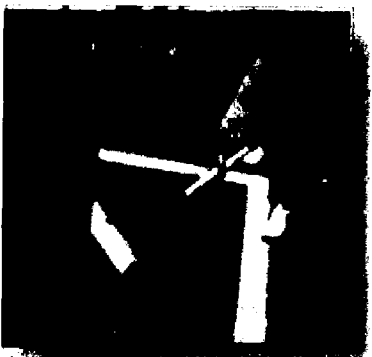


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Tourney bound

Westfield defeats Roselle Park 3-0 to advance to the Union County Tournament quarter finals where it will play Brearley Sunday. The boys and girls teams from both Westfield and Scotch Plains advance. See story on Page C-1.



The media is the message

Crystal Charles, 9, of Plainfield, plays Knock Out Drugs at the Union County Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Day at Nomahegan Park in Cranford Saturday. See Page B-1 for more pictures.



Ground breaking

Officials break ground for the \$11 million county forensic lab to be built on North Avenue in Westfield. See story on Page A-3.

REMINDER

Enjoy extra hour of sleep Saturday

Daylight Saving Time ends early Sunday. Remember to turn your clocks back before going to bed Saturday night and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

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By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Residents in the second ward, between East Broad Street and North Avenue, began complaining about speeding motorists and pedestrian safety two years ago. When the Garwood Shop Rite opened, it only made matters worse, residents say.

Though the Town Council began to look into installing tem-

porary speed humps and turn restrictions, engineers suggested it wait to do a traffic study of the entire grid, according to Councilman Rafael Betancourt.

Now, a traffic study is under way by Wilbur Smith Associates, a firm from Iselin. The firm presented their findings and discussed strategies with stakeholders in the grid at a special planning meeting last Thursday.

The areas being examined are the South Chestnut Street,

Gallows Hill Road and Benson Place corridors. The report stated that all areas are experiencing problems with speeding, accidents, pedestrian safety, truck traffic and through traffic. However, there are more specific concerns such as Gumbert Park on South Chestnut Street and Washington School near Gallows Hill Road.

Robert Jurasin, project manager for the traffic study, presented traffic volume statistics for

the three corridors. At peak hours, 262 cars crossed the South Chestnut Street and Fourth Avenue intersection, while 324 cars crossed at Benson Place and Lenox Avenue. During commuter hours, more than 1,000 cars travel on Gallows Hill Road between St. Marks and Fairacres avenues.

The study also showed the number of accidents from October 1997 through September 2002. The most accidents occurred where the roads meet

East Broad Street: 24 at Gallows Hill Road intersection and 16 at the South Chestnut intersection. There were 10 accidents near Gumbert Park on South Chestnut Street.

Residents at the meeting divided into groups of their respective corridors to discuss solutions to the traffic issues. The South Chestnut Street group was the largest, as residents are con-

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Historical Society has big plans for home

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The town and the Historical Society are a step closer in the process to restore the Reeve house.

The Reeve house is a 19th century, three-story Italianate-style home at 314 Mountain Ave. Edgar and Ralph Reeve deeded the house to the town in 1985. When Edgar died last December at the age of 100, the town took over the home.

The town is considering leasing the home to the Historical Society, who plans to use the home as a museum, office space and depository for artifacts of the town's nonprofit groups.

At a Building & Town Property Committee meeting, Chairman Peter Echausse said that the Historical Society is asking the town for a long-term lease on the house. According to Robert Cockren, town attorney, the Historical Society is asking for the lease so it will have a commitment of permanent residency from the council, giving it leverage when raising funds for improvements to the home.

The home, which is nearly 125 years old, will need renovations to be transformed from a private residency to a public building. Echausse said the Historical Society would either build an addition to the structure or retrofit it. According to Councilman Rafael Betancourt, the society plans to build a two-story addition to the back of the structure, which will cost \$300,000. Some funding is expected to come from a county grant.

Under Reeve's will, the town can only use the house for specific purposes, and it is clear that Reeve wanted the Historical Society to benefit from the house, Cockren said. The town cannot sell the property, but can only give it back to the Reeve Foundation.

She's pretty as a picture



Christina Blondi, 3, of Bridgewater, is hustled along by her dad as she checks out some of the art on display on Elm Street Saturday at the Sidewalk Art Show and Sale in Downtown Westfield. The event was rained out Oct. 12.

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Council to revisit Tamaques paving issue

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council and some residents finally got answers as to why the paving on Tamaques Way looks sloppy; however, not everyone was satisfied with the answers, nor was a definite solution reached.

At the Town Council's conference meeting Tuesday, Peter King of Dosch-King, the contractor who paved Tamaques Way and Irving Avenue last month, explained the paving method his company uses and addressed the

council's questions about problems with the job.

Residents from Tamaques Way raised an outcry about the paving earlier this month at a Town Council meeting. Several residents complained about uneven pavement and tar on the curb and covered drainage pipes and manholes. Residents demanded it be fixed.

The paving was an experimental project on the town's part because it had never used the contractor nor that method of paving. Micro-surfacing is a less expensive means of sealing road cracks, as it puts a thin layer of

pavement over the road surface.

King said that his company specializes in preventive maintenance and the job on Tamaques Way was to make the road safer and preserve it through the winter. King and Marsh both asserted that the street was in poor condition with several cracks.

King said that the process is only as good as the road surface, and Tamaques Way may not have been the best road for micro-surfacing because of its slope. He said that the method is designed in a way that the pavement gets better the more the road is used. It usually takes four to five

months to see the best results, King said.

The contractor showed photos illustrating work in Clinton Township. He said that the company also did work in Fanwood and Maplewood.

However, Councilwoman Susan Jacobson, who lives on Tamaques Way, and Mayor Gregory McDermott said that there were still concerns. He added that residents complained that the machinery was working improperly and workers continued to use it.

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1 in 5 in SP-F grade 8 flunk state math test

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Test assessment results for the 2001-2002 school year were presented at the school board meeting last Thursday.

All students in the state take three assessment tests: the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment, the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment and the High School Proficiency Assessment. The tests assess students in math and language arts, in addition the GEPA has a science assessment. Results divide students into three categories: partially proficient, proficient and advanced proficient, with the latter two categories encompassing all passing students.

According to Margaret Hayes, assistant superintendent for instruction, the biggest area of concern was the GEPA math results. More than 19 percent of the students were below proficiency, as compared to 10.5 percent in 2000-2001. Hayes said

that the district will focus on the area for improvement. However, she pointed out that average math scores dropped in the state as well.

Aside from the drop in math, Hayes was happy with the other eighth-grade results. She said language arts scores remained strong, with 93.4 percent of students at a proficient level, and she was very pleased with the science scores, with 36 percent of students in the advanced proficient category.

In the ESPA, which assess fourth-graders, 93.5 percent of students passed the math assessment, with about 60 percent being advanced proficient. McGinn had the largest percentage of students scoring advanced proficient at 71 percent.

In language arts, 96.4 percent of students passed, almost the same as the previous year. Only 3.6 percent of students were below proficiency.

"We're very pleased that stu-

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NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

History comes alive

Scott, 9, and Madison Vanek, 6, lend a hand to Laurie Mills and her daughter Amy who are preparing an 18th century meal at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield. The Crane-Phillips House in Cranford and the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains also participated in the county-wide Four Centuries in a Weekend heritage festival on Saturday and Sunday.

Shoplifting suspect held in carjacking, robberies

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS Police believe they have caught up with a suspect who allegedly committed three robberies at local convenience stores.

Emory Jones Jr., 45, of 149 Carlisle Terrace, Plainfield, was turned over to Scotch Plains police last Wednesday, after Plainfield police charged him in connection with a shoplifting incident in their jurisdiction.

Jones allegedly committed three robberies in late September and early October at the Quick Chek on Westfield Avenue and CVS on Park Avenue.

He was charged with two

counts of second-degree robbery, carjacking, weapons possession, aggravated assault and shoplifting.

The most serious incident occurred Sept. 29 at CVS, when a customer allegedly notified a store employee that Jones was shoplifting cold medicine items.

When confronted, Jones allegedly ran out the store toward East Second Street, then entered a car in the parking lot, where a 45-year-old Plainfield man alleged that Jones showed him a silver handgun and forced him to drive to Plainfield.

Police followed the vehicle into Plainfield, where Jones allegedly jumped out and ran into the Reeve Terrace area.

Jones is alleged to have hit CVS earlier on Sept. 24.

Jones was allegedly observed concealing cold medicine and vitamins valued at \$250 in CVS and threatened to use a handgun to shoot an employee when confronted outside the store.

He allegedly left the scene on a bicycle. Police say no weapon was shown during that incident.

Most recently, Jones is alleged to have shoplifted over-the-counter medications worth \$35 from Quick Chek on Oct. 11.

When confronted, it's alleged Jones assaulted a store employee. Jones is being held in lieu of \$60,000 bail at the Union County Jail, according to police.



Clothing, toy sale

The Westfield Day Care Center Friends are holding their children's clothing and toy sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church of Westfield, 110 Mountain Ave. The fund-raiser benefits the day-care center and the Infant-Toddler Center. For more information, call (908) 232-6717.

1 in 5 SP-F grade 8 flunk state test

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dents showed consistent improvement for the past four years," Hayes said. "We're particularly pleased with the number of students that achieved advanced proficient in math. We would like to see progress in language arts with more students in the advanced proficient range."

In the first year of the HSPA, given to juniors, 93 percent passed in math, while almost 98 percent passed in language arts. The averages were above state levels, which were 86.9 percent for both subjects.

In addition to the state tests, the school dis-

trict administers tests in grades 1-6 to better assess students. The Terra Nova test is given to freshmen and sophomores; it can predict how well students do on the HSPA, Hayes said.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood shares problems with other school districts in effectively assessing students with the state changing standardized test frequently and changing the way it scores tests. However, Hayes says that overall the assessments are helpful.

"We try to stay focused on good fundamental instruction and believe the students are going to do all right," Hayes said.

Shop Rite grid findings released

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cerned with the safety of children in Gumbert Park. The town wanted to close the portion of South Chestnut Street that runs through the park, however, it lost a court decision to Garwood, who opposed it.

Despite that, the group still advocated closing the portion of the street. Other suggestions included a four-way stop at Fourth Avenue, a painted and raised crosswalk at St. Marks Avenue, speed tables at Hillcrest, Tremont and Lenox avenues, and one-way in and out at the

Gumbert Park section.

Betancourt, chairman of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Committee, told residents that closing a portion of the street was not an option, saying that it would funnel traffic to other streets.

"We're going to do a comprehensive plan that's right for the entire grid, not just one street," Betancourt said.

Jurasin added: "Our objective is to solve the problems of corridors without a domino effect. We want to get a win-win situation in the corridors and in the

grid itself."

The Gallows Hill Road group, which was the smallest group, said their main problem is speeding. A group representative said if they take care of speeding, it will decrease the traffic volume. Some suggestions included a crosswalk at the St. Marks Avenue intersection, speed humps and a line-dividing traffic lanes.

The Benson group said speeding was its top priority as well. However, they cautioned that any traffic calming should have the least impact on the neighborhood. They suggested speed humps and a roundabout at Benson and Fourth Avenue. They warned Wilbur Associates not to narrow the road because it is already narrow.

Wilbur Associates plans to hold another meeting at the end of November for further discussion. After that, it will select a strategy and draft a report. A final report is scheduled to be presented by the end of January.

Tamaques paving issue

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King denied the problem with the equipment, but said that he will address the curb staining and tar covering pipes and manholes. He said tar got on the curb because they had to fill the gutter line. He said he had not noticed pavement chunks missing, but offered to visit the site with Jacobson.

Jacobson also said that water now settles on the sides of the road after a rain. King explained that the road is now completely sealed and water no longer seeps through road cracks.

The council's main complaint was with the aesthetic appearance of the road. King said that the company did its job in sealing the road and said for aesthetic improvements, it could probably use another layer.

Councilman Rafael Betancourt suggested that the contractor add another layer as part of the contract, but King said he hadn't been paid yet. The job cost approximately \$17,000, with much of the cost due to preparing the road for pavement by sealing and patching cracks. The same paving on Irving Avenue only cost \$3,500 because no preliminary work was needed, according to King.

Councilman Carl Salisbury suggested that the town see if the road looks better three or four months from now, and if not, it should mill it and repave it. The council did not take any action on the issue, but will first let King fix the problems he agreed to.

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Police Log

Referee at school soccer game reports being kicked by player

SCOTCH PLAINS

The referee of the soccer game between Plainfield and Scotch Plains on Oct. 19 reported being kicked by a Plainfield team member. The referee said that he was kicked in the hip by the player after he made a call against the Plainfield team.

An employee at Unity Bank on South Avenue reported an attempted fraud by a customer attempting to withdraw money against unavailable funds on Oct. 15.

A Wheatly Court resident reported receiving harassing messages on his answering machine Oct. 15.

Brian J. Callan of 21 Highlander Drive was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs after a motor vehicle stop on Cooper Road about 10:15 p.m. Oct. 15. Callan was also charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

A Forepaugh Avenue resident reported being assaulted by three individuals in the area of East Second Street and Grant Avenue about 11:15 p.m. Oct. 15. The victim was not treated for any injury.

A Portland Avenue resident reported having a girl's green Huffy mountain bike stolen from Park Middle School Oct. 18.

Timothy Peters of Newark, Gregory Mecca, Douglas Hutcheons, Charles Leonard, Gabrielle Diharco and Walter Corea were all charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia on Oct. 18. The were picked up by officers on foot patrol in Snuffy's parking lot at 250 Park Ave. All were released on summons.

Michael R. Dagastino, 27, of 1034 Central Ave., Westfield, was charged with driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest and possession of a weapon on Oct. 19. Dagastino allegedly struck a pole on Terrill Road and left the scene.

Police say they observed Dagastino running away on Stoneleigh Drive, ordered him to stop, but he refused. After a struggle, police say they apprehended him. He was sent to the hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in the accident. He was searched at the hospital and police said they discovered metal knuckles in his back pocket.

A Rolling Peaks Way resident reported that her child was assaulted at Park Middle School. The parent said that her child was assaulted twice by the same student. The first incident allegedly occurred on Oct. 16. She said her child was pushed to the ground and the second incident occurred on Oct. 17 when she said her child was punched in the arm by the student.

A Sycamore Avenue resident reported that someone had tried to pry the passenger door open on his 1989 GMC step van on Oct. 19. The vehicle was parked in his driveway.

A Mountain Avenue business reported a burglary on Oct. 19. At 2 a.m., the police were dispatched to the business on an alarm. The officers arrived and noticed the front door to the store was ajar. The door appeared to have been pried. The store was checked and it appeared that money had been stolen.

A Route 22 business reported a burglary on Oct. 20. A worker arrived at 7 a.m. and discovered that the southwest side panel and the attendant booth had been pried. Money and cigarettes were missing.

A juvenile female reported being harassed by a male named Steve at the public library Oct. 20. She stated that a group of boys from their school approached her and her friends and began to talk with them.

A boy named Steve was drinking a beer and asking her questions. He complimented her on her appearance. She said she felt uncomfortable and asked him to leave her alone. He refused and she knocked the beer out of his hand. Steve allegedly got an old newspaper, wiped up the beer and wiped it onto the girl's shirt and head.

WESTFIELD

Roberto Obregon of 1165 Route 22, North Plainfield, was charged with driving while intoxicated and released to a responsible adult on Oct. 13.

A Cowperthwaite Place resident reported criminal mischief to a motor vehicle while parked on the street on Oct. 13.

The theft of a bike from Grandview Avenue was reported Oct. 15.

A Pine Grove Avenue resident reported the unauthorized use of her Fleet Bank debit card for fraudulent online purchases totaling \$230.

Dawne J. Shaw of 415 Rahway Ave. was charged with theft by deception from PNC Bank on Oct. 17. Shaw was processed and released.

A resident of the 300 block of South Avenue reported the theft of her son's bike from the south side train station lot. The bike was valued at \$175.

A resident of the 700 block of Clarence Street reported the theft of her bike from the south side train station lot. The bike was valued at \$350.

Nancy Saguio of 1143 South Ave. W. was picked up on a traffic warrant on Oct. 18.

Paulette Cunningham of Irvington was picked up on a contempt of court warrant on Oct. 18. He was held in lieu of \$480 bail.

Marc Horn of 149 Pleasant Ave. in Iselin was charged with underage possession of an alcoholic beverage on Oct. 18.

A Berkeley Heights resident reported the theft of a bike at the Westfield Diner Oct. 18. The bike was valued at \$120. That same day, another Berkeley Heights resident reported a bike valued at \$700

stolen from the Diner.

An Elizabeth resident reported a bike stolen from a Westfield Avenue garage Oct. 19.

An employee of a South Avenue business reported his employer assaulted him on Oct. 19.

