



Pack 98 holds Arrow of Light

The Cub Scouts of Pack 98 in Scotch Plains and their families recently came together for the Arrow of Life ceremony. The Arrow of Life is the highest award that can be earned by a Cub Scout and is presented at a ceremony that marks the passage to Boy Scouts. Participating in the Arrow of Light are Sera Scalfaro, James Scalfaro, Trevor Rowbotham, Alex Garveehi, Jason Livingston, Michael Leighton, Yogan Cheng, Brendan Weber and Barbara Leighton.

Lively race for school board seats

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Thomas Randazzo has been a Scotch Plains resident for almost two years and has two small children. He is vice president of Ambac Assurance, a Manhattan-based company that deals with municipal and asset financing. Mr. Randazzo would like to see the board investigate cutting expenses that do not affect students and find more innovative financing structures. He supports improving communication of programs and providing more information to the public.

Jean McAllister, a Scotch Plains resident for five years, has two small children and is in her second campaign for a board seat. She holds a degree in finance and economics from Boston College. She has been in the audience at all board meetings and can provide the board with the perspective of parents with children who have yet to enter school. Mrs. McAllister strongly supports that there be additional financial data provided to support the school district's options

on facilities management and enrollment projections. She also suggests the board have a firm grasp on costs before decisions are made. Norman Ross, who ran unsuccessfully for a Scotch Plains seat on the board in 1997, has three children and is devoted to the advancement of adult education programs. He has taught adult school courses throughout the state and was a teacher in the Rahway school system for 30 years. Mr. Ross believes the Scotch Plains-Fanwood board should investigate its current adult education program. He supports the board cutting or enhancing the adult school program to manage the budget and encourages participation from senior citizens. Richard R. Meade has lived in Fanwood for six years and is running unopposed for the open seat from the borough. He was appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1994 and elected to a full term in 1995. An attorney with AT&T Corp. in Basking Ridge, he would like to see the board

improve relations with teachers. Mr. Meade also would like the board to concentrate on ending long negotiations for teachers' contracts and promote better relations. He supports continued efforts to define curriculum and gain a more thorough understanding of where improvements can be made.

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Uncontested race for board in Westfield

By CHERYL HIBEL
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — Although this year's Board of Education race is uncontested, voters will have to decide Tuesday whether or not to pass the proposed \$45,177,689 tax levy for the 1998-99 school budget. If the budget is passed, the school tax portion of property taxes will increase 6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This is a 2.4 percent increase or \$1,171,751 over the 1997-98 budget.

The district's total 1998-99 budget of \$52.2 million was adopted by the Board of Education in March and reflects an increase of 2.3 percent over the 1997-98 budget. Running unopposed for the three seats on the board are Ginger Harwick and Darielle Walsh, both incumbents, and Eileen Saikin, a former member throwing her hat back into the ring.

Mrs. Harwick has served extensively on a number of board committees since she was elected in 1995. She brings considerable insight and experience on long-range planning, negotiations, curriculum, instruction and programs as well as budget and finance.

An attorney with a Newark law firm from 1985-91, Mrs. Harwick was an adjunct professor at the Seton Hall Law School from 1992-95. Two of her three children attend Westfield schools.

Mrs. Walsh, appointed by the board last year as vice president, is seeking a third three-year term. She has lived in Westfield for almost 20 years and has two children. As a former chairwoman of the Facilities Committee she was instrumental in major recommendations the board approved for improvements to Jefferson School and Wilson School plus renovations to the Roosevelt Intermediate School field.

She has been on the Negotiations Committee since 1992 and is chairwoman of that committee this year.

Mrs. Satkin served on the Negotiations Committee during her previous school board term of 1992-95 and was chairwoman of the Programs and Policies Committee in 1994-95. She has lived in Westfield for 15 years and has two children in Westfield schools.

A special education occupational therapist in the Garwood school system, Mrs. Satkin was liaison to the Union County Educational Services Commission from 1992-95.

School board election results to be broadcast live on cable

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education will televise "Election Night Live," beginning at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday on Comcast Cable TV Channel 36.

Voter tallies on the 1998-99 school budget and the three Board of Education candidates will be broadcast live.

The show will be hosted by Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley. School Board Finance Chairman Keith Hertell will be his guest. They will discuss the highlights of the 198-99 school budget.

This is the 12th year that school election results will be broadcast live on cable.

Free rabies vaccinations are available for Scotch Plains pets

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Health Department is conducting a free rabies vaccination clinic for cats and dogs in the township.

The clinic will take place Wednesday evening at the north side firehouse behind the Municipal Building.

Cats will be vaccinated 6:30-7:30 p.m. All cats must be in carriers and accompanied by an

adult. 1998 cat licenses also will be available at \$5 per cat.

Dogs will be vaccinated 7:30-8:30 p.m. All dogs must be on leashes and accompanied by an adult. 1998 dog licenses also will be available; cost is \$6.20 if a dog has been spayed or neutered, \$9.20 if it has not.

For more information, call (908) 322-8700, Ext. 309.

Job openings now on Internet

WESTFIELD Anyone who lives in the town and is looking for a job can now check out job listings in the state via the Internet.

The Westfield Neighborhood

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New county budget saves \$1.5 million for taxpayers

ELIZABETH — Daniel P. Sullivan, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, has announced the county's 1998 budget cuts taxes for residents to their lowest amount since 1994.

"The 1998 budget reduced the overall county tax rate from 48.726 cents per \$100 of assessed value in 1997 to 47.585 cents.

The budget would save Union County taxpayers more than \$1.5 million over the 1997 budget. Additionally, the county budget contains no new positions.

In Cranford the budget will reduce property taxes overall by \$408,462. Westfield would see a reduction of \$334,606 and in Scotch Plains, the county's levy will be decreased by \$211,501. In Fanwood, the rate would be increased slightly by \$79,504.

"The 1998 Union County budget not only fulfills our promise to our residents to cut taxes, but also sends a message that we have learned to do more with less," Mr. Sullivan said. "Union County government has enjoyed an excellent reputation on Wall Street, where we have main-

tained a 'Aaa' bond rating from Moody's Investors' Service and a 'AAA' bond rating from Fitch Investors' Service. Both are the highest possible ratings. With the number of programs and services we offer, our residents are getting the biggest bang for their tax bucks."

Freeholder Linda Stender, chairman of the Finance Committee, said the budget reflects an \$1.5 million cut from the executive budget proposal presented by the county manager in January. Ms. Stender, last year's Freeholder Board Chairwoman, pointed out this is the second consecutive year that the Democratic majority has cut taxes for Union County residents.

"This budget, combined with the proposed lease of the Union County Resource Recovery facility to Ogden Martin, puts millions of dollars back in the hands of Union County taxpayers, Ms. Stender said. "We recognize that our residents work hard for their money and they expect us to work hard to make their tax dollars go as far as possible. I'm

proud that for the second straight year we have delivered for the residents of our county."

Although the 1998 budget has a full 1 percent decrease in the tax levy, Union County has maintained the quality and level of services provided to the nearly 500,000 residents in its 21 municipalities. Some of the areas that Union County is focusing on during the year are:

Economic development — The establishment of an Economic Development Office with an emphasis on attracting new businesses, new jobs and new tax dollars.

Technology — Geographic Information Systems (GIS) used to analyze and manage geographic spatial data. Practical applications include business site development, development of transportation systems and wetlands and parkland conservancy.

Education — A computer initiative, "Access 200," with an objective of matching the purchase of one computer for each computer provided by the public schools.

Parkland preservation and expansion — The "Project Pocket Park" initiative supports land acquisition and playground improvements. The county is offering matching grants of up to \$100,000 for each municipality.

The arts — A program, "Union Arts," offers individual grants of up to \$5,000 to artists, theater groups and preservationists.

Day set for recycling appliances and paint

WESTFIELD — An electronic appliance and latex paint recycling collection day will be sponsored by the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) in Westfield, next month.

UCUA Chairman James Kennedy announced that the event will be held on May 16, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Westfield Municipal Swimming Pool parking lot on Scotch Plains Avenue.

According to Mr. Kennedy, "This unique collection event, the first combined event in New Jersey, allows Union County residents the opportunity to dispose of these materials in an environmentally safe manner."

"This program is consistent with the UCUA's goal to recycle 60 percent of the wastestream. Materials collected at the event are recycled, minimizing waste disposal."

Information regarding cancellation of the event due to severe inclement weather will be available by calling the Authority after 3 p.m. on the Friday before the event.

There is no cost to participate, however, pre registration with the UCUA is mandatory. Proof of residence is required.

Products such as TVs, VCRs, audio/stereo equipment, computers, monitors and peripherals, fax machines, copiers, printers, microwave ovens, telephone systems and keyboards will be accepted.

Latex paint will be accepted only in the original paint cans. Paint in containers larger than five gallons will not be accepted. No painting contractors will be allowed to participate in this event.

Auxiliary celebrating anniversary

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Care Center Auxiliary has invited all area residents to join the organization during its 50th anniversary year.

Founded in 1948, the group's primary purpose is to assist the Westfield Care Center by raising funds. All money raised goes to the center's Scholarship Fund. In 1997, the auxiliary raised \$10,000 for the scholarship fund.

The Westfield Day Care Center was first supported by the Westfield United in 1927. The center was a model for the quality care in the area. The Westfield Day Care Center was first supported by the Westfield United in 1927. The center was a model for the quality care in the area. The Westfield Day Care Center was first supported by the Westfield United in 1927. The center was a model for the quality care in the area.

For more information, call 908-664-4100.



Guests of honor at the club's 60th anniversary dinner were eight members with more than 25 years of Rotary service: Dr. Carlo Pallini, Peter Person, Joseph Y. Qutub, Hank Friedrichs, Club President Lori DeMilt, Chester A. Ring, Fred Chemidlin and Dr. Khagan Chatterjee. Not pictured is Dr. Robert Scalera.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary celebrates its 60th anniversary

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club marked the group's 60th anniversary with a dinner at the Westwood on March 25.

Fanwood Councilman Joe Whitaker, representing Mayor Maryanne Connelly, presented a resolution by the Mayor and Borough Council of Fanwood honoring the club's civic contributions.

Scotch Plains Police Chief Tom O'Brien, representing Mayor Joan Pappen, presented a reso-

lution by the Scotch Plains Township Committee recognizing the Rotary Club's accomplishments.

Lori DeMilt, of Scotchwood Florists, is president of the club and Carol Wood, of Taylor & Love/Century 21 Realtors, is vice president.

Any businessperson interested in joining the club may contact these officers or any club member. The club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Park Place Restaurant.

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Former soccer club treasurer faces theft charge

CRANFORD — Karl Schlenker, ex-treasurer of the Cranford Soccer Club, appeared in court Friday in Elizabeth before Superior Court Judge Joan Robinson Gross to plead not-guilty to charges of allegedly stealing \$93,925 from the organization.

Mr. Schlenker, a Springfield Avenue resident, has been charged in a criminal complaint of using entrusted funds.

The funds — registration fees and money accumulated from fundraising efforts — were being held in a checking account, said Sgt. Patricia Leonard of the Special Prosecutions Unit.

The second degree charge carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, said Assistant Union County Prosecutor Robert O'Leary.

"A Pre-Disposition Conference (PDC) will be held in a couple of weeks, at which time we will have an opportunity to give our best offer to the defendant. If he chooses not to accept, we will draw our offer and the case goes to the grand jury for a possible indictment," said Investigation Supervisor David Handcock.

A two-month investigation into the accounts of the soccer club was conducted by Union County Investigator Joseph P. Heuer after being contacted by the organization's accountant when it was suspected that funds were missing.

"He was served with a warrant to appear in front of the prosecutor in March," said CSC President Tony Evaristo. "He was not arrested because the Union County Prosecutor's Office did not feel he was a flight risk."

Mr. Evaristo said the club

became suspicious after a review of the books was done by an accountant and it was recommended a prosecutor come in and look at them. The organization has nothing to do with the criminal investigation, but they are looking into getting an attorney.

