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## Now hiring: Westfield scurries to fill municipal vacancies

By **DARIA MEOLI**  
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WESTFIELD — Town officials have embarked on a hiring frenzy to fill public positions that have been left vacant for months. There are still several stages of the hiring process that current applicants must go through before they can serve the community. And the numerous vacancies, according to one Town

Council member, are nothing new. "This is a repeating pattern," said Councilman Neil Sullivan. Last year, former Town Administrator Ed Gottko had to stay on as a consultant after his resignation because the Town Council had not appointed a replacement administrator. Last month, Westfield had to be assigned a prosecutor by the Union County Prosecutor's Office

because no appointment had been made to replace Rafael Bentancourt, who resigned in April. Bentancourt's official last day was June 5, and new Westfield prosecutor Brenda Coppola was not appointed until June 20. Police Chief Anthony Scutti must retire before the middle of March 2001 because, according to state statutes, a police chief must retire at the age of 65. Because of

accumulated unused leave time, Scutti is hoping for a November retirement date. The position will be filled by the appointment of an officer within the Westfield Police Department. Town Administrator Thomas Shannon has already hired a consulting firm specializing in analyzing police chief candidates to evaluate candidates, but the Westfield Police Department isn't the only

town department or agency seeking a new administrator. The Westfield Fire Department does not have a permanent fire chief. Chief Paul Battiloro retired in January and senior deputy chief John Castellano has been unofficially acting as chief for four months — he was officially appointed as acting chief on June 26, and will

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### Around Town

#### Scotch Plains gymnast nabs YMCA scholarship

SCOTCH PLAINS — Diana Filo has received a \$500 scholarship from the Gymnastic Advisory Committee of the YMCA of the U.S.A. Filo has been, for the past year, a gymnastics instructor at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, located on Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Filo began her career in gymnastics as a young child at the YMCA; she has been on the YMCA's gymnastics team since 1994 and competed in national-level events for the past three years. The honor roll student graduated last month from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, where she was captain of the gymnastics team and treasurer of the senior class. She also was active in the SP-FHS Choir, the Student Leadership Club and the Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) program. Filo lives in Scotch Plains and said she plans to attend Pennsylvania State University in the fall. The Gymnastic Advisory Committee scholarship is awarded to women who hold a 3.5 grade point average, participate in YMCA gymnastics for five years and compete in the national women's gymnastics championships for three years.

#### Recreation Office will take you to the ball game

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Recreation Commission is offering minor league baseball fans the opportunity to see the Somerset Patriots play Nashua at the Commerce Bank Stadium in Bridgewater Township. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 11. At Commerce Bank Stadium as many fans know, visitors are treated to contests, appearances by the mascot Sparkee and "dizzy bat" races. The cost is \$10 per person, which includes bus transportation and the entrance ticket. The bus is scheduled to depart at 6 p.m. from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building parking lot. Because game times vary, officials can not say when the bus will return. Come to the township Recreation Office, located 430 Park Ave in Scotch Plains, to reserve tickets. For more information, call (908) 322-6700, ext. 221 or 222.

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## Busy summer at Westfield schools

### Annual PEP effort aids self-confidence, language arts skills

By **DARIA MEOLI**  
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Westfield students participating in this summer's Primary Enrichment Program are learning they are a "Peace of the Puzzle."

This year's PEP theme emphasizes global harmony and individual accomplishments.

The sound of children's voices singing "I care about who I am, I care about what I do," pipe out of Linda Tridante's music class on a beautiful summer day at Jefferson School.

"The 'I'm a Peace of the Puzzle' theme has double meaning," said PEP Principal Patrick Rooney. "The students are part of something special and they are someone special."

This is not a summer school for students who did not perform well during the school year; this is no punishment. "It's not remedial," said PEP teacher Mary Ann Sepe. "It's extra incentive and review."

The summer enrichment session began Monday and lasts until Aug. 11. Students in first, second and third grade work on language arts skills through art, music, poetry and writing. The 125 students come together from all Westfield elementary schools to participate in creative and unique approaches to improving their language arts skills.

"We feel reading is at the core of everything," Rooney said. "With language arts, we are able

to tie in so many different areas. The basis of so many problems in the elementary grades is trouble with language arts."

There are 12 classroom teachers and class size is limited to 12 students. There is also a writing teacher, Trista Pollard, who works to develop creative thinking and poetic writing skills with all the students.

"Some parents whose children have moved on from the program have said to me that it was the early intervention years ago that made a big difference," Rooney said. "It gave (their kids) the confidence and the skills to do well."

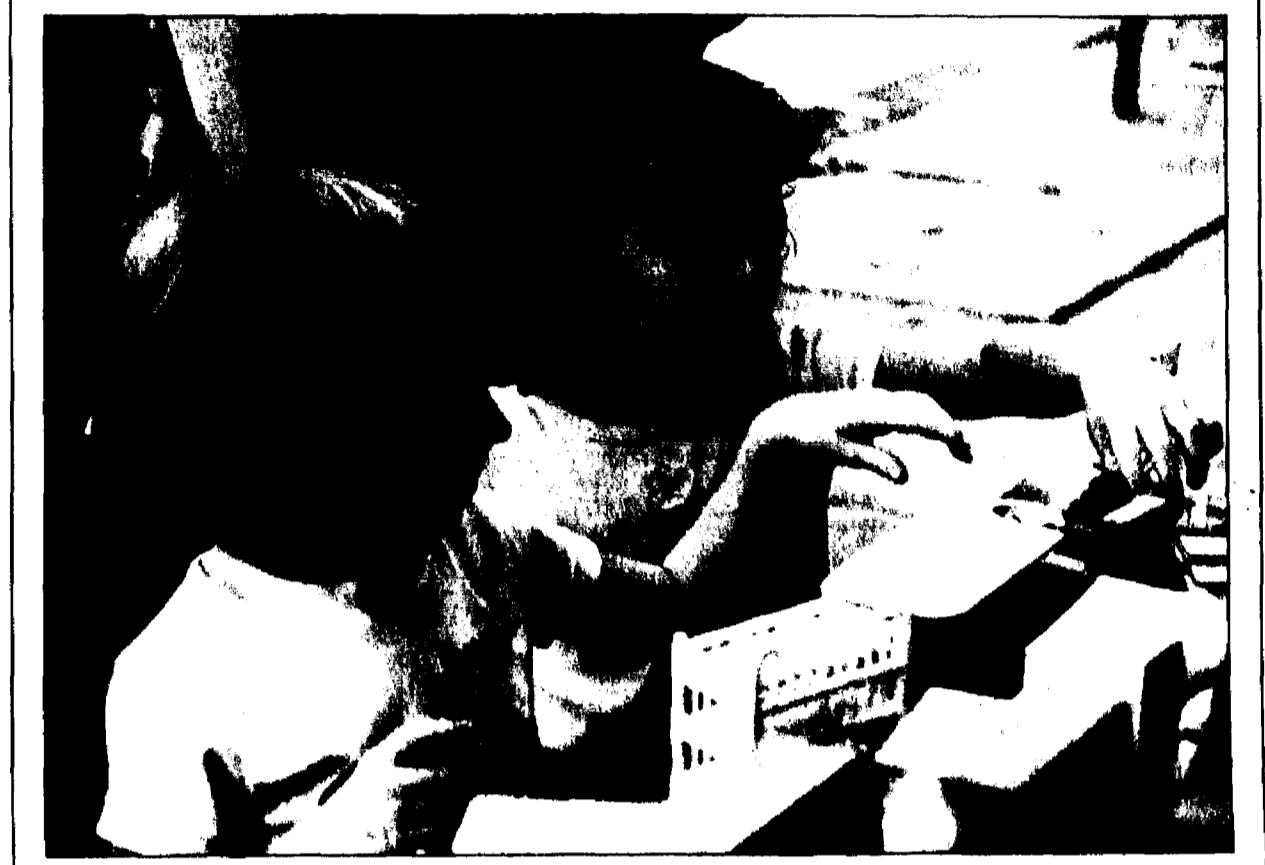
There are special guest speakers who come in to enhance the PEP curriculum. Children's book author Pamela Jane is scheduled to talk to the children about her job during a general assembly. After the assembly, she will work on writing strategies with each grade level individually. Each student will receive a Jane book to read at home.

"It's something like a shot in the arm," Rooney said. "Between the classroom teacher, the writing teacher and the author, the children are exposed to different styles of writing."

Scientist James Flemming is also expected to visit the PEP. He will bring a collection of rocks and a rock identification book. "His whole emphasis is not just sharing the rocks, but explaining how to identify them," Rooney noted. "He will tie in writing by having them write about how they would identify rocks."

The hope of the program is that it will give children ideas of what they can do at home to continue the learning process. Program employees hope the success.

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### Walking the walk

Rebecca Harris, 5, and Anastasia Bohon, 3 (above, left to right), checked out the doll house furniture on display Saturday in front of Little Treasures on East Broad Street, while Westfield Art Association members Bob Yurochko and Barbara Zietchick (right) displayed their wares, all part of the annual Sidewalk Sale Days, held this past weekend in downtown Westfield. Businesses throughout the downtown area set up tables on the sidewalk to show their stuff in a promotion that was as much a community event as a sale.



## A little less rhythm at the Westfield Day Care Center

By **DARIA MEOLI**  
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Day Care Center lost some of its rhythm June 23, when the music teacher who has taught Westfield's toddlers since 1968 retired.

"The greatest satisfaction is to find that children have come back after some years and remember some pleasure they've had," said the recently retired Capitola Dickerson.

### Center says goodbye, and thanks, to longtime music teacher

Dickerson had her own ideas about teaching, and over the years the students responded. "When music is started early, it is effective," she said. "It is basic, it is elementary, it is the first response we have. The first thing a child will start to do is bang. You have to work with that response."

Children from 2 to 5 years old learned songs, singing games,

rhythm instruments, rhythm sticks, bells and triangles under Dickerson's tutelage, while toddlers jumped and marched around to learned routines. Not only did these activities strengthen the children's coordination, they worked small muscles, large muscles, and shape identification. Children were also asked to interpret how certain music made them feel.

Her fellow teachers appreciated Dickerson's ability to channel the children's energy. "This was a high point of the program," said Frances Holyapfel, a teacher at Westfield Day Care for over 20 years. "It was a chance to move and be active. It was a good use of their energy."

Besides her incredible musical ability, (Dickerson is) a very gracious human being,"

Holyapfel added. Dickerson admitted her methods of teaching are uncommon. "In many places, music is being taken away," she said. "If the school budget is short, the arts are the first to go. I don't know that this approach or philosophy I've had has been usual." Dickerson planned her lessons to reinforce the academic units the students were learning in their other classes. "I tried frequently to know what was going

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Retired American astronaut Norman Thagard rocketed into the Fanwood Memorial Library July 20 to meet and greet some future space explorers. Thagard, who discussed his many missions into the final frontier, was present on some of the most historic U.S. space flights, including the missions that launched America's first woman and first African-American astronauts.

## Beyond the final frontier

### Retired astronaut stresses science education in library visit

By **DARIA MEOLI**  
THE RECORD PRESS

FANWOOD — Astronaut Norman Thagard landed July 20 at the Fanwood Memorial Library to tell kids the fastest route to the stars is through books.

Children between the ages of 7 and 17 oohed and aahed while Thagard gave a slide presentation and showed a video memoir of his visits to space.

Thagard became an astronaut in 1978 at age 35. He was a part of the first new group of astronauts in NASA since 1968, and said he can still remember the feeling of his first Space Shuttle flight in 1983. "It was exciting because most of us had wanted to do this since we were kids," he said. "You have the excitement of knowing you are riding in a rocket. They go from zero to 17,000

miles per hour in eight and a half minutes."

Not only did Thagard fly on four United States space missions but he trained as a cosmonaut and worked on the Soviet space station Mir in 1995. He said he felt that was the most important mission of his career. "Clearly, out of my five missions, it was the most important," said Thagard. "It was at the time when the Soviet Union was breaking up. This mission was an agreement between our two administrations to improve relations."

The mission lasted four months and was the longest mission of Thagard's career. "I wanted to be in space long enough to feel I had lived there," he said.

Remaining in space that long is a health risk. The human body reacts to the weightlessness as if it were experiencing long-term

bed rest. The cosmonauts had to lie on their backs with their feet in the air to prevent blackouts. Thagard described the feeling as very, very heavy. The cosmonauts had to exercise and eat well to avoid losing too much weight and keep up their blood count.

"You have to peddle for exercise," the space man said. "Weights don't work in weightlessness. Or you could subscribe to Neil Armstrong's theory on exercise. You only have so many heart beats in one lifetime, why use them all up?"

Thagard boasted about his ability to get up and walk off the shuttle after his four months in space, while his Russian comrades had to be taken out in a stretcher.

The astronaut was also present on some other historic missions. His first mission, in June

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# Union County police eye child seat safety

## County cops hope inspections, education will eliminate needless deaths, injuries

WESTFIELD — Did you know that more than 90 percent of the time, child safety seats are installed incorrectly?

The Union County Police Department, as part of its strategy to help Union County reach national occupant protection goals, has initiated a new child safety seat inspection program.

New issues regarding child safety seats are critical to understand. These issues center around air bag safety, selection of products for children and incompatibility of safety seats with vehicle design.

Research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that when child safety seats are properly used, they reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent.

Nearly one-third of all Americans, including 40 percent of children, don't use seat belts or child safety seats.

Every day children are needlessly injured or killed on the road for one simple reason: An adult failed to buckle them up. Six of 10 children who die in traffic accidents are completely unrestrained. In America, motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for children 5-14. In 1998 accidents took the lives of 2,009 children up to 15 years old and injured nearly 320,000 more.

The Union County Police Department now offers, free to the public, child safety seat inspections. They are held 7 a.m.-3 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday at the county police offices, located at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield. No appointment is necessary.

The department will have an NHTSA-certified child passenger safety seat technician inspect the child safety seat in any vehicle. This examination involves examining the child safety seat to see that it is functioning correctly and has not been recalled or altered. It will check to see that the appropriate restraint has been

selected for the child's age, weight and height. It will ensure that the child safety seat is anchored properly to the vehicle in a suitable position, where the seat fits best and there is no air bag. It will ensure that the child can be properly secured in the restraint.

The goal of this county pro-

gram is to reduce unnecessary and preventable motor vehicle injuries and fatalities to infants and children.

Under state law, child safety seats must be used for all children up to 5 years old in the front seat and all children up to 18 months old in the back seat. Children 18 months-5 years old in the back seat must be using a seat belt or child safety seat.

For more information, call (908) 654-9830.

## Police Log

### Westfield

reports.

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Rasheem Moore was charged Monday with contempt of court.

Moore was wanted on warrants issued by the Plainfield, Seaside Heights and Roselle municipal courts, police said. He was charged at 10:49 a.m.

Ronald Villa Jr. was charged Sunday with simple assault and obstruction of the administration of law.

Villa was charged on Willow Grove Road at 1:19 a.m., according to police

Scott Nievzytek, 31, of Livingston, was charged July 17 with criminal mischief.

Nievzytek was charged at 12:30 p.m., police said.

### Scotch Plains

Earnest L. Coles, 39, of Plainfield, was charged July 20 with robbery, resisting arrest and an assault that was reported on July 18.

Coles was remanded to the Union County Jail in Elizabeth in lieu of \$10,250 bail, according to police reports.

## Whitman applauds Cheney selection

TRENTON — Governor Christine Whitman this week applauded the choice of Dick Cheney as the Republican nominee for vice president.

Presidential candidate George W. Bush made it official Monday when he announced Cheney would join him on the GOP ticket in November's election. On Tuesday, Whitman — whose name has been whispered for years as a possible vice presidential candidate, specifically in the 2000 election — spoke with Bush and issued a press release endorsing the Texas governor's selection.

"I have known Dick Cheney for 30 years and have always

respected his integrity, insight and ability," Whitman said. "I can think of no one with deeper or broader experience in foreign affairs, politics and the workings of Congress."

Whitman said Cheney's experience — as a Congressman, as secretary of defense under President George Bush and as chief of staff for President Gerald Ford — would "serve this country well."

"In the near term, (Cheney) will be a valuable asset to the Bush campaign," Whitman said in her press release. "In the long term, he will be a valuable asset to America."

## Superintendent Foley takes the gavel as Westfield Rotarians begin new year

### Club sets schedule, invites Gore to speak

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Rotary Club began its new year on July 1.

The president for the new year is Dr. William Foley, superintendent of the Westfield Public Schools.

The Westfield Rotary Club supports many community projects, most notably the Scholarship Fund, which donated more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships to Westfield students this year. To date, the fund has awarded close to \$1.5 million in scholarships.

The Westfield Rotary Club

also supports other local and international programs.

The Westfield Rotary has approximately 75 members. The club meets each Tuesday at the Westfield Y for lunch from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Each weekly meeting has a program. New Jersey Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco was scheduled to pay the club a visit Tuesday, and on Aug. 1, Maryanne Connelly, Democratic candidate for Congress and former mayor of Fanwood, is expected to appear.

Possible but unconfirmed speakers include Vice President Al Gore, Gov.

Christine Todd Whitman and Congressman Bob Franks.

Throughout the year, the weekly programs will include other prominent state and local officials, as well as entertainment and speakers on a variety of other subjects.

Suggestions for programs can be made to Westfield Rotary Club Program Director Carl Peer at 316 Lenox Ave., Westfield, NJ 07091.

Guest and persons interested in membership are welcome to attend the meetings.

If interested, call membership co-chairperson Darryl Walker at (908) 654-4100.

## Westfield Historical Society seeks sponsors for Nov. 11 'Veterans 2000' dinner-dance

WESTFIELD — Donald F. Mokrauer, president of the Westfield Historical Society, has announced that volunteers of the society have begun soliciting local merchants and organizations for their support in sponsorship, advertising and donations for the V2K Veterans 2000 dinner-dance.

The dinner-dance is scheduled to be held on Nov. 11 at the Westfield Armory.

The Westfield Historical Society, the New Jersey Department of Military and

Veterans Affairs and the Reserve Officers Association of New Jersey will host this gala event to raise funds for veterans' causes in the state and to honor veterans.

"Specifically, we are raising funds that will be donated to the New Jersey Disabled Veterans for the purchase of much needed transportation for disabled veterans," Mokrauer said.

The dinner-dance is open to the public.

The tickets cost \$35 per person and tables of 10 are avail-

able. The atmosphere will be a USO canteen setting with live music from the 1940s to the present.

All veterans are asked to wear one piece of their uniform (if possible).

Brian Mueller, chairman of the event, noted the society would welcome support from anyone who would like to participate in this program.

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**Births**

A daughter, **Madison Dawn**, has been born to Maureen and John Coleman of Scotch Plains. Madison Dawn was born May 18, 2000 at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

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# Enhanced programming coming to Westfield's cable-access TV-36

'Instant link' allows quicker notifications in case of emergency

By **DARIA MEOLI**  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Behind-the-scenes improvements at cable-access TV-36 are expected to result in better programming this fall.

The group of volunteers at TV-36 has come together to produce more programming. This fall, viewers can look forward to more original content programming like "Westfield Live," the channel's current interview show. There also will be more air time devoted to giving residents a chance to become familiar with different groups within the community.

The station will continue to broadcast Board of Education and Town Council meetings, but beginning this fall, there will be more coverage of local events such as school plays and parades, according to Town Councilman Neil Sullivan who serves as council liaison to TV-36.

TV-36 is funded through the municipal budget. The cost of operating and maintaining the station is approximately \$25,000 annually. However, the station makes the town more money than it costs.

TV-36 is a Comcast franchise. The Town of Westfield receives a

Comcast franchise fee of 2 percent of the company's revenue, which materializes into between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually and goes into the Westfield general fund. "Really, Comcast is the tax collector," Sullivan said. TV-36 is currently looking to hire a part-time coordinator. The station's director, Phil Falcone, is looking to fill the position with an applicant who has a background in broadcasting.

There is also a new "instant link" between the Comcast Cable Company and the Westfield Municipal Building, enabling the Westfield Police Department to interrupt TV-36 programming in the event of an emergency. Programming can be interrupted with a text message or by a "talking head" filmed with a hook-up camera. Before this link, it was necessary to be physically present in Westfield High School to be on TV-36.

# SP-FHS junior wins chance to study abroad in Germany

SCOTCH PLAINS — Alison Wilks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wilks of the township, was recently awarded a four-week, all-expenses-paid study trip to Germany.

Alison earned her award based on her scores in a nationwide German testing program administered by the American Association of Teachers of German.

The AATG, the only national organization representing German teachers at all levels of instruction, is dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the teaching of language, literature and culture of German-speaking countries.

Alison, a junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was one of 23,000 students across the country who competed for the study-trip. Fifty-one

students, representing each state and the District of Columbia, were eventually selected to receive the prestigious prize.

The study-trip awards have been made possible annually for more than 20 years by a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany through its Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Alison and the other trip winners left for Germany in late June. While in Germany, the participants are living with families in Nuremberg, Bavaria, and attending classes at a German secondary school.

They also are taking part in excursions of cultural and historic interest.

A highlight of the program will be a four-day trip to Berlin.



## On the RISE

Members and friends of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield recently completed a week-long community service project, part of the Risingville Intercommunity Service Effort (RISE). The project took place the week of June 25 in Steubben County, N.Y., where the group performed home-repair and renovation work for elderly and disabled homeowners. Workers making the trip included (kneeling, left to right) Tabatha Tamborino, Lynnda Warwick, Jane Anderson and April Sweet; (middle row, left to right) Susie Smela, Melissa Richey, Jen Howell, Allison Newcomer, Bethany Dresely, Jennifer Van Doerf, Caryn Warwick, Kristy Williams, Brian Bigelow and Ryan Leonard; and (back row, left to right) Kevin Dresely, the rev. Herb Brynildsen and Nancy Asbury. Also attending was Janet Poland (not pictured). In addition, Hal Warwick and Cindy DeLisi served as members of the RISE staff the week of June 25, and Lauren Blalock and Sheryl Heine served as RISE staff members the week of June 16.

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# Music Teacher bids farewell

(Continued from page A-1) on in the other classes and emphasize it," she noted. "For example, if the other teachers were doing a transportation or world cultures unit, I would incorporate that."

Dickerson has not retired completely from teaching music — she still gives private piano lessons.

# Westfield scurries to fill vacancies

(Continued from page A-1) hold the position while the fire department awaits an official appointment by Mayor Tom Jardim and the Town Council.

The position of fire chief will be filled by a current member of the department. "It is an internal promotion," Castellano said. "You move through the ranks."

The Westfield Board of Health has also been short by one member, for four months now. "Any delays have probably been my fault," said Board of Health President Jubb Corbet. "What I was looking for was someone with a finical background. We have doctors, nurses and dentists already on the board."

The position was vacated by Mike Fox, who moved to Scotch Plains, making him ineligible for the position on the Westfield board. Corbet said although there is no rush to appoint another member — the Board of Health won't meet again until September, he noted — he did submit the name of a candidate to the mayor a couple of weeks ago. According to Corbet, the board has been functioning well with one less member. "It is not a big deal," he said.

There is one seat that also needs to be filled on the committee of the Westfield Special Improvement District. The vacancy is to be filled by a business operator, according to Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Michael LaPlace, the seat was vacated sometime in the spring.

The candidates for the business operator vacancy have been interviewed by a council subcommittee consisting of Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz, Councilman Gregory McDermott, Jardim, and Sullivan. "Certainly, by the end of the summer the position will be filled," Jardim said.

The SID committee consists of seven voting members. Six members are appointed and one representative from the Town Council also votes. As town officials struggle to alleviate the parking crisis, the SID needs as much input as possible, LaPlace said. "We have been short as far as missing a vote," The DWC director said. "It is a seven-voting-member group, so everyone counts."

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# Scotch Plains resident chronicles the pictorial history of Metuchen

## Photograph-filled tome explores life in the 'Brainy Boro'

By GAIL GASPAR  
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

**METUCHEN** — Even a saddlebag has a story to tell.

A photo of that — and an additional 205 snapshots of familiar faces, places and trappings — comprise the newly released pictorial history "Metuchen: Images of America" by former Edison resident Stacy Spies, who currently resides in Scotch Plains.

With the release of the 127-page book chronicling the development of the borough whose identity was formally established in 1688, Spies, an architectural historian and historical preservation consultant, completed a task begun nearly a year ago.

With the ongoing assistance of The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society, Spies gathered photos taken as early as 1880 and as recently as 1973.

Without the knowledge of the society's president Phyllis Boeddinghaus, and the reference skills of member and historical collections curator Marie Vajo, the task would not have been possible, said Spies, who also acknowledged the contributions of Metuchen residents Tyreen Reuter and Nancy Zerbe. Reuter and Zerbe's

knowledge of local architecture proved to be invaluable, Spies said, noting numerous other Metuchen residents also shared photos from personal albums.

Drawing largely on the society's Grimstead collection, a series of photos taken by Metuchen resident and freelance photographer J. Lloyd Grimstead in the 1930s, Spies documented, researched and ultimately assembled the numerous images to form a text reflecting the many changes in the rail-based town.

Before 1800, writes Spies, Metuchen was "a quiet community within what was Woodbridge Township. Only a dozen businesses were located along and near Main Street on a map from circa 1800."

The creation of Middlesex Avenue in 1806, along with the Perth Amboy and Bound Brook Turnpike in 1808, caused Metuchen to become something of "a crossroads community" with a number of residences and taverns at the intersections. Current-day Amboy Avenue encompasses, in part, the early Perth Amboy and Bound Brook Turnpike.

But it was the railroad that brought about the greatest changes in the life of the town, causing commercial development in the community and a commuter crowd able to take jobs far away from town.

Metuchen was incorporated as a borough, independent of

Raritan Township, in 1900, reflecting its strength of community and distinct character, attributable, in part, to the presence of the railroad.

Photos of the railway are, in fact, the subject of an entire chapter of the book. A circa-1915 photo of a diminutive, now-defunct passenger station at the intersection of Amboy and Lake avenues, and a circa-1893 photo of the construction of the Clive Street railroad bridge over the then grassy terrain, are particularly striking.

Also included is a rarely seen photo of the 1932 train wreck that occurred just east of the Pennsylvania station. In the photo, numerous workers and spectators watch as a crane-like device rights what appears to be a derailed boxcar.

Main Street is the focus of a chapter capturing the tree-lined dirt road at the turn of the century. Hitching posts and horse-drawn carriages appear in several of the photos, one of which includes the W.O. Craig Groceries and Provisions store at the corner of Middlesex Avenue and Main Street.

Throughout the book, Spies provides commentary on the changes reflected in the photos, drawing comparisons between the many dated photos and citing what stands in the place of razed, displaced or burned buildings, where applicable.

Multiple houses of worship comprise a chapter devoted to



### Foxy needs a friend

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churches, including one snapshot of the white clapboard Centenary M.E. Church that long-time residents will remember once stood where the gargantuan Bank of New York now stands.

Other chapters capture persons both familiar and/or noteworthy, including civil war veteran James Oliver at 86 years of age standing alongside a residential garden, circa 1931, and late 19th century novelist and

Harper's contributor Mary Eleanor Wilkins Freeman seated on the porch steps of what may well be her Lake Avenue home.

Spies noted that Freeman satirized local manners and small-town life, using a thinly veiled Metuchen as her setting.

Other attention-getting photos include an assemblage of locals at a chicken roast in Bloomfield's Woods in 1909 and a shot of two saddle bags, slung side by side on a door latch.

"(The leather bags) were given to Charles Henry Pierce when he was 10 years old by the post rider at Campbell's tavern because the stitches were ripped, making the bags unsuitable for carrying mail," writes Spies.

A range of uniforms, homes and vehicles populate the remaining pages of the book. Spies concludes of the borough dubbed "The Brainy Boro" by the press "continues as a larger version of its earlier self."

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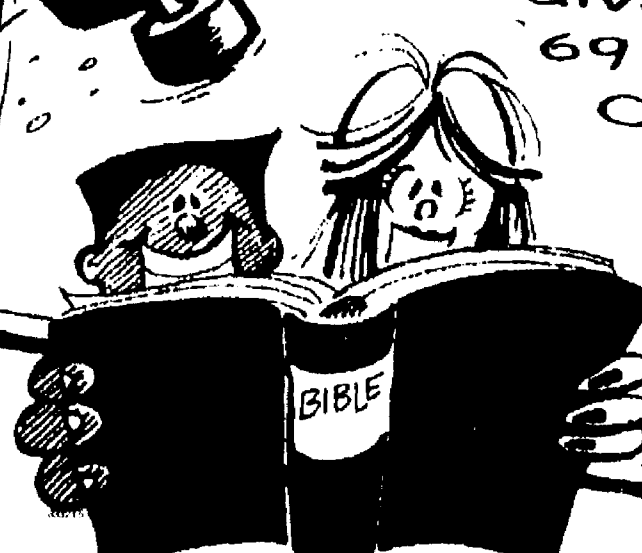
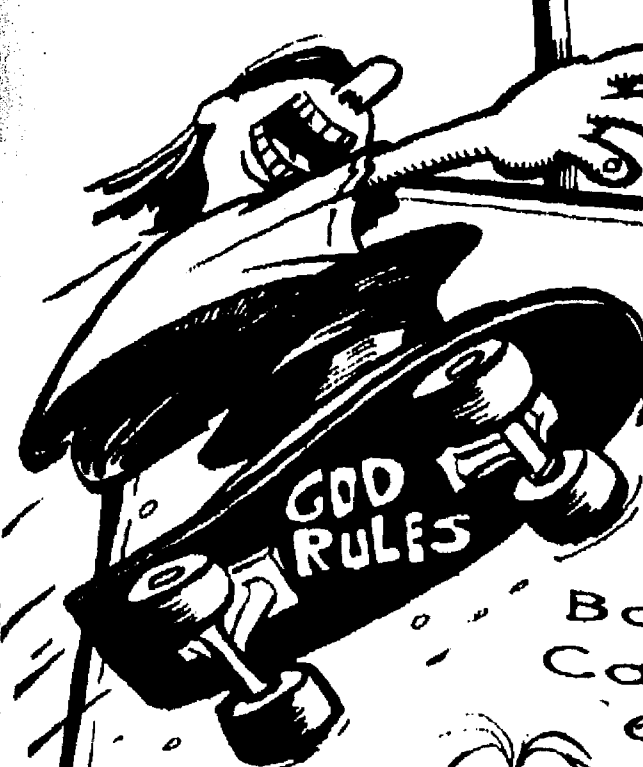
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**Richard Lukas** of Scotch Plains received a bachelor's degree in history and political science May 21 from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa.

**David Ferreira** of Fanwood has graduated from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt. The son of **Lorenzo Ferreira** and **Margaret Merola Ferreira** received a bachelor's degree in biology during commencement exercises May 21.

Thirteen area students have graduated from the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. Receiving degrees at its 151st commencement exercises May 30:

**Karin M. Bizzarro** of Carleton Road, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Kara Lea Fleming** of Drummond Road, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Kerry Lea Fleming** of Drummond Road, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Mark Alan Gregory** of Arlington Avenue, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Michael Andrew Kotler** of Roger Avenue, Westfield, bachelor's degree in business administration.