Denise Martin of 516 Quinton Ave., Kenilworth, was picked up on a contempt of court warrant and released after posting bail.

Summerna Knights of 963 E. Front St., Plainfield, was picked up on a contempt of court warrant and released after posting bail.

Roberto E. Velastegui-Perez of Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, was charged with DWI and picked up on a warrant on Oct. 20. He was released to a responsible adult.

An Arlington Avenue resident reported her 2001 Chrysler stolen from her driveway Oct. 20.

A Lenox Avenue resident reported someone entered his unlocked car and removed four video discs valued at \$80 on Oct. 20.

An Arlington Avenue resident reported someone entered his unlocked car and stole cash and sunglasses on Oct. 20.

A Webster Place resident reported someone placed the side of his car Oct. 20.

Daniel J. Aufiero of 786 Hoynton Ave. was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and driving while intoxicated on Oct. 20. He was released to a responsible party.

A North Avenue resident reported an attempted theft of his motor vehicle on Oct. 21.

County breaks ground for a new forensic lab

3-story, \$11M facility replaces police station

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The county broke ground on a new \$11 million police headquarters and forensic lab last Thursday that will be located at North Avenue East, where the county police station is currently.

The new facility will house the Union County Police Department, the county's division of emergency management and the Prosecutor's Forensic Laboratory. It will be a 51,209 square foot three-story facility.

"The creation of this new state-of-the-art County Police Headquarters demonstrates our commitment to strong public safety, with special attention to emergency management," said Nick Scutari, county freeholder. "As someone who has worked with public safety issues, I can appreciate the effort that is being put into creating a facility that once completed will serve the public for years to come."

The county currently has one of the state's oldest forensic labs, according to Robert O'Leary, public information director for the county Prosecutor's Office. The new lab will handle chemical testing for materials in criminal cases, he said.

The project will include the demolition of the existing building, as well as overall site



Officials break ground for the \$11 million county forensic lab to be built on North Avenue in Westfield.

improvements including, new lighting, landscaping, decorative fencing and paving. It will also include parking for 169 cars and 22 emergency vehicles. The lab will be linked via computer to the main county building operations center at the county courthouse. The facility is slated to open in 2004.

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Commentary

Some humans are real animals

A pack of wild dogs is still roaming Lenape Park in Kenilworth. The wily canines have sustained themselves for months by hunting and killing deer and other creatures.

Although they have been spotted and their whereabouts reported to police on numerous occasions, the dogs have escaped and still represent a threat to children and pets even though no human or domestic animals have been attacked to date.

These animals must be captured and destroyed.

And as sad as that is, the real shame is that humans caused this tragedy. It's not the dogs' fault.

There is no wild dog population in Central Jersey. These dogs were once owned by people.

Perhaps they weren't pets, they may have been guard dogs or animals kept for other, nefarious purposes.

But the fact is dogs are domestic animals and they were abandoned to fend for themselves in the wild. The dogs are doing what they have to do to survive. The sin is not theirs.

The sin belongs to the humans who bought or bred the animals. The responsibility for the damage, harm and disfigurement these dogs are causing belongs to people who should have known better and should be held accountable if only authorities could put a face on the cowardice and selfish behavior that caused this tragedy.

Pets are a cherished member of the family in many homes. For the price of a scratch behind the ears, a walk around the block and a meal once or twice a day, they give boundless love and companionship.

If the owners of these strays had exhibited one iota of compassion for the animal lives entrusted to them, Kenilworth would not be facing this dangerous situation.



Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

The wheel of destiny is turning

Like a character in a Dickens novel, I believe the circumstances of birth dictates destiny.

Forty-six years ago this month I was born at Somerset Hospital in Somerville and came into the world on a verge of breakdown.

The short-lived but glorious Hungarian Revolution was about to be brutally repressed by the Soviet Union, the British and French were gasping the last anachronistic breath of imperialism in the Suez Crisis and Dwight Eisenhower was about to trounce Adlai Stevenson for the second time. And the Yankees and Dodgers were in a classic World Series, highlighted by Don Larsen's perfect game.

It was a great month to be born.

Because I'm Hungarian on my father's side, my birth in the midst of a rebellion has always held a piquant poignancy. Coming of age in the late 1960s and 1970s I too felt the blood of revolution trying to bubble within me. However, by the time I had to shave, the student movement in this country was dead. The Vietnam War was over, the civil rights fight had triumphed and various liberation movements, from sex to feminism, had been absorbed into the mainstream. With no cause for which I could spill drops of my revolutionary blood, I turned to journalism.

Being a journalist is a great job — you get paid to be a revolutionary. I'm not talking the overblown passion of *Les Misérables*; I can't sing and I look ridiculous with my shirt open. I'm not going to throw Molotov cocktails, write incomprehensible manifestos, grow a funny beard, play the bongos and not take showers. As a journalist, my task is to challenge the accepted order. It doesn't matter to me whether the Republicans or Democrats are in power; they're equally suspect in my eyes. The more pious a person is, the louder my phony detector sounds. But whatever my personal feelings may be, I always discipline myself to be fair. If the accepted order passes the challenge, the status quo is fine and I offer plaudits. If the accepted order doesn't meet the challenge, then it's my obligation to provide a viable alternative. It is a revolution, not of guns and bongos, but of words.

The life of a revolutionary is never easy. Unlike my fellow Baby Boomers, I've devoted myself to a profession that will never yield great riches. You always feel like the kid whose parents never allowed him to do the fun things his friends did. The rewards of journalism are intangible at best and frustratingly slow at worst. You learn to be patient; eventually the villains will receive their comeuppance.

Do I regret choosing the life of a journalist? Every time I see a dark silver convertible Mercedes-Benz sports coupe, I kick myself for not going to law school or getting a masters degree in business administration at the dawn of the Reagan Era.

But like the other so-called regrets in my life — choosing the wrong girl to take to the senior prom, paying \$80 for a French (!) pair of jeans that already had paint splattered on them, etc. — I soon return to my optimistic cynicism that others find difficult to understand. Life may be bad, but there's always a chance it's going to get better.

That's the faith of the revolutionary.

It is that faith that sustains me through the everyday disasters of journalism. It took 34 years for the seed of rebellion that was planted in Budapest in 1956 to finally flower and choke Communist oppression to death. In a time when immediate results are rapaciously demanded, the impact of what we journalists do may not be obvious except from a distant point somewhere in the uncertain future.

Like pilgrims slouching on the road to Jerusalem, we must always keep our faith.

Letters to the editor

Fanwood Democrats want to debate

To The Record-Press:

Fanwood voters have a number of important decisions on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5. Besides the races for U.S. Senate, the 7th Congressional District and three Union County freholder positions, voters also will be asked to choose three members of the Fanwood Borough Council.

The Democratic candidates for our local council have been meeting neighbors door-to-door and at small gatherings in the community. We want to take the next step and debate the issues with our Republican opponents in a public forum.

The voters of Fanwood deserve to know where

the candidates stand on issues of neighborhood safety, high-density development, cutting costs and maintaining Fanwood's unique quality of life.

A public debate on the issues would be a service to the people of Fanwood. We are ready to debate our opponents and we welcome the chance to be seen and heard in a public forum.

**TOM PLANTE
JACK MOLENAAR
DONNA DOLCE
Fanwood**

The writers are the Democratic Party candidates for Fanwood Borough Council.

There's still time to work for peace

To The Record-Press:

While the Bush administration cries out for war against Iraq, there has never been solid evidence provided that weapons of mass destruction are actually being developed in Iraq or that they will be used against the United States.

There has also not been any proven link between Iraq and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

An attack on Iraq will assuredly increase anti-American sentiment in Iraq and the Middle East in general, making the United States more vulnerable to future acts of terrorism. It would also destabilize the Middle East and weaken U.S. relations with our Middle Eastern allies. In addition, an attack on Iraq will very likely result in a large loss of lives among Iraqi civilians, who have already suffered

greatly from more than 10 years of economic sanctions. An effort to overthrow Saddam Hussein will cause the United States to expend an immense and expensive military effort, putting numerous soldiers' lives at risk, without the assurance of a reliable democratic leadership to take Hussein's place.

There are many reasons why the U.S. should not go to war with Iraq and few compelling reasons why we should. Almost all other countries are opposed to such an action. A war with Iraq does not need to be inevitable and unstoppable — there is still time for our leaders to reconsider their call for war and to consider again other peaceful alternatives.

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What is your favorite Halloween treat?



"Lots of candy bars, like Snickers and Milky Way. And lollipops."

Jordan McCarthy Garwood



"Candy corn."

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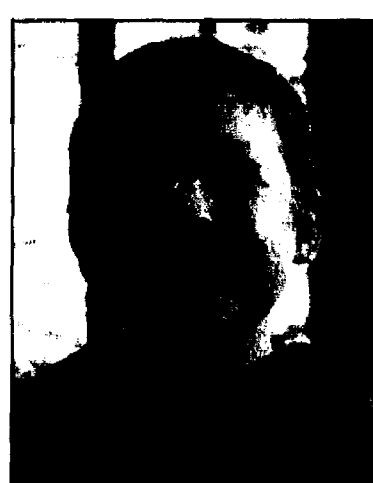
"Candy Hershey's."

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"Candy corn."

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"Lollipops. My favorite colors are green and blue."

Shaun Coyle Levittown, Pa., visiting family at Nomahegan Park

Mayor's race focuses on taxes, pedestrians

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Solving the parking shortage downtown has been the central election issue in town for years. Though it is still discussed, progress has been made with two sites being considered for parking decks. Pushed to the forefront this year are traffic and pedestrian safety issues.

Other issues include taxes and government spending.

Following are profiles of the two candidates for mayor.

Thomas Fuccillo-D

A four-year resident of Westfield, Thomas Fuccillo said he has a vision to move the town forward. Fuccillo said he has an understanding of law and government through his work as an attorney and follows town issues closely.

At the top of his agenda is cutting wasteful spending and addressing tax issues. He said taxes are the residents' biggest concern. Fuccillo advocates zero-based budgeting so departments won't have automatic budget increases. He also wants to explore sharing services with the school board and other municipalities.

Fuccillo also wants to improve streets, sidewalks, curbs and playing fields, saying that they have long been neglected. He opposes the current sidewalk replacement project and believes the town should take more initiative in doing the work. With improvements, safety and property value will increase, he said. Fuccillo also said playing fields should be the envy of other towns and not an embarrassment.

Fuccillo sees speeding as the biggest threat to pedestrians and wants to step up enforcement.

"(Enforcement) is the cheapest

alternative. ... We need to pursue traffic calming measures, but I want to talk to experts first. ... Before we change the landscape of Westfield, we should look at the best solution."

Gregory McDermott-R, (incumbent)

When Gregory McDermott was elected mayor in 2000, he promised to take care of the parking problem. Two years later, McDermott prides himself in being able to cross off that issue.

McDermott said that the new concern is pedestrian safety, which he says is best addressed through three "E's": engineering, education and enforcement. He says that the town will examine the impact of traffic calming on Railway Avenue and is currently looking into measures for the Shop Rite grid.

McDermott also wants to improve government efficiency

and stabilize taxes.

"I have brought a more business-like approach to running government, which has brought efficiencies through an aggressive capital construction plan that ensures that projects are finished within the same budget cycle," McDermott said.

McDermott plans to continue government efficiency by streamlining committees, making them more active. He also wants more from municipal departments without micro-managing them. He said that he has sought to give town workers greater ownership of their jobs to maximize productivity.

McDermott said he will "hold the line" on spending. He wants to work with department heads to see if they can work with no budget increase. McDermott said that residents tighten their belts during tough times and departments will have to do the same.



Thomas Fuccillo
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Occupation: Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Neuberger Berman, LLC



Gregory McDermott
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Occupation: Vice President with Drew & Rogers

4 council seats up for grabs in Westfield election

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Eight candidates are running for four council seats. Democrats currently hold a 5-3 majority on the council. Not much separates the candidates in terms of their stands on the major issues, however, candidates have different ideas on how to address the issues.

Sal Caruana-R, 1st Ward

With incumbent Carl Salisbury not running for reelection, the first ward council seat will go to a newcomer.

Sal Caruana, 50, who has served on the Downtown

Westfield Corp. and was fundraising chair for the Sept. 11 Memorial, said his experience as a CEO gives him hands-on experience managing budgets. His top goals are to avoid tax increases by efficient use of funds, ensure no tax increase for the parking decks and improve pedestrian safety.

Caruana advocates zero-based budgeting, shared services and productivity management studies for all administrative departments. He wants to continue traffic calming and promotes a zero-tolerance policy for speeding.

Caruana also said he would like to prevent over-development and meet the needs of senior citizens by involving local organizations through volunteer initiatives.

Mark Kuehn-D, 1st Ward

With various community service experience and work in business and law, Mark Kuehn, 50, said he has much to bring to the council.

Kuehn's priority is addressing taxes. He said most taxes go to the school district and town, and the push for the two groups to work together and share services has been inadequate.

In addition, he wants to address the pedestrian safety issue by bringing organizations together. He said that many groups have proposed solutions, but no one is coordinating efforts. He proposes a mayor's task force to study the issue.

With the parking deck coming to his ward, Kuehn wants to ensure minimal traffic increase and maximum safety. Kuehn wants the town to address sidewalk repairs, improving the current replacement program.

He also wants a better relationship with bargaining units, following the lead of the school board and teachers' union in their contract negotiations.

Rafael Betancourt-R, 2nd Ward (incumbent)

"Every decision I make is for Westfield, not just my ward, not myself. I bring trust and integrity to the table. I'm an advocate for responsible government," Rafael Betancourt, 45, said.

An attorney, Betancourt said that he is an advocate for the

process of following proper procedures in government, and has been vocal about violations during his term. He has been involved with the town for 12 years, serving as municipal prosecutor and defender before joining the council in 2000.

Some of Betancourt's goals are to continue efforts to create high school parking behind the Armory and continue traffic calming. He said that he has proposed that the Board of Education join the town in a joint adventure to add parking at the high school, which he says will meet needs of not only students, but visitors and area residents.

Betancourt wants to expand traffic calming to the Shop Rite grid, a major concern in his ward. He said residents are concerned about traffic flowing to their streets. As the chair of the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Committee, he said he addresses those types of issues and his committee has been the most active in the council.

David Owens-D, 2nd Ward

For David Owens, 55, the key to a successful government is communication. With a background in communication and mediation, as well as grassroots community involvement, Owens is hoping to bring his involvement to the next level.

Owens said the council can operate better through extensive communication with other institutions, such as the school board. He said that with cooperation, the two groups can share services and operate more efficiently.

Owens also wants to have monthly office hours for residents and plans to hold quarterly ward meetings where he will bring in experts to address issues.

Owens sees traffic in the Shop Rite grid, as well as maintenance of the Cranford Basin as top concerns. He plans to look into those issues, as well as limiting parking in Gumbert Park.

Owens also wants to implement more comprehensive planning by hiring a full-time planner to look at immediate problems and long-term issues. He said the town can minimize the tax burden on residents by more efficient spending of the

discretionary budget and exploring other sources of revenue.

Claire Lazarowitz-D, 3rd Ward (incumbent)

Claire Lazarowitz, 56, has served on the council since she was appointed in February 2000. She was elected to the seat in November 2000.

Lazarowitz said that improved communication is her first goal, as responding to her constituents and having people voice their concerns is key. She said that her ward, on the south of town, is sometimes said not to have a loud voice, however, she said she wants its concerns addressed.

Those concerns have to do with traffic and safety. She said many people have different solutions for the problems and she wants to look into ways to make the area safer. Lazarowitz, a personal trainer, also wants to address the needs of senior citizens by getting them discounts on services.

Lazarowitz also wants to keep politics out of the town's operation so things can run smoothly. During her time on council she has served on several committees and is the chair of the Public Safety Committee.

"I feel I've been doing the best job I can. When you're new and green you have a lot to learn. I'm just getting going and I feel I'm in my prime now," Lazarowitz said.

Andy Skibitsky-R, 3rd Ward

Andy Skibitsky, 42, said that in times like these, with state aid frozen, it is important to spend municipal money wisely. As a businessman, he said he has the experience to deal with these types of issues to aid the town.

Fiscal responsibility is one of his priorities. Though most income for the town is fixed, Skibitsky said that the town can save money through sharing services with the Board of Education, the county and other municipalities. He pointed out the town's leaf disposal agreement with Scotch Plains as a program to emulate.

Skibitsky, a product director, said the biggest issue in his ward, as well as the town, is pedestrian safety. Like McDermott, he said enforcement, education and engineering will remedy the problem. He said he's involved with a citizen speeding awareness campaign called "Keep children alive, drive 25," encouraging drivers to obey the speed limit in residential areas.

He also wants to work with

the county and state in re-engineering the South Avenue circle.

Skibitsky also wants to make sure streets are kept up by fixing potholes. He advocates the town's current sidewalk replacement plan.

