia University in 1938.

He was a former trustee of the Lions Head Country Club in Home in Toms River.

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Bergman, 79, died Oct. 11, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Elizabeth, he lived in Westfield before moving to Basking Ridge.

Mr. Bergman once owned Russ-Scott Ltd. in Newark. He later was a salesman with NCH Corp. of Irving, Texas, prior to his retirement.

He served in the Army during

in chemistry from New University.

Surviving are his wife, Maxine Grant Bergman; a son, Russ; a daughter, Debra; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery -Iselin. in Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Church holding its first 'homecoming'

Baptist Church holds its first "Homecoming Celebration" this Sunday.

Services 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. are in the church on Trinity Place. Rev. Ronald Owens, pastor

WESTFIELD -- The Bethel of the New Hope Baptist Church in Metuchen, is the guest speaker for the afternoon service.

A buffet-style dinner 1 p.m. is part of the proceedings.

For more information, phone (908) 233-4250.



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Win a Mercedes at steeplechase

You can't bet on the horses at the Far Hills Race Meeting, but you can still go home a winner, A 2003. SLK230 Mercedes Benz will be raffled off at the 82nd annual steeple-chase race on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Moorland Farms which benefits Somerset Medical Center.

Early on race day, Somerset Medical Center Auxiliary will begin selling 999 chances to win the Mercedes, valued at \$41,590. The auxiliary has purchased the car and will donate proceeds from the raffle to Somerset Medical Center

The raffle drawing will occur before the last race. The winner does not need to be present. Tickets are \$100. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted.

For additional information, contact the Far Hills Race Meeting at (908) 685-2929 or visit their Web site at farhillsrace.org.

Volunteers make day at the races

Behind the scenes at the Far Hills Race Meeting are nearly 250 Somerset Medical Center employees who, along with another 200 local residents, volunteer their time to ensure that race day is enjoyed by all

"Our medical center and community volunteers make the Far Hills Race Meeting what it is a hugely popu-.lar, long-running success," - said Jane Jermyn, Director of Donor Relations for Somerset Health Care Foundation, who has recruit- ed, trained, scheduled and managed all race day volunteers for 23 years "Our volunteers' dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism results in important advancements in health care for our community. For the medical center and all our volunteers, Oct. 19 is a day at the races and so much more!"



Despite all the tailgating and socializing, the main attraction of the Far Hills Race Meeting is still the horses

Saturday should be a great day at the races Tens of thousands expected at Far Hills races

FAR HILLS --- New Jersey's biggest social event of the fall season is scheduled for Saturday, Oct.19. On that day, more than 50,000 spectators will converge on the rolling hills of Moorland Farms in Far Hills to witness some of the finest steeplechasers in the world com pete at the 82nd running of the Far Hills Race Meeting. Proceeds from the event provide ongoing support for one of New Jersey's premier health care facilities, Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

For 48 years, Somerset Medical Center has been the sole beneficiary of the Far Hills Race Meeting. Throughout that time, the Race Meeting has become one of the most successful fundraisers in New Jersey,

raising more than \$14 million to support the medical center's programs and services. The Race Meeting has enabled the medical center to acquire state-of-the-art technology, modernize programs, and construct the responsive system required to deliver the finest health care services to area residents.

The Far Hills Race Meeting, which hosts the renowned Breeders' Cup Steeplechase Race, brings together race enthusiasts, society, families, business executives, college and university alumni groups, and thousands of young professionals in a day of racing, high fashion, fine food, networking, celebration and "being seen

Torsilieri, co-chairperson of the Far Hills Race Meeting Association, and a member of Somerset Medical Center's **Board of Directors and Somerset** Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees. "Visitors and their Race Meeting picnic areas are decked out, the autumn foliage surrounding the farm is at a peak, and the steeplechusing is superior."

The Far Hills Race Meeting covers the fashion spectrum. One can expect to see lots of hats, scarves, blazers and sweaters on a chilly fall day. And, steeplechasing, interestingly, is one of the only sports where spectators will come dressed as the athletes they're watching. Many people will come wearing jodphers (riding stretch pants with reinforced knees) and hacking jackets. Imagine attending a football game in full gear or a swimmeet in your bathing suit! At the races, riding gear is in! The smartest race attire also includes comfortable shoes (duck boots are popular); khaki, suede or wool pants (or long skirts for woment; and a nice jacket or sweater. Scarves and hats make great accessories. And, gloves are a must, as October days can be on the cool side. And when people aren't people watching, they are sure to be eating. Mary Chris Rospond, president of Exquisite Entertaining of Millburn has catered special parties at the Race Meeting for six years. This year, she has booked multiple events for corporate clients and plans a spectacular array of seasonal fall favorites. Her menus include brunch, luncheon buffet (with an autumn grill menu), and a grazing table. Her sweet table for one client will include a specialty equestrian cake,

Far Hills Race in brief

WHAT: The 82nd running of the Far Hills Race Meeting. WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 19. Grounds open at 8 a.m. Post time for the first race is 1 p.m.

WHERE: Moorland Farms on Route 202 in Far Hills Moorland Farms is easily accessible via NJ Transit's Far Hills Train Station. Directions are at farhillsrace.org

WHO: The Far Hills Meeting brings together over 50,000 spectators. The crowd includes race enthusiasts, society, families, business executives, college and university alumni groups, and thousands of young professionals.

WHY: Race day supports the programs and services of Somerset Medical Center, the beneficiary of the event for the last 48 years.

TICKETS: General admission tickets prior to the day of the event are \$40. A parking pass is \$30. Tickets and parking passes are available at the local merchants (visit farhillsrace.org for a listing) through Oct. 18, while supplies last. On the day of the event, general admission is \$80. Tickets are non-refundable. Reminder: no refreshments are

sold on property. MORE: For additional information, contact the Far Hills

Races benefit medical center

Eighty-two years in the making - central New Jersey's tradition continues with the Far Hills Race Meeting on Oct. 19. This world-class event mixes society with sport, bringing young couples, families, race enthusiasts, organizations and corporations together to support programs and services of Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, the beneficiary of the race for the last 48 years.

Since the 1950's, the event has raised more than \$14. million for Somerset Medical Center through Somerset Medical Center Foundation. profoundly impacting the medical center's growth and ability to offer comprehensive, state-of-the-art medical services to the residents of central New Jersey.

The partnership between the Far Hills Race Meeting and Somerset Medical **Center** has resulted in numerous improvements to the medical center, including Its patient-friendly and attractive lobby, cost-free parking deck, mobile intensive care unit, enhancements to the center's cordiac catheterization laboratory, and construction of a stateof-the-art maternity pavilion.

Money raised from this year's event will be put toward the Medical Center's \$100 million expansion plan. the largest of its kind in the Medical Center's history. The expansion will include a comprehensive cancer center. new and expanded emergency department. medical/surgical inpatient unit, and two levels to the existing garage, in addition to the construction of another multi-level parking garage.

"Moorland Farms is the place to be on October 19," says Guy J.



The picnics at the race meeting can be elegant.