**Elizabeth Anne Manning** of Boynton Avenue, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**William Peter Maslovsky** of Coolidge Street, Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in business administration.

**Sarah Hamilton Rood** of Kimball Avenue, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Matthew Saul Rosen** of Sandra Circle, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Adam David Ross** of Locust Avenue, Fanwood, bachelor's degree in business administration.

**Ann Marie Teitelbaum** of Lenox Avenue, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Heather Patricia Vlach** of S. Scotch Plains Avenue, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Thomas Liam Wertheimer** of Nottingham Place, Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Elizabeth Ann Giameo** of Westfield has graduated from Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in finance and a minor in Spanish.

Six area students received degrees from Drew University in Madison during its 132nd annual commencement exercises May 20. The graduates:

**Deborah Lee Buchsbaum** of Westfield, bachelor's degree, cum laude. She also was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester.

**Gary Martin Gadek** of Westfield, bachelor's degree.

**Don Sik Kim** of Scotch Plains, master of philosophy.

**Linda Kreil** of Westfield, master of divinity, summa cum laude.

**Magaly Gesualdo Roig** of Westfield, bachelor's degree, cum laude.

**Elizabeth Ann Van Iperen** of Westfield, bachelor's degree, summa cum laude.

In addition, **Matthew Phillip Diener** of Fanwood and **Jennifer Janeira** of Westfield were named to the Drew University dean's list for the spring 2000 semester.

**Evan Flath** of Scotch Plains has received a presidential scholarship to attend Skidmore College

in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He is one of six incoming freshmen awarded the Porter Presidential Scholarship in Science and Mathematics, a grant named for David H. Porter, the college's sixth president.

Flath is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Flath of Brandywine Court, Scotch Plains.

**Holly E. Ambrose** and **Kelly L. Mann**, both of Westfield, and **Dana A. Kudolla** of Scotch Plains were named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at William Paterson University in Wayne.

**Tiffanie Frazier** of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at the Teaneck campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

**Joanna E. Garibaldi** of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa.

Two area students achieved academic honors at the Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University during the spring 2000 semester.

**Matthew Hanas** of Westfield was named to the honors list with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4. **Vrinda Rao** of Westfield was named to the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

**Courtney D. III** of Highland Avenue, Westfield, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. She is a junior majoring in sociology and spent a semester studying in Australia.

The daughter of Robert and Deborah III graduated from Westfield High School in 1997.

**Brian Klimas** of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. He is majoring in economics and international studies with a minor in political science.

The graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is a member of Sigma Iota. Rho honor society.

Four area students achieved academic honors during the spring 2000 semester at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa.

Named to the deans' honors list were **Nicole Marie DeSantis** of Westfield, the daughter of Mr. &

**Mrs. Francis E. DeSantis**, and **Robert Hugh Trainor** of Scotch Plains, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert F. Trainor. Each had a grade point average of 3.60 or higher on a scale of 4.

Named to the deans' commendation list were **Michelle Erica Meyn** of Westfield, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Meyn, and **Elizabeth Ramsundar** of Westfield, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. Ramsundar. Each had a grade point average of 3.33 or higher.

Three area residents achieved academic honors during the spring 2000 semester at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt.

**Kimberly C. Anthony** of Westfield was named a College Scholar, the highest level of academic achievement. The daughter of Frederick Anthony and Mary Ann Campbell Anthony had a grade point average of 3.6 or higher throughout the term.

Named to the dean's list were **Alaina J. Buckland** of Westfield, the daughter of Barry and Gail Buckland, and **Albert Nodar** of Westfield, the son of Felix Nodar. Dean's list students hold a grade point average of 3.3 or higher.

Two area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Providence College in Providence, R.I. They are **Colleen Brennan** of Fanwood, a senior majoring in history and secondary education, and **Thomas Klock** of Scotch Plains, a junior majoring in accountancy.

**Jennifer Jimenez** of Fanwood was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at New Jersey City University in Jersey City.

**Kimberly G. Eide** of Scotch Plains was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C. The daughter of Mrs. John C. Eide graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1997.

**Colleen M. Ryan** of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. The daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ryan is a sophomore majoring in English.

**Christine Giameo** of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2000 semester at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1998 and is a sophomore majoring in engineering.

**Campus notes**

**Roosevelt Intermediate School cites fourth marking period honorees**

WESTFIELD Roosevelt Intermediate School has issued its honor roll for the fourth marking period.

Named to the distinguished honor roll:

**Grade 8** — Stephen Adamo, Ryan M. Bartholomew, Rebecca Bellovin, Sabrina C. Bengal, Hannah A. Burke, Dorothy Chou, Claire M. Ganley, Katherine Geenberg, Amanda J. Glickman, Carolyn E. Harbaugh, Sarah M. Hoban, Michael K. Huber, Victoria Maffey, MaryKate Maher, Danay Mahoney, Justine McGowan, James McGrath, Celine Mogielnicki, Katherine J. Nicol, Brian J. Piro, Amanda C. Reider, Catherine A. Rimondi, Irina Sheremetyeva, Caroline Sheridan, Emily J. Warren, Kate Warren, Eric C. Whitman, Allison Wicks and Laura M. Yee.

**Grade 7** — Jake P. Brandman, Jacqueline A. Burns, Lauren Campo, Caroline R. Cariste, Garrett R. Cokren, Christina N. Cordeiro, Lyndsay Couture, James Davy, Urmi R. Dedhiya, Jacqueline M. Delafuente, Leah Ann DiMatteo, Emily Dura, Gilad Edelman, Scott B. Fishberg, Meaghan K. Fitzpatrick, Sara M. Flood, Sara Gouyd, Emily Rose Greenberg, Craig H. Hewitt, Katelyn Hoens, Max A. Kaplan, Joseph Kenny, Samuel Kim, Casey Klein, Henry H. Koehler, Perri Jana Koll, Jeremy N. Krell, Sara A. Lesko, Abigail M. Lewis, Zachary S. Lowenstein, Emily Rose MacNeil, Mary McCall, Barrett L. Newell, Hillary Nicoll, Elissa Niemiera, Katharine Okamoto, Kelly Ann O'Neill, Emily M. Printz, Elizabeth

Purcell, Jessica N. Ropars, Avrit Rubin, Lindsay D. Seagull, Neda Simaika, Anne E. Siwulec, Dana Brett Spass, Scott A. Steinberg, Christopher Tropeano, Allison Turitz, Benjamin Wieder, Kathy Yang, Zoe S. Zachariades and Nicole J. Zubizarreta.

Named to the honor roll:

**Grade 8** — Kimberly Adams, Katherine Albino, Stephen Anderson, Brooke Austin, Leigh Mary Bannworth, Emily L. Barnes, Ravi Krishna Bharadwaj, Victoria Brynildsen, Thomas Byrne III, Benjamin Cheah, Paul J. Cobuzzi, Elizabeth M. Cullen, Tyler G. Deieso, Maxine Fertig-Cohen, Milan Fry, Erin G. Goldberger, Alyson D. Goodman, Gianna E. Guasconi, Erika L. Hasenfus, David C. Hewitt Jr., Peter Itz, Elizabeth Joyce, Chunggha Kim, Daniel Kim, Rachel Lazar, Jared Leung, Jacob Mirsky, Lauren C. Musacchia, Adam Seth Novick, Theresa Nowicki, Palina Opelbaum, Vladimir Oukhmylenko, Danielle Palentechar, Ryan E. Palumbo, Laurie Pellicano, Gregory J. Pomas, Erica S. Raiff, Margaret Reynolds, Aurora Rivendale, Matthew F. Rowe, Meredith Rucinsky, Carolina Safar, Adam D. Sharpe, Michael N. Sheffin, Laura Shelman, Andrea P. Sinnenberg, Anne J. Tabachnick, Shari B. Thomashow, Lee J. Tomasso, Kristen G. Valla, Miranda Vargas, Charles Vickers, Christine V. Wicks, Donald E. Williams III, Ashley A. Yarusi and Katherine Yoo.

**Grade 7** — Diana Bartolomeo, Michael J. Beil, Diego R. Betancourt, Olena

Borkowsky, Wesley C. Brockway, George Bucci, Leah C. Burke, Brian A. Califf, Maryalyse Carter, Gina Castrorao, Amanda L. Cohen, G. Chadwick Cook, Christopher Coyle, Brian Dunstan, Jenna B. Federgreen, Michael J. Feniger, Danielle M. Ferrari, Patrick D. Fleming, Courtney Franko, Jennifer L. Gerckens, Rachel L. Gordon, Julia Gormley, Mark D. Harbaugh, Loretta A. Harry, Max Heitner, Alexandra K. Hermann, Erica A. Herskowitz, Ralph David Iannazzone, Charles Kalis, Megan Kealy, Sarah L. Klass, Michelle Koppersmith, Andrew R. Levy, Michael E. Lombard, Brendan J. Mahoney, Michaelas Malaspina, Rachel Maran, Michelle Markowski, Kristen Materek, James McCabe, Maggie E. McDermott, Joshua McMahon, Tara J. Meagher, Britany Mironovich, Jared S. Moloshok, Mark T. Molowa, Michelle L. Morawski, Joel Nemeec, Katherine Newingham, Lauren E. Nolan, Michael S. O'Leary, Danielle Parkinson, Jeffrey Pate, Lauren Purdy, David P. Reinhardt, Alison Beth Rodino, Michael P. Rubino, Gregory Ryan Jr., Gregory Salmon, Willa A. Schaefer, Evan M. Scher, William Schoenbach, Emily K. Sheehan, Katherine Smith, Brad Speck, Amanda Spector, Elizabeth K. Strickland, Adam Vinay Subhas, Evan M. Sullivan, Jonathan Tannenbaum, Mikala Tidswell, Elizabeth T. Trimble, Christopher Velderman, James M. Wade, Gregory M. Weissman, Anne Yingling and Dana Zichlin.

**Area students earn Oak Knoll School honors**

SUMMIT — Nine girls in The Record-Press area achieved academic honors during the third trimester at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child.

Earning first honors were Tracy Evans of Westfield, grade 12; Elena Goetz of Scotch

Plains, grade 10; Larissa Curlik and Kathryn Wade of Westfield, grade 9.

Each had grades no lower than an "A."

Named to the honor roll were Birgit Unfried of Scotch Plains, grade 12; Laura

Mazzeuca of Scotch Plains, grade 11; Katherine Abramson of Scotch Plains, grade 10; Brigid Abraham of Westfield and Alicia Mazzeuca of Scotch Plains, grade 8.

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# Commentary

## Bias crimes hurt us all

In the past few weeks, there has been a series of heinous bias crimes committed in Bridgewater Township. Anti-Semitic slurs and threats have been scrawled on signs in one part of the township, with a park and youth baseball complex emerging as the favorite targets. These incidents are the latest in a series of bias crimes that have plagued the same section of Bridgewater for the past year.

The Bridgewater Police Department and the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office are continuing their aggressive investigation into these crimes. These law enforcement authorities correctly recognize these horrible crimes not only as acts of graffiti or pranks or simple vandalism, but as serious crimes against the whole community.

It's easy to say "hey, who cares about Bridgewater? We're in Union County." But is there a town in Union County — a town *anywhere* in America — that has not fallen victim to such ignorant acts of hatred?

What is *not* easy is accepting the responsibility of preventing such acts, of making sure such horrific crimes do not occur in our back yards.

It is also difficult to apprehend whoever is responsible for such crimes, which are invariably committed by cowards who make their mark and then run and hide. That's why Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne Forrest is asking the public to step forward with any information about these incidents. Silence, as Shai Goldstein of the New Jersey Anti-Defamation League noted, is bigotry's best friend.

We hope the authorities receive the full cooperation of the public and apprehend whoever is responsible as soon as possible.

Though Bridgewater may have experienced more than its fair share of bias crimes, no community in New Jersey is immune from the disease of hatred (and in many cases, it's a genetic disease passed on knowingly — or unknowingly — from generation to generation.) Similar incidents have sprouted up over the years even in tight-knit communities like Cranford and Westfield, places where diversity is the norm and tolerance the rule.

Though we may not like to admit it, there is still too much racism and prejudice in all of our hometowns. Every bias crime — whether it's a swastika scrawled on a sign or a racist insult hurled between youngsters — should be taken seriously, not just by law enforcement authorities but by the entire community.

And we should not wait for such lowly acts to occur before we try to prevent them. Education, as in so many other cases, is the answer, but in this case, the education falls to us: we the parents, we the neighbors, we the media.

Like other towns in New Jersey, Bridgewater has a well-earned reputation for tolerance and diversity, yet its image has been tarnished by these incidents and the sensationalistic headlines that follow. Is it going to happen here? Is a racial slur going to appear on the wall of a local library or school, leaving towns such as Garwood or Scotch Plains to "prove" racial intolerance is not a problem?

The best weapon against bias crimes is when the police apprehend whoever is responsible and make sure they are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, and when a stiff jail sentence follows. But prevention may very well be the second-best weapon, and that prevention requires frank conversation among families, church members, even municipal leaders.

Bias crimes are not only crimes against their intended targets; they are crimes against the community, so in the end, when such a crime occurs, we are all victims. And when we just let them happen, when we delude ourselves into believing there is no problem where we live, we become the perpetrators as well.

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## Letters to the editor

### Get rid of state Fish & Game division

#### To The Editor:

Isn't it a contradiction when the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife is concerned about the dangers of black bear, but not the greatest dangers in the use of guns? Nationwide in 1998 there were 987 hunting casualties: 93 fatal and 894 non-fatal.

Isn't it an oversight on the part of the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife to cite the costs associated with bear damage but not the medical costs attached to the treatment of the hunting accident "victims"?

Isn't it a paradox that the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife professes to be so cognizant about the possibility of a child being hurt by a black bear but allows for 10-year-olds to participate in this hunt and to use shotguns and bows and arrows?

Isn't it curious that the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife is so sensitive to the injury and deaths of domestic pets by black bear, but not the greater number that are injured and killed by hunters?

Isn't it negligent that the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife in its concern about the economic loss of farm livestock killed by black bear, does not mention the loss of livestock by hunters?

Isn't it a scare tactic that the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife emphasizes that black bear overpopulation (if it does exist) is dangerous, but will not acknowledge that the invasion of the entire state's hunters to the three noted bear counties will cause more of a dangerous overpopulation?

Isn't it propaganda that the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife instills fear that the typical timid black bear going about its business will

harm us, but does not acknowledge that a bear injured or maimed by the hunters and escapes, would cause the real threat?

Isn't it irresponsible that the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife reintroduced a black bear hunt based upon a "guesstimate" of their numbers, not scientific data collection?

Isn't it criminal that New Jersey had laws that protected our black bears since their decimation of 1971, and now when they are finally recovering and are seen and enjoyed by citizens, the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife planned another random mass slaughter?

Isn't it self-indulgent that the autonomous Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife is a council of hunters with powerful interests to promote and perpetuate recreational hunting?

Isn't it unconscionable and depraved for the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife to allow for mother bears and their cubs to be hunted?

Isn't it corrupt that the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife has strong financial incentive (the division generates its revenue from the fees collected from licenses for hunting, fishing, trapping and special permits, as well as bonuses for license sales!!!) to continually choose to slaughter our wildlife, rather than manage it in comprehensive, humane and non-lethal ways?

Isn't it time for the citizens of New Jersey to band together to declare to the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife, "We will no longer tolerate your management of our wildlife!"

Call and write Governor Whitman and members of the Assembly today to vote to protect our black bear from September's hunt. Then work to get rid of the Division of Fish, Game & Wildlife.

JANET PACIO-PISZAR  
Whitehouse Station

### Use non-lethal means to control bears

#### To The Editor:

A trophy hunt for random, native black bears will not solve individual conflicts with black bears. Consider what has happened to the deer herd under the watch of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Fully one-third of the deer, 75,000, are killed every year by hunters. Still there are more than 19,000 deer/car accidents and \$30 million in crop damage each year in New Jersey, more than double 15 years ago.

If hunting has done virtually nothing to stop problem deer, why would anybody think a black bear hunt would eliminate incidents with bears. Shooting bears in Clinton, Warren and Wantage will not eliminate bear problems in Randolph, Paterson and Trenton. Instead why not educate communities on how to deal with problem bears and deal with each problem bear using our trained Certified Animal Control Officers and local police.

In just a few short weeks, hunters with bows and arrows, muzzle loaders and shotguns will

move into the woods to kill native New Jersey black bears for the first time in 30 years.

The New Jersey Senate passed legislation to protect the black bear, but unless your readers act immediately, the protective legislation will not be heard in the Assembly and will not reach Governor Whitman's desk before the hunt.

We are asking your readers to write to: Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, 63 East Ave., Suite C, Woodstown, NJ 08090-1499. Ask Speaker Collins to see that the Black Bear Protection Bill passes the Assembly and reaches Governor Whitman's desk before the bear hunt goes forward. Send a copy of the letter to: Governor Christine Todd Whitman, State House, 125 W. State St., CN001, Trenton, NJ 08625.

New Jersey citizens can coexist with native black bears using humane, non-lethal means.

NINA AUSTENBERG  
Director

Mid-Atlantic Regional Office  
Humane Society of the United States

## Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

## Overhaul is needed for tax system

Summertime is not be what it used to be in New Jersey.

You could go north to the mountains and relax in the cool shade by a sparkling lake. Hikes through pristine woods produced memorable epiphanies of nature, revelations you wondered about at night while lying in the wet grass and watching for shooting stars in the clear, crisp sky.

Or you could go east to the shore, where the redeeming sea breezes slice through the oppressive heat of the cities and suburbs. Sandcastles were built on the beach and the only worry about swimming in the ocean was the two-hour wait after lunch. The boardwalk was a boulevard of delights and the soothing rhythm of the uncomplaining waves lulled you into a deep, peaceful sleep, perfect for a vacation.

You had the choice of two small paradises in your own backyard.

That choice is being threatened.

New Jersey's suburban sprawl has reached the mountains of the north. Once deserted country roads are now choked with traffic, as commuters hurry to and from their jobs in the "original" suburbs in Essex, Morris, Bergen, Middlesex and Somerset counties. The calm sounds of nature are jolted by machinery clearing earth and chewing trees; the buzz of mosquitoes has been replaced by the growl of chain saws. At night you can no longer see the Milky Way; the glow from the creeping development films the sky with an orange filter. You might as well sit at home and watch a nature program on The Discovery Channel.

There is one advantage, however: with development affecting their natural habitat, your chances of seeing wildlife such as deer or bears has never been better.

The shore is no longer a refuge from New Jersey's other problems. Development crowds the coastline and in some fashionable towns rents have risen so ferociously that it may be cheaper for a family to spend a vacation at Disney World. Some shore towns which were once popular family destinations — Keansburg and Asbury Park — are now no better than blighted ghost towns. (Fifty-four years ago my parents spent the first night of their honeymoon in Asbury Park; a newlywed couple would be branded insane if they dared to do that in 2000.) And no matter how many casinos are built or new tunnels are dug, Atlantic City beyond the glitz is still terribly sad.

The state of the shore and the mountains is symptomatic of what has gone wrong in New Jersey. New Jersey's economic health is better than most states. Yet, like the gold rush towns of the west, New Jersey was not prepared for the explosion.

There has been much talk lately about open space preservation and something called "smart growth." Only now, after the horses of development have left the barn, have officials at all levels of government begun to invest in the acquisition of open space. And in many instances, "smart growth" should be better termed "no growth" as zoning, from the state master plan to the tiniest borough, should be tightened in the name of protecting the environment not just for wildlife, but for humans as well.

New Jersey's ridiculous reliance on a regressive property tax system shoulders much of the blame. It has led to a pursuit of development for the short-term political gain of keeping taxes down at the expense of the long-term erosion of the quality of life. With the gubernatorial race heating up 15 months before the election, the candidates should be talking not about who backs whom in Cumberland County, but what should be done to overhaul the state's tax system.

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# Park Middle School cites top students of fourth marking period, school year

SCOTCH PLAINS — Park Middle School has issued its honor roll for the fourth marking period and the 1999-2000 school year.

Named to the distinguished honor roll for the fourth marking period, with grades no lower than "A" in all subjects:

**Grade 8** — Andre Baruch, Jessica Cavanagh, Lauren Haertlein, Laura Manzano, Jenna Marianni, Zachary McGuire, Daniel Metzger, Chelsea Mintz, Victoria Shelus, Caitlin Shevlin, Nancy Twu and Camille Vecchione.

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Kathryn Devlin, Brian Dickey and Megan Drown.

Also honored in grade 6 were Ashley Epps, Gabrielle Falco, Shemane Fritz, Robert Gabel, Brian Glassett, Nicholas Hallbilsback, Brian Halpin, George Helock, Zachary Hvizdak, Joseph Jacobi, Elizabeth Jacobs, Elizabeth Katz, Loni Kaye, Melissa Koerner, Maria Kolokowska, Katelyn Kosenick, Alexandra Kuck, Brittany Lambros, Jessica McGarry, Ian McNally, Troy Morgan, Christopher Nilsen, Ronald Petty, Danielle Porter, Thomas Ruggieri, Melissa Sette, Colin Smith, Katherine Van Haastern, Aylis Vasquez and Joshua Zinman.

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## Senior CITIZEN

FOCUS ON THE OF INTEREST TO SENIORS AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM.

# Seniors, it's not how much you have, it's how — and if — you keep it

By BENJAMIN D. ECKMAN

Paul, a widower, had bought his home more than 30 years ago for \$25,000. The property has since appreciated to its present value of approximately \$300,000. If Paul were to enter a nursing home, without having first come to me for a consultation, the house would absolutely be the first asset taken by the nursing facility to pay for his care.

If Paul were to make an outright gift of the home to his children, a huge capital gains tax will be triggered when the children later sell the property. The tax will be computed on the sales proceeds (\$300,000) less their cost basis (\$25,000). Roughly \$55,000 in taxes would go to the IRS. Also, since the children now own the property, if they ever became divorced or bankrupt, their creditors can kick Paul out of the home.

Paul established a **Deed with a Life Estate Remainder**. By properly and timely implementing this technique, Paul has assured his family that the principal residence will be protected from Medicaid liens and capital gains taxes. By separating ownership of the home from possession, the children now own the property. Paul, however, is able to remain in the home for the rest of his days without fear of being kicked out. If he enters a nursing home, no lien would be placed on the house, since ownership is now with the children. Furthermore, no capital gains taxes would result, since at Paul's death, the children inherit the property at the fair market value.

Sally, a widow, rents an apartment. She owns stocks and bonds in the amount of \$400,000 which were purchased

years ago for \$50,000. Sally hopes that she will never need long term care, but if so the nursing home will confiscate all of the assets.

If Sally chose to transfer the assets to her children, they would have suffered a huge tax bite upon the sale of the largely appreciated assets. Here close to \$100,000 would have been paid in taxes. Additionally, the risks that go along with an outright transfer to children are numerous. Aside from divorce or bankruptcy, if Sally were to file nursing home care immediately, that money may not be available to her, since it now legally belongs to her children. Here Sally certainly loses her dignity by requiring her children to return money to her as she needs it.

Upon my recommendation, Sally set an **Income Only Trust**. This provides a wonder-

ful planning opportunity for seniors who wish to protect their appreciated assets from the nursing home, while at the same time retain control over the income. By transferring the assets to an Income Only Trust, as opposed to an outright transfer to children, Sally has more control over the assets, since income is being paid directly to her. My client feels a greater sense of independence because of this direct payment.

Capital gains tax considerations also warrant the use of an income only trust. By placing the appreciated assets in an income only trust, the assets would be included in Sally's estate on her death. Thus, the children will receive a step-up in basis and will avoid paying significant capital gains taxes.

By properly and timely drafting an Income Only Trust, I have shown Sally and her fami-

ly how to protect the money from the nursing home, avoid significant capital gains tax on the appreciation of the assets, and retain the clients dignity and self-respect. This way Sally and her family members win, while the nursing homes and government lose.

Mr. Smith came to my office shortly after his wife had suffered a stroke. The couple, happily married for over 40 years, rent an apartment. Their liquid assets consist of a joint bank account of approximately \$50,000, while Mr. Smith has his own IRA account worth \$250,000. Mr. Smith insisted that he wanted Medicaid to pay the nursing home bills for his wife. They had paid into the Social Security and Medicare systems and it was time the government helped the seniors.

I informed him that in order to qualify for Medicaid, Mrs. Smith must spend down to \$2,000, while Mr. Smith may only keep \$81,960. The balance must be spent on her nursing home care. Mr. Smith asked me if there was anything I could do to protect the balance.

On June 8, 1998, the New Jersey Supreme Court unanimously ruled that when calcu-

lating an institutionalized spouse's eligibility for Medicaid benefits, a healthy spouse's Individual Retirement Account must be included. The court said that the government is not solely responsible for the care of the seniors in this country, but rather they must attempt to pay their own health care costs. In light of the recent New Jersey Supreme Court decision, I recommended that Mr. Smith convert his IRA to an annuity. I indicated that by keep the money (\$300,000) the way it is, approximately \$215,000 would be required to be spent on Mrs. Smith's care.

Mr. Smith instead converted \$200,000 of his IRA into an annuity. This money remains protected and the nursing home can't grab it. As a result, only \$15,000 was spent on Mrs. Smith's nursing care.

As illustrated, many planning options are still available to protect family members. It is important for family members to consult with an elder law attorney experienced in Medicaid planning.

Benjamin D. Eckman's law practice focuses on estate planning and elder law legal issues facing senior citizens.

# Seniors must make sure to drink plenty of water

SCOTCH PLAINS — Studies show that many people forget one important thing in their daily routine: to drink a few glasses of water.

Older adults run a higher risk for dehydration due to medications which may dry out the body or simply because they may avoid drinking "too much" to reduce trips to the restroom.

Michele Elkins, M.D., medical director of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers, offers these tips to seniors to avoid dehydration during the warm summer months.

\* Eight is great. Each day set a goal to drink, at least, eight glasses of fluid.

\* Don't be limited. Water can come from any beverage — juice, coffee, tea, milk, soft drinks and even soup. "However, it is important to be cautious," said Elkins. "Caffeine in coffee, soft drinks and tea actually boosts your body's water output, offsetting some of the benefits of taking in the fluid."

\* Get creative. For those who want to try something a little different, fruit juice mixed with club soda or seltzer water makes a refreshing carbonated drink.

"With the exception of those who suffer from hyperthyroidism, renal failure, or congestive heart failure, no one has to worry about consuming too much water," said Elkins. "However, we do have to worry if we don't take in enough."


Heat exhaustion or heat stroke, asthma, dental disease and several gastrointestinal problems may result from insufficient hydration. Every

person runs these risks, but older people must be particularly mindful. Individuals who suffer from heart disease or renal failure should consult their physician regarding recommended fluid intake.

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# For classic collector, it's the years, not the mileage

## Cars are a 'passion' for Garwood auto antiquarian

By ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI  
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

GARWOOD — When most people get into an automobile accident, they try to push cars as far away from their minds as possible for awhile. But Ralph Marano could not stop thinking about one particular car after a 1978 crash.

Of course, it is never unusual for Marano to think about cars, which he has loved all his life. In 1974, he opened up Marano and Sons Auto Sales in Garwood, after previously working with his father at his Marano and Sons Auto Sales in Woodbridge. But it was that '78 auto accident, in which his car was hit in a head-on collision, that helped start his classic car collection.

Some of his cars have been in competitions across the United States. His collection totals approximately 35 cars, including cars owned by entertainers such as Clark Gable and Al Jolson. Some of the makes include Jaguars, Porsches, Cameros, LeBarons and Packards, with a Packard being the car that started it all.

"My father and I had put a deposit on a '37 Packard," said

the 53-year-old Marano, who also lives in Garwood. "In 1978, it cost \$12,000. I thought about it for a couple of weeks and I told the guy to keep the deposit, but I just couldn't see paying that kind of money for that kind of car."

After the accident, Marano had to go to the hospital, where he found he had plenty of time to think. "While they were stitching my face, the Packard came to my mind,"

Marano said. "I wrote my father a note telling him to buy the Packard."

His father wound up buying that Packard, the first in Ralph Marano's collection. Not only did the accident spur him to start

*"(My collection) is more of a love than about money. I love the cars more than money. To me, they're a work of art, they're sculpture — they're not just automobiles."*

— Ralph Marano  
Garwood classic car collector

collecting classic cars, it also brought about his decision to work full-time instead of part-time at Marano and Sons, which is a family-owned business that sells pre-owned cars and trucks. His wife Adeline and sons James and Ralph also work at Marano and Sons, and he left his job at Sears & Roebuck to dedicate himself to the cause.

"After the accident, I took a year-and-a-half off, and I spent a little more time working on cars," Marano said. "I said to myself, 'If I could sell three cars a week, I could make what I make at Sears, so I gave it a go. One day I walked into Sears and said, 'These 16 years have been nice, but I'm leaving. And I've been working full-time ever since.'"

The full-time effort has given Marano the money to develop his classic car collection. He has the car that was used in the

"Banacek" television show. He has one of the six 1952 Packard Pun American show cars — the only six ever made — and his appeared at the New York Auto Salon that year. He has one of the dozen 1932 12-cylinder Auburn boat-tail speedsters that were ever made.

He has 17 Packards in all — including, of course, the Packard Barons owned by Jolson and Gable, which he bought in 1985 and 1995, respectively.

Though Marano said the Packard Barons were "movie-star cars," he mainly bought them because he is the world's biggest collector of the Barons.