Lawrence Goldman-D, 4th Ward (incumbent)

Attorney Lawrence Goldman, 48, is seeking his fourth term on the Town Council.

One of Goldman's main goals is to implement long-term capital budget planning. He says that when the council prepares the budget, it needs to anticipate future demands. Things such as public works equipment, fire trucks and fields will eventually need to be replaced or improved and the council should plan for that in advance, Goldman said.

Goldman also wants to con-

tinue traffic calming measures, particularly around schools, pointing out that different schools have different concerns.

On taxes, Goldman says that with funding from the state flat and expenses going up, it is difficult to maintain the level of town services without taxes increasing. He said the only way to lower taxes and maintain quality services is by dipping into the surplus, which he does not advocate.

"No one likes to pay higher taxes, but most people understand we're doing the best we can with what we have right now," Goldman said. "People are appreciative when they see their money being spent in a tangible way," such as street improvements.

Chris Panagos-R, 4th Ward

Chris Panagos is the youngest candidate at 23, yet he believes he has the education and background to serve the community well. A full-time law student, Panagos is a lifelong town resident who has participated in community activities and says he wants to give back to the community.

Panagos advocates zero-based

budgeting for town departments. At the same time, he says the council should give departments such as the police and fire department the support they need.

Panagos also opposes over-development, particularly if it affects property value. He said it is important to be sensitive to residents' concerns and only support projects that they support.

Panagos said that the town has done a good job of keeping taxes low, but he would also like to look into streamlining coordination between departments, as well as sharing services with the school board. In particular, he would like to see a joint agreement with parking at the high school.

As for traffic and safety, Panagos said that enforcement should be used as a supplemental measure, while the town continues to implement traffic calming measures, which he says residents support.

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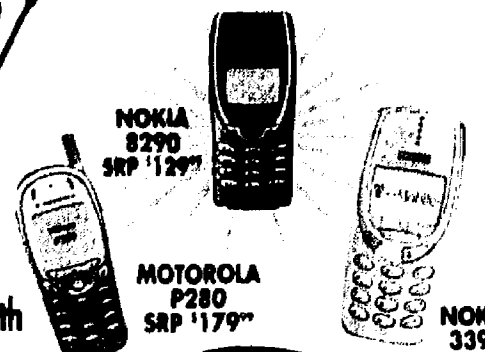
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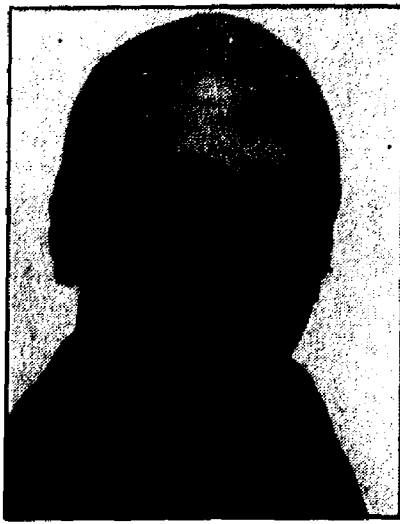
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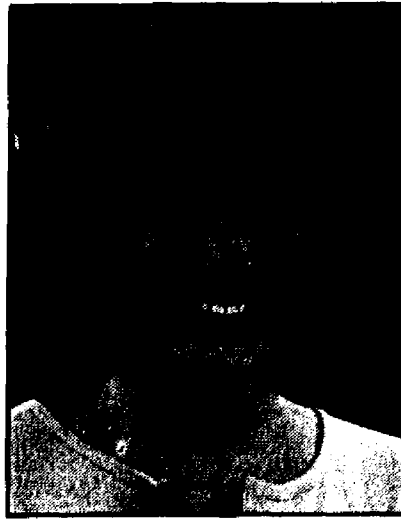
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Occupation: Attorney



George Gowen, D
Age: 52
Education: Associates degree in Applied Science
Occupation: Director of Internet service business



Nancy Malool, R
Age: 36
Education: B.A., Political Science, Master of Public Administration
Occupation: Law student



Frank Rossi, R
Age: 46
Education: B.A., Law degree
Occupation: Attorney



Geri Samuel, D
Age: 46
Education: B.A., Political Science
Occupation: Volunteer



Carolyn Sorge, R
Age: 30
Education: Associate's degree in nursing
Occupation: Registered Nurse

Council control at stake in the Scotch Plains election

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Three four-year council seats are up for election on the Township Council. Partisan control is at stake, as Republicans hold a 3-1 advantage on the council.

Though not much separates the two parties as far as their stances go on issues such as taxes and recreation, but they do have different priorities, with the Democrats pushing downtown revitalization and Republicans focusing on taxes and open government.

Heading each ticket are incumbents Frank Rossi, Republican, and Geri Samuel, Democrat. The other four are newcomers to elections, though they believe they have enough experience to serve the township.

Shelia Ellington, D

Shelia Ellington has lived in Scotch Plains for almost nine years and says she brings a strong background that will help on the council.

A former deputy attorney general in the corruption division, Ellington said she has a record of service throughout the state. She serves on the planning committee of the governor's council for women's issues and the state Supreme Court committee for women in court. She has also participated in mentoring programs in the township.

Topping her agenda is downtown revitalization.

"I've seen a lot of improvement that can be made," Ellington said. "I saw how the Democrats started the ball rolling with site improvements the 10 months they were in control. I would like to see the downtown be somewhere people can come and shop."

Part of her plan to do that is extending the downtown to East Second Street and attract more business, which will attract more patrons, she said. She also wants to continue to support current businesses.

Connected to downtown revitalization, Ellington said teens and seniors will enjoy the community more with someplace to go. She said downtown is the top concern she heard from seniors and teens.

She said she wants to explore ways to improve senior transportation. Currently, senior housing is far from downtown and transportation only allows two hours of shopping time, she said.

George Gowen, D

George Gowen says that he brings "life experience" to the council and he is filled with ideas. The director of an Internet service business, Gowen says he can make a significant contribution.

Following with the Democratic agenda, Gowen would make downtown revitalization a priority.

"We don't need another (downtown) study, we need action. I have an action plan,"

Gowen said.

Part of his plan is to create destination districts. For example, Gowen said there can be an antiques district, with small, single-site businesses, "mom & pop" enterprises, he said.

Next, Gowen said the township needs to take care of its senior citizens. He said that he wants to work to keep them from being forced out of their homes. He added that seniors have built the community and have made it what it is today.

Gowen also wants to address recreation by proposing a skate park.

"It's a field of young people whose needs are not being met by building new ballfields. If we disenfranchise them, we're losing a lot of young people. It's the right thing to do," Gowen said.

In addition, Gowen said that pedestrian safety around the schools, particularly McGinn, needs to be addressed. He also said that he wants to urge residents to get involved. He said many want to participate, they just need to be pushed.

Nancy Malool, R

Nancy Malool says she has been groomed for a position in municipal government for the past 10 years. Her education and work background have been concentrated in local government.

Currently a law student, Malool worked for eight years as chief legislative aide to Assemblymen Alan Augustine and Tom Kenn Jr. She has degrees in political science and public administration. Malool has served on the Township Council since replacing Guy Celentano in August.

Malool says that in her short time on the council, she learned that there needs to be a balance between over-regulation and addressing people's needs. That

is much of the reason she advocates an open government as one of her main goals.

"I believe that open government is responsive government," Malool said. "It is essential for elected officials to listen to the concerns and questions of the public and to respond in a courteous and efficient manner."

In addition, Malool wants to stabilize taxes by expanding shared services with other municipalities, applying for grants and using a responsible portion of the surplus, she said. She also advocates property tax reform at the state level.

Malool said that township residents are concerned with maintaining a good quality of life. She said she wants to look into creating a community center to serve both the youth and seniors, as well as continuing to maintain quality everyday services.

Frank Rossi, R (incumbent)

Frank Rossi has served on the council since 1999 and has experience as a councilman in Fanwood. He said he has a unique background as a public and private attorney that gives him the ability to look at issues and make reasonable judgments.

Rossi's main goal is to stabilize the municipal tax rate. He said it's a battle of dwindling aid and increased expenses. He hopes to accomplish the task by only allowing necessary increases and finding creative revenue sources, such as grants and shared services.

"It's more difficult in tough economic times," Rossi said. "This year we lost interest income because interest rates went down. We made up for that by cutting expenses. You have to be careful to be prudent in cut-

ting."

In addition, Rossi wants to continue to improve recreation services, adding that township has eight projects in design or construction. He also wants to continue to preserve open space, by taking a inventory of potential conservation zones.

As for downtown, Rossi said its time to move forward with more substantial improvements. He would like to develop the hedge property, the portion of land in front of the municipal building's parking lot on Park Avenue. He would like to bring retail businesses there so stores will be on both sides of the street.

Geri Samuel, D (incumbent)

Geri Samuel has served on the council for nearly four years, including being mayor in 1999. She has been an active volunteer in the community, serving on the Rescue Squad, vice president of the Rotary Club and a member of the Anti-Defamation League.

A 13-year resident of the township, Samuel said that one thing she's learned on the council is that if you don't ask for things, you won't get them, which is one of the reasons she plans to be very active in petitioning the state for grants and other aid.

Downtown, traffic and open space are her main concerns. She said when she was mayor, she helped secure grant money for site improvements downtown. She would like to continue site improvements throughout downtown and also attract new businesses. She would also like to develop the hedge property on Park Avenue.

Samuel said she wants to work with Fanwood in routing truck traffic off Martine Avenue.

She also wants to be active in establishing more conservation zones.

As for taxes, Samuel says that the township must figure out how to get more funding from the state and provide services in a cost-effective way. She said the task is difficult, but the council must keep at it. She supports a constitutional convention on property taxes, and reemphasized the importance of grants.

Carolyn Sorge, R

Though she never served in public office, Sorge says she knows the job of the Township Council well, as she served as a secretary in the Mayor's Office. In addition, she says she has been active in the community in which she has lived her entire life.

Sorge is member of the zoning Board of Adjustments, a Rescue Squad member for 14 years, and the only female fireman.

Because of her involvement at the administrative level, she said she has established relationships with the department heads and their staff.

Sorge's main goal is to stabilize the municipal portion of the property tax, which she says is residents' top concern. Like her running mate Malool, she plans to do this by keeping spending at a minimum, using responsible level of the surplus and using shared services.

She also advocates an open government and improved senior services. She said she wants to improve communication with residents because many people do not know what's going on in town.

Sorge also wants to improve downtown by working with the Business and Professional Association to improve productivity.

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WESTFIELD — Long before the New Jersey Devils took the ice there was a "rural legend" surrounding the Jersey Devil.

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downright ugly.

Those who said they have seen him have told of their experience. Vera Lough of Westfield recounts these "rural legends" from the Pine Barrens 2-5 p.m. Sunday at

the Miller-Cory House Museum.

As is the museum's custom, docents in period dress conduct tours of the 18th century farmhouse built in the West Fields of Elizabethtown. The last tour leaves 4 p.m.

Arlene Kendall and Sherry Lange cook 18th century food over an open hearth using

recipes of the period.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., where Lange and Janet Murphy talk about Lenape Indian lore Sunday, Nov. 3.

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FALL AT HOME

Make sure your feathered friends have a warm bath

BY JEFF RUGG

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. The onset of cold weather reminds me of the hard time we had last year keeping our birdbath from freezing. My husband thinks a heater will cost an arm and leg to run. I don't want to hurt the birds, but can I use antifreeze or alcohol to keep the water in our birdbath from freezing?

A. Most definitely not! Any kind of chemical would harm the birds and other animals that drank the water.

When someone mentions a heated birdbath, many people picture the birds sitting in a spa with warm wisps of steam rising above their heads. Thankfully for our electric bills, that is not the case. Birdbath heaters are designed to keep the water temperature just above freezing.

Water is a good way to attract birds to your yard. Not every bird will eat seeds at a feeder, but all birds need water every day.

During winter, birds will eat snow if the water is frozen in lakes

and streams. Many parts of the country have snowless cold spells with daytime temperatures that never rise above freezing. With no snow to eat, birds often slake their thirst with water that accumulates from melted ice and snow on sun-warmed rocks.

The least-expensive way to heat water is with solar energy. There is a bird-watering bowl called a Solar Sipper. Its bowl is made of black plastic and insulated so that it can keep a little water thawed in temperatures as low as the 20s. It needs to be erected in direct sunlight and works best when placed out of the wind against a building.

You should put out the Solar Sipper before temperatures start getting real cold so the birds can get used to drinking from it. Then, when it gets real cold, you snap on the black lid that helps absorb heat and provide insulation. Birds drink through a hole in the lid. Because it does not require electricity, there's no need for an extension cord.

For birdbaths made of materials other than concrete or ceramic, you can use a bird bath de-icer.

You can also use the de-icer if your concrete or ceramic bath is saucer-shaped.

Many birdbaths are flat on the bottom, but have straight vertical sides. If you use a de-icer in one of them and the power goes out, the water can freeze and the expanding ice can put pressure on the straight sides until they break.

The Nelson Blue Devil birdbath heater is thermostatically controlled to turn off when the water warms up and it will turn off if the heater is pulled out of the water. The Blue Devil has a four-year warranty and will work in temperatures down to minus 30.

Allied Precision makes birdbaths with built-in heating coils. The small one has a 12-inch bowl and its heating elements snap out for summer use. The 20-inch model comes with brackets designed so its heated bowl can be mounted on a pedestal in place of a concrete birdbath that's been stored for winter. Allied Precision also makes heating elements for ponds and stock tanks. Allied's Web site is www.alliedprecision.com.

Birdbaths by Avian Aquatics are

designed to look like natural pools set in the earth. Energy-efficient models come insulated with foam and with a heater built into the bottom.

Visit www.avianaquatics.com to see the bird products Avian offers.

Often, the summer birdbath provides a focal point to a flower bed. In winter, there is no need to attract attention to dormant flowers. However, there is a need to stay warm and not trudge through snow to fill a birdbath. It is more convenient to have the birdbath close to the house, so the brackets that come with heated birdbaths allow them to be placed on a deck railing or post or pole.

All birds need water to drink and bathe in even when it is very cold out. Birds coat their feathers with oil from a gland near the base of their tails.

This oil repels snow and rain and

helps keep feathers dry and fluffy, which in turn keeps birds warm. Unfortunately, as many of us with oily hair know, oil attracts dirt. Dirty feathers do not repel snow as well as clean feathers. So bird feathers must be kept clean and, after a bath, birds must re-oil their feathers.

Do not worry about birds' bare legs getting cold. Birds' legs and feet are covered in scales made of material similar to fingernails. The single blood vessel going out to the toes lies next to the blood vessel returning to the body. The blood in the vessel traveling toward their lower legs is cooled so that heat is not wasted the birds' feet. The blood in the vessel returning from their feet to the birds' body is warmed so that it does not cool the body. Because of their efficient circulation and because birds have so few muscles

in their lower legs and feet, just tendons and ligaments, their lower legs do well in the cold.

Fresh water in liquid form is hard to find when the temperature drops below freezing and there is no snow available. This is a problem for birds and other animals in cold climates. Because wildlife must travel farther to find moving water in streams that can freeze solid in the coldest part of winter, they often increase the rate at which they use energy, the energy they need to stay warm. Making matters worse for mammals, traveling far afield in search of liquid water often means crossing roads where cars are the biggest danger they face.

The best and easiest way to attract wildlife to your yard in the winter is by providing all three aspects of an animal's habitat: water, food and shelter.

Avoid floods with caution

(NAPSI)-Water is one of the most important substances in people's daily lives, but it can also be one of the most destructive, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage each year for homeowners.

From broken and frozen pipes to leaking appliances, household problems that cause water damage can destroy floors and walls, furniture, televisions and stereos, and irreplaceable family heirlooms.

Often the damage could have been avoided, say experts at State Farm Insurance.

To make sure water damage doesn't disrupt your life, here are a few simple ideas:

Check and replace washing machine hoses regularly, especially if there are signs of cracking, bulging or other deterioration.

Periodically make sure hose connections are secure on water supply lines to washing machines, ice makers, disposals, dishwashers and other appliances. Take care not to kink or puncture water lines if appliance is moved.

Washing machines and hot water heaters should be installed in lower levels and floor pans and drains installed with them.

A sump pump can keep water out of your basement. Install one if you have basement leakage, and if you already have one, look into using batteries or a generator for backup power in case of power loss.

Pour a cup of mild bleach solution down air conditioner drain lines periodically to help keep them clear and reduce build-up of molds.

Disconnect garden hoses and outside hose connections each fall.

Clean debris from your roof and inspect it regularly. Promptly repair missing or damaged shingles, flashing or other areas that could cause leaks.

Winterize your home. Insulate exposed pipes and pipes in attics, crawl spaces and outside walls. Maintain adequate heat during the winter, even if your home will not be occupied for some time. Set the thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.