"We are just waiting to see what the prosecutor does; we are not involved in the criminal investigation because the Prosecutor's Office brought up the charges," Mr. Evaristo said. "The club's position is basically on hold until the case comes out and restitution is determined."

"As the president of the Cranford Soccer Club, I really didn't expect something like this to occur. It's a volunteer association and we are working for the kids. People are disappointed because they are paying their dues and they are questioning 'what has' and 'what will' our donations be used for," he said.

"Those donations are used for uniforms, field repairs, soccer balls and paying referees," Mr. Evaristo said.

Mr. Evaristo said \$30,000 of the funds have already been repaid and the prosecutor's office is overseeing the return of all the monies allegedly stolen.

"We will be seeking full restitution as we prosecute this case, which in effect has created hundreds of victims," said Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan.

Mr. Schlenker, who is a sales and marketing representative for the software technology company, CWC Incorporated in Mankato, Minn., was out of town and not able to be contacted.

Auxiliary seeking donations annual gigantic garage sale

WESTFIELD — Small appliances, furniture, jewelry, boutique items, sporting goods, games, kitchenware, garden tools, antiques, linens, toys, and children's clothing (sizes infant to 14) are among the donations being sought by the Westfield Day Care Auxiliary for its 30th annual gigantic garage sale.

The auxiliary asks that small appliances be in working order and that all items be in salable condition. The event is staged each year as a fundraiser for the Westfield Day Care Center Scholarship Fund.

Auxiliary members are ready to collect articles for this year's sale, set for May 16. Items for the sale can be dropped off at the Westfield Memorial Pool, 9 a.m. noon on Mondays, Wednesdays

and Fridays through April 30, weather permitting.

Anyone desiring the pickup of items or information on dropping off items should call (908) 317-0015, the Westfield Day Care Center garage sale hotline.



SCOTT S. MILLER/SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-PRESS

Firefighters extricate accident victim

Westfield firefighters use the Jaws of Life to extricate a woman trapped in her car after two vehicles collided at South Avenue and West Broad Street on the afternoon of April 5.

Three young musicians to perform Sunday

WESTFIELD — Three musicians from the town have been accepted for the New Jersey Youth Orchestra Festival, the first event of its type.

The festival will include a concert open to the public 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Westfield musicians in the festival are Deirdre L. Lynn

and Lauren Todaro, cello; and Margaret Wei, violin. All three are members of the New Providence-based New Jersey Youth Symphony.

Deirdre, Lauren and Margaret are among 131 musicians selected for the festival through auditions held in January. The musicians will form a festival orchestra and chamber orchestra for

the April 19 concert. The festival orchestra's program will include the fanfare from "La Peri" by Dukas, "Appalachian Spring" by Aaron Copland and "Firebird" by Igor Stravinsky.

The chamber orchestra will perform the overture to "Alphonso and Estrella" by Franz Schubert, "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure, "John Henry" by Copland

and the "Czech" Suite in D major by Anton Dvorak.

Festival musicians also are scheduled to attend the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's Young Artists Audition Awards concert on Friday, April 17 and a performance of "Carmina Burana" by the New Jersey Symphony with the Westminster Choir on April 19.

YMCA now accepting childcare registrations

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is accepting registration for child care for the 1998-99 school year.

Kinder Kare, the YMCA's kindergarten wraparound program, is designed to supplement the half-day kindergarten program in area schools. The program will be offered four or five

days a week in the YMCA extension at Union Catholic High School. Transportation is available from morning kindergarten in Scotch Plains and Fanwood schools. Extended care also is available.

The YMCA school-age child care program is available before and after school for those in first through fifth grades.

The before-school portion is held five days a week at Union Catholic High School for those in Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Busing to area schools is provided.

The after-school portion runs from dismissal time until 6 p.m. at Brunner School, Coles School, Evergreen School, McGinn School and School No. 1.

Arrangements are made for students at St. Bartholomew the Apostle School.

This portion runs three, four or five days a week.

Students in sixth through eighth grades may join the teen after school program at Terrill Middle School.

For more information and registration, call (908) 889-5455.

Love Will
by Jill Cozman

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While the costs of purchasing and financing a home are carefully calculated, the needed and published title to land about the costs of owning and maintaining a house. To bring these costs into focus a group of Virginia-based realtors was asked to track these costs into a quarterly issue. The result is the Homeowner's Cost Index (HCI), which draws on Department of Labor statistics to analyze the way property-related costs on their homes. It also lists various maintenance and repair costs and public services. Homeowner's Cost Index and updates based on findings, and the cost of owning a home. The index is published in the form of a booklet, and is available for purchase at a special price.

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Letters to the editor

Sheldon should be re-elected to board

To The Record-Press:

Our family has known Dr. Donald Sheldon for over 20 years, since the time when he served the children of Scotch Plains as director of special services. We always found him to be the type of person who listened to all the facts and weighed all of the options when making a decision as to the appropriate programs for our children with special needs.

Over the years we have seen Dr. Sheldon exercise the same caring, thoughtful attitude in making decisions that affect all of the children in Scotch Plains.

As president of the (Scotch Plains-Fanwood) Board of Education he has continued to demonstrate concern for the individual while keeping in mind the needs of the entire community and the need to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Scotch Plains.

We hope that the citizens of Scotch Plains will vote on April 21 at the school board election to re-elect Dr. Donald Sheldon to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

SHARON M. WARNOCK
Scotch Plains

Board member backs incumbent in election

To The Record-Press:

Don Sheldon's qualifications far exceed those of all other Scotch Plains candidates for our Board of Education.

For the past five years, Don has given unselfishly of his valuable skills and time in providing excellent leadership as president of the board. Don had done a great job in creating a climate of harmony among board members, as well as the staff and public. He has the ability to include people and to focus everyone on working toward solutions which are in the

best interests of our students and our community. Since he is retired, he can and does spend many more hours serving as board president than anyone else on the board possibly could.

As a board member myself, I believe that our board and our district need his re-election. On April 21, I urge you to vote for Don Sheldon and to give your approval to the school budget.

AUGUST RUGGIERO
Member, Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education

Outlaw bear hunting

To The Record-Press:

Suppose you have been asked to reduce the crime rate in New Jersey. If the state police suggested shooting 10 percent of the citizens in our state, at random, to weed out the criminals, you would probably say they were insane! Yet that is exactly the strategy recommended by the state Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife to prevent bear conflicts. They believe that a haphazard hunt of New Jersey's black bear population will miraculously target those bears that might cause a problem in the future.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) maintains that a trophy hunt on New Jersey's bears would be cruel and unnecessary. There are ample, humane management techniques available to effectively resolve conflicts with our slowly expanding bear population New Jersey

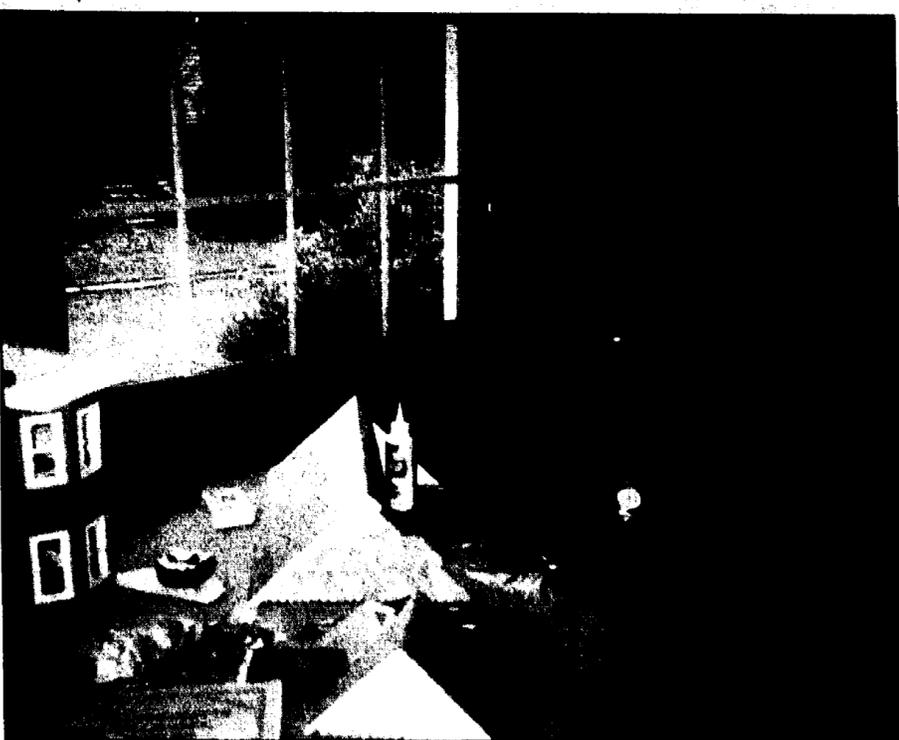
should be a safe haven, not a killing field, for its black bears.

On behalf of our membership, including more than 180,000 members and constituents in the state of New Jersey, we are asking your readers to support S-514, sponsored by Senator C. Louis Bassano, which would prohibit trophy hunting of black bears.

Most bear conflicts can be avoided entirely when steps are taken to educate the public. If a problem does occur, that individual bear can be dealt with at that time in the manner best suited to that specific confrontation.

We ask for your leadership to keep New Jersey in the forefront of animal protection by protecting our native black bear.

NINA AUSTENBERG
Director
Mid-Atlantic Region, Humane Society of the United States



Dollhouse raffle tickets on sale

Talented Westfield craftsman George Piety makes the final adjustments on the roof of his Victorian mansion that will be raffled for the benefit of the Westfield Infant and Day Care Center Scholarship Fund. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Day Care Center, 140 Mountain Ave. and Rorden Realty, 44 Elm St. Tickets will also be available at the center's display Saturday during the Westfield Spring Fling. The house will be on display at Rorden Realty.

Births

Alex Harrison, a son, was born March 2, 1998 at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick to Gail and Howard Meltzer of Manalapan. The mother is a former resident of Westfield. Alex weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Joan and Joseph Sladkus, former Westfield residents now living in Yardley, Pa. Paternal grandparents are Estelle and Ira Meltzer of Cranford. The maternal great-grandmother is Muriel Sladkus of Yardley and the paternal great-grandmother is Ann Lutsky of Somerset.

Volunteers needed for Memorial Day

FANWOOD - Volunteers are wanted for the borough's Memorial Day activities planned for May 25. Craft dealers also are welcome. For volunteer information, call Linda at (908) 889-4835. For craft dealer reservations, call Laurie at 322-4862.

Fanwood Nature Center gets facelift for 25th anniversary

FANWOOD - To mark its 25th anniversary, the Nature Center off Cray Terrace has received a facelift of sorts.

The center is off Terrill Road and one block south of La Grande Avenue near the high-tension lines. Walk up the gravel drive around 150 feet and you'll come across the "welcome" sign for the center.

A total of 1 1/2 acres of wildflowers were planted in the center last year and are scheduled to bloom again this year.

Boy Scout Troops 33 and 104 are planning to help with trail maintenance.

Two new bicycle racks have been installed. Wooden boardwalks will be built on wet trail areas. Tags identifying trees, shrubs and flowers are being attached.

Dean Talcott, chairman of the Fanwood Environmental Commission and groundskeeper for the center, will be on hand 2-3 p.m. tomorrow to answer any questions about the center. His appearance will be in conjunction with an Earth Day-related cleanup of the borough which takes place tomorrow (morning).

For more information, call (908) 322-7404.

Firefighters list weekly incidents

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Fire Department released its weekly incident report for the week of April 6-12.

April 6, the fire department responded to:

- a system malfunction on South Avenue West.
- an unintentional alarm on South Avenue West.
- a downed power line on South Chestnut Street.
- a gas odor investigation on North Avenue West.
- a spill in the roadway on North Avenue West.
- a downed power line on North Chestnut Street.
- a water evacuation on Elmer Street.