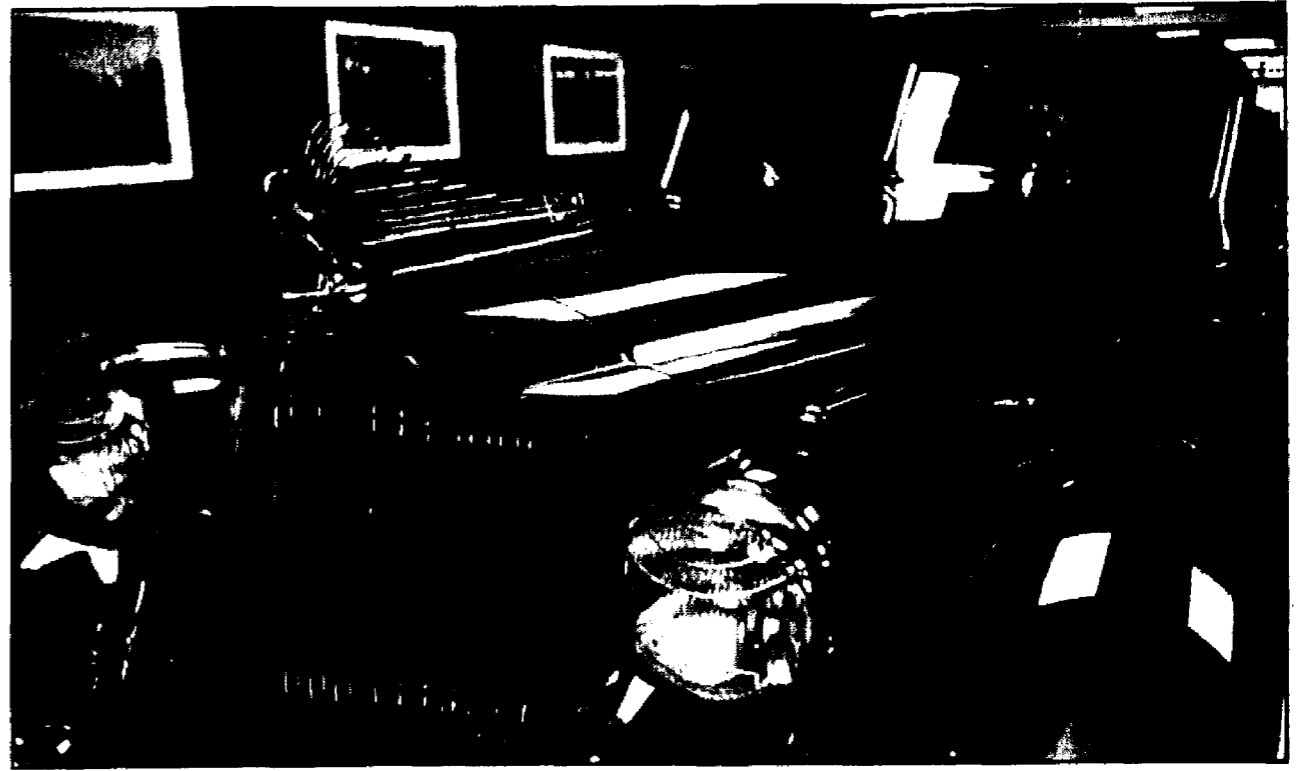
"I'm the only guy in the world who has one from each year," Marano said. "I have six of them. They are custom-body cars that are unique to the person that bought the car."

Marano said he is one of the few classic car collectors around.

"The classic car collectors are either dead or too old to do it anymore," he said. "I was kind of premature when I did this in my 30s."

"A lot of people used to say, 'Are these your father's cars?' And I would say, 'No these are my cars,'" he added. "This is my passion. This is my life. This is what I wanted to do."

Marano has taken his cars all across the nation for concours invitations, including such places as Pebble Beach, Calif.,



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For Garwood's Ralph Marano, collecting classic cars "is more of a love than about money." To Marano (below), with his impressive collection of old license plates, the vehicles are "works of art ... not just automobiles." And that includes the 1937 Packard (above) that once belonged to movie star Clark Gable.

Meadowbrook Hall at the Dodge estate in Detroit, and Hershey, Pa. Marano said he has won dozens of competitions, and he said placing well enhances the car's value.

"It's a lot of fun. We've met a lot of nice people," Adeline Marano said. "We've traveled to a lot of nice areas we probably would not have otherwise gone to."

Mrs. Marano also expressed that her husband's car collection has been something they, their children and their grandchildren can all enjoy. "We travel to a lot of the shows together," she said. "Now, our grandchildren will be going. It's a nice hobby. It can keep you together as a family."

Despite having so many valuable cars, and putting so much into restoring them, Marano does

not pay much attention to how much he bought them for, and how much they are worth now.

"There are million-dollar cars here, but I don't remember what I paid for some of them because I restored almost every one of them," Marano said. "(My collection) is more of a love than about money. I love the cars more than money. To me, they're a work of art, they're sculpture — they're not just automobiles."

"There is only a handful of (classic car collectors) left," he added. "We're only caretakers. Then we pass them on to the next person, and they take care of them again. But bringing them back from the dead and restoring them to give them some more longevity is like resurrecting a bit of history."

## Garden Club closes season

WESTFIELD — At a picnic marking the end of their 1999-2000 year, members of the Garden Club of Westfield, elected new officers and chairpersons for their next season.

Continuing as president for the second year of her term will be Jean Partner-Jones. Joining her on the executive board will be Irene Haria, first vice president; Mary Ann Malloy, second vice president; Elsie Seastream, treasurer; Pat Volini, recording secretary; and Jane Bischoff, corresponding secretary.

Partner-Jones announced these chairmen of club committees: Awards, Sally Brown; Birds, Norma Degnen; Civic Projects, Nancy Rainville; Planters, Joanne Scullebarger; Conservation and Environment, Jean Sawtelle; Exhibiting and Flowers, Jean Glass; Garden Therapy, Jane Curtis; Horticulture, Louise Roche; Hospitality, Ottilie Greismer; Library Flowers, Lucille Finter; Membership, Lisa DeHaven; Program, Irene Haria; Publicity, Judy Melloan; Telephone, Dot Archer; Ways and Means, Nancy Roff; Workshops, Ruth Paul and Jennie Williams.

The local garden club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Council of State Garden Clubs. The club's new season starts in September.

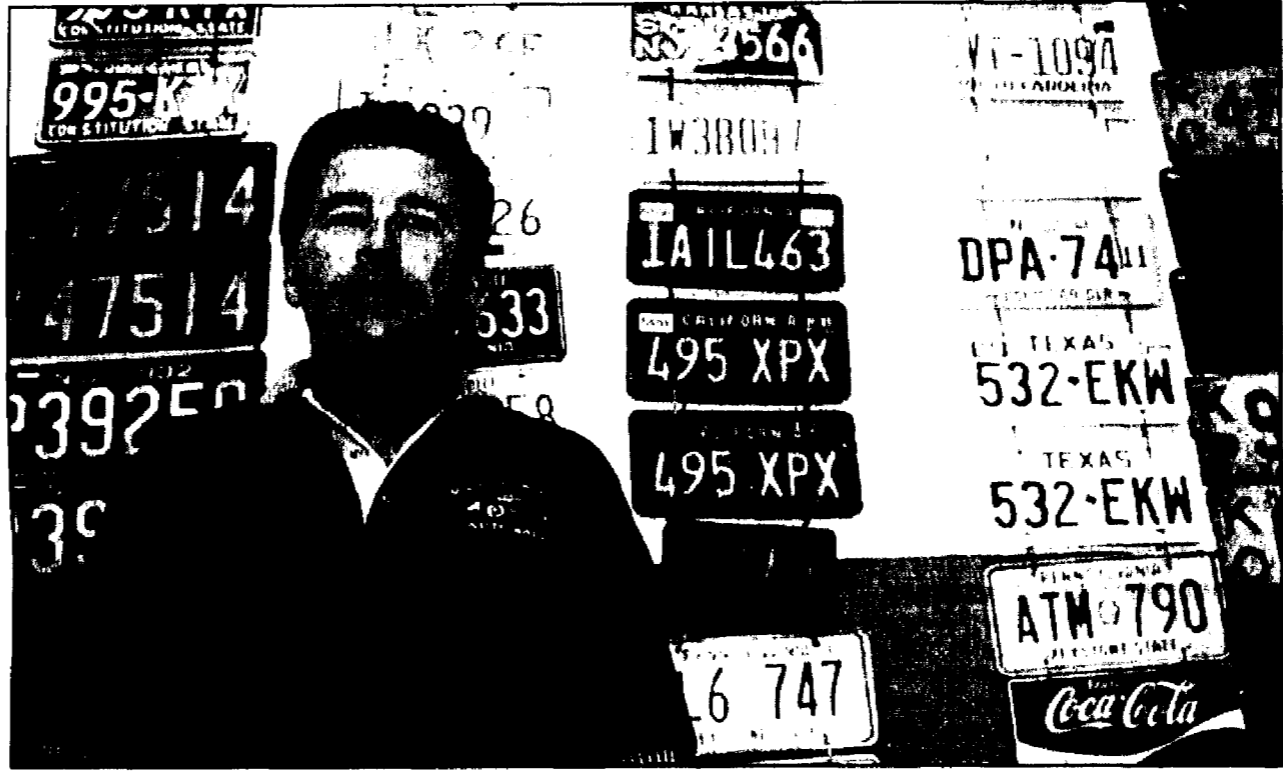
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# PEP makes for busy summer

(Continued from page A-1) cees and fun the students have at PEP will be carried over into the school year.

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The teachers culminate activities to reinforce what they learned during the school year and continuously praise the students on their success.

"Some of the children come here timid and not very

vocal," Sepe noted. "The program allows them to build self-confidence. The underpinning philosophy is confidence in self."

Sepe teaches a first-grade class in the PEP. This week, her students brought in beach towels, a book starring an ocean character and an object from the beach that was special to them. The children even came to class decked in beach wear.

Next week, Sepe's class will pitch tents and read their favorite camping stories by

flashlight. The outdoor ambiance will be complete with a plug-in, "crackling" campfire.

PEP is funded by the Westfield Board of Education. Superintendent William Foley and Board of Education President Danielle Walsh will attend the session-culminating "PEP Rally" Aug. 11 to present the students with dictionaries. Parents are invited to attend the rally and watch their children perform songs.

# Retired astronaut rockets into Fanwood library

(Continued from page A-1) 1983, was also mission that saw America's first woman astronaut, Sally Ride, take to the stars. "She became interested in becoming an astronaut by walking across the Stanford campus and seeing a flyer that said NASA was accepting applications for astronauts," Thagard recalled.

On a 1985 mission, Thagard flew with the first African-American astronaut, Craig Gregory.

The astronaut was asked to appear at the Fanwood Memorial Library by children's librarians Susan Staub and Kerry Maione.

The presentation enhanced their "Travel to Tomorrow... Book a Trip Through Time" summer reading club theme.

"It was Susan and Kerry's creativity and energy that got this program together," said library director Dan Weiss. "It took a lot of legwork to make this happen and they really pulled this together."

The children were able to ask questions after the presentation. "How long did it take to go around the Earth?" one curious youngster blurted. "Well, it is less time than it takes to get to Laguardia Airport," Thagard

replied. "We go around the world every hour-and-a-half. That means we see daytime and nighttime every hour-and-a-half."

"Why do you have to go up so high?" one child asked. "Because the Earth is big," replied Thagard.

Then the kids drove straight for the really tough questions. "How do you go to the bathroom in space?" one asked. "Very carefully," Thagard replied.

"What was your favorite space food?" one of the children wondered. "American irradiated steak and Russian potato and onions," answered the meat-and-potatoes astronaut.

The children were captivated by the presentation. "I thought it was interesting to hear if he thought there was life in space," said young Fanwood resident Emily Everson. "I want to find out about alien life. I believe in life on other planets and astrology."

"I liked it," said 13-year-old Kristy Baxter. "I never met a real astronaut before. I've wanted to go into space since I was 5... I wanted to hear if he liked going to space to see if I would like to go. If I study hard, I can see for myself."

Thagard gave the students some advice from his experiences. "Wanting to be an astronaut started when I went into the library one day in seventh grade and read some books," he said. "There is no one who is an astronaut and no one who is an astronaut that did not get As in school."

The astronaut retired more than four years ago and is now a professor of electrical engineering at Florida State University. "It was just time," he said of leaving the space program. "It wasn't a new experience anymore."

When he isn't teaching, Thagard travels around the United States and speaks to children about the importance of good grades. "It is difficult to get kids in this country turned on to science, engineering and math," he said.

He is also executive director of the Challenger Learning Center at Florida State University. The directors and staff have raised \$8.6 million to build this center and gear it toward making science fun for middle school students. When completed, the center will include a mission control simulator, a space station simulator, a planetarium and an I-MAX theater. The center is now in the design stage.

Thagard reflected fondly on his life as an astronaut. "Frankly, being an astronaut was fun," he said. "All the hard work I did was to get there was worth it."

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# Community Life

## This week

### FRIDAY

**JULY 28**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK** — "Mr. Hobbs Takes a Vacation," 1962 comedy. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. Call (908) 322-6400.

### WEDNESDAY

**AUG. 2**

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** — Shirley Alston Reeves (ex-The Shirelles) and Who's Johnny. Echo Lake Park, Route 22, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. (rain site: Cranford High School). Free. Call (908) 352-8410 or (908) 527-4900.

**'HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU** — Party Ideas Guaranteed to Make Your Child Smile." Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 232-7352 or (732) 382-7578.

### THURSDAY

**AUG. 3**

**PARENTING YOUR TODDLER** — parents' group sponsored by La Leche League of Westfield. Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, 10:15 a.m. Call (908) 301-1339, (908) 789-4772 or (908) 233-7164.

**STRINGS IN THE PARK** — Salaam Temple String Band. Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, 8 p.m. Free. Call (908) 789-4080.

### COMING UP

**BOATING SAFETY** — course that also covers personal watercraft. Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, 6 p.m. Aug. 7, 9. Call (908) 709-7600.

**SUPPORT GROUP** — for caregivers of elderly and chronically ill people. St. Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Aug. 7. Call (908) 232-1867.

**BLOOD PRESSURE** — screening at Red Cross office, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Aug. 9, Sept. 13. Call (908) 232-7090.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** — Mustang Sally, C&W band. Echo Lake Park, Route 22, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9 (rain site: Cranford High School). Free. Call (908) 352-8410 or (908) 527-4900.

**JUST FOR SINGLES** — "The Basics of Investing: Surviving Market Volatility." Paine Webber, 109 North Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Aug. 9. Cost \$10. Visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com) or call (908) 232-8827.

**JAZZ IN THE PARK** — Normandy Invasion. Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, 8 p.m. Aug. 10. Free. Call (908) 789-4080.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** — Sensational Soul Cruisers, 60's R&B tribute act. Echo Lake Park, Route 22, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 (rain site: Cranford High School). Free. Call (908) 352-8410 or (908) 527-4900.

**BREASTFEEDING?** — La Leche League of Westfield meeting at Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, 10:15 a.m. Aug. 17. Call (908) 301-1339, (908) 789-4772 or (908) 233-7164.

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW** — along Quimby and Elm streets in Westfield, 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 22. Entries: Call (908) 654-4100. Other details: Call (908) 233-3021.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** — Brass Tacks, 40's-style big band. Echo Lake Park, Route 22, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23 (rain site: Cranford High School). Free. Call (908) 352-8410 or (908) 527-4900.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK** — The Party Dolls, "girl group" tribute act. Echo Lake Park, Route 22, Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 30 (rain site: Cranford High School). Free. Call (908) 352-8410 or (908) 527-4900.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** — "I Know This Much is True" by Wally Lamb. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14. Call (908) 322-6400.

## Briefs

### Realtors seeking school supplies for the poor

WESTFIELD — New and gently used school supplies are being sought by the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for distribution to the homeless or those in need.

Wanted are pencils, pens, markers, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, tape, erasers, loose-leaf paper, folders, zipper pouches, book bags, children's storybooks and picture books.

Encyclopedias, comic books and Reader's Digest Condensed Books will not be accepted.

The collection is being conducted for the third year by the association's Community Service Committee.

All items collected will be distributed to St. Joseph's homeless shelter, the Plainfield Area YMCA, the Interfaith Council, the Salvation Army, the United Way of Union County and other agencies that help the less fortunate.

Donations will be accepted at the association's offices, located at 767 Central Ave., in Westfield.

The donation effort will continue through Aug. 24.

For more information, call (908) 232-9000.

### Area teens get busy with Pennsylvania project

CRANFORD — Eleven teenagers from the "New Nation of God" just spent a week helping repair homes for those in need in New Bloomfield, Pa.

The "New Nation of God" is the teen ministry of the Grace and Peace Fellowship Church in Cranford. Traveling to Pennsylvania for the "workcamp" were Andrew Catalano, Rebecca Catalano, Ryan Curran, Morgan Curran, Chris Osmulski, Kyle Osmulski, Kim Jakubowski, Alaina Lowen, Kerrie Robberstadt, Stephen Lindberg and Frankie Kobola.

Accompanying the teens were Virginia Knudsen, the associate pastor; Preston Robinson, of Scotch Plains; Andrea Conrad; and Nichole Green.

"They get to live outside of their own creature comforts and work to help those less fortunate," Knudsen said of her church's teen group.

The "workcamp" was sponsored by Reach Workcamps, a Colorado-based organization that works with youth groups from Christian churches.

Other teens from Grace and Peace have gone to West Virginia and upstate New York for similar "workcamps" in the past.

## Limited openings still available in JCC's nursery school, extended day

SCOTCH PLAINS — Limited openings are available in the nursery school and extended day programs at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, based in the township.

Nursery school is held two, three or five days a week. It is available for children 2 to 4 years old.

Half-day and full-day ses-

sions are available.

Classes are taught by certified teachers and qualified assistants.

Reading, art, music and gym classes are emphasized.

In addition, a full-day kindergarten is offered five days a week.

The extended day programs are designed with nursery school-aged children

in mind.

Art, math readiness, cooking, Judaica and computers are among the classes offered.

The JCC has operated its nursery school for more than 35 years.

For more information, call Susan Bennett at (908) 889-8800 or visit the JCC, which is located at 1391 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.

## Fanwood library ready to go batty

FANWOOD — Boris the Bat is coming to the Fanwood Memorial Library.

Boris is expected to visit at 7 p.m. Aug. 7.

He'll show kids 5 and older what it's like to live in the dark zone. They'll be able to make a bat puppet, paint like a caveman and do other bat-related things.

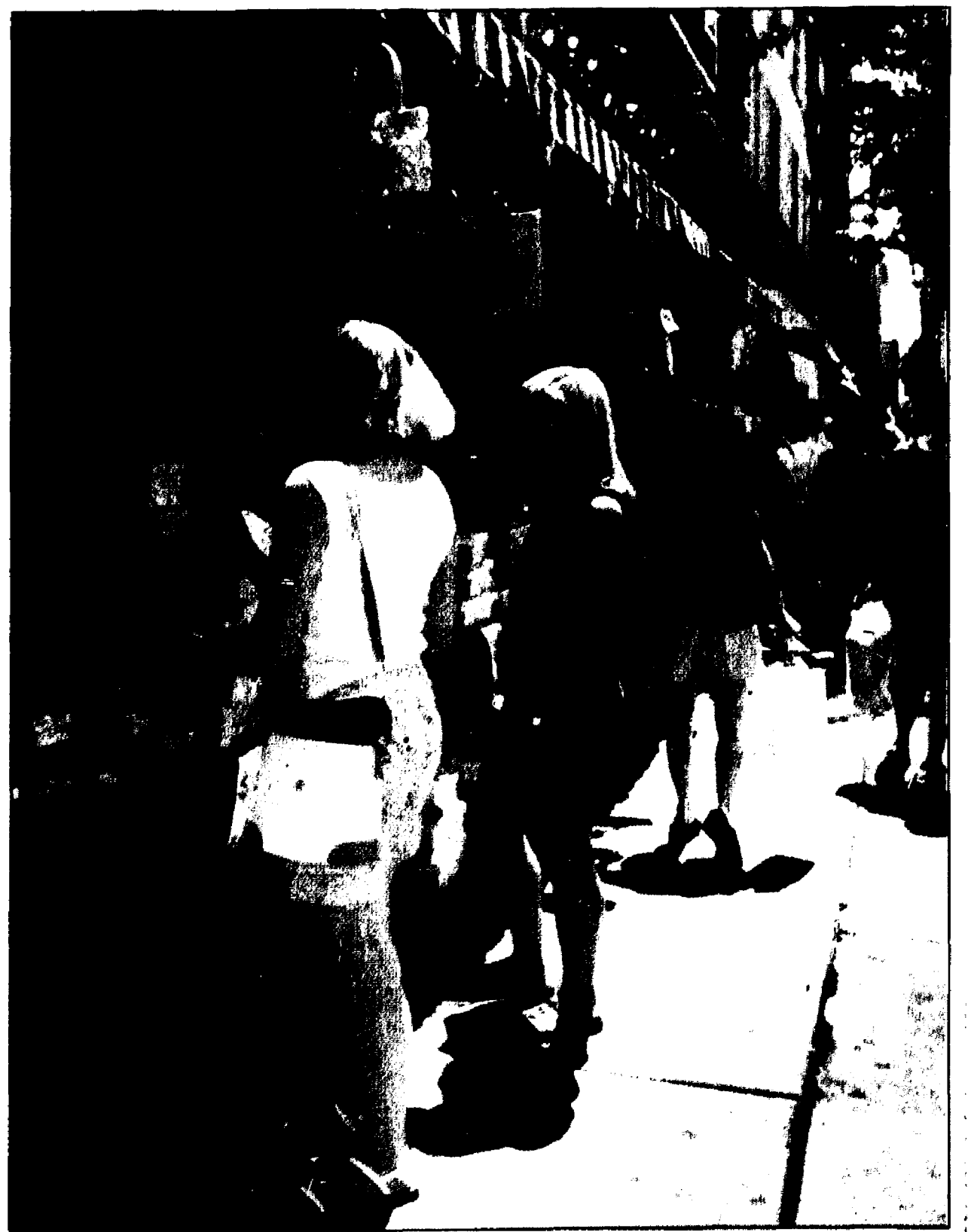
Registration ends Tuesday. Fanwood residents have priority. To register or for more information, call (908) 322-4377 or visit the children's department of the North Avenue library.



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## A little fun on the side

Sure, it was a sale, but when downtown Westfield hosted its annual Sidewalk Sale Days last weekend, it was more fun than anything else. Just ask 6-year-old Rachael Chodor of Westfield (above), who took a few moments at the craft table hosted by the town's Noah's Ark Preschool to create her very own paper bag puppet. Other folks had fun hunting bargains at the myriad tables set up in front of the many downtown stores that participated in the annual sale, including Randal's Shoes (right) on Elm Street. Even the weather cooperated, much to the pleasure of the bargain-hunters and the vendors.



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# Record \$140K in grants awarded by Westfield Foundation trustees

WESTFIELD — The Board of Trustees of the Westfield Foundation recently approved \$140,633 in community grants, the largest quarterly amount awarded in its 25-year history.

The foundation favors grants primarily for the purpose of education, the arts and cultural activities, health and human services, civic and community development, and the conservation and preservation of historic resources.

In the area of education, a \$9,038 grant was awarded to the Westfield Board of Education to run a pilot program to determine if a remedial computer program can improve reading skills of at risk students. The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County received a grant of \$7,190 in order to bring a developmental puppet program to second graders in Westfield to provide them with the strategies to enhance their interpersonal and developmental skills. Union County College Foundation received \$5,000 to purchase computer equipment that will make their fund-raising more effective

and effective.

Other grant recipients promoting education were awarded to the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp., the Jewish Family Service Agency of Central NJ and the Westfield Y Lecture Series.

The foundation supported the arts and cultural activities by awarding moneys to the Westfield Community Players and the Westfield Glee Club. In addition, the trustees voted to support First Night Westfield, the town's New Year's Eve event, with a grant of \$10,000 for publicity and will support the NJ Workshop for the Arts with an award of \$11,760 to provide scholarships for up to 16 economically disadvantaged students for the Westfield Summer Workshop.

Agencies concerned with health and human service issues were awarded grants to implement their programs. The trustees voted to award \$13,500 to the Westfield Community Center as matching funds for the purchase of a much needed new school bus. The Visiting Nurse Service system received \$10,275 to replace outdated computer

equipment to help the agency to meet the new federal reimbursement guidelines more efficiently and allow nurses more time to care for patients.

Contact We Care, a crisis intervention agency, received a grant of \$6,760 to support the cost of a speaker bureau program and volunteer supplies. The Youth and Family Counseling Service received \$6,288 to complete construction for handicapped accessibility. Both Habitat for Humanity, Plainfield, and New Jersey Connect, an organization promoting low-income, barrier-free apartments for physically disabled people capable of living independently, receiving awards of \$5,000 each. Other agencies receiving grants were Women for Women of Union County, the Mental Health Association of Union County, ARC of Union County and the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.

Grant for civic and community development were also awarded. The Westfield Y Lifeguard and Community Leader program received \$6,975 to recruit active seniors and at-risk teens who will work together and learn from each other while providing much needed lifeguards for the community. An award of \$4,000 was approved for the Westfield Recreation Commission to upgrade the Teen Center and an award of \$5,000 to the Town of Westfield will support Community 2000, a public forum consisting of roundtable discussions to be televised and aired on TV 36.

In their interest of conservation and preservation of historic resources, the trustees awarded \$20,000 to the Friends of Mindowaskin Park for the reconstruction of the overlook at the park. The Westfield Historical Society received a grant as one of the hosts of a special event to be held at the army Nov. 11 honoring all U.S. veterans of the 20th century.

Anyone want information regarding the Westfield Foundation should contact the office at P.O. Box 2295, Westfield, NJ 07091, or call (908) 233-9787.



## Lapping it up

The last days of June brought the first phase of laptop computer instruction for Westfield High School teachers, including special education teacher Brenda Acanfora-Norton (right) and science teacher Robert Brewster. The laptops were made possible through the school budget approved by voters in April and will enable WHS teachers to integrate technology more effectively into the high school classroom. With the use of the laptops, teachers will have access to the student database for attendance and grade input, and eventually will be able to communicate with parents and students via e-mail.

## Piano students earned honors throughout year

WESTFIELD — A number of distinctions, awards and honors were achieved by piano students of Ferdinand Gajewski during the 1999-2000 school year.

Wesfield twins Allen and Peter Yu, 17, were named Chopin Sesquicentenary Laureates and awarded commemorative plaques last fall by the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark. The two brothers were invited to present a concert at the foundation hall on Oct. 17, 150 years to the day since Frederic Chopin died. Allen and Peter also performed Dec. 22 on the "Young Artist Showcase" over WQXR.

In addition, the Yu brothers played a Mozart concerto May 22 as guest soloists with the Bloomfield Symphony during the farewell concert for its music director, Edward Napiwocki. Allen and Peter also were recent winners as soloists and accompanists in the first George Andrew DeGrado piano competition.

Louis An, 15, of Warren, was another prize-winning soloist in that competition. All three pianists received cash awards and performed in a March 26 winners' recital at the Community Theatre in Morristown.

Paul Kolb, 14, and John Kolb, 11, of Bridgewater, won the spring piano competition sponsored by the Piano Teachers Society of America. The brothers subsequently performed in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Paul also won a scholarship in the annual piano competition sponsored by the Steinway Society in Princeton.

Gajewski was the first Sydney B. Heywood Fellow in music at Harvard University. His doctoral dissertation at Harvard covered the final compositional manuscripts of

## Golden Nuggets SENIORS

### 'Over 55' Travel Club

Adults are invited on these trips for the "Over 55" Travel Club from the Senior Citizens Council of Union County:

Aug. 9 — Bronx Zoo. Includes "Bengali Express" monorail and passes. Lunch is on your own. Cost is \$38; grandchildren are invited.

Aug. 16 — New York Harbor cruise. Includes lunch in Japanese restaurant and browsing at South Street Seaport. Cost is \$44.

Aug. 27 — QVC studio tour and crafts festival. Cost is \$38.

Sept. 17-21 — Wildwood Crest. Cost is \$325 per person, double occupancy.

Oct. 1-6 — Montreal, Quebec City and Lake George. Cost is \$650 per person, double occupancy.

Oct. 3 — Kay Starr at Fernwood. Cost is \$58.

Oct. 12-16 — Yankee Doodle Lodge (Vermont). Cost is \$430 per person, double occupancy.

Oct. 24 — Oktoberfest at Platzl Brau. Cost is \$56.

Nov. 17-19 — Cape May and Smithville. Cost is \$270 per person, double occupancy.

Nov. 28, 30 — Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall. Cost is \$48.

Dec. 3 — Christmas show at Three Little Bakers. Cost is \$62.

Dec. 6 — Christmas lights tour of New York City. Cost is \$50 and includes dinner.

Dec. 9-10 — Amish country (Lancaster, Pa.). Cost is \$165 per person, double occupancy; all family members invited.

Dec. 13 — Christmas lights tour of New York City. Cost is \$28.

Feb. 4-11 — Cruise to Cozumel, Grand Cayman and Ocho Rios. Cost starts at \$670 (cruise only).

June 20-27 — Alaska cruise. Cost starts at \$945.

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Chopin, whose works are prominent in the instructor's performances and published studies.

Gajewski taught the piano at Harvard and other colleges before resuming his private practice in Westfield. He began teaching piano

lessons while in an accelerated undergraduate program at the Juilliard School in New York City. He received his piano training from Yvonne Combe in the United States and from Nadia Boulanger at the American Conservatory in France.

## Cranford-based adoption agency continues pet-friendly sale

GARWOOD — The Best Friend Resale Shop, operated by Cranford-based Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption Inc., is continuing its backyard sale.

The sale is expected to run from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today and Saturday. The store is located at 109A Center Street in Garwood, across from Garwood police headquarters.

The store offers everything from microwave ovens and desk lamps to reference books and used clothing for summer and winter wear. Also featured are new T-shirts picturing dogs and cats of all breeds.

All proceeds from the shop directly benefit homeless, rescued pets awaiting adoption and are used to pay for veterinary care, inoculations, neutering and boarding of pets.

The shop also serves as a drop-off center for donations of dog and cat food, as well as proof-of-purchase symbols from Heinz dog and cat food products.

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## Vincent J. Lynch Sr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Vincent J. Lynch Sr., 88, died July 19 at his home in Basking Ridge.

He was born in Highland Mills, N.Y., and lived in Lodi, Hasbrouck Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. and Scotch Plains before moving to Basking Ridge.

He earned a degree in civil engineering from the Catholic University of America in 1934. He received a law degree from the Fordham University law school in 1954.

A combat engineer with the U.S. 98th Army in World War II, he was part of the unit that led Allied forces in the liberation of Rome. He also saw wartime combat in North Africa, Monte Cassino and Anzio during the war, attaining the rank of first lieutenant.

In civilian life, he was a civil

engineer with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey prior to his 1977 retirement.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Agnes J. McAloon Lynch; daughters Mary Jean Van Neste, Eileen A. Sweeney and Megan Shashaty; sons Vincent J. Jr. and Brian P.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Basking Ridge. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Basking Ridge.

Arrangements were by the Galloway & Crane Funeral Home in Basking Ridge.

Memorial donations may be sent to Scleroderma Foundation, New England Chapter, 218 Boston St., Suite 103, Topsfield, MA 01983.

## John A. O'Connor

SCOTCH PLAINS — John A. O'Connor, 86, died July 19 at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Fla.

He was born in Rahway and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Melbourne in 1996.

A part-time musician and drummer in the Rahway area, he owned the Rahway Music Shop from 1936-54.

He later was a furniture salesman with Huffman-Koos in Rahway and Furniture Classics in Menlo Park prior to his retirement.

He was a member of B.P.O.

Elks Lodge 1075 in Rahway and a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Predeceased in 1991 by his wife, Veronica C. Barnes O'Connor, he is survived by sons John of Bossier City, La., and Paul of Camden, Ala.; daughters Jane Buhl of Murrells Inlet, S.C., Kathy Valanzano of Great Falls, Va., and Susan Botti of Melbourne; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Pettit-Davis Funeral Home in Rahway.

## Margaret Barrett

CRANFORD — Margaret Harney Barrett, 90, died July 18 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Jersey City and lived in Cranford since 1947.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Cranford Senior Citizens Tuesday Club and the Altar Rosary Society at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Predeceased by her husband, Joseph, she is survived by son Dr.

Eugene of Charlottesville, Va.; daughters Maryanne Conroy of Cranford and Elizabeth Kline of Allentown; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at St. Michael's Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield, with arrangements by the Dooley Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

## Herminda Quintana

CRANFORD — Herminda Giudice Quintana, 78, died July 22 at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

She was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and lived in Newark before moving to Cranford more than two years ago.

