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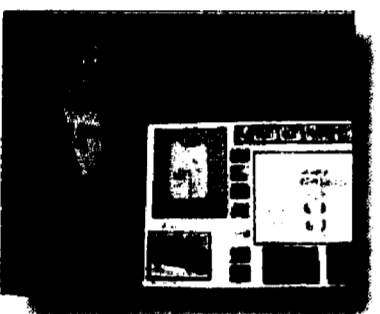
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Lance Thomas won second place in the long jump, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys track team took home first place overall in the conference championship meet last week. The Westfield girls squad also took first place as a team. See the story in Sports, Page C-1.



Remembering Korea's victims

For his Eagle Scout project, Westfield High student Kevin Devaney is planning to erect a memorial to local soldiers killed in the Korean War. For the story, turn to Page B-1.



CSH president wins recognition

Amy Mansue, president and chief executive officer of Children's Specialized Hospital, was honored recently by the organization Executive Women of New Jersey. For more on the honor, see Page B-5.

REMINDER

Pitch in to help with landscaping

The Westfield Board of Education is seeking community assistance with a project to improve the landscaping around the board's administration building on Elm Street. Volunteers are welcome at the property 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. To sign up or for more information, call (908) 789-4453.

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Assault at school leads to 8th-grader's arrest

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — An incident between two 13-year-old students at Edison Intermediate School last month has resulted in the arrest of one student and emergency surgery for the other.

According to school officials, on April 23, one middle school student punched another in the morning at the school cafeteria and again in the locker room during

gym class. The second incident is believed to have caused the injury. Because of their ages, the names of both students have been withheld.

After the gym class incident, the victim requested to go to the nurse's office, according to Superintendent William Foley. The boy's attacker, an eighth-grade student, also went to the office, claiming he was sick. Perhaps because of the attacker's presence, the victim told the nurse he had injured himself by running

into a doorknob.

The nurse determined that the victim's story was questionable and called the boy's mother with the hope of getting to the bottom of the problem. While on the phone with his mother, the victim began to lose consciousness and was placed on a cot.

After being evaluated by the Westfield Rescue Squad, the boy was rushed to University Hospital in Newark, where doctors performed emergency surgery to

remove his spleen.

According to published reports elsewhere, the victim is recovering but is not expected to attend school for several weeks; school officials said he is currently receiving home instruction. A call to the victim's family seeking comment was not returned at press time.

Details in the case remain sketchy, though Foley said the incident is not

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Talks continue on capital projects

By BRAD BISHOP
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WESTFIELD — The Town Council came closer to a decision on two capital requests at a conference meeting Tuesday night.

Prospects appear dim for a substantial streetscape improvement project requested by the Downtown Westfield Corporation, while the council appears ready to give a turf field proposal by the Recreation Department the green light.

The DWC project, which carries a price tag of about \$1.5 million, involves replacing sidewalks, planting new trees downtown, improving lighting, and installing a telecommunications conduit underneath sidewalks that would connect parking meters and other technology to the police department.

While members of the council support the concept in theory, some object to the idea of tearing up downtown sidewalks, particularly during a time when road improvements will be taking place at the South Avenue traffic circle and the council is considering a major redevelopment project in the downtown.

"Right now with everything

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Sidewalk show returns to town

The Westfield Art Association brightened up the downtown Saturday, hosting its annual sidewalk art show and sale. Above, the paintings of Roy Steinberg burst with color, meriting a look even from passers-by in a hurry. At right, it was not just the final products, but also the tools — such as these brushes — that were on display.



JOHN FEIVCORRESPONDENT

Boro budget will be trimmed, Mahr vows

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — Although an operating budget that now calls for a double-digit tax hike will have its public hearing June 1, Mayor Colleen Mahr insists the borough will not adopt a final budget that includes such a high tax increase.

"There's no way we're going to adopt an 11 percent increase," said Mahr.

In February, the Borough Council introduced its operating budget early to meet the state imposed deadline for extraordinary aid. While the early introduction may ultimately allow Fanwood to gain more aid from Trenton, it also means the bud-

et timeline is different than that used in recent years.

Most importantly, borough officials have to wait for the state budget to gain passage on June 30 before they will be able to finalize their budget figures, meaning there will be no vote at the June 1 public hearing. A final vote by the council will likely take place in July.

Mahr said the extraordinary aid application, the borough's first, will ultimately be worth the trouble.

"This year we made the decision to aggressively seek property tax relief," she said. "At the end of the day, when residents see the final budget changes, they'll agree it was worth it."

The public hearing will be

held before the extraordinary aid award is announced, so residents who want to address the council about the budget will be commenting on a speculative budget.

State guidelines require borough officials to hold another public hearing only if they increase or decrease budget line items by more than 10 percent or add large appropriations.

Mahr said that doesn't mean the budget process will be closed to the public.

"Fanwood's population is a well-educated bunch of citizens," she said when discussing the complicated extraordinary aid process. "You can pick up the phone and call me to understand the difference between facts and misunderstandings."

Over the next several weeks, the council will hold several special workshop meetings to consider cuts to the introduced budget. Meetings have been scheduled for May 18 and May 24; another meeting was held Wednesday night, after press time.

Whatever extraordinary aid money the borough receives will be directly applied to property tax relief, according to the state guidelines. Mahr said the aid application will help, but said homeowners will likely continue to face tax increases until the state's property tax system is reformed.

"Fanwood is taking advantage of this program until a better solution from Trenton is found," she said.

Council introduces ordinance for SID

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council introduced an ordinance to create a special improvement district (SID) in the downtown Tuesday night, and the measure is now scheduled for a public hearing and final vote later this month.

While the concept has the support of members of the mayor and council, Mayor Martin Marks said since the SID is primarily intended to give downtown property owners an independent mechanism to pursue their interests, he needs to see support from property owners before casting an affirmative vote.

"There is a general consensus on this dais that this is the right thing to do, but we need to hear from those this will affect directly," Marks said.

There may still be some hurdles to the initiative, as a group of property owners in the proposed district have been circulating a petition expressing their opposition to the formation of a SID.

Creation of a SID allows businesses in a designated area to form a management entity funded by a special assessment on downtown properties. With the funds raised by the assessment, downtown property owners can hire a downtown manager, pursue physical improvements, hire a grant writer, engage in collective negotiation, or otherwise appropriate funds as they see fit.

While forming a SID allows the creation of a downtown corporation that would oversee the district and recommend an assessment rate, the Township Council would have to approve the body's operating budget annually.

Nearby towns Westfield, Cranford, and Summit have established SIDs in recent years, and more than 70 municipalities in New Jersey have created the districts, all of which remain in existence.

A steering committee formed to explore the possibility of creating a SID voted to approve the idea March 8 after 21 meetings stretching over six months.

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Elementary teacher Barbara Prestridge finds creative ways to get her students excited about the arts.

Scotch Plains teacher brings the arts to life for her students

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Local elementary students are gaining a broader understanding of the arts, thanks to an award-winning teacher at Evergreen Elementary School.

Barbara Prestridge, who also teaches students at McGinn Elementary School, was recently honored by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra (NJSO) for her participation in the Master Teacher's Collaborative Program.

Educators selected for the program develop interdisciplinary curriculum for public school music teachers, a contribution that provides fresh instructional ideas for the classroom.

"The project brings the symphony orchestra experience into

schools," Prestridge said.

And vice versa. Prestridge's students had the opportunity to attend an NJSO performance at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. She said that experience gave students a rich perspective of an art form today's youth tend to overlook.

"For most kids this is the first time they've seen a symphony orchestra or the first time they've been to NJPAC," she said, adding that students who attended the performance later told her they were getting hooked on classical music.

For Prestridge, who is both a painter and a pianist, interdisciplinary instruction represents another way for her to sneak music into her art room. Each year, she has her elementary school students participate in

theater programs which combine art, music, literature, public speaking, and theater arts.

Her crash course in the arts includes set design and costuming, most of which is created by the kids themselves. An upcoming show will consist of 60 children wearing dinosaur head-dresses made from construction paper.

"Simplicity is important here," she said. "You can make anything out of paper." She pointed to a particularly creative prop — a paper gingerbread house constructed by students.

Students in different classes collaborate on the setpieces, so doors and windows might be the work of one class, while the trim is the brainchild of another. The

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we're talking about, it seems to me the timing is awkward at best," said Councilman James Foerst. Another sticking point is the cost of the project. The DWC, which manages Westfield's special improvement district, has proposed splitting the cost evenly with the town. Some council members say the cost of the project should fall more heavily on the DWC, or be entirely borne by the downtown entity.

Town attorney Robert Cockren said the streetscape improvement project could be seen as an aesthetic improvement, and that existing case law requires capital requests of an aesthetic nature to be funded by special improvement districts in other municipalities.

But Councilman Sal Caruana said the project amounts to an annual contribution of only \$75,000 for the next 15 years.

"For a community that talks about the vibrancy of downtown... this is a modest amount," he said. "It's a very fair proposal not only to us but to the taxpayers."

Council members at the meeting were evenly split over the streetscape project, but three members not in attendance — Mayor Greg McDermott and councilmen Peter Echausse and Andy Skibitsky — have previously expressed opposition to the capital request.

The council decided to defer a decision on the DWC request until its next conference session May 25, when DWC officials will be asked to make their pitch for the project before the council.

An ordinance to construct an \$860,000 lighted turf field at the existing Syd Faye and Houlihan fields, however, may be introduced as early as next week. The turf field is part of a larger capital request by the Recreation Commission, which is also pursuing improvements at Tamaques Park.

The turf field would require minimal maintenance and would be better suited to handle drainage issues that keep the current grass fields out of service from time to time. The town would install focused lights, which are not expected to allow much light leakage, to extend the use of the new facility into the evening hours.

Less maintenance and extended hours would mean use of the field would open up time slots for other town athletic fields, easing the wear and tear on existing facilities. The field would primarily be used for practice time, as it is not large enough to accommodate varsity level athletics.

The Recreation Commission request also includes funds to continue studies for a larger turf field project at either the Conservation Center or Tamaques Park.

At Tuesday's conference session, members of the council were notably silent on the issue, having discussed the matter at length during a recent special session. At that meeting, council members' concerns were limited to light leakage issues and potential use fees.

If the council approves the Syd Faye/Houlihan turf field project, construction could begin in the fall, and the fields could be ready for use as early as next spring.

Scotch Plains teacher brings the arts to life for her students

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idea, she said, is for kids to realize they are working as part of a team.

But another important component of her instructional method is to improve the public speaking abilities of her students. During the performances, students often find themselves featured for a moment or two, which allows them to develop comfort with experience of speaking in front of a group.

"Most kids are not shy," Prestridge said. "But I try to make sure self-consciousness doesn't start sneaking in."

But in any elementary school production, the real goal is to have a good time.

"No matter how cool they think they are, no one has a problem with dressing up like dinosaurs," she said.

If the image of pint-sized prehistoric troubadours isn't interesting enough, the next round of performances might include kimono-clad children trying their hand at Kabuki theater. That's because Prestridge has been selected for a Fulbright Memorial Fund award, which will allow her to travel to Japan.

For three weeks, she and 200 other American educators will travel to the island nation to absorb its arts and culture. The program is funded by the Japanese government, which created the program to promote goodwill and understanding between East and West.

Prestridge said she hopes to learn as much as she can about Kabuki and Noh theater, two uniquely Japanese art forms. Both feature performers in traditional attire and wearing wooden masks. Kabuki, the

more accessible of the two to Western audiences, features performers whose skin is painted a striking white.

"I would love to see how to translate these to my kids," she said.

One of her ideas is to send an electronic journal back to Scotch Plains as she travels through Japan, giving students an idea of what it's like to travel great distances and experience an unfamiliar world.

"I want my trip to be real to them," she explained. "I would like to come back and present my trip so they feel like they did it with me," she added.

It's all part of her ongoing effort to bring new and different ideas to the classroom.

"I try not to recycle material," she said. "If I'm interested in what I'm doing, the kids will be too."

Assault at school leads to arrest

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believed to have been a fight or an argument. Teachers did not observe either the cafeteria or locker room incidents, and police have yet to interview the victim, instead conducting interviews with teenage witnesses.

But police did arrest the attacker Monday, placing him under house arrest and tracking him with a special electronic bracelet. He was expected to remain inside his house until attending a hearing in family court yesterday, according to Lt. John Parizeau.

Edison Principal Cheryl

O'Brien did not return a call seeking comment, but the district did provide a copy of a letter she sent home Tuesday. In the letter, O'Brien said the attacker had been suspended immediately and added, "The Westfield Public School Child Study Team continues to cooperate in finding an appropriate educational program for him."

Both Foley and O'Brien said the assailant, who attended Franklin Elementary School before attending Edison, had not been involved in previous violent incidents at school.

"We're not aware of any incidents like this in which he has

bullied or hurt anyone," Foley said.

O'Brien said both students had been at the school since sixth grade, and there had been no indication of problems between them.

In her letter, O'Brien noted that the entire intermediate school faculty has undergone anti-bullying training.

The incident may spark some kind of change in policy, although Foley acknowledged there are limits regarding the degree to which school officials can monitor students.

"We will have to look at how we supervise and review our policies," Foley said.

Council introduces ordinance for SID

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The committee determined the district's boundaries should include all commercial businesses, apartments of more than four units, and commercial vacant land along Park Avenue, East Second Street, Front Street, Terrill Road, and the blocks of Westfield Avenue, Bartle Avenue, Forest Road,

Church Street, Grand Street, Mountain Avenue, and Sunset Place adjacent to Park Avenue.

Those properties would be assessed based on a six-tiered, flat rate system. Properties would be assessed between \$250 and \$2,000 annually based on assessed property values.

Before the council's discussion about the proposed district Tuesday night, Seymour Stein

addressed the council as a dissenting member of the steering committee.

He said properties located in the district but not the core downtown area will be asked to contribute money for the SID but are not likely to gain the same benefits from the district as downtown retailers.

While Stein said he supports the idea in principle, he objected to the assessment method, particularly pertaining to his office building on Front Street.

With such reservations in mind, the council will decide the fate of the SID after a public hearing May 25 in council chambers.

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Scotch Plains police officer appeals his firing, files suit

By BRAD BISHOP
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SCOTCH PLAINS — A former police officer has filed a wrongful termination lawsuit against the township, and is appealing the township manager's decision to fire him.

In March 2003, Sgt. James Cassidy was dismissed from the police department for sexual harassment and conduct unbecoming a public employee. Township officials allege Cassidy had an inappropriate sexual relationship with a female police officer on the job, which eventually escalated into harassing behavior.

The township reached a financial settlement with the female police officer in January 2003, in response to anticipated litigation. The female officer resigned from the department due to a medical condition, township officials said. As the township was reaching a settlement with the female officer, Cassidy was in the midst of an internal disciplinary hearing

conducted by independent employment law professionals.

At the conclusion of the hearings, which were conducted in the fall of 2002, hearing officer Robert Czech's recommendation led township manager Tom Atkins to terminate Cassidy from the force.

Cassidy is now appealing Atkins' decision to the Office of Administrative Law. Testimony in the appeal was reaching its conclusion this week, and Township Attorney Doug Hansen said township prosecutor James Posia would be issuing a written summation to Judge Jesse Strauss shortly. Hansen said he expected a decision on the appeal within four to six months.

But the wrongful termination lawsuit — which is separate from Cassidy's appeal — will probably take much longer to reach a resolution. Hansen said he was disappointed with the former officer's response to the litigation, which names the attorney, Atkins, the police depart-

ment, and the township as defendants.

"We went to extraordinary lengths to ensure he had due process," Hansen said. "The sole purpose of this lawsuit is to humiliate the township and township officials."

The lawsuit contains numerous allegations against township officials and members of the police department, ranging from wrongful discharge and intentional infliction of emotional distress to fabricating charges against him for the purpose of using him as a scapegoat in the wake of the January 2003 sexual harassment settlement.

Further, the complaint alleges that township officials coerced police officers to provide incriminating testimony against Cassidy and discouraged officers from conducting fundraisers to help him pay his legal costs.

Hansen denied those allegations and said Cassidy's dismissal came largely as a result of his own testimony. Hansen said Cassidy had been given a fair

process and described his allegations as "spurious and false."

"(The complaint) is a rambling diatribe, and constitutes a frivolous lawsuit," Hansen said. "And I've put (the plaintiff's attorney) on notice about that."

Mayor Martin Marks said the case was "the most unpleasant and distasteful matter" he had encountered during his eight years of public service in the township. He said Atkins made a "sad but just decision" in the case.

Cassidy's suit is one of two ongoing lawsuits regarding the police department township officials are now contending with. A reverse racial discrimination case filed by four police officers against the police department was decided in favor of the township in February, but the officers are appealing the verdict.

Marks said while the flurry of litigation is of "grave concern," he has confidence in the police department and

township administrator Tom Atkins. Marks said that while Atkins has the ultimate authority on employee hiring and termination decisions, the mayor and council have been well informed and contributed to Atkins' thought process.

He said Scotch Plains will continue to defend itself in the two lawsuits in spite of the legal costs the cases could incur.

"At this point the principle at stake outweighs the monetary cost," he said, pledging to defend the integrity of the police department, municipal government, and the township as a whole.

Scotch Plains has seen a substantial shake-up in its police department during the last month. On May 1, Chief Marshall Nelson and Captain John Shebey retired; Mark Zyla and Brian Mahoney were promoted to chief and captain, respectively.

"I'm hoping (the change in administration) will give the police department the opportunity to come together," Marks said.

Student parking struggles persist

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

In the latest salvo in the ongoing student parking saga, the Fanwood Borough Council introduced ordinances to restrict parking on two streets at its regular meeting Tuesday night. Once the rules are adopted, parking will be restricted during school hours on Watchung View Place and a section of Tiltson Road near Westfield Road.

The move came in response to requests and complaints by Fanwood residents, who claim that student motorists are loitering and littering in their neighborhoods and that an excessive number of cars are being parked on both sides of some borough streets.

Police also have concerns about the parking situation, arguing that the number of cars on the streets makes passage by emergency vehicles difficult.

In neighboring Scotch Plains, parking restrictions enacted by the Township Council in recent months have been forcing students to seek parking spaces farther from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Many of those cars are coming into Fanwood.

Borough officials are aware that restricting parking is probably not going to provide a permanent fix for the parking problem, especially when the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district population is expected to have continuing, steady growth for the next few years.

"We recognize this is not necessarily the solution," said Mayor Colleen Mahr. "There is an exces-

sive number of students with no place to park," she added. "We're going to have to get together under the guise of the shared services council and look at this."

According to high school Principal David Heisey, a student surface lot provides 75 parking spaces for seniors, and an additional 20 spaces are available at Green Forest Park off Westfield Road. But once those spots are taken up, students have to find a parking spot on their own, usually on residential streets.

Heisey said the school can work to redesign some of its parking facilities to eke out a few more parking spaces, but a longer term solution is in the hands of municipal administrators in both communities.

"We would like to create more spaces, but we're landlocked, and the only green grass we have is used for athletic fields," he said.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education President Linda Nelson said the issue is a top concern for the board this year, and that during the spring session the problem is worse because as juniors acquire their driver's licenses, many of them begin driving to school.

But the board has no immediate plans to make changes to its student parking policy, which in its present form has provisions for student conduct. With the policy as a guide, and assemblies which reinforce student conduct guidelines, officials say students should know what behavior is not acceptable.

"Although parking continues to be crowded, there have been no major incidents to show the sys-

tem isn't working," Nelson said.

Student parking has long been an issue on the agendas of both the Westfield Board of Education and the Westfield Town Council, as well. As in Scotch Plains, Westfield High School is located in a residential area and has limited parking availability for students.

Last year, the Westfield board approved a student parking policy that would have established a permit system and a code of conduct. The system required Town Council approval, since it would have designated specific town streets for parking and affected enforcement policy.

But after residents protested the parking policy at council meetings, the policy was tabled with the promise to amend it sometime before spring, when the parking crunch is at its worst. But the council has yet to take up the issue this year.

"(The situation) is as bad as we thought it would be," said Westfield High School principal Dr. Robert Petix. "But there are bigger issues in Westfield involving parking."

Like most issues involving parking in town, officials are waiting to see what comes of the town's proposed redevelopment projects, which include parking structures. Until that issue is resolved, Petix said student parking is probably on the back burner.

He said residents who are bothered by student behavior on town streets should forward their complaints to the police department. "That's been an effective procedure," he said.

District granted historic status

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — Years of hard work by the Historic Preservation Commission has finally paid off, as part of the borough has been assigned historic status.

A section of North Avenue and another on Martine Avenue have been included on the State Register of Historic Places, designated as the Fanwood Park Historic District. And borough officials expect the district will be included on the National Register of Historic Places shortly.

The historic designation prevents state entities from encroaching upon properties listed in the district, which is significant because both state and county routes pass through the district. To proceed with development within the district, public entities would require approval by the state Department of Environmental Protection, which oversees the Register of Historic Places.

According to Historic Preservation Commission Chairwoman Dolores O'Brien, a plan to widen Martine Avenue to four lanes, which was discussed 20 years ago, would be much harder to approve today with the historic designation.

O'Brien, who has been involved in the commission since 1989, also said statistics show that homes within historic districts increase in value.

"It's been a long haul, but it can only benefit the borough and everyone living here," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said the designation does nothing to restrict the property rights of homeowners living in the 79 buildings included in the district. Of those buildings, 58 are classified as "contributing" since they were constructed before 1935. Twenty-

one buildings are classified as "non-contributing," meaning they were built after that date.