April 7, the fire department responded to:

- an auto accident on East Dudley Avenue.
- an unintentional alarm on East Broad Street.
- an emergency medical call on North Avenue West.
- a downed power line on North Avenue East.
- a leaking propane tank on Summit Court.
- a carbon monoxide detector activation on Shackamaxon Drive.
- a carbon monoxide detector activation on St. Marks Avenue.

April 8, the fire department responded to:

- a good intent call on Central Avenue.
- a spill in the roadway on Prospect Street.
- a structure fire on Alden Avenue.
- an electrical hazard on Dorian Road.
- an unintentional alarm on Boynton Avenue.
- an unintentional alarm on South Avenue West.

April 9, the fire department responded to:

- a spill in the roadway on Prospect Street.

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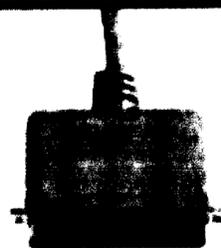
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Community Life

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SATURDAY

APRIL 18

ART EXHIBIT — 74th annual members' watercolor, graphics and photography exhibition of Westfield Art Association. Town Hall, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 18; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. April 19; 7-9 p.m. April 20; 5-7 p.m. April 21. Free admission. Call (908) 232-7058.

SUNDAY

APRIL 19

INTERFAITH SINGLES — discussion group for single adults 45-older. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. every Sunday. Cost \$2 for continental breakfast. Call (908) 233-9278.

SPRING FLING — street fair in downtown Westfield, noon-6 p.m. Call (908) 233-3021.

CHURCH TOURS — and hospitality tent at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, noon-6 p.m. Call (908) 233-9278.

POTLUCK SUPPER — "dinner and a movie" for single adults 45-older. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 4:30-10 p.m. Call (908) 233-2278.

TUESDAY

APRIL 21

ESTATE PLANNING seminar with attorney Tom Phelan (Westfield) and stockbroker Gaither Shaw (Merrill Lynch, Westfield). Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Reservations: Call (908) 789-4905.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 22

HEALTHY AVENUE blood pressure and cholesterol screening in front of Fanwood

Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Blood pressure free; cholesterol \$10. Call (908) 322-6400.

SUPPORT GROUP — for "Caregivers of Older People." Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 7-9 p.m. Call (908) 276-9206 or (908) 245-2298.

THURSDAY

APRIL 23

CLOTHING SALE — Parenting Pathways sale of used children's clothing in good condition. All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 23; 9 a.m.-noon April 24. Call (908) 889-5954 or (908) 756-7521.

MEDICINE TALK — with Edwin Aaron, owner of Fanwood Pharmacy (1947-96). Fanwood Memorial Library, North Avenue, Fanwood, 7-8 p.m. Call (908) 322-6400.

FRIDAY

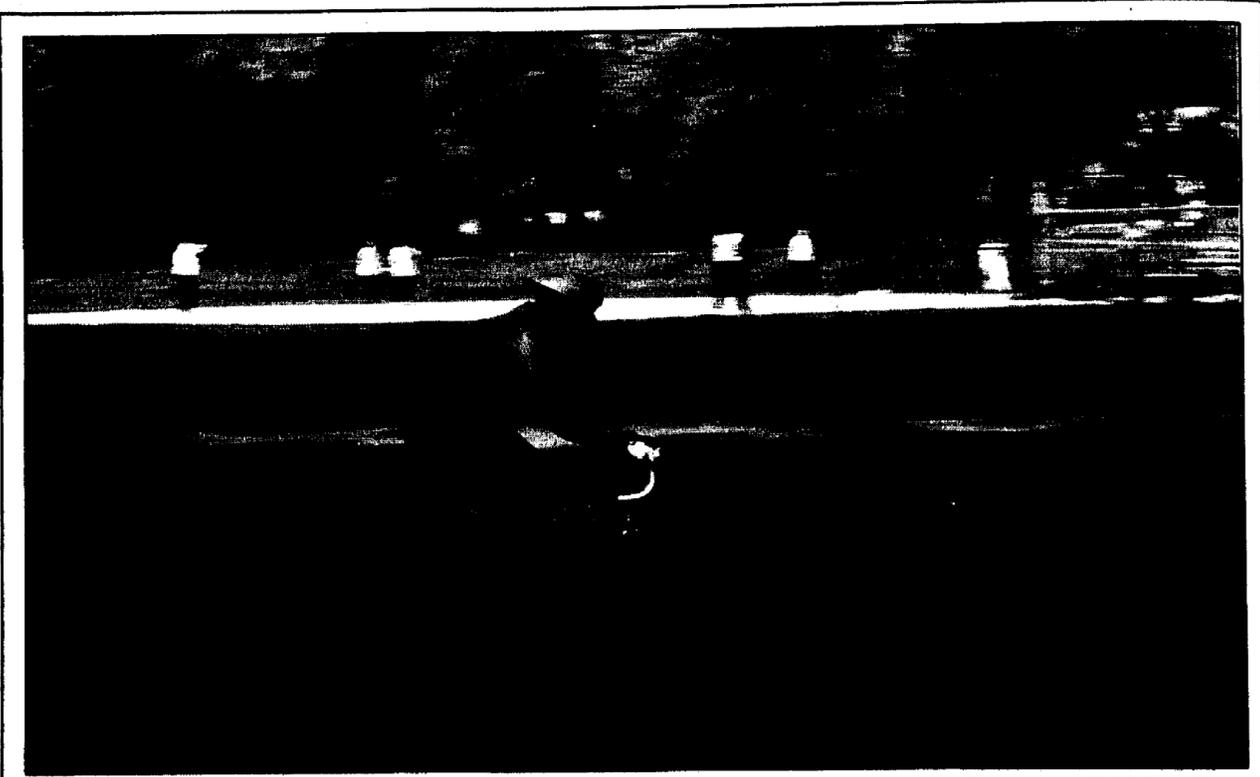
APRIL 24

DINNER-DANCE — 38th annual spring dinner-dance of Westfield Republican Committee. L'Affaire, Route 22, Mountainside, 7-11 p.m. Cost \$60. Tickets: Call (908) 233-2767 or (908) 654-4956.

COMING UP

CHILDREN'S SINGER Gary Rosen, concert for children 2-10. Temple Beth-El, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 3 p.m. April 26. Admission \$7. Family patron seating (with reception) \$50. Reservations: Call (908) 272-1575.

GOLF OUTING fifth annual event sponsored by Temple Ohav Shalom (Colonia). Shakkamaxon Country Club, Scotch Plains, 11 a.m. April 30. Cost \$195 brunch/golf/dinner. \$20 dinner only. sponsorship \$100/hole. Call (732) 388-7222.



RANDALL MILLER/RECORD-PRESS

The wheel thing

Last weekend's clear and mild weather was perfect for taking a bike ride through Tamaques Park in Westfield.

One more honor for Dr. Estrin

Scotch Plains resident to receive honorary doctorate from Drew University

By BEN LIEBOWITZ
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dr. Herman Estrin's teaching career has spanned a lifetime — and he shows no signs of slowing down.

"I was always a teacher," said the Scotch Plains resident.

A 60-year professional, Dr. Estrin began teaching in the fifth grade in North Plainfield where he would tutor his fellow students. His success in teaching them and a shortage of teachers during the Great Depression eventually landed Dr. Estrin in front of a classroom before he had even graduated from North Plainfield High School.

"From there, the teachers used me as a substitute," he said.

Now, 60 years after Dr. Estrin began teaching at Grant School in South Plainfield after graduating from Drew University, Dr. Estrin will be honored by his alma mater's president, former Gov. Thomas Kean with an honorary doctorate degree on May 23.

The doctorate will not be Dr. Estrin's first, however. He received a degree in 1947 and an Ed.D. in 1954, both from Columbia University.

How he paid for his schooling is again a credit to Dr. Estrin's dedication to his field. At the height of the Great Depression, his father was ousted from his tailor shop on Somerset Street in North Plainfield, so Dr. Estrin did the only thing he could to pay for his schooling.

"I earned my tuition by being first in my

class for three years," he said. "I think I paid \$70 for four years of college."

He will also be honored by the North Plainfield High School Alumni Association, the Grant School Alumni, the New Jersey Institute of Technology Alumni Association, and the Drew University Alumni Association at a family-style dinner at the Italian-American Club on Somerset Street in North Plainfield for a lifetime of contributions and dedication to the teaching profession.

Much of Dr. Estrin's teaching experience has taken place at the college level, as he joined the faculty of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (then known as the Newark College of Engineering) in 1946, where he taught technical writing for engineering students. He retired from NJIT in 1981, but continued teaching seminars and workshops, as well as guiding the campus publication, *The Vector*.

Today, he still gives seminars regularly, and teaches thesis writing as well.

Presently he also teaches composition to disadvantaged minority students in secondary schools through the "Upward Bound" program, of which he has been a member since 1986.

Dr. Estrin's teaching experiences, which have spanned the globe, are almost as impressive as the list of awards he has received for those experiences. He has taught in Brazil, France, British Columbia, Hawaii and Alaska, and has an ever growing tally of 25,000 students who have been under his tutelage.

His awards are a testimony to his dedication to the teaching profession. Since he started teaching, he has earned the New Jersey Education Association's Distinguished Service to Education Award, a silver medal from the mayor of Paris for outstanding service to University of Paris graduate students, NJIT's first Robert W. Van Houten award for teaching excellence in 1970, and the Allen Cullmore award in 1987.

Dr. Estrin also founded the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame in 1976 and was inducted into it in 1985. He is currently its director.

In 1995, he was inducted into the North Plainfield High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. He has also earned distinguished alumnus status from Columbia University.

In the near future he will appear in the 1998-1999 editions of Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. He will also be honored by the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers as their citizen of the year on May 12.

Dr. Estrin also has 15 textbooks, 400 journal articles and 11 editions of the Best Student Party in New Jersey in his name.

The awards and honors bearing Dr. Estrin's name will continue to grow, as will the population of students spanning from today's youth to his first students, now in their 70s, as he sees no end to his career in the immediate future.

"I'm going as far as I can go," he said, "as long as they want me."

Westfield High students will present free concerts

WESTFIELD — The public is invited to hear Westfield High School musicians in two free concerts.

The Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and Madrigal Singers will perform 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the WIHN auditorium.

Included on the program will be J.S. Bach's Concerto for Two Violins, featuring soloists Peter Yu and Andy Rhazin, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," with the Chamber, the third and fourth movements of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, and other works.

The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will perform 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 in the WIHN auditorium. They will perform Suite No. 1 and Suite No. 2, by Gustav Holst, a number of Cajun folk songs, and other works.

Church to be a host site for Spring Fling

WESTFIELD — The First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. will be one of the host sites during the "Spring Fling" street fair which runs from noon 2 p.m. Sunday.

From a hospitality tent on the front lawn, staffed by church members.

The church will be open for tours and its restrooms will be available to the public.

Westfield will have benefit 'fun run' on April 25

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Recreation Commission will host its eighth annual five mile and one mile "fun run" at Tamaques Park on Saturday, April 25. Proceeds from the event will help offset Project Graduation for Westfield High School students.

The one mile "fun run" will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the five mile at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is being accepted through April 20. The entry fee is \$10 for

the five mile and \$5 for the "fun run." Post registration fees will be \$12 and \$7, respectively. T-shirts will be issued to the first 200 registrants of the five mile.

The race features a fast and flat USATF certified course with mile splits and water stations. Participants should come dressed to run. For race application information, call the Westfield Recreation Commission at 789-2222. Trophies will be awarded to

the overall male and female winners of the five mile and first overall and third place finishers in each age category of the five mile. Medals will be awarded to all participants of the one mile "fun run" and T-shirts awarded to first overall male and female runners.