Turn off the water at the main valve, or at major appliances, if you will be away from home for several days.

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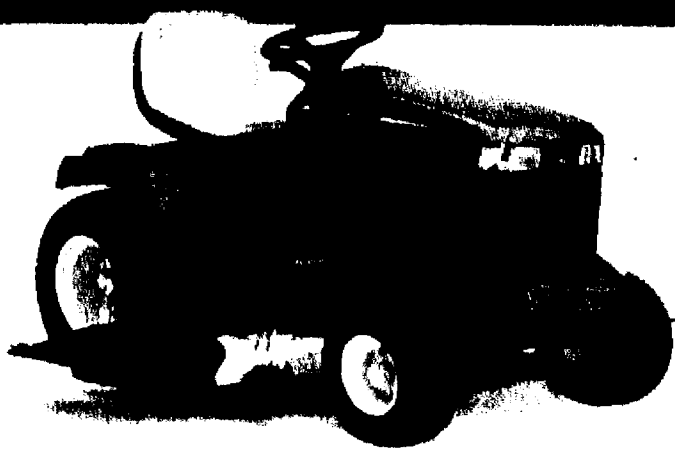
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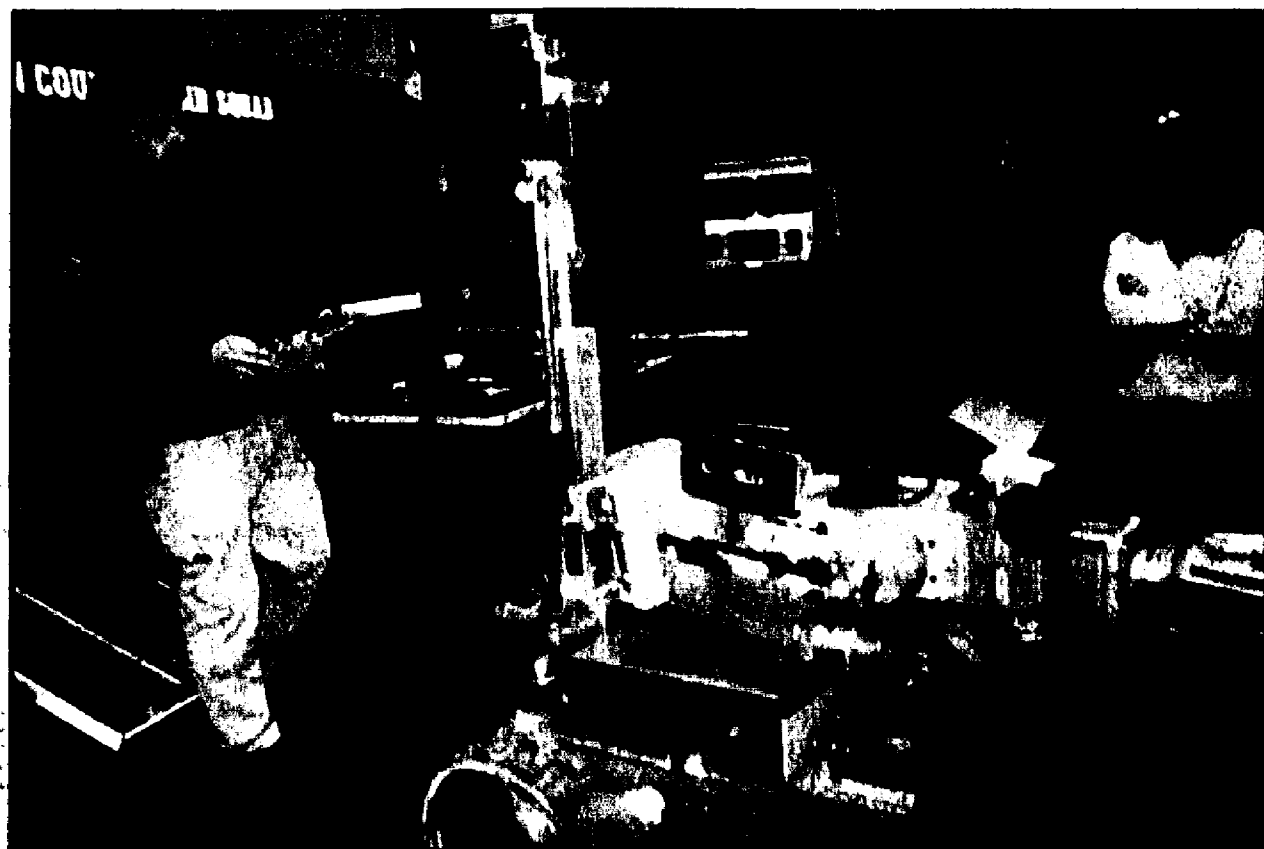
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Community Life

County mixes its message with fun, games, exhibits



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Nomahegan Park in Cranford was the venue for the Union County Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Day Saturday. At left, Detective Joseph Genna of the Union County Prosecutor's Office shows onlookers how investigators use a robot to search for illegal drugs. Above, Adam Glinesky, 5, of Clark sits inside a Drug Enforcement Administration helicopter, but he doesn't look happy about it. The exhibits and events were part of a daylong event to reinforce the drug-free message.

Briefs

Holiday items now at thrift shop

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood/Scotch Plains Thrift Shop is featuring Christmas bric-a-brac and decorations and, through Saturday, there is also be a 1/2 price sale on men's and women's winter coats.

In addition, there are still Halloween costumes available.

The Thrift Shop is located at 1730 E. Second St.

The phone number is (908) 322-5420. Store hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

JCC offering massage special

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members and non-members are encouraged to sample the massage and personal training services at the JCC, 1391 Marine Ave.

For a limited time, first-time participants can take advantage of a special offer: \$10 off one full hour of massage or personal training.

Contact Karen Rosen at (908) 889-8800 ext. 224 to schedule an appointment. Regular fee for members is \$48 per hour; non-member fee is \$58. Offer expires Dec. 31, 2002.

Library Friends planning outing

WESTFIELD — Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library are sponsoring a trip to Winterthur and Brandywine Art Museum on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

The trip includes lunch at the Chadds Ford Inn, famous for its popovers and attractive setting.

The cost is \$56, which includes lunch and a guided tour of Winterthur, the former country estate of Henry Francis duPont. The property will be decorated for the holidays.

The group will also tour the Brandywine Art Museum, where many of Andrew Wyeth's paintings are exhibited.

The bus leaves the Lord & Taylor parking lot, 609 North Ave., at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m.

Park on the Scotch Plains side at the far end.

For more information and reservations, call Marilyn Musell (908) 233-2902.

St. Paul's needs book donations

WESTFIELD — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., is seeking book donations for its annual Friends of Music Book Sale which will be from Sunday through Tuesday, Nov. 3-5, in the Parish Hall.

Especially needed are hard-back and paperback fiction, nonfiction, audio books, software, compact discs, videos, DVDs and children's books. No textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, records or Reader's Digest books can be accepted.

Drop off donations in the Parish Hall (please use the St. Paul Street entrance.) The book sale hours will be on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. and on Monday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Bag Day will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. until noon.

For more information, call (908) 232-8506, ext. 17.

Altruism talk planned Nov. 7

WESTFIELD — A religion and science discussion of the Scientific Basis of Altruism will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in Coe Fellowship of First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St.

Rev. John A. Mills, director of Wisdom's Light, will facilitate the discussion. Coe Fellowship is wheelchair accessible.

Many believe that humans are the products of Darwinian evolution "red in tooth and claw." Yet humans also show a wonderful inclination to altruism, caring for the stranger.

This session of the Wisdom's Light series will look at the religious and scientific basis of altruism. The session is a program of the Wisdom's Light ministry. More information on this ministry can be found at <http://wislit.home.att.net/>

Dean's Team raises \$6,500 for charity

FANWOOD — Friends and family of Linda and Dean Talcott of Fanwood, Dean's Team, participated in the 2002 America's Walk for Diabetes and raised about \$6,500. Mr. Talcott has been an insulin dependent diabetic for 42 years.

The event was held Sept. 22 at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. All of the money raised will go to the American Diabetes Association for research and education.

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Pasquale Rocco; a longtime bandleader

FANWOOD — Pasquale "Buddy" Rocco, 92, a musician and longtime bandleader, died Saturday at his home in North Plainfield.

He founded the Buddy Rocco Trio that backed up Louis Armstrong, Helen O'Connell, Bob & Ray Eberle on their recordings. Mr. Rocco traveled across the country with his band; his last performance was Friday night at Filippo's restaurant in Somerville.

He was a member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, American Federation of Musicians and Elks Lodge 1488 in Dunellen.

A native of New Britain, Conn., Mr. Rocco lived in

Fanwood and North Plainfield before moving to North Plainfield in 1990.

His wife, Leonia Beltrame Rocco, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Joseph; five daughters, Patricia MacDonald, Cynthia Mancini, Pamela Scardaville, Leonia Pletyck and Elysa Krom; a brother, Dr. Mario; a sister, Jenny Rinaldi; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Scotch Plains, following services at Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Robert H. Smith

WESTFIELD — Robert H. Smith, 84, died Oct. 16, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Westfield, he lived in Cranford before moving to Springfield in 1965.

Mr. Smith was an investment banker for 41 years with Faulkner, Dawkins & Sullivan. He retired in 1978 as a syndicate manager in the firm's Manhattan office.

He worked at Ray's Sport Shop in North Plainfield for 17 years after leaving investment banking. Mr. Smith was an Army Air Corps medic in World War II with the rank of staff

sergeant; he began his military career at the air base in Great Falls, Mont.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth L. Clews Smith; a son, James Munro Smith of Old Bridge; a daughter, Mary-Elizabeth Bundy of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Gray Memorial Funeral Home in Cranford. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Dolores Riera

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dolores M. Riera died Oct. 19, 2002 at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood.

She was born in Waterbury, Conn., a daughter of the late John and Mary McQuilliam Riera, and lived in Irvington before moving to Scotch Plains in 1991.

Miss Riera was associated for 50 years with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. She retired in 1996 as an

office manager in its Florham Park office.

A brother, John, is deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Enes Powell and husband Melvin of Jackson; a niece and four nephews.

Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Summit, following services at Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Obituaries

Mary H. Staump

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mary H. Staump, 82, died Oct. 15, 2002 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

Born in Jersey City, a daughter of the late James and Helen McCoy Hamilton, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to East Amwell in 1978.

Mrs. Staump was a secretary in the business department of Rider College in Lawrenceville. She earlier was a secretary with Du Pont in New Brunswick.

She was vice president of her senior class at the former Jamesburg High School.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Edward; two daughters, Susan Gaukin and husband Tom of Garitan Township and Barbara Hay of East Amwell; a son-in-law, James

Hay of Basking Ridge; a sister, Lorraine Dillon of Swampscott, Mass.; a granddaughter, Bridget P. Hay of East Amwell; and two grandsons, Ryan Hamilton of Hoboken and Thomas Gaukin of Canoga Park, Calif.

Mass was offered Friday at St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, Hopewell, of which Mrs. Staump was a parishioner. Burial was in Holy Cross Burial Park, South Brunswick.

Arrangements were by Cromwell Memorial Home in Hopewell.

Donations may be sent to St. Alphonsus Building Fund, 54 E. Prospect St., Hopewell, NJ 08525 or Hunterdon Medical Center, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Gladys Bartleson

FANWOOD — Gladys S. Bartleson, 90, died Oct. 18, 2002 at the James G. Johnston Memorial Nursing Home in Johnson City, N.Y.

A native of Schuylkill Haven, Pa., she lived in Fanwood before moving to Johnson City in 1993.

Mrs. Bartleson was an English and Latin teacher in Terre Hill, Pa., for three years before becoming a homemaker. She received a degree in English literature from Hood College in Frederick, Md.

She was musically inclined. Her husband, Nathan B. Jr.,

is deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Dorothy "Dabbie" Erikson and husband Harry of Greene, N.Y.; Jeanne of North Augusta, S.C.; and Carol of Fanwood; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by Root Funeral Home in Greene. Memorial donations may be sent to Fanwood Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 69, Fanwood, NJ 07023 or the charity of your choice.

Margaret Breed

SCOTCH PLAINS — Margaret S. "Sue" Bliss Breed, 57, died Oct. 16, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Breed was born in New Jersey. She lived in Colonia, Long Island, N.Y., Scotch Plains and Dunellen before moving to South Plainfield in 1987.

She became a private duty oncology nurse after receiving her licensed practical nursing certificate from the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School in 1983. An animal rights supporter, Mrs. Breed especially loved cats and dogs.

A brother, Arthur Bliss, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Henry; a daughter, Kimberly Schuhmann, and a son, Kenneth Schuhmann, both of Riverhead, N.Y.; a brother, Allen Bliss of Greenville, Tenn.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at McCriskin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Popcorn Park Zoo, P.O. Box 43, Humane Way, Forked River, NJ 08731.

Emily Ann Clark

SCOTCH PLAINS — Emily Ann Clark, 11, died Oct. 20, 2002 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

She was born in Newark and lived in Plainfield for most of her life.

Emily Ann was a Grade 5 student at St. Bartholomew Interparochial School. She was active with Girl Scout Troop 405 in Scotch Plains.

Her mother, Patricia Ann, died Sept. 11, 2002.

Surviving are her father,

Richard H.; a sister, Alison M.; her grandfather, Hobart; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held Wednesday 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 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of New Jersey, 117 Kinderkamack Road, Suite 104, River Edge, NJ 07661.

Mary Sitar Traylor

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mary O. Sitar Traylor, 83, died Oct. 16, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Carteret, Mrs. Traylor lived in Jersey City and Newark before moving to Westfield in 1955. She had resided in Scotch Plains since 1993.

She was a waitress at Taffett's Luncheonette, the Frontier Diner and Larry's Deli, all in Scotch Plains. She retired from the waitress staff of the Scotchwood Diner in Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Traylor was a member of the Hungarian Club in Clark and a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Deceased are her husband, Ambus "Red"; a sister, Irene

Osipovitch; two brothers, Joseph Sitar and Frank Sitar; and a granddaughter, Theresa Ann.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia M. Yarussi of Scotch Plains; two sons, Douglas P. of Ortley Beach and Richard A. of Oakhurst; six brothers, Walter Sitar, William Sitar, Steven Sitar, Stanley Sitar, Edward Sitar and Charles Sitar; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be sent to Dominican Nuns Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, 543 Springfield Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

Frank A. Tobias

SCOTCH PLAINS — Frank A. Tobias, 89, died Oct. 15, 2002 at the New Jersey Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, Lyons Campus.

Mr. Tobias was born in Monongahela City, Pa. He lived in Manville, Plainfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Lyons in 2001.

He was a plumber with Gibus Brothers in Manville prior to his retirement. Mr. Tobias was a member of Thomas J. Kavanaugh Post 2290, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Manville, and the Disabled American Veterans.

A World War II soldier, Mr. Tobias was a private first class with Company C of the 306th Infantry. He saw combat in the Mariana Islands, the

Philippines and the Ryukyu Islands. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon, three Bronze Stars, a Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, and a Purple Heart.

His wife, Katherine, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Frank A. Jr. of Manville; two stepsons, Thomas Schenck of Manville and Richard I. Schenck of Hernando, Fla.; six step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services with full military honors were held Friday at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Hillsborough.

Arrangements were by Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home in Manville.

Elizabeth Vessels

WESTFIELD — Elizabeth Vessels, 91, died Oct. 17, 2002 at Rahway Hospital.

She was born in King and Queen County, Va., and had lived in Westfield since 1932.

Mrs. Vessels headed the Kitchen Committee at the Bethel Baptist Church, where she also was a member of the Pastor's Aid committee.

Deceased are her husband, Edward; her parents, Squire and Gertrude Robinson; a son, Robert Robinson; four sisters, Ellen, Pearl, Ruth and Queen; and a niece, Shirley Muse.

Surviving are a grandson, Jeffrey Moore of North Carolina; six nieces, Lillian

Muse of Plainfield, Edith Davis of New Brunswick, Corrina Corbin of Warsaw, Va., Gladys Monroe of Phoenix, Estella Smith of West Point, Va., and Bernadette Butler of King and Queen County; and five nephews, Philip Muse of Newark, Arthur Holmes of King and Queen County, Squire Muse of Reston, Va., Shelton Holmes of Mechanicsville, Va., and Sinclair Muse of Richmond, Va.

Services were held Tuesday at Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin Clark, the pastor, officiating.

Arrangements were by Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

Sabatino Bruno

WESTFIELD — Sabatino "Sam" Bruno, 80, died Oct. 20, 2002 at Rumlens Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

A native of Italy, he settled in Westfield when he came to the United States in 1928.

Mr. Bruno retired in 1988 after 15 years with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education. He earlier was a mason in Westfield for more than 30 years. He was a long-time member of Bricklayers and Masons Local 34 in Westfield.

