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## INSIDE



### Aiming high

After being eliminated in the county semifinals last year, co-captain Brendan Egan and the Westfield boys soccer team head into the season with their sights set on a Union County title. For the season preview, see Sports, Page C-1.



### Driving the bookmobile

The Books on Wheels volunteer at the Westfield Memorial Library devote their spare hours to making sure homebound seniors have reading opportunities. For more about their efforts, and what they mean to the town's elderly residents, turn to Page B-1.



### Happy campers

These youngsters were members of the Westfield Day Care Center's Summer Fun program; the center's fall session began yesterday. For tips on picking the right day care center for your family, as well as suggestions for handling the morning rush for all the students in your family, see our Back-to-School section on Page B-4.

## REMINDER

### Mineral show in Fanwood

The New Jersey Mineralogical Society holds its 32nd annual Gem and Mineral Show 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday at the Fanwood train station. Admission is free, and dealers will offer variety of fossils and jewelry. For more, call (732) 469-1047.

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# Discussions continue about turf field

## But Town Council warns sports boosters to avoid inflated hopes

By STEVE NU  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council agreed at its Tuesday conference meeting to allow the Recreation Commission to continue its study of construction of an all-purpose artificial turf field.

Since the spring, the Recreation

Commission has been studying and investigating the possibility of building a turf field with lights. Because of the potential traffic and environmental impact a new field may have on its surroundings, the council has not made any formal decisions regarding the building of the turf field.

The Recreation Commission has proposed a site at the town Conservation

Center on Lamberts Mill Road.

Recreation Commission Chairman Keith Hertell presented findings of the traffic study to the council Tuesday. According to the initial study, the new field would require a separate entrance and exit on Lamberts Mill Road, in addition to the existing access points for the Conservation Center.

Due to the proposed site's close proximity to the center, the council is concerned that the traffic generated by the use of the turf field would adversely affect operations of the center.

According to Town Engineer Ken Marsh, recycled materials are transferred

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# Vigil, services planned to mark Sept. 11

The area's commemoration of the two-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks begins Wednesday night in Westfield, when an interfaith service convenes at the First United Methodist Church at 1 East Broad St.

The religious remembrance is dedicated to "remembrance and hope," and will include scripture readings, hymns, special music, silent meditation, and a candle-light procession to the Sept. 11 memorial across the street from the church. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m.

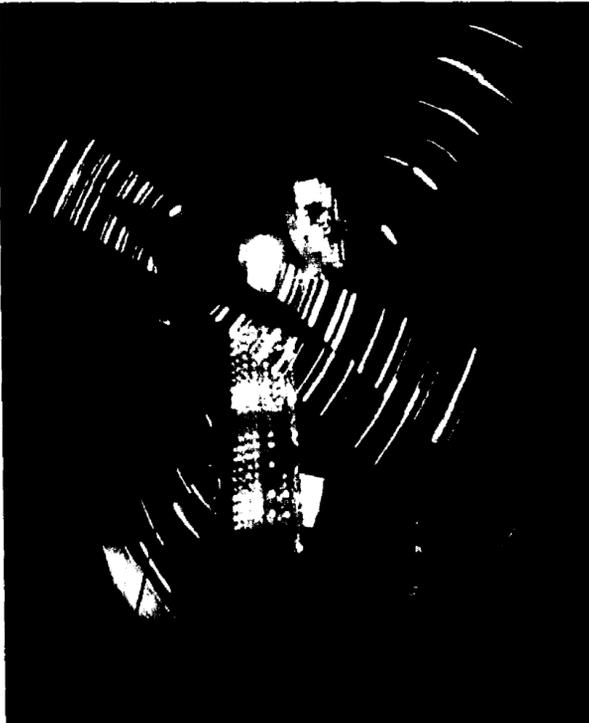
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Masiello of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Rabbi Douglas Sagal of Temple Emanu-El, and Rev. Ed Carl of First United Methodist Church represented the Westfield Ministerium Associates in planning the service, with input from members of the Town Council and community.

The Westfield community's observance of the anniversary will continue the next day with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Sept. 11 memorial at 8:30 a.m. Also, throughout the day Thursday emergency services personnel will host an all-day prayer vigil at the memorial, located at North Avenue and East Broad Street.

In Scotch Plains, officials have decided to combine the commemoration with the dedication of a new park.

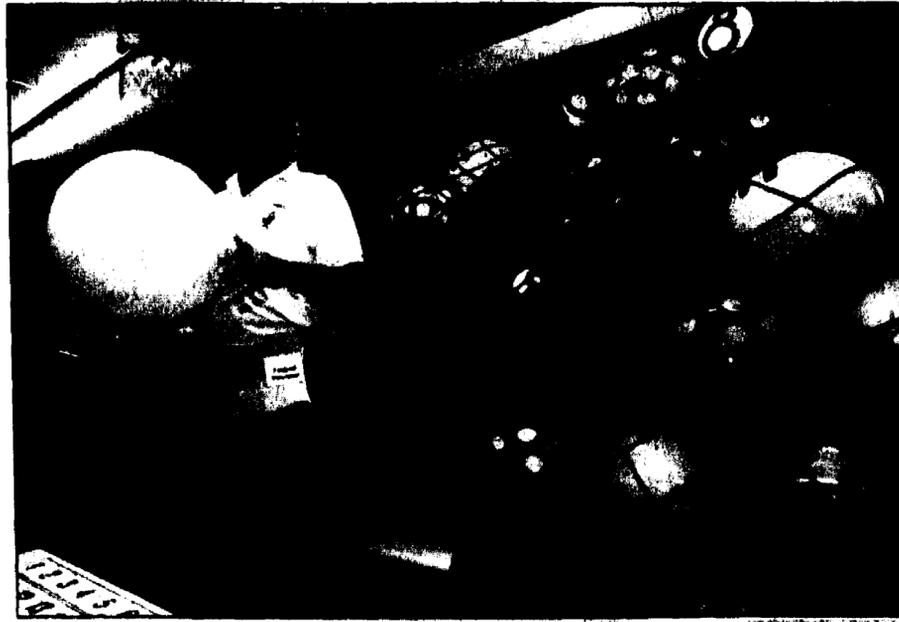
At 5 p.m. Thursday, the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will host a ceremony at Memorial Park, located at Jerusalem Road

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### Bright lights at St. Bart's

The annual Italian Festival at St. Bartholomew's church in Scotch Plains last week drew crowds for the ethnic food, fun games and rides and big prizes. The event, co-sponsored by the local chapter of the Italian-American service organization UNICO, is now in its 29th year. At left, the Silver Bullet and Round-Up rides speed by, carrying screaming festival-goers. Below, volunteer Lance Widstein invites fairgoers to play a game and win a beach ball.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# WHS opening delayed

## Construction pushes start date back to Monday

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Summer vacation has been extended a few days for high school students, as the school will not open until Monday.

Renovations to the high school caused Superintendent William Foley to postpone the opening, after examining the progress Aug. 28.

"I regret any inconvenience this delay will cause our families," Foley said in a press release. "Health and safety, however, must be my primary consideration. As I inspected the building, I was not confident that we would be ready for a safe opening on Sept. 3."

Foley and Business Administrator Robert Berman warned school board members last week that the building might not be ready for students. Berman explained that second floor rooms above the new guidance office have a 1/4-inch slope that has delayed the installation of doors, floors and walls.

In addition, Berman said that all the furniture for the classrooms was on site, but sitting in the hallway. The halls were also filled with dust, which Foley said Principal Robert Petix was concerned with.

"By waiting until Sept. 8, the building can be cleaned, the corridors cleared of furniture and debris and classrooms completed," Foley said. "At that point in time the expanded guidance

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# Westfield will be location of WMD exercise this weekend

By LAUREN TRAINOR  
STAFF WRITER

When sirens start blaring across Union County 9 a.m. Saturday, area residents don't need to stop sipping their lattes or abandoning their coveted parking spaces. It's just a drill.

Under the direction of the county's Office of Emergency Management, Union County will be testing its readiness to deal with the type of unexpected emergency situations that could rattle its residents.

The drill this Saturday will be "one that will truly tax the municipalities," said Gareth Williams, Central Region Vice President for New Jersey Chapter of National Emergency Number Association (NENA). It is designed not only to test each township's individual readiness to respond to emergencies, but also to test the completeness of Union County's interdependent infrastructure.

The exercise, like a previous drill held prior to the Sept. 11 attacks, will simulate a terrorist attack using weapons of mass destruction.

According to Williams, the drill will involve one staged emergency situation in Union, and then another which will immediately follow at the Westfield train station. Emergency Medical Squads, Fire Departments, Police Departments, and HAZMAT squads will all be on alert, and will pre-stage vehicles and personnel to react at a moment's notice.

The drill will also include about 60 community volunteers, many playing the roles of patients and victims.

While Westfield and Union will be the only municipalities that will actually play full-scale roles, all 21 Union County communities will play necessary support roles in the county-wide drill.

"If a volunteer First Aid squad is taxed with resources, they can call to another city to have them also respond," said Williams. This is an integral part of the operation, he said, because in a real emergency situation, surrounding communities are often called to action.

With Elizabeth Seaport, Newark Airport, and various drug

companies all located in Union County, Williams noted, the level of seamlessness that Union County's municipalities must master to work together is of no small consequence.

Christopher Scaturro, Union County Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, noted that Union County was the first county in the state to run weapons of mass destruction exercises.

"I've been all over the country with different emergency medical offices. I've always seen that New Jersey is at the forefront (of emergency training), and especially Union County," said Scaturro. "It's because of this training, these exercises, that you're able to learn, that you're allowed to try new things."

"The post-Sept. 11 world we live in dictates that we prepare for any emergency that can come up. Now, more than ever, we have to be prepared to protect our families, to protect our children, to protect our neighbors," said Sebastian D'Elia, Director of Public Information for Union County.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Is it the end of the summer, already?

Kindergarten teacher Lynn Sanders of Scotch Plains' Evergreen School gets settled in with her class during the first day of school Wednesday.

# Council weighs prescription drug discount for residents

## Progress on downtown, road improvements are also discussed

By ROZ GIUDITTA  
CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council at its Tuesday conference session discussed the possibility of offering a discount prescription savings opportunity to residents who do not have insurance or who seek better discounts on prescription drugs.

Offered through the Garden State Pharmacy Owners Provider Services Corporation (GSPOPS), the prescription savings card costs residents \$20 for a year or \$40 for three years and provides 10 to 50% off brand name and generic drugs.

Currently GSPOPS is operating in about 50 New Jersey towns and six counties. Each town decides who will participate in the program. Union County municipalities have shown increasing interest in the program in recent weeks.

Not all council members endorsed the idea. Councilman Frank Rossi questioned why the township is considering endorsing the program, since the municipality is not in the business of providing health care. And Deputy Mayor Paulette Coronato added she is a little leery of endorsing the program.

But Councilwoman Nancy Malool was interested in further investigation of the program, citing

the numerous people who do not have pharmaceutical benefits or health care.

Ultimately, the council decided to defer a decision pending more information. "We'll try to put it under a microscope," said Township Manager Thomas Atkins, and Mayor Martin Marks suggested contacting some of the other municipalities already involved in the program. The council has asked the Finance Department has been asked to fully investigate the plan.

Also at the meeting, Malool updated the council on the Feasibility Committee that has been appointed to study the merits of establishing a Special Improvement District (SID) in the downtown.

While the council has been weighing the possibility for several months, it has yet to reach a decision. The subject — part of a general effort to bolster the downtown area — will be further discussed at a meeting later in September.

One option, though, has been ruled out. The council had considered taking advantage of redevelopment law to restructure the zoning regulations in the area. But this process takes years and is more appropriate for property that has serious physical impediments to development. "The council doesn't feel this status should be pursued," said Atkins.

The council also offered an update on the Westfield Road paving job, noting the stretch from the Westfield Avenue intersection up to the front of Brunner Elementary School has been completed. Atkins said he anticipates the area from Homestead Terrace to North Avenue would be finished by Friday, Sept. 5.

# E'town at work on new gas main

By STEVE HU  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Elizabethtown Gas Company will be installing a new gas main on Raritan Road the township throughout September, a company official said this week.

The new main is a three-mile long high-pressure extension to the existing gas pipe. According to Elizabethtown Gas Company Public Affairs Officer Chris Reardon, the extension is being added as a periodic system upgrade.

"The purpose is to ensure we can provide continued service to our customers based on current usage

and growth," Reardon said about the construction.

The three-mile gas main begins at the intersection of Raritan Road and Martine Avenue, extends to Rahway Road and terminates at Inn Road and Tingely Lane in Edison.

Reardon said construction of the new main began on Aug. 4. The company is constructing the main from either end.

Though the intersection at Rahway and Raritan roads was closed off briefly and traffic was backed up at Raritan and Martine earlier this week, Reardon said traffic disruption will be kept to a minimum and no roads will be closed during construction.

# Turf field discussions continue

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out of the conservation center on a daily basis. Any changes to the traffic pattern near or around the conservation center would affect materials moving in and out from the center, he said.

For the new field to have minimal impact on the operations of the conservation center, the entrances and exits to the turf field would have to be separated from the center, according to Recreation Director Bruce Kaufmann. Kaufmann added that further traffic study would have to be done and the effects of new traffic patterns would have to be projected up to 10 years for the proposed site.

Councilwoman Susan Jacobsen noted that Lamberts Mill Road intersects the railroad tracks near Houlihan's Field, and since that location sees some 75 railroad crossings daily, the addition of new traffic during the use of the new field would have significant impact on surrounding roads and neighborhood.

The Recreation Commission also presented an initial survey study of the land of where the new field would be built. According to the survey, there are wetlands at the current proposed site at the Conservation Center. Kaufmann said further survey of land is needed

so that the actual footprint of the new field could be incorporated into the proposed site.

The council has also raised concern about the odor that emanates from the center. Since recycled materials such as tree leaves would sit decomposing at the site, the smell could be a nuisance to those using the new field nearby.

The council has not formally endorsed or approved the idea of a new turf field, and members expressed anxiety about rising public expectations for the proposed field.

"I am concerned that a sense of expectation is being developed that may not match up with reality," Councilman Lawrence Goldman said. "A level of expectation is being developed well ahead of where it's going."

Jacobsen echoed Goldman's concern: "It makes me uncomfort-

able that the athletic public has a sense of expectation of this happening."

Hertell said he understands the studies the Recreation Commission has done so far are just investigations. "I just want to keep the council informed, and I know the council can pull the plug at any time," Hertell said.

The proposal for a new turf field arose due to overcrowding and deterioration at the town's existing athletic fields. According to the Recreation Commission, 5,000 people use the town's athletic fields each year. Overuse of these fields has left them requiring serious repairs.

The addition of a new all-purpose turf field would alleviate the overuse of fields, according to Hertell, and would also give the community the flexibility to renovate and repair existing fields.

# WHS opening delayed

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office will be in place, the main gym will be ready for use and most importantly, the building will be clean and safe."

Foley sent letters home to parents notifying them of the change. The high school will use

Tues., Feb. 17 and Mon., June 21, as make-up days for the delay, a plan the board approved in the spring in case of a construction delay.

If there are unused snow days, the high school will be open April 12 instead of June 21.

The main renovations are the conversion of nine old science rooms into seven regular classrooms. Construction of a new science wing was completed in June and renovations of several old classrooms began shortly after.

The other schools in the district were all set to open Wednesday, Sept. 3, as originally scheduled.