These local businesses are contributing sponsors of the event as of print date: The Mush Staff Council & The Arctic Falls

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Milestones



MR. and MRS. ROBERT ROMITO

St. Bartholomew scene for Vitale-Romito rite

FANWOOD — Laura Vitale, 29, of Fanwood and Robert Romito, 27, of Marlboro were joined in marriage Feb. 21, 1998 at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. Rev. Robert Kunze celebrated the nuptial Mass.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vitale Sr., also of Fanwood.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Romito of Marlboro.

Miss Vitale wore a sleeveless gown of white Italian satin, studded with pearls. A shawl of white Italian satin accented the gown. She wore a cathedral veil and carried a large bouquet of white and yellow roses.

Maid of honor was Michele Vitale of Fanwood, a sister of the bride. She wore a navy blue gown and carried yellow and white roses.

Bridesmaids were Maria Astiso of Green Brook, Carrie Cardace of Clinton, Kathy Wagner of Westfield and Sandra Muroli of North Plainfield. They

wore navy blue gowns and carried yellow roses.

Best man was Mark Romito of Marlboro, a brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Sal Amato, Ted Moran, Dave Celeste and Dave Indursky, all of Marlboro. Ring bearer was Christopher Sheil of Scotch Plains, the 14-month-old nephew and godson of the bridegroom.

A reception at The Westwood in Garwood followed the ceremony. The couple met in Point Pleasant, spent its honeymoon in Newport, R.I., and lives in Fanwood.

The bride is a preschool teacher at the Sundance School in North Plainfield. A graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Union County College, she received her certification in preschool education at Kean College of New Jersey.

The bridegroom is an officer with the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. He graduated from Marlboro High School, Brookdale Community College and the Freehold police academy.

Westfield Glee Club gives spring concerts

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Glee Club will present its 73rd season spring concert on April 25 at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, and also on April 26, at 4 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford.

Director Thomas Booth has given descriptive titles for each section of the program. The From Soup to Nuts section includes the old Welsh song "All Through the Night," a Civil War song "Goober Peas," "Pie Jesu" from Andrew Lloyd Webber, "Requiem," and the "Tarantella."

The next section of the Sea Chanties old and new includes: "Spanish Ladies," "Blow the Candles Out," "Billy the Pirate," and "Ballad of the Cross Eyed Sailor." A section of "Folk Songs of the West" includes: "Wait for the Wagon," "Good Old Mountain Dew," "Arkansas Traveler," and "Frankie and Johnny."

The Broadway and pop rock section begins with the four-hand piano accompaniment on the "Rhythm of Life," an acappella rock ballad "Stand By Me," and

two Billy Joel songs "And So It Goes" and "Uptown Girl."

The fast-moving songs and the quieter ballads of the varied program will please the longtime Glee club fan and the first-time attendee.

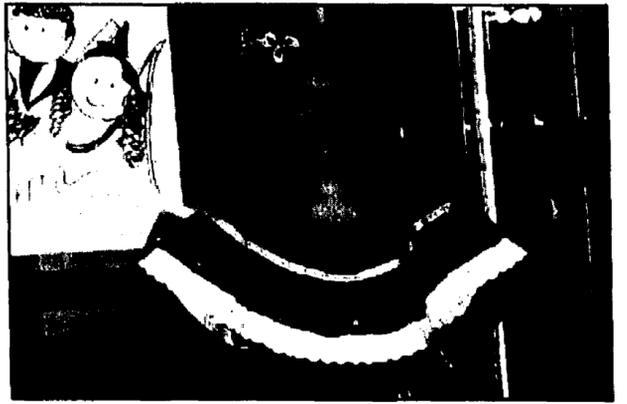
In addition to the piano accompaniment of the talented George Lachenauer, a student string bass player will accompany the Glee singers on "Goober Peas."

Beth Satkin, a junior at Westfield High School, will play the double bass accompaniment on Saturday night for the Civil War song "Goober Peas." She was recently accepted into The National All Girls Orchestra in Washington, DC.

She is also the principal chair in the New Jersey All State Orchestra.

Tickets for either concert are available at The Music Staff, 102 Quimby St., Westfield, and at the door for a donation of \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults.

For additional information call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.



A highlight of Family Heritage Night was a demonstration of Latin folk dancing by Aires De Mi Tierra.

Coles School celebrates the diversity of students

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Parent-Teacher Association of Coles School held its annual Family Heritage Night recently to celebrate the diversity of the school's student population.

Many families of Coles students created displays of family possessions, as well as clothing and other items, from their countries of origin. Food from around the world was available for sampling.

Those who arrived early were greeted by Theodore Schlosberg and his Swiss alphorn. He displayed and demonstrated his collection of international valveless horns.

In addition, Aires de mi Tierra performed Latin folklore dances.

Crafts for the students to take part in included Egyptian hieroglyphic stamping, Mexican paper flowers, African spirit mini masks, Italian paper tambourines and Indonesian shadow puppet. These crafts were under the direction of event Chairwomen Karen Delaney and Maura Berger.

Dianna Cassidy and her children demonstrated Ukrainian egg decorating. Vivian King, Stephanie King and Joyce Cheng demonstrated Chinese knot-tying. Pat Burton, a parent of a Coles student, provided guitar accompaniment for a singalong with Brownie Girl Scout Troop 289.

In the "Parade of Cultures" that concluded the evening, all were invited to walk across the stage, then state their name and country of origin. Many were dressed in traditional outfits.

Animation gallery to feature work inspired by 'Lion King'

WESTFIELD — Toon-Cel-Town, an animation art gallery at 108 Quimby St., will conduct "The Mane Event" devoted to "The Lion King" on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26.

All are welcome to visit the gallery to see art work inspired by the 1994 motion picture and current Broadway musical. Gallery representatives will discuss "The Lion King" and the art it has inspired. Safari-related refreshments will be served.

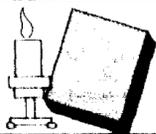
On display will be a sculpted ornament exclusive to Toon-Cel-Town and a limited edition "cel," or animation drawing, of Simba the lion. These can be purchased April 25 and 26 only.

There also will be a drawing for tickets to "The Lion King" on Broadway.

Similar events are taking place the same weekend at Toon-Cel-Town galleries in Summit and Ridgewood.

For more information, go to www.toonceltown.com or call (800) 432-TOON.

Chapter & verse



The First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, will celebrate United Methodist Women's Sunday during services 11 a.m. April 19.

Rev. Kathleen Stolz of the Chatham United Methodist Church will speak on "Answering to the Higher Authority." The theme of the service will be the bishop's initiative on children and poverty. Special pins will be presented to three church members in recognition of the initiative. For more information, call

(908) 233-4211.

Temple Emanuel-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, is holding a three-part series about "Midrash: Reading Between the Lines."

The course will run 8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 30 and May 7. A press release from the synagogue and Midrash "is a dynamic process of engaging the sacred writings to draw forth meaning."

No prior knowledge is required. For registration, call (908) 232-6770.

Community Journalists

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History Societies to hear talk on 'Lifesavers of Jersey Shore'

WESTFIELD — The spring assembly of the Westfield History Societies will feature Michael Fowler, a lifeguard, author, photographer and historian, speaking about "Lifesavers of the Jersey Shore."

His free talk will be 8 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. Mr. Fowler is a lifeguard supervisor for the Monmouth County park system and has been a lifeguard on the Shore since 1984. He also is a professor of marketing at Brookdale Community College.

Mr. Fowler will incorporate a history of New Jersey light houses into his program.

The assembly brings together the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, the Westfield Historical Society, Miller Cory House Museum volunteers and the Sons of the American Revolution. The Genealogical Society is the host organization for this assembly.

A piano prelude by Jane Gross 7:45 p.m. will precede the program. Refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the municipal lot off Elm Street at Mountain Avenue.

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Raymond Van Sweringen Jr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Raymond A. Van Sweringen Jr., 76, died April 9, 1998 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. As a mechanical engineer with Exxon Corp. he supervised the first application of computer technology for plant operations in the petroleum industry.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1963.

Mr. Van Sweringen was with Exxon and its predecessor, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, for 36 years. He retired in 1983 as an engineering adviser at Exxon's research and development unit in Linden.

He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Cornell University in 1944. A member of Tau Beta Pi engineering society, Mr. Van Sweringen was selected for "Who's Who in Engineering in 1982 and once served on the board

of directors of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey.

He also was active in the United Way of Union County and the formation of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Murphy Van Sweringen; three sons, Raymond A. III of Annapolis, Md., William H. of Houston, Texas, and Scott K. of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a brother, Paxton of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; a sister, Virginia Jirus of Upland, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the First Congregational Church of Westfield, of which Mr. Van Sweringen was a member.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Memorial contributions may be made to United Way of Union County, 33 W. Grand St., Elizabeth, N.J. 07202.

Obituaries

Joseph Stracuzzi

SCOTCH PLAINS — Joseph J. Stracuzzi, 80, died April 12, 1998 at Columbia North Hills Hospital in North Richland Hills, Texas. He retired in 1970 after 38 years as an assembly worker with General Motors Corp. at its vehicle assembly plant in Linden.

Mr. Stracuzzi was born in Westfield. He lived in Scotch Plains for 61 years before moving six months ago to Grapevine, Texas.

He was a member of United Automobile Workers Local 595 in Linden.

His wife, Martha, died Aug. 1,

1997.

Surviving are two sons, J. Charles of Grand Island, Neb., and James P. of Grapevine; a sister, Nell Williams of Westfield; and three grandchildren.

Visitation is 7-9 p.m. today at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood, where services will be 10 a.m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Catherine Piccione

SCOTCH PLAINS — Catherine "Kitty" Jacoby Piccione, 78, died April 12, 1998 at Rahway Hospital. She was a volunteer at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and at one time was the secretary of its Pacemaker Foundation.

Mrs. Piccione, who was born in Newark, lived in Springfield and Clark before moving to Scotch Plains in 1996. Her husband, Sam J., is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Sam J. Jr.; a daughter, Kathleen Brodzicki; two brothers, Frank Jacoby and

Thomas Jacoby; a sister, Joan Silchack; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Linden, following services at the Galante Funeral Home in Union. Entombment was in the mausoleum at Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pacemaker Foundation, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Attn: Victor Parsonnett M.D., 201 Lyons Ave., Newark, N.J. 07112.

Peter P. Lojewski

FANWOOD — Peter P. Lojewski, 63, died April 7, 1998 at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg, Fla. He had been a union engineer prior to his 1992 retirement.

Mr. Lojewski was born in Bayonne. He lived in Cranford, Fanwood and Edison before moving in 1992 to Leesburg, Fla.

For 38 years he was associated with International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825 in Newark. Mr. Lojewski served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Carol Meusel Lojewski; a son, Peter P.; a daughter, Jill S. Proscia; two sisters, Joan Keenan and Barbara Wissel; and two grandchildren.

Another daughter, Robin, died in 1995.

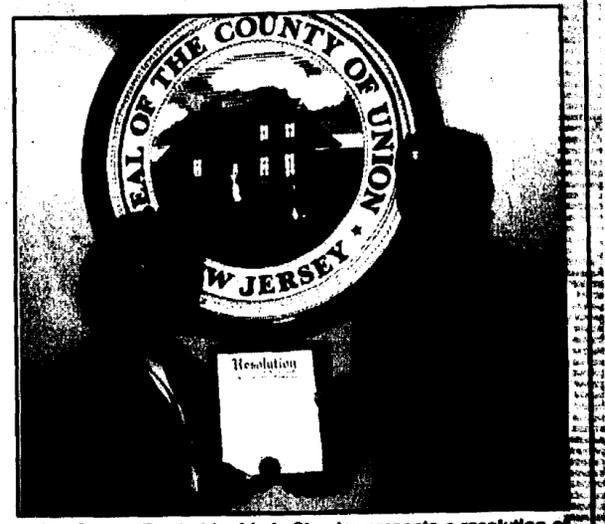
A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield.