Race Meeting Association at (908) 685-2929 or visit the Association's Web site at farhillsrace.org.

cheesecake with marzipan pumpkins, classic mile-high apple pie, pear frangipani tart and a fall dessert collection. "The Race Meeting is the

ultimate fail outing," says Rospond. "Moorland Farms is beautiful, the horses are ready to race, and we are set to delight the culinary senses with bountiful buffets featuring our best menus of the fall season, expertly prepared by our executive -chef."

To complement Race Day feasts, many visitors select fine wines. In fact, local wine managers are busy months in advance, choosing the perfect variety for their corporate and individual clients.

Others spend months preparing their Race Day site. Nearly 50 major corporations reserve corporate tent spaces each year, while many more corporations reserve more intimate spaces. Family and friends create

unique and often extravagant fall picnic areas, complete with beautiful floral center pieces, full bars, haybale seating, ice carvings and servers.

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At the center of Norman Woolley's tailgate is his Model T Ford, which he drives to the festivities each year. "I began coming to the Race Meeting when I was five years old," says Woolley of Bridgewater. "My family arrived in a classic car every year, so I keep up the tradition."

"The Far Hills Race Meeting is truly a unique annual event, says John T. von Stade, co-chairperson of the Far Hills Race Meeting Association, a member of Somerset Medical Center's Board of Directors, and chairperson of the Somerset Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees. "It's a highly anticipated, wonderful day in the country that's always interesting and fun. It's a day at the races and so much more!"

Who will be the top horses at the Far Hills Races?

Fourteen horses, including the previous two winners of the race, were nominated Tuesday to the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase (Gr. I) which will be run Oct. 19 at the Far Hills Races in Far Hills.

All Gong, the 2000 Breeders' Cup winner, and Quel Senor, the 2001 victor, headline a list that also includes Grade I winners It's A Giggle, Zabenz and Anofferucantrefuse, and English-based horse Indalo. Entries close Oct. 15 for the 2 5/8-mile race, the richest steeplechase in North America. The Breeders' Cup highlights a \$500,000 championship day of steeplechasing at Far Hills, and will be broadcast on NTRA 2Day at the Races on ESPN2 at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct.

"Any time you can get the last two winners of a race and Grade I winners like It's A Giggle together, you've got an interesting race," said National Steeplechase Association director of racing Bill Gallo. The foreign interests of Zabenz, who just beat some of our best horses at Saratoga, and the English horse Indalo really help

add to the potential," he said.

Last year Quel Senor won the race for hometown owners Guy Torsilieri, Carl Torsilieri and Orlando DiRienzo but the 7year-old is winless in three starts this year. Trained in Maryland by Tom Voss, Frenchbred Quel Senor hasn't run since May but was among the entries in Saturday's \$30,000 Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs near Baltimore.

Two years ago, Calvin Houghland1s All Gong triumphed in the first Breeders Cup Steeplechase since 1993 and used the race as a springboard to the Eclipse Award as North America 1s champion steeplechaser. Last year, the English-bred fell heavily in the Breeders' Cup, and finished second in his remaining five starts. Trained in Pennsylvania by Bruce Miller, the 8-year-old began 2002 with an 11th-place finish in Japan1s international Nakayama Grand Jump but won his only U.S. start (the Grade I Iroquois) in May.

The returning champions won't have it easy.

Bill Pape's It's A Giggle, the leader among U.S. steeplechasers with \$172,620 earned this year goes after his fourth stakes win of 2002 for trainer Jonathan Sheppard. It's A Giggle won the Grade I Royal Chase at Keeneland in May and took the Grade II A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga in August.

Done in by soft turf in Saratoga's New York Turf Writers Cup, the 8-year-old looks to make amends. A son of Northern Baby, It's A Giggle spent September in Saratoga while training with Breeders' Cup Turf hopeful With Anticipation.

Another Saratoga camper, Australian representative Zabenz, upset It's A Giggle and six other Americans in the soggy Turf Writers on Aug. 29. The 5-year-old New Zealand bred aims to continue the world domination for English owner Michael Watt and Australian trainer Robert Smerdon. Zabenz was recently relocated from Saratoga to Belmont Park, where he finished sixth in a flat race on Sunday. He will prep for Far Hills by training at the Long Island racetrack, and possibly even having

another flat start.

English trainer Venetia Williams added further international flair to the nomination list by submitting Indalo's name. The Irish-bred 7-year-old has won his last four starts, including three this year.

In addition to All Gong, Miller nominated stakes winners Najjm, Pelagos and Turkish Corner to the Breeders' Cup. Voss added spring stakes winner Anofferucant refuse to the list, while Sheppard also nominated Double Leaf. Saratoga winner Shamrock Isle, multiple stakes winner Tres Touche, 1998 steeplechase champion Flat Top and allowance winner Feeling So Pretty complete the Breeders' Cup group.

Saturday's Legacy Chase again looks like a key Breeders' Cup tuneup as nominees All Gong, Anoffercantrefuse, Najjm, Pelagos, Quel Senor, Tres Touche and Turkish Corner are part of the 2 3/8-mile stakes. Trebizond, Greek Hero and 2001 Legacy winner Darn Tipalarm complete the field.

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Concerts GREGG ALLMAN & FRIENDS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Featuring the leader of the band that bears his name Admission \$39-\$26. MICHAEL AMANTE

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20

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Mad Agnes will perform 8 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Watchung Arts Center. Members of Mad Agnes are former Hobokenite Margo Hennebach with Mark Saunders and Adrienne Jones (who toured in the past as Madwoman In the Attic).D HYPERLINK "http://jonathanpointer.com"eeply spiritual though not secular, they move an audience from joyful participation to deep and hushed emotion, using only their tone-perfect harmonies and elegant musicianship. After a concert, "songwriter's songwriter" Bob Franke said:

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre-• Imus-approved troupe from inside the Beltway Admission \$28, \$23.

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8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 Middlesex County College Route 514, Edison (908) 753 ARTS; www.edisonarts.org + Pops concert with show tunes and movie music by Terri

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 Headlining a live comedy 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226 Re-creating the sound made famous by its founder Admission \$18 \$12 GEORGE MOSER 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27 Two-woman folk music act St. John's Lutheran Church (former); singer-songwriter (lat-587 Springfield Ave Summit (908) 918-2505 Organist performs works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Francois Couperin and other composers. Donation **ÓNE** Soprano (former) and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 pianist (latter) perform works of Wilkins Theatre Puccini, Copland and other com-Kean University, Union posers. Admission \$6 per person, (908) 737-SHOW Odaiko New England, Japanese style performance troupe. Adults \$15; semors \$12, students \$10. PERCUSSION

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5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 Nicholas Music Center. University, New Rutgers Brunswick (732) 932-7511; masongross.rutgers.edu • Conducted by William Berz. Admission \$15-\$10. SOMERSET STRING QUARTET 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org • Playing the String Trio No. 1 and String Quintet in C major, D 956, both from Franz Schubert, and the String Quartet in B flat major, K.589 of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Admission \$20 in advance, \$25

at the door. **WYNONNA**

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick

(877) STATE 11;

www.statetheatrenj.org + 80's country singer and the sister of movie star Ashley Judd. Admission \$55-\$25.