# Services planned

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and Plainfield Avenue, honoring local residents who perished in the terrorist attacks.

The commemoration will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony formally opening the new park facilities. Township Mayor Martin Marks has said the event will be "a solemn occasion followed by a joyous occasion."

For more information, call the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission at (908) 322-6700, ext. 221.

In Fanwood, there are no official plans to mark the anniversary, borough employees said.

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# Busy month planned for Newcomers

WESTFIELD — The Newcomer's Club invites resident to join in their September activities.

The Social Committee has organized the annual fall barbecue 7:30 p.m. Saturday at a member's home. Members and partners relax and enjoy one of the last evenings of summer at this event catered by Dave's Famous Barbecue.

The Ladies Dinner out is planned 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the South Side Roman Bistro, located at 338 South Ave. in Westfield. Enjoy a relaxing dinner out and meet some new friends.

The Welcome Committee is planning a New Member Wine and Cheese 8 p.m. Sept. at a member's home for all of the new members who joined Newcomers within the last 12 months.

The Children's Committee plans a play date in the Park Bagel Breakfast 10 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Westfield Avenue Park. The Children's Committee is also planning an Exercise Play Date in the Park for 10 a.m. Sept. 26 at Tamaques Park in Westfield.

Those who are interested will meet in the first parking lot immediately on your right as you enter the park. The strolling will start at 10:15. Wear sneakers and bring water, juice and snacks.

The Activities Committee is planning a Drinks on the Terrace event 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Sun Tavern, located on North Avenue in Roselle Park. Say farewell to summer with a casual evening of drinks and appetizers before the warm weather is gone!

Community Service Committee is collecting school supplies for needy students in Elizabeth. The Urban League of Union County runs an after-school tutoring program for children. These children need school supplies so they can start the school year ready to learn.

For more information, call Genevieve Davy at (908) 789-4842.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Drumming up a storm

Labor Day wasn't a holiday for everyone, it seems. The Westfield Fife and Drum Corps were out in force, wearing rain slickers over their colonial costumes as they performed in South Plainfield's Labor Day Parade.

# School districts grateful after receiving extraordinary aid

By KEVIN B. NOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

Local school districts are thanking the Garden State Coalition of Schools for its role in securing additional extraordinary state aid for school districts.

In tough budget year for most districts, state aid was either frozen, cut or saw minimal increases. Less aid, combined with other economic problems, resulted in service cutbacks and tax increases.

However, the additional aid came after much lobbying from the coalition. The additional funds are earmarked for tax relief in 2004.

"The Garden State Coalition was very a strong advocate to get aid because it wasn't in the budget," Superintendent William Foley said.

Westfield received \$295,435 in additional aid,

with a total of \$415,186 for the state appropriations from the Senate Bill S3000. The Board of Education passed a resolution to accept the funding at a meeting Aug. 26 and decided to write a letter of appreciation to the coalition for its efforts.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood received \$241,681 in additional aid, passing a resolution to accept the extra funds at its meeting Aug. 28.

Elsewhere in central Union County, Cranford will receive \$104,960 in additional extraordinary aid. Smaller districts such as Garwood and Kenilworth received less significant aid. Garwood received \$5,946 for property tax relief, with a total of \$8,357 from the state appropriations. Kenilworth received \$36,971 in additional aid, totaling \$51,957 in state appropriations.

"It's good news for the district and good news for taxpayers," said Cranford Superintendent Lawrence Feinsod.

# Children's presents recreation programs for special-needs kids

The Recreational Therapy Department of Children's Specialized Hospital offers community recreation programs designed to provide leisure opportunities for children with special needs. All classes are located at Children's main campus, 150 New Providence Rd. in Mountainside.

**Martial Arts:** Oct. 6-Nov. 17. Mondays, 5-6 p.m. (Ages 5-8); 6-7 p.m. (Ages 9-13). Auditorium A.

Instructed by Dr. Steve Mermimi and Child Life Specialist Christy Johnson, the class is designed for children with ADHD, neurological impairments, and/or problems with balance, coordination and body awareness. The class will provide instruction on basic martial arts techniques and listening skills. Coordination of movement, balance and thought are incorporated. Class size is limited, and the registration deadline is Sept. 22. Registration fee is \$75. To register, please call (908) 233-3720 ext. 5104.

**Adaptive Aquatics:** Sept. 26-Nov. 15. Fridays, 6:15-7 p.m. (Ages 7-9); Saturdays, 2:30-3:15 p.m. (Ages 4-6); Saturdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m. (Ages 7-9). PT Pool.

Certified Therapeutic Recreation Therapist Linde Loubet coordinates a beginner instruction-

al swim program for children with physical disabilities and/or developmental disabilities. Parent participation in the pool will be encouraged. Registration Fee is \$75. Class size is limited, and the registration deadline is Sept. 22. To register, please call (908) 233-3720 ext. 5104. Please note the class will not be offered Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1.

**Arts & Crafts Workshop:** Oct. 7-Nov. 11. Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. (Ages 10-15). Recreation Teen Room.

These six workshops are designed for children who have mild neurological, physical or social challenges that prohibit them from participating in similar community programs. Certified Recreational Therapist Rayna Correia will offer instruction and assistance making crafts such as mosaics, sponge painting, tie-dyeing, mask making, sculpey clay and bead and sand art. This is an informal program where peers are encouraged to interact with each other while they are busy creating. Siblings are welcome. Registration Fee is \$65. Class size is limited, and the registration deadline is Sept. 22. To register, please call (908) 233-3720 ext. 5104.

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# Chelsea plans full slate for Assisted Living Week

FANWOOD — National Assisted Living Week takes place Sept. 8-13, and The Chelsea at Fanwood has planned a week of entertainment and themed events that are free and open to the public. All visitors are welcome all week long.

On Sept. 8, Art and History Day will feature an art class with Carmela Cohen at 11 a.m. and a presentation about the History of Fanwood at 2 p.m. with the Fanwood Historical Society.

Music Day on Sept. 9 will offer singers Eranga and Prianga performing a program of international songs at 2 p.m. and a cocktail hour starting at 3:15 p.m.

Sept. 10 is Health and Fitness Day with a Tai Chi class at 11 a.m. and a Balance lecture and screening by Austin Rehab at 2 p.m.

Sept. 11 will be the Day of Remembrance with a 9/11 memo-

rial service and flag ceremony at 11 a.m. and a lecture on the history of the American Flag by vexillogist Gerry McCavera at 7 p.m.

On Sept. 12, Love and Friendship Day will feature a closer look at Mary Todd Lincoln presented by actress/storyteller Laurie MacDonnell-Gaulkay at 11 a.m., True Love Stories told by storyteller Fred Quinn at 2 p.m., and a 3:15 p.m. cocktail hour and announcement of Grandparent of the Year essay contest winner.

Nature Day on Sept. 13 will feature the Herbs, Spice and Everything Nice herb festival and demonstration by Cheryl Wiley at 2 p.m.

Fanwood families are eligible to enter the Grandparent of the Year essay contest. In 100 words or less, contestants should explain why one's grandparent deserves the honor; send essays to The Chelsea at Fanwood by Sept. 11.

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For reservations or more information, please call us at 908-889-4900, or e-mail us at [sholom@sholomnj.org](mailto:sholom@sholomnj.org).

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# UC prepares for 20-year reunion

Union Catholic High School's Class of 1983 will celebrate its 20th reunion, 7 p.m.-midnight Nov. 29, at The Gran Centurions in Clark.

Reservations for the reunion, which will feature a continuous cocktail hour, pasta and carving stations, open bar and DJ, are \$70 per person. All reservations must be made prior to Oct. 18.

Any remaining tickets will be sold the night of the reunion at a late price of \$80.

Members of the Union Catholic High School Class of 1983, their guests and faculty members are asked to make their \$70 reservation checks payable to UC Reunion class of 1983.

Checks can be sent to Kathy Donohue Rennie at 463 Thoreau Terrace, Union, NJ 07083. Questions about the reunion can be directed to Kathy Donohue Rennie at (908) 651-0804 or Tricia Wiser at (908) 322-7747.

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# Commentary

## Do we need a state teachers' contract?

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), 112 of the state's 576 operating school districts are beginning the school year without a new teachers' contract in place. While this may be alarming to those who have children in one of these districts, it's just business as usual.

"It is not unusual for more than 100 districts to be in the middle of negotiations when the school year begins; students and parents should not worry about the opening of school," said Edwina M. Lee, executive director of NJSBA. "Traditionally, we see a large number of contract settlements in the fall. Until a new agreement is reached, teachers are covered by the old contract, with its guarantees of salary, health benefits and other protections. In reality, public school teachers never work without a contract."

New Jersey residents, already overburdened with property taxes, may be surprised to learn the average salary increases being given in new teacher contracts. At a time when the state has frozen aid to school districts and the private sector is struggling in a sluggish economy, the average annual increase being given to teachers statewide is 4.63 percent, up from last year's 4.48 percent.

Whether teachers deserve the size of those raises is not the issue. For decades, teachers have been notoriously underpaid in relation to the responsibility they have. What's at issue, however, is whether New Jersey really needs 576 separate school contracts.

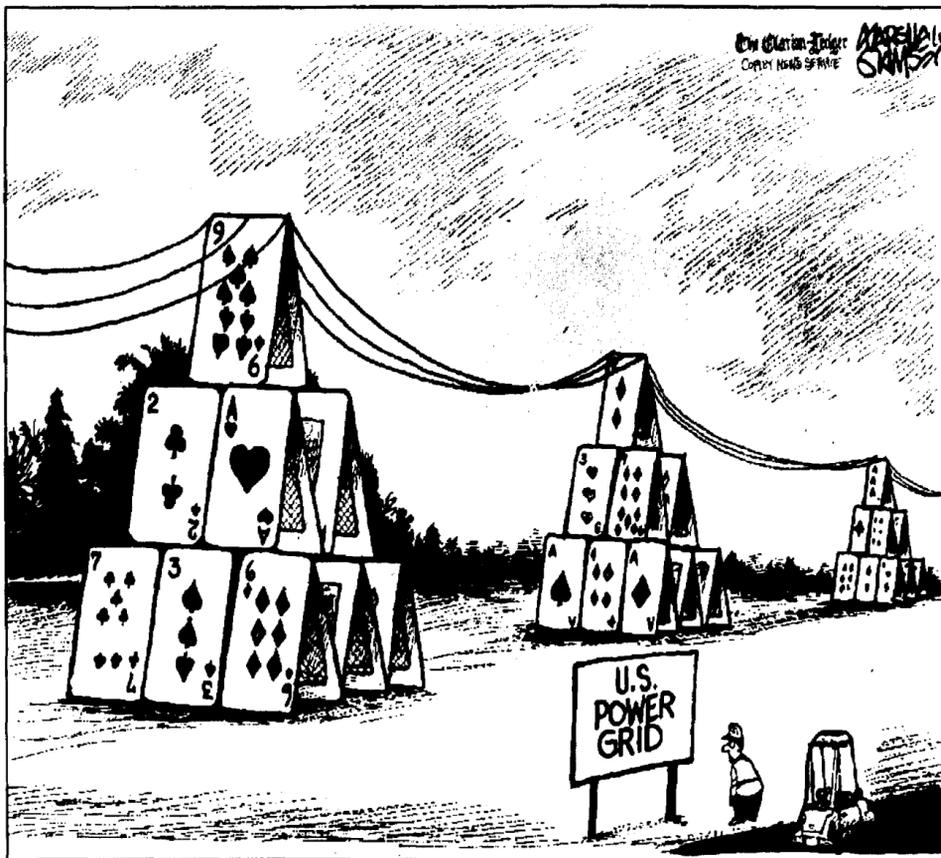
Can an argument be made that all teachers in New Jersey have the same contract? That would level the playing field between rich and poor school districts, urban and suburban districts, and districts in different regions of the state. The competition that now exists among school districts would go away as every district would offer the same package of salaries and fringe benefits. Also going away would be the tension and cost every three years of each school district entering into separate negotiations for a new contract.

Of course this is never going to happen.

In New Jersey's irrationally decentralized government, the possibility of even school districts within the same county negotiating a common contract is dim. Each school district is passionately jealous of protecting its own turf and charting its own course. Does anyone believe that Livingston and Newark, two Essex County communities, really want to share the same teacher contract, let alone be grouped in the same school district, no matter how much sense it makes?

The number of teacher contracts in the state only reinforces the need for New Jersey to take a serious look at how public education is organized. Does it make any sense to have more school districts in New Jersey than municipalities? Similarly, does it make sense to have 566 municipalities? How long can the New Jersey property taxpayer afford to continue to support such an inefficient and costly public school system?

These are the important questions voters should be asking the candidates for State Assembly and State Senate this fall. The need for reform is obvious; it is up to the Legislature to make it happen.



Letters to the editor

## Boro must make streets safer for kids

To The Record-Press:

As another school year starts, the safety of our children who walk to school needs to be addressed. Fanwood has a joint school district with Scotch Plains and currently there are no schools actually within Fanwood's boundary.

However, a number of schools on our borders are within walking distance, and Fanwood children walk to these schools. Many of these routes could be improved and made safer for our walkers.

One example is the route to McGinn School. Currently the crosswalk across Martine Avenue is substandard and needs to be improved to be a high visibil-

ity crosswalk. This crosswalk should have pedestrian warning and location signs, in addition to the crossing guard currently posted at that location.

NJDOT has grant money set aside specifically to help communities make Safe Routes to Schools. Why are we not taking advantage of this grant money? The Democratic Team of Mahr, Molenaar and Dolce will provide the kind of professional experience and leadership that will actively pursue grant money to improve our community. It's time to improve all of Fanwood. Its time to put Fanwood First!

JACK E. MOLENAAR  
Democratic candidate for Fanwood Borough Council

## Two chances to honor Americans

To The Record-Press:

I would like to take this opportunity to remind your readers of two significant dates in September.

Sept. 11 will mark the second anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks on America. Day of Remembrance ceremonies will be conducted throughout the land to honor and remember the victims and heroes of that terrible day and the days that followed. Posts of the American Legion across America will participate in those ceremonies to ensure that no one forgets.

On Sept. 19 the American Legion will also participate in ceremonies that will be conducted to remember our prisoners of war and those missing in action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established

to remember the more than 88,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen who have been classified as POWs or MIA since World War II. The American Legion conducts a ceremony at each of its meetings to remember these individuals but Sept. 19 offers an opportunity for all Americans to show that they have not forgotten them.

I encourage everyone to show that they will never forget by attending Day of Remembrance and POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies in their community. Let us show the families of the victims of Sept. 11 and those who remain unaccounted for that they will remain in our hearts forever.

MARSHALL 'Ted' BEMR  
State Commander  
New Jersey American Legion

## 'Step up' to challenge of staying fit

To The Record-Press:

Cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, is the nation's leading cause of death, claiming the lives of nearly 960,000 Americans each year, including more than 280,000 people from New Jersey. Just over 37 percent of New Jersey deaths annually are due to heart disease and stroke. More than 15,000 New Jersey women die annually from cardiovascular disease, and an estimated 61.8 million Americans have one or more forms of cardiovascular disease. As business, health care and education leaders and concerned citizens, we're alarmed at these staggering statistics.

Lack of physical activity is a major risk factor contributing significantly to four of the six leading causes of death in the United States, namely heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes. On behalf of the American Heart Association, we want to urge everyone to "Exercise Your Heart!"