Bus trip is planned for Pow-Wow

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring a bus trip Saturday, May 16 for the New Jersey American Indian Pow-Wow at Kennedy Park in Sayreville.

The bus will leave 9:30 a.m. from the Municipal Building and return 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and children 5-12. Registration begins Monday; call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.



Union County Freeholder Linda Stander presents a resolution of appreciation to Fanwood Environmental Commission Chairman Dean Talcott.

County honors Talcott for wildflower project

FANWOOD — Fanwood Environmental Commission Chairman Dean Talcott is busy preparing for clean-up day April 18, gathering volunteers and supplies to beautify the borough's Nature Center.

"We did a lot of work already to the Nature Center, planting grass and flowers last year, and now we're getting ready for the spring clean-up," said Mr. Talcott.

His work has not gone unnoticed. Mr. Talcott was recently recognized for his outstanding wildflower project by

the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders during its regular public meeting. In a resolution sponsored and presented by Freeholder Linda Stander, the borough's former mayor, Mr. Talcott was commended for his extraordinary wildflower project.

"Dean has worked to make the Nature Center a source of pride for all of Fanwood, this is truly a job well done," Freeholder Stander said. Mr. Talcott is employed with the Department of Operational Services.

Friends 'share hearts' at rehabilitation center

SCOTCH PLAINS — Walter Hull has an eye for beauty. He collected antiques for more than 75 years and can spot a genuine piece of work from a mile away.

With this talent it's no wonder he chose Sue Regan of Westfield for a friend in the Share Your Heart program sponsored by the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Hull and Ms. Regan were among a dozen Share Your Heart "couples" who attended a recent luncheon at the nursing home, where he is a resident and she is a bookkeeper.

Share Your Heart "encourages community members, volunteers and staff to 'adopt' elderly residents as special friends with whom to visit and share a unique

friendship," according to a press release.

Ms. Regan "adopted" the 89-year-old Mr. Hull after the death of John Kerekes, her former Share Your Heart friend.

"Walter and John were roommates and also very dear friends," she said. "We both felt his loss and found comfort in each other's friendship."

"Although Walter asks for very little, I strive to do things that will enrich his life or make him more comfortable," she said.

The bookkeeper recently ordered a new arm rest for his wheelchair and made sure his hearing aid was working properly.

Mr. Hull grew up with 10 brothers and sisters in his birthplace of Eynon, Pa.

His fondest family memory includes picking blueberries on a nearby mountain and selling them for 5 cents a quart.

His love of antiques began at 14 when he bought an antique lamp for his mother with money he saved from his job as a coal miner.

After military service in World War II he moved to Harrison and worked for the former Hyatt Bearing Division of General Motors Corp.

Mr. Hull attended many antique shows and antique shops in Pennsylvania and New York to expand his knowledge while adding to his collection. Some of his acquisitions include finely crafted furniture from France and England.

He sold most of his collection before entering the nursing home last year.

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Andrews named grants consultant

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ms. Andrews of the township has become a grants consultant for Keyes Martin/The Bureau, a public relations and consulting firm in East Rutherford.

She will be responsible for the writing and managing grants for school districts throughout the state.

Ms. Andrews has been a research associate at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in Manhattan and worked in the Columbia University alumni relations office.

She also has obtained federal state and foundation funding for school districts in New Jersey and New York.

Ms. Andrews served six years in the Marine Corps, holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and is studying for a master's degree from New York University.



Joining the Westfield Symphony's Gala Co-Chairwomen Mercedes S. Cooper and Honorary Chairpeople Germaine and Richard Trabert at a private sponsors reception and auction preview was Ellen Remer of Martin Jewelers, an individual corporate sponsor of the evening.

Everyone had a wonderful time at orchestra's 'S Wonderful gala

WESTFIELD — More than 260 friends and supporters of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra turned out to enjoy its 1998 gala "S Wonderful!"

The black tie event celebrating the centennial of George Gershwin's birth was held March 28 at the Hilton hotel in Short Hills. Guests danced to Gershwin music and submitted bids in an auction of items donated by area businesses and individuals. Jon Bannick of Westfield was auctioneer.

Germaine and Richard Trabert, honorary chairmen of the gala, received a "special

salute" from symphony President Jane E. Kelly at a sponsors' reception and auction preview. Mrs. Trabert is a representative to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Mr. Trabert is executive director of public affairs for Merck & Co.

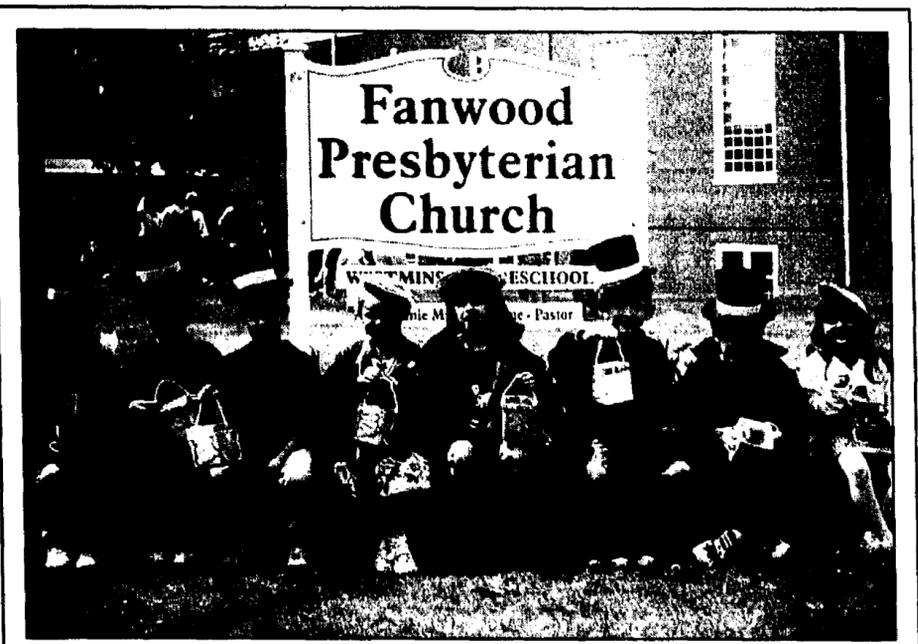
Sponsors included Merck; PNC Private Bank; Town Bank of Westfield; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillon; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gulotta; Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly; and Ellen Remer.

Mrs. Kelly was joined by conductor David Wrote in acknowledging the symphony's apprecia-

tion for the Traberts' many contributions to the arts in New Jersey.

The gala "enjoyed record attendance and exceeded its fund raising goals," according to a press release from the symphony office. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Al Driver contributed their winnings from a 50-50 raffle back to the symphony.

Co-chairmen of the event were Georgann Dowling of Westfield, president of the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, and Mercedes Cooper, a member of the symphony board of directors.



In their Easter Bonnets

Students at the Westminster Preschool at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church show off their Easter finery following an Easter Egg Hunt. The children and their parents also enjoyed a Bunny Brunch.

College Club, Chansonttes hold joint celebration

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club and the Westfield-based Chansonttes will hold a joint "celebration" 8 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church, 1171 Terrill Road.

This special program, "Fifty Years ... and All That Jazz!" will mark the 50th anniversary of the

Chansonttes and the start of the 65th year of the College Club. The Chansonttes, a 20-woman ensemble, will perform songs from the 1940s to the present.

Guests are welcome to attend. College graduates who want to join the College Club may call (908) 233-6513.

Lots of activities in Library Week

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library has issued its schedule to commemorate National Library Week.

A family poetry night will be 6 p.m. Monday with readings led by Junior Girl Scout Troop

Bookstore has discounts for 'Friends'

WESTFIELD — If you're into books, you'll be into the "Friends of the Library" discount offered by the Town Book Store.

The bookshop offers a 10 per cent discount to all who are members of library "Friends" organizations in Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Cranford and Mountainside. Just present a recent membership card at the time of purchase. For "Friends" of Scotch Plains library only, include your name, the library ID number and the name with a membership list.

Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library holds a book sale and meets now a month to view selected books of recent acquisition. Books on the official "Friends" reading list include "Hatchback Turnover" by Henry Trullinger and "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier. For more information call 233-2727 or your local

library. Children of kindergarten age and older are welcome. This event is in conjunction with National Poetry Month.

The "Healthy Avenues" van from Overlook Hospital will be parked in front of the library 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Blood pressure screenings are free. Cholesterol screenings will be available on the spot for \$10.

Richard Hughes will speak about the history of crossword puzzles 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in a program sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. All who come will get sample crossword grids

to try their own hand at creating a puzzle.

"Kids Connect Library" will be the topic of the April meeting of the Teen Reading Club with library director Dan Weiss 4-5 p.m. Thursday.

Edwin Aaron will speak about "Pharmacy Past and Present" 7-8 p.m. Thursday. He owned the former Fanwood Pharmacy from 1947-66 and also was director of pharmacy at Children's Specialized Hospital for five years.

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Consignment sale to benefit group

SCOTCH PLAINS — Pathways has scheduled its annual consignment sale featuring and consistent clothing at the First Episcopal Church, 500

the sale items are \$ 2.00 to \$ 10.00. The sale is on April 24. The public is invited.

Local clothing from newborn to toddler size 12 will be available in good condition. Materials like wool, leather, cotton, baby clothes, and equipment also will be available. On April 24 all items will be sold for half price. Donations will accept operating expenses of consignment group and are appreciated by Pathways. For more information call 233-2727 or 233-2727.

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Sports

Building some steam

Blue Devil girls looking to stay on winning track

By MIKE CHRISTEL
RECORD-PRESS

The Westfield High softball team didn't get off to a blazing start this season with an opening-day loss to Cranford April 3.

But in the couple weeks since then, it's been all systems go for the Lady Blue Devils. After it's 6-5 defeat to the Cougars, in which the Blue Devils committed five errors, Westfield won four straight games heading into Wednesday's second contest with Cranford, outscoring its opponents 34-8 during the span.

Westfield will meet Rahway 11 a.m. today and host Delaware Valley in a non-conference game tomorrow, at the same time. The Blue Devils already beat Rahway once this season, shutting out the Indians 3-0 April 6.

"I've been kind of surprised with how well we've been hitting," said WHS Head Coach Maggie McFadden. "We're kind of a young team with not a great deal of experience. We've hit the ball well, but, honestly, I don't feel we've faced a real overpowering pitcher yet."

Leading the Westfield hitting attack so far this season has been senior captain Shannon Wagner, who is also the team's No. 1 pitcher, and junior three-year catcher Sue Phillips.

"They can hit anybody," said

McFadden. "No matter how good the pitcher is, I always expect them to put the ball in play. Shannon's our leadoff hitter. She always makes contact and scores a lot of runs for us. Sue bats cleanup in the lineup and she can hit the ball a mile."

Like the team, Wagner was 4-1 entering Wednesday's game against Cranford. She became Westfield's ace a year ago after spending her sophomore season in the outfield.

"She's doing an excellent job," said McFadden of Wagner, who played field hockey for Westfield last fall. "She's become a smarter pitcher. She doesn't strike out a lot of people, but she gets a lot of ground balls and has good location."

Joining Phillips in the starting infield for the Blue Devils are usually junior Stephanie Flynn at first base, junior Jessica Lutkenhouse and sophomore Kristen Leonardis splitting the duties at second, freshman Courtney Thornton at shortstop and junior Liz McKeon at third. McKeon smacked a first-inning grand-slam home run in Westfield's 12-2 trouncing of Bayonne Monday.

Senior captain Colleen Ryan has hit well in the designated hitter spot for the Blue Devils. She started at short stop last season, but an off-season knee injury

forced her to vacate the infield.

Making up Westfield's starting outfield are varsity newcomers, sophomore Paige Corbett in left field and seniors Abby O'Neill and Melissa Franz in center and right, respectively.