Events FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND (908) 558-2550

 Historical tour of Union County museums, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 19, noon-5 p.m. Oct. 20. Free admission.

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The Union County Arts

New season begins at county Arts Center

RAHWAY - Union County Arts Center has announced its 2002-2003 season of events. The season is a mix of comedy, and drama as well as international music and children's performances. A complete season listing can be found on the Arts Center's website at ucac.org

Broadway songstress Linda Eder kicked off the season on Oct. 12 with her one-woman concert of contemporary favorites and classics form the American Songbook. Theatrical events include Late Nite Catechism Same Time Next Year with TV favorites Jeff Conaway and Mackenzie Phillips. "Dracula or How's You Blood Count?" "Jammin' with Pops," "On Golden Pond" star-ring TV favorite, Jack Klugman and "The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?"

The Arts Center also offers music from the Beatles to international sensations. Neil Sedaka, is back by popular demand on Nov. 9. Relive Beatlemania with Get Back! the Cast of Beatlemania on Dec. 13 as the cast of Beatlemania uses authentic costumes, vintage instruments and realistic characterizations to bring us the Fab Four during their Ed Sullivan Sgt. Peppers and Let it Be eras. Heart Strings promotions brings the luck of the Irish to the stage with Gaelic Storm on Dec. 5

jon Pizzarelli returns to the Arts Center on Dec. 7 with holiday favorites and American Songbook standards and originals. The Rahway Savings Institution sponsors the return of Father Alphonse Stephenson with the Orchestra of St. Peter By the Sea on Dec. 14. The holiday concert will benefit the Arts Center.

Other performances include oldie favorites, the Drifters, The Orions, The Earls, The Platters, Emil Stucchio & The Classics and The Demensions in Richard Nader's Doo Wop Diva on Feb. 28, and Paul Anka



Neil Sedaka returns to Union County Arts Center on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. Three years ago, Sedaka played to a sold-out crowd at UCAC. Tickets are \$50, \$45 and \$30. Groups discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased by calling with a Visa, MasterCard or American Express or in person at Ticket Central, 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

21, 2003 Bobby Vinton brings his Melody of Love on Feb. 7. Nancy Wilson treats us to an evening of her favorite hits with the all-female big band

April 11

The Family Fun series will offer an entertaining line up for patrons aged 5 to 95. Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, swing into the Arts Center on Nov. 10.

Freeholders, Comcast Digital Cable, the Rahway Savings Institution and Liberty Bank. Other funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Reunions on Jan. 18. and Feb. returns by popular demand on On Dec. 8, be dazzled by Lazer Arts/Department of State.

Union County is planning a historic weekend

Take a step back into Union County's past on Oct. 19-20 as 22 historic sites open their doors during Four Centuries in a Weekend: A Journey through Union County History. The annual heritage festival will take place Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 20 from noon to 5 p.m.

"The five historic themes describe major changes that took place in what is now Union County from colonial times until the 1920s," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

Early Aristocracy; the settings

Humanities, a state partner of Plainfield; Merchants and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Union County maps are posted at each site and driving directions to the various locations are provided, both courtesy of the AAA Automobile Club of New Jersey.

Showcased on Oct. 19-20 are: The theme cluster choices the Littell-Lord Farmstead and "This is a fantastic opportu- include the grand homes of the - the Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside Park in Berkeley Heights; the Dr. William Union Township; and the Robinson Plantation in Clark; the Crane-Phillips House in Cranford; the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth; Evergreen Cemetery and the Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillside; the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountainside, the Salt Box Museum in New Providence; the Drake House Museum in

Drovers Tavern in Rahway; the Abraham Clark House in Roselle; the Roselle Park Museum in Roselle Park; the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains; the Cannon Ball House in Springfield; the Carter House, Reeves-Reed Summit; the Caldwell



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'Sleeping Beauty' in Scotch Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS Tickets rehearses are now available at the JCC for the Anglo-American Ballet Arboretum and Twin Maples in Company's production of Sleeping Beauty. This classic family tickets are also available performance is geared toward all ages and takes place at Union Catholic High School's auditorium, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, on Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. The company derives its tact the Division of Cultural name by combining English (or Angle) ballet training with American dancers. Under the direction of Catherine Kingsley, trained at the Royal Ballet School in England, the company

midtown in Manhattan.

Advanced tickets cost \$15 per person, \$17 at the door. Patron

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hity to view the roles people in Union County played in our nation's history." said Freeholder Nicholas Scutari. "Prominent 18th century American leaders, including Washington and George Alexander Hamilton, were familiar with some of the sites that will be open to the public on this special history-filled weekend."

Fans of local history can visit any or all of five historic theme clusters as a way to enjoy the sites of "Four Centuries in a Weekend" at their own pace.

fro the Revolutionary Frontline years; modest examples of hard Farm Life; the successful undertakings of Commerce and Industry; and the grandeur of comfort of the Victorian Resorts and Suburbs.

Four Centuries in a Weekend is made possible by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and grants from the Jersey Historical New Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State, and the new Jersey Council for the

and Liberty Hall in Parsonage Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield.

For a free copy of the Heritage Festival booklet, conand Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Telephone (908) 558-2550 between 8:30 n.m. and 4:30 p.m. NJ Relay Users 711. Or e-mail:

for \$130 and include four reserved seats, complimentary T-shirt, dessert reception, and prominent listing in event brochure. Call Jodi Baxter at (908) 889-8800, ext. 235-to-purchase tickets or obtain more information.

The JCC of Central NJ is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central NJ.



Duo will perform at Roselle church

ROSELLE --- Dorothy corner of West Fifth Avenue and Society of New Jersey. Chestnut Street.

concerts sponsored by the Faure, Series this season.

The duo has performed Presbyterian Church in invited. Plainfield. She will be featured in Rossini's Petite Messe Solinelle at Crescent Avenue Church on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

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McFall is the director of two Magliocca, soprano, and Mary choirs at the First Presbyterian Beth McFall, pianist, will Church in Roselle. She teaches appear together in concert at 3 piano privately and accompap.m. on Oct. 20 at the First nies several local groups, Presbyterian Church of Roselle, including the Choral Art

The Oct. 20 concert will fea-This is the first in a series of ture music by Haydn, Puccini, Copland, Rorem, Music on Fifth Avenue Concert Gounod, Eric Thiman and Robert Paoli.

Admission to the concert is







Patrick Kaskiw, Roy Colicchio, Matthew Frediani and Thomas Marra spot a heron at Nomahegan Park in Cranford on a field trip in their study of ecosystems.

Brookside students take close up look at the world around us

CRANFORD - Fifth-graders at Brookside types of mushrooms, moss lichen, different School went on a walking trip to Nomahegan Park as part of their study of ecosystems.

The students were divided into groups and looked at three different habitats: the pond, the field area and the woods.