The theme of the American Heart Association's 2003 American Heart Walk is "Step Out, Save Lives! — Exercise Your Heart!" which promotes the importance of physical activity and how physical activity can help reduce or eliminate risk factors for heart disease and stroke, including high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, diabetes, obesity, high levels of triglyc-

erides and low levels of HDL cholesterol.

As America faces a growing crisis in how to deal with obesity, the American Heart Association's New Jersey American Heart Walk exercise themes take on greater prominence and provide all of us an easy way to get started... join us and walk! Obesity rates have doubled in children and tripled in adolescents over the last 20 years. One in seven young people is obese, and one in three is overweight.

Physical activity brings health benefits to the heart, lungs and circulation. The American Heart Association recommends exercising for 30 minutes or longer on most days of the week. We encourage you to include exercise as part of your regular daily routine, and please join us as we walk to stay healthy at the Middlesex-Union County American Heart Walk.

As co-chairs of the American Heart Association's 2003 Middlesex-Union County American Heart Walk on Sept. 21, we urge residents, business and civic leaders, company employees and survivors to "get moving" and join us at Middlesex County College in Edison. Learn more by calling your local American Heart Association office, or call (800) AHA-USA1.

DR. JOHN BAKUM, BARBARA JONES  
and KEVIN MCCONNELL  
Co-chairs, 2003 Middlesex-Union County Heart Walk

## Railroads would benefit communities

To The Record-Press:

Restoring the Railway Valley/States Island Railroad as the M&E operated Railway Valley (RV) will benefit every Union County resident as well as the region and the state.

Economic development will save existing industry, which also saves jobs and tax payables. The real estate tax has a portion going to the county, so any town's tax increase helps every resident. Rail service will attract new industry and distribution which will increase jobs and tax collections. More jobs means more entry level employment, which decreases welfare, another savings.

Rail freight cars carry as much as five trucks, which is actually ten trucks in the context of round-trip travel. There is no fact of the road user charges, truck or auto, which allows road taxes to county or town roads and bridges. Hence, everything moving by rail takes pressure off local streets, which are fully paid by your "too high" real estate taxes. Maryland DOT dynamometer tests showed a legally loaded 18 wheeler put as much pressure on roads as 4,600 autos. Even on the N.J. Turnpike, a truck lobbyist

admitted trucks put 6,000 times the pressure on roads as autos. Hence, bringing freight nearer destination by rail saves real money.

HAZMAT moves by trucks with no real paper work, and many a load of garbage went west in the truck my Frosted Flakes came back in with a mere hose washing. When freight moves by rail, there is a paper trail. And garbage moves in specialized sealed railcars. Trucks leak garbage juice all over roads and waterways.

As a rail marketing professional I have not heard one legitimate argument against restoring this rail, only the vested interest of NIMBYs pimpling for hidden agendas of groups such as the Teamsters, who never explained away their incestuous relationship with the Mafia. Did the Freeholders handle this poorly? Yes, only because they tried to talk sense into the NIMBYs. But NIMBYs with agendas never listen to reason. I am retired and can never work for another rail line, so my interest is in the environment and mobility for all.

WILLIAM R. WRIGHT  
Cranford

## Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

## Another summer comes to a bad end

Another summer has come and gone.

It never seemed like summer. The weather was atrocious when it should have been beautiful. The Labor Day weekend was typical — one beautiful day sandwiched between two awful days. That was the ratio for the three months between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Now in the sad days of September, when the world returns to business, I look back with disappointment over all the things I wanted to do this summer but didn't.

For example, I wasn't chosen to be on a "reality" television show. Of course "reality show" is a misnomer because none of these shows is in the same universe as reality. Do these people ever work? Do they ever have to visit the Division of Motor Vehicles to have their registrations renewed? They live in a fantasy world where the rudiments of life are no problem so they're allowed to indulge every self-indulgence and sink to the lowest common denominators of the human condition — greed and lust.

I suppose these shows perform a valuable cultural function by allowing us to cluck our tongues over the lack of shame the participants on these shows display. After all, the tongue clucks are expressions of our moral revulsion and a re-enforcement of all those basic values we hold dear. Yet, some of us have this inexplicable wish to be on these shows, if only so we can forget the demands of everyday life and enjoy our brief moment as a celebrity. After all, isn't it the dream of every American to be a star?

Another disappointment of the summer was the lack of hitchhikers. Long, long time ago, when the country wasn't plagued by irrational fears, everybody used to hitchhike, especially during the summer. (In Europe, hitchhiking is still considered an acceptable rite of passage, the proper means to see the world during your *wanderjahr* when your fancy is still free.) Do you remember the scene in "It Happened One Night" when Clark Gable (it was 1934 when newspaper reporters were portrayed in the movies by Clark Gable) and Claudette Colbert were forced to hitchhike and they only got a ride when Colbert showed her gams?

But nobody hitchhikes anymore. You would think with the high price of gas and the lack of adequate public transportation, people would be hoofing it more, but I saw only one hitchhiker this summer. It's a disturbing commentary on the level of distrust and suspicion in our culture that nobody picks up hitchhikers anymore. Like school shootings and postal workers going berserk, bizarre tales of dangerous hitchhikers were exaggerated by a news business that cannot afford to cover stories of substance. Thus random acts of violence receive too much attention in the media; they are also subject to brainless analysis that a single incident could somehow be indicative of a society headed to Hades in a hand basket. And every special group exploits these isolated incidents to prove that they alone can save the country from falling ever deeper into a power of decadence.

The act of hitchhiking for both parties was once an expression of the democratic brotherhood of this country. Now it's become emblematic of the atmosphere of suspicion and distrust that already had taken hold before Sept. 11 but has now become institutionalized.

End of rant.  
Worst of all, I didn't have my typical summer love affair. This is the 15th summer in a row that I haven't had my typical summer love affair. There were no love letters in the sand, adventures under the boardwalk, midnight rides under an aphrodisiac moon and the lascivious scenes of devouring barbecue ribs. Absent was the carefree passion that makes me feel as if I were 40 again.

I blame it on the weather. If there's no heat in the atmosphere, why should there be any heat in my soul? Well, there's always next summer.

## The Record-Press is here for you

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Adam Sandler, because he's Jewish.



**ALEX MASEL**  
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(Phish guitarist) Trey Anastasio, because he's a very wise man.

# Plainfield man is charged with drunk driving, leaving the scene

**WESTFIELD**

Hector Tibow-Criollo, 22, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated Aug. 29. Tibow-Criollo allegedly fled the scene of an accident at South and North Scotch Plains avenues.

He was additionally charged with refusal to submit to breath test, having an open container of alcohol in his motor vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident and reckless driving.

Coco Barker-Matara, 21, Crystal Ashburn, 23, and Eboni Vou Allen, 21, all from Jersey City, were arrested for possession of marijuana Aug. 26.

Additionally Barker-Matara was held in lieu of a warrant issued by the Jersey City police department.

Andrew Regenstreich of Westfield was arrested Aug. 28 at South and Central avenues for possession of materials to manufacture a fictitious license.

Michael Vea, 25, of Franklin Park, was charged with driving while intoxicated Sunday. He was arrested after officers observed him driving in the area of E. Broad Street and Gallows Hill Road.

Matthew Eaton of Fanwood was arrested for driving while intoxicated Saturday. A breath test was administered, results of which were a 0.13 percent blood-alcohol content, police said.

Valerie Blackmon of Rahway was arrested Sunday for driving while intoxicated.

A 2003 silver Oldsmobile was recovered Aug. 29. The vehicle had been stolen from the Avis Rental agency on 324 E. South Street.

**SCOTCH PLAINS**

A resident of King James Court reported Aug. 29 that while she was walking on the 400 block of Willow Avenue, a white male in a red vehicle exposed himself to her. The victim said that while she was on her cell phone, a red car drove past her. The car then turned around and approached her, and the driver of the vehicle allegedly stopped and propositioned the victim.

The driver is described as a white male in his late 30s with dark brown hair, who was unshaven and heavyset with a pot belly.

Ronald Hamilton, 58, of Plainfield was arrested and charged Sunday with possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, and possession of controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle. Hamilton was released

## Police Log

on a summons

In the same incident, Shelia Thomas of Orange was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice. She was taken to the Union County Jail on an outstanding contempt of court warrant.

A Lake Avenue resident reported Aug. 25 that while his Mercedes-Benz was parked unlocked in his driveway, a cell phone was removed from the glove compartment. An amount of \$10 was also taken from the vehicle.

Steve Luciani, 24, of Scotch Plains was arrested Aug. 25 and charged with providing alcohol to a minor. Three juveniles were also taken into custody.

Luciani was arrested at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

A business owner on Terrill Road reported that someone entered the business Aug. 25 after closing hours and removed an undetermined amount of money from the cash register.

A Prospect Avenue resident reported Aug. 26 that someone has been writing checks using his Sovereign Bank Money Market account. The victim stated that approximately \$5,000 is missing.

The Immaculate Heart Church reported Aug. 29 that \$300 was removed from a wallet located in the second-floor rectory. A witness reported seeing a man inside the rectory who claimed to with the landscaping crew.

A landscaper reported Aug.

29 approximately \$400 was stolen from an envelope he left inside his unlocked truck.

The victim reported that his truck was parked behind St. Bartholomew's Church, and he found the money missing after returning from unloading his truck.

A Inverness Drive resident reported Aug. 29 that his home was broken into. The front door of the residence was forced in. The victim states that money was removed and the telephone wire was also cut.

A Henry Street resident reported that his company's Dodge Intrepid was burglarized sometime between Aug. 28 and Aug. 29.

The passenger side window was smashed, and damage was found to the steering column.

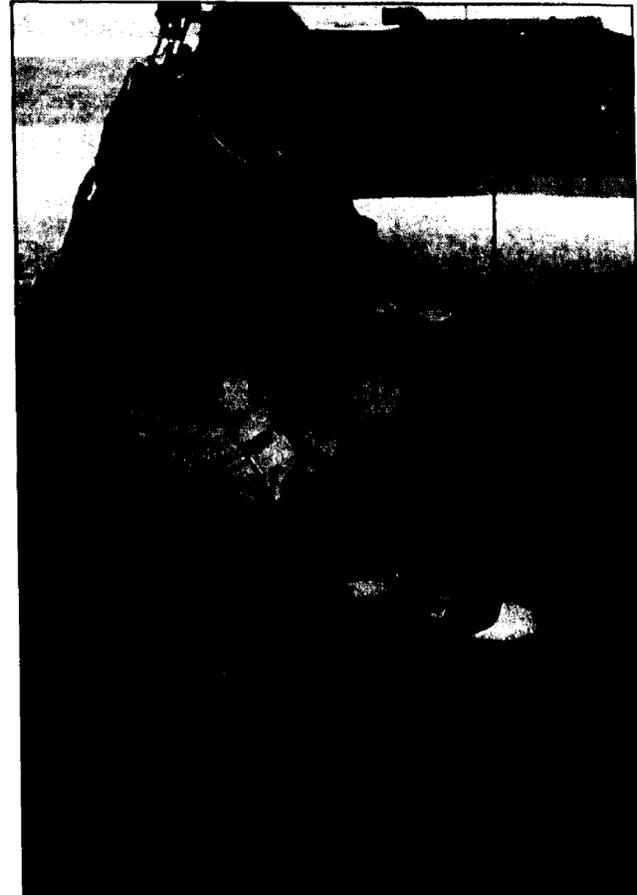
A New Milford resident reported criminal mischief to his 1999 Mercedes Benz Aug. 29. The victim stated he left Snuffy's Restaurant and was walking toward his car when he saw a young male standing between his car and a cream-colored Lexus.

As the victim approached his Mercedes, the male got into the Lexus and drove away. The victim then noticed the door handle of his car was damaged and a hole was punched under the handle.

A Westfield Road resident reported Saturday that her 1991 Honda Accord was stolen from her driveway. The owner states that the car was secured.

Alexis Ganzemuller, 20, was arrested for a contempt of court warrant on August 30. He was also charged with possession of an open container of alcohol under the legal age.

# First Swing program is a hit



Bob Buck of the Eastern Amputee Golf Association demonstrates the use of the "wrist cast" for individuals who don't have the ability to grip a golf club.

The Annual Learn to Golf Program for People with Physical Disabilities was held recently at Union County's Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains.

The participatory clinic was presented in cooperation with the Eastern Amputee Golf Association, the National Amputee Golf Association, the Disabled American Veterans and PGA of America.

First Swing clinics, begun in 1988, were designed for anyone with a physical disability, whether they had never tried golf or wanted to return to the sport. They cover adaptive equipment; introduction to or reviews of basic golfing techniques; and ways to improve functional skills, including balance and range of motion.

"This program is open to anyone who is physically challenged including, but not limited to amputees, persons who are post-stroke and/or have any situation that makes this type of specialized instruction valuable," said Union County Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr., liaison to the county's Golf Committee. "It is also open to healthcare and golf professionals who would like to learn adaptive golf techniques for their clients. If you have a physical disability and missed this clinic, I hope you will take advantage of the next one. The Union County Freeholders are pleased to hold these clinics at Union County's well-kept courses."

To learn more about the Eastern Amputee Golf Association, call Bob Buck at (888) 868-0992. Anyone who would like additional information about programs for people with disabilities through Union County's Department of Parks and Recreation should call (908) 527-4096.



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# Fall session for seniors begins soon at JCC

**SCOTCH PLAINS** The fall session of the Senior Adult Program at the JCC of Central NJ begins 9:30 a.m. Monday. The program convenes every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each day a kosher lunch is served. Participants choose from the following activities:

**Monday**  
*Art with Lillie Bryen* — Explore various media and techniques while creating projects to be proud of. No previous art experience is required.  
*Current Events with Salo Enis* — Stimulating discussions on politics and national and inter-

national events.  
*Exercise with Anne Baker* — Exercise to music, boost your energy, and have fun in this exciting class.  
*Jewish Culture with Salo Enis* — Discussions range from the political situation in Israel, Jewish Holidays, and Jewish

authors.  
**Tuesday**  
*Drawing with Ruth Rosenzweig* — Use charcoals and pencil to sketch different subjects.  
*Exercise with Claire Lazarowitz* — This program helps promote health and well-being, and includes stretching, strength training and endurance work.  
*Speaker Series with Jewish Family Services* — On a weekly basis there are new topics to explore, and ideas to share.  
*Short stories with Barbara Buettner* — Read short stories in class and enjoy a lively discussion.  
*Personal Histories with Barbara Buettner* — This writing class encourages participants to write about their lives and their experiences. No previous writing experience is required.

## This week

**SATURDAY SEPT. 6**  
**MINERAL SHOW** — The New Jersey Mineralogical Society will be holding its 32nd annual Gem and Mineral Show from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fanwood train station. Admission is free. There will be dealers with a large variety of specimens, including fossils and jewelry. For additional information call (732) 469-1047.

**SUNDAY SEPT. 7**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY** — Awareness Day hosted by the Fanwood PBA and Fire Company. Children's fair with a public safety theme. Features games, pony rides, music and more. 1-6 p.m. Rear of Borough Hall. For more, (908) 322-5000, ext. 151 or 166.  
**OPEN MIC** — The Internet Lounge on South Avenue in Fanwood will host an open mic and karaoke night. The public is invited to do original poetry, stand-up comedy or a musical number. Computer games and Internet access are also available. 7 p.m. For more information call (908) 490-1234.