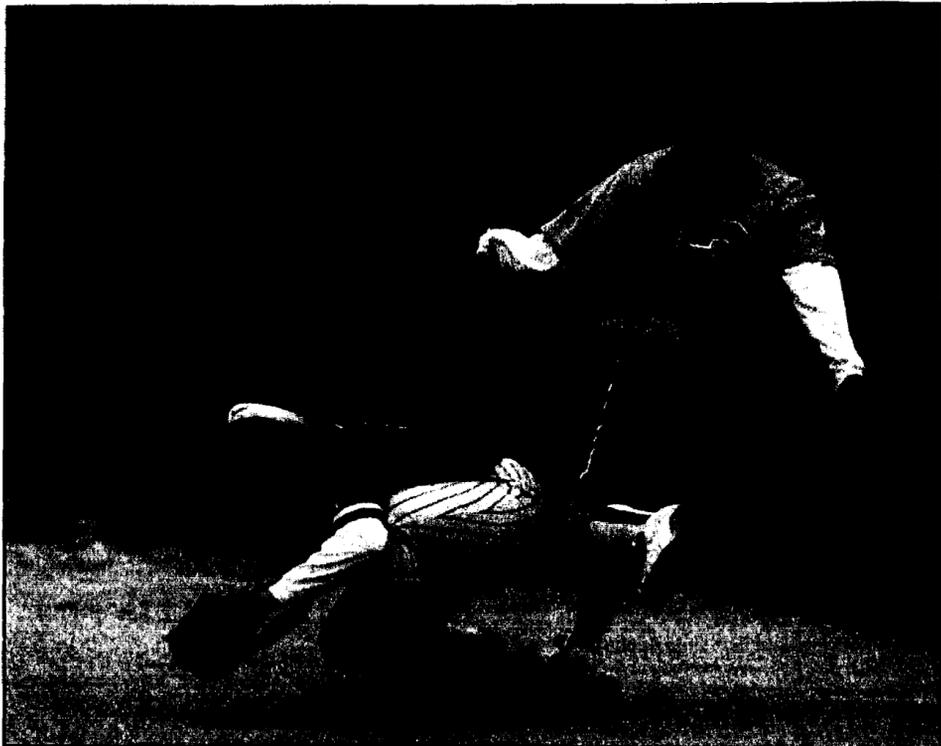
Key players off the bench for the Blue Devils are senior outfielder Anisha Ambardar, senior infielder Lauren Castaldo and junior outfielder/pitcher Kate Mortenson.

Westfield is getting closer to wrapping up the heavy conference portion of its schedule and will be in for some challenging non-conference matchups in the coming weeks.

"I just want to see us progress defensively," said McFadden. "Obviously, we want to win the counties and maybe even a sectional championship, if that's possible. But as far as established goals, we don't really have any. I just tell the girls, let's take every game as it comes."

The Blue Devils owned an 11-0 lead after three innings Monday against Bayonne. Wagner tossed a four-hitter and went 3 for 4 at the plate with two doubles. Ryan contributed a single, triple and four runs batted in.

Westfield 12, SP-F 3 — The Blue Devils cruised past the Raiders Saturday, jumping out to a 8-0 advantage after the first



RANDALL MILLER/RECORD-PRESS
Junior Stephanie Flynn eyes the action from first during Westfield's recent 7-3 victory over Union Catholic. The Blue Devils were 4-1 before Wednesday's game against Cranford.

inning. Corbett led the rout for Westfield, singling twice and driving in five runs. McKeon helped out with a two-run triple in the second and Wagner picked up the

win. **Westfield 7, Union Catholic 3** — Westfield flew out to a 6-0 second-inning lead April 8 and coasted to the victory in

Westfield. The Blue Devils racked up 13 hits and were paced by Phillips (triple, two RBI) and winning pitcher Wagner (three hits, RBI).

SPF storms back to edge Westfield

By MIKE CHRISTEL
RECORD-PRESS

Last weekend proved to be an enjoyable holiday weekend for at least one area baseball team.

The other one was probably feeling a little bummed.

Behind a furious late-inning comeback and a strong pitching performance by senior Dave Gevirtz, the Scotch Plains Fanwood High team was able to squeak by Westfield 5-4 Saturday in an important Watchung Conference matchup in Scotch Plains.

And a thrilling one for the home crowd as well. The Raiders rallied from a 4-0 deficit with five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, capped by a two-run homer by senior catcher Jim Buccola, and Gevirtz, who was masterful after surrendering four runs in the first two innings struck out the side in the top of the seventh to get the victory.

"This is a big win for us. Westfield has a solid team and I was proud of the way the kids held in there," said SP-F Head Coach Brian Homm. "They could have packed it in down 4-0 late in the game, but they hung in and made a big comeback."

Senior Luke Cerchio started the sixth-inning rally with a leadoff triple to left. Senior Delmar Patterson then singled home Cerchio (2 for 2, double, triple) and advanced to second on a Westfield throwing error. Second baseman Doug Bishop followed with a single to center to put runners on first and third.

After Bishop advanced to second on a wild pitch, Blue Devil left hander Greg Friesen, who escaped a pair of runs in the fourth and fifth innings, induced a ground out to the Adam Baumwell and the runners were forced to hold. In the next at bat, Gevirtz, the Raiders' cleanup hitter, bounced a ground ball to second, bringing home the Raiders' second run, but was safe at first on another throwing error by Westfield, allowing Bishop to score as well and cut the deficit to 4-1.

Buccola, who finished 3 for 4, then jumped on a Friesen fast ball and sent an opposite field shot over the right centerfield fence to give SP-F a 5-4 lead.

"He's a senior and he came through for us," said Homm on Buccola. "He's one of the leaders of this team and he came through in the clutch. He's been hitting the ball well for so lately."

"We got our lead and we figured Friesen was going to shut them out and we don't have to worry about anything," said WHS Head Coach Bob Brewster, whose team faced Cranford Tuesday and Cranford Wednesday and will play Rahway this morning at 11 a.m. "That offense didn't get anything going after that."

That's because Gevirtz found his comfort zone on the mound. The pitcher, who was struggling



GEORGE PAUL/RECORD-PRESS
Scotch Plains Fanwood pitcher Dave Gevirtz shut down Westfield in the final five innings Saturday as the Raiders pulled out a 5-4 come-from-behind victory.

early, allowing a RBI double to Westfield senior outfielder Tom Neely and a home run to second baseman Laurent Turner in the first and RBI singles to Gabe Perez and Brian Flynn in the second.

But after a disappointing first two frames, Gevirtz was a different pitcher the rest of the way.

He allowed just one hit in the final five innings and retired Westfield's last ten batters of the game. Gevirtz finished with a five-hitter and only two of the four runs charged against SP-F were earned.

He struck out six for the game and didn't walk a batter.

"He just settled down. He got the ball downstate a little bit more," said Homm. "He started throwing change-ups a little bit to keep them off balance."

"He got stronger as the game went on," said Brewster.

As evidenced in the seventh, when Gevirtz threw just 10 pitches and blew away the final two batters on three pitches each.

"He was excited. He wanted that game," said Homm on his ace pitcher.

"He deserved it. He works hard in practice and he's a great kid."

"We made a couple of base-running mistakes that potentially could've cost us a couple of runs, and that's the difference in the game right there," said Brewster.

"Against a good club like Scotch Plains you can't give them anything. But everybody is working their tail off and you can't fault anybody."

The Blue Devils and Raiders will meet again Wednesday in Westfield. SP-F has won two of the last three meetings and tied Westfield in the other

Teams all set for Blue Devil relays

By MIKE CHRISTEL
RECORD-PRESS

The Westfield High boys and girls track squads won't have to travel very far for this weekend's relay meet.

All they have to do is go down the street to Kehler Stadium, the site for the 10th annual Blue Devil Invitational, slated to get underway tomorrow at 9 a.m.

This year the meet, which tracks individual results but not team scores, will have roughly 15 teams competing in separate boys and girls competitions, as well as a couple of junior varsity and freshman races.

Other local schools that will be on hand are Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford, Union, Elizabeth and Summit.

"We want to have some good relay performances and get ourselves ready for the Penn Relays (April 23-25) and the Union County Relays (April 30)," said WHS boys' Head Coach John Martin. "It's also a good opportunity to have some fun. It's less pressure, the kids can just go out there and run. We have a nice facility and it's nice to be able to host it. Hopefully, it will be a good way to end the season."

Both the Westfield boys and girls teams will be represented at the Penn Relays next week at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. The girls' meet is slated for Thursday, while the boys' competition will be held April 24 and 25.

As of week's start, both squads were expected to qualify in the 4x400 and 4x800 meter relays. The Westfield boys came closer to securing the bid Saturday when they came away with first place honors in the 4x400 at the Summit Relays at Tuttlek Field in Summit.

Competing in the boys' 4x400

Division, John Cognetti, Peter Anzelone, Bill Zachar and Gordon Kasluskus teamed up to win the gold in 8:11.7.

"It was a nice performance. Hopefully we can do well at the Penn Relays," said Martin. "It's getting close to May and that's when you want to be running at your best."

Seniors Steve Dennis and Dave Geisler will team up with two members of the 4x800 squad to run the 4x400 at next week's Penn Relays.

The Blue Devils garnered four other medals at the Summit Relays Saturday, led by Dave Citron and Eric Clinton, who tied for first in the pole vault B relay, clearing 21' 0".

Westfield also tied for fourth in the 4x400 (3:34.1), took third in the javelin (207.5) and sixth in the sprint medley (3:45.2).

The Westfield girls captured two golds Saturday. Competing in the Girls Open Division, Alexe Anze, Sue Susan Wilson, Rachel Ackerman and Lindsay Totano combined to win the 6,400 relay in 23:58.0 and Becky Hamilton, Susan Hinds, Heather Dennis and Maura McMahon teamed up to win the sprint medley relay in 4:20.1.

Westfield also placed second in the 4x800 (9:55.5), third in the javelin relay (243.3) and fourth in the 4x200 (3:58.7) and shot put B (70.1).

Elizabeth HS, Westfield HS — The Blue Devil girls lost a close meet to the Minutemen last Wednesday in Scotch Plains.

First place winners for Westfield in the meet were Katie Egan in the 400 run (1:00.7), McMahon in the 800 (2:27), Meg Steffek in the 1,600 (5:22), Ackerman in the 3,200 (12:1) and Hamilton in the 100 (1:21) hurdles (17.2).

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Home & Garden

Do I really need a kitchen designer?

By Glenn C. Horvath, CKD

Feeling like it's time for a change in your kitchen, but unsure where or how to start? To get headed in the right direction, you must answer this question: "Do I need to remodel or redecorate?"

There is a significant difference between the two. One simply solves "surface" problems by giving the room a "facelift." The other does this as well, but also goes much deeper, addressing flaws in the room's design that make it inefficient and possibly dangerous.

If you've decided that you need to remodel the space in order to be satisfied, you should consult a kitchen designer. There are more than 30 separate guidelines, established by the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA), that should be met for kitchen design. These guidelines deal with required amounts of counter space; the size of work aisles; how and where appliances/fixtures should be posi-

tioned; how much cabinet space should be allotted; safety considerations; and other key design factors.

Unless you have remodeling

'The best option is to work with a pro who specializes in kitchen design, day in and day out.'

— **Stu Dettelbach**
NKBA president

experience and fully understand the planning guidelines, a kitchen remodel shouldn't be considered a do-it-yourself project. There are too many issues at stake, including your family's safety, the efficiency and look of the space, and the variety of building codes which must be met.

Further, you want to assure a return on the investment you are making in your home. According to the NKBA, a kitchen remodel can yield between 85 percent to 120 percent return when you use

quality products and the services of a qualified professional designer.

It's important to keep in mind, however, that these professionals may be involved in many other areas, such as deck design, commercial interior design, building design, roofing, etc., and may only dabble in kitchen design. So, portfolios, references and showrooms should be carefully scrutinized.