In the woods, the students were able to observe chipmunks, squirrels, several different small birds and a box turtle.

The students in the field saw three different

grasses, weeds and several unusual bugs. including a praying mantis. Those at the pond saw fish, tadpoles, flow-

ering plants at the water's edge, holes possibly inhabited by underground rodents, geese, ducks and a white heron.

Afterwards the students discussed factors that could harm the ecosystem and decided that humans posed the biggest threat

College Club plans Men's Night on Monday

FANWOOD --- Men's Night for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club is 8:15 p.m. Monday at UnitedTrust, 45 S. Martine

Rosamond Hooper-Hamersley (908) 233-3829. The public is speaks about the role Madame de Pompadour played in the French Revolution. For more information, phone Marie at

invited.

A general meeting for the College Club 7:30 p.m. precedes the lecture,

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School bus misses 4 of 5 pickups so Cranford cancels its contract

By GREG MARX THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD --- The Board of Education canceled a contract with a school bus company after the contractor missed its assigned route four times in the first five days of school.

Roselle-based Vogel Bus Company had won the contract to bus students to and from Orange Avenue School in public bidding. But on three of the first four days

of school, the company did not send a vehicle to pick up the more than 40 students in Grades 3 to 8 on the route, said Business Administrator Robert Carfagno.

Though busing glitches are common in the first week of school, Carfagno said, repeatedly missing an entire route was unacceptable. But after he called the company to warn that one more problem would result in firing, students were left stranded at their stops again the next day, he said.

Though the contract was only formally canceled Monday, the district immediately began busing the route itself, and subsequently made arrangements with another company, Carfagno said. Under state law, the board will have to put the route up for bid again within 90 days, but could exclude Vogel from the bidding.

The company is also carrying several other routes for the district, Carfagno said, and there have not been similar problems.

4% pay increase is recommended for most workers in Kenilworth

\$10,000; the defender could see

Even with the proposed raises,

Rather than set a standard

an increase from \$2,569 to

Fiamingo said, those salaries are

"still a rather paltry sum." And

the defender's salary is paid for in-

policy for raises, the council

agrees upon an appropriate

amount annually, Fiamingo said.

Last year, the raise was 3.5 per-

cent for "rank and file" employees

and slightly higher for depart-

year's raise yet because budget

discussions dragged into August,

efforts of public employees. "For

the most part, the people in this

The council has not set this

Council members praised the

ment heads, she said.

much later than usual.

part through court fees, she said.

\$4,000.

By KIMBERLY MERZ

and GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

KENHWORTH

Councilwoman Kathi Fiamingo, head of the borough's Finance Committee, recommended at the Oct. 8 Borough Council work session that most borough employees receive a 4 percent salary increase in 2002.

If approved, the increase would be effective from July 1, 2002 and would include all department heads, but exclude a handful of other positions, such as the prosecutor and public defend- \mathbf{er}

Those positions could be in line for a larger raise. The committee recommended an increase in the prosecutor's salary from \$8,767 to - building work very hard," Mayor

Cranford memorial fund now about \$65G

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD The WTC Memorial Committee raised approximately \$10,000 at an Oct. 7 outing at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, bringing total net fundraising proceeds to about \$65,000, a committee member said this week.

That total is less than half the stated goal of \$150,000, but committee member Dottie Baniewicz said the memorial is still scheduled for dedication between Mother's Day and Father's Day 2003

Recent fund-raising efforts have been a success, members said. More than 80 golfers participated in the Oct. 7 outing, each contributing \$180.

And the townwide sale of luminaries on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks received an "overwhelming response," said commit-tee chairman Jerry Dobbins, At a Sept. 24 meeting, Dobbins told the Township Committee more than 39,000 candles had been sold in sets of 10, with net proceeds of about \$25,000.

Also at that meeting, Dobbins said the committee hopes to complete the first phase of the memorial, the six-column monument commemorating local victims, by the end of the year. Early cost estimates indicate the monument, to be made of concrete and marble, will cost about \$50,000, Dobbins -said.

In addition to the monument, the completed memorial in Crane

Michael Tripodi said. "They work very hard, especially for what they get paid," Fiamingo concurred,

But they chose not to make a decision at the meeting, "I would like to take two weeks to mull this around," said Councilman Gregg David.

At the Oct. 9 official borough meeting, the council introduced the 2002 salary ordinance. The ordinance sets a range for a position's salary, but does not specify any individual's compensation.

Ranges for some prominent positions include police chief, \$60,000-110,000: treasurer. \$35,000-75,000; public works superintendent, \$35,000-65,500; clerk, \$35,000-62,000; and engineer, \$6,000-43,000.

The salary ordinance will adopted on final reading Nov. 13.

Park will include a statue, a flagpole, and other improvements to the park. The \$150,000 budget includes some money set aside to address long-term maintenance,

Baniewicz said. The township will also make some in-kind contributions to the effort, focusing on improvements to the public park. Parks and Recreation Department employees have cleaned out overgrown brush at the park, and Mayor Barbara Bilger told Dobbins the township would help supply improved light-

Any residents wishing to make donations can send a check payable to the Cranford WTC Memorial Fund to Cranford WTC Memorial Fund, P. O. Box 265, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Suggestions on keeping your concrete driveway in top shape

BY GENE GARY

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. We recently replaced our concrete driveway and walkways. They had suffered irreparable damage over the years due to the freeze-thaw cycles we experience here during winter months. Do you have any suggestions on how to protect these surfaces this coming winter?

A. Unfortunately, there is no way to completely winterize a home's concrete surfaces. Freezing rain, ice and snow have the potential to cause great damage to concrete surfaces. Moisture saturation and the subsequent freezing of concrete accelerate crack expansion and further dilapidation. The spreading of icing salts also causes severe damage to the aesthetic and structural integrity of unprotected concrete surfaces.

However, there are a few precautionary measures homeowners can take to help ward off severe damage. Waterproofing a

preventive measure that will help homeowners get the longest life span out of their concrete surfaces and the biggest return on their investments. For homeowners who have existing surfaces with some damage, it is necessary to repair existing cracks first. allow patching materials to cure and then seal the entire surface. Quikrete, a leading manufac-

turer of packaged concrete products, has these easy-to-follow. step-by-step recommendations for winterizing your concrete surfaces:

Surface must be clean, dry and free of grease, dust or loose particles. Use a power washer, which can be rented at an equipment supply outlet, to clean the surface. Using an industrial vacuum or paintbrush, remove all loose particles from cracks in the concrete. Allow to dry completely.

For minor crack repair on the concrete surface, apply Gray Concrete Crack Seal. Any cracks that run deep should be filled

concrete surface is a sensible first to within one-quarter of an inch of the surface with all-purpose sand.

For wider cracks and damaged areas of concrete up to one square foot in size, you will need to use vinyl concrete patcher. Dampen the concrete surface and then apply the patcher with a trowel, taking care to force the product into the crack. Feather edge the patching mixture out onto the surrounding concrete to create a smooth repair.