**MONDAY SEPT. 8**  
**GOLF OUTING** — to benefit the Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Roselle Golf Club. For more information, (732) 244-1044 or (908) 486-0700.  
**GOLF EVENT** — sponsored by the Trinitas Health Foundation. Shotgun start 12:30 p.m. Shackamaxon Golf & Country Club, Scotch Plains. For more information, (908) 994-8249.

**TUESDAY SEPT. 9**  
**BUSINESS WORKSHOP** — conducted by representatives of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners. Learn how to open a business and prepare a formal written business plan. 6-8 p.m. Every Tuesday to Sept. 30. Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St., Elizabeth. (908) 737-5950.

**WEDNESDAY SEPT. 10**  
**INTERFAITH SERVICE** — dedicated to "remembrance and hope," marking second anniversary of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, hosted by Westfield clergy. 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St.  
**INFORMATIONAL MEETING** — for prospective members of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield. Learn about a group that offers friendship and outstanding volunteer opportunities to women over 21. 7:30 p.m. The Jumble Store, 110 Walnut Ave., Cranford. (908) 709-1177.

**THURSDAY SEPT. 11**  
**GRAND OPENING** — of Memorial Park, on Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. Event coupled with a ceremony in honor of Scotch Plains residents who perished in the Sept. 11 tragedy. For more, (908) 322-6700, ext. 221.

**SATURDAY SEPT. 13**  
**SELF-ADVOCATES CONFERENCE** — The Self-Advocates of the Arc of Union County will hold its Conference of Many Faces. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. At the Self-Advocacy Center in the Scotch Plains Work Center.

**SUNDAY SEPT. 14**  
**CASINO TRIP** — to Sands in Atlantic City, sponsored by the Union County Legal Secretaries Association. Depart Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth 8:30 a.m.; return 7 p.m. \$21. For more information, call Helen Goworek at (908) 289-7356 or (908) 527-4587.

**COMING UP**  
**GOLF CLASSIC** — Rahway Hospital Foundation holds annual event. Sept. 15. Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield. \$425 includes golf and a host of gala events throughout the day. (732) 499-6135.  
**BOOK SALE** — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will hold a book sale Sept. 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at the library beginning Sept. 2. Used books in salable condition, especially paperbacks, classics and children's books will be accepted. For more information call the library at (908) 322-6400.  
**HOMECOMING BLOCK PARTY** — and fireworks celebration, marking Garwood's centennial. Featuring live music, vendors and a skateboard demonstration. Begins 1 p.m. Sept. 20. Unami Park.  
**JERSEY JAZZ** — by the Lake, annual jazz festival sponsored by Union County. In conjunction with children's festival Kids' Kingdom. Noon-7 p.m. Sept. 20. Nomahegan Park, Cranford.  
**FANNY WOOD DAY** — annual celebration in Fanwood. Sept. 28. This year's event will feature a classic car show, to register a car send \$10 check payable to "Cougar Club of NJ" to 386 Parkway Drive Scotch Plains. For more, (908) 889-1700.  
**AUTISM WALK** — four mile trek benefits research into the disease. 2 p.m. Oct. 12. Nomahegan Park, Cranford. Registration 1 p.m. or register in advance at [www.autismwalk.org](http://www.autismwalk.org) or (908) 777-6227. To volunteer, email [dcshw@njanet.org](mailto:dcshw@njanet.org)

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# Community Life

## Briefs

### Osborn House will be open to public Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1840 Front Street, will be open to visitors 2-4 p.m. Sunday. The display of hand-painted Victorian porcelain and China will continue. Costumed docents will be available to give tours of the circa 1760 salt box farm house and surrounding gardens. There is no admission fee.

### Singles connect at First Baptist Church

WESTFIELD—Those over 45, widowed, divorced or never married don't have to be alone. Attend a singles group at First Baptist Church of Westfield 9 a.m. each Sunday in September for coffee and cake and lively discussion dealing with single issues.

It's not group therapy, it's friendship, a sharing of experiences, and good company. Other activities include winter movie nights, summer picnics, holiday get-togethers, and more.

First Baptist Church is located at 170 Elm St. The group meets in the lower level meeting room. A \$2 donation is requested and all are welcome.

For more information call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

### Series offers help on dealing with grief

SCOTCH PLAINS — Center for Hope Hospice & Palliative Care will offer a six-week lecture series titled "Journey Through Grief" 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. each Wednesday night Sept. 17-Oct. 22. The lecture series will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1517 Martine Ave. This non-denominational program is designed to assist those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Pre-registration is not required and there is no cost for participants. The series is opened to the public. Guests are invited to bring family members and friends. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the lecture each week.

For further information or directions, call Donna Dandrilli at the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care at (908) 654-3103.

### WTC survivor to speak in Scotch Plains church

SCOTCH PLAINS — World Trade Center survivor Sujo John will speak at Evangel Church 6 p.m. Sept. 28.

Sujo is a New Yorker who was on the 81st floor of Tower 1 when the first airliner exploded into flames just two floors above his office. Sujo, whose wife's office was in Tower 11, will recount the details of the incredible events he witnessed during his narrow escape from death. His story has been covered in the New York Times, the BBC and the London Times. Sujo has spoken nationwide to thousands since September 11, 2001.

This event is free and open to the public. Evangel Church is located at 1251 Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains. For more information on this event call Rev. Dr. Kevin Brennan at (908) 322-9300.

### Enriching girls' lives is subject of talk

SCOTCH PLAINS — What do girls and young women need? How can this need be fulfilled? A program is available for girls to enrich their lives in an interesting and exciting way.

Scotch Plains Baptist Church Women's Ministry and Christian Education Division will host Janet Moser, chairman of the AB Girls of New Jersey. She will be speaking about a program for girls ages 8-25 who will grow in their relationship with God, develop leadership qualities, and learn to serve others.

The event will be held 7:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church at 333 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. Refreshments will be served. The program is open to all girls in the local area and women who may be interested in the organization for their daughters. For directions call the church at (908) 322-8487.

## These volunteers ride to the rescue

### Library's 'Books on Wheels' program brings texts to homebound seniors

By ROZ GIUDITTA  
CORRESPONDENT

Few things are more comforting than a good book when you're sick and alone. But for many elderly and ill individuals in Westfield who can't get out of the house, getting good books is almost an impossibility.

That's where Books on Wheels comes in.

Operated as a service by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library for more than 20 years, Books on Wheels is responsible for delivering close to 1,000 books a year to homebound patrons in a senior citizen residence, a nursing home and private residences. Currently, volunteers from the Friends deliver up to four books every two weeks to eight individuals.

According to Allan Kleiman, head of the Reference Department, choosing books

that the readers will like is an endeavor that requires real thought on the part of the three reference librarians.

Initially, when the homebound become part of the Books on Wheels program, they have telephone discussions with the librarians, indicating authors and titles they prefer, as well as specific genres. "For example, someone might say I like mysteries without any sex in them," said Kleiman.

Then, reference librarians Laurie Anderson, Joan Gelman and Sally Hanford go to work choosing the books. Once they have made their choices, they load the books into green canvas bags marked for each patron. Then volunteers from the Friends wend their way through Westfield every other Friday, carting the bags up stairways and down hallways.

From start to finish, the process is time-intensive for the librarians and physically demanding for the volunteers. Because of the one-to-one nature, said Kleiman, "A relationship develops with the library, the staff and the volunteer. The volunteers are the ones who are doing the (physically) hard part."

Why go through all this work when at-home entertainment abounds, in the form

of television, videos, DVDs, the Internet, and even books-on-tape?

"It may be hard for people to understand, but it's devastating not to have a book to read if you've been reading all your life," said Kleiman. "The patrons are senior citizens, and the book is more important to this generation than TV or videos. They want the physical and mental challenge of turning pages. You can control how you read with a book."

A different kind of relationship occurs when people read a book rather than just listening to one on tape, Kleiman said. "People develop a stronger bond with a character when they read. The character becomes part of your company."

To the homebound, he added, "The book is their friend."

Mary Etheridge, a patron who has received books for several years, agrees the program is important. "I used to

teach fifth and sixth grade. Having books is like teaching," she said. "I'll be 91 years old in a month, and reading is all I can do now."

Ruth Robert, another patron for several months, is now on the receiving

end of services similar to what she used to provide as a reference librarian for a Brooklyn library and Pan American Airlines. She enjoys biographies and mysteries, though, she stipulated, "not murders."

She was very pleased that although the library found no biography of Meredith Willson, composer of the book, music and lyrics for "The Music Man," they provided her with some photocopied material about him anyway. "I got lots of information," she said. "I was interested because we're both from Iowa."

Volunteer coordinator Letty Hudak, now in her seventh year on the job, usually has a crew of 15 to 20 people delivering and returning books. Volunteers for 2003, ranging in age from the 30s through the 70s, include Casey Chandler, Joan Doherty, Linda Giuditta, Ann Harrie, Marie Laessig, Marilyn Musell, Pat Porta, Diane Singleton, and Evie Schaeffer.

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Books on Wheels patron



Books on Wheels volunteers (from left) Casey Chandler, Marie Laessig, Lois Wright, Gail Schen and Letty Hudak bring reading material to Westfield seniors. Helping them in their efforts is Reference Librarian Allan Kleiman, second from right.

Over the years Hudak has improved the service by purchasing a cart that holds up to 100 lbs. of books. Volunteers no longer heft bags of books throughout the halls of Boynton Gardens, the senior citizen center, or up the stairs of private homes.

Even though she is the same generation as the patrons she sees, Hudak frequently delivers books herself. Despite the many hours involved and a hip replacement two years ago, she continues with the service. "Books on Wheels is a wonderful vehicle for transporting books to those who love them and are unable to leave their residence. People will call if their morning delivery is missed."

Other volunteers give countless hours to the service for similar reasons.

Marie Laessig, in her third year of delivering books, volunteers because she is an avid reader herself. If she were ever unable to get books, "It would be wonderful to have the library deliver them. It's the perfect set-up for those who are stuck," she said.

Evie Shaefer, who retired nine years ago and who's been delivering books for three years, also delivers food once a week for Mobile Meals of Westfield, works in a soup kitchen once a month, and walks and takes exercise classes on a daily basis. Like most of the other volunteers, she rarely interacts with the patrons she serves, as the book bags are usually left at the recipient's door. But she continues to fit Books on Wheels into her schedule because, "If we can, we should all do some volunteer work. It gives you some insight into the way people live. You feel good you can perform this service," she said.

Currently, the Friends are able to take on a limited number of additional patrons. To qualify for the service, "individuals must be Westfield residents and truly must be confined," said Wilson. Those interested in learning more about the service can reach Allan Kleiman at (908) 789-4090, and those interested in volunteering can reach Letty Hudak at (908) 233-6233.

## Cancer survivor headed to career in medicine

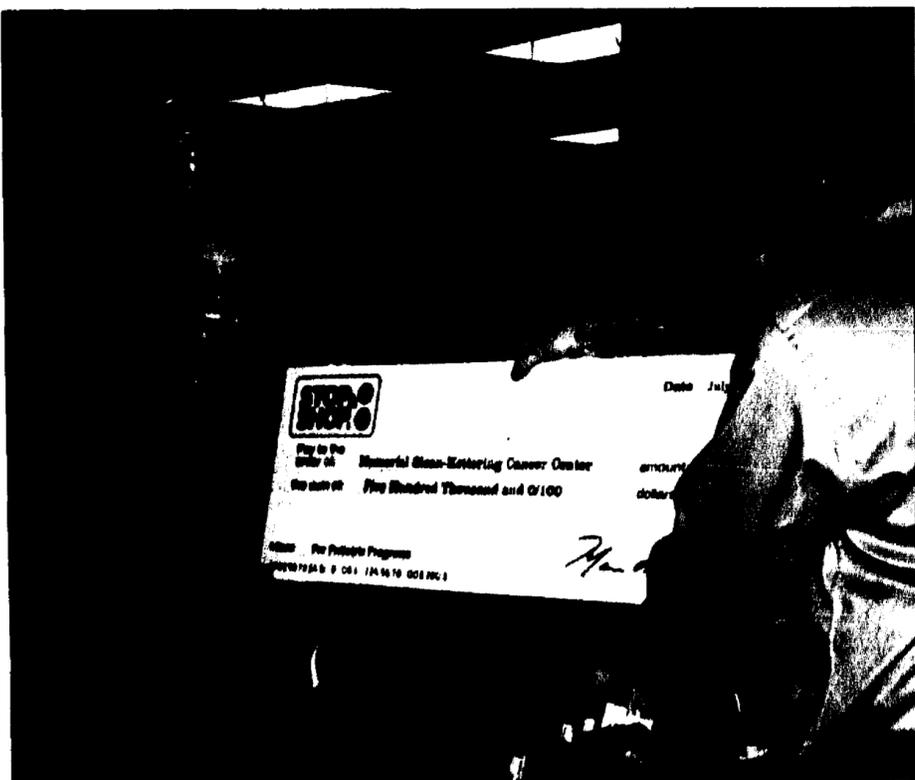
WESTFIELD — Two years ago, Angela Ricci got the shock of her young life when she was diagnosed with cancer. Now 18, Angela was so impressed with the quality of her care at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center that she plans to devote herself to a career as a pediatric oncologist, treating children with cancer.

Angela, who ran cross country and graduated near the top of her class at Westfield High School despite undergoing treatment during parts of her sophomore and junior years, leaves for Princeton University in a matter of weeks to begin her pre-med studies.

She also found time to make public appearances on behalf of Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, which raised \$500,000 this year for pediatric programs at Sloan-Kettering through a scratch-off game called the Triple Winner game.

Called Triple Winner because every game card is an instant winner of one of three items — cash gift certificates or free products — the game, now in its 13th year, has raised more than \$25 million for pediatric cancer research and care. In the New Jersey-New York region, the recipient in each of the last three years has been Sloan-Kettering, with more than \$1.1 million going to that hospital's pediatric programs.

One of Angela's last Triple Winner public appearances before leaving for Princeton was a presentation of the



Westfield resident Angela Ricci, New Jersey Stop & Shop Triple Winner, presents a \$500,000 donation to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

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\$500,000 Stop & Shop check to Sloan-Kettering last week.

"Angela's story is both poignant and uplifting," Marc Smith, president and CEO of Stop & Shop, said of her battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma, her subsequent career choice, and Stop & Shop's decision to name Angela a Triple Winner kid — one of five from the region and the only one from New Jersey. "She's obviously a

battler — along with being

smart, talented and articulate — and that's why she was chosen to be a Triple Winner kid. We're proud to be associated with people like Angela as we try to do our part to fight childhood cancer."

Angela, who also served as a volunteer counselor this summer at a church run camp for children with cancer and blood disorders, said she was honored to be asked

"One of the Child Life

Specialists (at Sloan-Kettering) asked whether I'd consider volunteering as a Triple Winner kid," Angela said. "It's commendable that Stop & Shop raises money and awareness about childhood cancer. It's commendable that they do this every year, and I was honored to take part. With all that everybody has done for me at Sloan-Kettering, I felt it was the least I could do."

"I want to help people the way Dr. (Tanya) Trippett and all the other staff at Sloan-Kettering helped me," Angela says. "I'd like to replicate both the medical excellence and warmth they gave me, which made me feel right at home there even when things were scary."

## Library ready for annual book sale

FANWOOD — The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will hold their major fund-raiser, an annual book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20 (Unlike previous sales, the rain date for this sale will be on Sunday, not the following Saturday. Proceeds from this popular local event will benefit the library.