She is survived by her hus-

band, Nelson; sons Joseph and Peter; and six grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Galante Funeral Home, Union, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

## Louis J. Lucariello

BRIDGEWATER — Louis J. Lucariello, 79, died July 21 at the Vitas Hospice Care Center in Miami, Fla.

He was born in Bound Brook and lived in Martinsville before moving in 1985 to Pembroke Pines, Fla.

He served in the U.S. Army in Africa and Europe during World War II.

He retired in 1985 after 38 years as a union carpenter.

He was a member of Local 455 of the carpenters' union in Somerville and B.P.O. Elks Lodge 1388 in Bound Brook.

Predeceased in 1987 by his wife, Thelma Leopold Lucariello, he is survived by

stepdaughter Brenda Schulz Johnson of West Chatham, Mass.; brother Joseph of South River; sister Carmella Ford of Bound Brook; three stepgrandchildren, a niece and two nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Bound Brook, following services at the Taggart-Chamberlain Funeral Home in Bound Brook.

Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be sent to Vitas Hospital Charitable Fund, 123 S.E. Third Ave., PMB 110, Miami, FL 33131.

## Jennie Beirne

BRIDGEWATER — Jennie Beirne, 91, died July 24 at ManorCare Health Services in Easton, Pa.

She was born in DeKalb County, Ga., and lived in Orange before moving to Bridgewater in 1985.

She had been with Bates Manufacturing Co. of Hackettstown for 30 years, retiring in 1974 as a quality control inspector.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Predeceased by her husband, Thomas, and sons Robert and John, she is survived by daughter Maryann Creamer of Easton; son Thomas of Bloomingdale; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Bridgewater Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Beirne was a member. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover. Arrangements were by the Cusick Funeral Home in Somerville.

Atlantic-New Jersey). He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hockey and golf. More recently, he took up painting and sketching.

He volunteered to work with drug-addicted patients during his early years with New Jersey Bell.

Predeceased by his father, Steven, he is survived by his mother, Martha; brother Robert; four nephews, a grandniece and two grandnephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Tenafly.

Burial was in Brookside Cemetery, Englewood.

BRIDGEWATER — Kenneth William Quigley, 52, died July 18 in Albertville, Ala.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in North Plainfield before moving to Martinsville in 1978.

He lived in Albertville since 1997.

He served in the U.S. Army National Guard during the Vietnam War.

He received a bachelor of science in business administration degree from Bryant College in 1969.

He retired in 1987 after 17 years in sales and marketing with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. (now Bell

## Obituaries

### Abraham Pollock

WESTFIELD — Abraham Albert Pollock, 91, died July 21 at Rahway Hospital.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in Mountainside before moving to Westfield in 1995.

He had been a chemical engineer with Allied Chemical Co. in Linden prior to his 1973 retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Emilie Goodfriend Pollock; sons Lawrence and Michael; sisters Esther Silverstone and Dorothy Yospin; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, in Plainfield. Burial was in Hebrew Cemetery, South Plainfield.

### Ellen Schoeman

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ellen Susan Schoeman, 60, died July 21 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

She was born in Atlanta, Ga., and lived in Yonkers, N.Y., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1978.

She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in 1962 and a master's degree in education from Kean University in 1997.

She retired in 1998 after 12 years as an English teacher at Elizabeth High School.

Surviving are her husband, Stephen; daughters Laurie Jennifer of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Amy Lynne of Scotch Plains; sister Sandy Epstein of Atlanta; and brother Jack Epstein of Columbia, Md.

Services were held Sunday at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. Burial was in B'nai Abraham Memorial Park, Union. Arrangements were by the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

### Nicholas Homoyock

GARWOOD — Nicholas Homoyock, 71, died July 18 at his home in Clark.

He was born in Plains, Pa., and lived in Garwood before moving to Clark in 1961.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He worked as a serviceman for 20 years with the Bogus Fuel Oil Co. of Elizabeth.

Later, from 1985-94, he was a maintenance worker with the former Union County Regional High School District No. 1.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363 in Clark.

Predeceased by his wife, Ann

Suchy Homoyock, he is survived by sons Ronald and Steven; daughter Donna M. Francisco; brothers Peter and Andrew; sisters Frances Doda and Eva McIntyre; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Clark, following services at the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park. Burial was in Clover Leaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Memorial donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

### Adele Saloom

Adele Neme Saloom, 92, died July 21 in Lacey, Wash.

She was born in Deir Lei Qamar, Chouf district, Lebanon. She came to the United States in 1920 and lived in Somerset County before moving in the early 1980s to Lacey, Wash.

She worked for E.R. Squibb & Son (now Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.) in New Brunswick prior to her retirement.

She was a member of the

Somerset congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Predeceased by her husband, Charles, and sister Jean Sandford, she is survived by nieces Gloria Sandford and Susan Sandford; nephew Roy D. Sandford Jr.; two great-nieces and two great-nephews.

Services will be 10 a.m. today at the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Ave. West, Cranford. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

### Marion P. Schliefer

SOMERVILLE — Marion P. O'Brien Schliefer, 73, died July 19 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

She lived in Milltown and her native New Brunswick before moving to Somerville in 1993.

She retired in 1997 after more than 10 years as a data entry processor at the North Brunswick office of the American Heart Association.

She was a member of the Happy Hearts and Caring Hearts clubs in New Brunswick as well as the Tara Association in Milltown.

Predeceased in 1990 by her husband, Frank, she is survived by daughters Carol of Elizabeth and Catherine Summers of Somerville; and sisters Catherine Frank of Monroe, Jean Setzer of Whiting and Geraldine Mohan of Manassquan.

Services were held Saturday at the Selover Funeral Home in North Brunswick. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery, New Brunswick.

Memorial donations may be sent to American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

### Antonio DeLuca

RARITAN — Antonio N. "Pop" DeLuca, 87, died July 20 at his home.

He was born in Thomas, W.Va. He spent his childhood in San Gregorio, Calabria, Italy, and settled in Raritan when he returned to the United States in 1930.

A furrier, he retired in 1978 after 47 years with Supreme Fur Dressing of Raritan and Manhattan Fur Dressing in that borough.

He enjoyed gardening, landscaping, bowling and race tracks.

He was a member of Fur Dressers Local 2F in New York

City, the Raritan Post War Club, the Raritan Senior Citizens Club and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge in Raritan.

He also was a parishioner of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Irene M. Lomastro DeLuca; sons Frank of Cape Coral, Fla., and Anthony of Raritan; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Ann's Church, following services at the Branchburg Funeral Home. Entombment was in the St. Bernard Mausoleum, Bridgewater.

### Ethel McAvay

BRIDGEWATER — Ethel McAvay, 96, died July 22 at Harborside Healthcare-Woods Edge.

A native of New York City, she lived in Bayonne before moving to Martinsville in 1963.

She enjoyed sewing, traveling and playing cards.

She was a member of the Bridgewater Senior Citizens Club

and the Martinsville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Harry of Martinsville; daughters Jean Witte of Clinton Township and Lois Menci of Martinsville; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Conroy Funeral Home in Bound Brook.

## Thomas A. Ricciuti

SCOTCH PLAINS — Thomas A. Ricciuti, 79, died July 22 at his home in Seaside Park.

He was born in the Bronx, N.Y., and lived in Plainfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Seaside Park in 1997.

As a U.S. Army soldier in World War II, he saw combat during the invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge. He also fought in the invasions of Sicily, Italy and North Africa.

A nightclub owner for more than 40 years, he owned the Arrow Lounge in Scotch Plains and City Lights in Perth Amboy prior to his 1992 retirement.

He received a gold shield from the Policemen's Benevolent Association for his role as a Scotch Plains businessman.

He was a charter member of the Scotch Plains Optimist Club

and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in the township.

Predeceased by his wife, Viola, and by son Thomas, he is survived by daughters Michele Immordino and Valerie Fisher; son Frank; sister Anne DuCret; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. today at Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Silverton Memorial Funeral Home in Toms River.

Memorial donations may be sent to Grace's Kitchen, c/o Grace Episcopal Church, 600 Cleveland Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07060;

Animal Birth Control/ABC, P.O. Box 353, Pine Beach, NJ 08741; or the American Cancer Society, 1035 Hooper Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753.

## Michael Scott Dacey

CRANFORD — Michael Scott Dacey, 45, was fatally injured July 18 in a traffic accident in Hunterdon County.

He was born in Staten Island, N.Y., and lived in Cranford, Mountainside and Scotch Plains before moving to Pittstown in 1993.

He had been an advertising manager with Hayward Pool Products in Elizabeth.

He was a member of the Indian Guides at the Hunterdon County YMCA and the Men's Cornerstone group at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Clinton.

He was a parishioner of St.

Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Pittstown.

Surviving are his wife, Annette Musacchio Dacey; mother Rose of Scotch Plains; sons Kyle and Ryan, both at home; and sister Donna Morrows of Ocean Grove.

Services were held Saturday at the Kearns Funeral Home, Whitehouse, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Clinton.

Memorial donations may be sent to Hunterdon Regional Cancer Center, 2100 Westcott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822.

## Frank Paul Diano

CRANFORD — Frank Paul Diano, 89, died July 22 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

A native of Calabria, Italy, he lived in White Plains, N.Y., before moving to Cranford in 1988.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He retired in 1978 after 30 years as an automobile mechanic with White Plains Dodge in White Plains.

He was a member of Capt. Newell Rodney Fiske Post 335,

Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion Post 328, in Clark; and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge in White Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Mary D'Angelo Diano; daughter Susanne Capece; and a grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

## Terrell Williams

BRIDGEWATER — Terrell Williams, 23, died July 20 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

A native of Somerset, he lived in Somerville for most of his life before moving to Bridgewater.

He had been a union carpenter and played on the New Brunswick Marauders semiprofessional football team.

He was a member of Local 455 of the carpenters' union in

Somerville.

Surviving are his parents, Liddell and Helen, and sister Tamara, all of Bridgewater; and brother Cardell of Somerville.

Services were held at the Gethsemane Temple Church of Christ Written in Heaven in Plainfield. Burial was in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

Arrangements are by the Anderson Funeral Service in New Brunswick.

## Edward Suta

HILLSBOROUGH — Edward Suta, 77, died July 18 at his home.

A native of Greenport, N.Y., he lived in Union before moving to Hillsborough earlier this year.

He worked for ITT Corp. for six years and the former Western Electric in Union for 11 years.

He earlier had been with Acme Fast Freight in New York City for 25 years.

He was a freight auditor when he left the company in

1970.

He was a member of the Western Electric Retirees Association.

Surviving are a sister, Ann Kane; brothers Jacob and Michael; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at the Hillsborough Funeral Home.

Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Chernobyl Children's Fund in Short Hills.

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## BEST BETS

### Famous Capris visit Linden park

LINDEN — The Department of Recreation, Community Services and Public Property's Concert in the Park series continues Tuesday with The Capris. The Capris are scheduled to appear from 7:15-8:45 p.m. Tuesday. They will be followed Aug. 8 by Sound Investment, scheduled to appear from 7:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

Both concerts are slated to be held at Wilson Park, located on Summit Terrace in Linden. In case of rain, the concerts are held in the Linden High School gymnasium, located on St. Georges Avenue. For more information, call the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at (908) 474-8627.

### Union Y presents 'West Side Story'

UNION — The YM-YWHA of Union, located at 501 Green Lane, will present "West Side Story" as part of the camp and community-wide drama program.

Co-funded by the Union County Department of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the presentation will include campers of all ages, and talented community members. The professional staff includes many Kenn University students who recently produced the play at the university, including Lou Ricco, Marilyn Munoz, Shayne Miller, Debbie Lipkin, Christina Vasquez and Laura Walsh.

The shows begins at 7 p.m. and run for about an hour-and-a-half. Admission fee is \$1 for Y members and \$3 for non-members. Refreshments will be available. The Y has an ongoing Drama and Music Department throughout the year. For more information, call the Y at (908) 289-8112.

### Union Y schedules Raleigh Hotel trip

UNION — The YM-YWHA of Union County, located at 501 Green Lane in Union, has planned a trip to the Raleigh Hotel. The trip is scheduled to take place Sept. 11-15. The bargain price of \$350 for members and \$375 for non-members, double occupancy, includes super-deluxe rooms, transportation, tips, tax, three Kosher meals daily, a cocktail party, full-day programming and nightly entertainment. For single rooms, add \$60 to each price. A deposit of \$100 is due by Tuesday, with the balance due by Sept. 1, according to a press release from the YM-YWHA of Union County. For more information and reservations, call Myrna Friedman at (908) 289-8112.

### Raritan church hosts 'Godspell' auditions

RARITAN — The St. Ann Theatre Group has scheduled auditions for its fall production of "Godspell," the musical based on the Passion According to St. Matthew. Auditions will be 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Aug. 3 and 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 5 in the cafeteria at St. Ann's School, located at 29 Second Ave. in Raritan. Actors 15 years old through adult only are wanted. Bring a picture (head shot) and resume plus sheet music of popular music or songs from the show. Be prepared to sing and dance. For more information or directions, call (908) 726-1008.

## Big year planned for Paper Mill

Playhouse to feature big names, big shows

MILLBURN — The Paper Mill Playhouse has announced its 63rd season of musicals, plays and concerts, which will run from September through July 2001.

The season sets sail with the Cole Porter classic "Anything Goes" (Sept. 6-Oct. 15), starring the musical theater legend and two-time Tony Award winner Chita Rivera as Reno Sweeney, with Broadway and Paper Mill favorite Lee Roy Reams directing this musical romp.

Following in its wake is Blake Edwards' musical gender-bender "Victoria/Victoria" (Nov. 1-Dec. 10), based on the 1982 hit movie musical.

To ring in the holidays, the New Jersey Ballet's presentation of family favorite "Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker" celebrates its gala 30th anniversary. Kicking off the new year is Yasmina Reza's Tony Award-winning, witty play "Art" (Jan. 3-Feb. 4). Then the colorful, musical fun-fest "Funny Girl" (April 4-May 20), and finally, to finish off the season and usher in summer will be the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel" (May 30-July 15).

Paper Mill Playhouse will soon announce its surprise sixth show, which will run from Feb. 14-March 18.

Continuing a Paper Mill tradition, the greatest stars from the entertainment industry will appear in concert at the playhouse again throughout next season. This year's line-up

includes: popular Jewish Inspirational songstress Debbie Friedman (Oct. 10); for a five-performance engagement, direct from Broadway for his world-wide tour, comic genius Jackie Mason in his critically-acclaimed one-man show "Much Ado About Everything" (Oct. 17-21); Broadway legend and Cabaret sensation Barbara Cook (Dec. 5); in time for the holidays, Nashville chart-topper Kathy Mattea (Dec. 19); followed by Grammy-nominated pop vocalist, composer and arranger, Michael Feinstein (May 1).

For the first time, Paper Mill Playhouse brings an array of flexible subscription options, to make it easier and more affordable than ever before to enjoy the theater's offerings. With seven different options available this season, there truly is something for everyone.

Single tickets to all main-stage shows and concerts go on sale Monday for "Anything Goes," "Victor/Victoria" and "Art," Sept. 25, "Nutcracker," and Oct. 9, "Funny Girl" and "Carousel."

Concert tickets to the general public go on sale Monday with the exception of Kathy Mattea, for whom tickets are already available.

For subscriptions, call (973) 379-3717; for single tickets, call (973) 376-4343; or visit in person at the box office on Brookside Drive in Millburn, or at [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org) on the World Wide Web.

The Paper Mill Playhouse accepts VISA, MasterCard and Discover card.

## Library schedules second 'coffeehouse'

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Public Library, located at 548 Boulevard, has scheduled its second coffeehouse.

The coffeehouse is slated to run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 11, featuring five members of the Songwriters Connection of Union County.

The library's adult department on the main floor will be open for people to browse through books, tapes, magazines, newspapers, videos and compact discs. Internet workstations will be online and the circulation desk will be staffed. In-depth reference service, however, will not be available. Those who want a quiet study area are advised to go elsewhere.

Coffee, tea and light snacks will be served by the Friends of the Kenilworth Library. Coffee for this event is being donated by Per Q Up, down the Boulevard from the library.

Performing on Aug. 11 will be Ilene Baranik of Kenilworth, a first-time performer, plus Walter Manning, Michael Montemurro, Kenny Sack and Samantha Skripko, all of whom were in the library's first coffeehouse in March.

Baranik plays guitar and

bass, specializing in folk, country and bluegrass. Manning is a singer-guitarist whose first album will be released later this year. Montemurro has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City and the summer seminar of the Nashville Songwriters Association. Sack, a singer-songwriter-piano man-guitar player, is a junior at New York University. Skripko was among the top 50 finalists in the international John Lennon Songwriting Contest; her second album is scheduled for release in 2001.

At the first coffeehouse in March, more than 100 came to the library and about 40 people stayed for the full three-hour show, according to Director Dale Spindel. "People were so caught up in the entertainment that only a few people bothered to peruse our collection or check out books," Spindel said. "This time we will allow a somewhat longer intermission halfway through the evening so that people will have the opportunity to see what we have to offer without having to miss any of the music."

Admission is free. For more information, call (908) 276-2451.



Shirley Alston Reeves, the original lead singer of The Shirelles, will be the featured performer Tuesday at a free concert at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The concert, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., will open with Who's Johnny, a popular oldies group from Hopatcong known for its a cappella performances.

## Blast from the past

Shirelles, Who's Johnny team up for Echo Lake oldies show

MOUNTAINSIDE — Take a step back in time with Shirley Alston Reeves, the original lead singer of The Shirelles, Wednesday at Echo Lake Park.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with Autoland of New Jersey and the Union County Education Association, present Oldies Night Wednesday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the east end of the park, near Springfield Avenue in Mountainside.

"This concert is sure to have audience members of all ages dancing and singing the hits from the 1950s and '60s," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "It will be a night of solid gold favorites that everyone will enjoy under the stars."

The evening's free concert will feature Shirley Alston Reeves and her band, with opening act Who's Johnny, a

popular oldies group from Hopatcong.

A native of New Jersey Reeves became part of the Shirelles in 1958 while attending high school in Passaic. The group was an almost instant success. The Shirelles recorded hit after hit including favorites like "Dedicated to the One I Love," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," "Baby, It's You," and their five-million seller, "Soldier Boy." Voted the number one Female Vocal Group for five years in a row, the Shirelles topped the charts for years and their recording of "Boys" was even copied by the Beatles.

The opening act for the evening, Who's Johnny, features four brothers and a long-time friend who have been singing and playing music together for years. Previously practicing their harmony in high school hallways and lock-

er rooms, they have since taken their talents to the stage. Not only can these men sing and play instruments, but their a cappella performance is what really sets them apart.

All summer arts concerts are held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged.

There will also be a refreshment stand available beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The rain site for all concerts within the series will be Cranford High School, located on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

For up-to-date concert/rain information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation's 24-hour hotline at (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.



## Ministers of music

Nine churches in Fanwood and Scotch Plains have united to bring the Young Continentals to the area for an Aug. 8 concert, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, located at 333 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. The Young Continentals are an enthusiastic group of young Christians from around the country and their show is titled "Testify to Truth." For more information, please call (908) 322-5487.

## Despite rain, symphony kicks off summer series

MOUNTAINSIDE — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra did not let a little rain stop its opening performance for the Union County Summer Arts Festival Concert series last week.

Despite showers early on, the concert drew a crowd of more than 2,500 to the weekly, free event.

"This is the 41st year that the (Union County Board of Chosen) Freeholders and the (Union County) Department of Parks and Recreation have offered Union County residents a summer concert series," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "We are proud to again team with Chase Manhattan Bank to bring the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra to Echo Lake Park."

Conductor Harvey Felder opened the event with a selec-

tion from Beethoven's "The American Dream" in keeping with the concert's theme, An All-American Celebration. Other songs performed included: John Philip Sousa's "Liberty Bell March," Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story Selection for Orchestra" and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture solonelle, op. 49."

The concert series is offered Wednesdays during the summer, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park in Mountainside.

Residents are asked to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets.

For more information about the Summer Arts Festival, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

## Save time and eat your vegetables!

### Penne con zucchini (Penne pasta with zucchini)

- 2 medium green zucchini, quartered
- 1 cup virgin olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, peeled and quartered
- 1/2 cup parmigiano reggiano cheese, grated
- 1 pound penne pasta

This week's summer pasta recipe, *penne con zucchini* (penne pasta with zucchini), is another simple and time-saving dinner.

To prepare the zucchini, do not peel. Just rinse the vegetable, cut off the ends, slice lengthwise in quarters and cut the lengths into chunks.

If you have any questions,

feel free to contact me by fax at (908) 727-2974. In the meantime, *buon appetito!* Enjoy!

Sauté garlic until golden. Add prepared zucchini to saucpan and stir, then cover and simmer for about five minutes (until the zucchini is fork-tender).

Pour eight quarters of water into a large pot to boil the pasta. Add one tablespoon of salt to the water and when it comes to a rolling boil, add the pasta. Stir well, cooking the pasta 12 to 15 minutes until it is *al dente* — not too soft!

Reserve some pasta water before draining the pasta. Drain the pasta well and return pasta to the pot.



Pour the zucchini mixture over the pasta and sprinkle with grated cheese. Mix well.

Cover the pot for three to five minutes to amalgamate the flavors. If you want the pasta with more fluid, add some of the reserved pasta water and stir again.

Serve individual dishes, sprinkling with additional cheese, and add salt and pepper to taste.

*Ecco, tutto e pronto!*

## Adult school hosts trip to premiere of 'Fabulous Faberge Treasures'

WARREN — The Watchung Hills Adult School is offering a trip to the world premiere presentation of "Fabulous Faberge Treasures" at the Riverfront Arts Center in Wilmington, Del.

The trip is scheduled for Sept. 23.

The fee is \$99, which includes admission to the exhibit, a self-guided audio tour, lunch (including tax and gratuities) at the Hotel Du Pont and round-trip transportation.

The bus is scheduled to depart the Stirling Road parking lot at the Watchung Hills Regional High School, located at 108 Stirling Road in Warren,

promptly at 8:45 a.m. and back at approximately 6 p.m.

The exhibit includes 100 masterpieces from more than 30 of the world's most prestigious private collections and museums.

Peter Carl Faberge (1846-1920) was a legendary jeweler and goldsmith, who operated an artistic empire in St. Petersburg, Russia that is staggering even by today's standards.

Faberge's art captured the luxurious tastes of Imperial Czarist Russia with his renowned creations. Featuring many of the lavish Imperial Easter Eggs for which he is famous, this exhibit goes

beyond the traditional display by highlighting the entire scope of Faberge's works and his impact on the world of jewelry design and fashion. Jewelry from the Houses of Boucheron and Cartier, contemporaries of Faberge, are also on display.

Prior to visiting the Riverfront Arts Center in the afternoon trip, participants will dine on a seasonal gourmet lunch in an elegant private dining room at the Hotel du Pont, one of Wilmington's cultural and architectural landmarks.

For further information or to register, call the Adult School office at (908) 647-4800, ext. 4820.

## All Yellow Brick Roads lead to Kenilworth with CAST's production of classic 'Wizard'

KENILWORTH — The Community Actors Student Theater has been putting on shows for more than 20 years, is doing so again this week with "The Wizard of Oz."

The Wiz and friends are appearing through Saturday at the David Brearley

## JCC of Central N.J. schedules concert by famed pianist Laredo

UNION — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey has scheduled a special concert featuring world-renowned concert pianist Ruth Laredo.

Laredo is slated to tickle the ivories Sept. 17 at the Wilkins Theater of Kean University, located on Morris Avenue in Union. The concert is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Hailed as "America's first lady of the piano," Laredo has a distinguished reputation as a leading soloist, recital performer and recording artist.

For the past 12 seasons, she has created a large and enthusiastic following with her sold-out series at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. "Concerts with Commentary." Laredo has also

won high praise for her masterful playing and discussions of Brahms, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, Ravel, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and more.

Tickets for the Sept. 17 show will go on sale soon. Tickets are \$50 apiece for reserved seats and \$36 for reserved seats for seniors, students and children. General admission tickets will sell for \$18 apiece, \$12 for seniors, students and children.

The JCC of Central New Jersey, Wilf Jewish Community Campus, is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central N.J.

For tickets or more information, contact Susan at the JCC at (908) 889-8800, ext. 205.

## Dorsey band swings into Duke Island

BRIDGEWATER — One of the great dance bands of all time will appear in performance at Duke Island Park on Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Appearing in the park bandshell, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, now conducted by Buddy Morrow, who played with Dorsey since 1938, will perform timeless swing hits, dance tunes and ballads of the 30's and 40's. Included in their repertoire are many of the songs that made the Dorsey Orchestra famous, including

"Night Train," "Swanee River," and "I'll Never Smile Again."

The concert is part of the Free Summer Concert Series in the Park presented by Somerset County Park Commission.

For more information, call the Park Commission at (908) 722-1200, ext. 221, or the Concert/Activity Hotline at ext 351.

Individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD line at (908) 526-4762.

High School District No. 1. The troupe holds auditions in June and shows in July; children, teenagers, adults and seniors from across the county try out.

As in last year's show, Kenilworth borough officials are part of the cast. Mayor Michael Tripodi, Police Chief William Dowd, Fire Chief Louis Giordano, Board of Education member Gerry Laudati and three Kenilworth police detectives are scheduled to appear.

"The Wizard of Oz" is directed by Marguerite Modero, who also will handle music direction. She is a music teacher at Lincoln-Franklin School in Garwood and got involved with CAST 15 years ago as one of the "Pick a Little" ladies in "The Music Man." Her son, a child actor in that famous musical, has gone on to a professional career in musical theater.

The show is produced by Vinny Bellotti with costumes by founding member Patricia Hubinger.

Admission is \$8.50. Tickets may be purchased a half-hour before curtain the night of each show.

## It's tea time at Liberty museum

UNION — Liberty Hall Museum is hosting a series of afternoon teas every Wednesday now through September.

Mary Alice Barney Kean, the last of the Kean family to reside at Liberty Hall, was famous for her teas. Today, the museum has recreated this experience.

Visitors are invited to take a step back in time to the 1930s and enjoy afternoon tea while overlooking the formal English boxwood garden.

The program begins at 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

Visitors are greeted at the door by the family butler. A brief tour of Liberty Hall follows, conducted by museum staff dressed in the fashions of the 1930s. After the tour, individuals are escorted to the Glass Porch, where tea will be served.

During tea, the museum staff will give a simple lecture on the history of tea-time.

The menu consists of tea sandwiches, scones with preserves and fruit tartlets.

Each program runs until 4 p.m.

Reservations are required. Tickets cost \$15 per person.

Liberty Hall Museum is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The museum is located at 1003 Morris Ave. in Union.

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### Panera's hosts singles' event

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The social is slated to run 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. at Panera's, located at 143 East Broad St. in Westfield.

The cost is \$10 at the door, with refreshments included.

For more information, call Kismet at (908) 232-8827 or visit [www.thatskismet.com](http://www.thatskismet.com) on the World Wide Web.

### Author Backauskas visits Clark B&N

CLARK — Author Staci Backauskas will read from and sign her novel, "The Fifth Goddess," at the Barnes & Noble book store at 1180 Raritan Road.

Backauskas' visit is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 9.

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**Al Jarreau** • Fri. Nov. 3 • 8 PM • \$36.50/\$31.50  
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**Judy Collins Christmas Show**  
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#### MAY

**Rigoletto** • Thurs. May 31 • 8 PM • \$29.50 (Reserved) / \$16 (GA)  
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Recent releases

**"The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle"** -- Seeing the wretched preview trailer for "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" you might have thought, "No, it can't be that bad." But mostly it is. The old villains are now "acted," which means Rene Russo caged in makeup as Slavic dish Natasha, Jason Alexander a toy mechanic as Boris and Robert De Niro as their Fearless Leader. He plots to rule the world via bad TV (doesn't it already?). What is most lacking, apart from a viable script, is the sporty hipness of the old Hope-Crosby comedies or Frank Tashlin's '50s comedies, yet alone Tim Burton's modern work. Poor R&B were probably wittier in their 1993 Taco Bell ads. Cast: Robert De Niro, Rene Russo, Jason Alexander, Jonathan Winters, Piper Perabo. Running time: One hour, 33 minutes. Rated PG. 1 star.

the year 3000, the Psychlons have conquered Earth and enslaved most of its surviving humans, and their motive for coming billions of miles is gold. Tribal remnants of our kind hang out in woods and caves, fearing the Psychlons as monstrous gods. Despising humans, Terl (John Travolta) knows that torture is the best way to make a day shine. Most of the humans are dumb as logs, but a savvy, saving hero arises: Jonnie (Barry Pepper), who discerns that humanity once mattered. He learns Psychlonic lore and lingo, via mind beams that provide 12 years of grad school in about 12 seconds. Then Jonnie leads a revolt by a) the superior glow of his hair and b) manipulating Terl's lust for gold. If "Gladiator" is the past and this film is the future, we are truly a doomed race. If this is the lofty leverage of stardom, it's a bad joke. Maybe Travolta can move on to "Look Who's Talking Psychlon." Cast: John Travolta, Forest Whitaker, Barry Pepper.

Films in Focus

Kim Coates, Sabine Karsenti. Running time: 1 hour, 56 minutes. Rated PG-13. 1 1/2 stars.

**"Big Momma's House"** -- The high point (if you will) is the "real" Big Momma (Ella Mitchell) letting loose on a commode, while FBI man Martin Lawrence gags behind a shower curtain. Mostly, we have Lawrence faking it as B.M. in enough prosthetic fat to sink a whaling boat, plus a nonsensical plot, pratfalls, a psychopath (filmed in an entirely different tone) and "rousing" scenes in a church. *Nia Long* is the smiling love interest, Jascha Washington her cute kid. 95 minutes. Rated PG-13; 1 1/2 stars.

**"Bossa Nova"** -- Amy Irving is the spirited teacher of English in Rio, looking lovely despite the overawing settings. Her husband Bruno Barreto filmed this salute to her, the city, the bossa nova songs of "Tom" Jobim, the endless succulence and tourist appeal of a city full of available people. Should we really mind that the story is airblown piffle? 95 minutes. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

**"Dinosaur"** -- The dinos move with almost 3-D intensity in this "state of the art" digitalized cartoon from Disney, though some of the backdrops are like leftovers from a '50s jungle cruise travelog. Of course, the critters talk cutely, the voice work is competent -- fortunately, there are no dumb songs. Maybe too intense for the very young and nerve-rattled. Overall, pretty good tonnage. 104 minutes. Rated PG. 3 stars.

**"Fantasia 2000"** -- The Dis-biz animation uses some computer touches and is strikingly

diverse, but the movie is far less inventive than its fabled 1940 ancestor. The one episode recycled from that film, of Mickey Mouse as the sorcerer's apprentice, is more beautiful than any of the new cartoon sequences that illustrate music. Why, really, is "The Pines of Rome" set in the Arctic? The music does satisfy, superbly played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra led by James Levine. It passes the time nicely, but this Roy E. Disney production is not up to Walt's gutsy inspiration. 74 minutes. Rated G. 2 stars.