The repaired areas should be allowed to cure for several days. When the surface is thoroughly dry, apply the Quikrete Acrylic Concrete Cure & Seal. For newer concrete installations that don't require repair, powerwash the surface to remove all dirt and use a degreaser if oil and grease spots are a problem. Let thoroughly dry and then proceed with the application of the Acrylic Concrete Cure & Seal, which is applied in full strength using a brush, roller, mop or squeegee. In most cases, one coat provides sufficient protection. Very porous surfaces

may require two coats.

All of these products are marketed by Quikrete Companies, and come with specific directions for application and use. For further information contact company the nt www.quikrete.com or call (800) 282-5828.

Q. 1 am constantly battling mildew in our bathroom. Over time, it accumulates on the surface of the tiles, walls and ceilings. How can I prevent this?

A. Finding and eliminating the cause of excessive moisture. changing some of your personal bathing habits, and increasing ventilation are all steps that can help.

Identifying the source of moisture is an important first step. Check your plumbing to be sure

there are no leaks in the pipes, under the floor or in the walls. If you find leaks, repair them immediately. High humidity can be the least of your problems: Cracked grout and loose wall tiles, damaged floor coverings. or wood rot in wall studs and floor joists are all possible.

If you see water seeping around the base of the toilet, it means that the wax ring needs replacing. The wax ring seals the joint between the toilet and the waste drainpipe. Moisture is also created with the sweating of the toilet tank created by cold water that cools the tank and, in turn, causes the humidity in the room to condensate. Terry cloth tank covers, available at bath shops, can alleviate this problem. A better solution is to install a mixing valve that

warms the water coming into the toilet tank.

Steam from showering, shaving and any water-related activity can cause excessive moisture, which cannot escape without proper ventilation. An efficient exhaust fan that removes moist air from the room is the best device to eliminate this problem. If this is not feasible, leave outside windows and the hathroom door open so humidity can circulate outside. If necessary, use a small bath fan to help circulation.

Wipe down shower walls after use, and avoid leaving wet towels and wash clothes on racks (transport them to another area to dry). These steps will all help reduce the moisture level in the room and prevent mildew growth.

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SCHOLAR IN RESI-**DENCE** — 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

SATURDAY **OCT. 19**

HEALTH FAIR - 14th annual event for Scotch Plains residents. Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 a.m.-noon. (908) 322-6700, Ext. 309.

CULTURAL EVENT -"Four Centuries in a Weekend." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 10



by Jill Guzman

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MONDAY

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SATURDAY OCT. 26 CASINO NIGHT - and dance.

Italian American Club, Valley Ave.. Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.-midnight. \$60. Tickets: (908) 322-8327 or (908) 322-8962.

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ner for Newcomers Club of Westfield. Novita Ristorante, 425 S. Elmer St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842

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OPEN HOUSE — for Grades 7-8 pupils interested in Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6. (908) 889-1600.

GIFT MARKET - annual event for Parent Guild of Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 9. Vendors wanted: (908) 889-9475.

BEER TASTING - for Newcomers Club of Westfield and Welcome Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. Nov. 9. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

IEPs — Penny Dragonetti on "individual education plans" for disabled children. School No. 1, 563 Willow Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Nov. 21, (908) 889-6853.

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Sports

Raiders, Blue Devils ride defense into UCT

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

There are few things more exciting in Union County soccer then when the Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Westfield High boys soccer team meet, in the tournament final. While the brackets are set up to make that happen again this year, both squads have plenty of business to take care of first.

Scotch Plains earned the top seed in the tournament, with Westfield seeded second. Both

are the favorites to battle for the nals Nov. 3 and the final Nov. 10 tournament title Nov. 3 at Kean at 2 p.m. at Kean University. University, but there a few teams lingering in the background hoping to crash the party.

Scotch Plains, the defending champ, will host Plainfield in the first round 1 p.m. tomorrow. Westfield (6-1-3) is seeded second and will host Roselle Park 1 p.m. tomorrow at Gary Kehler Stadium. Union Catholic earned the forth seed, followed by Elizabeth, Cranford, Brearley and Dayton. The quarterfinals scheduled for Oct. 27, the semifi-

Union, Cranford, Johnson and Elizabeth all pose viable threats in the single elimination tournament, where overmatched teams will sometimes play for 0-0 tie and take their chances in a penalty kick shootout.

"One of the biggest mistakes you can make is looking past an opponent," said Westfield Head Coach George Kapner. "The game doesn't change except that an opponent can go for broke. I'm always uncomfortable until the

first goal is scored, even if it's "We're feeling confident, We've against us."

Both teams enter the tournament on a roll. Scotch Plains has powered its way past every opponent with the exception of scoreless tie with Union Oct. 2 - agame the Raiders felt the dominated, but were unable to win. Scotch Plains Achilles heel has been its ability to finish opportunities, a problem that could be magnified in tournament play.

"We had a good win over Kearny (3-1)," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Tom Brezntisky.

won the county tournament four of the last five years so we feel we're the team to beat. Everyone knows Scotch Plains is a powerhouse in the county and we're everyone's big game.

"I still say one of the areas we need to improve --- not to sound like a broken record — is finishing our opportunities. We have to do a better job of that. We have to get the ball on goal. A lot of times we try to make an extra pass.

Defense has been the staple of Scotch Plains, but the Blue

 Devils haven't lost a match since falling to the Raiders 3-0 Sept. 17 because of the strong play of their back line and a balanced offensive attack.

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"I'm really happy with our defense," said Kapner. "The four guys in the back and the two goalies have been doing a nice job. (Leading scorer) Billy Schultz has been playing well but we've been getting goals from a lot of different people. We're getting goals from guys on the outside, our strikers, overlapping fullbacks.

Cranford upsets Raiders behind big plays, defense

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - After falling behind right away and plaving an uncharacteristically sloppy game the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team was unable to rally back Sunday, falling to Cranford 13-6.

The Raiders committed two critical special teams errors in the first quarter and struggled to muster much offense on a muddy, slippery field, rushing for just 129 yards and passing for just two.

This was huge for us," said Cranford Head Coach Chris Hull. "This was against the numbertwo team in the county. Today we came out and played to win. We made some big plays in the second half when we had to. They played hard. It's a big win for us."

The loss drops Scotch Plains to 2-2 and into eighth in the power point rankings with 20 points. The Raiders will face 3-2 Irvington on the road 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Cranford's Jamar Ingram scored on the game's opening kickoff, running up a seam in the

middle and bouncing it outside for an 88 yard touchdown and a 6-0 lead just 17 seconds into the

After two Scotch Plains' punts, sandwiched around a Cranford three-and-out, the Cougars took over deep in their own territory and were eventually forced to punt after moving the ball out to their own 23 yard line. On the punt Scotch Plains was called for roughing the kicker and three plays later Ingram broke a 57 yard touchdown run down the left sideline on the final play of the first quarter to put Cranford up 13-0.

Scotch Plains answered back two drives later when Kyle Adams ran 37 yards for a score, cutting the lead to 13-6 after the extra point attempt was blocked. The second half became a bat-

tle of field position as the Raiders kept the Cougars pinned deep in the shadow of their own end zone and continually took over with great field position, but neither team could muster any offense. Scotch Plains managed just two first downs the entire second half.