Most buildings in the district were constructed between the late 1800s and the early 20th century. Three older structures in the district are included on the local register of historic places, which does restrict alterations to the exteriors of the buildings. But only one of the structures — the former railroad station on Midway Avenue — is a private residence. The others are a carriage house located on borough property and the current railroad station.

"Fanwood has quite a mixture of architectural design," O'Brien said. "There is a lot worth preserving."

The Fanwood Park Historic District joins three historic districts in Westfield, and nine such districts in neighboring Plainfield. O'Brien said the commission hopes to install signs on Martine and North Avenue to alert motorists of the existence of Fanwood's historic district.

Mayor Colleen Mahr lauded the efforts of O'Brien and the commission for their five years of work on the project, which included hiring a special consultant to research the history of structures within the district.

"I take my hat off to the Historic Preservation Commission," Mahr said. "They deserve accolades because it's been a very long road."

She said the designation was important, noting the historical importance of Fanwood and its growth as a resort town and railroad community.

"It makes sure the historic district remains intact," Mahr added, "and it makes Fanwood more attractive to people inside the borough and outside the borough wanting to come in and plant roots."

Hearing on condos is delayed again

WESTFIELD — A hearing about a proposed condominium development at the corner of Lenox Avenue and Elmer Street was adjourned until Monday, June 14 at the request of the applicant's attorney.

The proposed development, by developers James and John Caldora, would result in the demolition of four residential structures and the construction of a 14-unit condominium complex with an underground parking lot for residents.

A report submitted by town planner Blais Brancheau argues that the proposed development is "not consistent with the neighborhood pattern." Current zoning regulations require commercial use for ground floor units.

The application was originally slated to be heard by the Board of Adjustment in March, but the developer's attorney James Flynn delayed that hearing until this past Monday to prepare a response to Brancheau's report. At Monday's meeting, board officials announced the application has been delayed again.

Calls to Flynn's office seeking comment were not returned.

The June 14 hearing will in council chambers at 7:30 p.m. and will be open to the public.

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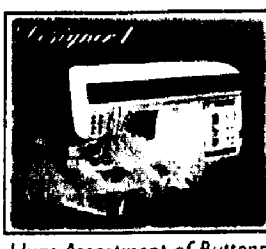
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Commentary

This week, say thanks to a cop

While most people celebrated Mother's Day Sunday, only a relative few Americans took the time to mark the beginning of National Police Week. That is a shame.

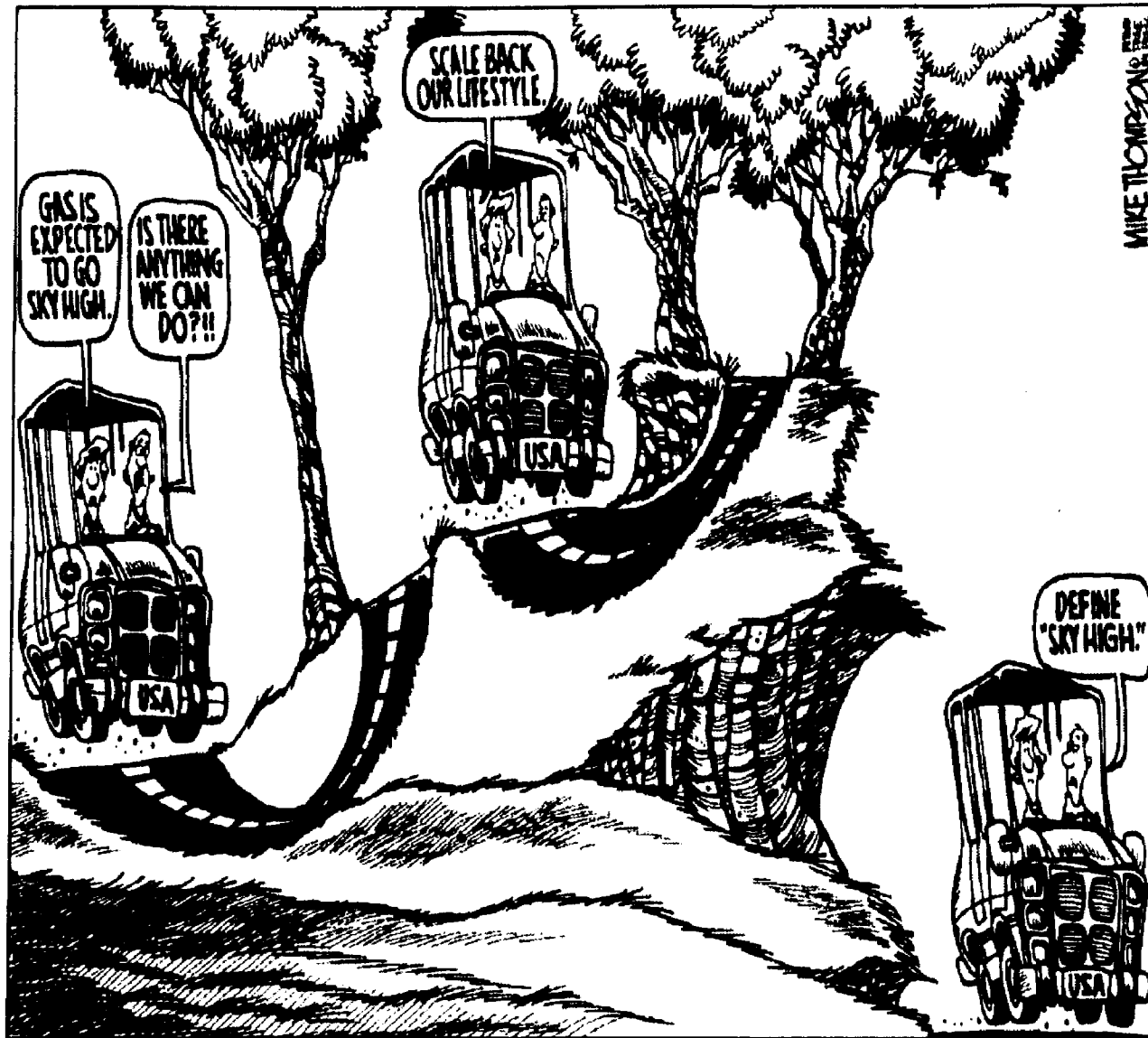
Police officers in every jurisdiction in this country face a difficult job every day. Their job is hazardous and the possibility of death lies in every motor vehicle stop, every domestic violence dispute and every call of a burglary or armed robbery in progress. Every day, officers perform quiet acts of heroism that are unappreciated by the public.

For all their hard work and bravery, police officers are subjected to a barrage of criticism and abuse — some of it deserved, much of it not. Though many critics may not like to admit it, police officers are also victims of unfair stereotypes. Though there are some bad cops (as there are some bad individuals in any profession), the majority of police officers go about their job enforcing the law and keeping the peace in a fair and just manner.

In the past decade, much has been done to improve the relationship between police officers and the public. More and more police departments are reaching out to citizens through the methods of community policing. Police officers are going into schools to teach DARE and gang-resistance programs. More officers are either walking the beat again or riding a bicycle patrol, not only to increase their visibility, but to increase their accessibility. These methods — combined with federal funding to put more officers on the streets — have worked. In the past decade, the crime rate throughout the country has decreased dramatically, and a better relationship has developed between the police and the people they are hired to protect and serve.

National Police Week is more than just a time to thank current police officers; it is also the time to remember those officers who were killed in the line of duty. On Wednesday, the names of fallen police officers were read in a solemn ceremony at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. It is a sobering reminder that police officers are involved in life-and-death situations every day.

Police officers don't ask for much from the people they serve. All they ask for is simple respect, the same type of respect every citizen in our country expects. But it would not hurt if, during National Police Week, we just thought about the fine job they do and offer our thanks.



Mike Deak

Reflecting on some (not so) fond memories

I've been told there's not much interest in my Somerville High School reunion this fall.

First, it's expensive. The cost is \$89 per person, \$178 per couple. If you're married with children, that's a lot of money. My college reunion last week cost only \$37 for an all-you-can-eat luncheon (with crabcakes), plus I got a lacrosse ticket, a baseball cap and a nice glass beer mug.

But I suspect there is another reason why there's no interest in our 30th reunion — the Class of 1974 doesn't care. We didn't care then, and we don't care now.

It's hard for people now to imagine what life was like in 1974. Though it is set in 1976, "Dazed and Confused" is eerily accurate. What appeared to be our apathy was really a political statement against the status quo, The Establishment. We ditched the traditions that previous and future seniors would enjoy, including the prom.

Sometime in the beginning of our senior year all the seniors gathered in the cafeteria on Davenport Street for what was our one and only class meeting. We took a vote on whether to have a prom; maybe only two or three people from a class of more than 200 raised their hands.

Instead, like the high school students in "Dazed and Confused," we preferred to gather in a field far from Somerville (in my hometown of Branchburg). We sat on car hoods and swilled beer until our heads spun and our bladders burst. The odor of burning marijuana mixed with the fresh, lush smell of farm twilights; agitated music tumbled out of tinny car speakers. Kids who had not gotten used to getting drunk passed out after vomiting much of what they had eaten for the past week (it was legal to drink at age 18). There never seemed to be much romance, but maybe I'm projecting my own ineptitude onto the rest of the class.

The decision to forgo the prom and other traditions in 1974 was no doubt influenced by the bizarre parade of current events. Just as we were recovering from the gruesomeness of Vietnam, we were confronted by the sleaziness of Watergate. Which was worse is hard to say — Vietnam revealed the arrogant futility of imperialism, while Watergate exposed the cheap corruption and easy lies rampant in our political culture. A vice president had resigned for accepting kickbacks, millions waited in gas lines and the leader of the most powerful nation on Earth was compelled to tell the biggest lie of all, "I am not a crook."

It's no wonder that we looked upon life with a severe, vitriolic cynicism and rejected reverence for institutions and traditions. We saw the germ of corruption, apparently pandemic in our country's leaders, everywhere. We detested hypocrisy; tradition had to be abandoned as a relic of a transparent society in need of liberation. After all, didn't the prom re-enforce the oppressive relationship between men and women?

There are those who say the absence of a prom was probably for the best, that as a geek I was spared the humiliation of staying home dateless and watching Creature Feature that night. Perhaps. But to be denied the possibility of that pain — and its subsequent moral lesson — or even the fainter possibility of ending the prom watching dawn's first lavender light sweep across a Belmar beach with the date who's your first and last love, was the real shame. And that is why I am left with a vacuum where the fond memories of fickle and youthful romance are supposed to be. There is a blank in my brain where four years of golden reminiscences of high school should be.

We're not going to the reunion because we have nothing to remember.

REP. MIKE FERGUSON
Seventh Congressional District

Letters to the editor

Editorial on taxes was wrong-headed

To The Record-Press:

Let me say first that I would not be affected by Gov. James E. McGreevey's proposed Robin Hood plan to increase income taxes for New Jerseyans earning more than \$500,000 and give it to those earning less than \$200,000. But I have plenty to worry about in the future as long as hopelessly naive observers such as your paper, as seen in your April 30 editorial "When a tax hike is good news," encourage politicians to redistribute money that doesn't belong to them.

You asked why this hasn't happened already. It's because we've never had a populace so frightened of defying political correctness. Who dares deny handouts to the poor folks earning less than \$200,000, or even worse, support the right of rich folks to keep what they earn? Another reason is that media such as you have already announced they will give McGreevey a free pass on his "no new taxes" pledge. President Clinton redefined the meaning of "is," and now you are helping to redefine the meaning of "no."

But behind this plan is a step towards a progressive tax system that will duplicate all the worst of the federal code. Progressive taxes create class division, stifle ambition, and worst of all, license politicians to spend, spend, spend! Do you really think that McGreevey and his successors will hold the line at those earning \$500,000? After all, \$400,000 per year is a lot of money too. So is \$300,000. Would you object to hiking taxes on them, too?

Once this scheme is put into effect, do you think the politicians won't redeploy it to support spending on road repair, health care, security, pensions and every other financial need?

McGreevey and his predecessors have done a horrific job at controlling spending, and you believe the solution is to let him have more of our money to mismanage. That doesn't sound like good news to me.

STEVE DREYER
Westfield

WNC deserves community's support

To The Record-Press:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Westfield Neighborhood Council. I have been involved with the council periodically over the past 15 years. My involvement has allowed me to see first hand the challenges that the WNC has faced and the obstacles it has overcome. However, despite difficult circumstances, I have witnessed the children of this "center" growing up and having children of their own. I have witnessed the metamorphosis of the volunteer board of trustees, of which I am a member, from fledgling newcomers to an experienced board with some members who have served in one capacity or another for over 15 years. Now, the council needs our help to continue its operation.

WNC is the nucleus of the Cacciola Place neighborhood. It has helped the residents through the many transitions that are peculiar to low-income minority neighborhoods. It has helped many of the neighborhood members overcome the degradation of drug and alcohol addiction, when many other people and organizations turned their backs. It has helped many of the children overcome the academic achievement disparity that is commonplace here in town. WNC has been the foundation of a neighborhood that needed a springboard on which to

anchor its legacy of having the willpower to remain in this town.

The WNC has exposed me to a vibrant neighborhood of people from all walks of life. It gave me a new lens through which to appreciate the service the Westfield Neighborhood Council has provided for young children, teenagers, and senior citizens. Had it not been for WNC and the leadership of the staff and board of trustees, the work of many who have come before me and long since left WNC would have been forgotten and unrecognized.

Ezella Johnson, executive director, having earned her masters of public administration with a concentration in non-profit management, and Harold A. Cohen, president, with a long history of leadership positions in corporate management and volunteering at Temple Emanu-El, have the credentials to help WNC withstand its current problems. And I will, as former staff member and current board member, remain steadfast to the WNC mission to help all people reach their highest potential as my involvement has helped me to reach mine.

Good luck, WNC!

SUSAN MADORMA
Westfield

Seniors urged to sign up for discount

To The Record-Press:

Recently, senior citizens in Union County and across New Jersey began signing up for the new Medicare drug discount card. The cards, which are activated June 1, will save seniors between 10 and 25 percent off the cost of their prescription medications.

Every Medicare beneficiary, regardless of age or income, can purchase their Medicare-approved discount card for an enrollment fee of \$30 or less. This fee will be waived for low-income beneficiaries.

The discount card is optional, and because seniors' medical needs are different, they can choose from different programs to best meet their specific health needs to maximize savings.

For help comparing your options and to find out more about how to enroll, call Medicare toll-free at (800) MEDICARE and ask about "drug savings." (TTY users should call toll-free, (877) 486-2048.) Detailed information also is available on Medicare's website, www.medicare.gov.

The discount card is the first phase of the 2003 law — which I voted for in Congress and which AARP endorsed — that creates a voluntary prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries. That voluntary benefit begins in 2006.

While the new Medicare law isn't perfect, it represents a good first step to help more seniors get the prescription drugs they need at a price they can afford.

Low-income seniors save even more with the discount card. Individual seniors with incomes less than \$12,569, or less than \$16,862 for married couples, can receive the discount card for free, and an extra \$600

credit will be applied to the discount card this year and again in 2005.

That means seniors with the greatest need will see the greatest benefit.

In addition to providing seniors with a solid benefit, the Medicare reform package will also save New Jersey \$100 million that can be used to strengthen the state's Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program. When the full voluntary Medicare prescription drug benefit takes effect in 2006, nearly \$4 billion will be provided to New Jersey to help strengthen the PAAD program.

That new, voluntary Medicare drug benefit also will help thousands of New Jersey seniors, particularly those who do not have prescription drug coverage. For a \$35 monthly premium and \$250 annual deductible, Medicare will pay 75 percent of the first \$2,250 in drug expenses.

To ensure that no senior ever has to eliminate a lifetime of savings, the new Medicare law also includes catastrophic coverage guaranteeing Medicare will pay 95 percent of all drug costs.

The new Medicare law also includes important preventive services for the first time. Starting in 2005, Medicare will offer an initial physical exam and screening tests for heart disease and diabetes.

The drug discount card is available today. If you haven't already signed up, please call Medicare today. Beginning next month, you will start to see the savings.

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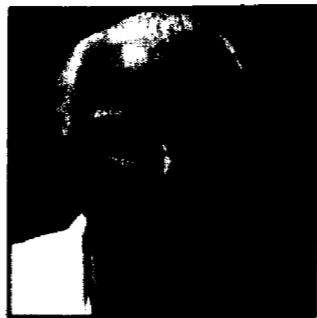
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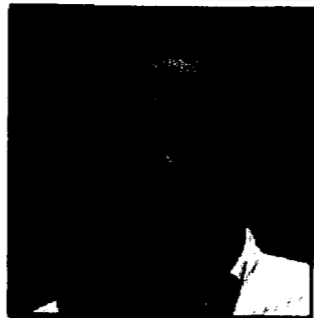
STEVE WISEMAN
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I'll be going somewhere on the East Coast, possibly Maine.



MARGARET SCHNEIDER
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I'm going to visit my children who live in Cape Cod and Falmouth, Maine.



GUS ZADES
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I'm retired, so every day is a vacation! But in a few weeks I'm going to Buenos Aires, and in the fall I'm going to Greece.



MOHSEIN HOSSEIN
works in Cranford
This summer I'm going to Germany and Belgium.



TOM PAGOULATOS
Cranford
Usually I go to the shore.



JIM BROWER
Cranford
I just got back from Ireland. And in August, I'm planning to go to Lavallette.

Clean-up was a success

To The Record-Press:
The Friends of Mindowaskin Park Clean-up on Saturday, April 17 was a huge success because of the special volunteers of our town. The Friends want to thank those who participated by donating their precious time and talents, including the Westfield Jaycees, Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, Paul Nazzaro's piano students, St. Helen's confirmation class, local neighbors and numerous friends and family members.

A special thanks and recognition go to Marilyn Shields, Vicky Algarin, Evan Dickerson

Landscaping, Craig Stock Landscape, Debby Burslem, Sherry Cronin, Rich Edge, David Foltz, and David Williams of Williams Nursery for their ongoing maintenance and planting work in the park. They have spent many hours throughout the year maintaining the park.

The Friends are planning summer and fall cleanup dates to be announced at a later date. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact the Friends of Mindowaskin at (908) 233-8110 for more information.

NANCY PRIEST
President,
Friends of Mindowaskin Park

Don't neglect the squad

To The Record-Press:
Westfield is not my hometown, but it has been home to my family for some 40 years.

One thing has saddened me through the years. The fund drive by the volunteer rescue squad has not been answered with proper speed.

My family has benefited from

the rescue squad many times over 40 years. In fact, the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad's appeal is the only one I have donated to all these years.

Westfielders, please support your local treasure before it fades away!

VIRGINIA STEFFEN
Westfield

Council settles on \$360 for overnight parking fee

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council decided to reduce proposed overnight parking fees for downtown residents at a conference meeting Tuesday night.

At a previous meeting, council members had discussed charging as much as \$700 for overnight parking permits. But Tuesday night, acting mayor Rafael Betancourt proposed charging just \$360 annually for the right to park in Lot 4 overnight.

The reduced fee is closer to those imposed by Princeton, which charges \$30 per month to park overnight, and Summit, which charges only \$45 quarterly for that right.

As part of a plan to improve its overall management of downtown parking facilities, the council has decided to enforce existing parking regulations which restrict overnight parking in downtown lots between 1-5 a.m.

By allowing overnight parking in Lot 4, cars left downtown overnight will be consolidated in one place, which allows the town to more easily perform street cleaning and other DPW maintenance work.

But residents who have been parking downtown for years will suddenly be forced to pay hundreds of dollars for a permit they never needed before, in addition to being required to leave cars in a less convenient location.

At the council's regular meet-

ing last week, residents spoke out against the measure, arguing that since there is little demand for overnight parking in municipal lots, the permit charge should be minimal.

Council members, however, did not object to Betancourt's proposal at the conference meeting, so an ordinance changing parking could be introduced soon, perhaps as early as the council's public meeting this coming Tuesday night.

"I think one dollar per day is a reasonable sum," Betancourt said. Daily parking permits currently cost residents \$702 annually.

In Lot 4, the police department will designate specific parking spaces for overnight parking, based on demand. Cars left overnight anywhere outside of

those spaces will be ticketed.

However, residents who have daily parking permits will be allowed to leave their cars in municipal lots overnight to account for travel and other special circumstances.

At the meeting, resident Alan Solomon said during the holidays when downtown stores are open late, the overnight lot could become full, with shoppers taking up all available spots at night.

Other proposed changes in the town's parking management policy include the sale of daily permits to fill unused spaces in the South Avenue train station lot and the enforcement of existing regulations designed to prevent meter feeding by downtown employees.

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One such group is the Caregiver & Alzheimer's Family Support Group at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County. Their meetings, which are open to the community, are held in the Family Conference Room at Runnells, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights on the third Thursday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. The meetings, facilitated by Liz Carabuena, L.S.W., a Runnells Specialized Hospital licensed social worker, are free of charge for all attendees.

"Support groups such as this provide participants with a secure place to give voice to their concerns and feelings and get the support only others with the same problems can give," said Union County Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to Runnells Specialized Hospital. "The Caregiver &

Alzheimer's Family Support Group at Runnells shares information on the disease, research updates, practical care techniques and a list of community resources. An important part of the meeting is the time devoted to discussing the frustrations individuals feel in caring for those stricken with Alzheimer's disease."


Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County sponsors the meetings in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association-Greater New Jersey Chapter, an organization committed to easing the burden and finding a cure for Alzheimer's, the nation's fourth leading fatal disease among adults, afflicting some 4 million Americans.