**"Gladiator"** -- It's 180 A.D., yet with no sign of Christianity. In Rome, the debased citizenry gets its kicks at the Coliseum. Far up north in Germania, the legions slaughter inept hordes of hairy Teutons, by order of Marcus Aurelius (Richard Harris). He seeks to leave the empire to a decent farmer turned ruthless general, Maximus (Russell Crowe). Marcus' son, Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix), is worthless, preening, rather foppish. He suffocates dad, weeping with both love and hate. By then, Maximus has escaped murder in Germania and, though badly wounded, rides on one horse all the way to Spain to find that his son has been trampled by imperial cavalry, then crucified (so has the boy's mother). Next, his wound still festering, he is in what looks like North Africa, as an enslaved gladiator. "Gladiator" is a cheese-ball colossus. Rome had to fall, of course, but this far? Cast: Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Oliver Reed, Derek Jacobi, Richard Harris, Djimon

Hounsou. Running time: 2 hours, 12 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R.

**"Gone in 60 Seconds"** -- The car-crazed movie's engine is Memphis Raines (Nicolas Cage), who has put behind him being "the best boost man" in auto theft. Now he runs a go-kart track, but returns to L.A. crime in order to save junior brother Kip (Giovanni Ribisi). Why would anyone go through hellish risks, stealing 50 cars in four days for a psychopath (Christopher Eccleston), to save this whiny pimple of attitude? Memphis assembles his "crew," including Robert Duvall and Angelina Jolie. Filmed through what looks like gilded rust, Dominic Sena's movie is a brawny chop shop of tech talk, theft craft, sudden danger lightened by an exploding chicken, roving gangs, a diarrhetic dog, the old rip-the-chassis gag used best in "American Graffiti." Cast: Nicolas Cage, Giovanni Ribisi, Angelina Jolie, Christopher Eccleston, Will Patton, Delroy Lindo, Robert Duvall. Running time: 120 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

**"High Fidelity"** -- In the face of rather nasty odds, the people behind "High Fidelity" have managed to turn Nick Hornby's witty cult novel into a witty mainstream film. John Cusack stars as the thirish owner of both a failing record store and a recently broken heart, and his every-guy decency and scruffy movie-star charisma help turn this vinyl-loving commitment-phobe into a charming, sympathetic hero. Thanks to invaluable support from Jack Black and Todd Louiso (as Cusack's fellow record-store geeks) and Iben Hjejle and Catherine Zeta-Jones (as the charismatic women in Cusack's life), and a near-fanatical loyalty to Hornby's hilarious prose,

"High Fidelity" examines relationships with wisecraced delicacy. And of course, the soundtrack rocks. 120 minutes. Rated R. 3 1/2 stars.

**"Love and Basketball"** -- Part sports drama, part romance, "Love & Basketball" does remarkable justice to both. First-time director Gina Prince-Blythewood, who also wrote the script, is a former college track star with a fine eye for filming muscles in motion. But she also weaves in a funny, tender tale of a boy and girl who start out as rivals in neighborhood pick-up games and grow up to be lovers, friends and feuding hoops stars. Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan, the two leads, inhabit the roles with seeming ease, both on the court and in the courting. Once in a while, the movie stoops to Cinderella-story cliché (and it manages to place the NBA's Clippers in L.A. in 1981; the hapless team actually stayed in San Diego until 1984). But "Love & Basketball" radiates such intelligence and authenticity -- and Lathan such star presence -- that its fouls are easily forgiven. 118 minutes. Rated PG-13. 3 1/2 stars.

**"Me, Myself and Irene"** -- Splitting in half, Jim Carrey is first a Rhode Island state trooper, Charlie, a nice doofus who smiles nervously as people take blatant advantage of him. But then he goes schizoid as his macho bad half, Hank, an attitude nut with a fierce payback temper and the sandpapered rasp of Clint Eastwood. So Carrey does revolving-door schtick, leading to a climax where he fights himself, exploding with the rubber-boned craziness that has made Carrey the new Jerry Lewis of wacko. Renee Zellweger, as a tag-along or plot pro named Irene, often looks at him as if she'd like to split, too -- toward such past, better films as "Jerry Maguire" and "The Whole Wide World." Right now, the word from me, myself and even Irene is: The movie stinks, and not to high heaven, but the other place. Cast: Jim Carrey, Renee Zellweger, Robert Forster, Chris Cooper, Richard Jenkins. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated R. 1 star.

**"Mission Impossible 2"** -- For his new mission, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) comes down from a mountain, where he has been relaxing on holiday by climbing sheer rock faces. Sean is stealing a new, plague-like virus and its anti-virus. This first involves blowing up a plane-load of people. And then luring Hunt to Australia, where the danger kitty Nyah (Thandie Newton) is used as bait for the chase. The incredibly "authentic" but unreal stunts, the bone-bashing thrills, the suspense trigger points hyped on computer screens, the big machines that seem built only to magnify death, the star moments that require no acting -- is this the entertainment we now massively crave, like stoned dolts in a multiplexed cave? Cast: Tom Cruise, Thandie Newton, Anthony Hopkins, Ving Rhames, Brenda Gleeson, Dougray Scott. Running time: 1 hour, 47 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

**"Passion of Mind"** -- Passion, maybe, but little mind. Basically this contraption about a woman living a mentally split life -- one "real," one "dream," both fishy -- is Demi Moore's "The Sixth Sense." Lovely settings, and so is she, but the men (Stellan Skarsgard, William Fichtner, Joss Ackland, Peter Riegert) are like fantasy toys, and not comfy about that (Fichtner, usually a cold item, proves the most human). Alain Berliner directed as if he thinks something profound is going on. It isn't. 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

**"The Patriot"** -- After watching his spunky son murdered by the wretched Brits in 1776, Mel Gibson as Ben Martin avenges the boy by slaughtering a convoy of 20 British soldiers. He frees another son while his two youngest boys also blast away as deadly snipers. Because of guilt from his involvement in the French and Indian War, Ben doesn't want to join the revolution. He's a widower and father of seven. Of course, Ben enlists, in his own way. He shows the colonials how to fight the guerrilla war in South Carolina. "The Patriot" is like a colonial Williamsburg pageant staged by devotees of Vietnam War films. At times Gibson reminds us that he can be a ruggedly good actor, but this is his swaggering "Yankee Braveheart," and it pummels history into a series of rousing or disgusting moments. Cast: Mel Gibson, Joely Richardson, Lisa Brenner, Jason Isaacs, Henth Ledger, Chris Cooper, Tcheky Karyo. Running time: 2 hours, 38 minutes. Rated R. 2 stars.

**"The Perfect Storm"** -- Billy Tyne (George Clooney), skipper of the fishing vessel *Andrea Gail*,

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# Johnson & Johnson's New Brunswick gallery hosts Khawam's 'Strokes'

NEW BRUNSWICK — "Accumulative Strokes," by Tony Khawam, will be on display as part of the company's ongoing New Jersey Artist Series at Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery in New Brunswick.

Khawam's works will be on display through Aug. 24. The exhibition showcases paintings that represent the artist's abstract vision of the contemporary natural and urban worlds.

Khawam primarily expresses his vision through the use of thickly applied lines of acrylic paint. At a distance, the canvas surfaces appear to be curtained with strips of colored paper. It is only upon closer viewing that it

becomes apparent that his suggested three-dimensional appearance is an illusion created by the artist's act of applying his paint thickly and in uniform, repetitive strokes.

Khawam's lines are meant to convey the artist's perception of the speed and flux of modern life, as well as light effects on the natural environment. Works such as Streamer and Wind Tunnel use insistently horizontal or vertical lines to suggest the concept of movement, while other paintings, such as Entrance to a Pond and Mountain evoke landscapes dappled in light, such as those by the Impressionist Claude Monet or the Pointillist Georges

Seurat. "I paint in many layers and go back and repaint, painting over what I have done, sometimes starting all over again, until I achieve the right feeling," says Khawam. "Cezanne was a great influence on me. His landscapes were constructed with repetitive strokes of translucent paint. Another great painter, Van Gogh, also painted in repetitive strokes, but was more aggressive."

A resident of Basking Ridge, Mr. Khawam received his B.F.A. in Fine Arts from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He was the recipient of a 1997 Geraldine Dodge Foundation Artist in Residence grant, dur-

ing which he worked at the Vermont Studio Center. He also participated in a Rutgers University Innovative Works on Paper & Printmaking Project in 1998. He has participated in various solo and group exhibitions, and is represented in a variety of public and private collections across the country.

Since 1987, the New Jersey Artists Series at the Johnson &

Johnson World Headquarters Gallery has helped showcase works of emerging and established artists residing in the state. "Johnson & Johnson is pleased to provide an exhibition venue for the large and talented New Jersey arts community," said Julie Alderson, Art Administrator, Johnson & Johnson Corporate Art Program. "We believe that the arts are a

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## Films in Focus

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appears to have a death wish to rival Capt. Ahab's. Disgusted about having returned to Gloucester, Mass., with another disappointing catch of swordfish, he soon heads back out into distant waters he doesn't know, with fall storms brewing. They do catch a load of swordfish. The ice machine in the hold breaks down and, to save his catch, Capt. Tyne decides to make a mad run right across the huge hurricane a TV weatherman has called "the perfect storm." "The Perfect Storm" is a drunken surfer who has to keep telling us about the next big one. It becomes a soggy, punishing ordeal; Irwin Allen's stupid disaster films of the '70s were a lot more fun. The *Andrea Gail* must go down, but it doesn't sink nearly as fast as the movie. Cast: George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, John C. Reilly, William Fichtner, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Karen Allen, Bob Gunton, Diane Lane. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated PG-13. 1 star.

"Road Trip" — The low-key Breckin Meyer stars as Josh, your basic decent guy chafing at the demands of a long-distance romance. In a moment of weakness, he succumbs to the potent charms of Beth (Amy Smart). In a moment of stupidity, they videotape their tryst, which — in a moment of plot convenience — Josh's roommate accidentally mails to Josh's beloved Tiffany (Rachel Blanchard). A panicked Josh decides he must drive to Tiffany's college in Austin, where he will intercept the package before she returns from her grandfather's funeral. In addition to our hero, there is E.L., the Cute Slick Guy (Seann William Scott), Rubin, the Ethnic Smart Guy (Paulo Costanzo), and Kyle (DJ Qualls), the Pathetic Loser With the Car. "Road Trip" will be a big hit with juvenile guys and the girls who put up with them. Cast: Tom Green, Breckin Meyer, Seann William Scott, Paulo Costanzo, DJ Qualls, Amy Smart, Rachel Blanchard. Running time: 1 hour and 31 minutes. Rated R. 2 stars.

"Shaft" — Wild, rampantly in-your-face, goosed on pulpy excess, this update of the 1971 "blaxploitation" film starring Richard Roundtree (seen in a small role) was directed by John Singleton from a crude, vital script mainly by Richard Price. Shaft is a glory time if no big acting challenge for Samuel L. Jackson, who is so duded-up in leather, so cocky with attitude, so cool in his nearly psychotic craze for justice that he almost morphs into a black Billy Jack. Jackson preens and rules, but loses a few scenes to terrific villains: Christian Bale as a rich, despicable whitey, and especially Jeffrey Wright as a crazed Dominican drug dealer who vents grief by stabbing himself in the chest with a pen knife — then, giddy, charges forward for revenge. This is a ludicrous, violent, profane but entertaining movie, although poor Tom Collette is wimped into a tissue of vulnerability. 110 minutes. Rated R. 3 stars.

"Shanghai Noon" — A jolly good show. Jackie Chan, whose amiability is aging into some actual expressiveness, loosens up brightly in this comic western. Big thanks to co-star Owen Wilson, as a smart-aleck robber dude who partners Chan in the rescue of an abducted Chinese princess. Tom Dey directed with witty snap, the lines are often funny, some corny moments shuck well, and there are even evil desperados who laugh as their own men catch fire. 2 hours. Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

"Small Time Crooks" — "The Honeymooners" minus Norton and the fat jokes. Woody Allen is Ray, a failed thief. Tracey Ullman is Frenchy, his ever-lovin' wife. They squabble about his failed heists until her cookie business takes off, and the movie becomes another tired exercise in highbrow envy. She wants to become sophisticated, he just wants to move to Florida and go to the dog track. Allen arms Ullman with limp malaprops, Elaine May with witless naivete

and himself with zingless zingers. In this era of gross-out summer comedies, it's a mildly amusing refuge — but Allen fans could find it depressing, like watching an over-the-hill legend trying to play center field for the Mets. "That's Willie Mays," parents told their kids. "You should have seen him when." 95 minutes. Rated PG. 2 stars.

"The Virgin Suicides" — It's about the five Lisbon sisters, in a leafy suburb of Detroit in the '70s, who become teen suicides. Each is blonde and lovely. When the moodiest girl, Cecilia (Hanna Hall), is the first to go, director/writer Sofia Coppola builds to her exit quietly and then shows a tremendous churning of alarmed

figures, spilling through the house and outside to see the girl's dead body. The film virtually names a villain: dull, middle-class suburban upbringing. Plus repressive parenting that fusses with anxiety, but is clueless. "The Virgin Suicides" has some heat of incidental style, but falls beneath its theme. It can handle its content except for the really important thing, the tragic deaths of five downy darlings. Cast: James Woods, Kirsten Dunst, Kathleen Turner, Josh Hartnett, Hanna Hall, Michael Pare. Running time: 97 minutes. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

Ratings: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, worthy; 2 stars, mixed; 1 star, poor; 0 stars, forget it.

Capsules compiled from movie reviews written by David Elliott, film critic for *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, and other staff writers.

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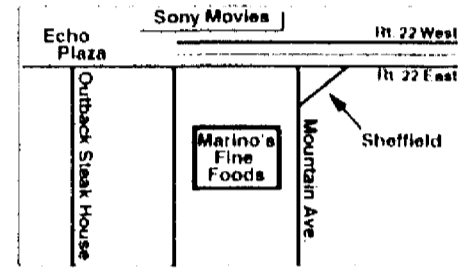
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**ARIES** (March 21 - April 19): Listening to a loved one without criticizing will be your biggest challenge this week. Practice positive thinking, or bite your tongue.

**TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20): Children will keep you very busy this week with back-to-school preparations and last-minute requests. Stick to your schedule as much as possible.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21): Your thoughts are processed through your emotional center. Take a moment to acknowledge what really feels good to you.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22): This will be a highly communicative period for you. Put yourself in a position where

the exchange of information is easy and free-flowing.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22): Your focus shifts to finances and how you can best manage your money for success. Stay away from cutting-edge investments, and build your savings.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): You cannot grow and prosper working in the shadow of a boss or superior. Find the courage to step out and claim your personal power.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Shun the limelight to do a little soul searching this week. Meditation and yoga help you relax and get in touch with your heart's desires.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Connect with old friends

or school buddies by telephone or e-mail. Be prepared for some unexpected news that will rock your world.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Market your skills and talents in a club or group environment. Make the rounds with your business cards in your hand.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Being open to new adventures or unusual suggestions has its rewards. Give up the need to always be in control, and let your hair down.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You do not want to mix your personal funds with a business or joint account. For legal or tax purposes, be sure to document your expendi-

tures.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - March 20): Enjoy a cultural event that allows you to spend time with relatives and loved ones. Take lots of pictures, and update your address book.

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTH-DAYS:** Communication is your key word for the coming year. Reach out to others, and be willing to share thoughts, ideas and insights. You will be given an opportunity to learn all sorts of interesting things. Try to focus and avoid scattering your energies in too many directions. Public speaking or writing is also charted for you during this forecast period. Do whatever you can do to make the world a better place.

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## Printmaking Council continues 26th Members' Juried Exhibition

**BRANCHBURG** — The Printmaking Council of New Jersey is presenting its 26th annual Members' Juried Exhibition through Aug. 26.

Monotypes, woodcuts, etchings, photographs, mezzotints and handmade paper are included in the exhibition. Arie Galles, international artist and educator, is the juror.

Artists in the exhibition are Gary Brieche, Cornelia Baker, Paul Bonelli, Robert Borsuk, Jean Burdick, Peg McAulay Byrd, Jean Davidson, Gayle Fitzpatrick, Laurie Hartman, Claire Heimarck, Christine Kohler, Linda Ippolito, Linda Kohl-Orton, Carol McCarthy, Elissa Merkl, Takayo Noda, Florence Putterman, Roberta C. Scott, Miriam Stern, Marie Sturken and Idaherna Williams.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. The Printmaking Council is located on River Road, south of Route 22. For more information, call (908) 725-2110.

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## Free concerts liven Fridays in downtown Somerville

**SOMERVILLE** — There's more to Somerville on Friday nights than just classic cars.

The District Management Corporation is again hosting the Free Friday Night Concert series on the lawn in front of the historic Somerville Borough Hall, located at 25 West End Avenue.

The free concerts will be held every Friday evening, weather permitting, through Aug. 25.

The concerts begin at 7 p.m. and last for approximately one hour.

Corporate sponsors of the concert series are The Johnson & Johnson Somerset County Companies, United National Bank and Somerset Valley Bank.

Bill Lawton, Chairman of the DMC Board of Trustees, said, "The Free Friday Night Concert series continues a Somerville tradition and offers the best of 'hometown' America, a concert on the public green, and a chance for families and neighbors to get together to share good music and each other's company."

The remaining concert schedule is:

- July 28, Dixie Mix Dixieland Band (Dixieland jazz)
- Aug. 4, VanNess (folk/rock)
- Aug. 11, The Pilgrim Sons (rock 'n roll)
- Aug. 18, PW and the Blues Rockers (blues/rock)
- Aug. 25, Nancy Shill (American folk)

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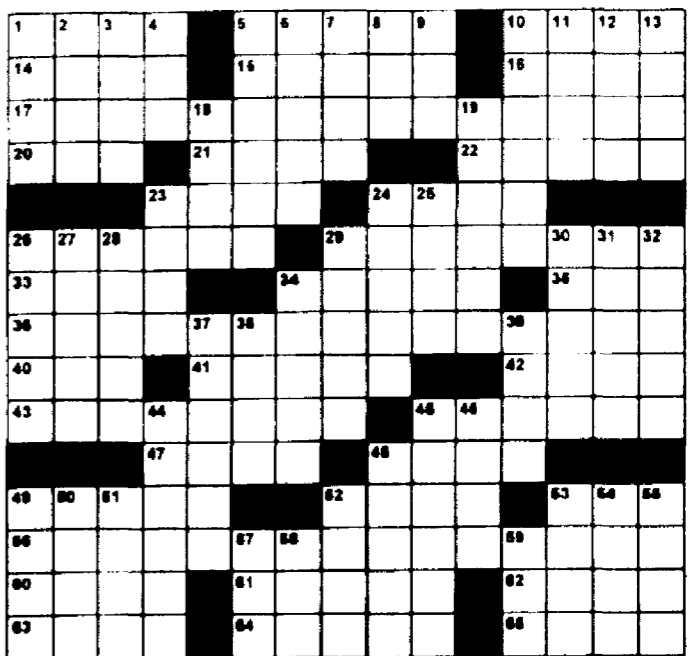
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# Sports

## Overmatched

Westfield shut out in state play but future holds much promise

By DAVE ALLENA  
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT



WEST DEPTFORD — Tony Picaro figures the loser in one of the county's most memorable battles had it better than his team did this weekend.

"I thought it would be like the Texans at the Alamo . . . it was worse," the Westfield American Legion head coach said. "We were boys among men. We were just up against it."

After suffering a 20-0 loss to the state's most storied Legion squad in Brooklawn Saturday night, Westfield was eliminated from the state tournament the next day with an 11-0 loss to Clara Barton of Edison.

But Picaro could afford to joke a little bit. After all, he has all but one — Brian Flynn — of the 12 players who finished the season returning for at least the next two years. With an extremely young team, Picaro believes the program has taken a first step.

"This is the first time in over 10 years a Westfield team has qualified for the state tournament," he said. "This year we got there. Next year not only do we expect to get there again but we also expect to do something."

"I was very, very pleased with the season we had, and even with the bitter taste they have in their mouths right now the kids have nothing to be ashamed of. They were probably the youngest team in the state tournament. We expect to be back next year. We're already looking to the future. I'll definitely be doing it next year and the following year when the kids are seniors, and I'm even checking to see about their eligibility for even a third year."

Westfield finished its regular season in great form to place fourth in the Union County American Legion Baseball League with a final mark of 19-5, clinching the state tourney berth with a 12-2 rout of Elizabeth in the season finale.

Linden, Roselle and Union finished in the top three spots ahead of Westfield, which is something Picaro expected. But Westfield won the battle for the fourth slot, the one for which Westfield was shooting.

"We accomplished our goal," Picaro said. "At the beginning of the season we thought Linden, Roselle and Union would be the top three teams with us and some teams in the middle. We had to rise above those teams and we did."

And Westfield did it by playing its best ball down the stretch as both the play on the field and the team's mental approach played key roles.

"I think the kids really matured towards the end of the season by going into the games knowing the intensity they needed to play," Picaro said. "They did a lot of different things team-wise and individually to show improvement as the season went along."

Unfortunately it all came to a quick end last weekend. Westfield managed only two hits in each of the nine-inning games with only Jim McKeon managing a hit in each game.

Nick Giessler got the start in the opener and left facing a 5-0 deficit, while Jay Cook started the second. But like the offense, both were somewhat overmatched by the opposition.

"Despite taking the loss I thought Nicky pitched well," Picaro said. "There were balls that could've been caught that weren't, and he made some good pitches the other team muscled to the outfield. I thought Jay did a decent job before I took him out."

"Our pitching was good enough at our level, but against teams with graduated seniors and first-year college players it was good enough. The other kids were just too big and too strong."

"I knew we were going to be going against some good pitchers. The kid for Brooklawn is going to Siena and the kid from Clara Barton is going to Greensboro (NC). Both were very good pitchers."

**Westfield 12, Elizabeth 2** - A nine-run fourth inning highlighted the victory July 18 as Flynn belted a two-run homer and Blair Richardson tripled home a pair to key the uprising, which assured Westfield a spot in the state tournament.

Josh Ludmar singled home two runs in the bottom of the first as Westfield took a 3-1 lead, while Ryan McDonald, Flynn and Cook had two hits each and Mike Duelski contributed an RBI single in the fourth.

Mike Sofka (2-0) went the distance to earn the mound win as he allowed four hits, struck out two and walked one.



Scotch Plains-Fanwood High product Dave Herrmann (41), playing inside linebacker, tries to move in for a tackle during the annual Snapple Bowl clash at Union High. Herrmann and Westfield's Joe Saunders helped the Union All-Stars topple Middlesex 27-21.

## Herrmann, Saunders help Union

By DAVE ALLENA  
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

UNION — Although Dave Herrmann and Joe Saunders experienced their senior football seasons from opposite perspectives, both saw their final high school action end on an euphoric note.

When Rahway quarterback Steve Brown scampered two yards behind a block by Westfield High's Saunders with 33 seconds to play, Union County capped a dramatic comeback with a 27-21 triumph over Middlesex County in the seventh annual Snapple Bowl July 20.

While Herrmann's final season proved to quite successful as Scotch Plains-Fanwood posted a 9-2 record, Saunders and his Blue Devil teammates suffered through a 3-7 campaign.

Both went out winners in the Snapple Bowl at Union High.

"One of the things I'll remember is last play of the game when

the kid from Governor Livingston sacked the quarterback," said Herrmann, who's headed to Rutgers University to play baseball.

"I'll also remember I was a captain (elected by his teammates), and it was good feeling knowing we had won. I'll also remember realizing in those final seconds it was the last game I'll ever play, so it was pretty emotional."

"Coming back like we did and winning was great," Saunders said. "After the season we had at Westfield, I definitely feel good about going out a winner."

After Middlesex went up 20-7 early in the second quarter, Union rallied to tie the game. Elizabeth's Billy Gilbert, who earned Union's MVP award with his three touchdowns, scored on runs of 11 and 5 yards, while Brearley's Steve Wright for a two-point conversion pass following the second score.

With Herrmann contributing

from his inside linebacker spot, Union's defense recovered three second-half fumbles with the third coming in the closing minutes. Brown and Wright hooked up for 34 yards to the 2-yard line and Brown scored on the following play to decide it.

"It was supposed to be a pass, but (Brown) saw an opening and took it. I got a block on the end and he ran around both of us," Saunders said. "The pass (to set up the TD) was perfectly executed, just the way we did it in practice."

Middlesex took a 14-7 lead at halftime when Lamar Grier of South Plainfield scored on a 65-yard pass play, and then went up 20-7 when Grier bolted 45 yards, but Union was undaunted.

"They scored a big play right before the half, but Coach Jones gave a pretty inspirational speech at halftime," Herrmann said. "That got our heads up and turned the game around. We knew we had the better team; we knew we had more speed."

GEORGE PACCIOLLO/RECORD-PRESS

Saunders, meanwhile, figured once Union knotted the game at 20-20, the game belonged to his side.

"Once we tied the game we had a lot more confidence," he said. "We knew it was in our hands to win. We had all the momentum, and the defense did a great job getting the ball back."

It was Union's first victory after two losses and both area players were satisfied with their contributions.

"I think I played pretty well," said Saunders, who played both tackle and center. "In the beginning I was a little nervous and missed a couple of blocks, but once I settled down I handled my assignments pretty well."

"I think I played a good game," Herrmann said. "I was a little rusty from only having a week of practice, but overall I thought I did a good job. I had a couple of good hits, and I was probably in on six or seven tackles."



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## Pilots just playing for pride now

By ALLAN CONOVER  
RECORD-PRESS

At this stage of the summer, Ben Smookler fully realizes the reality of the situation. And it isn't too pleasant.

"We have to play with character and pride," said the Jersey Pilots general manager, "and finish the season strong."

That's about all that's left for the North Plainfield-based Pilots, who fell deeper into the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League standings following Sunday's doubleheader loss to the Quakertown Blazers. Jersey brought a six-game losing streak and a 10-21 record into this week's action.

The Pilots, perennial ACBL playoff contenders, are barely alive for a post-season spot with nine games left on the schedule.

"We still have some games left and can still do some damage," said Smookler. "We're still playing hard. But right now we're probably playing the spoiler role rather than really going after it (a playoff spot)."

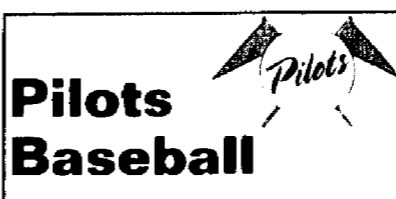
The Pilots, who were scheduled to face the New York

Generals Tuesday, host Quakertown (Pa.) 7 p.m. tonight at Krausche Field and then have an interesting day coming up tomorrow, also at Krausche. They'll first complete a suspended game against Seranton at 3 p.m., followed by a doubleheader. They'll also be home 7 p.m. Sunday against the Delaware Valley Gulls.

Todd Simo pitched well enough to win most of the time, striking out nine and allowing four hits, in Sunday's twinbill opener against Quakertown but suffered a 1-0 setback. The New Providence hurler's record dipped to 2-3.

"We just couldn't get him any runs," said Smookler, whose troops went through a 21-inning scoreless drought last weekend. "We just haven't been clicking on all cylinders on offense."

The Blazers also took the second game 7-5 after taking command with a four-run outburst in the sixth.



Trailing 7-2, Jersey got three runs back — two on Alberto Vasquez's single — in the top of the seventh and had the tying run on base but John Hostetter fanned the next two batters to end it.

Todd Speedy had two hits and pinch-hitter Shane Scoville, who had two singles in the first-game setback, lofted a sacrifice fly ball.

**Gulls Sweep Pilots** — Playing without their starting catcher and shortstop, whose car broke down en route to the game, the Pilots lost by margins of 7-6 and 3-0 Saturday to the Delaware Valley Gulls in Norristown, Pa.

Jersey seemed to be in good shape in the opener, building a 6-3 lead in the sixth when Speedy

delivered a sac fly and Tim Lemke (two hits, two RBI) singled in a run.

But the Gulls came back to tie and then won it in the final inning on a wild pitch by reliever Arnaldo Matteo. Starter Jason Bergman had pitched well for Jersey, giving up three runs on four hits in six innings, and Zack Smithlin had three hits.

Alex Nicolov also looked sharp on the mound for the Pilots in the second game, permitting two earned runs on five hits through six innings. But Jersey had just three hits.

**Delaware Valley 9, Pilots 3** — Jack Tracy had three hits for the Pilots during their July 18 loss to the DelVal Gulls at Krausche Field. Brian Ellerson had two hits and an RBI and Jack Baker singled in two runs in the seventh. DelVal, aided by an error, scored six times in the fourth while building an 8-0 lead.

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# Workhorse Davis pitches in for Patriots

By SCOTT GRUBER  
RECORD-PRESS

BRIDGEWATER — The Somerset Patriots and Lehigh Valley Black Diamonds trudged through nine innings of uninspired baseball Tuesday afternoon, but Ray Davis is rarely caught napping.

The Patriots starter tossed an astounding 145 pitches, going the distance in Somerset's 4-3 victory over Lehigh Valley before a sparse crowd at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

Somerset, which is 6-6 in the

second half, will be at The Sandcastle in Atlantic City against the Surf 7:05 tonight and tomorrow and 4:05 p.m. Sunday. The Pats return home Tuesday night to begin a four-game set with Long Island.

Davis (7-6) struck out six, walked one and allowed nine hits in what he said was the longest outing of his career Tuesday. The victory came one start removed from his Atlantic League of Professional Baseball record-breaking 16-strikeout performance six days earlier against Atlantic City.



Though struggling early, Davis found his rhythm later in the game, facing one batter over the minimum in the last three innings. Coaches kept a close eye on him going into the ninth, but Davis never gave them a reason to pull him, taking the Diamonds down in order to end the game.

"Sparky (Lyle, Patriots manager) knew I was throwing hard," said Davis. "If I was just getting banged around and giving up a lot of runs, there was no way I was going to be in there. He gave me a shot. If anything went wrong in the ninth, with the amount of pitches I'd thrown, he would've taken me out. But I got the three guys I faced out, and that was key."

The Black Diamonds rattled Davis in the second, scoring two runs on five hits to take a short-lived 2-1 lead, and the home-plate umpire gave him little relief with a few questionable calls. Davis clearly lost his composure for a while, vocally questioning balls and strikes, but pulled himself together afterwards, giving up one run the rest of the way.

"I always give them a piece of my mind," he said. "It's different for pitchers because you've got to pitch, but hitters do it. When they get ticked off, they let the ump know. I'm the same way. I'll step back on the mound and go back to doing what I'm doing, but I'll let him know if I don't like what he's calling."

"The more you talk to the ump about bad calls, the less time you have to focus on what you want to do," he added. "Today was the first time I realized the less I say the more I can concentrate. So I went out next inning, and he didn't call a few good pitches, but I didn't say

anything."