Scotch Plains seemed to get

the break they needed when Cranford's Lester Manuvag's fumble was recovered by Kyle Baker at the Cranford 10 with 3:21 left in the third quarter. But on third and 10 Michael Walker's pass went off the fingertips of an outstretched Roland Adeyemo in the corner of the end zone and on fourth down Kyle Adams' dive for the pylon or a first down came up inches short of both and the Cougars took over.

Scotch Plains began their final drive of the game at their own 16 and Adams broke a 28 yard run out to the 44 with 2:10 left, but the Raiders never got across midfield on their next four plays and turned the ball over on downs.

"Our defense is playing as well now as it has ever played," said Hull. "If people don't score on you they can't win. We play defense first. They did a great job today.

"Scotch Plains, who is a great team and as well coached as anybody, was in a position to make a big play and win the game and our guys rose to the occasion. It's a big sign of progress and maturity. I'm proud of them --- they got after it and earned it."



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Running towards daylight

Bart Walsh explodes through a hole in the Linden defense on his way to rushing for a game high 85 vards and two touchdowns in the Blue Devils 21-0 win Saturday. See wrap up C-2.



to defend county crown

Top seeded Devils ready

RECORD-PRESS

After a slow start last season the Westfield High girls soccer team elevated their play and peaked in time to win the Union County Tournament as the eighth seed. While the Devils have been far more successful in the early going this year, they're hoping to raise their level of play at the right time again this year and repeat as champions.

Westfield earned the top seed in this year's tournament, with Scotch Plains garnering the sixth-seed. Westfield will host the Rahway/Elizabeth winner 2 p.m. Roosevelt tomorrow at Intermediate School, while Scotch Plains will host 11th seeded Kent Place 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Oak Knoll was seeded second, followed by Union Catholic. Summit, Cranford, the Raiders, Governor Livingston and Linden. The quarterfinals are scheduled for Oct. 26 at Roselle Park High School, with the semis Nov. 2 at Union and the final Nov. 9 at Roselle Park.

Westfield has played well throughout the season but Head Coach Pete Giordano hopes the team can begin to play more consistent and find the focus they demonstrated in last year's stretch run.

"We've had our moments of playing very well," said Giordano. "But we've had some moments where we drop our level of play. Now is the time to become more consistent with what we do.

"I think there's still room for improvement. This is the time when you have to start peaking.

"(To peak at the right time) you need focus, heart and deter-

them now - how much effort and focus they take into a game. You have to be focused, stav determined and play with heart.' Scotch Plains has been down-

right perfect since an 0-4 start. The Raiders have reeled off seven straight wins and are one of the hottest teams in the county as the tournament begins. After being ravaged by injuries early on Scotch Plains is almost completely healthy and is showing what it can do with its full compliment of players.

mination. It's pretty much up to

We hope to elevate our play and go deep in the county and do well in the state tournament," said Head Coach Kevin Ewing. "But right now we're just taking it one game at a time. That's been our philosophy since Game 1."

Leading the Raiders resurgence has been the midfield play of Stephanie Heath and Kelly Rigano in the center. Jenna Ballestriere and Michelle Fischer have been able to finish off the opportunities they created while Lauren Perrotta, Chelsea Mintz, Amanda Wells and Lauren Klastava have anchored the defense.

Fischer leads the team with seven goals, with Ballestriere contributing nine assists on the season. Heath has scored six goals this year and has well over 10 assists to lead the team.

Both coaches believe the county is once again wide open. With Scotch Plains surging, the Devils the defending champs, Union Catholic always extremely dangerous, Cranford, the 2000 champ, looming in the background and second seeded Oak Knoll looking tough the tournament is up for grabs.

"You have to be focused every game or you may be out," said Giordano. "One bad mistake, one bad move and you could be out of the tournament. There's no quit in these kids, but I think they need to focus a little more. When they're focusing they play a great brand of soccer. It's the times that their focus slips that scares me."

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS Westfield's Susan Williams battles for the ball with Cranford's Kelly Donnelly, Westfield is the top seed in this years Union County Tournament.

Devils 'D' shuts down Linden; Walsh, Butts score TDs

The Westfield High football team sloshed its way to another impressive victory behind a suffocating defense and the running of Bart Walsh.

Walsh had touchdown runs of two and 57 yards and Brian Butts rumbled 88 yards for touchdown on the opening kickoff of the second half as Westfield shutout the Tigers for a 21-0 victory to improve to 4-1 on the season.

While Butts and Walsh highlighted the day with big plays, the key to victory was once again the defense. The Blue Devils limited Linden's strong ground game to just nine rushing yards, zero in the first half.

The defense set up the first touchdown of the day as Bobby Wilt forced quarterback Treatt Givins to fumble inside the 10, which Giuseppe Insingna recovered at the 4-yard line. Two plays later Walsh put the Devils

on top with a two-yard touchdown run with seven minutes left in the half.

Westfield pulled away immediately in the third quarter as Butts bounced off tacklers and powered 88 yards to the end zone. Three minutes later Walsh broke a tackle and broke a 57 yard run for a 21-0. Andrew Lessner added all three extra points.

Walsh finished with a game high 85 yard rushing on 10 carries, Jan Cocozziello ran seven times for 34 yards and was 2 for 6 passing for 35 yards. Butts carried 11 times for 28 yards, Wilt had one catch for 22 yards and Lessner caught one ball for 13 yards.

GYMNASTICS

Westfield placed third in the Cougar Invitational, a preview of the Union County Tournament, Friday behind Cranford and Scotch Plains.

Cranford own the event with a score of

Plains with 97.9 and Westfield with 95.9.

Rachel Skolnik was the top finisher for Westfield, placing fifth in the all-around with a 32,325 score. She was third on vault with an 8.35, fourth on uneven bars with a 8.35 and second in the floor exercise with an 8.7. Kathryn Brucia was fifth in floor with an 8.5.

BOYS SOCCER

Billy Schoenbach scored two goals and Lee Tomasso had a goal and an assist as the Devils eased past East Side 4-1 Oct. 9. Jeff Nusse added a goal for Westfield.

GIRLS SOCCER

Aly Ludmer and Katlyn Ropars each had two goals as Westfield routed East Side 8-0 Oct. 9. Dannie Fried and Allison

WRAP UP

100.85, followed by Scotch assist. VOLLEYBALL Westfield has climbed to fifth

in the state rankings and proved why Monday, knocking off Hunterdon Central (12-4) in three games 15-10, 10-15, 15-8. Nikki LeBlanc spiked 19 kills while Jackie LeBlanc served 13 points and added six kills. Cari Rock chipped in with six kills and Sophie Hall dished out 28 assists for the Devils (10-1).

goal and an

Westfield def. Elizabeth 15.7, 15-11 — The Devils defeated Elizabeth 15-7, 15-11 Friday. Nikki LeBlanc had nine kills and six digs, Cari Rock had 10 service points and Sophie Hall handed out 16 assists and came up with four digs.