For further information on this wheelchair accessible program or if you would like to attend, call (908) 771-5828.

The Caregiver & Alzheimer's Family Support Group at Runnells' schedule for the rest of 2004 is as follows: May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

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Lecture is scheduled for May 24

SCOTCH PLAINS — LEARN, the League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses, will present a lecture titled "Nursing Stories: Key to Success" 7:45 p.m. May 24 at All Saints' Church, 559 Park Ave.

Speakers Gabriela Kaplan and Deena Centofani are advance oncology certified nurses with the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. They facilitate oncology education for patients, staff and other institutions and have participated in research, as well as presentation of papers and lectures.


LEARN offers eight programs an academic year on current nursing topics. Each program provides Continuing Education Credit Hours through the New Jersey State Nurses Association. This program has been approved for 2.4 hours. Also, the Department of Education has granted Professional Development Hours.

LEARN's officers for 2004-2005 will be installed at the May meeting. President Helen S. Dobbins will be assisted by Lucille Colletti of Lebanon, vice president. The recording secretary is Louise Healy of Union, and the corresponding secretary is Felicia Sahli of Branchburg. Helga Elliot of Westfield is treasurer, and Dorothy Hurlman of Summit is assistant treasurer.

Other board positions will be filled by Betty J. Rosman of Cranford, Beth Clarke, Debbie Zotte, Rose Druffner, Holly Ives and Marylou Delano of Cranford.

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Ribbon-cutting planned to mark end of project

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school community will mark the completion of all construction projects in the district at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The last of the certificates of occupancy for the new areas of all district buildings was recently handed over to Business Administrator Anthony Del Sordi, and the ribbon-cutting will celebrate the fact that the projects were completed on time and within budget.

Superintendent Carol Choye has remarked on numerous occasions that the bond referendum and subsequent projects could not have been successful without Del Sordi's guidance. She also announced recently that the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials has recognized Del Sordi's outstanding work by awarding him their Meritorious Service Award, to be presented at the state organization's annual conference in May. As a recipient of the award, Del Sordi will receive a commemorative plaque, a \$100 check, and the right to name a local student as recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from ASBO.

Anyone interested in attending the SPFH ribbon-cutting is asked to enter the high school at the side entrance of the building near the Main Office.

Help board with landscaping project

WESTFIELD — From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. this Saturday, a community landscaping project will take place on the grounds of the Board of Education Administration Building at 302 Elm St. Scout groups, families and individuals can join in planting new flowering trees and shrubs.

The Board of Education is also accepting financial donations toward the project. Checks can be made out to the Board of Education and mailed to the attention of Robert Berman, Business Administrator, 302 Elm St. A notation should indicate "landscaping project."

For further information about the community landscaping project or to sign up for Saturday's planting program, call the Office of School/Community Relations at (908) 789-4453.

Speaker will discuss changes in Medicare

SCOTCH PLAINS — Speaker Miriam Dickman, chairperson of the Union County Senior Legislative Issues Coalition, will be at the JCC of Central NJ, located at 1391 Martine Ave., at 10:30 a.m. May 25 to discuss changes in Medicare and the new discount drug cards.

This timely and informative program is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Lunch will be available at noon for a fee of \$1.50 per person. Advance registration for lunch is mandatory.

Call Nan Statton, director of Adult and Senior Services, at (908) 889-8800, ext. 207 to RSVP or for more information.

Y's Men's Club plans monthly dinner

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Y's Men's Club will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 26 at Famous Dave's restaurant, 1443 Route 22 East, Mountainside. Prospective members are welcome to attend the dinner for free, and learn more about the club and its activities.

The Westfield Y's Men's Club, with over 40 active members, is a group of men who raise money for charitable causes and socialize together. It functions as a service club for the YMCA and local youth organizations and provides donations to other community organizations.

The club's partnership with the Westfield Y has provided program funding and substantial capital improvements over the last 50 years. Since its inception, the club has raised over \$2 million for community charitable grants. The Y's Men sponsor an annual children's Halloween Parade through downtown Westfield, and club volunteers also run the Y's Men's Christmas Tree Sale.

Club members also lend their time and talent to community work projects, such as assisting the construction and dedication of the 9/11 Memorial Site and Elm Street field improvements.



Ernie Powell, fourth from left, is shown here receiving the YMCA of the USA Volunteerism of the Year Award in Chicago in 2000. From left are Eric Mason, a board member of Camp Speers-Eljabar; Powell's son; Sue Edmonds, past CEO of Camp Speers-Eljabar; Powell; Phil Brown, Y's Men's Club member and current board chairman of Camp Speers-Eljabar; an unidentified guest; Ken Gladish, executive director of the YMCA of the USA; and Stephen Suriano, a Y's Men's Club member and member of the Camp Speers-Eljabar Board. A longtime volunteer, Powell recently passed away.

Y Men's Club remembers Powell

WESTFIELD — Ernie Powell was a 50-year member and past president of the Westfield YMCA's Men's Club when he passed away in March. As a recipient of the National YMCA Service Award for dedicated volunteer service in 2000, the YMCA movement's highest honor for program volunteers, Powell leaves behind a noteworthy legacy.

Said Stephen Murphy, a member of the Westfield Y's Men's Club and long-time area resident, "I knew Ernie Powell since I was 1 year old. I have six brothers and sisters and when I was young, Ernie used to come and paint my house. Years later I became a member of the Y's Men's Club. Not only did Ernie remember me, but he remembered the names of all my brothers and sisters and asked about each of them. He cared so much about his community through his church and various community organizations. Even though he was 40 years older than me, he was able to transcend generational gaps. He was a true friend."

Powell provided lifelong service to Camp Speers-Eljabar as an individual and as a member of the Y's Men's Club, contributing to the health and well-being of kids, families and the community. In 2000, YMCA Camp Speers-Eljabar in Dingman's Ferry, Pa. dedicated a pavilion in Powell's honor.

He also helped countless area residents pick the perfect Christmas tree over the last 50 years. Said Mark Ciarrocca, a member of the Y's Men's Club like his father before him, "Ernie was still

selling trees well into his 80s in the lot at Elm and Walnut streets. For decades, part of people's holiday tradition became buying a tree from Ernie."

Powell was a mailman with the U.S. Post Office in Westfield for 38 years before retiring. After retiring, he worked as a house painter. He served in the Navy during World War II, was a Sunday School teacher and financial secretary of the trustee board at Bethel Baptist Church, and was a member of F&M Lodge 38 in Plainfield. Many years ago, he was a member of the Westfield Negro History Club.

Much as he did during his stint in the Navy, Powell loved to travel on behalf of the Y's Men's Club and spread the word about community service internationally. Said Murphy, "Ernie Powell was like an ambassador of the Westfield Y's Men's Club to the world."

Added Ciarrocca, "I think many people hope that they're remembered not for their material possessions, but for the number of people they've touched. Ernie Powell touched countless lives."

The Westfield Y's Men's Club is a group of men who raise money for charitable causes and socialize together. Established in 1947, the club has raised over \$2 million for community charitable grants. Selling Christmas trees is the primary fundraising method.

For more information on the club, call Fred Wasiak at the Westfield Area YMCA at (908) 233-2700, ext. 228 or Tom Baker at (908) 516-9566.

District aims to identify kids with special needs

WESTFIELD — Through a program known as Project Child Find, the local school district attempts to identify children with special learning needs and provide early intervention services to those children.

According to Ted Kozlik, assistant superintendent for pupil services, "We provide evaluation services for resident children 3 to 21 years of age who appear to have problems in communication, motor, social-emotional, or learning areas. Children found to be eligible for special education and related services are entitled to free and appropriate special education programming and related services."

Information is provided to parents of children from birth through 3 years of age regarding early intervention services. Parents of children from birth through age 3 who suspect potential disabilities or have children with special needs may also call Project Child Find at (800) 322-8174, 7 days a week and 24-hours a day. All calls are confidential.

The district urges residents who know of children ages 3 to 21 years of age who appear to have one or

more of the following signs to ask their parents to call Kozlik at (908) 789-4442, via e-mail at tkozlik@westfieldnj.com or in writing to 302 Elm St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

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- Consistent trouble seeing or hearing;
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- Significant difficulty playing appropriately with other children; and/or
- Significant problems paying attention and listening.

All information about such requests will be kept confidential. Project Child Find is a service established by the N. J. Department of Education through the Individual with Disability Education Act (I.D.E.A.) funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

Westfield receives Main Street Award

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Kennedy Smith, Director of the National Trust's National Main Street Center, announced this week that Westfield has earned a 2004 Great American Main Street Award for its successful efforts in revitalizing its downtown area through historic preservation.

"Westfield is a great place to be, with art shows, jazz bands, new stores in old buildings, and old stores with new visions. Westfield is about saving a treasured theater and restoring a tired train depot, about finding innovative solutions to that most persistent of problems — parking" said Richard Moe. "The tireless volunteers who have invested almost 25,000 hours in the revitalization of their downtown have invigorated the heart of their community."

Officials from the National Trust said the award recognizes the work down by the town to stem a commercial slide in the downtown that began in the 1970s and continued through the

early 1990s, when vacancy rates reached nearly 40 percent.

In a statement, the Trust praised former mayors Rich Bagger and Bud Boothe for focusing attention on the problem and laying the groundwork for the creation of the Downtown Westfield Corporation in 1996. Since that time, 29 new retailers and 25 new restaurants, many of them national chains, have come to the downtown. Since 1993, sales have risen from \$60 million to \$200 million, the Trust noted.

The Trust also praised the efforts, helped along by public funds, to renovate many of the downtown buildings, as well as the current push to create more parking in the downtown.

The other 2004 Great American Main Street Award winners are Burlington, Iowa; Encinitas, Calif.; Paso Robles, Calif.; and Rogers, Ark. Each winning community receives a \$2,500 cash prize to further its revitalization efforts, a bronze plaque commemorating its award, road signs, and a certificate.

Recycle propane tanks at Conservation Center

WESTFIELD — The County of Union will sponsor its first-ever propane tank recycling day on from noon-6 p.m. Thursday at the Westfield Conservation Center on Lamberts Mill Road, near the Tamaques Reservation.

"Due to new valve change regulations, the common barbecue-size propane tank cannot be refilled unless the tank is equipped with a new safety shut-off valve called an OPD, or overfill prevention device. This new safety device has created a tank disposal issue," said Freeholder John Wohlrab. "On May 20, Union County residents can take the opportunity to do some spring cleaning and recycle their old propane tanks before the summer barbecue season."

Many users of propane for barbecues and other applications have more than one tank, but they can-

not get their empty tanks refilled because the older tanks don't have the required overfill prevention device. All that Union County residents need to do to recycle their old propane tanks is drive to the Westfield Conservation Center Thursday with their old tanks. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles. Pre-registration is not required for this special propane tank collection.

The recycling event is for old propane tanks exclusively. All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. This collection is not for businesses, and proof of Union County residency is required. The collection will take place rain or shine.

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STEP UP FOR THE ARC — annual walkathon to raise funds for the state's largest advocacy organization for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Registration begins 9 a.m. at Union County Vocational/Technical School, Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. (908) 754-7826 or www.arcnj.org.

HISTORICAL BUS TRIP — to the State Museum in Trenton, sponsored by the Westfield Historical Society. Exhibits include "Cultures in Competition: Indians and Europeans in Colonial New Jersey." Bus leaves Lord & Taylor lot at 8:30 a.m., returns at 5 p.m. \$24 for club members, \$29 for non-members. (908) 233-6360.

BUON GIORNO: ITALIAN RESEARCH — presentation by Larry Fermi for the Genealogical Society of the West Fields. 10 a.m. Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, East Broad Street.

SUNDAY MAY 16

KIDS TRIATHLON — inaugural event for Grades 1-6, hosted by the JCC of Central NJ. 1:30 p.m.

Open to the community. \$15 for JCC members, \$20 for non-members. Register by May 9 at (908) 889-8800, ext. 224.

WALK FOR ANIMALS — annual event sponsored by People for Animals to benefit homeless cats and dogs awaiting adoption. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nomahegan Park, Cranford. (908) 688-1073.

GARDEN FAIR AND PLANT SALE — presented by the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County. Noon-5 p.m. Trailside Nature and Science Center, New Providence Road, Mountainside. (908) 654-9854.

TIME CHANGER — film screening as part of a series at Scotch Plains Baptist Church. 6:30 p.m. 333 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 322-5487.

MONDAY MAY 17

SAVOR THE FLAVOR — enjoy Union County's international cuisine and raise money for the drug-abuse education organization Prevention Links. 5:30-9 p.m. The Westwood, Garwood. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. (732) 381-4100.

TUESDAY MAY 18

SAFE BOATING COURSE — conducted by Coast Boating School. 6-9 p.m. Continues same time May 19. Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. (908) 709-7600.

LADIES: A CONJECTURE

OF PERSONALITIES — local author Feather Foster will discuss her book on First Ladies with the Friends of the Fanwood Library. 7:30 p.m. At the library, corner of North Avenue and Tillotson Road. (908) 322-6400.

ALUMNI MEETING — the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association will meet to present its annual scholarship awards. 7:30 p.m. Room 101 of the high school, Westfield Road.

WEDNESDAY MAY 19

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY — to celebrate the completion of construction projects in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. 6:30 p.m. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Westfield Road.

RUMMAGE SALE — annual event at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; sale continues with half-price day 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 20 and bag day noon-4 p.m. May 21. Donations now accepted. (908) 322-8047.

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE — at the Thrift Shop at Fanwood Presbyterian Church. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. MacDermott Place, Fanwood. (908) 789-8626 or (908) 497-0283.

THURSDAY MAY 20

PROPANE TANK RECYCLING — get rid of old, unusable tanks, courtesy of Union County. Noon-6 p.m. Westfield Conservation Center, Lamberts Mill Road. (908) 654-9889 or www.ucnj.org/oen.

THE LITTLE ONES — Miniature and Semi-Miniature Violets. Program by Bob Kurzinski for the Union County chapter of the African Violet Society. 1 p.m. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.

FRIDAY MAY 21

SPRING SALE — annual event of the Westfield Day Care

Center Friends. Continues May 22; donations of kids' clothing, books and games accepted now. (908) 232-6717.

SATURDAY MAY 22

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE — sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club, and benefiting local charities. \$15 to participate; free maps will be available. (908) 889-5153.

5-K FUN RUN/WALK — to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League. 8:30 a.m. Begins at CPL headquarters, 61 Myrtle St., Cranford. (908) 709-1800, ext. 115.

ICE BOUND — Women's Book Club of the First Baptist Church will meet to discuss the book by Jerri Nielsen. At the church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield. 10 a.m. (908) 233-2278.

SUNDAY MAY 23

ARTISTS' STUDIO OPEN TOUR — see the studios of Cranford artists. 1-5 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$8 seniors/students, \$15 day of tour. For more, visit www.jcas.org or (908) 272-3743.

WOMAN OF INSPIRATION: RACHEL — Speaker Fruma Wilschanski presents the second in a three-part series. 7:30 p.m. Union County Torah Center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield. For women only. \$10. (908) 789-5252.

COMING UP

MEDICARE TALK — Miriam Dickman of the Union County Senior Legislative Issues Coalition will discuss changes in the federal program and the new discount drug cards. JCC of Central NJ, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. 10:30 a.m. May 25. (908) 889-8800, ext. 207.

ELECTION — Teen Group at Fanwood Memorial Library will discuss the novel by Tom Perotta. 6:30 p.m. May 25. At the library, North Avenue and Tillotson Road. (908) 322-4377.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER — Westfield YMCA Men's Club plans monthly gathering. 7:30 p.m. May 26. Famous Dave's restaurant, 1443 Route 22 East, Mountainside. Prospective members welcome. (908) 233-2700, ext. 228 or (908) 516-9566.



Spring cleaning in school garden

Parent volunteers and pre-kindergarten students, including Packy Maiorello (above), recently pitched in to get the Children's Garden at Brunner School in Scotch Plains ready for planting day. The volunteers spent the day weeding, dead-heading and pruning. Rebecca Maiorello, chairperson of the PTA Garden Committee, and Bernadette Hoyer, coordinator of the garden, were also assisted by members of the PTA Garden Committee. The annual planting day, which will provide each of the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students at Brunner with an opportunity to work in the garden, is scheduled for May 18.

Moms meet Wednesday

WESTFIELD — Next Wednesday, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host a special evening welcoming its newest members at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, located at 220 Clark St. There will be great food and door prizes.

This meeting will also be an opportunity for all interested mothers in the area to find out more about the chapter's activities, which include mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, a book club and more. Mothers & More is a non-profit organization that cares for the caregiver. It provides opportunities for mothers to connect with one another in ways that assist them in developing their unique identities as women and help them move more confidently through the transitions that affect their family, work and life.

The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA. For more information, call K.C. at (908) 789-8626 or Linda at (908) 497-0283.

Advertisement for Kazan Law firm. Text: "Years ago you were exposed to ASBESTOS... Now your doctor has diagnosed you with MESOTHELIOMA... You may be entitled to substantial compensation. For 30 years representing those suffering from asbestosis disease. www.kazanlaw.com" Includes phone number 1.877.995.6372.

Advertisement for Guillotine salon & spa. Text: "We are delighted to announce that the Artistic Team from Headline of Westfield has joined our staff! Charlotte, Diane & Marilyn" Includes photo of the staff and address: "Guillotine 108 Central ave, Westfield, NJ 07090 908.654.8686"

Advertisement for The Eardly T. Petersen Company. Text: "Your Environmental Headquarters... THE EARDLY T. PETERSEN COMPANY... SALES • SERVICE • PARTS... FREE* Toro Line Trimmer... Model 20037 Super Recycler... Model 51460 Cordless 7" Electric" Includes images of the trimmer and company logo.

Advertisement for Parker Gardens. Text: "Parker Gardens 14 acres... Tour our TROPICAL paradise!... Add colorful warmth to your garden or landscape with a touch of the tropics from our abundant selection of beautiful and unusual varieties!... 20% OFF with this coupon WAVE PETUNIA 6-Packs... 3RD ANNUAL ROSE JUBILEE! Sat., May 15, 10 am - 4 pm Sun., May 16, 11 am - 4" Includes images of various flowers and a coupon.

Community Life

Briefs

'Election' is the topic for teen book group

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library Teen Group will be discussing the Tom Perrotta novel "Election" at 6:30 p.m. May 25. All teens are welcome to discuss how the democratic process works in Winwood High, a suburban New Jersey high school. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Next month's events will include an open mic night June 29, beginner knitting classes June 15, and a book discussion on "Sloppy Firsts." Copies of that book will be available at the library starting May 25.

For more information, call Annie or Nancy at (908) 322-4377.

Presbyterian picnic scheduled June 13

WESTFIELD — To celebrate the church's 276th anniversary, members of The Presbyterian Church of Westfield will hold a red, white and blue picnic on the front lawn of the church June 13.

The picnic is being planned by the church deacons, who will grill hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Tickets for the picnic can be purchased in the church narthex following Sunday services on May 23, May 30 and June 6. The price is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, or \$10 for a family.

Church book club discusses 'Ice Bound'

WESTFIELD — The Women's Book Club of the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, will meet at 10 a.m. May 22 to discuss "Ice Bound" by Dr. Jerri Nielsen.

A factual story, "Ice Bound" tells of Nielsen's incredible battle for survival at the South Pole. All are welcome to read the book and join in the discussion, or to simply attend and listen.

The Women of the Bible study group of First Baptist Church will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Terry Wooster will lead discussion on Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. As this is the last session until the fall, the group is planning to go out together for lunch following the meeting.

For more information, call (908) 233-2278 or e-mail firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Terrill Rd. Church plans Bible Camp

SCOTCH PLAINS — Terrill Road Baptist Church in Scotch Plains invites all children from age 2 through fifth grade to attend a free Vacation Bible Camp this summer from 9 a.m.-noon daily Aug. 2-6.

This year's program is "Rickshaw Rally — a Race to the Son!" a fun-filled journey to the Far East without ever leaving Scotch Plains. Rickshaw Rally is a race that will challenge everyone with twists and turns as participants dash through the streets of Tokyo, climb Mount Fuji, dive for pearls in the Sea of Japan, and travel on high-speed trains past rice fields and cherry trees. Each day, activities will include a Bible story, music, crafts, games, snacks and prizes.

Registration begins Monday and runs through July. Call Cheryl at (908) 322-7151 to register.

Terrill Road Baptist Church is located at 1340 Terrill Rd.

Society will learn about Italian research

WESTFIELD — The Genealogical Society of the West Fields will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library.

Larry Fermi, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will present "Buon Giorno — Italian Research." This is a program designed to help with understanding Italian records. The presentation will cover what records are available for Italy, how to read them and how to extend one's Italian family history. Participants will learn about tools which will help them discover the region in Italy where their relatives lived. Birth, Bann, marriage and death records as well as military and church records will be discussed in detail.

'Savor the Flavor' with Prevention Links Monday

GARWOOD — Local residents can sample food from over 26 restaurants from Union County at only one location when Prevention Links, Union County's not-for-profit substance abuse prevention agency, celebrates its fourth Annual Awards Ceremony & Fundraiser, "Savor the Flavor: Enjoy the International Cuisine of Union County" at The Westwood 5:30-9 p.m. Monday.

Said Diane Litterer, executive director of Prevention Links, "The goal of the evening is to celebrate the diversity of Union County with an ethnic celebration of its foods while at the same time recognizing supporters of substance abuse prevention education and of our agency."