His counterpart on the Lehigh Valley side, Marshall Boze, pitched well but came away with the no-decision. Boze struck out five batters in six innings without throwing anything dominating. Reliever Mike Dyer took the loss, giving up the winning run in the seventh.

"Boze was throwing slop," right-fielder Kevin Dattola said. "He really wasn't throwing anything. We just didn't swing the bats well. That's basically it."

Both teams seemed asleep at the switch, possibly due to dreary weather compounded with an unusually early 12:05 start. The Diamonds don't have a permanent home field, so their four-game homestand was moved to Somerset, and the teams were scheduled for four noon matinees between Monday and yesterday.

Shortstop Randy Brown took advantage of Lehigh Valley's sluggish play, coming home in the bottom of the seventh with the winning run on a third-strike passed ball. Brown singled, stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball before Dyer struck out Michael Warner.

Unaware that catcher Jason McQuintiff had dropped the ball, Warner almost walked away, before he was redirected by teammates and trotted to first, bat in hand. He was thrown out but Brown, already halfway home, made a break for the plate. First baseman Hage threw to the plate to catch him, but wasn't even close.

The Patriots drew first blood in the top of the first as Dattola singled to drive home Warner before the Diamonds took a 2-1 lead in the second, when Eric Johnson smacked an RBI double and Edwards brought him home with a single.

The Patriots tied it up in the second on Brown's sacrifice fly to score Antuan Bunkley, and took a 3-2 lead the next inning on Dattola's sac fly. Lehigh Valley managed to knot the score 3-3 in the sixth when Hage smacked a

homer to right field.

**Patriots 4, Lehigh Valley 0** — Rich Robertson came within a pitch of throwing a perfect game Monday against Lehigh Valley. Robertson, a lefthander who evened his record at 4-4, allowed no baserunners until Eric Johnson led off the ninth inning with a single to right field. Robertson then retired the next three batters, two on groundouts, to finish off his masterpiece, which included seven strikeouts.

The Patriots scored the only run they'd need in the opening frame when leadoff batter Billy Hall doubled to right-center field, stole third base and came home on Glenn Reeves' fly ball to center.

Somerset added two more runs in the sixth when Randy Brown, who'd doubled, scored on Reeves' groundout and Kevin Dattola smacked a run-scoring single through the middle. Doubles by Reeves and Michael Warner produced the final run in the eighth. Hall went 2 for 3 and swiped two bases.

**Atlantic City 9, Patriots 7** — Opening up a five-run lead after just two innings Sunday, the Atlantic City Surf held on to edge the Patriots at Commerce Bank Ballpark.

The Surf, which had lost its first seven matchups with Somerset this season, took two of three games in the weekend series. Joe Rodriguez's two-run double in the eighth inning broke up a 5-all deadlock for AC and the visitors added two more runs in the ninth as 6331 fans looked on.

Patriots centerfielder Michael Warner, designated hitter Antuan Bunkley and rightfielder Kevin Dattola had a single, double and two runs batted in apiece and third baseman Jeff Anderson went 2 for 4. Dattola and Glenn Reeves had sacrifice fly balls.

Trevor Cobb started on the mound for the Patriots but lasted just 1 2/3 innings after allowing eight hits and five runs (all earned).

## Local stars earn titles in martial arts

Sharon Chillemi, Samantha Grzywacz and Zachary Skolnick of the Jeff Serdinsky Martial Arts America squad nabbed gold medals during the recent AAU National Championships in New Orleans, La.

Chillemi and Grzywacz, both of Scotch Plains, are team captains and took double golds in their divisions. Chillemi won her second straight title and was also unscored-upon in sparring. Skolnick, of Westfield, dominated the crowded age 9-10 category Black Belt Division.

In all, the Serdinsky Martial Arts America team brought back 11 medals from the tourney, which attracted over 1500 competitors from around the country. Every team member placed in the top 10 in their divisions.

Johnny Reuter won silver and bronze medals and John Wagner, Cara Felton, Matt Shuster and Charles Barber all earned bronzes. Robert Desiato and Bryan Durann looked sharp in their first national competition, placing in the top 10.

"I was pleased not only with the performance of the team," said Serdinsky, chief instructor and team coach, "but also with the overall sportsmanship they demonstrated. I received numerous compliments from judges and instructors from around the country on how the team members presented themselves. Everyone on the team did an outstanding job."

For further information on the Serdinsky Martial Arts America competition team visit their website at [www.serdinsky.com](http://www.serdinsky.com).

## DeCampo second in Old Bridge tourney

OLD BRIDGE — Wesfield's Joe DeCampo took second place at 112 pounds in the Future Champions Division of the annual Old Bridge Wrestling Festival Saturday. In the tourney final DeCampo was pinned by Nick Harris of West Hempstead, N.Y. in 4:30.

Plainfield's Jason McLean came through with a 12-6 triumph over Woodbridge's Andrew Perez in the 146-pound championship bout in the Open Freestyle Division and Mark McLean, also of Plainfield, was pinned in 1:35 by New Brunswick's Ricardo Romaro for the 204-pound crown in the same division.



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## Patriots' Hall proving to be master of thievery

No one has been able to slip the cuffs on Billy Hall yet, and it's earned the Somerset Patriots second baseman a spot in the record book.

Through Tuesday's action, Hall had stolen 60 bases this season without being thrown out once, a streak that's never been surpassed in the documented annals of professional baseball. The major league record for consecutive steals is 50, set by the St. Louis Cardinals' Vince Coleman in 1988-89, and the minor league mark is 33, set by Mike Curry with Charleston of the South Atlantic League.

The Atlantic League of Professional Baseball standard for steals in a season had been 47, set by the Pats' Jeff Berblinger last year in 102 games. Hall broke that record July 7 in his 58th game.

Hall also set the ALPB record for most stolen bases in a game with four earlier this year and has several games with three steals. He's among the league leaders in runs scored with 62 and was voted as the starting second baseman for the league All-Star Game which was held July 12 at Bridgewater's Commerce Bank Ballpark.

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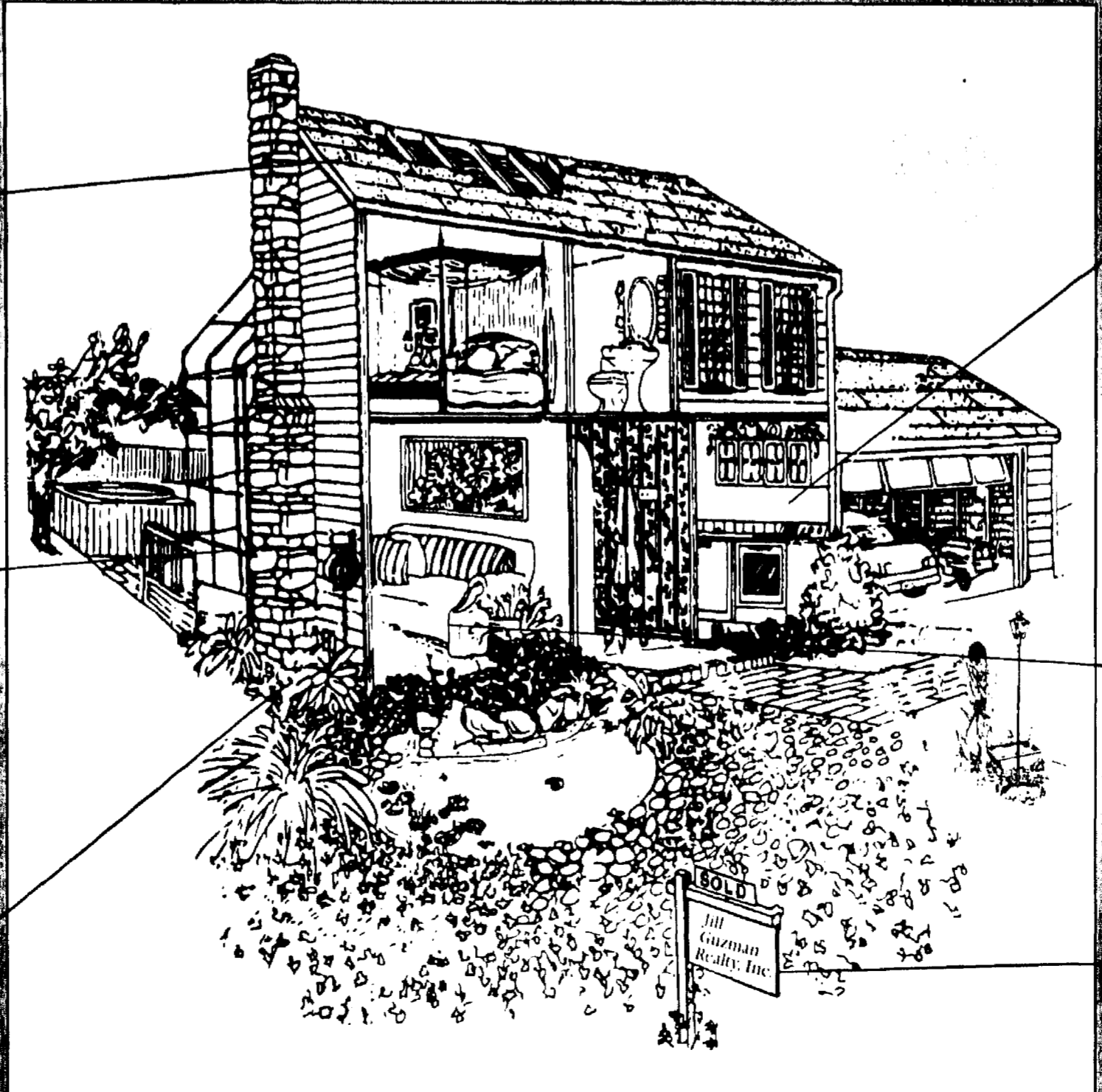
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## Lenders have your number with new 'mortgage score' system

By JAMES M. WOODARD  
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

What is your "mortgage score?" The answer could determine whether or not you qualify for a home loan - or what terms you will be offered by a lender to refinance your present mortgage.  
 Over the past decade, the mortgage industry has been quietly but aggressively developing a system of scoring people, related to their capability to repay a mortgage loan. For a long time, consumers weren't aware it was taking place. Now, many people know about the system, but lenders are still reluctant to tell them how their scoring is determined and what their score is.  
 Home buyers with a score of 700 or higher usually have no problem obtaining a desired mortgage loan. In fact, lenders will roll out the red carpet for these buyers, knowing the paper work will flow through easily and rapidly.  
 On the other hand, if the score turns out to be low, or a "caution" flag is attached to the report, lenders will typically pass on the application, according to Jeff Segal, president of D.L. Mortgage Inc., a major mortgage broker firm in California. Most lenders would rather wait for a high-scoring applicant to come along,

rather than hassle with an applicant with high-risk or marginal qualifications.  
 A key problem in the current system is the method by which a person's score is determined. It involves their credit reports from the major credit reporting bureaus, and a "modeler" who determines the credit score. Lenders then use the score to determine loan eligibility, interest rates and other terms associated with a mortgage.  
 "In addition to a person's credit report, the scoring is affected by a lot of erroneous stuff - information that shouldn't be considered at all," Segal said. "And if a person can get hold of that information and finds it is filled with errors, it takes weeks or months to have it removed or corrected. It can be a real nightmare."  
 The scoring system's adverse and unfair impact on home buyers is finally being addressed by legislators. New laws are being proposed that gives home buyers the "right to know" their credit scores. Lenders may soon be required to share the credit score with loan applicants, along with information about how the score was determined.  
 "An example of how a score can be negatively

impacted is when someone shops for a loan on the Internet or transfers loan balances on credit cards in order to obtain more favorable interest rates," said Kay Wilson-Bolton, president of a regional association of Realtors. "Every credit inquiry negatively impacts the score."  
 Q. What is corporate housing?  
 A. An increasingly hot niche in the real estate market is corporate housing. Corporations are buying residential properties to house employees temporarily while they are finding a permanent home of their own in an area where they have been transferred - or while an employee is on a temporary assignment for the corporation.  
 This has grown to be a \$3 billion industry, according to the CEO of Denver-based AvenueWest Corporate Housing.  
 "In many areas, demand for temporary corporate housing has outpaced supply. That has made

investing in such properties highly lucrative," the CEO said.  
 Q. Is buying a foreclosed home cheap a good deal?  
 A. "Foreclosed Homes from \$3,000 - No Money Down." That was the bold-face heading of a recent mailing promotion, advertising a guide to making money from foreclosed and auctioned homes. But don't be misguided, states a report from the Federal Trade Commission.  
 "You're likely to hear pitches for homes being sold and auctioned in your area at great prices. But the deal isn't always what's promised. And if you buy one of those guides, you may end up spending more than you planned," the FTC report warns.  
 The guides typically sell for about \$50. The seller usually wants the buyer's credit card number or a direct withdrawal from a checking account. You may even be billed for a guide you didn't order, an FTC report

points out.  
 "In many cases, the guide-selling business will bill a credit card or debit a checking account even if the consumer never agreed to buy anything. They get your bank account or credit card information under false pretenses, sometimes claiming that they need the account number to verify a credit history or to 'hold' an order."  
 "When the guide arrives in the mail, chances are it contains far less information than expected. Actually, it's information that is readily available elsewhere for free," the FTC report stated.  
 Bottom line: While it's possible to buy homes through foreclosure sales, you won't find the "good deals" advertised in auction guides sold by fraudulent promoters.  
 Most well-maintained homes

being sold in a foreclosure sale will sell for close to their appraised value, the FTC noted. The houses that sell for significantly lower prices often are in disrepair or located in unstable communities.  
 Also, foreclosed homes are usually sold "as is." They don't come with warranties, and sellers aren't required to disclose any problems. Buyers, particularly those who don't pay for a professional home inspector before closing on the deal, may find themselves mired in unanticipated repair bills.  
 Send inquiries to James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Questions may be used in future columns; personal responses should not be expected.  
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## Decorating ideas for whatever floats your boat

By ROSE BENNETT GILBERT  
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. My husband bought a houseboat sight unseen! Which is how it should have stayed, it's so ugly inside. I'm trying to be a good sport and fix the thing up, but I don't know where to begin. I've never decorated a floating living room before.  
 A. Obviously, there are concessions to be made to the elements and the undulations to which your floating living room will be subject. The former - moist air, hot sunshine, wet bathing suits - are much the same as for any house at the beach, lake or river. You should look for fade-resistant fibers, noncorrosive metals, surfaces that sand can't easily scratch and water won't ruin.  
 Undulations - as in anchors aweigh - can prove more problematic, even in a houseboat that is, presumably, flat of bottom and steady on the swells. Here, you should look for furnishings with a low center of gravity, the better to hug the floor in high seas. Chairs should have a wide-legged stance, lamps should be bottom-heavy, tables as tip-proof as possible. It's really just common sense.  
 In fact, you probably won't notice much difference between your landlubber living room and one that's nautical, but nice. Check out the seaworthy salon we show here, done up by Decorating Den designer Lorraine Brown. If it weren't for the neighbors, bobbing in port, you might never guess that we're looking at the main living area on a houseboat.

and enlarge, but right now I could use ideas on how to keep from feeling so squeezed. We both work, so we're always in there together, and it's like a battle of the elbows.  
 A. "Touche" is hardly the way you want to greet your spouse in the morning. I can sympathize. The bad news about a small bath is obvious: The furniture is fixed in place so you can't rearrange to gain more space as you usually can in other rooms. The good news: There are indeed clever ways to make your space look as if there were more elbow room.  
 Try wallpaper, for example. A smallish, all-over pattern - on the ceiling, too - will open up the walls visually. Or install striped wallpaper on the horizontal, rather than the vertical, to exaggerate wall space.  
 Choose reflective surfaces: polished stone or glossy laminates for counter tops and the largest mirrors you can find. Hang all the walls with mirrors, and go heavy on the lighting. Add lights all around the make-up/shaving mirror, install wall sconces, augment the center-ceiling fixture with halogen. Otherwise, stick with warm incandescent bulbs; fluorescents can cast a cruelly ghoulish glare.  
 Look for new storage options. In a high-ceilinged bath, you may be able to install a shelf up over the tub. A tall cabinet that fits over the toilet is another easy option. And consider skirting a pedestal sink, the better to hide all the stuff we all must co-exist with in any bath.  
 Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Please send your questions to her at Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190, or on-line at copleys@copleynews.com.

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# Automotive/Classified

## 2000 Volkswagen Passat is in motion

By JERRY GARRETT  
COPY/NEWS SERVICE

The Volkswagen Passat, a flirtatious TV ad not withstanding, will not empower drivers to meet beautiful people at stop signs.

A babe or guy magnet, it's not. But, with the new all-wheel-drive Passat, what you could get is a few drag races, a slalom championship and maybe a hill climb trophy or two.

The new Passat, equipped with VW's new 4Motion AWD system, is VW's first such system available in the United States since the little-missed and even less-sold Quantum 12 years ago.

VW hopes to peddle about 12,000 4Motion-equipped Passat sedans and wagons a year, which would push overall sales of the Passat beyond the once-unthinkable 80,000 mark.

While it might be overkill for tame driving conditions, 4Motion could be a secret weapon to have in the most challenging driving conditions.

This 4Motion system, which just debuted, is all-wheel traction management in the tradition of Audi's refined quattro system: efficient, seamless and confidence-inspiring.

The level of sophistication in the 4Motion system should not come as a complete surprise, since VW owns Audi, but the Passat version is a little different.

For instance, the AWD Euro-spec VW Golf varies from the Passat 4Motion system in that its engine, like the Audi TT, is mounted transversely and is hydromechanically controlled. Also, 4Motion operates all the time, on all wheels, at all speeds.

Front to rear, 4Motion utilizes a mechanically operated power apportioning system, with an auto-lock Torsen center differential. Side to side, it has an electrically controlled unit, called an Electronic Differential Locking system.

Together, these two components sense road conditions, and increase or decrease traction to each wheel accordingly.

Try it next winter when the first snowstorm hits. You'll love it. While the TV news vans are sliding off into the trees, you'll be whizzing along through the slush and mush without a hitch.

Passat's bump-smothering suspension compliments the system, giving the car impeccable road manners. Torque-steer is virtually nonexistent, due to a four-link front suspension that creates a center-point steering axis.

Most other annoying aspects of SUV-like AWD or 4WD systems - high, wide and ugly - are almost absent from this Passat, as with similarly equipped Audis.



2000 Volkswagen Passat.

Turning radius remains the same as the Passat front-driver. Ground clearance is only a half-inch higher with AWD. Drag coefficient is the same.

Gas mileage is just a mile or two a gallon worse on the highway, compared with 2WD Passats with the same 2.8-liter V-6.

The torque-rich 30-valve engine, another feature that creates similarities between this Passat and an Audi, is a new feature for Passat in the 2000 model year.

It churns out 190 horsepower (compared with the Audi version's 200) and seems lavishly more powerful than the past, passive Passat power plant, the 1.8-liter turbocharged four.

Stomp on the gas, and it's guaranteed you will take a deep breath before the engine does. And triple-digit speeds feel as comfy and secure as any double-digit velocities. Makes you long for an autobahn around.

On the whole, the 4Motion Passat probably will have you humming that swishy love song from the TV commercial. But there are nit-picks.

Sadly, the 4Motion Passat is available only with the five-speed automatic transmission, with the gimmicky Tiptronic tap-shift feature. A five-speed manual (or the in-house six-speed), coupled with the 2.8-liter engine, would be in violation of your state's Anti-Fun Ordinance.

Curb weight is up by 210 pounds, courtesy of the 4Motion system, and 0-60 times are a full second or more slower.

The optional sunroof, like those on other most V-dubs and Audis, howls like a Shop-Vac sucking up standing water.

The electronic door locking system locks all four doors upon takeoff, but only unlocks the front two upon landing. That's constantly irritating when you want to retrieve your coat, briefcase or recalcitrant children from the back seat after stopping.

And the telescoping cup holder is fun to play with (for awhile) but not very versatile or functional.

The biggest nit-pick, however, is price: Thirty thousand dollars for a Volkswagen?

VW's response is that the 4Motion system is only a \$1,650 option - and well worth it at that price.

But the option is only available on a Passat GLS or GLX or wagon model that's already loaded with leather seating surfaces, automatic climate control, four-wheel ABS, the howling sunroof, real wood trim and other amenities.

Sticker price on our GLX test vehicle was a wallet-numbing \$30,905 (add \$800 for the wagon). The competition in the mid-size sedan class is already eight to ten grand less.

But try looking at the equation from a "glass is half full" rather than a "glass is half empty" standpoint. You're not paying \$10,000 too much for a glorified Jetta, you're paying \$10,000 less for an Audi A6 in sheep's clothing.

Jerry Garrett is a San Diego-based freelance auto writer.



Mike Doria receives the keys to a 2000 Ford Focus at Ditchman/Flemington Ford Lincoln Mercury from salesman Bob Golomb (left) and Byron Brisby, COO and president of the dealership.

## Whitehouse Station man wins a new car in contest

They say a winner always keeps his eye on the prize. If that's true, Whitehouse Station resident Mike Doria won't have to look further than his driveway to see the fruits of his labor.

A self-described "sweepstakes junkie," Doria, 27, was ecstatic to find out he is the winner of a brand new 2000 Ford Focus, the grand prize of a sweepstakes offered by Yahoo.com and the Ford Motor Company. The car was presented to Doria recently at Ditchman/Flemington Ford Lincoln Mercury, a member of the Flemington Car & Truck Country Family of Dealerships.

"I enter about five or six sweepstakes a day," Doria said. "I got involved entering contests as a hobby about two years ago. This car is the best thing I've ever won."

A website designer who works from home the doesn't drive to work, Doria spends most of his time on the Internet.

"I see sweepstakes advertisements all the time and one day I just started entering them. I've won video games, t-shirts and duffle bags -- but never a car."

Doria's father, who is also known as Mike, said the family has been ribbing his son about his fascination with contests.

"But look who is having the last laugh now," said the elder Doria as he son got behind the wheel of his \$15,000 new car.

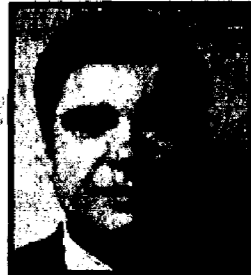
A week prior to being notified that he had won his first big sweepstakes, Doria had purchased a Jeep Cherokee from Flemington Chrysler/Jeep.

"I'm going to keep both of them," he said. "I'll just keep switching off which one I drive."



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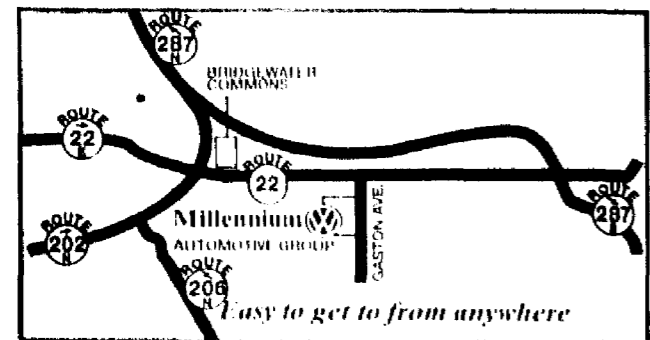
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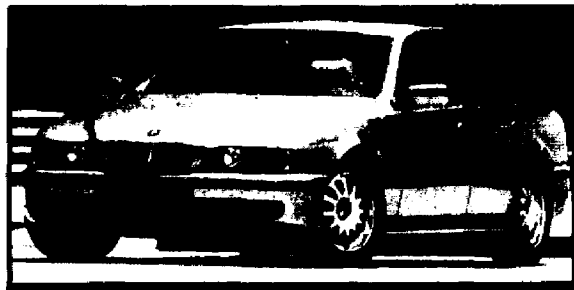
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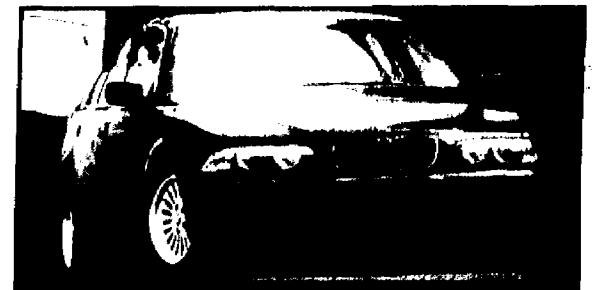
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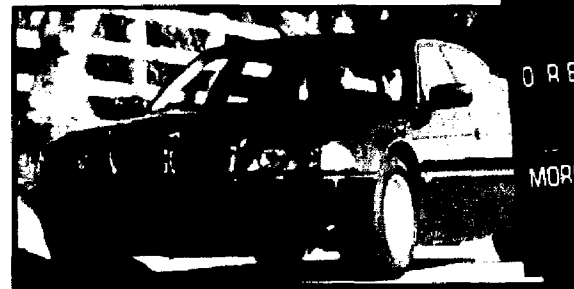
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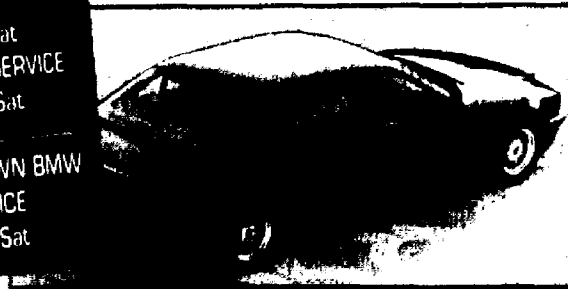
**1998 BMW 740i 4DR**  
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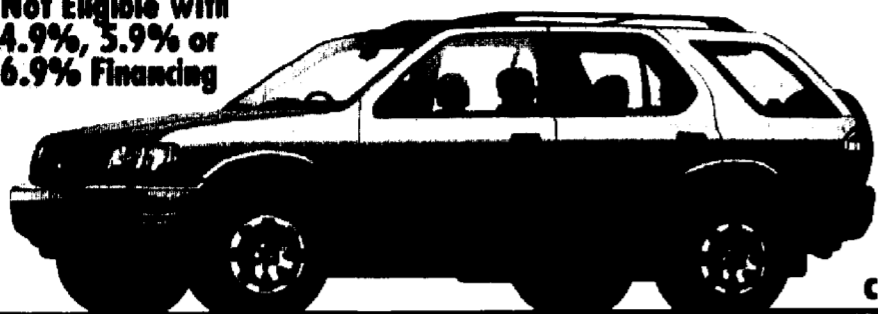
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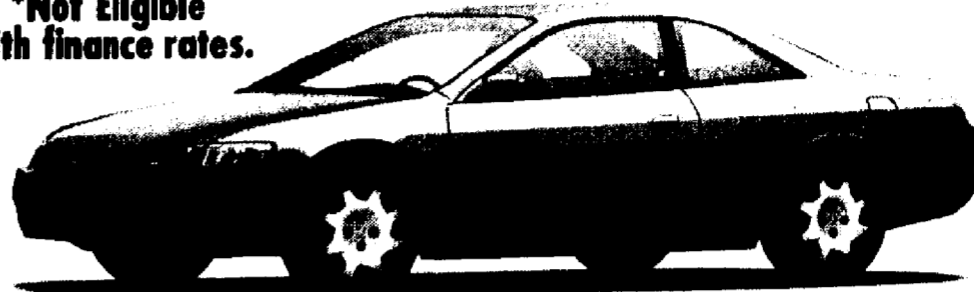
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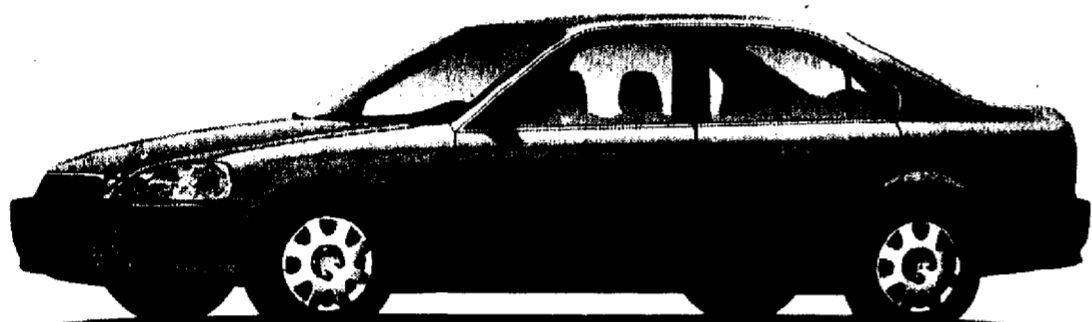
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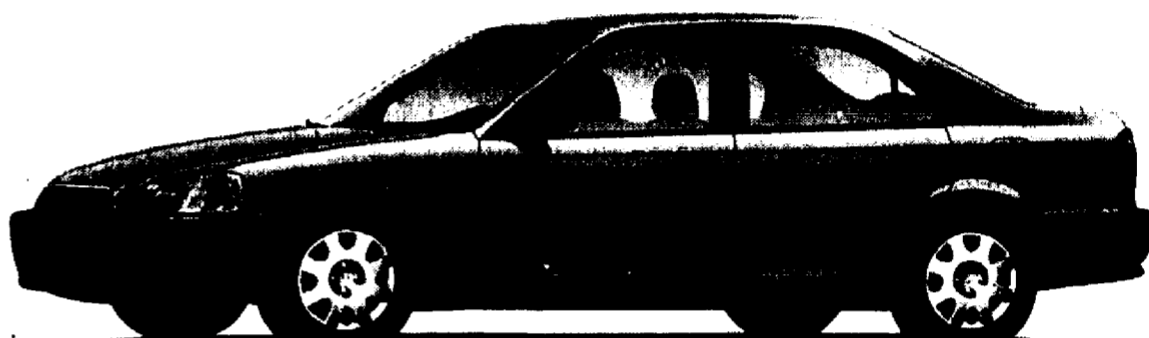
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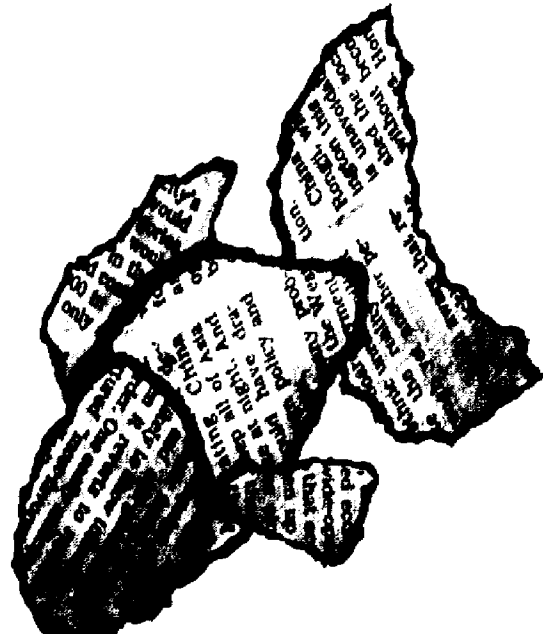
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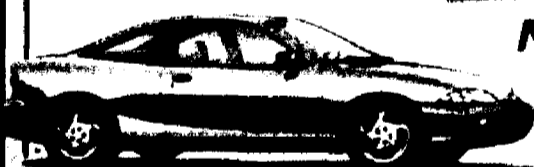
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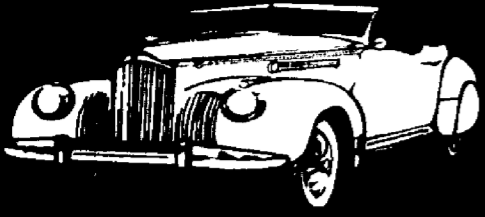
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# High-flying Elvises of the sky

With a curl of a lip, and a shake of the hip, the E Team, Elvises of the Sky, a group of Skydiving Elvis Presley impersonators, will be dropping by in their rhinestone-studded white suits, scarves, oversized gold belt buckles and sunglasses at the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning. The largest summertime balloon festival in North America runs from Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30 at Solberg Airport in Readington.