As the library begins its next 100 years, the Friends are looking forward to continuing their support of the technology, building and collection initiatives of the past few years, as well as other library development and service projects planned for the future.

Donations for the book sale may be dropped off at the library. The Friends are accepting used books in saleable condition, and especially seek recent publications, paperbacks, classics, children's books, games, and toys.

They will also take used commercially produced videos, CDs, and cassettes. No old books (books of little interest or value such as textbooks, outdated non-fiction or fiction, mangled or damaged books or magazines) will be accepted. Such unwanted items may be taken to recycling.

This is a great time of year to clear crowded bookshelves and box up those unwanted items. Questions about donations can be answered with a call to (908) 889-0908.

To contribute or help sort, set-up, and clean up for the sale, contact the Library at (908) 322-0404 or sign up on your next visit to the library. There are jobs for everyone, the Friends especially need strong arms (and backs) at the beginning and end of the sale. (You need not be an expert or know anything about books. As always, helpers often find bargains for their efforts, or at least find the sale a fun way to share their love of reading.)

## Charles H. Brandt; Westfield attorney

WESTFIELD — Charles H. Brandt, an attorney long associated with municipal government, died Aug. 26 at his home at 70.

Mr. Brandt maintained his law practice in Westfield since 1975 and was the Westfield town attorney from 1977-98. Mr. Brandt served on the Town Council from 1974-76; at one time he worked in securities law and litigation for a Newark law firm.

He also served as legal counsel to the Assembly Republican caucus and taught a class in business law at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mr. Brandt was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1968, the year he earned his law degree from the Seton Hall Law School.

Before going into law Mr. Brandt was a manager with the Standard Oil Co. of California in Richmond, Calif., and Perth Amboy. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from Cornell University in 1956.

An ROTC cadet at Cornell, he received a commission as an Army lieutenant on graduation and spent

six months at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md. He was a co-captain of the Westfield High School football team.

Mr. Brandt was born in Cranford and lived in Westfield for most of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy S.; two sons, Charles J. of Westfield and Theodore A. of Elizabeth; four daughters, Susan B. McCrea and Jane E. Garretson, both of Westfield, Ellen S. of Bernardsville and Carolyn Bickford of Needham, Mass.; a stepson, John J. Grossi III of Westfield; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth F. Strianese of Beacon, N.Y.; a brother, Anthony of Sag Harbor, N.Y.; and 12 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterston St., P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091 or Atlantic Home Care and Hospice, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ 07041.

## James T. McGrane

SCOTCH PLAINS — James T. McGrane, 83, died Aug. 28, 2003 at Rahway Hospital.

A native of Newark, he lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Linden in 1978.

Mr. McGrane retired after 20 years as a salesman for Planters peanuts. He was a Coast Guard veteran in the Pacific during World War II.

In Linden he was a member of John Russell Wheeler Post 1397, Veterans of Foreign Wars; the American Association of Retired Persons; the Retired Men's Club;

and the Holy Name Society at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Anne M. Urbanowitz McGrane; a son, James M. of North Carolina; two daughters, Marianne Croell of Mississippi and Jill of Sea Bright; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Leonard-Lee Funeral Home, Linden, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

## Gracie Armstead

WESTFIELD — Gracie Coleman Armstead, 92, died Aug. 24, 2003 at her home.

A native of Plainfield, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Westfield in 1976.

Mrs. Armstead was retired from Suplex Corp. in Garwood. She worked at the General Motors Corp. plant in Linden during World War II.

She was the Church Mother at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, where Mrs. Armstead was the first organist for services and a founding member. She sang with The Whispering Four gospel quartet as well.

Mrs. Armstead served on the Third District council in New Jersey for the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World. She was a member of Centennial Temple 246 in Westfield.

Deceased are her husband, Courtney; a son, Alexander Scott Jr.; and a brother, Samuel Coleman.

Surviving is a surrogate daughter, Patricia Faggins of Westfield.

Services were held Saturday at the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Arrangements were by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

## John Goetzee

SCOTCH PLAINS — John Goetzee, 85, died Aug. 26, 2003 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born May 1, 1918 in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., he was a son of the late Arthur and Emma Wilsea Goetzee.

Mr. Goetzee had lived in Scotch Plains in 1960. He retired in 1976 as an electrician with the American Can Co. in Jersey City. A star athlete in high school, he was a baseball pitcher until a shoulder injury cut short his sports career.

As an Army Air Corps veteran

in World War II he flew over 70 missions on P-51 reconnaissance aircraft over Europe.

Deceased are his wife, Helen Seman Goetzee; and three sisters, Hazel, Florence and Emma.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret, and two sons, William and Eric, all of Scotch Plains; a sister, Mary Geraghty of Ardsley, N.Y.; two nephews and a great-niece.

Services were held Saturday at the Edwards-Dowdle Funeral Home in Dobbs Ferry.

## Obituaries

### Robert A. Cushman

WESTFIELD — Robert Arnold Cushman, 85, died Aug. 25, 2003 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Miami, Fla., he lived in Westfield for 50 years before moving to Monroe in 1999.

Mr. Cushman retired after more than 40 years as an executive with General Cable Corp. in Woodbridge. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 1940 and a master's degree from the New York University Graduate School of Business in 1951.

In 1975 Mr. Cushman received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest adult honor given by the Boy Scouts of America. He interviewed Eagle Scout candidates in 1986 as chairman of the Advancement Committee of the Watchung Area Council. He also was a district chairman in the Watchung Area Council in 1974-75 and chairman of the executive committee for Troop 77.

He was a past president of the Men's Club at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where Mr. Cushman was a vestryman and a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He was a volunteer at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and received a certificate of honor from the Purchasing Managers Association of New York.

Mr. Cushman was a member of the Forsgate Country Club and Rossmore Kiwanis Club, both in Monroe Township; the Nassau Club, in Princeton; Alpha Kappa Psi;

Delta Tau Delta; the Wire Association of New Jersey; the Society of Mayflower Descendants; the Sons of the American Revolution; and the Founders and Patriots of America.

He was a supply officer with the 98th Naval Construction Battalion in the Pacific during World War II. Mr. Cushman transferred to the Naval Reserve after the war and held the rank of lieutenant commander on his retirement from the military in 1978.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; a son, Rev. Robert R. of Princeton Junction; a daughter, Lucinda Tufts of Wall; a brother, Franklin R. of Miami and Hendersonville, N.C.; four grandsons, Andrew Baker Tufts, Alan James Tufts and Robert Cushman Tufts, all of Wall, and Adam Atkinson Cushman of Princeton Junction; and two granddaughters, Carith Anne and Meredith Ann, both of Princeton Junction.

A memorial service was held Sunday at the Princeton Alliance Church, Plainsboro, of which Mr. Cushman was a member and his son is the senior pastor.

Arrangements were by the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home in Princeton. Donations may be sent to Princeton Alliance Church, P.O. Box 9000, Plainsboro, NJ 08536-0900 or Flintlocks Group, Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, 222 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

### Tobi Williams Harris

SCOTCH PLAINS — Tobi Williams Harris, 38, died Aug. 25, 2003 at her home.

A native of Newark, she lived in Vauxhall before moving to Scotch Plains in 1995.

Mrs. Harris was a student teacher in the Roselle school system, part of her studies in the teacher certification program at Kean University. She earlier was a technician in the psychiatric crisis unit of St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic.

She was a seamstress for costumes in the theater at Temple University, where Mrs. Harris received a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1998. She also was a dancer with the Spectrum Dance Company.

Mrs. Harris was the director of the Young People's Department at the Union Chapel A.M.E. Church in Newark. The Gambro Dialysis Center in Mountainside recognized her as its Patient of the Year for 1999.

Surviving are her husband, Wayne; her father, Thomas Williams Jr.; a daughter, Asha; two brothers, Thomas Williams III and Todd Williams; a sister, Tami Stephens; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Saturday at the Union Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Arrangements were by the Plinton-Curry Funeral Home in Westfield. Donations may be sent to the Tobi Williams Harris Educational Scholarship Fund.

### Walter J. Schultz

FANWOOD — Walter J. "Mickey" Schultz, 80, died Aug. 26, 2003 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he lived in Cranford and Scotch Plains before moving to Fanwood in 1959.

Mr. Schultz was with Western Electric in Kearny for 42 years, retiring in 1965 as a systems analyst. He also was from 1960-80 a professor of economics on the Newark campus of Rutgers University.

He earned two degrees from the Newark campus of Rutgers: a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1953 and a master's degree in economics in 1955. Mr. Schultz was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman

Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mona C. DeYoung Schultz; three sons, John, Robert A. and Edward A.; three daughters, Gerri Anne Mason, Amy Shelton and Terry Szczecina; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was private.

Donations may be sent to Rutgers University Foundation, 7 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901, earmarked for the Alexander Library.

### Margaret Williams

FANWOOD — Margaret C. "Tillie" Williams, 74, died Aug. 30, 2003 at her home.

A native of Elizabeth, she lived in Brooklyn before moving to Fanwood in 1966.

Mrs. Williams was a butcher for 26 years with the Buy-Rite Supermarket in Union. She later was a supervisor with Nycoil in Fanwood, where she worked 28 years. She also worked six years for Rickel Home Centers.

She attended the Kingdom Hall East of Jehovah's

Witnesses in Plainfield. Her husband, Richard Sr., is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Dennis of Fanwood; a daughter, Judith of Virginia Beach, Va.; a brother, Louis Slaughter of Scotch Plains; two sisters, Dorothy "Peach" Slaughter of Fanwood and Rosalie Graves of Scotch Plains; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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## Cleorah 'Pat' Dick

WESTFIELD — Cleorah M. "Pat" Obrock Dick, 92, died Sept. 1, 2003 at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home in Bridgewater.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, she lived in Bayonne and Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1982.

Mrs. Dick retired in 1998 after 11 years as a part-time secretary in the pharmacy department of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Until she was 65 she was the private secretary to a plant manager of Best Foods Co. She began her career with Socony Vacuum Oil Co. in Manhattan.

She studied computer courses at Union County College while she was on the Children's Specialized Hospital staff. Mrs. Dick organized bus trips for the Cranford Senior Citizens Monday Club.

For 57 years Mrs. Dick was a

member of the Azure Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in Cranford. She taught Sunday school classes at Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford and sang in her church choir.

Her husband, William, died in 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Arlene King and husband Wayne of Cranford; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at Calvary Lutheran Church. Burial was in Ocean View Cemetery, Staten Island.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Donations may be sent to the Activities Department of the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, 111 Funderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

## Dorothy Anne Valenti

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy Anne Sachsel Valenti, 82, died Sept. 2, 2003 at the home of a daughter, Christine Shock of Holliston, Mass.

Born Feb. 15, 1921 in New York City, she was a daughter of the late Irene and Rudolph Sachsel.

Mrs. Valenti lived in Garwood before moving to Germany in 1952. She returned to the United States in 1954 and lived in Scotch Plains before returning to Garwood in 1959.

She was retired from Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan Association in Westfield, where Mrs. Valenti was a manager in charge of certificates of deposit. She was in the first graduating class of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield in 1939. She attended Syracuse University and Douglass College of Rutgers University.

Mrs. Valenti was a religious education teacher at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. She

also was a volunteer secretary in the parish rectory and worked with Food for the Poor.

Her husband, Daniel, died in 1998.

Also surviving are three other daughters, Laura Valenti-Studwell of Westfield, Maria of Gloucester, Mass., and Anne of Aurora, Colo.; two sons, Daniel A. of Iselin and Richard of Floyd, Va.; a sister, Barbara Farrell of Garwood; two brothers, Gerard Sachsel of New Providence and retired Air Force Gen. Arthur Sachsel of Riverside, Calif.; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Anne's Church, 325 Second Ave., Garwood. Burial will be in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today plus 9 a.m. tomorrow at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Ave. West, Cranford.

## Dorothy H. Gass

WESTFIELD — Dorothy Heim Gass, 90, died Sept. 1, 2003 at Riverwoods in Lewisburg, Pa.

Born Feb. 8, 1913 in Sunbury, Pa., she was a daughter of the late George Parsons and Helen Druckemiller Heim.

Mrs. Gass lived in Westfield before moving to Lewisburg in 1987. She was among the third generation of her family to operate Pomfret Manor Cemetery in Sunbury. The family operated the cemetery until it was sold in 1985.

A bridge player and piano teacher, Mrs. Gass was involved with volunteer work for Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg. She attended Bucknell University and enjoyed growing flowers.

Her husband of 53 years,

## James C. Rugg

James C. Rugg, 85, died Aug. 31, 2003 at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Born May 12, 1918 in South Amboy, he lived in Kenilworth before moving to Port Charlotte in 1986.

Mr. Rugg was with Exxon Corp. for 32 years, retiring as a mechanic supervisor and trainer for the heavy rescue team. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

For 50 years Mr. Rugg was a member of Azure-Masada Lodge 22, Free & Accepted Masons. He also was a member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon Forest 6 in Elizabeth and the Exxon Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn L. Goldie Rugg; a daughter, Karen Panza of Somers Point; a son,

Charles J., died in 1986. A brother, Dr. William Druckemiller, is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, George E. "Jim" and wife Susan of Lexington, N.C., and Terry S. and wife Nancy of Flemington; a daughter, Patricia Benninger of St. James City, Fla.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Gary H. Cronrath Funeral Home in Lewisburg with Rev. Ned E. Weller officiating. Burial was in Pomfret Manor Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Evangelical Community Hospital, 1 Hospital Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837 or The Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg, PA 17837.

## James C. Rugg

LeRoy of Moon Township, Pa.; a stepdaughter, Kay Clark of Naples, Fla.; a stepson, Richard R. Merz of Maquoketa, Iowa; a sister, Dolores Bott of Long Branch; four grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, of which Mr. Rugg was a member. Burial with military honors was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Port Charlotte.

Arrangements were by the Roberson Funeral Home in Port Charlotte. Donations may be sent to Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952 or a favorite charity.

## Lena Daniele

Lena Freda Daniele, 82, died Sept. 1, 2003 at Union Hospital.

A native of Newark, Mrs. Daniele lived in Linden before moving to Cranford.

Her husband, Pasquale R., and a daughter, Lucille Hatton, are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Agnes J. Fehlmun and Patricia A. Wojtowicz; two sons, Amato J. and

Joseph A.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be 9:15 a.m. today at the Werson Funeral Home, 635 N. Wood Ave., Linden. A funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Roman Catholic Church, East Blanche Street, Linden. Entombment will be in the Woodbridge Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

## John E. Stevenson

CRANFORD — John E. Stevenson, 60, died Aug. 31, 2003 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

A native of Newark, he lived in Cranford and Colonia before moving to Iselin in 1983.

Mr. Stevenson was an Army veteran and for 10 years an industrial electrician with Federal Business Centers in Edison.

His mother, Dorothy, and a brother, Benjamin Jr., are deceased.

Surviving are his father, Benjamin H.; his stepmother, Ruth; a niece and a nephew.

Services were held at the Gosselin Funeral Home, 660 New Dover Road, Edison. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Hillsdale.

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### 'Broadway with a Twist' at Temple Emanu-El

The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will host "Classic Broadway with a Twist," a program featuring pianist and speaker Nina Deutsch 7 p.m. Sept. 8 at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. The public is invited to this admission free event.