He bowled in the Plainesmen's League at the former Echo Lanes in

Mountainside and the former Blue Star Lanes in Watchung. Mr. Bruno was a technician with the Army Corps of Engineers in England and France during World War II, attaining the rank of corporal.

His wife, Angelina, died in 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Laura Appezato of Fanwood; a son, Thomas, and a brother, Joseph, both of Scotch Plains; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered yesterday at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, following services at Dooley Colonial Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

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BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Free Big Band concert at church

WESTFIELD — The 18-member Experience Big Band, under the direction of band leader Anthony Cilli, will present its second encore performance, "Tantilizing Jazz and Swing Tunes," at the First United Methodist Church, One East Broad St., in Westfield, at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

This free concert series is dedicated to bringing quality musical entertainment to suit many tastes. Donations will be accepted to help offset concert costs. The goal of the concert presentations is to reach out on a community level and provide many evenings per year when local and central New Jersey audiences can enjoy affordable and informal evenings out. The atmosphere is relaxed and entire families are invited. No tickets are required.

There is plenty of free parking in the church lot located on Ferris Place, off Prospect St. in Westfield. For concert information, call the church office daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Faculty exhibit at county college

BRANCHBURG — The Visual and Performing Arts Department of Raritan Valley Community College holds its annual art faculty exhibition Nov. 1-21.

This year 26 instructors will showcase their paintings, ceramics, photographs, sculpture, graphic designs, drawings and videos. Among the instructors are Lynn Barnes of Somerville, video; Virginia Bruner of Bridgewater, digital art; Robert Feder of Warren, ceramics; Andrea Freiwald of Highland Park, ceramics; and Keary Rosen of Highland Park, sculpture.

The exhibition is in the gallery on the college's North Branch campus and opens with an artists' talk 5-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1. A reception follows 6-8 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

Gallery hours are 3-8 p.m. Monday, noon-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1-8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, phone (908) 218-8876.

Jazz, crafts in Morristown

MORRISTOWN — The 26th annual Morristown CraftMarket and JazzFest, planned for Oct. 25 through Oct. 27, at the National Guard Armory in Morristown, will combine America's finest crafts with America's homegrown music.

Exhibitors at the juried Morristown CraftMarket and JazzFest, drawn from 25 states, will showcase their museum-quality, handcrafted pieces, ranging from jewelry and woven clothing to blown-glass vases, leather bags, handmade paper, ceramic vessels, hand-painted silk scarves, and wooden furniture, plus photography and graphics.

Exceptional jazz artists will perform at the show all three days.

The Morristown CraftMarket and JazzFest will be open Oct. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the National Guard Armory, Western Avenue.

Adult admission is \$8; children under 12, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free of charge, and there is a \$1 senior citizen discount. Ample free parking is available and the armory is barrier-free for the disabled.

For more information, call (973) 895-3356 or visit the CraftMarket's web site, www.morristowncraftmarket.com.



Guitarist Anton Del Forno and flautist Melanie Wesley will present a free concert in Bedminster.

Guitarist, flautist coming to library

BEDMINSTER — Anton Del Forno is a guitarist who has played with symphony orchestras and the Metropolitan Opera.

His resume includes principal guitarist for "Mahagonny" at the Met; guitar soloist for "Viva Vivaldi" with the Joffrey Ballet; lead guitar in a Broadway revival of "Man of La Mancha"; solo spots with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

The Mannes College of Music alumnus also has written original works for classical guitar, some of which are in an album scheduled for release in November.

Del Forno will play some of his guitar pieces 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 at the Clarence Dillon Public Library in Bedminster. Melanie Wesley, flute, provides accompaniment for Del Forno in his works and those of three other composers.

Wesley holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Immaculata College and a master's degree from Rutgers University. A flute teacher, she has been the featured flutist in the Immaculata College Community Orchestra.

Admission is free. Reservations are recommended; phone (908) 234-2325, Ext. 2.

The Nov. 3 concert is part of the Richard Schweizer Music Series "Bringing the Great Concert Hall Music to the People." The Clarence Dillon Library is on Lamington Road (Route 523) just west of the stop light with Route 206, about 1 mile north of Interstate 287.

The Boilermaker band to jazz up Friday night

WATCHUNG — The Boilermaker Jazz Band from Pittsburgh will be making its fifth appearance Friday at the Watchung Arts Center, a successful run by any measure. But this time the hard-edged sound will be eased a bit through changes in instrumentation dictated by the needs of a fan's wedding the next day, resulting in a mellower feeling to the music.

But they will still be the Boilermakers, a band that has won loyal fans in this area and across the country based upon many festival appearances and concerts for major jazz societies.

Admission is \$12 for two sets, with intermission snacks included in the price. Music starts at 8 p.m.

The band will still prominently feature the soaring Albert System clarinet of leader Paul Cosentino, but he's adding some alto saxophone for certain numbers. Dan Davison will play mostly guitar instead of banjo, softening the tone a bit, and Ernest McCarty will employ a stirring bass instead of a tuba, adding to the effect. The rhythm section is filled out with Richard Strong on drums and Mark Kotishon playing piano.

Perhaps the most visible change in the band is the addition of vocalist Jennie Luvv. She will be singing a mix of standards

and rarities, many made famous by early influences such as Bessie Smith, or Swing Era personalities such as Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald.

The band is in demand at prestigious jazz festivals throughout the nation, and abroad: New Orleans, Sacramento, Fresno, Buffalo, Arizona, Las Vegas, Edinburgh, Toronto, Vancouver, Germany and Switzerland, to name a few. They have played with the Pittsburgh Symphony (with Marvin Hamlisch) and for jazz societies on both coasts.

Leader Cosentino plays an authentic early Albert System clarinet, reminding many of George Lewis. In the intimacy of the Arts Center's gallery, amplification is needed only for the vocals.

Given the limited capacity and the uniqueness of this event, reservations are suggested. They may be made by phone, calling (908) 753-0190 and leaving a message outside the 1 to 4 p.m. office hours. Tickets will be held for pickup and payment at the door.

The non-profit Watchung Arts Center is on the Watchung Circle, easily reached from throughout the region via Route 22 (Plainfield overpass) or Interstate 78 (exit 40). Parking is free at adjacent municipal lots.

Plainfield Symphony begins another season

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

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

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

The 2002-03 season begins Oct. 26 with Mozart's exquisite Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Orchestra. It will feature Concertmaster Evelyn Estava and violist Michael Avagliano, both beginning their second season with the PSO.

Also on the program are Schubert's Second Symphony and the La Scala Di Setta Overture of Rossini.

The classics continue Nov. 23 with three favorites: the Grieg Piano Concerto No. 1,

Mussorgsky's beloved Night on Bald Mountain and the familiar Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture by Tchaikovsky. At the piano will be past Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey winner Han Shien, in a Plainfield Symphony debut performance. This brilliant young artist follows in the tradition of audience favorite Esther Park who bowed with the Symphony last season.

The new year begins with a recital by the Plainfield Symphony's Artist-in-Residence, pianist Christopher Johnson on Jan. 12. The popular Free Family Concert returns on Feb. 16 with more talent from the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey winners and a special program for young listeners.

Spring brings the annual Big Band Concert on March 8; last year's performance was SRO. And the season finishes with Beethoven's mighty Emperor Concerto on April 12 at Christopher Johnson returns to the piano. Brahms's First Symphony rounds out the evening.

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

Season subscriptions are now available. Call (908) 561-5140 or email psonj@aol.com for a brochure.

'Sweet Charity' begins run at Villagers Theatre

FRANKLIN — "Sweet Charity" made Gwen Verdon a star when it opened in 1966.

The Broadway/movie musical by Neil Simon opens the 2002-03 season of the Villagers Theatre in Somerset next month. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1-23.

"Sweet Charity" is adapted from "Nights of Cabiria," an Italian movie by the late Federico Fellini that itself was re-released in New York several years ago.

Charity Hope Valentine (Karen Pierson) wears her heart on her sleeve and — as is fashionable these days — has it tattooed to her arm. She is dumped by the married man on whom she pinned all her hopes and dreams. She vows not to be taken advantage of by a man but finds herself too trusting.

Soon she gets entangled with Vittorio Vidal (Nate Mello), an Italian movie star. Unfortunately, a near-encounter with his volatile mistress Ursula (Sugen Colindres) sends Charity scurrying off, leaving the heroine jilted and alone once more.



Karen Pierson is Sweet Charity.

As fate would have it, Charity winds up the next night trapped in an elevator with Oscar the tax accountant (Mello). He happens to be claustrophobic and sweeps her off her feet. After they are res-

cued out of the elevator Oscar takes Charity to his church, which apparently is a spinoff of a jazz combo led by Daddy Johann Sebastian Brubeck (Bobby Selig of Westfield). Charity and Oscar start dating each other.

It soon becomes clear that this pairing is different from the rest and Oscar actually wants to marry Charity. Will he feel the same way when he finds out she is a hostess at the Fan-Dango dance hall?

"Sweet Charity" is directed by Christopher Patterson, who also handles choreography. The show is produced by Marie Fiorello of Edison with music under the direction of Tony DiDia. Dancers include Denise C.G. Fernandez as Nickie, John Graf Jr. of Bedminster as Herman and Rochelle Patterson as Helene.

Admission is \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students. For reservations and directions, visit www.villagerstheatre.com or phone (732) 873-2710.

The Villagers Theatre is located in the Franklin Township Municipal Complex off Amwell Road.



'Inspecting Carol' at Somerset Valley Players

The Somerset Valley Players, Amwell Road in Neshanic (Hillsborough) will be presenting the comedy "Inspecting Carol" on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Oct. 25 through Nov. 10. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$11 and \$13. Reservations requested by calling (908) 369-7469.

Another New Year's Eve gala is planned in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Last New Year's Eve, the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre, Inc. (WYACT) and the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) broke new ground by joining forces to present "Richard Rodgers — A Centennial Celebration Of His Music."

This coming New Year's Eve, the WSO and WYACT will reunite at the Presbyterian

Church to present a holiday treat for the whole family — "Puttin' On The Ritz — The Music Of Irving Berlin, America's Songwriter."

"Puttin' On The Ritz" will feature the best of Berlin, a potpourri of his songs and music as played by the WSO under the baton of Maestro David Wroe, and sung and danced by the talented artists of WYACT under

the direction of Cynthia Meryl.

Songs include "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," "Cheek To Cheek," "Always," "You're Just In Love," "Anything You Can Do," "A Couple Of Swells," the title song and "God Bless America." Reminiscent of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Judy Garland, Ethel Merman, Bing Crosby, and Rosemary Clooney, audiences will once

again enjoy musical classics from such movies as "Top Hat," "Easter Parade," "Holiday Inn," "White Christmas," and shows such as "Annie Get Your Gun" and "Call Me Madam."

"Puttin' On The Ritz" will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave. Tickets (\$25 for adults, \$12 for students) are available at these

Westfield locations: Westfield Symphony Orchestra Office, 224 East Broad Street; The Westfield Leader, 50 Elm Street; The Towne Book Store, 255 East Broad Street; and Lancaster's, 76 Elm Street. Proceeds will benefit WYACT's free summer program and WSO's educational programs. For more information, call WYACT at (908) 233-3200 or the WSO at (908) 232-9400.

Theater

NOW PLAYING

BROOK ARTS CENTER

10 Hamilton St.
Bound Brook
(732) 469-7700;
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• "An Evening of Broadway Horror Musicals," 8 p.m. Oct. 24-26. Adults \$20; seniors, students \$17.

CROSSROADS THEATRE COMPANY

7 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(732) 545-8100
• "An Evening of Comedy with Moms Mabley," tribute show. To Nov. 3. Admission \$45-\$32; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

MURPHY-DUNN THEATRE

Kean University
1000 Morris Ave., Union
(908) 737-SHOW
• "A Doll's House," drama by Henrik Ibsen. 8 p.m. Oct. 24-26. Adults \$15; seniors \$12; students \$10.

PEAPACK PLAYERS

Peapack Reformed Church
Route 512, Gladstone
(908) 234-2979
• "Caught in the Villain's Web," comedy with 19th century music. 8 p.m. Oct. 24-26. Admission \$25 opening night, \$15 other shows.

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYHOUSE

Route 514, Hillsborough
(908) 369-SHOW;
www.svptheatre.org
• "Inspecting Carol," comedy by Daniel Sullivan. 8 p.m. Oct. 25, 26, Nov. 1, 2, 8, 9; 3 p.m. Oct. 27, Nov. 3. Admission \$13, \$11.

UNION COUNTY

ARTS CENTER

1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226;
www.uccac.org
• "Late Nite Catechism," present-day "Nunsense"-style comedy. 3 and 8 p.m. Oct. 26. Admission \$32-\$22.

VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
(732) 873-2710
• "Defying Gravity," biography/drama on teacher/astrophysicist Christa McAuliffe. 8 p.m. Oct. 25, 26. Admission \$12.

COMING UP

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(732) 246-7717;
www.georgestplayhouse.org
• "Dirty Blonde," docu-comedy about Mae West. Oct. 29-Nov. 24. Admission \$50-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

THE NEW THEATRE

Rutgers University
George St., New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;
mgsa.rutgers.edu
• "Tartuffe," Moliere comic-tragedy in English translation by Richard Wilbur. 8 p.m. Nov. 1, 2, 6-9, 13-16; 2 p.m. Nov. 3, 10. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$17; students \$9.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Brookside Dr., Millburn
(973) 376-4343;
www.papermill.org
• "Annie," revival of Broadway movie musical. Oct. 30-Dec. 8. Admission \$67-\$30; discounts available. Call for show schedule.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER

1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226;
www.uccac.org
• "Same Time, Next Year," revival of 70's Broadway/movie romance. 8 p.m. Nov. 1. Admission \$32-\$20.
• "Dracula, or How's Your Blood Count?" 8 p.m. Nov. 2. Admission \$25-\$15.

Sky Shows

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 231-8805;
www.raritanval.edu/planetarium

• "Autumn Skies," 2 and 7 p.m. Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$4.50.
• "Fright Light," 3 and 8 p.m. Oct. 26. Admission \$5.
• "Laser Lite," 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$5.
• "Beatles/Sgt. Pepper" (laser show), 9 p.m. Nov. 2. Admission \$5.

Concerts

AZTEC TWO-STEP
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;
www.watchungarts.org
• New England-based band marking its 30th anniversary this year. Admission \$20.

THE BOILERMAKERS

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;
www.watchungarts.org
• Dixieland-style septet from Pennsylvania. Admission \$12.

JIM BRICKMAN

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatre.nj.org
• CD 101.9-type pianist. Admission \$38-\$20.

CAPITOL STEPS

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.

ANTON DEL FORNO

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3
Clarence Dillon Public Library
Route 523, Bedminster
(908) 234-2325;
www.clarencedillonpl.org
• Guitarist performs his works and those of three other composers with Melanie Wesley, flute. Free admission; reservations recommended.

IN THE MOOD

7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420;
www.raritanval.edu/theatre
• Re-creation of a World War II-era big band show. Admission \$28, \$23.

KIRKPATRICK CHOIR

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers

University, New Brunswick

(732) 932-7511;
mgsa.rutgers.edu
• Singing works of Elnojuhani Rautavaara, Claude Debussy, Angelus Domini and Durufle. Adults \$15; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$13; students \$10.

LA BOHEME

8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatre.nj.org
• Verdi opera, sung in Italian (with English supertitles) by the Western Opera Theatre. Admission \$45-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

MAD AGNES/ JONATHAN POINTER

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;
www.watchungarts.org
• Two-woman folk music act (former); singer-songwriter (latter). Admission \$12.

WALT MICHAEL

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25
Somerset County Library
Vogt Dr., Bridgewater
(908) 526-4016;
www.somerset.lib.nj.us
• Master of the hammered dulcimer performs as part of a trio. Free admission.

GEORGE MOSER

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27
St. John's Lutheran Church
587 Springfield Ave., Summit
(908) 918-2505
• Organist performs works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Francois Couperin and other composers. Donation.

NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3
Crescent Avenue
Presbyterian Church
716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield
(908) 771-5544;
www.njys.org
• Performing works of Haydn, Dvorak and other composers. Adults \$5; children free.

NEWMAN & OLTMAN

8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1
Bridgewater
(908) 226-7300;
www.ponj.org
• Michael Newman and Laura Oltman, guitarists. Adults \$50; students (10-18) \$25.

ONE

8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24
Wilkins Theatre
Kean University, Union
(908) 737-SHOW
• Odniako New England, Japanese-style performance troupe. Adults \$15; seniors \$12; students \$10.

OPERA SCENES

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;
mgsa.rutgers.edu
• Performed by Rutgers-based singers. Adults \$15; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$13; students \$10.