The Awards Ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., at which time Prevention Links will be presenting Richard H. Bagger with The Alan M. Augustine Prevention Award.

PrintMark, Inc. of Clark will receive The Prevention Links Small Business Award, and The Prevention Links Corporate Award will be presented to Commerce Bank. The awards will be presented by prior honorees Ray Worrall representing Worrall Family Newspapers, Joe Starkey from Schering-Plough, and Herb Worthington.

Following the Awards Ceremony, international restaurants from throughout Union County will be offering a sample of their tasty treats. Some of the participating restaurants are ShopRite of Clark, Emma's Brick Oven, Garlic Rose Bistro, Café Paris and Cervantes of Spain of Cranford; Il Sogno of Fanwood; Jersey Joe's from Garwood; Que Rico and DiCosmo's from Linden; Restaurant 89 from Mountainside; Jamaican Cuisine from Plainfield; Beana's Mexican Restaurant

and Pat's Café of Rahway; Pinho's Bakery and Strike Zone from Roselle; Tavern in the Park and Pizza Villaggio from Roselle Park; Divine Essence from Scotch Plains; Blue Ribbon Bakery and Morris Thai of Union; and La Spezia, Lime, Elm Street Café, and Trader Joe's of Westfield.

Clark Bagels, Clyne & Murphy, Deli King of Clark, Kings Super Market, Panera Bread, Panettone's, Rotondo's, Starbuck's, Tony Tomato, and Village Bakery will provide platters. Specialty tables will feature Personally Yours and Victoria Florist from Cranford. Guests will be entertained by Helen Bartolick, Carolyn Baldacchini and their students. Decorations provided by Party Design.

Anyone wishing to attend the event to support the agency or the honorees should contact Prevention Links at (731) 381-4100 for ticket information. The cost of tickets is \$35 in advance,

\$45 at the door. A cash bar will be available for non-alcoholic beverages. Prevention Links is pleased to announce that the event program sponsor is Schering Plough, Inc.

Prevention Links is dedicated to prevention and early intervention for alcoholism, tobacco, drug abuse, and other related problems. Prevention Links, covering all of Union County, provides educational programs, speakers, videos, and free reference materials related to substance use issues to law enforcement, schools, communities/civic organizations, municipal alliances, faith communities, legislators, and the general public.

Proceeds from this event will be used to further prevention education programs. For more information about the agency or for volunteer opportunities, call (732) 381-4100 or check out the web site at www.preventionlinks.org.

Local Scout aims to revive memories of a 'forgotten war'

Westfield's Kevin Devaney is at work on a memorial to victims of Korean War

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — If a local Boy Scout has his way, a conflict historians call the "forgotten war" will be remembered in town for a long time to come.

For his Eagle Scout project, Westfield High School junior Kevin Devaney is planning to construct a Korean War memorial near the South Avenue traffic circle. The memorial will be located on the southwest corner of the intersection between Broad Street and North Avenue, in front of Lord & Taylor.

Since the project will be located on municipal property, Devaney required approval from the Town Council, which was given at a conference meeting on April 27.

Devaney plans to construct a six-foot-tall and one-inch-thick stone monument at the site and surround it with Korean azaleas and other plants native to the area. The monument would include the names of three Westfield residents killed during the conflict. Devaney plans to install

benches around the memorial and include granite steps leading up to the monument.

"I've always been interested in military history," Devaney said. "I knew the Korean War had been called the 'forgotten war,' and I talked to veterans in town, and they felt this needs to be done."

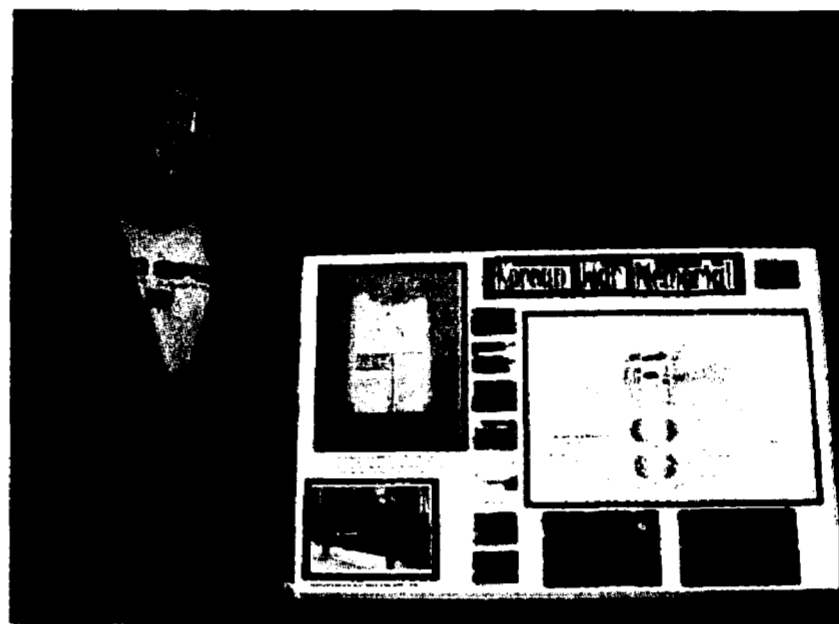
There is some question about the number of Westfield residents who were killed in the war. The national Korean monument in Washington, D.C. includes the name of only one Westfield resident, but Devaney discovered two additional names while searching through newspapers published during

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the period. At one point, he thought he had found the names of four town combatants killed in the conflict, but later research convinced him the fourth casualty was actually from Scotch Plains. With the assistance of Congressman Mike Ferguson, Devaney said he was hoping to obtain a more accurate accounting of local soldiers lost in the conflict.

Many of the materials and design work for the memorial



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Boy Scout Kevin Devaney stands beside his plans for a Korean War memorial in Westfield.

have been provided by local residents and companies. The steps and base for the monument come courtesy of Weldon Concrete, the physical design work came from resident Tim Doerr, and much of the logistical and design work was provided by resident Craig Stock.

Devaney hopes the memorial is an improvement to the site, which has several dead trees and a crumbling set of concrete steps that lead to nowhere.

Currently, the town is removing shrubs to prepare the site for the memorial, which Devaney said he hopes will be completed by the end of the summer. He is planning to enlist adult volunteers and fellow Scouts to do the physical work for the project. "I don't think I'm going to be having any labor shortages," he joked.

Devaney is also raising money for the project; the monument itself is expected to cost about \$2,500, and plants

and landscaping will require a financial contribution also.

In addition to his Eagle Scout project, Devaney competes in three seasons of track and cross country, and is actively involved in the youth ministry at his church. He participates in Venturing, an outdoor program associated with the Boy Scouts. Last year, he went on a 10-day canoe trip in Canada and hiked 45 miles through the White Mountains in New Hampshire.

But his ultimate goal is to be accepted at West Point, which requires the assistance of elected officials. "I've been writing to senators since the eighth grade to let them know what I want to do," he said.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the Westfield Korean War Memorial, send checks to the Westfield Historical Society, with "Devaney Eagle Project" included on the memo line.

Master Gardeners put their skills, plants on display Sunday

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County are holding their 15th annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale noon-5 p.m. Sunday, rain or shine. The free event will be held at Trailside Nature and Science Center, located in Watchung Reservation on Coles Avenue.

The Master Gardeners will sell bedding plants, vegetables, herbs, perennials, shrubs, hanging baskets and houseplants. There will be free lectures and educational exhibits.

Soil test kits, which enable homeowners to have their soil tested by Rutgers, will be for sale. Rutgers brochures on gardening, pests, and diseases will be available at no charge. There also will be a special educational butterfly exhibit showing plants that attract butterflies.

"In addition to free brochures, we'll have a 'problem table' where visitors can bring plant and insect problems to be diagnosed by the Master Gardeners," said Joanne Krueger, who chairs the Spring Garden Fair.

"This event is our only fundraiser, and it's very important in helping us maintain our programs. But it also gives us an opportunity to showcase our organization, encourage new people to join, and to use the services that we and Rutgers Cooperative Extension



Master Gardeners (from left) Nilda Rivera, Liz Petrucci and Serena Smith show off some of the plants that will be for sale at Trailside Nature & Science Center this Sunday.

offer to the community," said Frank Sullivan, president of Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County.

In addition to the butterfly display, children will enjoy face painting, nature walks, and making peanut butter bird

feeders. Master Gardeners grow marigold seedlings for the children to plant at the fair. "The children have at least as

Band box demo at museum

WESTFIELD — Eileen O'Shea of Summit will present a band box demonstration 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Ave.

From 1820 through 1850, band boxes in all shapes and sizes were very popular and were used as day suitcases, shopping bags, and as glove and jewelry holders. Made of poster board and hand sewn, not glued, band boxes were covered with pretty decorative paper, such as wallpapers and prints with mythical characters. Band boxes fell out of favor with the arrival of the steamship, due to their fragility, and were replaced by the more durable steamer trunk.

Tours of the restored 1740 farmhouse will be available throughout the afternoon by costume docents; the last tour begins at 4 p.m. The Miller-Cory House Museum has been certified as a historic site and has been entered on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Jean Peters of Edison and Christine Glazer of Cranford, members of the Cooking Committee, will prepare food over the open hearth, using colonial recipes and cooking techniques of the period. Taste treats prepared by the cooks will be available for visitors to enjoy.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under 6 years of age are free of charge.

On May 23, from 2-5 p.m., the museum will feature a program, "The Art of Tole Painting," presented by Laurie and Amy Mills of Fanwood. For museum information call (908) 232-1776.

much fun as the grownups at our fair," said Sullivan.

Master Gardeners have been preparing for the Spring Garden Fair since last fall. They divided perennials from their own gardens and brought them to the Master Gardeners' demonstration garden behind Trailside Museum. Master Gardeners over-winter the plants in a protected location so they are healthy and strong for the fair.

"(The fair) gives us an opportunity to showcase our organization, encourage new people to join, and to use the services that we and Rutgers Cooperative Extension offer to the community."

— Frank Sullivan

Proceeds from the garden fair enable Master Gardeners to provide community services, such as community beautification, a year-round free helpline to answer county residents' gardening and pest or disease questions and horticulture therapy programs for seniors and adults and children with disabilities.

For more information, directions to the fair or to find out more about Rutgers Master Gardeners call (908) 654-9854.

Keith McArdle

SCOTCH PLAINS — Keith William McArdle, 51, died May 9, 2004 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Colonia before moving to Scotch Plains in 1992.

Mr. McArdle was self-employed as a carpenter in the Scotch Plains area. He was a former coach in the Scotch Plains Little League.

Surviving are his wife, Marla

Cogan McArdle; his mother, Ethel Chasey McArdle of Colonia; a daughter, Sara Ashley at home; a sister, Kimberly of Colonia; two brothers, Kevin of Edison and Kirk of Manalapan; a sister-in-law, Hope Rosko and husband Vince of Edison; a niece and three nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at the Costello-Koyen Funeral Home in Avenel.

Alice M. Daniels

SCOTCH PLAINS — Alice M. Daniels, 82, died May 5, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Scotch Plains and lived in the township before moving to Plainfield in 2000.

Miss Daniels retired in 1984 after 23 years as a ward clerk at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. She received a certificate in dressmaking from the McDowell Dressmaking School of New York.

She won a number of trophies as a golf amateur. Miss Daniels was a past president and treasurer of the Golden Age Club of Plainfield. She also was a member of Mohawk Temple 191, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, in Plainfield.

She was active in the Flower Club at the Calvary Baptist

Church in Plainfield.

A brother, Gates Sr., died in 1991.

Surviving are a niece, Cynthia, and a nephew, Gates Jr., both of Neptune; three cousins, Pauline Miley of South Plainfield, Carolyn Sturdivant of Montclair and Jennie Lucas of Newark; three goddaughters, Deborah Nettingham of New Brunswick, Diane Jones Gentles and Vanessa Williams, both of Plainfield; and four close friends, Juanita Toombs of Williamsburg, Va., Lorena Nettingham and Mabel Wallace, both of Scotch Plains, and Marlene Wise of Plainfield.

Services were held Monday at the Calvary Baptist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

Dolores Agliata

WESTFIELD — Dolores Florence Agliata, 77, died May 6, 2004 at Southern Ocean County Hospital in Manahawkin.

Born in Newark, she lived in Elizabeth and Westfield before moving to Manahawkin in 1991.

Mrs. Agliata was a certified home health aide from 1975-86 with the Visiting Nurse Service of Westfield. She later was a part-time receptionist at the Westfield Animal Hospital.

At one point Mrs. Agliata was a clerk-typist with the Internal Revenue Service in Newark.

Her husband, Louis, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Frank; three daughters, Judith Ogonowski, Patricia and Francesca; a brother, Raymond Casilli; four grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barnegat. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Manahawkin.

Arrangements were by the Thos. L. Shinn Funeral Home in Manahawkin. Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, GA 30368-2454.

Roy Williams

SCOTCH PLAINS — Roy Williams, 67, died May 2, 2004 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Savannah, Ga., he lived in Newark before moving to Scotch Plains.

A licensed real estate broker, Mr. Williams owned his own realty agency in Newark from 1972-82 and Hillside since 1982. He earlier worked for Jordan Baris

Real Estate in Newark and for Fedders Corp.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Emma; a son, Roy A.; three daughters, Gwendolyn Williams-Adams, Gail Williams-Hale and Roselyn; two brothers, Robert and Hubert; two sisters, Kathleen Glover and Carol Moye; and a grandchild.

Services were held Saturday at St. John's Baptist Church. Entombment was in the Glendale Cemetery mausoleum, Bloomfield.

Arrangements were by the Perry Funeral Home in Newark.

Daryl Worth

SCOTCH PLAINS — Daryl Rosen Worth, 61, died May 3, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Plainfield and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1969.

Mrs. Worth retired in 1994 after 17 years teaching English and French at Dunellen High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut in 1963.

An international life master in bridge, Mrs. Worth was a member of the Bridge Center of Central New Jersey.

Surviving are her companion, Steve Barbe; her father, Herbert Rosen; a daughter, Andrea Robik; a son, Kevin; two sisters, Toby Weinkoff and Bari Siegal; and five grandchildren.

Services were held May 5 at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Donations may be sent to the National Kidney Foundation.

Obituaries

Robert K. Cleary

FANWOOD — Robert Kenneth Cleary, 6, died May 5, 2004 at his home.

He was born in Summit and lived in Fanwood all his life.

Robert was a student at McGinn Elementary School and a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, both in Scotch Plains.

His maternal grandmother, Joan Kelly Droz, is deceased.

Surviving are his parents, Robert and Jeanne Droz Cleary of Fanwood; a brother, Ryan J. at

home; his paternal grandparents, Robert and Lillian Chase Cleary of Trenton; his maternal grandfather, John F. Droz of Whiting; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, following services at the Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Toms River.

Donations may be sent to the Stop ALD Foundation at stopald.org.

Winifred Evans

WESTFIELD — Winifred Evans, 85, died May 1, 2004 at Hospice Atlanta in Atlanta, Ga.

Born May 15, 1918 in Newark, she was a daughter of the late Alfred and Louise Enz Friedrich. Mrs. Evans lived in Newark, Westfield, Millburn and Lakewood before moving to Atlanta.

Her first husband, Alexander

Kreutzer Jr., is deceased. Her second husband, Robert Evans, died in 1995 after 22 years of marriage.

Surviving are a son, Allan Kreutzer; a sister, Ollie Smith; a brother, Carl Friedrich; and two grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the National Cremation Society in Lilburn, Ga.

Jennie Mallozzi

WESTFIELD — Jennie Giunta Mallozzi, 96, died May 7, 2004 at her home in Mountainside.

Mrs. Mallozzi was born in Westfield. She lived in Cranford, Lavallette and Garwood before moving to Mountainside in 1952.

She worked in the millinery industry and for Mallozzi Builders in Mountainside until her retirement. Mrs. Mallozzi was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church

in Mountainside.

Her husband of 74 years, Anthony, died in 1998.

Surviving are a son, Joseph; a daughter, Joan Fischer; a sister, Rose Giunta; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home. Donations may be sent to the Mountainside Rescue Squad or Children's Specialized Hospital.

Edward A. Genz Sr.

WESTFIELD — Edward A. Genz Sr., 87, died May 9, 2004 at Ocean Medical Center in Brick.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Linden and Westfield before moving to Brick in 1981.

Mr. Genz retired in 1979 after 38 years as a pipefitter at the Bayway Refinery in Linden. He was for five years the president of the Federation, a charity affiliated with the Bayway Refinery. He also was a vice president of an Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union local for nine years.

A longtime coach and umpire with the Westfield Little League, Mr. Genz was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Brick. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Florence M. Malloy Genz; a son, Edward Jr.; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at the Church of the Visitation in Brick. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by the O'Brien Funeral Home in Brick.

Donald Husch

WESTFIELD — Donald H. Husch, 72, died May 8, 2004 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Mr. Husch was born in Glen Ridge. He lived in Bloomfield and in West Hartford, Conn., before moving to Westfield.

He was a real estate broker in Westfield for 30 years and a member of the Distinguished Sales Club for more than 20 years. Mr. Husch earlier spent 20 years in sales and marketing with the Hudson Pulp & Paper Corp. in Manhattan.

He was the president of Theta Chi fraternity at Bucknell University, from which Mr. Husch received his bachelor's degree in 1954. He also was a director of the Bucknell Alumni Association and the president of its Northern New Jersey chapter. He was scheduled to receive the Loyalty to Bucknell Award from the Alumni Association at his 50th anniversary reunion next month.

A director of the College Men's

Club of Westfield, Mr. Husch was on the executive committee of the Insurance City Open golf tournament. The Eagle Scout was a member of the Order of the Arrow in Bloomfield and an Indian Princess guide in Westfield.

He ran the international division of the Westfield Boys Baseball League and managed the Little League football association in Hartford, Conn. As an Army lieutenant he was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Peggy Taylor Husch; a son, Brad; two daughters, Cheri Pate and Donna Vasek; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church. Burial was private.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the Presbyterian Church for the Revolutionary War Cemetery. Donations also may be sent to the Kidney Foundation.

Ethel Kuchar

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ethel T. Richnavsky Kuchar, 81, died May 8, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She was born in Bayonne and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1951.

Mrs. Kuchar worked for Western Electric in Kearny during World War II. She was a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Matthew J., died in 1979. Two brothers, John Richnavsky and Emil Rich, are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Joyce L.; three sons, Matthew J., John P. and David M.; two sisters, Mary Fedorocko and Irene Lacy; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations may be sent to Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Mary Perrin Ricks

WESTFIELD — Mary Perrin Ricks, 98, died May 9, 2004 at her home.

Born Jan. 28, 1906 in Plainfield, she was a daughter of the late Sidney and Sophie Maltbie Perrin.

Mrs. Ricks lived in Gladstone before moving to Westfield in 1981. She attended Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa., and was a longtime member of the Terrill Road Bible Chapel in Fanwood.

Her husband, Hubert M., died in 1975.

Surviving are her first cousin,

Lillian Snyder of Dunnellon, Fla.; and three second cousins, Geoffrey Perrine of Deerfield Beach, Fla., Donald Perrin of Malvern, Pa., and Jill Vandermeulen of Woodbridge, Ill.

Visitation is 1 p.m. Monday at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood, where services will follow 2 p.m. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Donations may be sent to Christian Missions in Many Lands, P.O. Box 13, Spring Lake, NJ 07762.

Mixed-use project wins approval for North Avenue site

By LAUREN TRAINOR
STAFF WRITER

GARWOOD — In a unanimous vote, the Planning Board last week approved an application for a high-density residential and retail project to be built at the site of the Thomas & Betts property on North Avenue, on the Westfield border.

Planning Board Chairman Richard Polidore recused himself from the vote, since he had not been present for the entirety of the hearings.

The development, known as "The Mews," will feature 44 townhouses, 40 apartments, and 20,575 square feet of retail space to be built on North Avenue and Chestnut Street. The townhouses will be restricted to those age 55 and older, and according to Glenn Kienz, the attorney for developer Garwood North, LLC, the apartments are designed to be "child-hostile" — in other words, the brick, stucco, and clapboard residences will not be what a typical parent would look for. Along with the residential and retail space will be 239 parking spaces situated on the same tract of land.

While the development will present no discernable burden on the school system, board members had been slightly hesitant about the traffic the complex would generate. Members of the board had earlier expressed concern that the complex would exacerbate the already dense ShopRite and school traffic, despite the March testimony of a traffic consultant that the site would not aggravate congestion in the area. Left and right turn lanes will be added to both Maple Avenue and Chestnut Street to provide traffic relief for turns onto North Avenue.

Bill Nierstedt, Garwood's former planner and the current planning director for Plainfield, also had reservations about the project. While he agreed with the board that The Mews would be a positive addition to the borough, he argued that the density of the residential units was too high. Combined with the additional retail space, Nierstedt said, the density does not conform to existing Garwood residential development.

Speaking as a resident, Nierstedt called for four fewer townhouses and two fewer apartment units, which would allow an increase in parking spaces and open space. Additionally, he said, the plans do not conform to the Garwood Zoning Ordinance that requires trees and safety islands in all linear parking areas with 15 or more spaces.

Other than Nierstedt's remarks, the application drew surprisingly little public comment for a development of this scale.

Though the board has given its blessing, because the property has been designated a redevelopment area the Borough Council still must sign an agreement with developer that certifies the developer has sufficiently complied with the borough's directives, and the Planning Board must still approve the signage package.