Westfield def. Irvington 15-6, 15-0 - Jo Woodbury registered seven aces and 12 assists

Bridgeman as Westfield cruised past beam (7.775). Zaleski was third each had a Irvington Oct. 9. Ali McMahon on beam (8,575). goal and an added four kills and there BOYS SOCCER added four kills and there blocks and Lizzie Myers had five kills for Westfield.

SCOTCH PLAINS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High gymnastics team finished second at the Cougar Invitational Friday in Cranford - a preview to the Union County Tournament Oct. 25.

Cranford was first with a score of 100.85, followed by the Raiders with 97.9 and Westfield with 95.9. Jackie Tumulo led Scotch Plains with a third place all-around finish, scoring 32.85. Katie Zaleski was sixth allaround with 32.175.

Tumulo's best finish was fourth on balance beam with a 8.5 and fourth on vault with an 8.2. Kate Breuninger was second on vault (8.55) and sixth on

After falling behind for the first time all season Scotch Plains responded in impressive fashion to post a 3-1 win over Kearny Oct. 9.

Ryan Breznitsky converted a direct kick then assisted Josh Kay's goal to put the Raiders on top 2-1 in the first half. Sean McNellis added an insurance goal in the second half. GIRLS SOCCER

Kristin Zyla converted a cross from Stephanie Heath from six yards out in the second overtime to lift the Raiders to a 1-0 win over Kearny Oct. 9.

VOLLEYBALL

Joscelyn Chang had 10 ser-vice points, eight kills, four aces and two blocks to spark Scotch Plains past Union Öct. 9. Kelli Kaskiw had nine service points for the Raiders.



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Streams getting stocked with trout

By MANNY LUFTGLASS

RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

The hatchery trucks started to roll as October swung into place, and that means tens of thousands of trout are now in place and ready to catch. The normal bigger streams

will get the fish and for you who like river action with trout, it's time to seek 'em out! The North and South branches of the Raritan River and the Musconetcong and Pequest rivers all were stocked last week.

Autumn means beautiful colors, cool water and jumpin' rainbows. Consider, too, lots of outdoors people will be thinking about hunting and that means the water will be less crowded. Remember, a four-trout limit exists right now but also realize you don't have to kill any to consider it fun.

Moving in another direction, got a news release from the state that told me about the sinking of a 224-foot tanker barge as an addition to the Deepwater Reef Site located off Ocean City. This site is the deepest artificial reef in New Jersey, situated in 120 feet of water, 23 nautical miles off Ocean City.

New Jersey has a wonderful program for artificial reef sites. And we still await Gov. McGreevey's decision regarding adding old New York City subway cars to

be safe, this will further enhance an already great program. By this time next year, the newly-sunken vessel should already be attracting lots of fish to its hull.

Back on the freshwater front, early reports for October included good fishing for walleye and smallmouth bass, with some guys starting to get into serious trolling big stickbaits for muskellunge. Chances are good, too, the oxygen problem will end soon at Spruce Run Reservoir also.

I fished the Garden State twice since we last met, and then headed south for some drift fishing down in Florida. First, about the local stuff.

The last legal day for fluke fishing was Sept. 24, and 1 got on-board the Emerald Tide the day before, expecting a giant crowd for the final day. Well, the day I went out, several boats didn't even get enough people to sail with because of bad weather reports that failed to bring the expected nastiness. I was glad to be out but it really wasn't much worth the 70-plus mile ride for me, other than to be able to say I was out fishin' anyway.

I had some frozen alewife herring with me. No one bought

GONE FISHIN that might've improved some of the sites. If decided to things. But since we had a strong wind that created a north drift, maybe not. You want live bait when the drift is light but don't need it so much when a good drift takes place, as it did-

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that day. We had 15 to 20 anglers on board and everyone caught some fish. Unfortunately, 80 to 90 percent of them were searobins. An angler who likes to make soup out of sea robins took. home a bazillion of them! I guess I had 20 or so birdies, along with a handful of undersized sea bass, along with six fluke. Only one of the fluke made the 16.5-inch size limit, though, but it made a fine meal for two the next night. Hopefully, next summer will be better yet.

1 fished the "Magic Hours" one evening in late September at Spruce Run, using smallish herring for bait. But herring, big or small, are really what you want if you can get them, and I was glad to have them. I didn't get a lot of bites, for sure, but still managed to reel in three of my favorite fish — hybrid

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striped bass. The biggest of my "Rockets" probably stretched to 23 or 24 inches, and that brought the Gone Fishin' tally up to 34 for the year.

And what about Florida, you ask? I fished the half-day Miss Blue Heron, an 86-foot aluminum boat out of Riviera Beach, three times, and then ended the stay with a half-day on the Lake K out of Lantana.

Each outing produced my favorite Florida critters --- snapper --- along with lots of other fish. Some folks caught dolphin. In fact, I had two on and dropped both. Several false albacore were also taken along with some small barracuda. King mackerel were few and far between but everyone caught something.

Hey, it's fall. Go out and have some outdoors fun!

'Scuze me, gone fishin'.





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Vipers Continue to Improve

On the beam

second place team finish. See wrap up C-2.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Viners, a U-11 boy's soccer team continued play in Flight 5 of the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association these past two weekends. The team continued to display improvement with each game as their record stands after four weeks of play at 0-2-2.

As in the first two games of the season, the Vipers start each game by dominating play in the opening minutes of the first half. This was once again the case as they took on the Tewksbury Jaguars on a perfect Sunday afternoon. The Vipers applied the offensive pressure from the opening kick-off with Vincent Bianco and Patrick Clancy sending

strong shots to the Jaguar goal only to be turned away by outstanding plays by the Tewksbury goalie. The mid-field led by Matthew O'Donnell, Kevin Coughlan and Alex Kruper kept the play in the offensive end. Any Tewksbury attacks in the first half were squashed by the strong play Vangelis Dimopoulos and Michael DelSordi. The first half ended with neither team able to find the back of the net.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Jackie Tumulo took third all-around, and fourth on the balance

beam at the Cougar Invitational Friday, helping Scotch Plains to a

In the second half, the Jaguar mid-field stepped up their play that led to two quick goals in the span of two minutes half way through the second half. The Vipers did not hang their heads and put together some great fast break attacks by Vincent Bianco and David McGibbon only once again to be smothered by the Jaguar goalie. The Jaguar's were able to score once again just prior to the end of the game to close out the scoring and compiling a 3-0 vic-

This past weekend the Vipers traveled to North Brunswick to take on the PDA Titans. The players were anticipating this game as both teams were searching for Zachary Flanzman and Blake DeJohn seemed to always be involved in every play from the beginning of the game. They created opportunities that the Vipers could not cash in on during the first half. The

the outstanding goalie play by Anthony Zucofsky held the Titans at bay as the ball see-sawed back and forth. Once again both teams came up empty in the first half.

sively in the second half. The Titans struck first on a broken play that only seemed to energize the Vipers. The Vipers retaliated with a goal of their own as Greg Stein drilled a loose ball into the net off an indirect kick from Alex Gonzalez. Zachary Jacobs, Ade Burke, and Joey D'Auria continued taking shots or creating scoring opportunities for the Vipers but the final whistle ended the game with a 1-1 tie.