ORQUESTRA de SAO PAULO

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2

State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatre.nj.org
• Brazilian symphony performs works of Edino Krieger, Camargo Guarnieri and others with Sergio & Odair Assad, guitar. Admission \$50-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1
Nicholas Music Center
George St., New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;
mgsa.rutgers.edu
• Piano Concerto No. 1 by Stanley Cowell (solo); Symphony No. 3 by Aaron Copland; the overture to "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein. Adults \$18; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$16; students \$10.

TOSCA

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
Westfield High School
550 Dorian Rd., Westfield
(908) 317-5412
• Puccini opera, sung in Italian by the Little Opera Company of New Jersey. Adults \$25; seniors, college students \$20; teens free.

WYNONNA

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;
www.statetheatre.nj.org
• 80's country singer and the sister of movie star Ashley Judd. Admission \$55-\$25.

Events

COUNTRY FOLK ART CRAFT SHOW

New Jersey Convention Center
Raritan Center, Edison
(732) 417-1400;
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2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27
Wilkins Theatre
Kean University, Union
(908) 737-SHOW
• The Mark Twain story as retold by the New Jersey Ballet. Admission \$9.

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• "Connections" from the Unique Vision Photography Workshop, to Oct. 31.

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Reception 1-4 p.m. Nov. 10.

Comedy about Dracula is coming to Rahway

RAHWAY—The New Vic Theatre and SAIL Productions, Inc. presents "Dracula, or How's Your Blood Count?," a British-inspired comedy, at Union County Arts Center on Nov. 2, at 8 p.m.

The New Vic Theatre of London has revitalized Dracula with all the elements of the classic with comedic ingenuity thrown in. Micky O'Donoghue, Irish born into a theatrical family, leads the cast. O'Donoghue and Alan Cohen co-founded a style of theatre that brought the classic and lunacy together. Prior to this, O'Donoghue was part of the ongoing tradition of The Old Vic Theatre, which also boasted the likes of Laurence Olivier, Alec Guinness, John Gielgud, Maggie Smith, Clair Bloom and countless others.

Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$15. Group discounts are also available. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express or in person at Ticket Central at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

For more information, call the Union County Arts Center at (732) 499-8226 or visit online at uccac.org to download an order form.

The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts and is located in the recently restored Rahway Theater, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway, the Arts Center is handicapped accessible.

Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Union County Board of Chosen 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 Arts/Department of State.

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County grants give area libraries funds for upgrades

By GREG MARX
and KEVIN B. HOWELL
STAFF WRITERS

Local libraries got a boost last week, when Union County Freeholder Alex Mirabella distributed 18 grants totaling more than \$50,000 for technology upgrades.

"This funding helps support our libraries as they continue to serve all county residents and is specifically targeted to increase utilization and upgrading of Internet based technology," Mirabella said.

In Cranford, the library will use its \$2,487 grant to replace three existing catalog search terminals with PCs, said director John Malar. In addition to offering users a multi-color display, the PCs can potentially be used to provide Internet access, which the current terminals cannot, Malar said.

Kenilworth director Dale Spindel said she will use the \$4,800 grant to purchase a "smart board" with a computer and projector.

The board, a sort of cross between a white board and a computer monitor, will allow library employees to lead computer education classes. The library building is too small to allow for a separate computer lab, Spindel said, but because the board is interactive and can be seen by groups of people, it can be used to teach students about new databases or to familiarize senior citizens with

email and the Internet.

Garwood, which is preparing to move into a new space at the to-be-constructed addition to Lincoln/Franklin School, will not receive grant money.

In Fanwood the \$2,000 grant will be used to purchase a new printer, according to Dan Weiss, library director. "We're going to put a color laser printer in on the public network, so the public can have high quality color printing," he said. The library currently has

an inkjet color printer.

Westfield will receive \$2,500 and use it to replace older public computers. "It's a continual struggle to keep up with technology," said Barbara Thiele, library director.

Thiele said they will purchase two new computers, supplementing the two purchased with last year's grant. She would like to get

them in as soon as possible, hoping they'll be in by the end of the year.

Scotch Plains also received the grant last year and used it to purchase more Internet work stations. Library employees said they have bigger plans for this year's grant.

The checks were presented Wednesday night at Cranford Public Library.

PTA forum focuses on middle school transition

SCOTCH PLAINS —The Move to Middle School: Following the Transition, an Education Forum on the elementary student's transition to middle school will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Hosted by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council, the program will be held in the media center at Park Middle School, Park Avenue.

With both fifth- and sixth-

graders starting at the middle schools this September, the transition from elementary to middle school was a major focus of school administrators in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District last year. In an effort to continue the dialogue between parents, school administrators, and faculty, the PTA Council is sponsoring this forum so that school representatives and parents may

share their thoughts on the progress of the transition.

The panel presentation will focus on the academic and social changes that fifth- and sixth-graders experience their first year in middle school. Questions and comments will be welcome during the presentation.

Panel participants will include Superintendent of Schools Dr.

Carol B. Choye, as well as middle school administrators, guidance counselors, and teachers.

While this program is primarily geared to parents of children in grades 4 to 6, all are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Heidi Sweeney, vice-president of the PTA Council, at (908) 322-6772.

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Children's Foundation to host black tie gala Nov. 7

Join the stars on Thursday, Nov. 7, for Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation's 15th annual Umbrella Gala Ball. The black tie charitable event will be held at Schering-Plough Corp.'s world headquarters in Kenilworth and will feature celebrity look-a-likes and a premiere of the foundation's new video, "A Place for Help, A Place of Hope."

Proceeds will go toward expand-

ing hospital services to areas that do not currently benefit from its comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation programs.

The event will also honor Engelhard Corp., based in Iselin, whose support of the hospital has included important financial contributions, volunteer leadership and employee involvement in hospital programs.

"It is an honor to be involved at

the hospital and to help in its mission of serving children in need," said gala chairwoman Sueanne Korn. The Scotch Plains resident leads this year's planning committee, which includes co-chair Genma Lyons, of Mountainside; Westfield residents Charlotte Clevenger, Kara Korn, Barbara Rothman, and Anita Siegel;

Francine Leddy of Cranford; Pat Maueri of Warren; and ex-officio Dr. Alexander Giaquinto, Ph.D., chairman of the foundation Board of Trustees.

The evening will include a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction of luxury items donated by area businesses. Raffle winners need not be present. For information and gala or raffle

tickets, contact Theresa Leinker at Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, (908) 301-5463.

Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. Children's treats infants, children, and young adults from birth to 21

years of age, through a network of services including outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long-term care at sites throughout New Jersey. Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation is the only organization of its kind where every contribution has a direct impact on the future of special-needs children.

Trick or Treaters welcome downtown Saturday

WESTFIELD — It's that time of year again to dress up in costume and come downtown to Trick or Treat. Businesses will be awaiting your visit from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

There will also be a costume contest, which is open to children in the fifth grade or below, on Quimby Street at 4 p.m.

This year, 18 businesses will sponsor a category and donate a prize for the winner in their category. In addition, all winners will

receive a medal and, while supplies last, all participants will receive a gift, courtesy of the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

The categories and sponsoring businesses for this year's costume contest are: Most Chilling, La Crema Gelato & Caffè; Most Traditional, Lancaster Ltd.; Most Creative Nostalgic, Mary Lou's Memorabilia; Cutest Baby, Mother and Baby Co.; Most Distinctive, The Gift Monkey; The Sportiest, The Leader Store; Most

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HALLOWEN PARTY — for all girls and boys. Parker Greenhouses, 1325 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

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

SCHOOL PLAY — "Barefoot in the Park," Neil Simon musical. Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m. Oct. 25, 26. Adults

\$7; students, seniors \$5. Tickets: (908) 889-1600.

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.

SUNDAY

OCT. 27

MEN'S DAY — annual event of St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. (908) 232-6972.

NEW JERSEY DEVIL — "tall tales" with Vera Lough. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5

p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

MONDAY

OCT. 28

READERS FORUM — Gertrude Wood (Westfield) on her novel "Sincerely Yours." Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 7 p.m. (908) 709-7272.

FALL REVIVAL — with Rev. Charles Walker. St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28-30. (908) 232-6972.

TUESDAY

OCT. 29

RECEPTION — for Union County Arts Grant recipients. Schering-Plough Corp., 2000 Galloping Hill Rd., Kenilworth, 6 p.m. Registration: scoen@union-countynj.org or (908) 558-2550.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT — dinner for Newcomers Club of Westfield. Novita Ristorante, 425 S. Elmer St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

WINE & CHEESE — social for women interested in Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club, 8 p.m. (908) 233-2257.

SATURDAY

NOV. 2

BOOK SIGNING — "Vengeance Beyond Reason" by Joani Ascher. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

SUNDAY

NOV. 3

JEW & GENTILE — "The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Life" for mixed-religion couples. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11:15 a.m. Nov. 3,

Dec. 15. (908) 232-6770.

"MAKING SENSE — of Your Drawing" with Carl Burger. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Free. (908) 687-2945.

LENAPE LORE — with Sherry Lange and Janet Murphy. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

BENEFIT CONCERT — Concert Band from New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (Westfield). Burnet Middle School, Caldwell Ave., Union, 3 p.m. \$5. (908) 851-6500.

GUEST LECTURER — Susan Doubilet on the U.S. Holocaust Museum. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Free. (908) 232-6770.

COMING UP

OPEN HOUSE — for Grades 7-8 pupils interested in Union Catholic High School, 1600

Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 6:45 p.m. Nov. 6. (908) 889-1600 or www.unioncatholic.org.

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.

SUPPORT GROUP — for caregivers of Alzheimer's disease patients. Sunrise at Westfield, 240 Springfield Ave., Westfield, 7 p.m. Nov. 18. (800) 833-1180.

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.

MAYOR'S CHARITY — Gala, honoring volunteers of the year for Scotch Plains. Pantagis Renaissance, Route 22, Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Dec. 6. \$50. Tickets: (908) 322-6700, Ext. 221.

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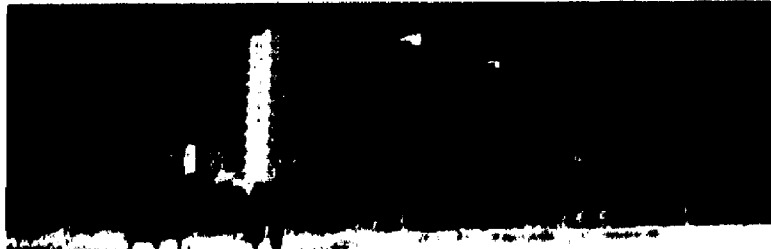


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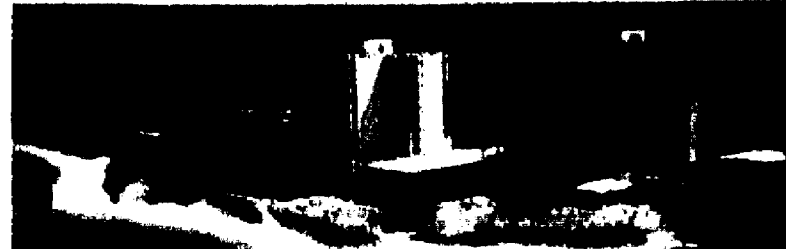
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Sports

Morristown poses Blue Devils' toughest test

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — You always want to keep the positive momentum rolling, but having an extra week to prepare for a team like Morristown isn't bad either.

After winning two in a row to improve to 4-1 the Westfield High football team had a week to rest, heal up, clean up some of the mistakes its been making and get ready for its biggest test of the season.

The Blue Devils host the Colonials 1 p.m. tomorrow. Westfield ranked third in North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 in this

week's power point rankings with 39 points. Morristown is fifth with 37.

"We did a lot of special teams work, fundamental stuff," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "We tried to clean up some things. Guys got healthy."

"We had a two good wins and you always want to keep the momentum going. But we were able to work on a few things and clean up some things."

The Blue Devils will need to play their best game of the season if they are going to knock off the Colonials for the second straight year. Westfield defeated Morristown 7-0 in the first round

of last year's playoff — a loss the Colonials haven't forgotten and are eager to avenge.

Morristown was once ranked among the top-10 in the state but slipped after an upset loss in the mud two weeks ago and possess all kinds of weapons on offense. Gary Thomas and Gerran Vance lead a deep backfield and Mike Saint Germain anchors the offensive line.

"They have six backs that are awesome," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "They're able

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to rotate them and have fresh backs in the game at all times. They can explode."

Westfield will hope to counter Morristown's explosiveness on offense with a tough defense which has allowed just 8.4 points per game and that has had two weeks to prepare for the Colonial's multiple-option attack. The defense needs to be disciplined and the linebackers need to come up big to slow down and contain Morristown's game-breaking offense.

"We can't run around," said Tranchina. "We have to read our keys, be fundamental, and get everyone going to the ball without overrunning the ball."

The best way to keep Morristown's offense from running up and down the field is to keep it pacing along the sideline. Westfield will again turn to last year's winning formula, controlling the ball and clock, moving the chains and eliminating turnovers.

"We need to keep the ball on offense," said Tranchina. "We need to keep making first downs, keep the ball away from their offense and we can't give up the big plays."

Westfield will also need to weather an early storm as a slightly-ticked off Morristown team eager to avenge last year's loss will come out revved up and ready to go. But Tranchina cautioned that weathering any early storm won't necessarily leave the Blue Devils in a favorable position.

"They can storm at any time with that offense," said Tranchina. "It's a long game and you have to be ready to play the full 48 minutes."

Brian Butts will remain at halfback with Tyshon Blackman out for the season with a fractured leg.



Westfield's Matt McManus battles for the ball in the Blue Devils 3-0 win over Roselle Park in the first round of the Union County Tournament Saturday. Westfield takes on Brearley 10 a.m. Sunday in the quarterfinals at Kean University.

Devils, Raiders advance in Union County tourney

All four Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High soccer teams advanced in the first round of the Union County Tournament Saturday.

Scotch Plains' boys and girls squad each escaped with one goal wins, with the girls team needing a sudden death penalty kick shootout goal by Michelle Fischer to dispatch Kent Place. After falling behind 1-0 the Raiders' boys team rallied back behind two goals by Sean McNelis to end Plainfield's hopes of pulling off the monumental upset.

Westfield's two teams cruised to easy victories, with the top-seeded girls squad rolling past Rahway 5-0 and the Blue Devils boys team earning a 3-0 win over Roselle Park.

The action now shifts to neutral sites this weekend. The girls games will be held at Roselle Park High School with Westfield taking on eighth-seeded Linden at 3 p.m. and Scotch Plains squaring off with cross-town rival Union Catholic, seeded third, at 5 p.m. All of the top-eight seeds advanced into the quarterfinal round.

"The kids played good, we just didn't finish and (Kent Place) had a good defense," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Kevin Ewing. "We out shot them (22-7) we just couldn't put the ball in the net. Sometimes that happens."

"(Against Union Catholic) we have to continue to do what we've been doing — hustle, play our type of game, keep the ball on the

ground and play to people's feet. We have to hustle and give 110 percent. Hopefully that will work. Union Catholic is pretty good."

The boys action shifts to the artificial turf of Kean University where Scotch Plains takes on ninth-seeded Governor Livingston and Westfield battles a dangerous Brearley squad, seeded seventh, at 12 p.m. Fifth-seeded Elizabeth and fourth-seeded Union Catholic were the only top-eight seeds to fall in the first round.

Brearley presents a challenging quarterfinal round matchup for the Devils. The Bears (10-1-2) are strong up the middle of the

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McGuire, Kopnicki key to Raiders' county title hopes

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The championship portion of the cross country season began yesterday with the Watchung Conference Championships with the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High squads ready to chase down championship gold.

The Union County Championships are slated for Wednesday with both the Blue Devils' girls squad and the Raiders' boys squads figuring prominently in the championship hunt. Westfield has won 11 straight county titles, while Scotch Plains has finished second behind Cranford four of the last five years.

The Blue Devils don't plan on relinquishing their stranglehold on the county any time soon, despite Oak Knoll posing the strongest challenge Westfield has faced in years. Cranford, Scotch Plains and Governor Livingston could also figure into the mix. The finish between Westfield and Oak Knoll should be tight, but the Devils always seem to find a way to put in their best performances this time of year.

On the boys side Scotch Plains and Cranford have been butting heads time and time again the past five years, competing for conference, county and sectional titles each season. The Cougars have gotten the better of Scotch Plains, a trend the Raiders

looked to snap yesterday and will be determined to end Wednesday.

The Cougars have gotten the better of Scotch Plains mainly because of depth. Cranford defeated Scotch Plains 26-31 in their dual meet because they were able to get seven runners in before Scotch Plains' fifth.

But the Raiders hold the advantage up front with undefeated Zach McGuire and the surging Brian Kopnicki capable of a 1-2 finish. Cranford will need Ed Clinton and Tom Flanagan to split those two up, then win the battle of the packs.