The E-Team, Elvises of the Sky will perform pyrotechnic evening jumps as well as day-

time jumps. On Saturday jumps will take place at 10 a.m., 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. followed by a magnificent Balloon Glow, and on Sunday at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., kicking off the festival's old-time barnstorming air show.

During the day, as they exit the aircraft at an altitude of 5,000 feet, colorful trails of smoke enhanced the free fall of the team.

After their parachutes are open, more smoke is ignited and large circles of smoke are traced through the sky. During the evening jump, they will

exit an aircraft at an altitude of 6,000 feet, a brilliant white light and a trail of sparks 1000 feet long mark the trail of the team. Traveling earthward at over 100 miles per hour, this trail can be seen 20 miles away. After their parachutes are safely open, more fireworks are ignited. Moving in large circles, the jumpers leave a firestorm of sparks behind and below them.

Elvises will be sharing the sky with a dazzling assortment of hot air balloons—more than 125 colorful balloons—including such special shapes as the Quick Chek American Eagle, the giant Energizer Bunny and the GPU Polar Bear. Hot air balloons ascensions will be held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Hot air balloons rides are offered for a once-in-a-lifetime experience as well as tethered rides.

This year's musical concert line-up includes the group America presented by Q104 on Friday evening, The Beach Boys presented by Magic 98.3-FM on Saturday evening and the Budwiser Beach Party featuring The Nerds and Parrotville presented by WDHA Radio.

All day and evening the festival offers non-stop entertainment and attractions, including:

- An old-time brainstorming air show with a female wing-walker, an aerial dog fight, and the Iron Eagle Aerobatic Team
- Catskill Puppet People
- Trapeze acrobat suspended from balloon plus airborne jugglers
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The E-Team, the Elvises of the sky, will be dropping out of the sky over the Solberg Airport. There will be a special night skydiving jump in conjunction with the Balloon Glow and pyrotechnics.

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either in person at Quick Chek Food Stores, by telephone 1-800-HOTAIR9 or visit the web site at [www.balloonfestival.com](http://www.balloonfestival.com). Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the gate for adults and \$6 in advance/\$10 at the gate for children 4-12. Children three and under are free. A portion of the proceeds from advance sales will benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Festival times are 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, and 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Group discounts and special preferred packages are also available. There is ample parking and free Aetna U.S. Healthcare shuttle buses.

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# Balloons, music and games make for great festival

BY ERICA LAMBERS  
SPECIAL WRITER

More than 125 hot air balloons will take to the Hunterdon County skies at the 18th annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning presented by GPU.

As the largest summertime balloon festival in North America, the festival will be headlined by such renowned musical acts as the Beach Boys and America.

The weekend-long festival will be held on Friday, July 28; Saturday, July 29; and Sunday, July 30 at Solberg Airport in Readington Township.

According to co-executive producer Howard Freeman, this year's festival will be a source of entertainment for the entire family.

"There's something planned for everyone," notes Freeman. "We've booked top entertainment acts this year so we have widespread appeal."

To entertain children, the popular characters of Richard Scarry will come alive in the GPU Family Fun Pavilion in an interactive show entitled, Richard Scarry's Busytown Express Tour.

Based on the popular story book series, the show will provide children with the opportunity to meet such favorite characters as Huckle Cat, Hilda Hippo and Lowly Worm.

The nonstop entertainment includes balloon ascensions twice daily Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The musical group America will be performing Friday night. The Beach Boys will take center stage Saturday

evening with other musical acts slated for Sunday.

Freeman says three new balloons will be showcased at the festival including a Ben and Jerry's Chocolate Ice Cream cone, a Bacardi Strawberry Daiquiri, and a Smokey the Bear balloon.

"The Ben and Jerry's and The Bacardi hot air balloons have never flown before and the Smokey the Bear balloon is flying for the first time in New Jersey," says Freeman.

Other giant specialty shaped balloons include the Quick Chek American Eagle, GPU Polar Bear, Energizer Bunny, United Van Lines Truck, Norman the Lake Serpent, and Famous Footwear Sneaker.

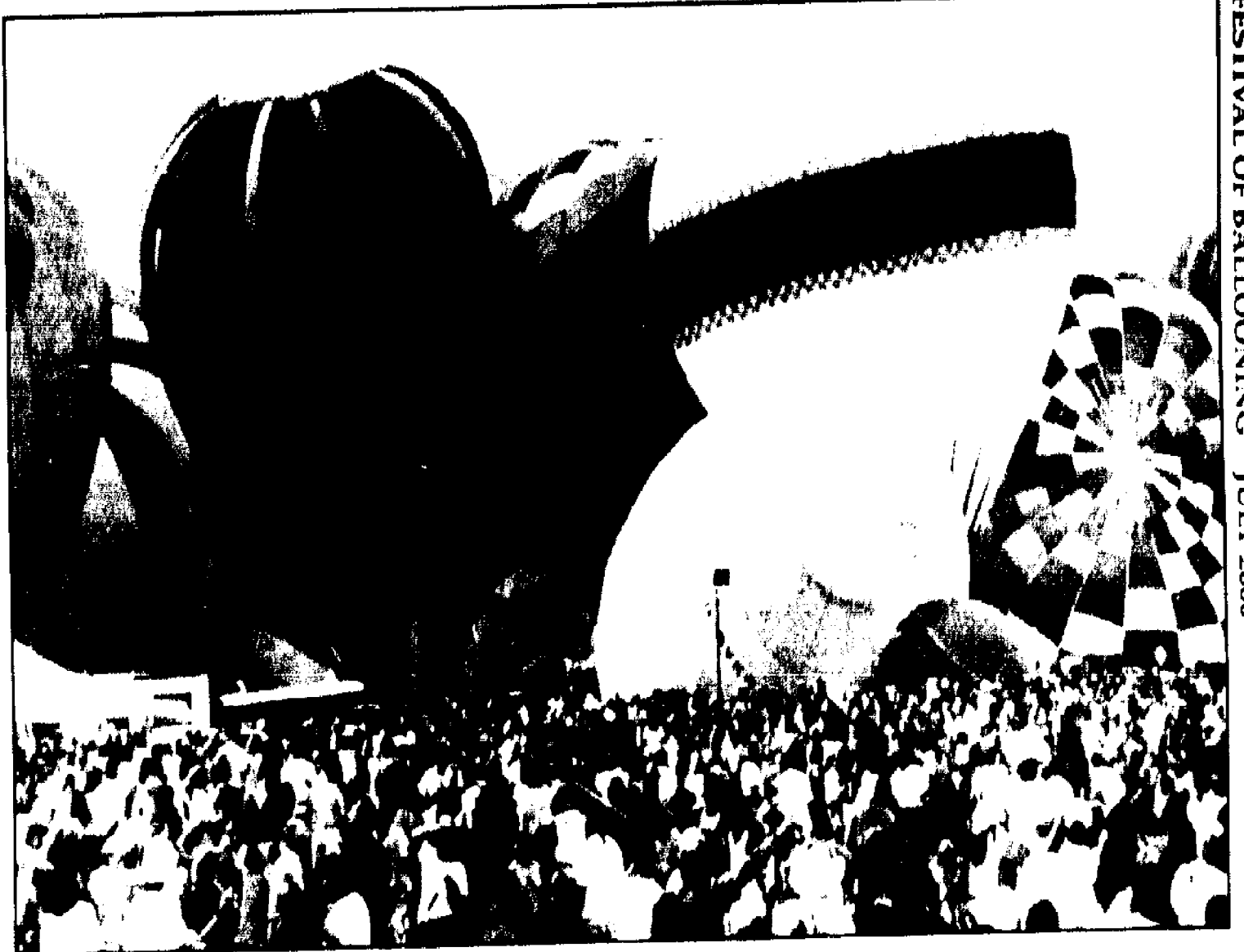
Other exciting activities include an entertainment tent, arts and crafts, kiddie rides, circus attractions, interactive displays and fireworks.

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Over the past five years, Freeman and Korff have grown the Festival not only into the largest event in New Jersey, but into the largest summertime balloon festival in North America.

Now, backed by more than 50 corporate partners, including title sponsor Quick Chek Food Stores and presenting sponsor GPU Energy, the fes-



The inflation of the balloons is one of the highlights of the festival.

tival has grown in stature both nationally and internationally.

Tickets for the festival if purchased in advance for adults are \$15 and \$20 if purchased at the gate.

Entrance for children (4-12) are \$6 in advance and \$10 if purchased at the gate. Children under 3 are free.

Parking is free at Raritan County Community College in North Branch where complimentary shuttle service is available.

For more information, call 1-800-HOT-AIR 9, or visit the festival's website at [www.ballooningfestival.com](http://www.ballooningfestival.com).

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# Festival of Ballooning has 18 year history

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entrepreneurs Howard Freeman and John Korff decided to put their extensive experience at organizing and promoting world

class events to work for the state of New Jersey. Their goal was to develop a festival where New Jersey was the star attraction and would be showcased in a positive light.

In 1992, they met Bill Lewis of Stanton, New Jersey who had owned and organized the New Jersey Festival of Ballooning for nine years. In 1983, working with

Malcolm Forbes and Tom Curley from USA Today, Mr. Lewis brought approximately 10 hot air balloons to the Union 76 Truck Stop on Route 78 in New Jersey for his event. After two years they moved the festival to its current site at Solberg Airport in Readington, New Jersey where it grew to 40-50 balloons and 30,000-40,000 people. However, Lewis was looking to sell the Festival to someone with the wherewithal to take it to the next level.

Korff and Freeman, whose only previous experience with balloons was watching the movie "The Wizard of Oz," decided to attend the Thunderbird Balloon Classic in Arizona to see what the "hot air" was all about. Both entrepreneurs were immediately impressed by the amount of traffic and the number of people who appeared "spellbound" by the sight of dozens of hot air balloons in the sky.

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backed by more than 50 corporate partners, including title sponsor Quick Chek Food Stores and presenting sponsor GPU Energy, the Festival has grown in stature both nationally and internationally. Recently the Festival was designated as one of the top one hundred events in North America by the American Bus Association and also was the recipient of the Governor's Award for the Best Special Event in New Jersey.

This year's Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning will attract more than 150,000 people from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. In fact, the Festival is only 35 miles away from New York City, Philadelphia and Bethlehem, PA; 30 miles from Newark and 25 miles from Trenton.

While the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning is designed to offer fun for people of all ages, Freeman and Korff have also dedicated their efforts, through the Festival, to helping the community. A portion of all proceeds from the Festival are donated to the Children's Miracle Network, which funds two pediatric hospitals in New Jersey. Last year, more than \$150,000 was raised by the Festival for local charities.

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## FRIDAY, JULY 28

- 1:00 p.m.: GATES OPEN
- 1:30 p.m.: United Tae Kwon Do Academies  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion
- 1:30 p.m.: New Jersey Monthly  
Yiengst Magic Circus  
Circus Big Top
- 2:00 p.m.: Macheis Wind  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion
- 2:00 p.m.: Flying Bird Kites  
Balloon Launch Area
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- 2:30 p.m.: Ralston Purina Dog Show  
GPU Family Fun Area
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GPU Family Fun Area
- 6:30 p.m.: MASS INFLATION

- Balloon Launch Area  
125 Hot Air Balloons
- 6:30 p.m.: Aventis Pharmaceuticals  
Trapeze Spectacular  
Balloon Launch Area
- 6:30 p.m.: Flying Bird Kites  
Balloon Launch Area
- 6:45 p.m.: MASS ASCENSION  
Balloon Launch Area  
Courier News Friday Night Flights  
Hare & Hound
- 8:00 p.m.: America in Concert  
Budweiser Entertainment Stage
- 9:30 p.m.: Double Tree Hotel  
Fireworks Extravaganza

## SATURDAY, JULY 29

- 6:00 a.m.: GATES OPEN
- 6:30 a.m.: MASS INFLATION  
125 Hot Air Balloons

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**5:30 p.m.:** RCN Paul Bunyan  
Lumberjack Show  
GPU Family Fun Area

**6:00 p.m.:** Richard Scarry's Busytown  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion

**6:00 p.m.:** New Jersey Monthly  
Yiengst Magic Circus

Circus Big Top

**6:30 p.m.:** MASS INFLATION  
125 Hot Air Balloons  
Balloon Launch Area

**6:30 p.m.:** Aventis Pharmaceuticals  
Trapeze Spectacular  
Balloon Launch Area

**6:45 p.m.:** MASS ASCENSION  
125 Hot Air Balloons  
Balloon Launch Area  
Hare & Hound

**8:00 p.m.:** The Beach Boys in Concert  
Budweiser Entertainment Stage

**9:10 p.m.:** E-Team Elvises of the Sky  
Balloon Launch Area

**9:15 p.m.:** Balloon Glow  
Balloon Launch Area

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

**6:00 a.m.:** GATES OPEN

**6:30 a.m.:** MASS INFLATION  
125 Hot Air Balloons  
Balloon Launch Area

**6:45 a.m.:** MASS ASCENSION  
125 Hot Air Balloons  
NJN  
Hare & Hound  
Balloon Launch Area

**8:00 a.m.:** United Tae Kwon Do Academies  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion

**8:00 a.m.:** Ralston Purina Dog Show  
GPU Family Fun Area

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8:30 a.m.: New Jersey Monthly  
Yiengst Magic Circus  
Circus Big Top  
9:30 a.m.: Group Yarina  
Budweiser Entertainment Stage  
9:30 a.m.: Catskill Puppet People  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion  
10:00 a.m.: E-Team Elvies of the Sky  
Balloon Launch Area  
10:00 a.m.: Air Show  
Balloon Launch Area  
11:30 a.m.: Richard Scarry's Busytown  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion  
11:30 a.m.: Flying Bird Kites  
GPU Family Fun Area  
12:00 p.m.: New Jersey Lottery's  
Hela Young  
Budweiser Entertainment Stage  
12:00 p.m.: Macheis Wind  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion  
12:00 p.m.: New Jersey Monthly  
Yiengst Magic Circus

Circus Big Top  
12:00 p.m.: Ralston Purina Dog Show  
GPU Family Fun Area  
12:30 p.m.: United Tae Kwon Do  
Academies  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion  
12:30 p.m.: RCN Paul Bunyan  
Lumberjack Show  
GPU Family Fun Area  
1:00 p.m.: Parrotville in Concert  
Budweiser Beach Party  
Budweiser Entertainment Stage  
1:00 p.m.: Catskill Puppet People  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion

1:30 p.m.: Airborne Jugglers  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion  
2:00 p.m.: Richard Scarry's Busytown  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion  
2:15 p.m.: Nerds in Concert  
Budweiser Beach Party  
Budweiser Entertainment Stage  
2:30 p.m.: United Tae Kwon Do Academies  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion  
2:30 p.m.: New Jersey Monthly  
Yiengst Magic Circus  
Circus Big Top

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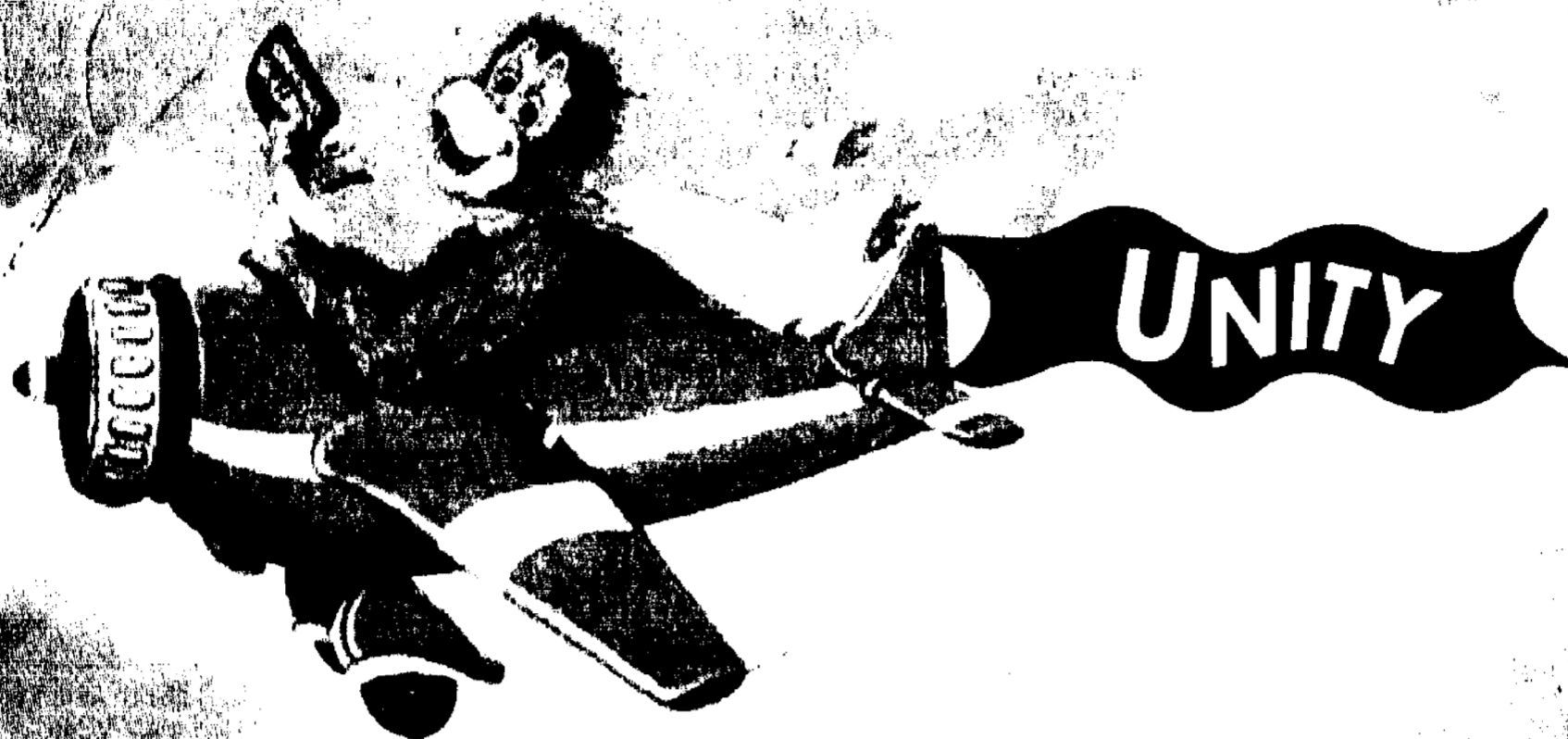
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- 3:00 p.m.: Catskill Puppet People  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion
- 3:00 p.m.: RCN Paul Bunyan  
Lumberjack Show  
GPU Family Fun Area
- 3:30 p.m.: Flying Bird Kites  
GPU Family Fun Area
- 4:00 p.m.: E-Team Elvies of the  
Sky Balloon Launch Area
- 4:00 p.m.: Air Show  
Balloon Launch Area
- 5:00 p.m.: Parrotville in Concert  
Budweiser Beach Party  
Budweiser Entertainment Stage
- 5:00 p.m.: Macheis Wind  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion
- 5:30 p.m.: Airborne Jugglers  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion
- 5:30 p.m.: RCN Paul Bunyan  
Lumberjack Show  
GPU Family Fun Area

- 6:00 p.m.: Richard Scarry's  
Busytown  
GPU Family Fun Pavilion
- 6:00 p.m.: New Jersey Monthly  
Yiengst Magic Circus  
Circus Big Top
- 6:30 p.m.: Nerds in Concert  
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Budweiser Entertainment Stage
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# The Beach Boys will be surfin' at Solberg Airport

The Beach Boys will appear at the 18th annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning Presented by GPU Energy on Saturday, July 29 at 8 p.m. "We're very excited that a band of such renown will be

appearing at the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival Of Ballooning because their music entertains audiences from 6 to 60," said Howard Freeman, the Festival Co-Producer.

For more than three decades,

The Beach Boys featuring Mike Love have been riding the crest of a wave unequalled in America's musical history.

The group has toured annually since 1961, performing more than 100 shows to audi-

ences around the world and throughout the U.S.

Their concert performance features an energetic hour and forty-five minutes of more than 30 hit songs, including "Surfin USA," "Surfer Girl," "Help Me, Rhonda," "California Girls," and "Wouldn't It Be Nice," to name a few.

The Beach Boys have been involved in numerous milestones in concert history including the Live Aid Concert, Farm Aid concerts, the Statue of Liberty's 100th Anniversary Salute and performances at the Super Bowl, The White House and Presidential Inaugurations.

Throughout their careers,

The Beach Boys have been known for their philanthropic interests raising funds and awareness for initiatives benefiting the environment, the homeless, hunger, youth community services and substance abuse.

The Beach Boys were presented with the Special Award of Merit at the American Music Awards in 1988 and that same year the band was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

The festival will also feature America in concert on Friday night and daily performances of Richard Scarry's Busytown Express on the GPU Family Fun Stage.

## Special shaped balloons are sure to be the favorites at the festival

A bunny that is 10 stories high and weighs 1,075 pounds will actually fly — at the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning presented by GPU July 28, 29, and 30 at Solberg Airport in Readington.

The Energizer Bunny balloon is just one of many special shaped balloons that will fill the skies at 6:30 p.m. Friday and twice daily on Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 am and 6:30 pm, weather permitting.

Other balloons that will be featured at the festival include "Oggy" the Dragon, who is sure to charm the children with his quick smile and thumbs up.

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The Big Apple balloon is one apple that you don't want to take a bite of, despite its delicious bright red color.

The GPU Polar Bear balloon is sure to be at the festival even though this arctic animal is not used to such high tempera-

tures.

The "Smokey the Bear" balloon will be watching out for everyone making sure there are no fire hazards.

"Montgoufiere" is sure to be seen with his polka-dotted blueskin and big smile.

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# America brings sounds of 70s to Balloon Festival

The renowned group **America**, presented by Q104, will be featured at the 18th annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning Presented by GPU Energy to be held at Solberg Airport in Readington on July 28-30. **America** will appear on Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m.

During the 70's, **America** helped establish a new style of music which combined free wheeling rock 'n' roll with elements of folk and country. The group originally met in high school; all three were sons of U.S. Air Force officers who were stationed in the U.K.

They became an instant success with their first hit, "A Horse with No Name," which hit number three in the U.K.

In 1972, the single topped the charts in the U.S. and in 1973, **America** won a Grammy award for Best New Artist. Throughout their career, they recorded and sold more than 17 gold, platinum and multi-platinum albums.

The group has recently come out with a new album on Oxygen Records entitled *Human Nature*, which features a stellar group of artists from such famous bands as

Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, The Eagles, Chicago, and the late Carl Wilson of the Beach Boys.

Friday night at the festival, **America** will perform such hits as "I Need You," "Ventura Highway," and "Sister Golden Hair," as well as songs from their new album.

On Saturday night, **The Beach Boys** presented by Magic 98.3FM will perform in concert at 8 p.m. On Sunday, at the Budwiser Beach Party presented by WDHA, **Parrotville** will perform at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and the **Nerds** at 2:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.



America will perform at the Festival of Ballooning on Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m.

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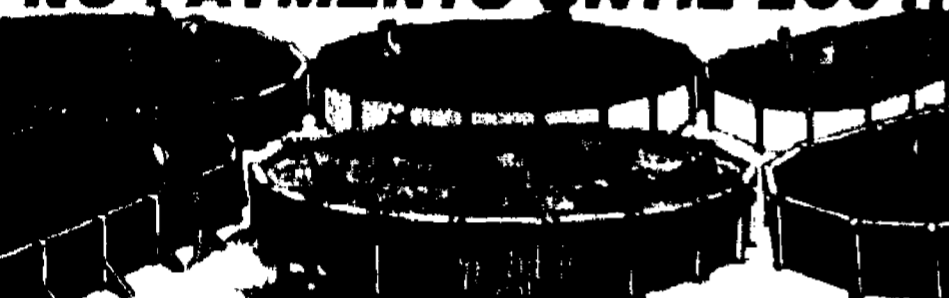
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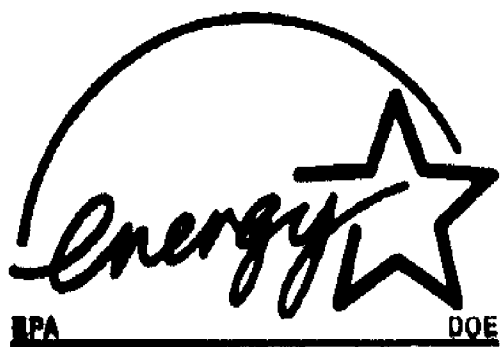
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# Balloonists follow a 'higher' calling

**By CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE**  
 READINGTON — Raising a paper cup into the air, Judy Cass fluidly delivered the traditional balloonist's toast:  
*"The winds have welcomed you with softness. The sun has blessed you with his warm hand. You have flown so high and so well, that God has joined you in your laughter. And he has set you gently back again into the loving arms of Mother Earth."*  
 Judy and her husband, Gary, touched their champagne-filled

cup to mine, offered congratulations on a maiden lighter-than-air voyage and brought my first ballooning adventure to an end.  
 The day's events began just part sunrise under hazy skies at Solberg Airport. Assorted media representatives assembled at the designated "press tent," and waited their chance to soar into the skies as part of the state's largest outdoor summer celebration, the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning.  
 Festival representatives invited the press corps to tour the

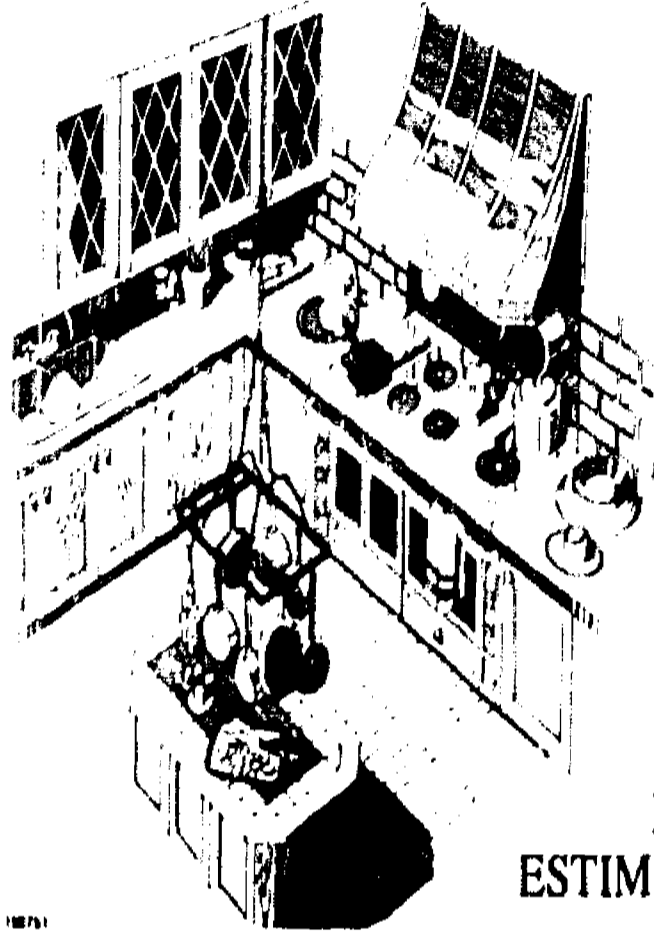
grounds, purposefully unleashing a wave of reporters and photographers onto a growing number of balloon flight crews.  
 Groups of eager Girl Scouts beat the media to the site and scampered across the straw-like blades of grass, unwrapping colorful nylon packages with careful, precise movements that would seem woefully out of place on a Christmas morning.  
 Not far from the press tent, the members of a troop from Washington Township worked  
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One of the 125 hot air balloons at the Quick Chek Festival of Ballooning

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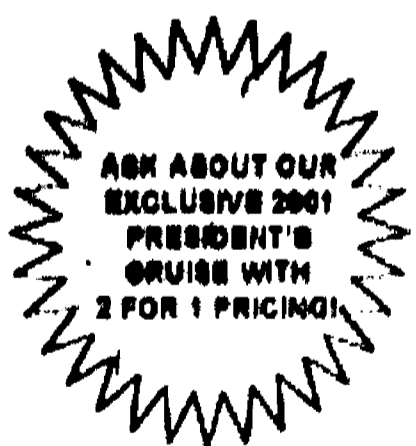
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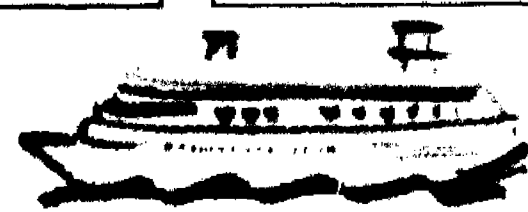
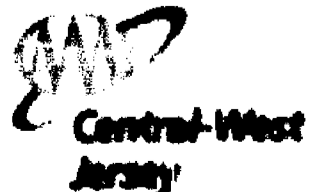
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# Balloonists follow a 'higher' calling

(Continued from page 17) diligently in the humid air. Mere minutes passed, and the girls stepped back from their work to reveal the outline of a giant can of soda.

With the help of a fan and staccato bursts of flame, the nylon can assumed a cylindrical shape and lofted into the air, its red, white, and blue surface proudly displaying the name "Pepsi."

As the time for liftoff neared, a fair spokesman introduced me to Judy, the crew chief for the Pepsi Aerosports team, who was using a rope and some leverage to hold the hovering can close to the ground. Gary was piloting the balloon, giving the gleeful Scouts quick tether rides.

As the girls (and their troop

leaders) took pictures from above, Judy explained the dimensions of the "special shape" balloon. The can, she told me, is 110 feet tall, with 90,000 cubic feet of usable air inside.

"We haven't figured out how many fluid ounces of Pepsi would fill it," she said with a laugh, "but maybe some year we'll have a contest and find out."

When the last of the Scouts touched down, I hoisted myself into the rattan gondola, received a few words of encouragement from the girls and, putting my fate in Gary's capable hands, ascended into the sky.

"All the balloon flights are different," the pilot said. "Some really rock and roll."

Gary has been flying balloons for 21 years. He and Judy devel-

oped a fascination with lighter-than-air travel as a direct consequence of their interest in auto racing.

Driving to a race one year, the couple passed through Indianola, Iowa, which at that time housed the national ballooning competition. The following year, Gary and Judy stopped at the event; the third year, they asked for more information about flying.