The council's unanimous approval of an application to designate the industrial section as a redevelopment area eliminated the need for a vote on use and bulk variances at the property. Had the redevelopment plan not been approved, the application would have required the applicant to request a number of variances.

Setbacks on the proposed project are less than required by borough ordinances, including a four-foot setback on the front yard of the retail shops, which will front North Avenue. The side yard setback for the shops will be nonexistent, where 10 feet is normally required. Additionally, the project would have required multiple variances granted for landscape, design, and potential safety hazards.

Health Department urges radon awareness

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Regional Health Department announced last week it will cooperate with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Radon Section in a special radon awareness program targeted at communities found to have unusually high levels of radon in some homes.

Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally when uranium breaks down in the soil and rock formations. Small amounts of uranium are found in nearly all soils and rocks. Radon gas moves up through the soil and finds its way into homes through cracks in the foundation and openings around sump pumps, pipes and drains.

High radon levels are associated with a greater risk of lung cancer. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking. At 4pCi/L, the risk of lung cancer from radon is greater than the risk from fire or other home accidents. It is recommended that homes be remediated if they have radon concentrations of 4pCi/L or more.

In its "Elevated Radon Awareness Program" (ERAP), the DEP Radon Section provides outreach assistance to municipalities in which one or more homes have been found to have radon levels above 100 picocuries per Liter (pCi/L).

Since radon test information is confidential by state law, the specific locations of homes with radon levels greater than 100 pCi/L cannot be made available to the public.

Robert Sherr, Westfield health officer, explained "We are pleased to cooperate with the DEP in this program to ensure that all residents are aware of the need to test homes and reduce radon levels where necessary. Although high levels of radon have been found in some homes in our area, radon problems can be fixed."

Radon reduction systems are extremely effective, and the cost of remediation is within the means of most homeowners.

For communities participating in the ERAP, the DEP Radon Section provides the local health department with radon informational materials, and funds for free test kits, to support local outreach initiatives.

The Health Department will offer free test kits on a first-come, first-served basis for residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield to test their homes, in addition to providing information materials to educate homeowners on the hazards of radon and ways to correct it.

There is no truly "safe" level of radon, since lung cancer can result from very low exposures to radon; however, the risk decreases as the radon concentration decreases. Homeowners who have tested for radon and found to have levels less than 4.0 pCi/L, may still want to consider discussing reducing radon levels with a mitigation company to further reduce levels of radon in the home. In about half of the homes that have been mitigated in New Jersey, radon levels have been brought down to less than 1pCi/L.

In addition, homeowners who tested in the past and found low levels of radon may wish to retest if radon concentrations may have changed due to changes in air flow within the house from new additions or other major renovations, or due to new construction nearby that may have caused changes in the local geology.

Testing for radon is simple and inexpensive. In addition to test kits provided, the DEP's Radon Section can provide a list of state-certified companies that provide testing services, or do-it-yourself test kit information, as well as companies that provide radon remediation services.

For more information, contact the DEP Radon Section at (800) 648-0394 or online at www.njradon.org or the Westfield Regional Health Department at (908) 789-4070 or online at www.westfieldnj.net/health.

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Cranford club presents a unique garden tour

The Garden Club of Cranford, organized in 1927 and member of the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., is presenting "Entertaining in Garden Rooms," a tour of eight Cranford Gardens.

Scheduled for June 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the tour will allow visitors to peek at a Secret Garden, a Mad-Hatter's Tea Party, a Garden Wedding Shower, a Renoir's Boating Party and four other unique garden themed "rooms."

Light refreshments will be served at the "Casino" hospitality house, and there will also be a garden gift boutique.

Tickets cost \$20, and proceeds will benefit the club's ongoing civic projects and its annual scholarship fund.

Some of the club's projects include flower arrangements for Mobile Meals, decorating the historic Crane-Phillips House in Cranford during the holidays and planting and maintenance at the Cranford Community Center.

For tickets and information, call Julie Murphy at (908) 276-4213.

Pastel demonstration for arts association

The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association will present a pastel demonstration by Dannielle Mick following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting Wednesday at the Fanwood Community House on North Avenue.

The artist has studied in California and New York and has exhibited at galleries throughout New Jersey and New York, as well as at the National Audubon Society, the Salmagundi Club and the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club. She has an impressive list of awards, honors and memberships, and has been published in the New York Times, N.J. Countryside, Pastel Journal and the Star-Ledger. She teaches at her studio, at the N.J. School of Visual Art in Summit and at the Somerset Art Association in Bedminster.

Mick works in all mediums and is inspired by the natural world of sea, sky and landscapes, often starting with a plein air sketch and finishing in the studio. Simplicity and balance are key in all her work; she says learning to see with depth and sensitivity, and to appreciate the subtleties of color, light and change has had a profound impact on her work.

The public is welcome to join members at the 7:30 p.m. meeting and demonstration, which will be the association's last meeting of the season, presided over by Ruth Gunther.

For further information, call Thomas Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

NJIO concert fuses Mozart and merengue

This Sunday, the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will host "Mozart Meets Merengue," a fundraiser featuring a musical performance by the orchestra combined with a dance party of classic and Latin dance favorites.

Professional dance instruction will be provided by Michelle Cetta and Matt Davis of Ballroom Boulevard of Kenilworth.

"Mozart Meets Merengue" will be held at the Union County YM/YWHA, 501 Green Lane, Union, from 2-5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 for students, seniors and members of the Green Lane YM/YWHA.

Tickets are available at the door. Tickets and further information are also available by calling (908) 656-0097 or by visiting www.njio.org.

The orchestra will play a mix of classical and popular music, including Mozart's *Theme from Piano Concerto No. 21* (Elvira Madigan) and *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*; Strauss's *The Blue Danube*; Rimsky-Korsakoff's *Fandango and Alborada*; Benjamin's *Jamaican Rumba*; and Anderson's *Blue Tango*. Cetta and Davis will dance during select pieces, and the audience will be invited to dance as well.

Following the orchestra's performance, Cetta and Davis will provide instruction in various Latin dances to audience members and host a dance party with a variety of dance pieces.

Light refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the afternoon.

Four techniques on display at association meeting

The Westfield Art Association will offer a program of diverse methods, medium, and creativity at its meeting 2-4 p.m. Sunday in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street.

Artists Stephen D'Amato, Linda Kolar, Fran Maurer and S. Allyn Schaeffer, all members of the association, will arrange the same four items according to their own designs to paint them in graphics, oils, watercolor and pastel.

D'Amato has a solid foundation in drawing and painting and has studied extensively with various artists. His current paintings are figurative with an edge of surrealism. His medium consists of oils, acrylics and

watercolor, and he sometimes likes to mix in pencil, ink and pastel.

D'Amato, a graphic artist, designer and illustrator, also teaches at the Summit Community School, Watchung Hills Adult School, the Jointure School and the Teen Arts Festivals in Union and Mercer Counties. He has volunteered to teach seniors at the Westfield Recreation Center.

Kolar is an oil painter who also works in charcoal and conte crayon. She studied art at Mount Holyoke College, the Art Student's League in New York City, the National Academy of Design and the New York Academy of Art. She has won local and regional awards and has recently had a one-

person show at the Watchung Arts Center. Many of her paintings are in private collections in New York state and New Jersey.

Maurer is a watercolor artist specializing in florals, still-lives and landscapes in the traditional, transparent style. She has studied privately and has participated in many workshops throughout the Northeast. She is also a member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society, Garden State Watercolor Society and Raritan Valley Art Association.

Schaeffer studied art at the Art Students' League and the National Academy of Design. He is a life member of the Pastel Society of America and in 1988

received the prestigious Master Pastelist award. He is presently a board member of the Salmagundi Club in New York and the Hudson Valley Art Association.

Schaeffer's works are in collections at Schering-Plough, The Pastel Society of America, the NJ Sports and Exposition Authority, Monmouth Park and other well-known corporate collections. He has also been commissioned to paint murals at the Long Branch Public School and the Giant Stadium in East Rutherford.

Election of officers will take place prior to the demonstrations. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Tobia L. Meyers at (908) 687-2945.



Singer/songwriter SONIA will perform Saturday night in Westfield.

Folk songstress SONiA joins 'Conscience' series Saturday

Proceeds of Saturday show at First United Methodist will benefit the Eric Johnson House in Morristown

The Coffee with Conscience Series of Westfield will present feisty folk-rocker SONiA in concert Saturday night at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, located at 1 East Broad St. in Westfield.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8. Admission is \$12. All net proceeds from this evening's concert will be donated to the Eric Johnson House of Morristown.

The New York City-based singer/songwriter Preacher Boy will open the show.

SONiA is one half of the acclaimed rock band disappear fear. She and her sister, CINDY, formed disappear fear in their hometown of Baltimore back in the mid-1980s. The energy and passion in their live performances was undeniable, and they quickly became a widely popular college and folk act, touring relentlessly across the country. In a few short years they were signed to a record deal with Philo/Rounder Records and were enjoying impressive radio airplay and performances in larger

venues.

As the momentum for disappear fear was building, CINDY needed to take a few years off to master her own creations, two lovely children. SONiA continued to tour solo, appearing on selected dates of the Lilith Tour alongside Sarah McLaughlin, Jewel and long-time fans the Indigo Girls.

SONiA is strongly inspired by Phil Ochs, Stevie Wonder, Charlie Chaplin and Vincent Van Gogh. Her voice is raspy yet pure, and her songs are eminent and unforgettable. She has won numerous awards including the GLAMA for Best Female Artist of the Year and the GLAAD award for Best Album, which was taken the previous year by Elton John! Santa Cruz Guitar Company has just named a guitar after her.

SONiA performs at festivals and folk clubs, for Human Rights Rallies and at universities and rock venues in the United States, Australia, Canada, Israel, the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Great Britain, New Zealand and Finland.

The Coffee with Conscience Concert Series of Westfield is a 10-show series running from September through June at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. The concerts are also being recorded for broadcast by Westfield's TV-36. Residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside can catch each month's concert on Friday's at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m.

The Coffee with Conscience Concert Series of Westfield supports the following charities: The Eric Johnson House in Morristown, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, the Names Project (more commonly known as the AIDS Quilt), Habitat for Humanity and the Community Food Bank of NJ. Each concert benefits one of these charities.

For more information about the series, the upcoming performance, or ways in which to get involved with the series, call Ahrrre Maros at (908) 232-8723, or visit www.coffee-withconscience.com. For more on SONiA, visit www.SONiAdf.com.

NJWA performance helps Kids Hope USA

Concert offered along with Quilt Show

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band, under the direction of Howard Toplansky, will be featured in a performance 2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St. in Westfield.

The band, which is to be sponsored by Kids Hope USA, the children's mentoring program at the Methodist Church, will perform as part of the fine arts exhibit and Quilt Show also taking place on Saturday at the church. Donations to KHUSA will benefit students involved in the program at Westfield's McKinley Elementary School.

The Kids Hope children's mentoring program was established through the national parent KHUSA program headquartered in Michigan. It is a premiere faith-based community program, which has established over 200 programs across the country.

Mentors, volunteering from the congregation, are paired with students from McKinley School in exclusive one-to-one relationships to support students both academically and emotionally. Throughout the school year, each mentor meets with his/her respective child for one hour on a weekly basis. These nurturing relationships promote self-esteem, enabling children to thrive. In June, the program will be completing its third successful

school year at McKinley School.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band, established in April 1996 by Toplansky, was originally known as the NJWA Wind Ensemble. The Concert Band was designed to provide an opportunity for the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts students to play in a group setting.

Over the years, the Concert Band has evolved and now boasts more than 100 members including professionals, adults and other local music students. The main objective of the Concert Band is to provide as many playing opportunities as possible so that individuals who once played an instrument can now return to it and achieve a goal of excellence and musical precision.

Said Toplansky, "At least 20,000 people in Union County alone have studied an instrument at one time in their lives, and the Concert Band gives them the opportunity to return to playing."

Included in the concert will be solo performances for bass clarinet, trumpet and piccolo. Dawn Perez, bass clarinetist, has chosen a work entitled "Basswood." Perez, a very talented musician who majored in bass clarinet and graduated from the Mason Gross School of Arts, is currently an instrumental music instructor in the Jersey City public school system.



Director Howard Toplansky stands with four members of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band. From left are James Kazazis, saxophone; Ryan Salmon, piccolo; Peter Patel-Schneider, clarinet; and Lynne McCabe, trombone.

Ryan Salmon, who is a high school freshman and plays football for Westfield High School, will be performing "Hoopla," a solo for piccolo. Salmon has been playing with the NJWA Concert Band for four years.

Mark Frederick, currently employed in the corporate office of a well-known linen company, is also a freelance trumpeter. He will be performing the trumpet solo for "Londonderry Air."

Other musical selections on the program will include popular

Gershwin tunes and ragtime music.

Long a proponent of helping the community, Toplansky initiated the idea of the Concert Band Benefit Series. Recent beneficiaries have included the Emergency Medical Unit of Union, JFK Nursing Home, the Community Food Bank of NJ and the Gift of Life.

Musicians who would like to join the band or groups wanting to know more about the Concert Band's fundraising events are

invited to call the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts at (908) 789-9696. For more information about the Kids Hope USA program or the May 15 Concert Band performance, call the First United Methodist Church office at (908) 233-4211.

Parking for the Kids Hope USA band performance and Quilt Show will be provided in the church lot accessible from Ferris Place.

The cost for the concert and Quilt Show will be five dollars. Additional donations to benefit Kids Hope USA will be accepted.

Diversity Art Gallery unveils new photography exhibit

Diversity Art Gallery presents a new exhibit, "Enchanting Vistas in Photography," opening May 23. Gallery Director Dr. Frank Papandrea will host an artist reception 1-4 p.m. that day, with artists available for discussion and commentary. The exhibit showcases exclusive works from well-known artists Nancy Ori Owen Kanzler, and Marvin Cline.

Said Ori, an award-winning photographer from Berkeley Heights, "As I look at my work, I am aware of the major role that nature plays in the way I see and make photographs. Nature has a way of peeling away the old decay to reveal something new...I don't want my photographs to show decomposition, but

instead vulnerability, not the ravages of time, but endurance."

Ori will be showing 26 pieces, some panoramic, as well as a few black and white photographs. Her works have been featured in museums and galleries throughout the United States, with permanent collections at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Newark Museum.

Kanzler is a professional photographer and pilot from Linden. In 1959, he received his first camera as a Christmas gift; he became a professional photographer a decade later. Upon meeting retired aerial photographer Ulysses Fritts, he was inspired to explore both the commer-

cial and the artistic potential of aerial photography. Parallel with the commercial side of his photography career, he has always been passionately pursuing photography as a medium of personal expression, exhibiting in art galleries, environmental centers, universities and museums. The gallery will be showing 11 of his pieces.

Marvin Cline is a digital photography artist, with his own unique style of integrating abstract images with landscape views. His works are large, heavy and thought-provoking; the gallery will feature 7 of his works.

The show will be open to the public 1-3 p.m. Sundays throughout the summer

months, with special tours for individuals, schools and organizations also available by appointment.

Diversity Art Gallery is a non-profit community outreach program dedicated to cultivating cultural exchange, creative expression and mutual understanding, through the fine arts.

The Gallery is located in Union County Baptist church, on the Clark circle off Exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway. The address is 4 Valley Rd., Clark, NJ 07066. For more information, call (732) 574-1479, email diversityart@aol.com or visit the online gallery at www.diversityart.com.

County plans a concert series

The Union County Board of Freeholders has announced this year's Summer Arts Festival Concert Series. The lineup for this summer's free family entertainment will include a wide variety of talented performers designed to spark any music lover's interests.

"I am eagerly anticipating one of the best concert series in the area this summer," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "We have many of our most popular acts returning, but

have also added some new talent I'm sure everyone will enjoy."

Concerts are scheduled each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the natural amphitheater area of Echo Lake Park, located off of Route 22 on the border of Mountainside and Westfield.

The lineup for this summer's Union County Summer Arts Festival Concert Series is:

- June 30, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra;
- July 7, Mustang Sally;
- July 14, De Sol;

- July 21, The Brass Tacks Big Band;
- July 28, Verdict;
- Aug. 4, The Sensational Soul Cruisers;

- Aug. 11, Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi;
- Aug. 18, Jobonanno & the Godsons of Soul and Captain Hawker & the All Stars;
- Aug. 25, The Party Dolls.

"It is though the generous support of area businesses, organizations, and individuals that we are able to provide a full season of free entertainment," added Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "This is an opportunity for local companies to reach a large audience at a specific concert or a number of concerts. Several levels of donations are available, and all contributors will be included in our Summer Arts Festival program book, which is distributed to thousands of concert patrons at each of the nine concerts."

There are many ways which sponsorship can be acknowledged including concert programs, advertising in media press releases and recognition on stage.

If interested in participating in the donors program, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation before May 14 at (908) 527-4900.

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1 and 3:30 p.m. May 16
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Concerts

CHAVA ALBERSTEIN
8 p.m. Thursday, May 20
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11; www.statetheatre.org

Pianist performs works from Schumann, Chopin and other composers. Admission \$25.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO
8 p.m. Thursday, May 13
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(800) ALLEGRO; www.njsymphony.org

Excerpts from the Mozart opera, sung in the original French by the New York City Opera. Admission \$69-\$17.
NEW CELEBRATION
8 p.m. Friday, May 21
Watchung Arts Center, Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org

Jazz combo led by Paul Scott and Brett Boyd. Admission \$13.
PLAINFIELD GESANG-und TURN-VEREIN
8 p.m. Saturday, May 15
Saenger Halle, 220 Somerset St., North Plainfield
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118th annual spring concert, featuring operatic songs in German and English. Admission

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Singer-songwriter from Israel. Admission \$38-\$20.
CHERISH THE LADIES
8 p.m. Saturday, May 22
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11; www.statetheatre.org

All-woman Irish-style band. Admission \$32-\$20.

MARC COHN
7 and 9:30 p.m. May 18
Crossroads Theatre, 7 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11; www.statetheatre.org

'90's one-hit wonder ("Walking in Memphis"). Admission \$30; VIP admission (late show only) \$65.

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8 p.m. Friday, May 14
Watchung Arts Center, Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org

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8 p.m. May 21, 22; 2 p.m. May 23

Second program of two-weekend series: "A Part Between Parts," "Opposites Distract" and "The Shrew." Admission \$25.

AND THE BEAT GOES ON
2 p.m. Sunday, May 23
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11; www.statetheatre.org

Annual recital of Jo-Ann's Dance Studio-The Performing Arts Centre. Admission \$24-\$14.

PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY
8 p.m. Saturday, May 15
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
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Ethnic artists "On Their Own," to June 20.

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703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield
(908) 756-1707

Open 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

"Figurative Bronze Sculptures" from Charles Hahn, to May 29.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER
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Paintings by Diana Hsu Kung, to May 29.

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Children's president receives recognition from women's group

Amy B. Mansue, Children's Specialized Hospital president and CEO, was honored last week during the "Salute to Policy Makers" awards dinner presented by Executive Women of New Jersey (EWNJ), the state's premier organization for senior level women.

The "Salute to Policy Makers" Awards Dinner, held at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, honors women who are members of boards of directors or who hold senior executive management positions at major corporations or foundations based in New Jersey. EWNJ assists corporations seeking qualified candidates for board of director positions.

The annual dinner funds a very successful graduate school scholarship program. "It was truly an honor to be recognized by EWNJ because it provides young women with opportunities to advance both academically and professionally," said Mansue. "To be among a select group honored by EWNJ was a privilege."

Appointed to lead the nation's largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in September 2003, Mansue is a highly-regarded

social services and healthcare executive, a skillful leader and a long-time advocate for quality healthcare. As president of Children's Specialized Hospital, she provides leadership to a skilled team of clinicians providing specialized care for children.

An affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, Children's annually serves over 12,000 patients at 10 sites throughout New Jersey including inpatient hospitals in Mountainside and Toms River.

The hospital offers centers of excellence in brain injury, spinal cord dysfunction, educational and rehabilitation technology, respiratory care and ambulatory services. In her public sector career, Mansue has oversaw programs for children, people with developmental disabilities, mental health and Medicaid as a deputy commissioner in the New Jersey Department of Human Services. She also served as deputy chief of staff to Gov. James E. McGreevey and as a policy advisor to Governor Jim Florio.

Mansue was president and chief executive officer of the former HIP of New Jersey, senior vice president of corporate devel-



Children's Specialized Hospital president and CEO Amy B. Mansue shares a moment with patient Alex Kay of Westfield during a physical therapy session.

opment for HIP of New York, and vice president for Cablevision of New Jersey.

She has served in many public service capacities, including the Children's Specialized Hospital board of trustees from 1995 to 1999. Mansue is a graduate of Leadership New Jersey. She also

served on the boards of the Organ and Tissue Sharing Network and the New Jersey Community Development

In 1998, Modern Healthcare named Mansue as one of its up and coming healthcare executives. Mansue's many achieve-

ments have included awards from the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey State Nurses Association, United Cerebral Palsy Association, the Institute for Nursing Community Access and the Girl Scouts of Central New Jersey.

Friends host talk with Foster

FANWOOD — Looking for a chance to listen to first ladies talk about their journeys in the Washington capital — some happy, some not — before things got politically correct? Then join the Friends of the Fanwood Library Tuesday when they host local author Feather Foster who will discuss her book on the other half of the presidential marital pair, "Ladies: A Conjecture of Personalities."