"Ultimately, all of a client's remodeling needs must be discovered and met. A good-looking room that still doesn't have enough counter or storage space, or that isn't a pleasure to be in or work in, is of little value to a homeowner," says Stu Dettelbach, CKD, president of the NKBA. "The best option is to work with a pro who specializes in kitchen design, day in and day out. He or she will be familiar with the planning and space requirements, and will know kitchen product options well."

The NKBA accredits such highly competent individuals as

Certified Kitchen Designers (CKDs). These professional have been in the business of designing and supervising and installation of residential kitchens for at least seven years (or have an equivalent in experience plus education), have a commendable track record and have passed a stringent examination administered by the NKBA. CKDs are also required to continue their industry education and active participation in order to maintain the accreditation.

The designer will usually manage the entire project for you and generally offers the convenience of "one-stop shopping." In addition to designing the space and developing plans, they have the necessary resources to purchase the products you want, and they have already cultivated relationships with important sub-tradesmen like electricians, plumbers and tile installers. CKDs will also work with interior designers and architects on material and color selection, or whenever structural changes are

necessary.

While designing the new space should be left to the professional, the homeowner can contribute a number of things to the project if he wishes. Jobs such as tearing out existing cabinets and flooring, trash removal, painting and wallpapering may all be completed by the homeowner and can help reduce the owner's costs.

"The key is to maintain an open line of communication between the homeowner and the designer. And whether working with a CKD or other contractor, it's imperative that project documents, including a written contract (which specifically states what the job entails, what the homeowner is responsible for and what the designer is responsible for), floor plans, specifications and drawings, exist."

Glenn C. Horvath is a certified kitchen designer and president of Proven Design Inc., of Roselle since 1959, designers, manufacturers and installers of custom kitchens and furniture.

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- * When mowing, never remove more than one-third of the blade surface.
- * Be sure to keep your lawn mower blade sharp.
- * Leave grass clippings on the lawn. They decompose quickly and put nutrients back into the soil.

Fertilizing

- * Fertilize about once every six weeks, beginning in the spring.
- * To keep roots healthy during the winter, fertilize in the late fall.

Watering

- * Watering should be done heavily and infrequently.
- * Lawns need about one inch of water per week.
- * Water in the early evening or morning when there is less heat and wind.

Could your home be making you ill?

Your home may be your castle, but it isn't necessarily a health haven. In fact, your house may be making you sick. Even if you are a neat and tidy housekeeper, hidden pollutants may be causing health problems for your family. If any family member consistently wakes up with a stuffy nose, sneezing, runny nose and watery eyes, there is a 50 percent chance that the problem is caused or aggravated by polluted air in your home, according to the American College of Allergies.

Although indoor air pollution can come from many sources, one of the most prevalent is also the most hidden; the air duct system in your home's heating and cooling system. Dust mites, mold, mildew, bacteria and pet hair all reside unseen in your air duct system of your home's heating and cooling system. When the air conditioner or furnace is turned on, forced air pushes high allergy spores and other pollutants into every room. Most home furnace filters catch

less than 20 percent of dust and other particulate pollutants, while allowing 80 percent to pass through. One way to manage the problem and help reduce allergic reactions is to professionally clean and vacuum the entire duct system. In Monmouth and Middlesex counties, COIT Services is one company that offers this special service.

How does a homeowner know if his or her system needs cleaning? Clues abound: Do you have soiled or sooty areas around your vent covers? Do table tops get dusty shortly after cleaning? Do you notice unusual or musty odors when the furnace or air conditioning is on? Is your return air compartment or fan dirty?

Don't be shocked if the answer is yes to most of these questions. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that indoor air is up to seven times more polluted than outdoor air.

And since most people spend 90 percent of their time indoors, no wonder illnesses can be created or aggravated by our own home environment.

Even if allergies aren't a problem in your home, having a heating system that works efficiently saves on utility bills and fuel. A build up on only .042 inches of dirt on a heating coil can result in a 21 percent decrease in efficiency.

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Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April 1998 as part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten shade trees are Red Oak, Sugar Maple, Weeping Willow, Green Ash, Thornless Honeylocust, Pin Oak, River Birch, Tuliptree, Silver Maple, and Red Maple.

These trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30.

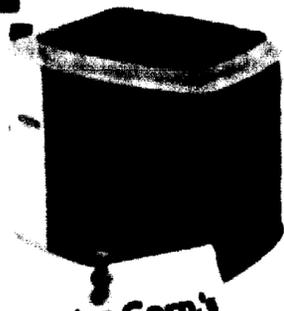
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Master Gardeners plant landscape at Lenape Park

WESTFIELD — Members of the current Master Gardener class of Union County recently planted a low maintenance landscape at the Westfield entrance to Lenape Park. The garden, at

the end of East Broad Street, occupies an island down the middle of Nomahagan Drive.

The Master Gardener program, sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, provides a course of weekly horticulture and entomology lectures each year to about 40 county residents, who then share their expertise through volunteer activities. This year's class represents 16 of the county's municipalities. The program is open to all Union County residents without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap of age.

As part of the program, each year a class designs a garden for one of Union County's parks and then selects shrubs and perennials appropriate for the location. The plants chosen must tolerate drought and frost and be resistant to insect, disease and deer. The expense must also be minimal and able to withstand minimum pruning. Plants are purchased by the Union County Parks Department.

Master Gardeners are committed to performing 100 hours of volunteer work for Rutgers Cooperative Extension, after completing the program. Among the volunteer activities are the Garden Hotline, participating in a Speakers Bureau, garden tours and horticultural therapy programs for youth and disabled adults. This year's Spring Garden Fair will be held on May 17 at the Watchung Recreation

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Make small rooms more spacious

There's no need to feel trapped if your house has a small living room. Rarely than barely furnishing it, there are ways to give the room a spacious look. The following decorating tricks, courtesy of Leslie Linsley, author of "Leslie Linsley's 15-Minute Decorating Ideas" (St. Martin's Griffin), will help make a small living room look larger.

Add mirrors: Mirrors visually expand any space. If the room is too rectangular and seems too narrow, arrange the furniture in a square shape away from the walls. Mirror the narrow wall to reflect the furniture arrangement.

Don't overcrowd: Choose a few good furniture pieces with clean lines and take away clutter. One large piece can be the focal point of the room. This piece can be a sofa, armoire or even two love seats opposite a large coffee table.

Color coordinate: Use one color on all furniture, rugs and walls. To avoid being monotonous, select different shades a textures of the chosen color. Use a contrasting color, like a darker shade of the natural, for all wood trim. Then, add paintings or prints to the walls. One large painting makes a greater impact than a group of small paintings.

Arrangements: How the furniture is arranged makes a big difference. If you want to create seating for six in a small living room, you might consider a love seat in place of a full-size sofa. Add two medium-size cushioned chairs and two small occasional wood chairs to fit on either side of a window or desk. These chairs can be pulled over to become part of an intimate seating arrangement when needed.

Make the room feel homey: A homey feeling can be achieved with the use of earth tones, honey-colored woods, a soft-textured blanket over the sofa and a pile of books placed on a table.

Change the feeling of your home with color

(NU) — The fastest way to create a new look and feeling in your home happens when you change colors. Nothing alters a space faster than painting. But before you make a decision to change colors, it's wise to consult first with an expert from the American Society of Interior Designers.

Interior designers can save homeowners the time and hassle of trying to find the right colors and the right paint. Whatever feeling you are trying to create, all the elements of the design palette need to be coordinated and fit together. And, with all that is available in paints, a designer can steer you toward options that will be just as relevant tomorrow as they are today.

Finding the right interior designer may take a little time and effort, but it can prove to be well worth the trouble. Referrals tend to work out best, according to Charles Gandy, FASID, president of Gandy/Peace, Inc. in Atlanta.

"When homeowners choose an interior designer who is affiliated with ASID, they can be confident that they are working with someone who meets the industry's most demanding professional and ethical requirements," said Gandy.

Once your interior designer has located the right colors and paints for your home, they also have the skills to manage the projects from start to finish.

"Working with an interior designer to develop a new feeling for your home is a very personal experience," said Melinda Sechrist, ASID, owner

of Sechrist Design Associates, Inc. in Seattle. "A good designer is one who cares about each client and seeks to understand the client's lifestyle and needs. It is also important that the designer be a good listener who can communicate clearly and effectively with the client as well as painters and other contractors who may be involved in the redesign of your home."

According to Gandy, "When you hire an interior designer, you are not just getting someone to select products. You are getting an experienced professional who can solve problems and create a space to meet your lifestyle needs."

ASID interior designers take the time to understand client needs through a careful interview process. This results not only in developing a better client understanding of their role in the interior design process, but also a finished project that accurately reflects the homeowners desired image.

ASID interior designers can also provide complete project management, from start to finish, alleviating the need for homeowners to be present when various stages of the project are under way.

To find an interior designer, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) offers a free world-wide referral service available by calling (800-775-ASID (800-775-2743), or visit ASID's world-wide referral site on the Internet at www.interiors.org.

It's time for home improvement

With the arrival of warmer weather, homeowners are taking stock of potential home repair, renovation and construction projects. Some will require a substantial investment of time and money; others will require minimal resources — but whichever the case, the rewards can be sizable.

This is a great time to build a new deck, re-brick the patio, landscape the yard or apply a fresh coat of paint to a weather-worn garage. You'll enjoy the results throughout the summer, and the value of your property will be enhanced, as well.

Opportunities also abound for interior improvements. While you're packing winter clothes up for storage and once again bringing out spring and summer wear, closets can be reorganized and tidied up for greater ease of use; investing some additional time now can increase your efficiency later on.

You may even be inspired to undertake a thorough spring cleaning. Washing the windows, scrubbing the

winter grime from the floors and taking note of any minor household repairs that may be necessary are good beginnings for a springtime overhaul of your home.

Above all, plan ahead. If

you're hiring a contractor, you'll need to explain exactly what you want to have done. And, if you're doing the work yourself, there's no reason not to be fully prepared for the job you're undertaking.

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The blower/vac model RB-1000 is available in two colors. It is available by calling 800-551-6664.

Mansfield, Blue Devils top Summit

The Westfield High boys lacrosse team doubled up Summit 6-3 Saturday, taking control of the game in the third quarter, when Kevin Mansfield scored two of his team-high three goals.



one score each. Abeles saved 14 shots for Westfield.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Megan Clarke scored five goals and teammate Kelly Korecky added three goals and three assists in the Blue Devils' 20-7 victory over Ridge last Wednesday.

Julia Gates also scored three times, Meghan Hely chipped in with two goals and Kelsey III, Marina Powell, Josecyn Puschel, Sarah Chance, Jessica Brewster, Kristen Salmond and Leigh Kendrick contributed one score apiece. Kit Simons made 15 saves for the Blue Devils.

BASEBALL

Westfield outslugged Caldwell 12-7 Tuesday, taking over the game with a five-run third inning.

Brian Flynn delivered a two-run triple for the Blue Devils (5-2) in the third. Senior Greg Freisen finished 3 for 4 with a

run batted in and teammate Phil Orsini smacked a pair of doubles.

Senior pitcher Matt Williams picked up his second victory of the season.

Westfield 22, Union Catholic 5 — The Blue Devils routed Union Catholic last Wednesday in Scotch Plains, scoring a combined 17 runs in the final three innings.

Westfield, which took advantage of six Viking errors, was led by Freisen and catcher David Koye, who drove in three runs apiece. Freisen also hit a pair of triples. Williams took the win for Westfield.

TENNIS

The Blue Devils dropped a 5-0 decision to undefeated Bayonne Tuesday in Bayonne.

The closest match of the day came at third singles, where Westfield's Sam Fleder lost in a three-set tie-breaker to Shawn Woskin 2-6, 7-5, 6-7 (5-7).

GOLF

Westfield improved to 6-0 on the season Tuesday after defeating Elizabeth 159-243 at Galloping Hill, par 35.