Then, in 1978, they bought their first balloon.

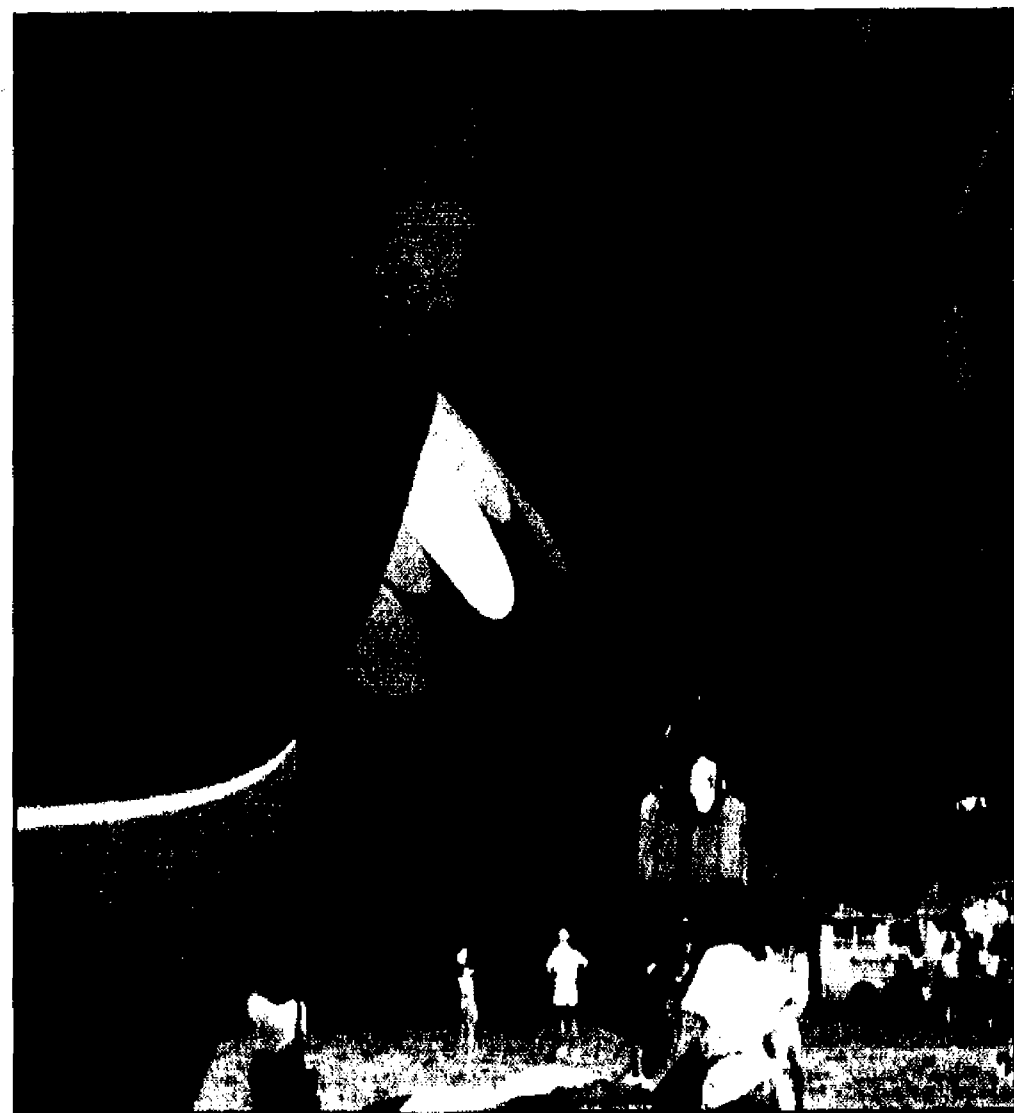
"I can't try anything, but I do things one at a time," Gary said. "Balloons stuck."

Grinning he added, "It's ruined our lives."

Ballooning has become a major factor in the Cass household. In fact, the sport outlived their house, which they recently sold.

"We're homeless," the pilot said. "It's great. We're going to be 'RVers' from now on."

The couple's soon-to-be nomadic existence isn't all that unusual for Gary, who has spent many an hour at the mercy of the



Everybody gets into the act when the balloons are being inflated.

wind.

"Think of the air as different layers; each layer blows in a different direction, he said. "We have vertical control — park at a level and go the way you like."

"That's how you steer a balloon."

The winds were unpredictable Friday morning, and Gary admitted it was somewhat tougher (Continued on page 19)



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than usual to read the layers. Despite the "fickle" air conditions and the 84 degree heat, we rose to an altitude of about 500 feet — a far cry from Gary's personal best of 13,000.

The Pepsi pilot soared more than two miles into the air for a race at the Great Trans-Nebraskan. The competition was a distance test, and after drifting upward for almost 60 minutes, Gary hit a layer where the winds were moving at 50 miles per hour.

"Yes," he said. "I did win that race."

As members of the Pepsi team, Gary and Judy travel extensively, and have been to 38 states, Mexico and Canada.

"A friend of mine runs the balloon program nationally," the pilot said. "That's how we got the sponsorship."

Directing my attention up toward the balloon, Gary offered a

brief explanation of its inner workings, pointing out the release valve and the vents that allow him to spin the craft.

Ballooning is a 200-year-old activity, he said, one greatly enhanced by improvements in technology, the tanks, burners and fabric essentials to every flight.

"We ask a lot of the fabrics," he said. "We lay them out on a wet, dewy morning, heat them to 250 degrees, fold them up, store them damp in a canvas bag for weeks, then pull them out again."

Sometimes the balloonist ask even more of the nylon envelopes, putting them through what Gary calls "Rambo-type stuff."

Last year, Major League Baseball's All-Star Game was at Colorado's Coors Field, a stadium at which Coke owns the soft drink rights.

"I've seen some pictures," Gary said. "There was a big Coke sign in the outfield during the Home Run Derby, and our big Pepsi balloon

next to it.

"It was a pretty neat deal."

Despite the occasional "commando" flight, ballooning isn't particularly dangerous.

"It's how you do it," the pilot said, likening the process to driving on a highway. "It's how you treat it."

With that, Gary radioed to Judy in the chase truck, telling her the time had come to set the balloon down. Dropping us through the air levels, we returned to the earth on a street in the middle of the residential development.

Looking around the neighborhood, Gary reconsidered his earlier decision to land, telling Judy it might be tough to pack up the balloon in such a confined area.

"It's been squirrely this morning," he said. "We don't want to gift wrap somebody's house."

Re-Ascending briefly, we hopped over to another development, where we found a back yard long enough to successfully house the Pepsi can. Neighborhood residents came

out to greet us, snapping pictures and asking if there were anything they could do to help.

Judy arrived on the scene, and she and a number of the local children helped Gary deflate and fold the balloon.

"It's still work," the pilot said, tightening the straps of the canvas

bag containing the compressed special shape. "It's still a challenge, but it's fun."

"I like the way we make people happy," she said, breaking out several cups and a bottle of champagne. "We meet a lot of really nice people."

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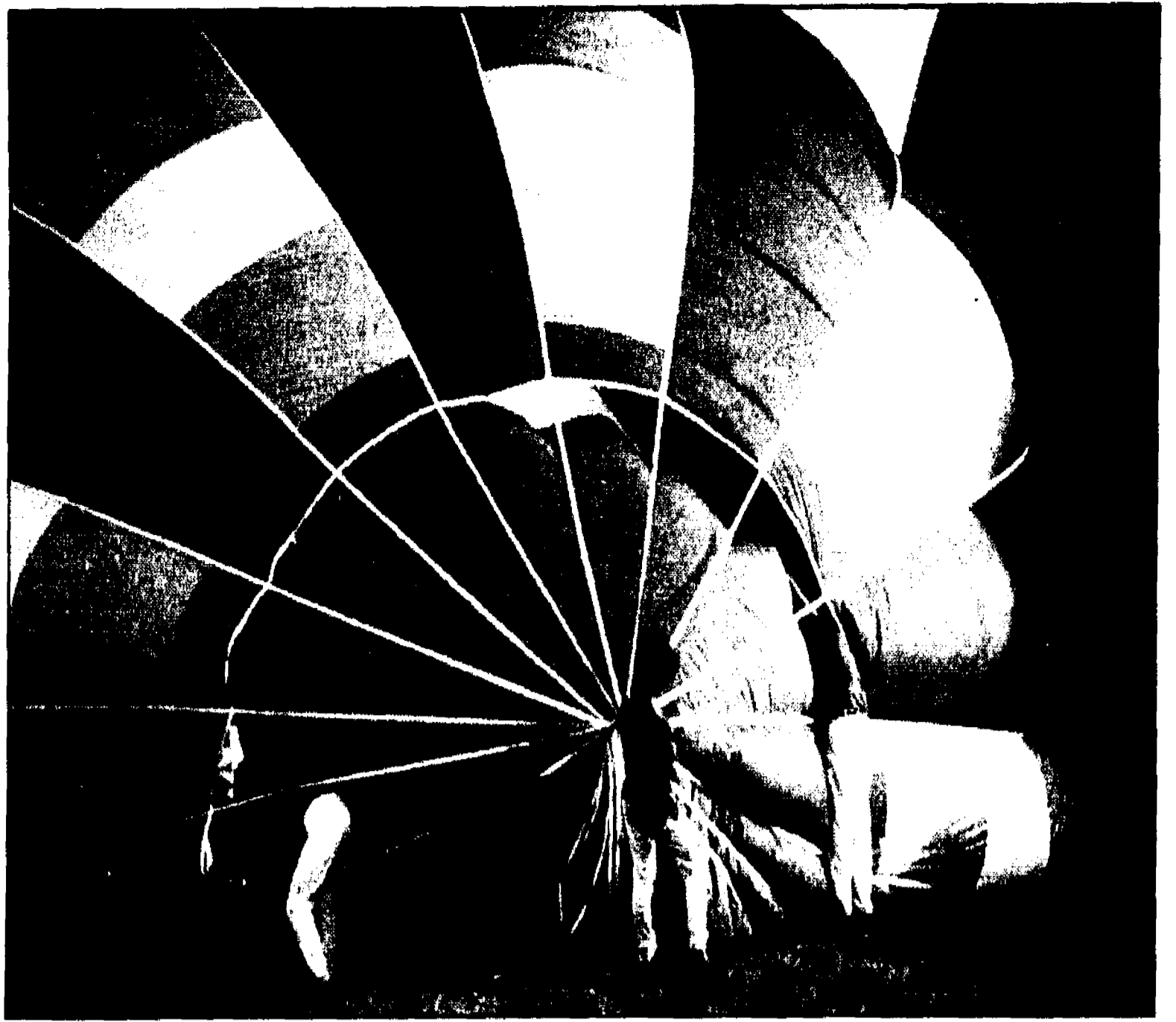
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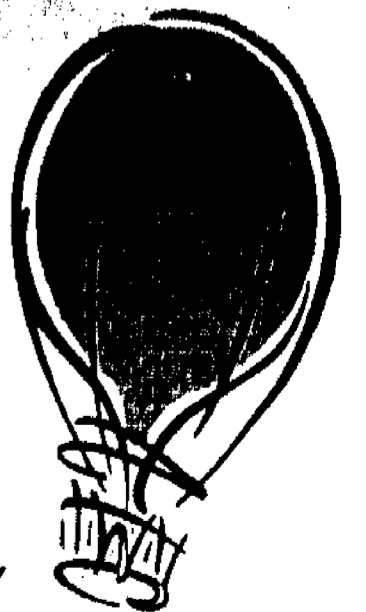
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# Readington girl wins festival's art contest for third time

The nine winners of the third annual GPU Energy Youth Art Contest have been announced, wrapping up the end of the contest's third year.

GPU Energy has received statewide and national presence over the past three years of exhibition. The educational advantage

of this creative program has even captured the interest of home schooled children in Ohio.

"The contest is about more than just prizes," said Howard Freeman, Festival Director. "It's an opportunity for New Jersey kids to express their creativity."

First through twelfth grades were invited to design an original poster of a hot-air balloon scene and students were able to express their creativity through various mediums such as pencils, chalk pastels, pen and ink, crayon and paint.

First place prize winner Ellie Kowal of Readington won for the third year in a row after receiving an uncontested unan-

imous vote by the panel of judges.

The young artist amazed judges with her imaginative creations and devotion towards painting.

"I think it's amazing. I didn't think I was going to win at all, since I won for the past two years," said Kowal.

"I am so excited about this...probably because I love to draw."

Judges were picked from GPU Energy, the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning and Rosica Mulhem & Associates.

Top illustrations from three different categories were selected; first through third grade; fourth through sixth

grade; and seventh through twelfth grade.

Laura Bocage of Glen Gardner and Krystyna Vihonski of Wayne came in second and third place for seven through twelfth grade selections.

First place for grades four through six were Michal Kozluk of Hasbrouck Heights Middle School, followed by Amanda Mecozzi of Warren, and Lindsey Bocage of Glen Gardner.

In first place for grades first through third was Schyler Morton of St. Cloud Elementary, West Orange, followed by Marina Paganessi of Whitehouse Station, and Jakob Kozluk of Hasbrouck Heights.

Posters designed by these gifted young artisans can be observed at numerous locations, including the Festival web site and at GPUKids.com.

The Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning presented by GPU will be held rain or shine July 28-30 at the Solberg Airport in Readington.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at all Quick Chek stores, by calling 1-800-HOT-AIR-9 or by visiting the Festival's Web site: [www.balloonfestival.com](http://www.balloonfestival.com).

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# Scarry's characters come alive with the Busytown Express Tour



The popular characters of Richard Scarry will come alive in the GPU Family Fun Pavilion at the 18th annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning that will take place at Solberg Airport in Readington on July 28 through 30 in an interactive children's show entitled Richard Scarry's Busytown Express Tour.

Based on the popular storybook series, the show will provide children with the opportunity to meet such favorite characters as Huckie Cat, Hilda Hippo and Lowly Worm.

The characters will perform in the 80 x 100 ft. tent at the GPU Family Fun Pavilion in a musical revue that includes songs from the popular Nickelodeon series.

The show runs several times each day of the festival and gives tips on staying safe while having fun.

Stories will be read aloud from *The Busy World of Richard Scarry* books, in conjunction with Brio, children can help build the world's longest train, and the Busytown Art Shoppe mural will provide a fun coloring opportunity for children of all ages.

At the Busytown General Store visitors can watch their favorite video and enjoy educational and award-winning CD-Rom games.

The Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning will feature non-stop action for all ages, including balloon ascensions twice daily Saturday and Sunday at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The Beach Boys will appear Saturday evening, the popular group America will take center stage on Friday evening, and the Budweiser Beach Party, featuring The Nerds and Parrotville, will perform on Sunday afternoon.

Richard Scarry's Busytown Express Tour will perform on July 28-30 at the Festival of Ballooning.

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## From the North

Take Interstate 78 to Exit 24 (Route 523). Follow Route 523 South to Route 22. Turn left onto Route 22, then immediately right; this is the continuation of Route 523 South. Follow Route 523 south through Whitehouse Station to Route 620. Turn left onto Route 620 East. Proceed 3 miles to Thor Solberg Road and follow signs to festival.

## From the South

Take Route 202 North to Old York Road. Turn left onto Old York Road. Follow Old York Road to Route 637 North (County Line Road). Turn right onto Route 637 and follow Route 637 to Forty Oaks Road. Turn left onto Forty Oaks Road and follow signs to festival.

Or: Take Route 206 North to Route 202 South. Follow Route 202 South to Old York Road. Turn right onto Old York Road. Follow Old York Road to Route 637 North (County Line Road). Turn right onto Route 637 and follow Route 637 to Forty Oaks Road. Turn left onto Forty Oaks Road and follow signs to festival.

## From the East

Take Route 22 West to Route 637 (Readington Road/Orr Drive). Turn left onto Route 637 South (Readington Road). Follow Route 637 South to Forty Oaks Road. Turn right onto Forty Oaks Road and follow signs to festival.

## From the West

Take Interstate 78 East until Route 22 East branches off. Follow Route 22 East to Route 523 South. Turn right onto Route 523 South. Follow Route 523 South through Whitehouse Station to Route 620. Turn left onto Route 620 East. Proceed 3 miles to Thor Solberg Road and follow signs to festival.

**Note:** Lightfield Road and Thor Solberg Road north of Forty Oaks Road are closed to traffic during hours of the festival.



NICOLE DIMELLA STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Five-year-old Jasslem Harper of Edison does his own soaring on the trampoline at last year's festival.

# Flight Program winners announced

The Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning Presented by GPU is proud to announce the winners of the inaugural 1st NJEA Science Contest: ABC's of Flight Program.

The contest consisted of a series of 20 questions concerning the science and history of hot air balloons.

Thousands of entries were received from across the state from grades 5-7.

Out of all the entries the top five winning classes were chosen based on the highest percentage of correct answers.

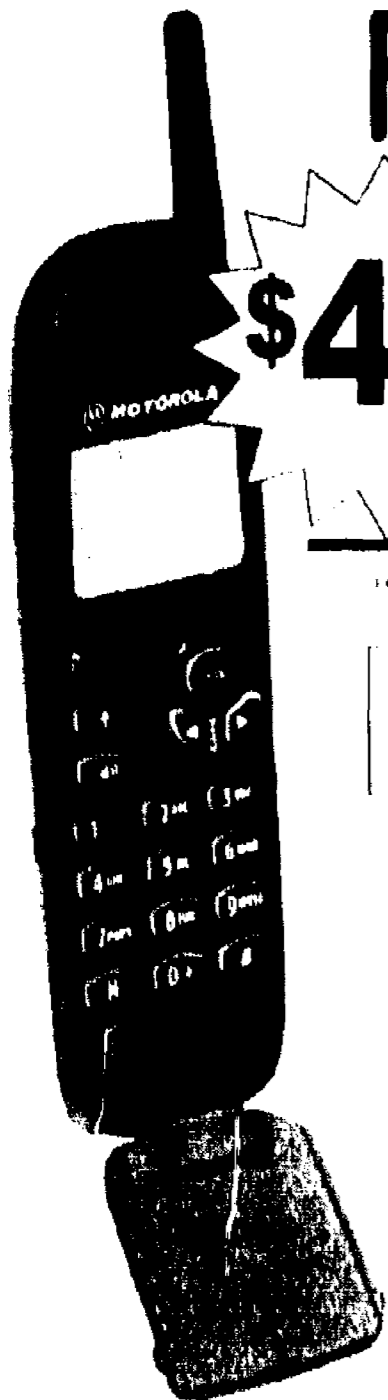
Public School 16 of Jersey City received the highest score with 94.5 percent.

Not far behind with a score of 94.0 percent correct in second place was Green Brook Middle School of Green Brook.

Other schools to receive high scores as well are Nathan Hale of Northvale with 91 percent, Jefferson School of Lyndhurst, with 90 percent and Avon Elementary School of Avon with 85 percent.

All five winning schools will receive tickets to the 18th Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning and a hot air balloon pilot will tether a hot air balloon on school grounds.

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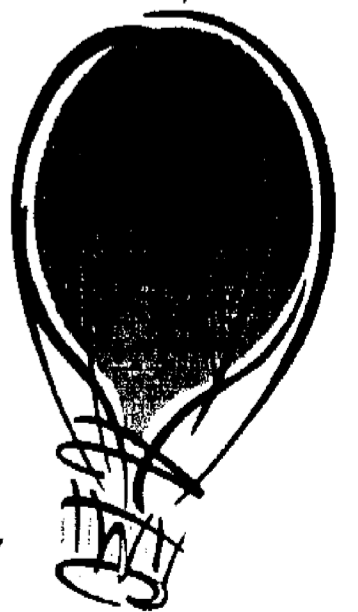
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# Don't let the sun ruin your fun... *A ballooning dictionary*

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To help ensure that visitors make the most of their Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning experience, organizers have expanded this year's event to include more shaded areas and even a "Rainroom" to help cool down attendees during this summertime event.

So the summer sun doesn't ruin your visit to the Festival, here are some tips and facts about the sun and its effect on your skin:

- Melanoma accounts for more than 90 percent of skin cancers.
- Malignant melanoma is increasing faster than any other type of cancer in the United States.
- Fair- and light-skinned people have a 1-in-3 chance of getting skin cancer.

• Melanoma strikes earlier than other cancers, sometimes before age 30.

• Sunscreen should be applied whenever you go outdoors.

• The best time to prevent skin cancer is in childhood. Sunscreen should be applied to children at a young age.

• Children under 6 months of age should not be exposed to the sun.

• Children should also wear protective clothing and hats, in

addition to sunscreen.

• Avoid sun exposure between 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

• Apply sun protection products liberally.

Reapply at regular intervals, particularly when perspiring or swimming.

• Do not apply sunscreen to inflamed skin without consulting a physician.

• When applying sunscreen, do not forget neglected areas, such as ears, the neck and tops of feet.

**Envelope:** The inflatable sphere usually made from rip-stop nylon fabric. The envelope is 60-75 feet high.

**Gondola:** The basket, made of a tubular aluminum or stainless steel frame enclosed by wicker. The gondola contains propane tanks, the instrument panel and space for the pilot and passenger.

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The brothers tried an experiment. They filled a silk bag with smoke.

It rose through the air. They began testing different fabrics for the bags and eventually filled a 33-foot linen balloon with smoke.

It stayed aloft for 10 min-

utes, reached a height of 600 feet and traveled a mile and a half.

Later they sent a bigger balloon, carrying a rooster, a duck and a sheep, soaring 1,500 feet into the sky. It stayed aloft for 8 minutes.

On Nov. 21, 1783, J.F. Pilatre de Rozier and the Marquis d'Arlandes boarded the first Montgolfier balloon designed to carry men.

Half of Paris, including the king and queen, turned out for the spectacle and watching the 70-foot linen balloon, deco-

rated with signs of the Zodiac, ascend to 3,000 feet.

The balloon landed 25 minutes later, five miles away. Days later J.A.C. Charles, a professor at the Academy of Science in Paris, topped the Montgolfiers as he took off with a passenger in a gas-filled balloon.

The era of ballooning had begun. Most used gas balloons because Montgolfier hot air balloons had to carry too much weight, in the form of straw to burn to heat the air.

And many people were

afraid to go aloft in a basket with flames shooting out the top.

Gas balloons, which required no fuel or fire on board, held sway through the 19th century and into the 20th.

The public's passion for balloons in general was deflated in 1903 when the Wright brothers ushered in a new era of aviation with a marvel called the airplane.

In the late 1950s balloons regained their place in the imagination and scientific

research.

The U.S. Navy commissioned Raven Industries to design a hot air balloon that was easy to launch and operate for atmospheric research.

In 1960, that balloon flew for 35 minutes and the inventors saw the potential in marketing a recreational version of the hot air balloon.

Ballooning competition made its debut in the 1970s. The first World Hot Air Balloon Championship took place in 1973.

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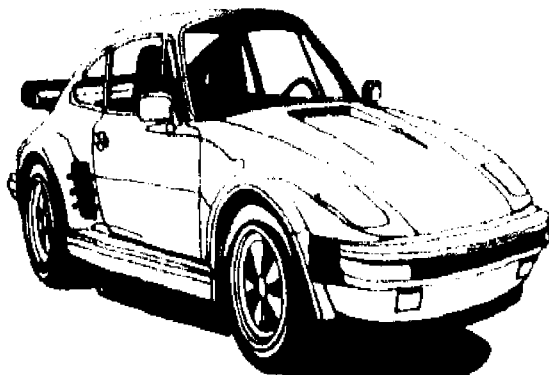
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# 'Good vs. Evil' aerial combat demonstrations at festival

Come witness an all-out, "no guts, no glory" one-on-one aerial dogfight as two fighter pilots battle for supremacy of the skies at the Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning at Solsberg Airport in Readington, on July 28-30.

The Aerial Dogfight will take place twice daily during the festival at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The old time Barnstorming Bear Show will also include E-Team Elvises of the Sky, a female wing-walker, and the Iron Eagles Aerobatic team.

The Aerial Dogfight will be performed by Air Combat Canada in the extra 300/L top-of-the-line unlimited aerobatic aircraft.

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sounds, cockpit-to-cockpit-to-announcer commentary, and lots and lots of smoke!

The performance has a "Good vs. Evil" theme and includes such daring stunts as the signature Inverted Cyclone, Near Miss Crosses, Knife-Edge Spins, and will feature actual air combat tactics.

There will be much more entertainment at the festival all weekend long.

Courier News Friday Night Flights will kick off the festivities at 6:30 p.m. **America**, presented by Q104, will perform at 8 p.m., followed by the Double Tree Hotel Fireworks Extraganza.

On Saturday night, **The Beach Boys** presented by Magic 98.3-FM will perform in concert at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, at the **Budwiser Beach Party** presented by WDHA, **Parrotville** will perform at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and the **Nerds** at 2:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

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Tickets can be purchased at all Quick Chek Stores or by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-HOTAIR9.

The festival web site at [www.balloonfestival.com](http://www.balloonfestival.com) gives information, special advance sale ticket prices, updates on attractions and directions.

Ticket prices include general admission seating for all con-

certs.

Admission to the Caymen Islands Blue Sky Club includes VIP concert seating and is available via the web site or toll free number. If purchased in advance, prices are \$15 for adults; if purchased at the gate \$20.

Entrance for children ages 4-12 will be \$6 if purchased in

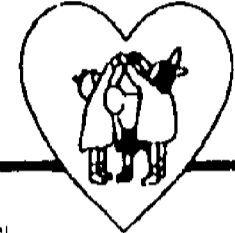
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# A guide to ballooning for the novice

Some of the most frequently asked questions about ballooning are asked by the sales manager of The Balloon Works, one of the largest manufacturers of balloons in the United States.

## How high do balloons fly?

Balloons can fly above 20,000 feet. Generally, they fly between 1,000-3,000 feet above ground level.

## How are balloons launched?

The balloon is stretched out on the ground and partially inflated with cold air from a portable blower fan. When the nylon bag (called the envelope) is half inflated, the flight burner is ignited and the envelope air is heated until the balloon is buoyant. The balloon rises when the air inside the envelope is warmer than the outside air.

## How do you steer?

You don't. Winds are generally layered in different directions at different altitudes. The pilot ascends until he finds a wind going in the direction he wants to go.

## How is the flight controlled?

The pilot has close control over altitude and the rate of ascent or descent by manipulating the burner and vents. Balloons go where the winds go. Typically, no one knows where a balloon will ultimately land, therefore, radio contact is maintained with a ground crew that follows the

flight by land. Fuel limitations restrict most balloon flights to an hour. Once an appropriate site is spotted, the balloon lands gently. The ground crew packs up the balloon and passengers are driven back to the launch site for a champagne celebration.

## Where do you sit?

Usually you just stand during the flight. Foolish people sit on the edge of the carriage or basket.

## What kind of fuel do you use?

Propane.  
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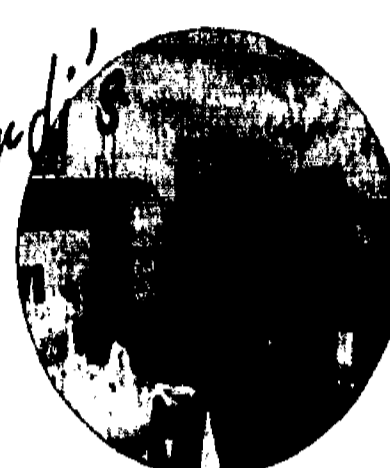
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# A guide to ballooning for the novice

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## How long is a flight?

An average flight usually lasts from 1-2 hours. This depends on the temperature of the day and how much weight the balloon is carrying.

## What kind of fabric is used?

Most balloons are made of nylon. The Balloon Works uses urethane-coated polyester because it is light, very strong, durable, resistant to acid and moisture degradation and can operate at high temperatures.

## How does the pilot bring the balloon down?

Most balloons have a parachute valve at the top that can be opened by pulling a valve line to release hot air. Once the hot air is released, the balloon is cool and will descend.

## How big is the envelope?

Most balloons are 77,000 cubic feet and stand seven stories tall. There are various sizes of balloons available.

## How much do balloons cost?

There are balloons available in many price ranges. Our balloons start at around \$13,000. This includes everything you will need to fly. Like cars, bal-

loons can be optioned up. They generally average about \$18,000-\$20,000.

## How much does it cost to fly each time?

The only real expenses you have are the purchase of the propane, which costs less than \$1 a gallon in many parts of the country, and insurance. A typical flight will use between 10-20 gallons of fuel. The only other expenses are the champagne and munchies to celebrate at the end of the flight.

## What do you mean by balloon racing?

There are two popular types of balloon events. The most common is a "hare and hounds" race. One balloon — the "hare" — inflates and takes off. About 10 minutes later the other balloons inflate and lift off. Their task is to fly toward the "hare" balloon. When the "hare" is ready, it lands and spreads a large X on the ground. The "hounds" try to fly in and drop a marker on the

X; the closest to the center of the X is the winner. Navigational tasks comprise the second category. The most popular is the "key grab." A set of keys for a new vehicle, cash or prizes is placed on top of a designated pole. The pilots must select their own launch sites, usually 2-3 miles away from the pole. Within a specified time they must fly to the pole. The first pilot to take the keys from the pole wins the prize.

## When is it best to fly?

Balloons fly best in cool weather, with wind speeds no more than 6-8 miles an hour, conditions that typically occur just after sunrise and 2-3 hours before sunset.

## How many people will a bal-

## loon carry?

Balloon sizes vary. There are some balloons that will carry up to 10 people. The two large, gold Mylar Freixenet balloons carry the pilot and 2-4 passengers, while the Leviathan Ice Bucket can carry a total of only 400 pounds, including the pilot.

## What instruments does a balloon carry?

On board there is an altimeter, a rate-of-climb meter, an inside-envelope-temperature thermometer and a two-way radio.

## What is a tethered balloon?

If the balloon is secured to the ground with ropes so that it can only go a short distance, it is considered tethered.

## Are balloon pilots licensed?

Yes. The balloon pilot's license is issued by the Federal Aviation Administration. Requirements include passing a written examination, logging 35 flight hours, flying six training flights with a certified instructor, training in ascent and rapid descent tests and passing a flight test.

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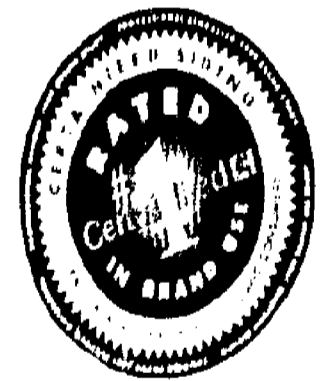
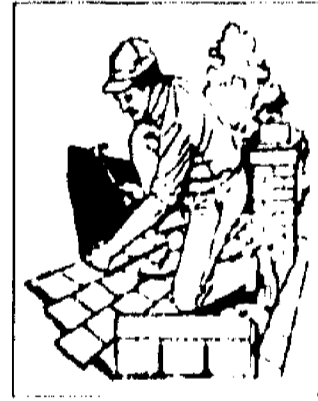
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