Foster, an amateur presidential historian for over three decades, wrote her book to introduce these sometimes forgotten women and their philosophies and musings on their private and public lives. She focused on the "old gals" rather than the contemporary presidents' wives, feeling that people know very little about first ladies before Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

While "Ladies" is indeed conjecture and purely fiction, it is based on the facts of the first ladies' lives, the lives of their husbands and the times they lived in. Foster crafted this unique collection of anecdotes, comments, and reminiscences by bringing these first ladies together to talk to and about each other.

Each chapter is the viewpoint of a first lady, and includes comments from the others. Lucretia Garfield, for example, though only a first lady for a short time, "talks" with Jacqueline Kennedy and Betty Ford about their obligations to learn how to obey and behave.

Other conversations address women's rights, education, children, key events in history, and the hopes and dreams of these women.

The author will have copies available for \$20, and will autograph them for purchasers. The discussion, which starts at 7:30 p.m. at the library, is free and open to the public.

The Friends will hold their annual meeting May 26, also at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping out the Friends and the library is encouraged to attend.

The Fanwood Library is located at the corner of North Ave. and Tillotson Road. For additional information or questions, call (908) 322-6400.

Sitcer and Rozencwaig to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Gary P. Sitcer of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jorie Christina Sitcer, to Maurice Evan Rozencwaig, the son of Mrs. Carol Rozencwaig and the late Benito Rozencwaig of Baltimore.

The bride-to-be graduated from Westfield High School in 1992. She received a degree in sociology from Roanoke College in Roanoke, Va. in 1996. She is employed by International Oncology Network in Baltimore as a contract analyst.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Pikeville High School in Maryland. He graduated in 2000 with a degree in business from Towson University in Towson, Md. He is employed as a project manager with NV Homes, a custom home builder in Baltimore.

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Bank's assets on the rise

WESTFIELD — At the annual shareholders meeting of The Town Bank of Westfield, Joseph F.X. O'Sullivan, chairman of the board, and Robert W. Dowens, Sr., president and chief executive officer, announced net income of \$270,000 or \$0.15 per basic and diluted share for the period ending March 31, compared with net income of \$144,000 or \$0.14 per share for the same period one year ago.

"This improvement is largely attributed to a higher level of net interest income, as a result of the growth of the bank," Dowens noted.

The bank's total assets as of March 31 were \$111.5 million, compared with \$86.0 for the same period last year, reflecting growth of \$25.4 million or 29.6 percent. Total deposits grew to \$97.6 million as of March 31 from \$79.1 million at March 31, 2003, resulting in an increase of \$18.6 million or 23.5 percent. Loans outstanding rose from \$64.4 million to \$82.9 million, representing an increase

of \$18.4 million or a growth of 28.6 percent.

On April 22 the bank's board of directors declared a 5 percent stock dividend, subject to regulatory approval, to shareholders of record on May 7, to be payable June 1. O'Sullivan noted that the bank has posted "eight consecutive quarters of profitability."

"We are further pleased to announce," Dowens added, "that the proposal to change the bank's name to 'The Town Bank' has been passed by an overwhelming majority of our shareholders and is now pending regulatory approval."

With its main office at 520 South Ave. and an in-town branch office at 44 Elm Street, the bank provides a full range of commercial bank services to residents, professionals, and small businesses. For additional information pertaining to The Town Bank of Westfield, call (908) 301-0800 or visit www.townbank.com at www.townbank.com.

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Aikido offers martial arts demonstration

ROSELLE PARK — On May 23, Aikido Schools of New Jersey will feature a variety of martial arts in a free public demonstration held in its Roselle Park headquarters.

The arts scheduled for the afternoon will be Aikido, Laido and Tai Chi. Aikido is the soft, yet powerful, self-defense system

that uses a series of throws and locks to subdue an opponent. Laido is the fine art of drawing the Japanese katana (life steel sword). Once drawn, the practitioner executes a series of solo forms and then returns the sword to its scabbard. Tai Chi is the slow, soft Chinese martial art used by many as an exercise

form. Tai Chi, however, is also a very effective self-defense system. Solo forms, pushing hands (partner forms) and Tai Chi sword will be demonstrated.

In addition, there will be displays of Aiki ken and jo (wooden sword and staff). Empty hand defense against weapons and multiple attacks will be featured

as well. Rick Stickles, a sixth-degree black belt and chief instructor of Aikido Schools of New Jersey said, "The afternoon will feature something for everyone. The arts displayed are both interesting and exciting to watch. I know everyone in attendance will have a great time."

The demonstration will feature a variety of black belt instructors from around the states as well as the teaching staff and students of Aikido Schools of New Jersey, now celebrating its 27th year in Union County. Men, women and children, from beginning students to advanced instructors, will demonstrate their abilities. "Everyone is really excited and looking forward to the event," said Stickles. "With such

a variety of arts and different levels of experience of the demonstrations, an exciting afternoon is guaranteed!" The demonstration will take place from 3-5 p.m. May 23. Admission is free. Drawings for free membership will be held. Aikido Schools of New Jersey is located on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park, just across from the Assumption Church. For more information call (908) 298-0100.

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Short answers to mortgage questions

Finding the right mortgage is just as important as finding your dream home. If you're in the market for a mortgage, you probably have a lot of questions. To help you on the road to homeownership, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) offers answers to the most common questions regarding home mortgages.

Where Do I Go to Get a Mortgage?

Banks are no longer the only place to get a mortgage. Virtually all financial services companies, including credit unions and brokerage firms, offer mortgages. Other sources include mortgage companies, developers and sellers. The Internet is a great way to begin your research of lenders, interest rates and mortgage information. Then, contact professionals or ask friends who have had good borrowing experiences for recommendations.

What Types of Mortgages Are Available?

The two most common types of mortgages are fixed-rate loans and adjustable-rate mortgages (ARM). With a fixed-rate mortgage, the interest rate stays the same for the life of the mortgage. This means your monthly principal and interest payments remain constant for the term you select. The interest rate on a fixed-rate loan is typically higher than an ARM.

With an ARM, the interest rate changes on a regular schedule, such as annually, based on a pre-determined index. An ARM typically has an annual cap that limits how much the rate can change in a year, and a lifetime cap that limits the change over the life of the loan. Because ARMs offer lower initial interest rates, you typically can afford more house for the same monthly payment. You must, however, be prepared for the possibility of rising monthly payments if interest rates go up.

There also are hybrid loans that combine features of both fixed and adjustable-rate loans. For example, a hybrid loan may offer an initial fixed rate that is in effect for three years, at which time the rate is adjusted to the market rate.

Which Mortgage Is Best for Me?

There is no simple answer to this question. The right mortgage for you depends primarily on your financial situation, how long you intend to keep the house, and whether you are comfortable with having a changing mort-

gage. A certified public accountant (CPA) can help you determine the best choice given your financial situation.

What Are Points?

Points are pre-front interest charges paid to the lender that allow you to lower your interest rate. They are essentially prepaid interest, with each point equaling 1 percent of the total loan amount. Paying points makes sense if you plan to stay in your home for several years, because the amount you save with a reduced interest rate increases every year you hold the mortgage. Points paid on a mortgage loan for the purchase or improvement of a home and secured by a personal residence are deductible in the year paid.

What's Included in my Monthly Mortgage Payment?

The two primary components of your mortgage payment are principal and interest, but most lenders include real estate taxes and homeowner's insurance as well. If your down payment is less than 20 percent, you may also be required to pay private mortgage insurance that protects the lender against default.

What Is the Process for Acquiring a Mortgage?

The first step is to complete a loan application, which asks for information about your income, employment, assets and liabilities. The lender will also ask for documentation to verify this information. A professional appraisal will be ordered to determine the home's market value.

It can take the lender anywhere from two to six weeks to evaluate your application and complete the appraisal. Interest rates can fluctuate during that time, so find out if the lender allows you to "lock in" a specific interest rate for a certain period of time. Once a loan decision is made, the lender will notify you of the outcome and a closing date will be set.


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Keep aware of changes in real estate tax law

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In the past, sellers were only eligible for a tax break if they rolled the profit of

your home sale into the next residence and the sale price of the residence sold exceeded the cost of the new residence. Now, in addition to the \$500,000/\$250,000 exclusion, sellers no longer have to wait until they are 55 years old to elect to exclude all or part of the gain, and can take advantage of this tax break more than once in your lifetime.

Qualifying for the Exclusion.

To be eligible for the exclusion, you and your spouse (if married) must have owned and used your home as your principal residence

for at least two of the five years that ends on the date of the sale. The periods don't have to be consecutive, as long as they add up to two years. Short, temporary and seasonal absences count as periods of use. If you have more than one residence, only the sale of your principal home (the one you live in the most) qualifies for the exclusion. The exclusion may not be used more frequently than once every two years.

Calculating Your Gain.

In determining your gain, don't forget to account for qualified expenses that can be added to your home's purchase price to increase your cost basis on your original house, including the cost of the sale. Increasing your cost basis helps to reduce the gain on the sale of your house and may lower or eliminate a potential tax bill. Qualifying expenses include home improvements, such as adding a room or a new roof, and the cost of settlement fees, property inspection fees and title insurance.

Unfortunately, if your gain exceeds the exclusion amount, there is no way to avoid a tax bill. Rolling over your gain into a new residence is no longer an option. You must report your non-excludable gain on your tax return and compute your tax bill at the long-term capital gains rate, which, for most taxpayers, is 15 percent.

Consult With a Tax Professional.

Because of the potential tax savings and the complexity of the home sale exclusion rules, it's a good idea to work with a certified public accountant (CPA) before selling your home. If you don't have a CPA, you can easily locate one using the NJSCPA free, online Find-A-CPA service. Just go to Find-A-CPA and in a few clicks, you can locate a qualified professional who is right for you.

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Westfield ERA office receives slew of awards at recent dinner

WESTFIELD — Pat Hoferkamp, Burgdorff ERA president and chief operating officer, announced that the Westfield office achieved company-wide awards in two categories and that several of its sales associates earned recognition at the Burgdorff Annual Awards Breakfast, which was held recently at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany.

On behalf of the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, George Kraus, its vice president and manager, accepted the Office Production Award for Highest Closed Units in the entire company. The Westfield office also received the Personal Lines Insurance Referral Award for proactively providing property insurance information to customers and clients.

Westfield's sales associates accomplished similarly distinguished feats. Most notably, Joyce Taylor and Carol Tener earned inclusion into the prestigious Burgdorff ERA President's Council. Recognizing only the top 17 sales associates out of Burgdorff's over 700 member sales force, membership in the Burgdorff ERA President's Council is the company's highest and most distinguished honor. They also received the ERA Leaders Circle award.

In addition, Taylor was named Burgdorff's top Westfield associate for closed sales dollar volume and closed total dollar volume, while Tener garnered further recognition as the top office agent for listing dollar volume. Elizabeth Bataille was named the top Westfield associate for closed listing units, closed sales units, and closed total units.

Bataille, along with Lois Berger and Susan Dinan, received the President's Elite award, which is the company's second highest production honor. They also received ERA's Leaders Circle awards. In addition, Cathy Splinter earned ERA's Leaders Circle award.

Meanwhile, sales associates Roz Alexander, Joyce Antone, Francesca Azzara, Kevin Barry, Laura Brockway, Patricia Connolly, Ileen Cuccaro, Elaine Demyen, Roz Dunlop, Ed Feeley, Don Husch, Tammy Lieberman, Sharon Lies, Susan Massa, Julie Murphy, Mary Ellen

O'Boyle, Pat Plante, Marilyn Rinaldo, Ann Sanke-Davis, Jill Skibinsky, Beth Sullivan, Cathy Lee Tomlinson, Lynne Wagner, Rebecca Wampler, Anne Weber and Susan Wilson earned membership into the President's Club.

For the second year in a row, Betty Ann Keller received Outgoing Referral Agent Award for placing and closing the most referrals in the company.

Beth Maloney, Jill Skibinsky, and Beth Sullivan received the Rising Star Award, which is presented to the top new sales associates joining the real estate industry. The honor is reserved for those associates in their first full year who have exceeded expected production standards at Burgdorff ERA.

Elaine Demyen, Jocelyne Holden, Janice Kodatt, Susan Massa, Patricia Plante, Cathy Lee Tomlinson, and Rebecca Wampler received the Burgdorff Specialist designation. The designation was created in 2001 to promote a higher level of performance and understanding of the Burgdorff points of difference.

Furthering their real estate education in 2003, Susan Massa, Mary Ellen O'Boyle, and Beth Sullivan received the Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation, and Roz Alexander, Ann Sake-Davis, Sharon Lies, Susan Massa, Mary Ellen O'Boyle, and Rebecca Wampler earned the Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES) designation.

"This was a terrific year for the Westfield office, and the proof is in the high caliber sales associates and their deep sense of professionalism and integrity," said Hoferkamp. "Their commitment to providing the best service in the home buying and selling process is unmatched in the real estate community. Congratulations to George Kraus, vice president and manager of the Westfield office, for leading such an exceptional team and creating a positive working environment."

The award-winning sales professionals can be reached by phone at (908)233-0065, or by visiting the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office located at 600 North Avenue West.

Take steps to protect yourself

By SERGIO SIDERMAN
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND
GENERAL COUNSEL, PROPERTY I.D.

(NAPS) — Aside from taxes and loan payments, homeowners insurance may be the biggest expense on the minds of potential new homebuyers in today's booming real estate market. As part of every real estate transaction, home sellers must disclose everything about the land and property to a potential buyer that can be considered material, states have mandated. This can range from natural and environmental hazards to insurance losses filed on the property over the last five years. One of the best ways to make sure a property will qualify to be underwritten for homeowner's insurance is to know the history of losses on the property.

Many previous insurance losses on a property are not disclosed at the time of sale.

There are many reasons for non-disclosure. For instance, it can be as simple as a seller unaware of the history of the property, or a homeowner who forgets to disclose a series of

seemingly innocent "accidents." Problems like leaking hot water heaters, burst pipes or dozens of other incidents that lead to insurance losses might not seem important, but they are. Any of these are enough to potentially place the property in a high-risk insurance pool. Without homeowner's insurance, banks will not lend or could cancel a loan.

Insurance companies track property losses for their policyholders, recognizing that past losses on a property can be a strong indicator of future problems. Any problem, even if fixed, can serve as a warning of more to come, such as dry rot or termites. Even everyday repairs like plumbing, gas and roof leaks signify potential financial risk. If a buyer has no knowledge of the history of a new residence, that dream house could potentially cost thousands of dollars in future repairs.

Insurance companies review a property's loss history before issuing a policy; for new properties, this usually occurs after the sale closes and the bank has granted the loan. The results of improper

loss disclosure have been disastrous for those unlucky enough to find themselves in the financial predicament of facing significantly higher than expected insurance premiums.

Today, one of the most insidious of all problems is mold. Occurring mainly after water damage and leaks yet silent and dangerous, mold causes chronic health problems and property damage if left unchecked.

There's a simple solution to avoid these pitfalls. A simple disclosure report is available to every seller, buyer and their agents. It's called a C.L.U.E.® Risk Only Report, currently available only from Property I.D. (www.propertyid.com). It tracks the insurance loss history of a property, not its owners, and is based on the industry-standard Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange (C.L.U.E.). The report sells for \$19.50. When weighed against the potential liability of a new property costing six figures, it can be an extremely small investment.

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Remodeling your home? These tips are key to success

May is National Home Improvement month, and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry is offering homeowners tips for reviewing contracts with their remodeling contractors. It's important to remember to get all the details in writing so that everyone is on the same page.

Here are some tips to keep in mind when signing a home remodeling contract:

Go over all the details of the project before the work begins.

Every time a change is made to the contract, make sure there is a written confirmation and have both parties sign it.

The homeowner should be clear on everything in the contract before he or she signs so that when the bill comes, there are no surprises to dispute.

If the homeowner changes his or her mind about something, he or she should let the contractor know right away. This will prevent any unwanted work and charges to the bill. Homeowners should discuss how the contractor will handle changes to the contract before the project begins.

Establish that the contractor only works according to the written version of the project, and that verbal requests be put in writing before they are acted upon.

Keep a copy of the contract at the work site for quick reference and clarification.

Ask the remodeling contractor for a written statement that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid to prevent any subcontractors from filing liens against the home. This is called the Affidavit of Final Release and should be requested at the time of payment.

The following should be on the contract: The contractor's name, address, and phone number; details of what the remodeling contractor will and will not do, including cleanup and protection of personal property around the work area; a detailed list of all materials; approximate start and completion date; and a detailed outline of the warranty on the workmanship and materials.

Lastly, always keep a copy of the most recent contract and agreements. If these guidelines are followed, then an open communication between the homeowner and the contractor has been established, making for a smoother ride for all involved.

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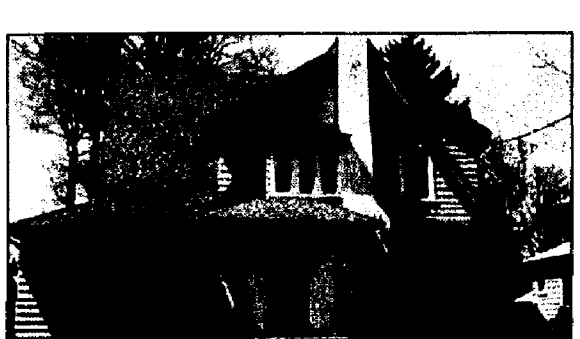


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Edison School announces honor roll

WESTFIELD — The following students earned academic honors for the third marking period at Edison Intermediate School.

Distinguished Honor Roll

Grade 7: Caroline Albanese, Stephanie Albright, Jonathan Beriman, Sally Bregman, Mark Cafiero, Charles Cary, Alexa Cassaro, Nicholas Chartrain, David Chen, James Chu, Alexis Constantine, Matthew DeMasi, Anthony Dilorio, Jennifer Dilzell, Christine Feldbauer, Zachary Friss, Dan Fussman, Daryl Garfinkel, Sophia Geskin, Danielle Gillyard, Alexandria Goldin, Aileen Grogan, Bridget Grogan, Jessica Harris, James Hughes, Michael Irving, Matthew Isabella, Jennifer Jean-Louis, Melinda Jimenez, Ross Kettleon, Kathryn Kiefer, Rachel Kreutzer, Jacob Lang, Christopher Latimer, Jenna Leopold, Alice Li, Jason Lipshultz, Justin Lo, Amanda Lojo, Ezra Margolin, Joseph Martoglio, Matthew Morgan, Natalie Morrison, Alyson Moskowitz, Devlin Murphy, Katherine Payne, Ross Pohling, David Pular, Carla Ralston, Samantha Ritter, Abigail Ryan, Christopher Sheehan, Colleen Smith, Moira Smith, Marisa Stotter, Dean Thompson, Kimberly Townsend, Keegan Wallace, Jennifer Weidman, Amy Weiss, Danielle Zamarelli.

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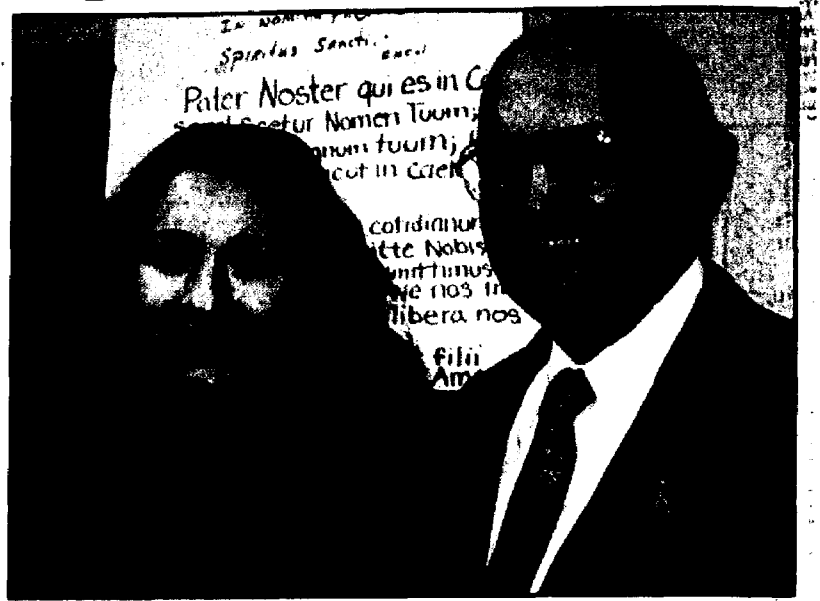
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Roberts earns perfect score on exam

SCOTCH PLAINS — Kaitlin Roberts of Scotch Plains, a sophomore at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, received a perfect score on the 2004 National Latin exam. Only 894 students who attained this distinction on the exam, taken by 130,000 students around the world.

Kaitlin attributed her success to her World Civilization teacher, Lynn Marley, for the Latin history questions and to Walter Kawalec of Sayreville, her Latin teacher. "Mr. Kawalec is a patient teacher. He knows it's hard and remembers the struggles when he was a student," she said.

"My grandfathers died when I was a little girl and Mr. Kawalec is a grandfather figure for me. He knows Polish, Ukrainian and French. That's an inspiration for me," she continued. "My background is partly Eastern European; my grandmothers were Polish and Portuguese. I think they triggered an interest in languages



Kaitlin Roberts of Scotch Plains, left, with Walter Kawalec.

for me. Latin helps me understand my native language and will help me learn the Romance languages. Latin seemed like the logical place to start. "A personal goal is to master

other languages," Kaitline said. "Communication is important to me... This summer I plan on enrolling in a summer language program at Union County College."