"We have to get strong races up front from Zach and Brian,"

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Blue Devils rolling along Reach UCT semifinals with 11th straight victory

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Not much has stopped the Westfield High volleyball team this season — and the Blue Devils keep getting better.

Westfield improved to 14-1 with a 9-15, 15-2, 15-1 victory over Johnson in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament Monday and haven't lost a match since Sept. 25, while also taking second at the Jersey Classic and winning the Lancer Invitational.

That success has vaulted Westfield to a top-five ranking in the state but the Blue Devils aren't resting on their laurels — remaining focused on getting better in order to win the county and state tournaments.

"We're playing very well together," said Head Coach Bev Torok. "Our passing has really improved and we're serving tougher. They're really working as a team."

Volleyball

"It's an up and down game, a streaky game. We've gotten much better at (passing) since the beginning of the season. We're trying to make sure we stay sharp, keep improving, remain focused and stay prepared."

With a stronger passing game Westfield has been able to get into its offense easier, where it has numerous weapons led by senior Nikki LeBlanc. While she's the top offensive threat Westfield's other hitters have proven to be more than capable offensive weapons. Outside hitter Jackie LeBlanc, opposite Ali McMahon and middle hitters Carrie Rock and Lisa Venezia have added balance to the

offense and taking some of the pressure off of Nikki LeBlanc.

The Devils also continue to improve in their decision making, finding weaknesses in the defense and calling the right plays to exploit openings.

"They (call the plays) out there," said Torok. "They do it collaboratively. They have a lot of experience and can see what other teams are trying to do."

Defensively Christine Jensen and Jill Woodbury have been solid in the back throughout the whole season, with Rock, Venezia and McMahon playing strong defense at the net.

Westfield now awaits its opponent in the semifinal round, a likely showdown with Union Catholic, also one of the top teams in the state. If the Devils and Vikings meet the semifinal at Roselle Catholic Thursday will turn into the unofficial county final. The actual final will be played Nov. 2.



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Devils top Summit for fifth straight

The Westfield High girls soccer team knows how to peak at the right time and seem to be doing that again this year with five straight wins after Monday's 2-1 victory over Summit.

Aly Ludmer and Susan Williams each scored as Westfield built a 2-0 lead.

Ludmer converted a pass from Stephanie Bridgeman in the seventh minute to give the Devils their early edge and Williams put the Devils up 2-0 when she converted a pass from Gio Palatucci with an 18-yard rocket into the upper right corner.

Westfield 3, Cranford 0 — Susan Williams scored two goals to spark Westfield to a 3-0 win over Cranford Friday.

Williams converted a pass from Staci Spass 3:30 into the game for a

1-0 lead, and put the Devils up 2-0 off a feed from Carrie Hubbard midway through the second half. Danni Fried put the game away off an assist from Hubbard. Megan Connors made 10 saves for her seventh shutout.

BOYS SOCCER

Lee Tomasso scored two goals, the second midway through the second half that tied the score 2-2 but Cranford scored with six minutes left to down the Blue Devils 3-2 Friday.

VOLEYBALL

Westfield advanced to the semi-finals of the Union County Tournament Monday, rallying for a

Westfield High School Roundup



9-15, 15-2, 15-1 victory over Johnson.

Nick LeBlanc had 14 kills and Christa Jensen added 14 service points with four aces

for Westfield (14-1).

Westfield def. Linden 15-3, 15-2 — The second seeded Blue Devils cruised in the first round of the Union County Tournament with a 15-3, 15-2 win over Linden Saturday. Ali McMahon served 13 points and had three kills and two aces and Christina Jensen served nine points with six aces and two kills for Westfield.

Westfield def. Union 15-0, 15-8 — Sophie Hall had 16 assists, 12 service points and three aces to

lead the Devils past Union Friday. Ali McMahon had six kills and Jill Woodbury had three kills for the Devils.

Westfield def. Plainfield 15-1, 15-10 — Christa Jensen had four kills and Jill Woodbury added four aces and 12 assists as Westfield defeated Plainfield Oct. 16.

FIELD HOCKEY

Westfield edged Union 2-0 Tuesday behind goals from Meredith Ruinsky and Alex Maus.

Mollie Gibbons made two saves for the shutout.

Westfield 0, Cranford 0 — The Devils battled Cranford to a 0-0 tie for the second time this season in regular season action Saturday. Mollie Gibbons made six saves for the Blue Devils (4-5-3), who outshot Cranford 24-13.

YOUTH SPORTS

LIGHTNING TOP EDISON

The Scotch Plains Lightning U13 Girls Soccer team know how to make their missing coach's recuperation easier. Aware that Coach Tom Rodriguez, recovering at home from minor surgery, would phase in at halftime, the Lightning exploded with a four goals, their highest scoring first half of the year, and cruised to a 5-0 white wash of the Edison United Independence, Saturday at a muddy Torii Middle School.

The victory was the third straight for the Lightning, improving their record to 4-1 and improving their goal aggregate to an impressive 15-3. "I was confident they would win," said Rodriguez from his home. "They are playing well."

Assistant coaches Bernard Glover and Bozoo Thompson filed in early for Rodriguez and his daughter, Anya. Glover made certain her father would be successful with two goals and an assist.

The Lightning reportedly exploited a weak nose in the center of the Edison defense, with relentless presses down the middle. The first goal developed off a pass from Jovanni Coddito to Glover who raced down the left side and sent a looping shot over goal that hit the post and bounced straight down where an alert Kristen Thompson tapped it in.

Several minutes later Heather Rodriguez sent a perfect through pass to Glover who hit a well placed right footed shot past the Overmatched goalie. The third goal might have been the preface

of the day as Cathy Kirby won a ball on the right sideline, and did a spin move, away from her defender taking a long ball down the middle. White Jeanne Nangle gathered it in and launched a hard left footed shot. Glover needed the first half break when she won a scramble in front of the net and put in a short shot.

With a four goal lead the Lightning moved players around and kept some of their continuity. Defense started Anya Thompson was given a chance to play offense and showed explosive speed in scoring on a breakaway minutes after just missing on a similar chance.

With Edison picking up their play in the second half, the Lightning headed some acrobatic goal keeping by Rachel Parker to retain the shutout. Jodyn Lazare, had less to do as the first half goals with Corbelle, Shannan, Maria Evans providing free defense. Rodriguez, Thompson, Brittany Branch, Haley and Nina Brownstone were dominant in midfield and Nangle, Glover, Parker, Cheryl MacArthur and Heidi Kresner showed explosive speed on the line.

The Lightning played without the injured Kika Comas and Jessica Kaganony. Their mid game will be a battle for first place against the Central Jersey Indefinite who handed the Lightning their only loss.

GOLD RUSH WIN

The Scotch Plains U11 Girls Soccer team, the Gold Rush gave a performance Saturday that was

as sloppy as the field conditions.

With recent rains turning the field at Torii Middle School into a quagmire, the Gold Rush were able to turn two first half goals by leading scorer Laura Toffalo into a 2-1 victory over the Red Storm, a result which improved their record to 4-0-1 and clinched the regular season title.

If a win were taken among soccer parents and players, it would be almost unanimous against the late season 8:30 am game. But with soccer links and daylight getting increasingly scarce, there are only so many time slots that can be filled with games. The thick mud in much of the field made the leading difficult and by the end of the game most of the Gold Rush players had brown oiled mud all over their gold uniforms.

What made things more challenging was playing without their defensive leader, sweeper Shannon Reimers. Helping ease the loss of Reimers was the return from injury of speedy half-back Toni Ann Gattozzi. With both teams slipping and sliding early in the game, nearly Cullen Haynes O'Connor gave the Gold Rush the lead but her point blank shot was brilliantly saved by Red Storm goalie Tyler Andrews. After several more close calls, Toffalo connected on two goals within two minutes. The first came off a perfect pass from fellow halfback Gina Polosa. The second came off a rebound of a long pass from Nola Pannun.

Although dominant most of the game the Gold

Rush were unable to add to their lead and Andrews, switched from her goal position to cut the lead in half with a breakaway goal late in the second half. Nola Pannun almost increased the lead back to two but her long shot hit the post. The Gold Rush once again received solid goalkeeping from the quartet of Mary Beth Fiedler, Kika Comas, Ezequiel and Christine Murphy. Among things to expect for them was the defensive group of Pannun, sweeper Cullen Haynes O'Connor, filling in for Reimers, Jessica Moore, Christina Bobayek and Sarah Lazarus.

As usual Pannun, Toffalo and Toni Ann Gattozzi dominated the midfield with assistance from Amanda Rodriguez. Providing excellent line play was Hasklik, Rosenheck, Murphy and Alison Staniec. When the play began next Saturday, the Gold Rush will again be playing the 8:30 game against the sixth place team.

SPARK HOLD ON

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Sparks U-12 girls soccer team solidified their first place standing with a tough 1-0 victory over the Somerset Hills Hornets Oct. 13. The only score came in the third quarter when Gailley Clarke took a throw in from Brittany Vorek, passed and fired off an unstoppable shot. The Sparks remain unbeaten this season, and have won their last four games by shutouts thanks to a strong defense anchored by Gabriella Pinho, Samantha Bromer and Gina Egido.

Goalie Jodyn Law made numerous saves in a very physical game. The Sparks offense is led by leading scorer Clarke, along with Bianca VonLungen, Jenny Altman, Olivia Francavilla and Erika White. Vorek, along with Allison Goldberg, Kim Sholes, Sheryl Markovitz and Corinne Walker manage the midfield. The team is looking forward to a quick recovery for Brittany Harris who is injured, but who has done an excellent job encouraging and cheering on the team to victory the last three weeks.



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Head over heels

Rachel Skolnik lead Westfield into the Union County Tournament 5 p.m. today at Cranford High School. Westfield has won the title nine straight years but faces imposing challenges from Cranford and Scotch Plains.

SPORTSCENE

SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Cobras will be the Division "A" Parkway League Championship this past summer. The PFL-sponsored Cobras are conducting tryouts for their Summer 2003 PFLU tournament (traveling) team. The Cobras plan to have the team play in live ASA tourna-

ments, and participate in the Parkway League. However, for the mid week Parkway League participation the players will be encouraged to stay with their respective town's team, and then play with the SPFL Cobras for the weekend tournaments.

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Kyle Adams ran for 110 yards on 24 carries as the Raiders improved to 3-2 with a 8-0 win over Irvington Saturday. Scotch Plains hosts Linden 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Raiders' county title hopes

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said Scotch Plains Head Coach Jeff Koegel. "Hopefully we can go 1-2. That would get us off on the right foot. We need our third guy to mix it up with Cranford's second guy, and our fourth guy on their third."

"It's going to be two races in one — a race up front with McGuire and Kopnicki and Clinton and Flanagan, then the depth behind them," said Cranford Head Coach Ray White. "It's going to be interesting in the middle."

Battling it out in the middle will be the Cranford five-some of Steve Swan, Brian Zuravsky, Mike Bell, Brian Brown and Kevin Brown and Scotch Plains' duo of Walter Biner and Pete Bassman. The key for

Scotch Plains will be how close fifth-man Rocco Aloe can stay to the main pack and limit Cranford's depth advantage.

Westfield is the wild card in both the conference and county races, not challenging for the title but possibly causing a little extra displacement that could swing the results. White is hoping the experience of his senior-laden squad comes through when it matters most.

Devils, Raiders advance

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field with center forward Maciek Sliwinski leading the team in scoring. Alan Kobluk is a strong center midfielder with brother Eloy Kobluk controlling the defense at stopper. Goalkeeper Chris McCarthy has improved with each game.

GIRLS

Westfield 5, Rahway 0 — Susan Williams' two goals ignited Westfield's 5-0, first round win over Rahway.

Andrea Hollander had one goal and two assists, Heather Lane had one goal and one assist and Carrie Hubbard scored once.

Scotch Plains 1, Kent Place 0 — Lauren Bianco stopped three shots in the penalty kick shootout, including Kent Place's first attempt in sudden death and Michelle Fischer capitalized with a goal to lift Scotch Plains to a 1-0 victory.

Hallie Mintz, Jenna Ballestiere and Fischer scored in the first round of the shootout.

BOYS

Scotch Plains 2, Plainfield 1 — The top seeded Raiders needed two second half goals from Sean McNelis but survived its first round game with Plainfield 2-1 Saturday.

Scotch Plains trailed for just the second time this season when Plainfield scored 11:40 into the second half, but McNelis responded with the equalizer with 17:58 remaining and the game winner off a pass from Ryan Breznitsky with two minutes left.

Westfield 3, Roselle Park 0 — Billy Schultz had a goal and an assist to lead second-seeded Westfield to a 3-0 win over Roselle Park in the first round Saturday. Dan Kane and Alex Barrett also scored while Gil Arbittman stopped eight shots for the shutout.

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Defense dominates Irvington, Boff, Adams spark the offense

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team recovered from its upset loss to Cranford last week with an impressive defensive effort in an 8-0 against Irvington.

The Raiders bounced back to edge a big, strong, physical Irvington squad Saturday and improve to 3-2. The Raiders have now answered each loss with a victory this season and will look to start their first winning streak of the year 1 p.m. tomorrow when they host an explosive Linden squad.

Scotch Plains used their simple but effective formula for victory — tough defense, ball control and a strong running game. Kyle Adams ran for 110 yards on 24 carries while the defense limited Irvington to only four first downs and 51 yards rushing despite a distinct size advantage. Travis Boff had 15 tackles and two sacks and Tim Karis added nine tackles and two sacks.

The Raiders got on the board in the second quarter when Irvington unleashed a bad snap on an attempted punt that went through the end zone for a safety with 1:54 left in the half.

Scotch Plains nursed the two-point lead as both teams traded punts until the fourth quarter when it marched 62 yards on 12 plays and reached the end zone on

a 4-yard run by Boff with 6:29 left. Adams carried for 35 yards on the drive as the Raiders converted three fourth-downs to keep the march alive.

GIRLS SOCCER

Scotch Plains' nine game winning streak was snapped Monday in a 3-0 loss to Delaware Valley. Lauren Bianco made seven saves for the Raiders.

Scotch Plains 3, Linden 1 — Carlene Bronkowski, Amanda Wells and Michelle Fischer each scored a goal to propel Scotch Plains to a 3-1 win over Linden Friday.

BOYS SOCCER

Jeff Hensal scored two goals with Ryan Breznitsky, Sean McNelis, Josh Kay and Taylor Cole each scoring once in the Raiders 6-0 win over Linden Friday. Rick Fleissner recorded his ninth

shutout with two saves.

VOLLEYBALL

Scotch Plains fell to Cranford 15-0, 15-10 in regular season action Monday.

Katie Feeley had two blocks and Erin Gallagher served five points for the Raiders.

New Providence def. Scotch Plains 15-5, 15-5 — The Raiders fell to New Providence 15-5, 15-6 in the first round of the Union County Tournament Saturday.

Scotch Plains def. Irvington 15-3, 12-15, 15-13 — Nina Baker had five digs and six assists as Scotch Plains edged Irvington in three games Oct. 16. Kelli Kaskiw had two aces and two kills.

GYMNASTICS

Katie Zaleski and Taylor Montagna finished 1-2 overall to lead Scotch Plains to a 100.45-93.2 win over Union Friday.

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Real Estate

Suggestions on how to save water at home during a drought

(ARA) - People are thinking more about water. While in years past most Americans have taken an unlimited supply of clean, safe water for granted, droughts in the Western United States and more recently on the East Coast and in the Midwest have caused many people to think about how they use water and how much they use.

Concern is increasing and there will likely be more reasons to conserve water in the future. David Lingafelter, Moen Incorporated's vice president of product marketing, answers some questions about water conservation issues.

Q: In late March, 2002, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg declared the first drought emergency

in the city since 1989. How can people in New York and other areas facing drought better equip their apartments, homes and offices to reduce water usage and lessen the effect of the drought?

A: The drought problem is more widespread throughout the United States than most people think. Obviously, in New York it's a high priority because of the population density. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicts in its "U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook" that drought conditions on the East Coast of the United States, from New York City to Jacksonville, Fla., will continue with only slight improvement through at least the fourth quarter of 2002. In the western United States, every state west of Missouri, in whole or in part, is suffering from drought, with conditions in the overwhelming portion of affected areas expected to persist or intensify.

With such widespread water shortages, it's important for people nationwide to take some steps to curtail water usage. On a positive note, reducing water use will also save the residential user money in the long run. There are quite a few products that can help save water, especially in older homes that probably had few, if any, of these products installed originally.

Q: Can you share with us what are some of those products are?

A: This is a short list of suggestions from the Environmental Protection Agency. More information is available under the "water" link at www.epa.gov. And naturally, all the water-saving devices in the world won't do much good if you have leaky faucets or pipes, so checking for and fixing leaks is a good starting point. Install low-flush toilets — Toilets

account for nearly 20 percent of residential water use with conventional toilets using 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush. Low-flush toilets use 1.6 gallons or less, reducing water usage and waste water production.