Deutsch is a graduate of Juilliard and Yale University and has studied piano with Rudolf Firkusny and Rosina Lhevinne. She has appeared as a soloist at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the United Nations, and on many television and radio shows. Her repertoire ranges from Bach to jazz and modern popular music.

This Horizons Speakers Bureau program is offered by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a State partner of National Endowment for the Humanities.

### Choral Art Society invites singers to join

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey invites singers of all voices to join its ranks. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m. through May and take place in the choir room of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield at the corner of Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street.

The group plans the following performances: the annual "Messiah Sing," Dec. 12; "Haydn's Mass in Time of War" and four motets by Anton Bruckner, Jan. 19; and *Sinfonia Sacra* by local composer Sabin Pautza, May 8.

The Choral Art Society, now in its fifth season under musical director James S. Little, is a non-profit community chorus whose members come from Union, Somerset, Bergen, Hudson and Middlesex counties.

### Diversity Art Gallery enters new dimension

Diversity Art Gallery will celebrate its one-year anniversary with the opening of its "Dimensional Art" exhibit Sept. 14.

The gallery opened in September 2002 with a memorial exhibit for Sept. 11, "Envisioning World Peace." Since then the gallery has hosted displays on an array of artistic themes, including "Military and Veteran Art"; "Watercolor Styles"; "Flora and Fauna"; and most recently, "Vacation Dreams."

The "Dimensional Art" exhibit will feature works that focus on depth, movement, shadow, perspective and texture, in both traditional and innovative forms.

The artists for the show come from varied backgrounds and fine art disciplines, combining established prestige with innovative new faces. Featured artists include Nancy Ori, Evan Marx, Gi Wan Song, Megan Pollock, Sheila Lenga and Pietro Barbera.

An opening reception will be held at the gallery, located at 4 Valley Rd. in Clark, 1-4 p.m. Sept. 14. For more information, call (732) 574-1479.

Admission at the gallery is free.



### Greek festival at St. Demetrios

This week's 26th annual Greek festival at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Union will feature, alongside many food and craft vendors, authentic Greek dances by children. Festival hours are as follows: Sept. 4-5, 6 p.m.-midnight; Sept. 6, noon-midnight; Sept. 7, noon-8 p.m. Admission for adults is a \$1 donation. Children accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Free parking is available all around the church grounds at 721 Rahway Ave. For additional information, call either (908) 964-7957 or (732) 381-3681.

## Book examines poet's influence

Nineteenth-century poet Emily Dickinson has provided more than a life's work for Westfield resident Maryanne Garbowsky.

Garbowsky has recently published her second book on the poet. Entitled "Double Vision: Contemporary Artists Look at the Poetry of Emily Dickinson," the book takes the reader behind the scenes and reveals the artists' thinking about the poet and her inspirations on their art.

Among the artists included, along with the color prints of their work, are Will Barnet, Eric Aho, and Lesley Dill. Based on interviews and conversations with 17 artists, Garbowsky explores the sources of their creativity and shows how Dickinson's poems

provided a springboard for the artists' imagination.

The artists, whose work ranges from painting to printmaking to sculpture and book arts, live throughout the United States and continue to find inspiration in Dickinson's poetry.

A full time English professor at the County College of Morris, Garbowsky has served as assistant chairperson of the English Department and as arts editor for the Emily Dickinson International Bulletin.

Her first book, "The House without the Door," published by University Press in 1989, was a study of the poet and the illness of agoraphobia. "Double Vision" is available at the Town Bookstore in Westfield.

## WCP readies for coming fall season

Tickets on sale now at box office

The Westfield Community Players (WCP) membership drive for their 2003-2004 season is now underway, with a four-show season price of \$35, a savings of 30 percent off the price of individual tickets.

Kicking off the theatrical season 8 p.m. Sept. 13 will be a special premiere event of three one-act plays titled "Encounters." Written and directed by Naomi Yablonsky, familiar to theatergoers for her past work at WCP and the Cranford Dramatic Club, these intertwined stories will present their unique take on life and love.

The WCP box office at 1000 North Ave. West is now open and can be reached at (908) 232-1221, with all tickets for this special event at \$10.

Individual season subscriptions can be obtained for \$35 each with checks payable to Westfield Community Players, sent to Letty Hudak at 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield NJ 07090. Interested subscribers can call the theater at 908-232-9568 and leave a message. All shows open on a Saturday night and run Friday and Saturday evenings for three or four weekends, making it easy to have a local night out to experience live theater.

The first show of the upcoming season is "Murder among Friends" by Bob Barry. This murder mystery presents a cross and double-cross within the love triangle of wife, husband and lover that will keep you guessing until the last

body hits the floor. Performances are Oct. 11-Nov. 1.

"Visiting Mr. Green," a drama by Jeff Baron, follows two men on their journey from indifference to friendship after the younger man's "community service sentence" is to visit elderly, widowed Mr. Green. The show opens on Jan. 10 and concludes Jan. 24.

Neil Simon's classic comedy "The Odd Couple" will be presented with a new twist in the familiar story of a fussy-budget and slob living together — a female point of view. Olivia and Florence, along with the Spanish studs from upstairs, keep the weekly "girls' night out" going in the midst of failing marriages, wisecracks and dirty dishes. The show opens March 6, with the closing night on March 27.

The season finale is Gore Vidal's political drama "The Best Man," about a president in failing health having to decide whom he will support in the upcoming election. Will it be the man he trusts, or the candidate he thinks will win the election? Show dates are May 8-22.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934 is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the State of New Jersey and has brought to life over 190 comedies, dramas and musicals in a 150-seat theater in Westfield. With four productions for the upcoming season, the Players continue to be a vibrant part of the cultural scene in Union county.

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## Many factors to consider when choosing a child-care facility

By PAMELA J. RADEL  
CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

One of the most difficult decisions facing parents today is whether or not to enroll their child in a childcare center. A major part of the hesitation is that parents don't know what to look for in a quality center.

For some families, their child will be in that center five days a week for 10 hours a day. Choosing a center is a very serious consideration which parents should not take lightly. Speak first with friends or other people whose judgment you can trust in recommending a center.

Some centers have acquired a waiting list strictly through "word of mouth" and do not need to advertise. Once you have established which centers you would consider, make an appointment to tour the facility. A great time to visit is 10 a.m., as the program should be engaged in group activities. During the visit, observe the size of the class, staff-to-child ratio and interaction between the staff and the children, and determine if the activities are age-appropriate.

Bring a list of questions to ask the teacher and/or program director. The first question should be to make sure they are licensed by DYFS. The state agency thoroughly examines their centers, and inspectors make unannounced appearances to ensure compliance with regulations.

Also, always ask about class size and the staff to child ratio. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) publishes standards

online at [naeyc.org](http://naeyc.org).

During the tour, notice the interaction between the staff and the children. Does the staff provide a loving, nurturing environment for the children, and do they praise the children for a job well done? What is the education of the caregivers? It may not be required that staff have college degrees, but do they have experience working with children and some background in early childhood education? You need to feel a comfort level when speaking to the people that will be caring for your child. Do they seem genuine, or do you feel they're giving a sales pitch?

Is the environment child-friendly and bright? Does the center provide areas for quiet and active play and enough space for the children to move about? Are there windows to provide sunlight? Are the toys and materials in the room easily accessible to the children?

Is the art work child-centered, or does each look like a carbon copy of the other? They should look varied as no two children are exactly alike in creativity. Does the center seem clean, and are the floors appropriate for crawling? Check the tables and bathrooms as well. Do the caregivers wash their hands to prevent the spread of infection? Are diaper areas clean and away from food?

Once you have checked out the environment, it's time to ask questions about the center's policies. Is there a discipline policy that explains how to redirect inappropriate behaviors, and is it posted for all to see? Is there security in the building, and is it noted somewhere who is allowed to pick up the child? Can people walk right

in, or must they sign in and be asked for identification?

Can parents visit at anytime? Quality centers will have an open door policy that allows parents to visit at anytime. Some centers may offer an alternate approach to observing, such as a room with a two-way mirror or on-line viewing.

Is anyone on staff trained in CPR/First Aid? There should be a staff member in the building at all times who is trained. Is there a written sick policy with guidelines for keeping sick children at home? DFYS has a copy in their licensing manual that you can ask to see. Are fire drills conducted on a regular basis? Are the emergency exits clearly marked and free to exit?

Ask to see the playground. Is there enough room for the children to run? Are there shaded areas for hot days? Is the surfacing resilient so if the children fall, they will be somewhat protected?

These are just a few things to keep in mind during the search for appropriate childcare. Consider the amount of time you spend researching the purchase of a new car. Our children's lives are so important. It only makes sense to thoroughly research the childcare centers in your area before making that final decision.

The author manages "A Special Place," Children's Specialized Hospital's child care center for the children of hospital employees and the surrounding community. The hospital also provides childcare for children with developmental delays as well as children who are considered medically fragile. For more information, please call (888) CHILDREN (244-5373).

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# Sports

## MURPHY'S LAW

### A few fearless predictions

By DANIEL MURPHY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Everywhere you've looked the past week you've seen predictions on how the NFL season will turn out. Some are based on careful study and analysis. Some are based on simply being outrageous in order to sell magazines. Others are based, as best as I can tell, on brief bouts of insanity.

I'm not as interested in picking Super Bowl champs (Raiders) or MVP's (Rickey Williams) just yet. I'm not as concerned with predicting how the season will turn out in January, but rather the road we'll take to get there.

So here are some of my thoughts on what you can expect to see during the NFL season:

- The New York Giants will be 7-5 entering December, everybody in the metropolitan area will be wondering what is wrong and calling for Jim Fassel's head to be, much like the Stanley Cup, paraded through the Meadowlands parking lot. But, after another passionate press conference by Fassel, the Giants will finish with four straight victories and an 11-5 record to win the division in a tie-breaker over the Eagles.
- Chad Pennington will return to the Jets starting lineup in Week 12, with the Jets at 5-6, win his first two starts and get Jets fans believing the team will make the playoffs. But then the Jets will lose their final three games, finish 7-9, miss the playoffs and break the hearts of their fans once one more time.
- Sports Illustrated cover boy Kurt Warner will break his right hand, again, and Marc Bulger will lead the team to the division title. (Sports Illustrated's original cover boy was Mike Vick and Chad Pennington was the second choice. I sense a theme.)
- In Week 6 Fred Taylor will go down with a groin injury. But that's not exactly going out on a limb.
- After watching their team lose to the Giants Nov. 16 Philadelphia Eagles' fans will storm out of their new stadium and set fire to Veteran's Field.
- When the new Soldier Field opens Sept. 29 everybody will love it for its new amenities and hate it because it is too modern, the columns are no longer visible from the inside and it looks nothing like the old field.
- Over the course of the season Terry Bradshaw will say the six dumbest things you've ever heard in your life.
- Julius Peppers will lead the league in sacks.
- The Minnesota Vikings will be the surprise team of the year, winning the NFC North and Offertio Smith will be the Offensive Rookie of the Year.
- Frustrated by the play of his two quarterbacks Washington Redskins coach Steve Spurrier will trade for Drew Henson and sign Jeff George, Jeff Hostetler and Otto Graham.
- Olandis Gary, traded from Buffalo to Detroit over the weekend, will be the fantasy football sleeper pick of the season.
- The Atlanta Falcons will not make the playoffs.
- ESPN's Sterling Sharpe's ego will become so big they will have to build him his own studio.
- Kordell Stewart will be replaced as the starting quarterback in Chicago by Rex Grossman by Week 8.
- Marshall Faulk will lead the NFL in all-purpose yards. Priest Holmes will lead the AFC.
- Every December you can count on three things: Christmas cartoons, no parking at the mall and the Miami Dolphins imploding. This year the Dolphins will be 9-3 heading into December but they'll finish 9-7 and miss the playoffs. Again.
- I was ready to predict the New England Patriots would be the best team in the AFC, but Tuesday's loss of Lawyer Milloy due to salary cap restraints will haunt them all year.
- Neither the Buccaneers nor the Chiefs — Sports Illustrated's picks for the Super Bowl — will play in the Super Bowl. Mainly because Sports Illustrated picked them.
- At some point the NFL will decide to make changes to the current preseason format.



Senior Brendan Egan, one of the best sweepers in the state, will be the glue to the Westfield defense this season as the Devils look to return to the Union County Tournament final.

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## Veteran Blue Devils setting sights high

By DANIEL MURPHY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

For the first time in the tenure of head coach George Kapner, the Westfield High boys soccer team enters the season without a player who has appeared in a Union County Tournament final.

That is a fact the Blue Devils are determined to change this season.

Returning a veteran corps of players from a squad that reached the Union County and North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 semifinals last year Westfield is entering this season with high hopes and expectations.

But on any quest for a championship a team usually must overcome a bit of adversity and the Blue Devils were dealt a setback just two weeks into practice. During a scrimmage against a team made up of mostly Westfield alumni Saturday senior co-captain Lee Tomasso suffered a separated left shoulder in a collision going for a free ball.

He was scheduled to visit an orthopedist Wednesday where the severity of the injury and length of time he will be out was to become clearer.

"He was looking good in the pre-season," said Kapner, whose next victory will be the 700th in his career, spanning five varsity sports and over 25 years. "We're expecting him to be a leader for us."

While the injury to Tomasso takes away some offensive firepower

and leadership from the Devils' starting lineup, the squad hasn't lost confidence it can accomplish the goals it has set for itself.

"We're very, very confident," said Kapner. "This is a great group of kids and they are very talented. We have some experience coming back. We'll be a very senior dominated team."

"This is a good group of solid guys. They are good soccer players, great kids and we have good leadership."

The Devils optimism for the season is rooted in a strong defense led by sweeper Brendan Egan and a potential explosive attack featuring Billy Schoenbach and Brady Lau.

"(Egan) is a great player," said Kapner. "He's one of the best, if not the best, sweeper in the state. When a mistake is made in the back I'm surprised. On occasion, in past years, you're kind of waiting for that mistake to be made in the back. With Brendan back there, when a mistake is made, I'm shocked. I'm not expecting it."

"He makes it easier for the guys around him to do their job. He can cover up a lot of mistakes. He can take a lot of pressure off of those guys. Hopefully they won't make any mistakes and Brendan won't have to do a thing."

Joining Egan in the back will be senior Matt Sofka at stopper, and senior Matt McManus and sophomore Tommy Taylor on the outside. Senior Brian Pirot and junior Jeff Greenlaw will be in goal. Pirot split

time last year with Gil Arbitaman, before earning the job outright the second half of the season.

Alex Barrett and Jeff Nusse will be the center midfielders for Westfield with the outside half-back positions remaining unsettled due to an abundance of quantity, not a lack of quality. When Tomasso returns he will join Lau upfront, with Schoenbach probably moving back to the midfield.

In addition to leadership and experience, one of the keys to Westfield's hopes lies in its chemistry. Barrett and Tomasso and Schoenbach and Lau have been passing to each other in their backyards since grade school and those bonds have the makings for an explosive attack.

"Part of the success of Westfield in the '80s and '90s was the kids grew up playing together from the time they were 9 or 10 years old," said Kapner. "That happens less and less because they play on so many different club teams but this year we have it with Lee and Alex and Billy and Brady."

"They have a feel for each other and they know what each other is going to do. If we can get all four of them on the same page, that could be a pretty dynamic thing."