Roosevelt honor students announced

WESTFIELD — Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Dr. Ken Shulack announced that the following students earned academic honors for the third marking period of the 2003-2004 school year.

Distinguished Honor Roll

Grade 7: Kathryn R. Abruzzo, Nicole Alopous, Thomas An, Kimberly Berke, Samuel Berse, Sara Birkenthal, Julia L. Burns, Kristen L. Caruana, Amanda Chang, Christopher Delafuente, Aaron Davidson, Elizabeth B. Fredas, Amanda Garfinkel, Briana Goncalves, Tara Handza, Molly Hudelson, Gabrielle Jakub, Christopher Jenkins, Catherine Maguire, Taylor L. Manetti, Anna C. Morton, Shannon Murray, Mairead K. O'Boyle, William Scott Perry, Ryan Ragoza, Anne Re, Christopher Rhodes, Joshua S. Schwartz, Katherine Sheridan, Melissa E. Shulman, Eriene-Heidi Sidhom, Amanda Simmons, Marguerite Sulmont, Alexandra Tunis, Mark D. Vander Schaaf, Stephanie Wang, Michael Zhu.

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Splitting aces over county tourney

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD-PRESS

It didn't take me long after beginning to cover spring sports to figure out that the Union County Softball Tournament was most likely going to be won by the team with the best pitcher.

It's the nature of the sport, where pitchers can throw every day and throw countless innings. It is just the way it is and a great starter is often what separates the top teams from the rest of the pack.

It just took me a little while longer to realize the county baseball tournament was going to be decided the same way.

I'm well aware that having the best pitcher doesn't necessarily guarantee a Union County championship, but being able to march through the bracket by throwing your ace in every tournament game certainly tips the scales in that direction.

The format of the Union County Baseball Tournament, and many county tournaments in the area, lends itself to being able to save your ace for the weekend games and throw him every Saturday.

And it leads to many compelling matchups.

This weekend's showdowns between New Providence's Tony Wargo and Scotch Plains' James Scalfaro in the first semifinal and Cranford's Bryan Giannecchini and Roselle Catholic's Nick Nolan in the second semifinal are extremely intriguing and should make for two great high school baseball games.

I realize that unless those pitchers throw 21-strikeout perfect games they won't decide the outcome alone. Defense, bunting, base running and all of the small ball aspects of the game will come into play.

But I can't convince myself that if New Providence rides Wargo to the title on May 22, or Roselle Catholic wins it behind Nolan, that the best team in the county would have won the title. I mean no disrespect to the players, coaches or fans of those two squads, but there is a reason they were seeded ninth and 11th.

Part of being a great team, and being the best team in the county or state, is depth of pitching. Otherwise the Red Sox would have at least half a dozen championships by now.

What's the solution? I don't know.

You could play a double-elimination tournament, with the quarterfinal losers given the opportunity to play back into a championship game. If the loser's bracket games were played mid-week the tournament would take just one extra week.

What about best two-of-three sets starting in the semifinal or quarterfinal round, played Saturday and Sunday? You could play a double-header Saturday and if necessary the third game on Sunday.

Or, you could play one game Saturday at the lower seed then play two, if necessary, at the higher seed on Sunday.

It would certainly test the depth of pitching staffs and better determine the best overall team, but it would also decimate pitching staffs during the week and lend itself to kids throwing too many pitches and subjecting themselves to arm injuries.

Playing two games a week is another possibility but would become a scheduling nightmare, conflicting with regular season games, especially with the traditional early-April rainouts needing to be made up.

I also enjoy the games being played every weekend for a month. The tournament builds momentum that way and more fans can come out to see the games than would probably make it during the week.

It's a great tournament and there may not be a better format than the current one.

But I just can't convince myself that it is a true test of which school has the best team.



Scotch Plains' Lance Thomas placed second in the long jump at the Watchung Conference championships last week as the Raiders won the National Division title for the 13th time in 14 years.

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Raiders, Devils soar to titles

SP-F boys, WHS girls win conference championships

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD-PRESS

Before the start of the Watchung Conference Championships, Scotch Plains coach Jeff Koegel teased his two-star athletes as to who would be the one to take home the most individual titles.

The intra-squad rivalry was a good way to keep the mood light before the meet, but the battle between senior Brian Kopnicki and junior Sean Smith was as competitive as the team race.

Kopnicki won three events and Sean Smith won two while scoring 36 points as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys track team won the conference title for the 13th time in the past 14 years, scoring 162 points. Cranford took second (101) and Westfield (86) was third.

Westfield's Emily MacNeil turned in a dazzling individual performance of her own, taking home three gold medals, to lead the Blue Devils' girls to the team title.

Kopnicki took gold in the 1600 (4:21.8), 3200 (9:44.1) and triple jump (40-0 1/2). Smith won the 110 hurdles (15.1) and the 400 hurdles (57.0) and also took home silvers in the javelin (147-2) and high jump (6-0).

"Kopnicki and Sean are our two stud athletes," said Scotch Plains coach Jeff Koegel. "We feel confident they could score in four events or more if they were allowed to. We look to them to score a lot of points for us."

"We joked before the meet about which one of them would bring home the most conference championships. It helped keep the mood light."

Devils, Shallcross win sectional titles

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD-PRESS

With three top-five finishes, the Westfield High golf team won its second straight North Jersey Group 4 championship Monday.

Ryan Shallcross led the Blue Devils with a four-over 76 to win medalist honors and was closely followed by teammates Jimmy Arbes, who placed second with a 78, and Garrett Cockren, who took fifth with an 83.

Chris Tropeano fired a 93 to round out the Devils 330 total, which was 22 shots better than second place Ridgewood.

After playing in the Union County Tournament yesterday at Echo Lake Country Club, the Blue Devils will next look to defend last year's Tournament of Champions title at Rumson Country Club Monday.

It will most likely take a lower team score Monday to defend the title, but the Devils are only worrying about what they can control — their own individual performance.

"We're all playing really well," said Shallcross. "But none of us are concerning ourselves with the team. If we do that it causes more anxiety and less focus. We just have to go out there and shoot the best scores we can."

Shallcross' main focus this

spring has been his short game, focusing, by his estimation, 90 percent of his practice on it. The extra work paid off Monday on the slippery greens of Alpine, which he compared to those of Augusta National.

He struggled off the tee, hitting only five fairways, but saved himself with strong short irons and a solid putter. He recorded three birdies, with five bogeys and one double bogey.

"It was crucial," said Shallcross of his extra short game practice. "It's not that long of a course but the greens are very fast and undulating. You have to be sure to hit the ball to certain spots on greens and if you can't do that you can't score well."

Shallcross hit a wedge to 10 feet and sank the putt for birdie on the second hole. On the 11th hole he hit a bad drive into the trees but had an opening and hit a 170-yard 6-iron to within 10 feet and made bird. He played the 440-yard 13th hole almost perfect, hitting a great drive, knocking a 7-iron to 20 feet and draining the putt for his third birdie of the round.

"I was hitting the ball well and putting great," said Shallcross. "Everything came together. I had some bad holes, but played pretty consistently overall."

Scotch Plains placed in all but one event, the 100-meter dash, and made its biggest mark in the 110 meter hurdles. The Raiders took the first three places, scoring 24 points while Westfield and Cranford were unable to squeeze into the top six. Smith was followed by Iceberg Bryant (15.6) and Nehemiah Porter (16.3).

Bryant also won the long jump, leaping 20-2 with teammate Lance Thomas placing second at 20-0 3/4. Scotch Plains' best performance in the field came in the discus, where Marc Fabiano took gold with a throw of 127-6. Tim Karis was third (118-5) and Teddy Acosta was fourth (111-9). The Raiders outscored second-place Cranford 35-0 in the three throwing events.

"We've always been good in the field events," said Koegel. "We'd like to be able to have three people score in all three throws and the disc is the place that it happened."

After winning both the county indoor titles this winter and the Union County relays last week,

the Westfield girls team outscored Scotch Plains 206-141 1/2 for another title. MacNeil won the 400 and the 800 and anchored the winning 4x400 relay team.

As it did at the county relays, Westfield made a big splash in the field events behind Caroline Sheridan who won both the shot put (34-4) and javelin (99-0). The Devils went 1-2-3 in the shot put, with Alison Petrow (33-4) taking second behind Sheridan, followed by Cristina Henry (28-10).

Henry took second in the discus (87-3) and Petrow was third (85-4). Nicole Simone took second behind Sheridan in the javelin with a throw of 93 feet.

Ja'Net Tiller won the 200 meter dash (26.2) and took second in the 100 (12.7). Deenie Quinn won the 1600 (5:25.8). Westfield took the top three places in the 800, with Meg Driscoll finishing second behind MacNeil in 2:24.7 and Annie Onishi placing third in 2:26.8. Driscoll was also second in the 1600 in 5:26.4 and Onishi was third in the 400 in 1:01.2.

SP-F rallies into semis

Urban keys comeback; Westfield falls

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD-PRESS

Before the season even started many baseball coaches around the county expected a wide-open Union County Tournament this May.

So far, they've been right.

Top-seeded Union and third-seeded Westfield fell in the quarterfinal round this past Saturday, leaving only second-seeded Cranford and fourth-seeded Scotch Plains standing among the teams expected to reach, according to the seeds, this Saturday's semifinal round.

Kevin Urban doubled home two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday and scored on a double by John Maloney to rally the Raiders to a 3-2 win over Union Catholic. James Scalfaro went the distance for Scotch Plains, striking out seven and shutting out the Vikings over the final six innings.

Westfield fell to 11th-seeded Roselle Catholic 8-6. After falling behind 8-2 in the fifth inning the Devils fought back and had the tying run at the plate in the bottom of the seventh after a three-run home run by Mike Murray and a two-out single by Bryan Power. But Roselle Catholic's Nick Nolan got the final out to eliminate the Blue Devils.

"(New Providence and Roselle Catholic) both have big studs on the mound," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Tom Baylock. "In the Union County Tournament, when you're playing once a week, if you have a big stud like that you can go pretty far. And they both got one."

Defending champ Cranford advanced easily, defeating Johnson 6-0 behind another shutout from senior righty Bryan Giannecchini. Ninth-seeded New Providence upheld the Farmers Saturday 2-0 behind a no-hitter from senior Tony Wargo.

The Raiders will attempt to breakthrough against Wargo in the first of Saturday's semifinal doubleheader, at noon, at Rahway's Veteran's Field. Cranford will square off with Roselle Catholic in the second game of the day at 3 p.m.

The Raiders haven't faced Wargo yet but got a peak at him Saturday. The hard throwing right hander can get his fastball up into the high 80s and will pitch for Rutgers in the fall.

But Scotch Plains has a pretty good pitcher of their own and Baylock is expecting a tight game where all the little things will loom big.

"(Scalfaro) showed a lot of guts on Saturday," said Baylock. "He was a little wild in the first inning but he settled down in the second inning and I think they had one hit the rest of the game. If he's on he's going to be tough and we'll have a good shot at advancing. I have a lot of confidence in him."

"This game will come down to whoever does the little things. We're going to have to bunt runners over, play good defense and not give them any extra opportunities. We have to take advantage of any opportunities we get."

The Raiders didn't get many opportunities through the first five innings Saturday, managing just two hits while striking out nine times. But in the sixth inning they mustered a rally. Scalfaro and Matt Powers each singled and were sacrificed over to second and third. Urban then came through with a double to tie the score 2-2.

Maloney came to the plate with a chance to drive in the go-ahead run but quickly found himself in an 0-2 hole. He was then jammed by an inside fastball but managed to muscle it over the third baseman's head to plate Urban.



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Safe by a toe

After being knocked out of the Union County Tournament by Roselle Catholic, Dan Clark and the Westfield High baseball team will look to bounce back when the state tournament begins next week.

Levy, Gerkens win doubles title; Devils take second

Andrew Levy and Adam Gerkens won the second doubles title at the Union County Tournament Friday, helping Westfield earn a second place finish.

The Blue Devils totaled 69 points, 11 behind three-time champ Summit. New Providence was third with 62 points.

Levy and Gerkens defeated Rafael Harai and John Angione of Summit 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 in the final after winning 6-3, 6-2 over Governor Livingston in the semifinal.

Alec Jaslow placed second at second singles, falling in a third set tie-breaker to Kevin Chen of New Providence in the final; 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4). Alec Wasserman and Brian Kender were second at first doubles, falling in three sets to Summit.

Lee Bernstein placed third at

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third singles with a 6-1, 6-3 win in the consolation final. Rich Moran placed fifth at first singles.

SOFTBALL

Kristina Fietkiewicz had two doubles, a single and two runs scored as Westfield defeated Mother Seton 10-0 in the first round of the Union County Tournament Saturday.

Marilyn Mench had a two-run double and Jess Guerriero singled in two runs for the sixth-seeded Devils.

Westfield will face third-seeded Union in the quarterfinals 10 a.m. Saturday in Union.

Livingston 6, Westfield 4 — Livingston rallied for two runs in the seventh to defeat Westfield 6-4 Tuesday.

Kristina Fietkiewicz and

Lauren Gelmetti each drove in two runs in the loss as Westfield slipped to 11-5.

Westfield 10, Kearny 0 — Lauren Gelmetti fired a one-hitter and hit a two-run home run to lead the Devils to a 10-0 win over Kearny Monday.

Marilyn Mench also belted a two-run homer and scored twice for Westfield.

South Plainfield 3, Westfield 1 — Mary Kate Flannery had two singles and scored a run for the Devils in a 3-1 loss to South Plainfield May 6.

BOYS TRACK

The Westfield High boys track team placed third at the Watchung Conference Championships last week, totaling 86 points.

Brendan Egan won the 800 for Westfield, finishing in 1:58.8 and also placed second in the 400 in

51.0. Mike Gorski won the pole vault, clearing 13-6 and teammate Mike Woods was second, also clearing 13-6. Sean Callihan placed fifth in pole vault, clearing 11-0.

Rob Broadbent placed fourth in the 800 (2:00.5) and sixth in the 1600 (4:34.3). Jeff Perrella was second in the 3200 in 9:44.5. Westfield was also second in the 4x400 relay in 3:32.6.

BASEBALL

Bill Hearon ripped a bases-loaded triple to highlight an 11-run third inning for Westfield as the Devils routed Piscataway 17-1 Tuesday.

Hearon earned the win on the mound, scattering seven hits over five innings while striking out four.

Kearny 7, Westfield 6 — With two-out in the bottom of the seventh Kearny's Frank Bifulto

hit a three-run double to cap a five-run rally and lift Kearny to a 7-6 win over Westfield Monday.

Mike Murray's two-run single in the first helped Westfield (11-5) build a 5-2 lead over the 14th ranked team in the state.

Roselle Catholic 8, Westfield 6 — Roselle Catholic built an 8-2 lead and held off Westfield for an 8-6 win in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament Saturday.

Mike Murray hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh and Westfield put the tying run at the plate, but couldn't complete the rally.

Westfield 12, Elizabeth 2 — Bryan Power had two hits and drove in two runs and Bill Hearon was 2-for-4 with a runs scored and an RBI as Westfield rolled to a 12-2 win over Elizabeth May 5.

BOYS LACROSSE

Mountain Lakes, the top-ranked team in the state, defeated Westfield 17-4 Monday.

Ryan Yarussi, Dave Iannazzone, Mike Bilick and Matt Gallagher each scored for the Devils.

Westfield 14, West Windsor-Plainsboro North 10 — The Devils scored four unanswered goals late in the third period to take the lead and defeat West Windsor-Plainsboro North 14-10 May 5.

Taylor Hogarth finished with five goals and two assists and Chris MacDonald dished out four assists for the devils. Andrew Schott and Brady Lau each had two goals.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Sarah Masel scored both goals for Westfield in a 12-2 loss to Ridge May 6.

Kelly, Bundy win gold; Raiders finish second

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls track team placed second at the Watchung Conference Championships last week, compiling 141 1/2 points.

Aja Bundy won the 100 in 12.6 seconds and placed second in the 200 (26.3) and 400 (59.9).

Meaghan Kelly won the 400 hurdles in 1:10.6 and took third in the triple jump (29-8 1/2) and fourth in the long jump (14-4).

Amanda Bobyack won the long jump with a leap of 15-2 1/3. Michelle Regg took third in the event, jumping 14-6. Regg also took fourth in the 110 hurdles in 17.7. Cary Wells took fourth in the javelin (85-6) and fifth in the shot put (27-4 1/3).

TENNIS

Scotch Plains took fourth at the Union County Tournament last week, totaling 37 points.

Adam Corbin led the Raiders with a second-place finish at third singles, falling 6-4, 6-3 in the final.

Billy Albizati and Jeremy Sanders took third at first doubles, winning the consolation final 6-0, 6-4. Jason Kreger placed seventh at first singles

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and Mike Thompson was seventh at second singles.

SOFTBALL

Shanayia Willis paced the Raiders' offense in a 12-5 win over Piscataway Tuesday with four hits, two runs and two RBI.

Scotch Plains 20, East Side 0 — Elaine Piniat tossed a one-hitter over five innings as Scotch Plains defeated East Side 20-0 Monday. Laura Manzi and Melissa Sette each went 3-for-4 for Scotch Plains.

Brearley 5, Scotch Plains 1 — Lauren Benovengo singled twice but seventh-seeded Scotch Plains was upset by 10th-seeded Brearley in the first round of the Union County Tournament Saturday.

Scotch Plains 2, Union 1 — Taylor Ciancotta tripled and scored on a two-out single by Lauren Benovengo in the sixth inning as Scotch Plains rallied for a 2-1 win over Union May 5.

BASEBALL

Matt Powers was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a two runs scored as

Scotch Plains topped East Side 5-4 Monday.

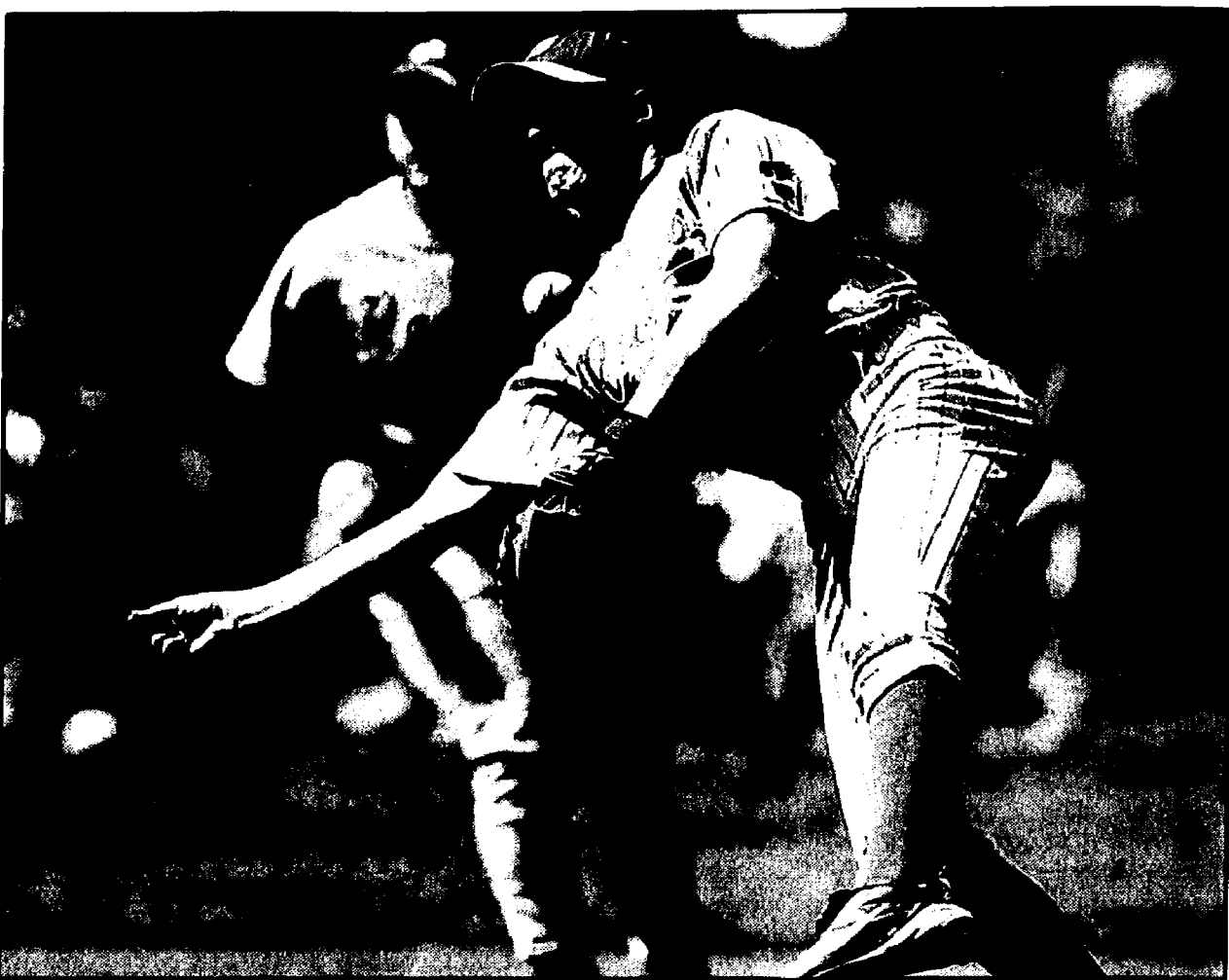
Scotch Plains (11-4) grabbed a 5-0 lead before East Side scored once in the sixth and three times in the seventh. Kevin Urban drove in two runs.