Replace your showerhead — By replacing an old 4.5 gallon per minute (gpm) showerhead with a new 2.5 gpm showerhead, the EPA reports that a family of four can save about 20,000 gallons of water per year. Because consumers enjoy the shower pressure provided by a higher flow rate, companies such as Moen have developed efficient showerheads that still feel like they are delivering high volumes of water. Moen's new Revolution showerhead takes ordinary water, spins each drop, and then twirls the entire stream giving the user the sensation of higher pressure and greater coverage. The larger drops of water created in the process even make the water feel warmer.

Use Toilet Displacement Devices — A homemade conservation device, like a milk jug filled with water or stones and placed into the toilet tank reduces the amount of water used per flush, in effect turning your existing toilet into a low-flush toilet. Depending on the size of your tank and how many containers you can fit into the tank without touching the inner workings of the toilet, a gallon or more of water can be saved per flush. A more efficient tool is a toilet dam, available at hardware stores, which holds back a reservoir of water when the toilet is flushed. These work on the same displacement

method. Bricks should not be used as displacement devices as they break down over time and the small particles can damage plumbing.

Install low-flow faucet aerators — These simple and inexpensive devices break the stream of water from the tap into fine droplets and bring air into the stream, reducing the water used by up to 60 percent, while still maintaining a strong flow. Aerators can be installed in just a couple of minutes and usually without tools. Before purchasing a low-flow aerator, check your faucet's spout to see if you will need internal or external threads. You can take your faucet's standard aerator to the hardware store to determine the diameter for your low-flow aerator.

Also, remember to clean out existing aerators yearly as they can accumulate sediment.

Insulate hot water pipes — This simple but substantial task will reduce the amount of time between turning on the faucet and actually receiving hot water, thereby reducing the amount of water used.

Q: Do you have any tips on small ways that people can change their behavior to reduce their water usage?

A: There are a number of small things we can do every day that will end up making a big impact. However, these can be some of the most difficult things to do because they sometimes involve changing old habits, but they are changes worth making.

Turn off the water! — Do you let the water run when you're brushing

your teeth? Shaving? Washing dishes? Washing the car? Don't. Fill the sink for shaving and doing dishes and simply turn the faucet off while you're brushing your teeth. If you brush your teeth for four minutes with the faucet open, up to 10 gallons of water could be going down the drain. When washing the car, use a bucket and turn off the hose until you're ready to rinse. Also, wash your car on the lawn and the water you use will serve a dual purpose and reduce the burden on a water treatment facility by not going down the sewer.

Wait for the full load — Some washing machines allow for adjustment of the water level depending on the size of the load. Make sure you adjust the knob when you're washing a smaller load. For those without this capability, wait to wash clothes until you have a full load. The same goes for dishwashers — don't do the dishes until you have a full load to conserve water and reduce wastewater.

Sweep, don't hose — Many people hose off the driveway or porch rather than sweeping. While it may be easier, hosing away the dirt is a huge waste of water. Grab a broom and get a little exercise.

"It just takes a little bit of conscious effort on everyone's part to make a big difference," Lingafelter says. "If there is no other reason a person should look to water conservation, it should be to reduce their water bill and there's a direct correlation between a reduced water bill and the amount of water we have left in our supply."

Cuccaro is again honored for her sales efforts

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Ileen has received many distinguished awards and has been a member in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club and was awarded the Bronze Level 1996-97 and 1999, 2001 and the Silver Level 1998 and 2000 and is a member of Burgdorff's Presidents Club for 2002.

Ileen has recently completed the

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The knowledge you attain from this course is invaluable with step-by-step info on building a house, understanding the building permit process and construction schedules and the language of building. The completion of the first course entitles Ileen membership in the Community Builder

Association of New Jersey (CBA of NJ).

She has been a New Jersey real estate professional for 6 years and resides in Garwood. You may contact Ileen

at her direct line (908) 233-6439 or e-mail her at Ileen.Cuccaro@burgdorff.com.

Judy Sagan, Vice President/Manager of the Westfield Office, stated "It is obvious that hard work and dedication to her clients' needs have resulted in high production in yet another fabulous month for Ileen. She is a great asset to our office and a role model for all agents. We are very proud of Ileen and congratulate her in her many outstanding accomplishments."

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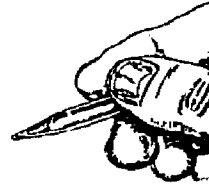


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Some tips to increase mileage

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

Treating your high-mileage vehicle with a little TLC and consistently following the 10 rules for high-mileage vehicle maintenance will help ensure it will go the distance. Using premium motor oil specially formulated for higher-mileage cars — such as Castrol GTX High Mileage Formulation — will also help a higher-mileage car feel young again.

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

Rule 2 — Find a good mechanic. If you don't do your own maintenance, find a shop staffed by ASE-certified mechanics (that's the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence). A good mechanic will listen to your questions and explain procedures clearly.



A little attention and care can go a long way to increasing your car's mileage.

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

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

Rule 5 — Pay attention to outward signs. If your car is leaking fluids, it can mean serious trouble. Keep an eye on the conditions of your driveway or regular parking space for stains or spots that can warn you of possible leaks. Castrol's GTX High Mileage Formulation motor oil contains special conditioners that help protect and maintain seals, thereby helping to reduce leakage — a common problem in older, higher-mileage engines.

Rule 6 — Schedule regular tune-ups. Even if your high-mileage car seems fine, that's no guarantee it is. Use tune-ups to ensure your car's major components are running smoothly and that they stay that way. Your oil should be changed, tires checked and rotated if necessary, belts checked and replaced, brake lines inspected, spark plugs and air filter checked and replaced, and fuel injector checked. A good way to top off a tune-up is an overall analysis of your car's engine, and undercar, safety and computer systems.

Rule 7 — Prepare your car for the seasons. If you live in a sunny climate all year round, you can skip this step. For the rest of us, visit the "Ask the Expert" feature at www.castrolusa.com for a checklist of seasonal maintenance practices for your high-mileage vehicle. Preparing your high-mileage car to defend against the elements will lessen its chances of needing repairs and save you money in the long run.

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

Rule 9 — Store it properly. Storing your vehicle in a dry, temperate location when it is not in use will prevent disastrous wear and tear on both its interior and exterior. Garage your car whenever possible to protect its looks.

Rule 10 — Stay on top of safety features. Nothing is more important than your car's ability to protect both you and your passengers. Air bags, antilock brakes and any other additional safety features that you may have added to your car should be carefully checked on a regular basis (when your car has a tune-up) to ensure that in the event of an accident, they will perform their vital, life-saving functions.

For more high-mileage vehicle maintenance tips, visit www.castrolusa.com.

How to choose a car for teens

(NAPSI)-Car crashes are the number one killer of American teenagers, with about 20 young people dying on U.S. highways each day. Yet a recent survey found less than half of parents check on the safety of the vehicle they're considering for their teens.

To help drive down crash statistics, a number of families and organizations have public programs to help make teen drivers safer. For example, Carfax, a company consumers use to check the history of used cars, recently launched the Carfax Safe Car-Safe Teen Driver Program. It features an interactive website with comprehensive information on safe driving and an e-mail service that sends weekly tips to parents and teens.

The company has gathered information and resources from a vast array of the industry's top experts. Many of the e-mail tips are designed to remind parents of techniques they may already be practicing every time they get behind the wheel-but that they

may be hard pressed to remember when instructing their eager teen.

In addition to driving information, experts at Carfax offer valuable advice to help parents choose safe, reliable cars for novice teen drivers. They recommend parents:

Buy old, large cars such as station wagons or four-door sedans with small engines for their teens. These vehicles tend to be more solid than many smaller cars and can better withstand impacts.

Learn the vehicle history. Has the vehicle been in a crash before? Has it been rebuilt? Was it in a flood? These are the types of details in a vehicle's history that can affect how safe it is today.

Do not race into buying cars for their teens. Waiting just one year can help keep a teen safer. Sixteen-year-old drivers are 12 times more likely to be involved in vehicle crashes than any other age group.

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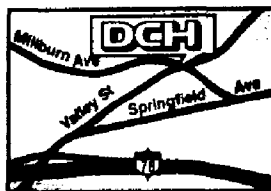
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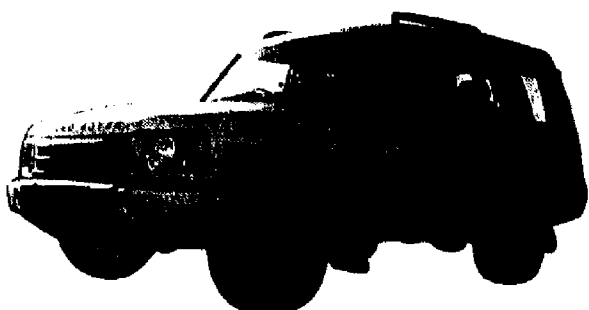
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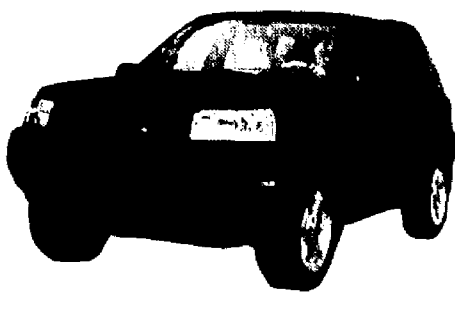
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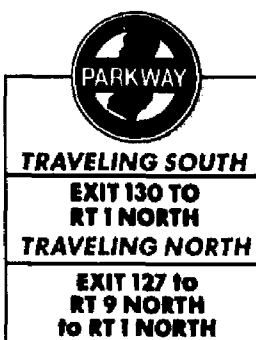
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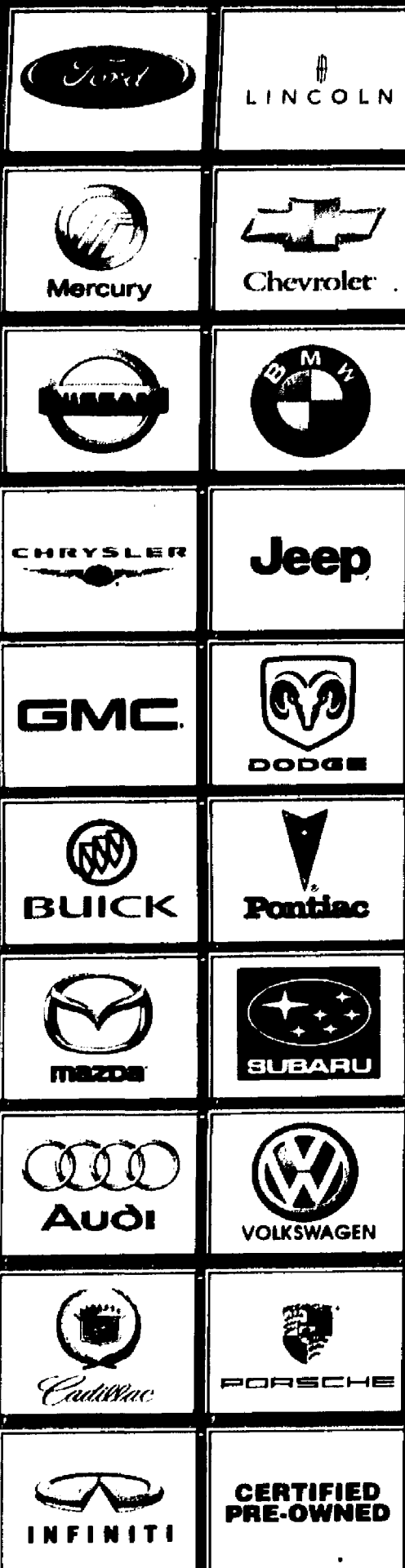
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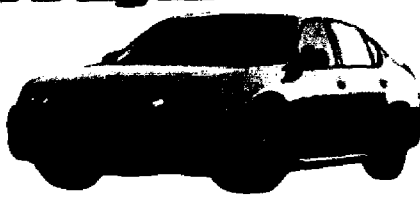


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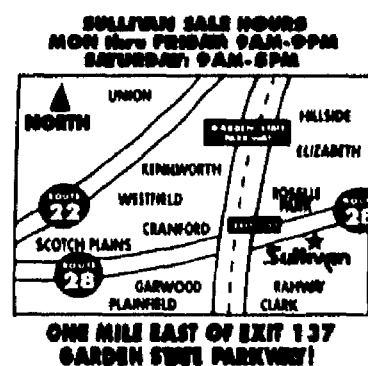
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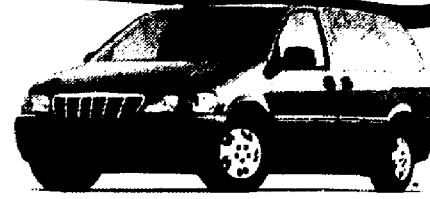


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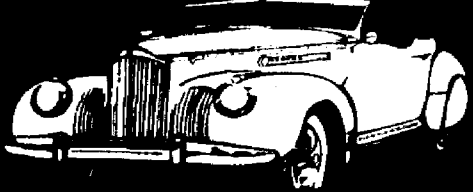
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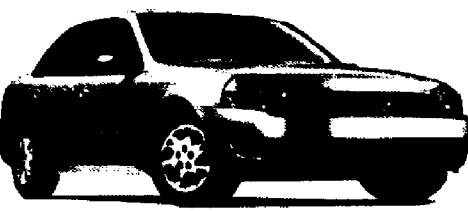
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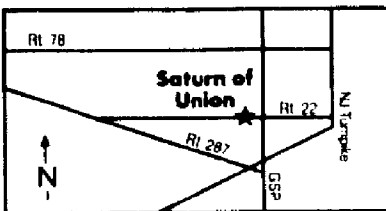
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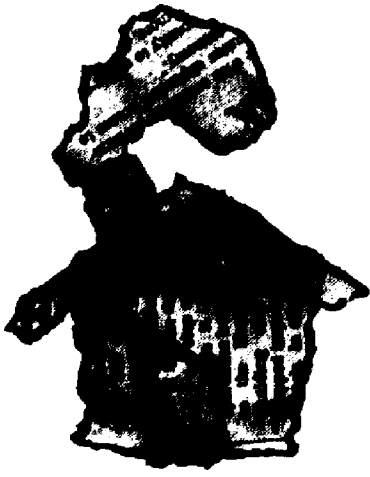


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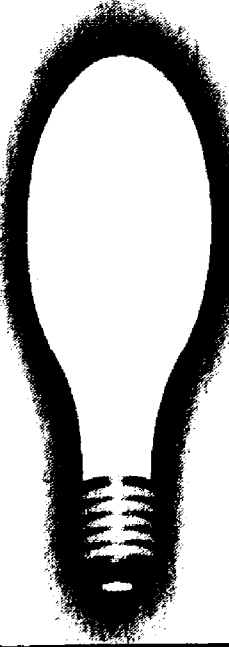
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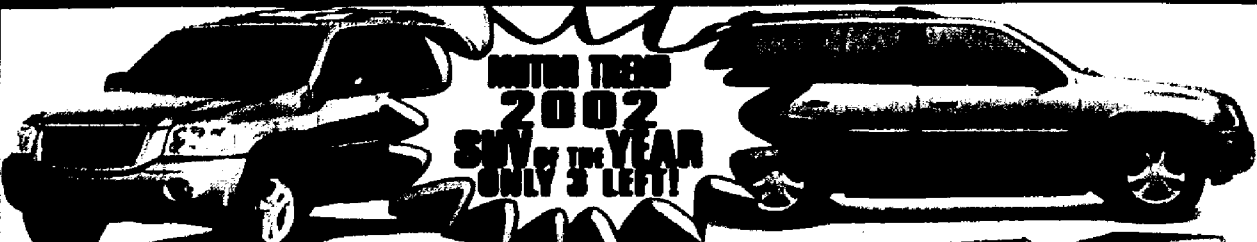
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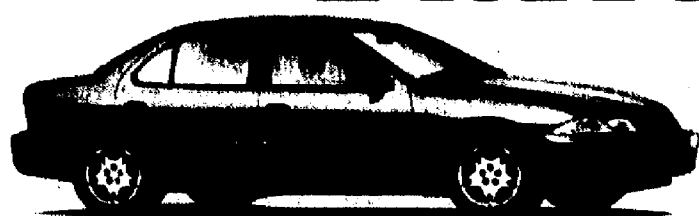
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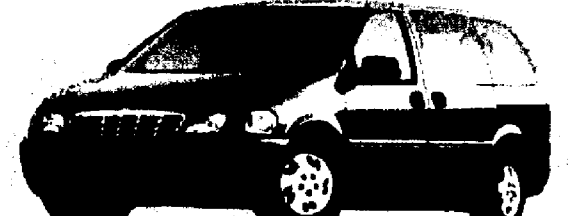
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