Westfield was supposed to have its first scrimmage Wednesday against Ramapo and is slated to host New Providence this afternoon. Westfield will be at Pingry Tuesday, Summit Wednesday and will open the season 10 a.m. Sept. 13 against East Brunswick.

## Blue Devils eager for some competition

By DANIEL MURPHY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

With less than a week until the season opener, the Westfield High girls soccer team still has plenty of questions that need answering. If only the weather would cooperate.

Coming off its second-straight Union County Tournament title and a berth in the Group 4 final the Blue Devils are trying to replace eight key contributors, including goalie Megan Connors, midfielder Staci Spass and forward Susan Williams.

Finding a way to put the right players in the right positions to make a charge at a county threepeat has been a challenge for Westfield Head Coach Pete Giordano. The Devils have been

squeezed into a tight practice space with the junior varsity and freshman teams at the Memorial Pool fields while they wait for repairs to be made at Roosevelt Intermediate School, and their first scrimmage of the preseason was rained out Wednesday.

"It's been going," said Giordano of the preseason. "It could be better. We have a lot of kids in a tight space. We have a lot of key positions to fill. It's going to take some time but we will get there."

After saying prior to last year's county and sectional championship run that he thought the team would be "okay" Giordano isn't looking past the preseason. But with the season opener scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday at Bishop Ahr and the first scrimmage already rained out, there is

a lot of work to do in a short amount of time.

Westfield has scrimmages slated for today at Immaculate and

*"All of these kids have big shoes to fill. I think we'll be fine. We have some spots to fill but we have the players to play it."*

—Pete Giordano  
head coach

Monday at Johnson before Thursday's first regular season game.

"(The scrimmages) will tell us where we stand," said Giordano.

"But we need to get some help from Mother Nature. It is too early in the season to tell. We need to get out there against other people. They've looked good at times in scrimmages with the junior varsity and with themselves."

"They've moved the ball nicely and done some things real well on the ball and off the ball. But then there are times when they get caught not doing anything and watching. But they're learning."

Despite losing several key players, Westfield isn't starting from scratch. Many key contributors are back this year, led by senior tri-captains Laura Shelman (stopper), Carrie Hubbard (midfield) and Lauren Meriton (midfield).

Emily McNeil joins Shelman

in the back at sweeper with Alison Bridgeman and Kate Albino on the outside. Gio Palatucci will be in the midfield for the Devils flanked by Hubbard and Stephanie Bridgeman. Andrea Hollander will also be in the midfield. Danielle Fried and Aly Ludmer will be on the attack for Westfield.

Tara O'Donahue and Laura Sinnenberg are competing for the goaltending duties.

"We're trying to match the kids we have back with a lot of kids that have played junior varsity for a couple of years," said Giordano. "All of these kids have big shoes to fill. I think we'll be fine. We have some spots to fill but we have the players to play it."

## SPORTSCENE

### LIGHTNING 5K

The 78th division cordially invites all runners to participate in the 14th annual 5K race/walk and one-mile fun run, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sept. 7 at the Sgt. Joyce Kilmer U.S. Army Reserve Center, 91 Truman Drive in Edison.

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Runners can pay an entrance fee of \$14 (\$12 USATF-NJ) before Sept. 3 and \$16 Sept. 3 through Sept. 5. The fee on race day will be \$20.

Awards will be given to the top civilian female and male finishers, the top female and male military finishers and the top civilian, military, high school and coed teams. There will also be various age group awards. Every participant will receive a finisher's medal. Complimentary refreshments will be available.

Runners will leave the Center and continue through the scenic section of the Rutgers University Livingston Campus, finishing at the Kilmer Center. The one-mile fun run will start at 9 a.m.

The racecourse is certified by USATF and the race is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix series. Applications and information are available on the web at [www.runningpage.com/edison5k](http://www.runningpage.com/edison5k) or at the 78th Division, Sgt. Joyce Kilmer U.S. Army Reserve Center, Edison N.J. 98817-2487. Runners can contact LTC Richard Miller at 1-800-675-9078 ext. 1833 or Karl Chigas at (781) 867-3046.

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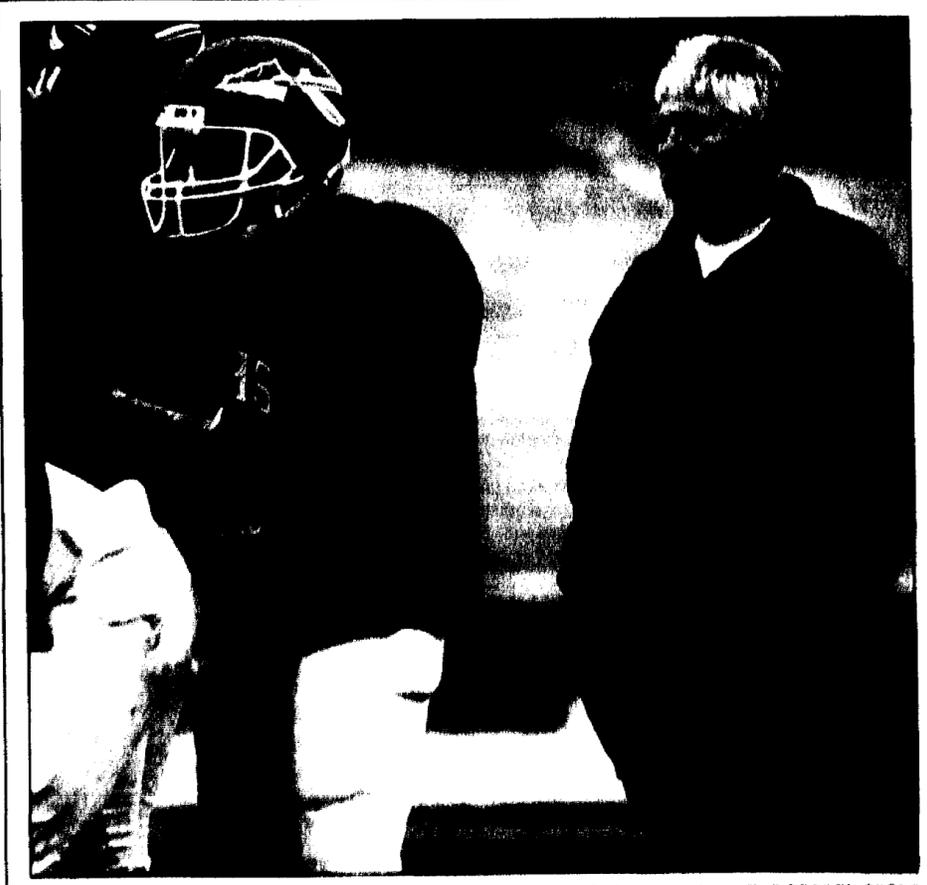
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For more information call Coach Burke at (908) 233-8888.



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### A watchful eye

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High Head Coach Steve Cicotelli watches over his team during the Raiders scrimmage with Bridgewater-Raritan Tuesday. Scotch Plains will travel to Phillipsburg for its final scrimmage today, then will prepare for the season opener Sept. 13 against East Side. For the full season preview be sure to check out next week's Record-Press.

# Long ball powers Patriots to victory over Bears

Luis Lopez had two hits, including a two-run homer, and Ryan Radmanovich and Norm Hutchins also belted home runs Tuesday night to help the Somerset Patriots wallop the Newark Bears 10-2 in an Atlantic League of Professional Baseball game halted because of rain after five innings at Bears and Eagles Stadium in Newark.

Radmanovich's 17th homer, a two-run shot, highlighted the Pats' three-run first inning and Lopez hit his seventh round-tripper in the fourth. Hutchins' grand-slam, his first homer of the year, staked Somerset (28-22) to a 10-2 lead in the fifth.

Justin Jensen (7-3) pitched all five innings for the Pats, allowing three hits and two earned runs while striking out five. The triumph left Somerset two games behind first-place Camden in the second-half season South Division standings with 11 games remain-

ing. The Patriots' Labor Day game against the Pennsylvania Road Warriors was rained out and will be made up 1:05 p.m. Monday at Bridgewater's Commerce Bank Park.

The Pats finished a three-game set at Newark yesterday and return home to CBP for a three-game series with Atlantic City, with games scheduled for 7:05 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 2:05 Sunday afternoon.

**Patriots 10, Pennsylvania 0** — Lefthander Robert Dodd fired a complete-game five-hitter and Hutchins went 3 for 5, including a pair of run-scoring doubles, Sunday afternoon at Commerce Bank Park.

The 30-year-old Dodd, sidelined two months earlier this season after being diagnosed with diabetes, walked two and struck out seven in raising his record to 5-6 as 4472 fans looked on.

Lopez and Edgardo Clemente, both of whom doubled, had two hits and two RBI each and Jeff Nettles and Michael Warner both went 2 for 5 to help fuel the Patriots' 15-hit attack against Mitch Mangrum (1-2) and four Road Warrior relievers.

Somerset started quickly against the Road Warriors (12-37), erupting for five runs in the opening inning. Warner, the designated hitter, led off with a single, Eric Martins walked and centerfielder Clemente connected for a two-run double. Hutchins doubled in Clemente and scored on Lopez's hit and Nettles then delivered an RBI single.

Hutchins' second-inning double sent home Martins, who'd singled, and Martins lofted a sacrifice fly ball in the third for a 7-0 cushion.

In the fifth Martins walked, Emiliano Escandon singled and Lopez's ground-rule double

chased both across home plate. Tony Gsell's RBI single in the eighth capped the scoring.

**Patriots 8, Pennsylvania 5** — Starter Brett Jodie gave up one run in six innings and Martins ripped a bases-filled triple to highlight a five-run seventh inning Saturday night as 4196 fans looked on at Commerce Bank Park.

Jodie (10-5) permitted five hits and no walks while fanning three batters before Kirk Griffin replaced him, allowing four hits and four runs during the next two innings. Clemente and Hutchins had two hits apiece for Somerset.

The Pats scored three times in

the sixth for a 3-1 lead and added five runs in the next stanza to grab a commanding 8-1 margin. Nettles, Hutchins and Warner singled to load the bases in the seventh and Martins came through with a triple to center before Escandon drilled an RBI single and Lopez hit a sac fly.

**Nashua 6, Patriots 3** — The Pride scored five runs in the fifth and sixth innings off starter Jason Dickson (10-5) and Cam Smith Friday night to prevail in front of 7038 fans at CBP.

Dickson gave up five hits, three walks and two runs (both earned) while striking out 10 in five innings and Smith walked four and permitted three runs in just one-third of an inning. Nashua scored three times on bases-filled walks.

Radmanovich went 3 for 4 including a double and his 16th homer of the year and Clemente ripped his sixth homer, a solo shot.

**Nashua 5, Patriots 4** — Nashua scored a run in the 13th, inning Thursday night to outlast the Pats as 5641 fans looked on at CBP. Somerset had pulled even with a run in the ninth. Emiliano Escandon went 3 for 6 and Warner, Martins and Robinson Cancel had two hits each.

**Nashua 7, Patriots 4** — Ryan Van Horn's three-run homer in the 11th inning lifted the Nashua Pride to victory Aug. 27 in front of 6354 fans at Commerce Bank Park. Martins had two hits, including a solo homer in the fourth, and Nettles connected for a two-run homer in the fourth which gave Somerset a 4-3 lead.

Jensen pitched the first seven innings for the Pats, allowing seven hits and four runs (two earned). Smith, the Pats' third reliever, gave up the deciding three-run homer after Glenn Murray and Melvin Nieves had singled.



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# Group offers help for families of mentally ill

WESTFIELD — The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will present its fall Family-to-Family Education Program beginning 7-9 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St.

This program is a 12-week, free-of-charge course with all materials furnished at no cost to participants.

The course is specifically offered to the parents, siblings, spouses, teenage and adult children and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. It is not appropriate for individuals who themselves suffer from one of the major mental illnesses.

Curriculum topics will include: schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, etc., the clinical treatment of these illnesses and how family members can learn to cope more effectively.

Attendees will learn about the biology of the brain, new research, medications, skills needed to successfully communicate with a relative and how to deal with critical periods.

Instructors are Pat Roman and Joan Mehalick. To register, or for those with questions, call Pat Roman at (732) 382-0762.



## Ackerman wins award

Sara Ackerman, daughter of Susan and Louis Ackerman, is presented with the Westfield Historical Society's first annual Charles E. Brown Memorial Award for History. The award is presented to a senior at Westfield High School who has exhibited superior skills in the study of history by working on an independent project above their regular classroom assignments. From left are Mrs. Charles E. Brown; Paula Long, education chair of the Society; Sara Ackerman; and Donald R. Mokrauer, president of the Westfield Historical Society.

## JLEP hosts informational meeting

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) will hold an informational meeting on Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. for prospective members. The meeting will be held at the Jumble Store, 110 Walnut Avenue, Cranford.

JLEP membership offers women outstanding opportunities for personal and professional enrichment. Working together

towards a common goal, league members meet new people and form lasting friendships while serving their community. Members receive many professional training opportunities to enhance their effectiveness in the league and the community.

Membership is open to all women over 21 interested in volunteerism. No referrals are required. Our members are a

diverse group of women residing throughout Union County. Single or married, employed outside the home or full time mothers, women of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are welcome. Day and evening volunteer placements are available to accommodate the schedules of all members.

For additional information, call (908) 709-1177.

# IRS is looking for volunteers to help prepare returns

Looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? Do you like to help people? The Internal Revenue Service is seeking volunteers for its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs," said IRS spokesperson Gregg Semanick.

During the tax filing season, VITA and TCE volunteers, in community locations throughout the state, help fill out tax returns for older taxpayers, people with disabilities, non-English speaking and other people who cannot afford professional assistance. Some of the volunteer groups even offer free electronic tax filing. The IRS provides VITA and TCE volunteers with free instruction and all the materials needed to prepare basic income tax returns such as Forms 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040. Training for volunteers is generally held at convenient locations.

"These are great programs that help citizens meet their tax filing obligations. In New Jersey during the last tax filing season, over 500 VITA and TCE volunteers assisted over 15,000 taxpayers at 140 volunteer sites in communities across the state," Semanick said.

Who are these volunteers? They are people just like you — members of professional organiza-

tions, college students, law and accounting students, homemakers or members of volunteer or community organizations. Although an accounting background is helpful, it is not required, but basic computer skills are a plus.

Volunteers are also needed to help in other aspects of the VITA and TCE programs such as organizing sites, instructing classes, reviewing returns prepared at the sites and publicity. If you have a skill and would like to help, VITA and TCE can find a way to involve you in the program. Local civic and fraternal organizations, educational institutions, churches and social groups can also sponsor VITA and TCE programs. Tax assistance generally is provided at schools, churches, malls, libraries and other convenient neighborhood locations.

Interested in becoming a VITA or TCE volunteer? Does your organization want to sponsor a VITA or TCE site in your community? To get involved, contact Stephen M. Savage, IRS New Jersey VITA/TCE Coordinator for more information. To do so, phone 973-645-3853 or send a FAX to 973-645-6691. You can also request information or volunteer via e-mail at stephen.m.savage@irs.gov.

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# Real Estate

## An old investment tool grows in popularity

By JAMES M. WOODARD  
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As more people decide to invest in real estate rather than stocks and bonds, the popularity of often-overlooked real estate investment trusts is growing.

Congress created REITs in 1960 to make investing in large income-producing real estate possible for the average investor. REITs became a viable way for people of middle income to invest in a large-scale commercial property in much the same way they invest in and benefit from owning shares of a corporation by buying stocks.