Scotch Plains 3, Union Catholic 2 — Kevin Urban doubled home the tying runs and scored on a double by John Maloney as Scotch Plains rallied for a 3-2 win over Union Catholic in the quarterfinal round of the Union County Tournament Saturday. For more on the county tournament, see story on Page C-1.

Scotch Plains 18, Shabazz 2 — Ed Zazzali, James Scalfaro and Anthony Statola each homered in an 18-2 win over Shabazz May 6.

Scotch Plains 10, Union 0 — Behind senior Kyle Baker, the Raiders posted an impressive 10-0 win over Union in regular season action May 5.

Baker drove in five runs, going 3-for-3, and Sean Varsalona threw a four-hitter while striking out four and drove in three runs of his own.



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Scotch Plains shortstop Chris D'Annunzio loses his grip on a slow roller in Saturday's 3-2 Union County Tournament win over Union Catholic. The Raiders will meet New Providence noon tomorrow in the semifinals.

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Web site lists the top gas savers

PRNewswire — Edmunds.com has announced its list of the most fuel-efficient cars for the 2004 model year.

Leading the list is the Honda Insight followed by the Toyota Prius, Honda Civic Hybrid and a tie between Volkswagen's Golf TDI, Jetta TDI and New Beetle TDI. Next on the list is the Honda Civic HX, Toyota Echo, Toyota Corolla, Scion xA, Scion xB and a tie for 10th between the Dodge Neon, Pontiac Vibe, Toyota Celica GT and Toyota Matrix.

"It is impressive that the most fuel-efficient vehicles enjoy nearly double the per-gallon mileage of the vehicles lower on the list," said Karl Brauer, editor in chief of Edmunds.com. "During city driving the Insight and Prius are rated at 60 miles to the gallon, while the vehicles tied for 10th place get 29."

Edmunds.com has also determined that the average fuel economy for 2004 model year vehicles is 19 miles per gallon in city driving and 26 mpg on highways.

Additionally, Edmunds.com has found the average fuel expense is \$1,310 per vehicle, assuming 15,000 miles are driven per year. On average, cars run up \$1,178 in fuel expenses per year while trucks, SUVs and minivans average \$1,606 annual fuel costs.

Edmunds.com expects the market to change as more manufacturers introduce hybrid vehicles, including SUV and truck models. Awaited as 2005 models are hybrid versions of the Chevrolet Silverado, Dodge Ram, Ford Escape, GMC Sierra, Honda Accord, Lexus RX 400h and Toyota Highlander.



Finding the right car stereo can be as important as finding the right car.

Car stereos getting high-tech this year

METROCREATIVE SERVICES — Road trip season is approaching, and no highway outing is complete without a killer stereo to blast your favorite tunes.

With continued advancements in car stereos and audio technology, this spring may be a good time to upgrade. Building a car stereo system is a balance of tech gadgetry, audio engineering and physics. With so many options on the market, the task of choosing the right car stereo can be daunting. Get tuned in with this primer on the basic components:

HEAD UNIT

What we most often think of as the "car stereo" is called the head unit — the knobs and buttons that connect you to the rest of the system. Choice here mostly comes down to user friendliness and personal preference. Look for controls that are easy to see and use, and think about how you will use them while driving. If

you have a CD player, make sure it reads all disc formats, including CD-R and CD-RW.

Many head units offer the ability to play minidisks, MP3s and even DVDs. Satellite radio is also gaining popularity with its sports programs and commercial-free radio for cars and homes. The two leading suppliers are XM Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

SPEAKERS

The speakers are what move the sound to your ears. Many factors ultimately determine what kind of speakers you need, but there are a few general guidelines.

Look for speakers with a high sensitivity rating, which means that the speaker will play louder using the same power as a speaker with a lower rating.

For serious audiophiles, no car audio system is complete without subwoofers, which are like window-rattling speakers.

Humans can hear higher-pitched sounds better than lower-pitched ones; for lower-range sound frequencies to be heard at the same level, they require more power and bigger speakers.

AMPLIFIERS

To achieve sound that can be felt as well as heard, an amplifier is an absolute necessity. Through a complex system of physics, amplifiers do exactly what their name implies — they amplify the power of the signal (measured in watts) going to the speakers.

While amps are best known for generating head-turning power, they can also achieve a cleaner sound and increased clarity. However, be warned, it is easy to spend too much for too little. Consult a certified and reputable audio technician — and go for a trusted brand — before diving into this arena and investing your hard earned money.

Take caution when driving in construction zones

ARA — Chances are you've heard the old joke "there are two seasons around here — winter and road construction."

It seems like no matter where you live, or where you drive during the summer months, you can't avoid construction zones.

While driving delays can be frustrating, it's important not to lose sight of the fact that safety comes first in a construction zone.

"Highway construction is necessary to eliminate unsafe road conditions, relieve congestion and to help with the free flow of goods and services that generates more than \$64 billion in economic growth each year," said Dennis Day, executive director for public affairs for Associated General Contractors of America.

But work zones are increasingly dangerous. Work zone fatalities increased nationwide by 53 percent between 1998 and 2002, according to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data. And surprisingly, four out of five people killed were either drivers or passengers.

"We want motorists to protect themselves as well as those working in highway construction zones," said Day. "Every effort is made to minimize the impact of construction activities on motorists."

However, that doesn't mean that motorists can drive through a work zone as if it is the same as

the open road. "Slow down, be alert and the road will be safer for both you as a driver, and the workers who are there to make your future ride better," he added.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration offers the following tips for work zone safety:

— Stay alert and pay attention to the roadway, signs and work-zone flag people.

— Turn on headlights so work-

ers and other drivers can see you.

— Don't tailgate or speed, and always slow to the posted limits, even if workers are not immediately visible.

— Never change lanes in work zones.

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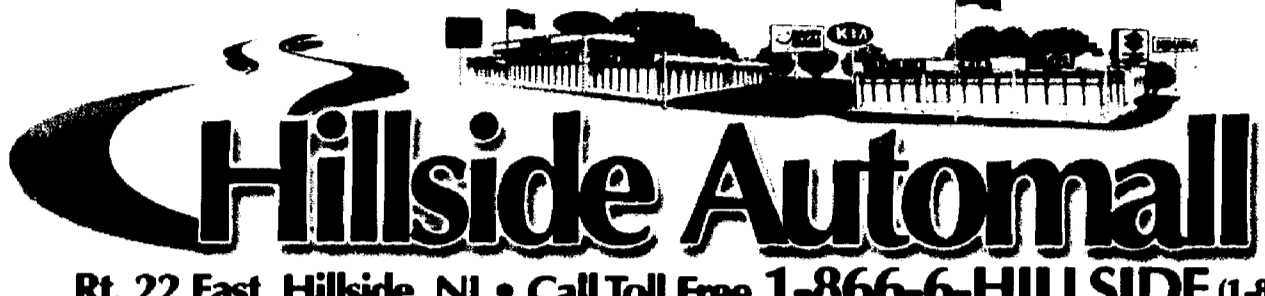


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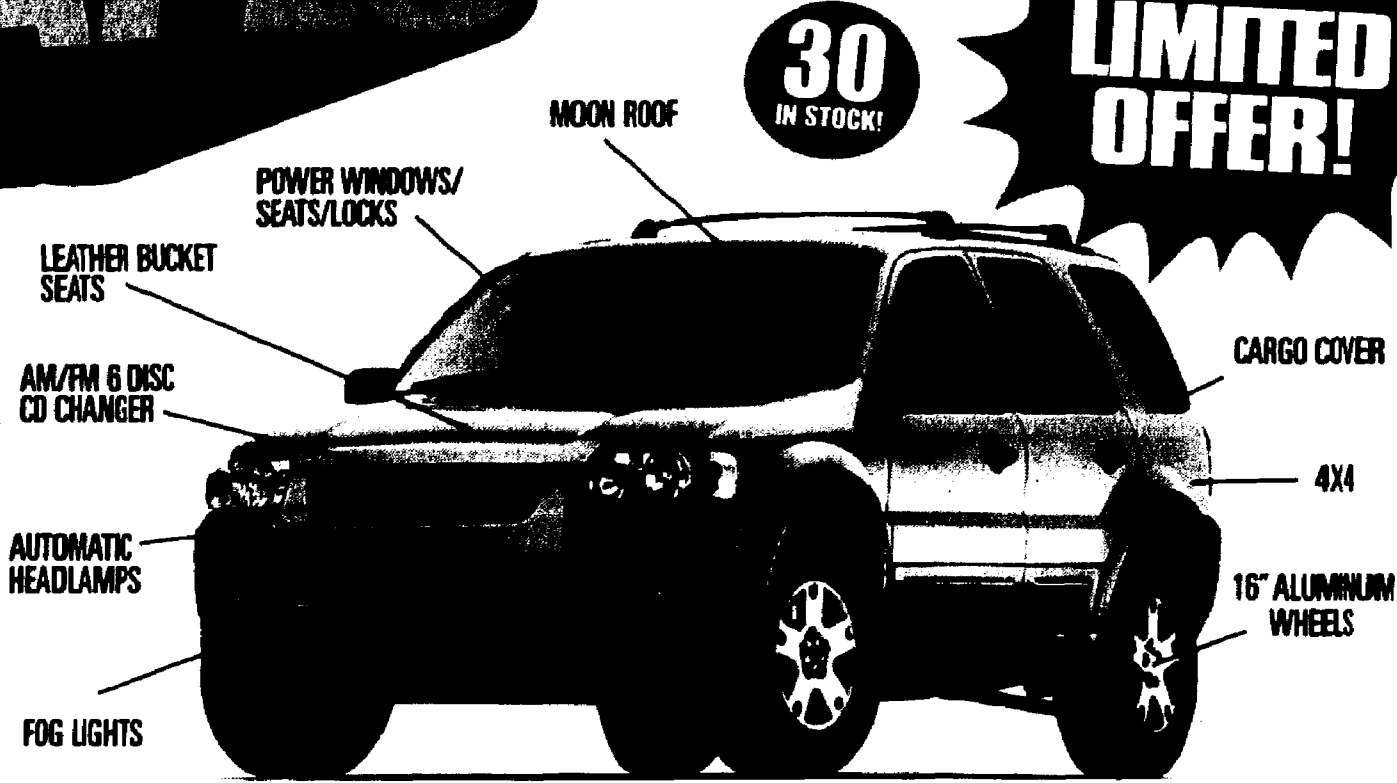
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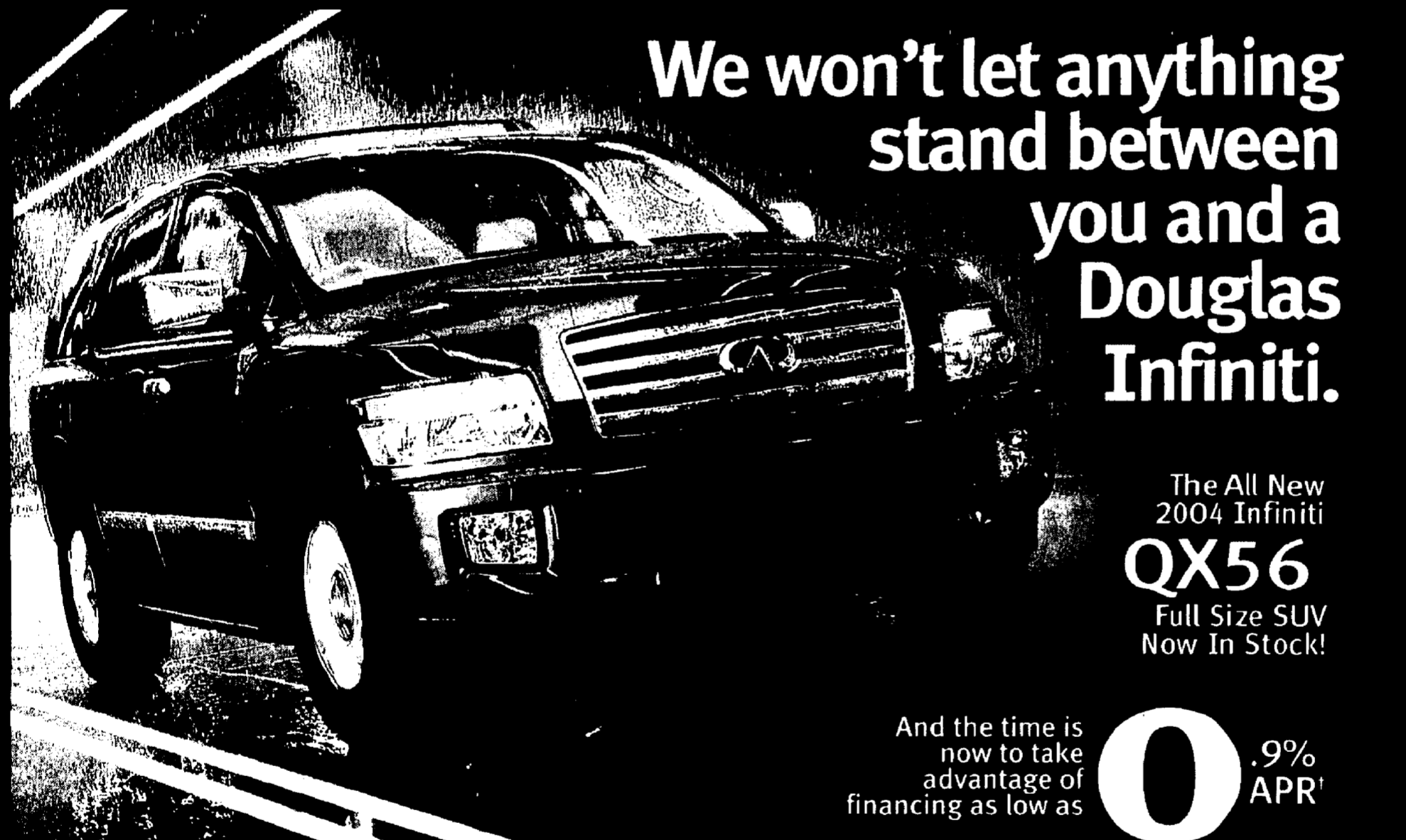
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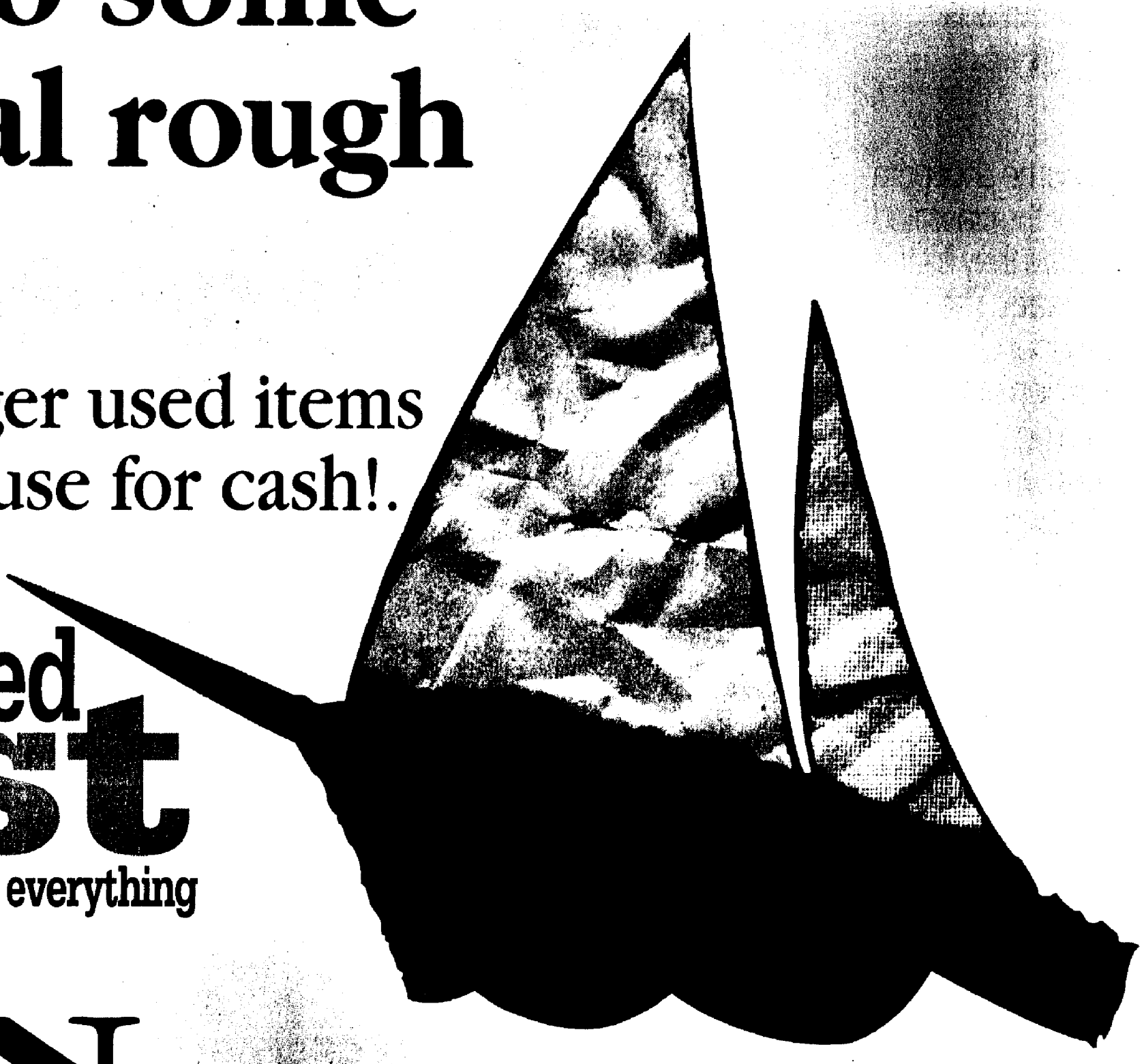
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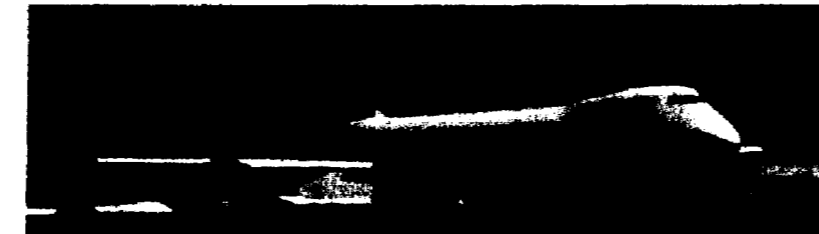
During the three-day sell-off at Multi Chevrolet Volume Discount Outlet, buyers will be able to shop one of the largest selections of new Chevrolet Cars, Trucks and Vans ever offered!



By R.J. Frey
Automotive Advertiser Correspondent

Union N.J. - Jim Tino, Jr. Vice President GM of Multi Chevrolet has announced plans to hold an unprecedented new vehicle sales event this Friday, Saturday and Monday. "Due to our unique, huge-volume buying power, we will be offering discounts so out-of-the-ordinary, we will not be printing our prices here for fear of disrupting the retail price structure of dealers throughout the Northeast," Jim Tino explained. "You must attend the event to get a price quote. Our goal is nothing less than to sell the most new Chevrolets in the history of the manufacturer in the U.S. over a three-day period - even if we have to sell some vehicles at a loss."

buyers will be able to buy with no down payment during this three-day event only." The event will be strictly limited to retail customers only. Other Chevrolet dealers will not be permitted on the premises to buy. Factory orders may also be made at these special sell-off prices. According to Multi Chevrolet Vice President and GM Jim Tino Jr., this event will be the year's best opportunity to obtain



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automotive financing. "We are committed to out-selling every other dealer during this three-day period," Jim Tino said. "We realize a lot of people have had trouble getting financing at other dealers. Therefore, we are flying in special out-of-state bank lenders to offer automotive credit to people who might not normally qualify. By bringing in these special lenders, we can qualify nearly everybody who has a job." The only requirements for one of these special loans are a job, steady income and stable residence. And although bankruptcies must be discharged

they will not prevent someone from getting a loan. "We are financing first-time buyers, people with slow pays in their credit history, people with liens, divorce problems and even people without co-signers who would normally need them," said Andy Sulley, sales and leasing Manager. "On-the-spot financing will be arranged for qualified buyers to assure immediate delivery." All credit subject to approval by primary lender. In fact, getting approved at Multi Chevrolet is as easy as picking up the phone. By calling the Multi Chevrolet Credit Hotline toll-free at 1-800-287-7906, buyers can leave their credit information with no salesman and no hassles. An additional advantage for the buyer is that Multi Chevrolet will have a number of out-of-state used car buyers on the premises. "These buyers will compete to buy our customers' trade-ins," said Tony Marsillo, Used Car Manager. "So you are virtually guaranteed to receive hundreds, or even thousands, more for your vehicle." The Multi Chevrolet sales event is being held at 2675 Route 22 West, Union, NJ.

"This first-time-ever event will be the greatest event in our history!" Jim Tino said. "We are telling people to 'Drive a little...save a lot,' and we expect that customers from as far away as Massachusetts and Pennsylvania will be heeding our advice. To be sure of being able to get the exact model, options and color desired, we recommend arriving early." Here's just one example of the incredible discount uncovered by this event: 2004 Chevy Avalanche, VIN#46101835, V8, auto, 6 disc in-dash CD player, MSRP: \$34,285. Buy for \$23,895. Prices exclude tax & tags.