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and amenities included, rates generally range from \$960 per month to \$5,000 per month. "Within the past year, we've seen a spike in interest among corpo-

rate America regarding the purchase and use of corporate apartments and condos," said Chris Felton with Runzheimer International, a noted management consult-

ing firm. "Some of this increase comes from the number of 'perma-

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THE MIGHTY MARKET

The housing market continues to maintain amazing strength in the midst of other economic problem areas. Ever-dropping mortgage rates continue to motivate home buyers. New and existing home sales are still robust, even in the wake of rising prices, according to a report from The Meyers Group, a research and

"With mortgage rates dropping to new lows, home buyers can now qualify for a higher-priced home," the report stated. "This is driving the median price of homes up. Low mortgage rates are also contributing to the

Q. Are reverse mortgages

A. There's a growing interest in reverse mortgages on the part of senior homeowners over age 62. This is a special type of loan instrument where the owner can receive a check every month from the mortgage lender, rather than

The loaned funds, secured by the owner's home, can keep coming for the life of the homeowner, or until he or she moves out permanently. Usually it's paid off, including accrued interest, from the estate after the death of the owner.

The reason for the current increase in the popularity of reverse mortgages is probably twofold. First, the falling stock market has depleted the income and reserves of many seniors, thus increasing the need for more income. And rising home values increase the property's equity and make it possible to arrange for higher monthly payments from a reverse mortgage.

Currently, the most popular reverse mortgage plan is the Conversion Home Equity Mortgage, insured by the federal government. It's a program developed by the Federal Housing Administration for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Over a thousand of these reverse mortgage plans are now being sold each month. That organizations that are reflects about a 64-percent trying to cut down on increase in sales over last year, according to HUD. Many seniors who investigated the plan several months or years ago are now deciding it's time to take action. For more information on the subject, visit the Web site of the National Reverse Mortgage Association Lenders www.reversemortgage.org. This group provides information about varying plans and has a list of lenders in each state.

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nent move' employee relocations, involving an expensive homebuying and home-selling process. Instead, they turn to temporary

> Q. How rapidly are condo values increasing?

A. Condominiums are showing surprising growth in values. These units have long lagged behind single-family homes in their rate of value appreciation (increases). But in a recent study. it was determined that the median price of condos has increased by 14.7 percent from last year at this time. That's a considerably more rapid increase than singlefamily homes.

Also, the number of condos being sold are at an all-time high volume, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors. Condos will probably set a record sales volume in 2002. the NAR report noted.





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Who makes the best motorcycle for touring?

BY JERRY GARRETT

One has beauty, another has brains, the third has charisma and one has the

capability. Which of the four would you choose? . No, this is not another reality television show, question of matrimony or

The cop-out answer is you pick the one that best meets your needs. The real answer is you pick the one can you afford to live with. So, it really is a matrimony-type question, isn't it?

. To help you perhaps understand the ramifications of wedding yourself to a trophy tourer, we took a look at what's new, or in each case here what's not so new, in the category.

BEAUTY OF THE BEASTS It probably was a mistake to go from a Yamaha R1 straight to the Royal Star Venture: 1 was still in "throw-itaround" mode when I suddenly realized: the Venture doesn't "throw." It does glide, however.

The venerable Venture has now been around, in pretty much the same form, since it was reborn in 1999. For 2003, it also offers a special "Midnight" paint scheme that costs an additional \$500, but the stock two-tone choices remain a personal favorite.

The best news is the base price, which is also the loaded price, remains a class-best \$16,399.

For that money, it would be worth it to buy the Venture, just to admire its beauty. But you would be shortchanging yourself on a luxurious ride. True, the Venture is an amalgam of old technology, but it's all wrapped in a voluptuous body more timeless than Raquel Welch's.

The Venture doesn't have fuel injection, ABS, reverse, heated seats grips or any of the other techno-tweaks of most of its competition. But it doesn't seem to need them.

The comfort and usefulness of this bike is what makes it a standout. The V-4, 1294cc engine is imbued with a



Your own needs will dictate which motorcycle is best for you.

respectable 98 horsepower, the smooth five-speed overdrive gearbox has generously spaced ratios and the bike boasts a maintenance-freic wizardry seems a bit superfluous once "The Ultimate Driving Experience" begins. That catchphrase BMW applies to its cars applies to its motorcycles, too.

In the K1200LT nomenclature, "K" stands for the type of engine, which is a water-cooled flat four with four valves per cylinder, endearingly referred to as the "flying brick" motor. The "1200" is for the displacement, which is really 1171cc, making it the smallest displacement bike in this quartet, by far. e shaft drive.

WAGNERIAN VAGABOND Some motorcyclists love the freedom to be blissfully unaware of the world beyond their handlebars. And then there are owners of BMW motorcycles.

Bimmer bikers need to know things like ambient air temperature, miles until empty, average speed, average fuel economy, digital time readouts, weather for the next five days and their global position.

They like to see an array of buttons, switches, dials and readouts in front of them, to satisfy their curiosities at any given moment. In theory anyway.

That's why BMW equips its bikes, especially the ultimate K1200LT, the way it does.

Like some of BMW's cars, all the

electronThe "LT" is its designation as a luxury tourer.

HARLEY'S BIG BOAT

The temptation is to call the Ultra Classic the Cadillac of the Harley-Davidson line. But, things being what they are at Cadillac these days, that would not be a compliment.

Suffice it to say, the Ultra has that elusive, almost-impossible-to-define quality, that character, that Cadillac once had and wishes it could find again.

Harley has never lost it. The Electra Glide Ultra Classic, as it is officially designated, is a gaudy cruiser-based bike, which makes no apologies for what it is. Or isn't.

The Ultra is slow, despite its recently upgraded 1450cc fuel-injected V-twin, which burbles along like Cousin Billy Bob's bass boat. It also handles like a boat, although more like a barge than anything as nimble as a sportfishing model.

WINGS OF GOLD

As one who fell in love with motorcycling while learning to ride a Gold Wing, it's easy to immediately feel comfortable with each new one. But having owned three earlier models, it's even easier to intimately know their strengths and shortcomings.

Wing owners have their favorites, and many feel the 1983 model was and is still one of the best.

Some critics say Honda hasn't made one as perfect since then. If that was ever true in the past, it isn't now. The new Gold Wing GL 1800 surpasses them all -- by a wide margin.

The GL 1500 might have been compelling when it was introduced in 1988, but by the time it was replaced after the '00 model year, it had become The Incredible Bulk — a large, unwieldy, plastic protuberance, pushed along by six cylinders and five gears.

With the 2001 model, Honda finally responded to BMW's challenge for supremacy of the touring genre. The GL 1800 is truly 21st century ready, with an 1823cc motor that cranks out a class-leading 118 horsepower and 125 foot-pounds of torque.





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