A REIT is a company that owns and usually operates income-producing real estate, such as apartments, shopping centers, offices, hotels and warehouses. Some REITs also engage in real estate financing. The REIT shares are often traded on major stock exchanges.

Each shareholder of a REIT earns a pro-rata share of the income produced through the commercial real estate ownership. REITs offer valuable benefits to individual investors, such as providing a greater diversification through investing in a portfolio of properties rather than a single building or commercial property. REIT-owned properties are usually managed by

experienced real estate professionals.

To qualify as a REIT, a company must annually distribute at least 90 percent of its taxable income to its shareholders. It must have a minimum of 100 shareholders, it must invest at least 75 percent of its total assets in real estate, and it must derive at least 75 percent of its gross income from rents, real properties or interest on mortgages held on properties.

Those are a few of many REIT requirements.

There are about 180 REITs registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission with assets totaling more than \$300 billion. There are many REITs that are not registered with the SEC.

Some people confuse REITs with limited partnerships. REITs are not partnerships. The corporate provisions of a REIT are generally believed to be far superior and more secure than those of a limited partnership.

It is a somewhat complicated form of real estate investing. But REITs can be solid investments and offer unique long-term benefits for certain investors. Discuss REITs with your accountant or financial adviser to be sure they meet your financial needs and objectives.

Q: To what extent are rising mortgage

rates pushing down home sales?

A: With interest rates going up you might think that home sales would slump. Not so. Sales are up in most markets nationwide. Experts predict home sales will remain strong at least until the end of 2003.

"We now think the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage will stay below 6.5 percent for the balance of this year," said David Lereah, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors. "That's still very favorable when you look at where rates have been over the last four decades. Home sales may not be robust during the second half of the year but the market will remain strong."

The NAR projects a record 5.7 million existing-home sales this year. That's up 1.5 percent from 2002. New home sales should rise 1.9 percent. Housing starts are forecast to rise 0.4 percent this year.

As the economy improves during the second half of 2003, the unemployment rate should decline to about 6 percent in the fourth quarter and edge down to 5.8 percent for 2004, the NAR predicts. Inflation-adjusted disposable personal income should grow 2.9 percent this year, while the consumer confidence index should rise significantly during the fourth quarter.

## Skylights are an easy way to bring light into any room

BY PAUL BIANCHINA  
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Adding a skylight is one of the quickest and easiest ways to make any room of your home lighter and brighter, adding an open and airy feeling. There are two basic types of skylights for residential use — flat glass and domed acrylic — and each have some advantages.

Domed acrylic skylights are less expensive than glass, and their convex shape tends to let the rain wash accumulated dust and dirt off a little easier. The acrylic dome is mounted in an aluminum frame, which is in turn mounted on a 2x6 box called a "curb." Once the hole is cut in the roof to the manufacturer's specifications, the curb is constructed on-site to raise the skylight above the level of the roof sheathing. Site-built or factory-supplied flashings are used to seal the roofing around the curb.

Domed skylights are available in clear, smoked, bronze or other tints. Most are double- or triple-glazed in order to achieve the level of energy efficiency required by the building codes. Several sizes are available, with the most common being 2x2, 2x4 and 4x4 feet.

Flat glass skylights come mounted in a wood or integrated rubber and metal framework, and require no additional curb construction. After the hole is cut, the skylight frame is simply attached to the roof sheathing with L-brackets; then, the installation is completed using the factory-supplied flashing kit. Ease of installation, superior insulating qualities, less tendency to scratch and a cleaner finished appearance all add to the popularity and somewhat higher cost of glass skylights.

Glass skylights also have a greater number of optional accessories. These include tempered, laminated or wire glass; shades and blinds for light control; glass tints for heat retention or to block sunlight; and the ability to open fully or partially for ventilation.

If the room you intend to illuminate with the skylight has an open ceiling with no attic space above, you can install the skylight without needing to construct a light shaft. This is by far the simplest installation, and it offers the maximum amount of light and a view of the sky.

For ceilings with an attic space above, a light shaft must be constructed that connects the skylight to the room. Skylight shafts take one of three forms:

— Straight, in which the shaft drops vertically from the roof to the ceiling and is the same dimension as the skylight itself. This type is the easiest to construct, but because of its offset angle relative to the skylight, offers the least amount of light.

— Angled, where the shaft is parallel to the pitch of the skylight. It, too, is the same dimension as the skylight, but its straight-in angle offers more light than a straight shaft. Angled shafts also are used to connect two locations that cannot otherwise be aligned. This occurs when the skylight must be installed in a particular spot — between two trusses, for example — and the shaft opening is likewise limited to a particular location on the ceiling that is not directly under the skylight.

— Splayed, or pyramid, in which the ceiling opening is larger than the skylight opening in width, length or both. This type, although a little harder to construct, is the most popular, simply because it allows a smaller skylight to illuminate a larger area.

After the skylight is installed, you'll need to position and mark the opening on the ceiling. Take into consideration the size of the room and the amount of light you wish to bring in, and select the size and position of the hole accordingly.

Once the skylight is installed and the ceiling hole is cut, it's then a matter of connecting the two with the shaft, which is constructed from 2x4 or 2x6 lumber. The angles involved typically require some tricky framing, and is probably best left to an experienced carpenter.

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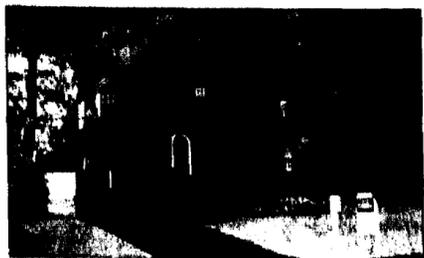
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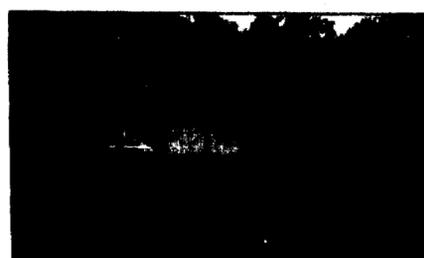
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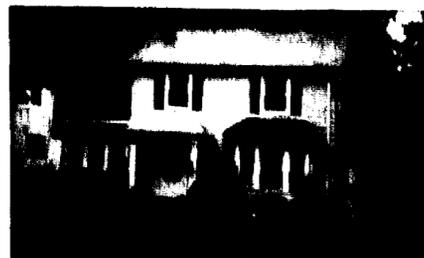
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# Restoring oil paintings? It can be done, but use great caution

BY GENE GARY  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. My aunt left me a couple of lovely oil paintings which had been stored in an attic for a period of time. I need to clean off an accumulation of dust on the surface. A friend suggested she had heard that olive oil would do the job. I am unsure. What would you recommend?

A. If the oil paintings are worth a lot of money or simply valuable to you, I strongly urge that you have the cleaning done by a professional. However, if you prefer doing the job yourself, here are some home treatments that might work.

Try dusting with a very soft brush, such as a make-up dusting brush or an artist's soft bristle brush. If the painting requires deeper cleaning, use a damp cloth and wipe an obscure spot in the corner to see if it will resist water. If the color comes off, don't attempt the job yourself. If not, use a small amount of a pure, neutral soap on a slightly moist cloth.

Using a circular motion gently rub the painting with the cloth. Be very careful in this process. Even a soft dust cloth can snag on a piece of raised paint and cause a chip. When the entire surface has been covered, take up the soap and dirt with a soft, clean cloth moistened with clear, tepid water. When the painting is clean, shake off any remaining water; don't wipe it off. Then stand the painting at an angle in a warm, airy place to dry naturally.

I have never heard of using olive oil as a cleaner. However, one recommendation to restore oil paintings after washing is to use boiled linseed oil. It restores the oil that washing has removed. Gently rub the oil on the painting allowing it to soak for a few minutes; then, very gently rub it off. You should never leave oil on the surface, as it absorbs dust. If your painting is not too soiled, the oil treatment without the washing may be all that's needed.

Q. We have some Plexiglas curtain coverings (the type that

roll down) for an indoor/outdoor covered patio. They have become dull with dirt and some stains. How can these be cleaned?

A. For general cleaning, I recommend a solution of distilled white vinegar and water, using a very soft cloth, such as a cotton diaper to apply the solution. When still moist, wipe with another dry soft cotton cloth. Do not use terry cloth or even paper towels, as they are too rough and can scratch the surface. Even a soft cloth can cause scratching on a totally dry surface.

Liquid dishwasher detergent mixed with water is also a good cleaner, applied in the same method, then rinsed and wiped dry while still moist. A furniture polish, such as Pledge, applied with a soft cloth can clean and polish, helping to keep the plastic pliable (test first in an inconspicuous area to assure that the oil does not leave a visible film on your particular plastic curtain).

Another suggestion is to try a pet store for a cleaner recom-

mended for fish tanks. Motorcycle shops also carry products for Plexiglas windshields. Clear nail polish can be used to fill tiny nicks. However, once scratched, the Plexiglas will have to be replaced.

Q. I have several rugs with rubberized backing. Over time, the backings have begun to deteriorate. I am particularly fond of one of these rugs that I use in the kitchen and would like to restore the nonskid surface. Do you know of any way the rubberized backing can be restored, or something applied which will make these rugs skid-proof?

A. Art supply and craft stores sell a liquid latex which can be brushed on to restore the backing.

First, be sure that you remove as much of the deteriorating existing backing as possible. Stretch your rugs, upside down, flat on the floor where they can remain undisturbed for 24 hours. If the corners tend to curl, weigh them down with heavy books or bricks. Then

brush on a thin coat of latex. There is also a product on the market called "Stay-Put", which can be sprayed on the back of rugs to keep them from sliding. Or, you can try brushing on a thin coat of pure fresh white shellac.

Another method is to spray the back of the rug with a solution of half-pound chip glue mixed with two quarts water. When using any of these coatings, allow the rug to remain undisturbed until the coating is thoroughly dry. There are also non-slip mats available that can be placed underneath your rugs to keep them in place. Check a closet/bath shop, home center or hardware store for mats or a product such as "Stay Put."

Q. We had our bathroom papered just a little over a year ago. The paper is still in good condition with one exception. There are several areas where it has come loose at the seams. How can these seams be made to adhere to the wall again?

A. The seams of wallcoverings, even those put up by pro-

fessionals, may eventually peel back in one corner or another. The moisture in the bathroom environment contributes to this problem. However, the situation is often easily remedied.

Contact your wallpaper dealer and purchase a tube of seam sealer. This is a squeeze tube of adhesive which lets you easily apply the sealer under loose edges of the paper. Firmly press to adhere the paper to the wall, or overlapping seams (don't use too much pressure or the glue will simply squeeze out from behind the paper).

If the wallcovering has shrunk after installation causing seams to split (this can happen with improper gluing, over stretching of the wall paper panel during installation, or inferior wallpaper), you may find that the paper will not stretch to meet the seam line. You can reglue the paper to the wall, but camouflaging the space between paper panels will be difficult, if not impossible.

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## Restoration is great — just not too much of it

Striking a balance between old and the new is key to being comfortable

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. My husband and I have always loved the 18th century colonial style. We even bought plans from Old Williamsburg, Va., when we built our house six years ago (and managed to buy mature boxwoods from parts of town that were being razed so the house already looked "old" the day we moved in).

Since then, we've been slowly furnishing the house with good reproductions and what antiques we can find and afford. But here's the scary thing: As the house gets more and more authentic, I'm getting less and less comfortable living in it. Last week, someone in my book club said how much she loved visiting our "museum" and that did it! I need help to get out of my time warp!

A. Smart you to realize that it IS possible to have too much of a good thing. And the 18th-century certainly offered a seductive abundance of good things: elegant designs from the likes of

Chippendale and Hepplewhite, masterpieces in porcelain from the Orient, exquisite, hand-blocked wallpapers from the ateliers of France. Put them all together, and you have a look that has never gone out of style.

Having said that, however, I understand your reaction to too much authenticity. You live in the 21st century, not the 18th, and you need to acknowledge that in your home. One way to get your iconoclastic juices flowing.

Spend an afternoon with a rascal of a book called "Breaking the Rules" by author/TV personality Christy Ferer (Simon & Schuster, publishers). She's all about shaking up tradition and breathing new vigor into your rooms. Upholster a classic love seat in a wild Pucci print, paint the living room of your traditional center-hall colonial a glossy purple, hang Majolica plates upside-down across the kitchen ceiling - you get her drift.

Less radical, but equally effective, the over-scaled wallpaper in the room we show here takes the

too-formal edge off a symmetrically balanced room.

Never mind that the wallpaper pattern itself is a French-inspired classic. In this context, it looks colorful, lively, and very NOW.

Q. What's up in decorative accessories for the home?

A. A lot, according to industry savants. Seems the economy's vicissitudes have made many American homeowners hesitant to undertake full-fledged decorating projects, so we're investing in minor fix-ups instead: new pillows for the old sofa, new lamps, fun new stuff for the table. According to industry-watchers, our "little" impulses amounted to a whopping \$55 billion to \$63 billion in 2002.

Certainly, the International Gift Show in New York this August displayed a dazzling array of such small "home improvements." Among my favorites: glassware from a California company called Fire & Light. In purples, blues, greens and goldens, their dinnerware

and collectibles are brilliant in more ways than one.

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## Realtors raise money for terminally ill with Rockin' dance

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rockin' for Relief is the rock and roll dance slated for 7-11 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Italian American Club in Scotch Plains. Sponsored by the Realtor Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors, the event is open to all members of the public.

Proceeds from the dance will benefit the Realtors Care Fund. The Realtors Care Fund is dedicated to helping terminally or chronically ill members of the community, as well as victims of catastrophic events. It has been in existence for three years and has helped several members of the community during that time.

Cost for the dance is \$35 per person, and includes buffet dinner, soda, wine and beer. Dancing will be to the Rosie band which has donated a portion of its services for the evening.

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## Joyce Antone named top Sales Agent

WESTFIELD — Joyce Antone, a top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, has been honored as Sales Agent of the Month for July, with four units and a dollar volume of more than \$2 million.

Antone is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Circle of Excellence Sales Award Bronze Level from 1995-1998 and 2000-2001, and the Silver Level Award for 2002. She is also a current member of the Burgdorff President Elite. Antone's market knowledge and leadership ability have resulted in her success.

George Kraus, vice president and manager of the Westfield office, said: "Joyce is the type of professional who anticipates the clients' needs and consistently exceeds their expectation."

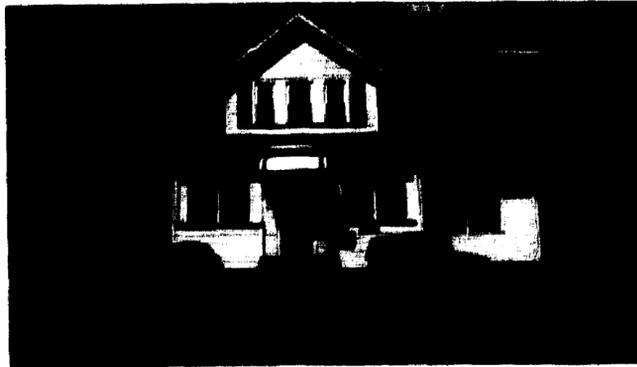
Contact Antone on her direct line at (908) 233-3204 or email her at [Joyce-Antone@Burgdorff.com](mailto:Joyce-Antone@Burgdorff.com).

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