Brett Bramnick paced the Blue Devils with a 37, Rob McCullam and Brian Mann each shot a 40 and Doug Brandely finished with a 42.

Westfield 168, St. Peter's 182 — The Blue Devils topped St. Peter's Prep Monday at Echo Lake, par 36. Bramnick led the Blue Devils with a 39, while McCullam added a 42 and Mann and John Kotler chipped in with a 42 and 45, respectively.

VOLLEYBALL

The Blue Devils stayed perfect on the season with a 15-10, 15-11 victory over Rahway April 8 in Westfield.

Senior Megan Devitt finished with four aces, three kills and one block and Suzanne Vinegra added four kills and two blocks.



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Mike Bely (center) and the Westfield High boys lacrosse team will host Delbarton in their next game, set for 11 a.m. tomorrow at Tamaques School.

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(All times p.m., unless noted)

<p>FRIDAY, APRIL 17</p> <p>Westfield at Rahway, 11 a.m. Cranford at SP-F, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>Rahway at Westfield, 11 a.m. SP-F at Cranford, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Shabazz at Westfield, 4 Volleyball Shabazz at Westfield, 4</p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 18</p> <p>Baseball</p> <p>Hillsborough at Westfield, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Softball</p> <p>Delaware Valley at Westfield, 11 a.m.</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Blue Devil Invitational, 9 a.m. Boys Lacrosse Delbarton at Westfield, 11 a.m. Girls Lacrosse Princeton at Westfield, 11 a.m.</p> <p>MONDAY, APRIL 20</p> <p>Union Catholic at Westfield, 4 Shabazz at SP-F, 4</p> <p>Softball</p> <p>Westfield at Union Catholic, 4 SP-F at Shabazz, 4</p> <p>Tennis</p>	<p>SP-F at Westfield, 4 Boys Lacrosse North Hunterdon at Westfield, 4 Girls Lacrosse Kent Place at Westfield, 4 Volleyball Westfield at Cranford, 4 SP-F at Union Catholic, 4</p> <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 21</p> <p>Track</p> <p>Union Catholic at Westfield, 4 Shabazz at SP-F, 4</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Summit at SP-F, 4 Westfield at SP-F, 4</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22</p> <p>Baseball</p> <p>SP-F at Westfield, 4 Softball Westfield at SP-F, 4</p> <p>Tennis</p> <p>Rahway at Westfield, 4 SP-F at Union Catholic, 4 Westfield at Fair Lawn, 4 Girls Lacrosse Rutgers Prep at Westfield, 4 Get Shabazz at SP-F, 4 Volleyball Westfield at Rahway, 4</p>
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In Today's Paper

Raider boys make their mark at Summit Relays

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys track team took home four gold medals at the Summit Relays Saturday at Tatlock Field in Summit.

Competing in the Boys Open Division, Adam Bowser, Mike Franzone, Blair Woodward and Karl Jennings combined to win the shuttle hurdles in 1:05.3. Then Woodward and Jennings came back to place first in the

team high jump with a combined leap of 12-2. Adam Bowser and Nathan Jones teamed up to win the long jump B (41-1) and Jim Feeley, Scott Paterson and Dan Loomis combined to place first in the shot put B (134-11/4). The Raiders also placed second in the distance medley B (11:01.1) and fourth in the pole vault B (20-0).

GIRLS TRACK Summit Relays
The Lady Raiders also placed in their share of events at Saturday's Summit Relays. SP-F took second in the

4x1,600 (23:58.0), fourth in the 4x400 (4:23.8), the intermediate hurdles B (3:57.5) and high jump (8-10) and third in the long jump B relay (28-1).

BASEBALL
SP-F topped Rahway 9-5 Monday in Scotch Plains. Senior catcher Jim Buccola smacked a three-run home run in the first inning to give the Raiders a lead they would never relinquish. **SP-F 14, Shabazz 0** — The Raiders crushed Shabazz last Wednesday in Newark, exploding for all 14 of their runs in the first inning.

Leading the attack for SP-F was senior second baseman Doug Bishop, who went 3 for 4 with three runs batted in. Buccola chipped in with three RBI as well. Luke Cerchio, already with a 14-0 cushion before he even took the mound, didn't yield any runs for his first victory of the year.

SOFTBALL
The visiting Raiders were held to just two hits Monday in a 5-0 defeat to Rahway. The game was scoreless until Rahway scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth. The Indians

added two more runs in the sixth. SP-F will visit Cranford today at 4 p.m. and has games next week scheduled against Shabazz (Monday), Westfield (Wednesday) and Piscataway (April 25).

TENNIS
The Raiders edged Union Catholic 3-2 April 8, keyed by a sweep in both doubles matches. The Raiders' Paul Sweedlund and Shawn Laskowitz defeated Martin Fleming and J.T. Wilkinson 6-3, 6-0 at first doubles and John Corbin and Doug Gillie beat Keegan Rollins and Jim Bercario 6-0, 2-6, 6-2 at sec-

ond doubles. In singles action, Mike Bostwick topped Chris Mason 6-4, 6-2 at first singles. SP-F has a match scheduled for every day next week, starting with Westfield Monday. **GOLF**
SP-F got by Summit by 225-235 last Wednesday at Canoe Brook, par 37. Steve Busch and Erich Schnellenberger led the Raiders with a 44 each, while John Cosmas and Louis Schultz shot a 45, respectively, and Mike Milberger finished with a 47.

Many young girls getting a strong start in Westfield Lacrosse Club

Founded just three years ago in 1995, the girls' division of the Westfield Lacrosse Club has grown exponentially with almost 150 girls participating this season. The club is open to all third-eighth graders who want to learn this sport. No experience is necessary and residency in Westfield is not required. Each team meets to practice and/or play two days per week. "The girls are taught the fundamentals and stickwork of lacrosse as well as enjoying the experience of being on a team and learning sportsmanship," said Westfield Lacrosse Club director and founder Lois Hely. "Lacrosse is a beautiful game that flows. It requires different skills than other sports yet incorporates other games' concepts and strategies. We want to offer the girls of Westfield a challenging and rewarding sports experience with lacrosse."

The third and fourth-grade program is instructional, with two games played at the end of the season. The fifth and sixth grade as well as each of the seventh and eighth grades will field traveling teams with games against other youth leagues in Chatham, Millburn, Madison, Mountain Lakes, Summit and Ridgewood. The girls' home field is behind Edison Intermediate School. The program's growth has meant a need for more coaches, and the club would like to recognize the following volunteers for their valued coaching: Lynn Evans, Mary Ann Werner and Tom Buttrick for the third and fourth graders; Marianne Flood, Marga Reynolds and Barbara Cole-Kelly for the fifth and sixth graders; Amy Stone and Ellie Molloy for the seventh graders and Barbara Lang and Jennifer Higgins for the eighth graders.

ADULT BASKETBALL

SCOTCH PLAINS SENIOR BASKETBALL (Over 50)
Scotch Plains captured the Scotch Plains Senior Basketball league title last week, routing Cranford 57-35. Scotch Plains finished on top in the season-ending basketball tournament, which included the top eight teams from the Scotch Plains and Monmouth Senior Basketball Leagues.

Scotch Plains averaged a 19-point margin in its three wins, with its five starters together for one of the first times all season. Six-foot-7 Joe Zaiski rebounded and blocked shots, while Lenny Braunstein and Tom Aguirre ran the floor from the guard position, scoring or feeding forwards Pete Tierney and Bill Clancy for easy baskets. Key performers in defeat during the tournament were Howard

YOUTH SPORTS

SP-F SOCCER ASSOCIATION Intercity Division Sabers top Somerset Hills
The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Sabers capped an exciting weekend of soccer action with an impressive 5-1 win over Somerset Hills. Sean McNelis led the way with a three goal hat trick and Jeff Bell and Bill Schoenbach chipped in with one score each. Outstanding Sabers played a key role in all their goals. Matt Colon set up McNelis' first score with a down field clear of the defense. Patrick Schiavza and McNelis teamed up to send the charging Bell in on goal.

Andrew Silber's left-footed cross enabled Schoenbach to score from in close. Greg Lieschner and Steve Gaetano supplied the assists for McNelis' last two goals. Defense was again a Sabers trademark. Sean Smith, Terance Charles and Adam Gronwald aggressively held back the Somerset Hill charges. Goalies Bill Albizzati and Matt Ben were there to stop the rare shot on goal. The midfield defense was smartly led by Robert Lasher and Casey Hoynos-O'Connor. **Sabers tie with Sharks**
The Sabers battled Flemington to a hard-

fought 1-1 draw Saturday. Flemington's lone goal came in the second half on a direct kick after a tough call on the always aggressive Silber. A key point came early in the match when goalie Albizzati stopped a Flemington penalty kick. The then inspired Sabers netted a goal of their own by McNelis off two beautiful passes by Schoenbach and Silber. The defense played fearlessly against the physical Flemington side. Smith and Lieschner worked hard all day to force the Sharks into wide angle shots. Lasher, Gaetano and Bell patrolled the midfield and neutralized the powerful Flemington kickers.

SPORTSCENE

MCLANE REACHES MILESTONE
Westfield resident Kevin McLane, a member of the Boston College lacrosse team, scored the 100th goal of his collegiate career in a 1-0 victory over Yale April 8. Coupled with 73 career assists, McLane now has 173 career points. With six regular-season games remaining, McLane needs only eight points to surpass Jim McMan (Class of '74) and become the leading scorer in Boston College history.

McLane, a four-year standout for the Eagles, is also on the verge of setting career highs for assists and goals. He is currently eighth on the school's all-time assist list with 73 points. He needs 22 assists to break the mark set by Tom Hara (Class of '83). McLane is currently tied for fifth on the school's all-time goal list with 100. He needs 24 goals to break the record set by his older brother, John (Class of '82).

SPFBA SOCCER TRYOUTS
Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association will be holding open tryouts at the Middle School soccer field to select teams for the 1998 Intercity Program for all boys 10 and up who live in Fanwood or Scotch Plains. All players interested in playing Intercity will participate in these evaluations. A parent/guardian will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Middle School High Multi-Purpose Gymnasium to discuss the Intercity program. The following tryout schedule is scheduled:
Days U-14 (born between 8-1-84 and 8-31-84): Wed. April 29 and Tues. May 5 at 8 p.m.
Days U-13 (born between 8-1-85 and 8-31-85): Tues. April 28 and Fri. May 8 at 8 p.m.
Days U-12 (born between 8-1-86 and 8-31-86): Fri. May 1 and Wed. May 6 at 4:30 p.m.
Days U-11 (born between 8-1-87 and 8-31-87): Mon. May 11 and Thurs. May 14 at 8 p.m.
Days U-10 (born between 8-1-88 and 8-31-88): Mon. May 18 and Thurs. May 21 at 8 p.m.
Days U-9 (born between 8-1-89 and 8-31-89): Mon. Apr. 27 and Mon. Apr. 4 at 8 p.m.
Days U-8 (born between 8-1-90 and 8-31-90): Thurs. Apr. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Days U-7 (born between 8-1-91 and 8-31-91): Thurs. Apr. 23 at 8:30 p.m.
Days U-6 (born between 8-1-92 and 8-31-92): Thurs. May 14 at 8:30 p.m.
Days U-5 (born between 8-1-93 and 8-31-93): Thurs. May 14 at 10:30 p.m.
Days U-4 (born between 8-1-94 and 8-31-94): Thurs. May 14 at 12:30 p.m.
Days U-3 (born between 8-1-95 and 8-31-95): Thurs. May 14 at 2:30 p.m.
Days U-2 (born between 8-1-96 and 8-31-96): Thurs. May 14 at 4:30 p.m.
Days U-1 (born between 8-1-97 and 8-31-97): Thurs. May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Registration: Thurs. April 23 at 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Middle School High Multi-Purpose Gymnasium. Contact: (908) 674-3300 or (908) 674-3301. Registration fee: \$10.00. Tryout fee: \$5.00. Tryout fee includes a tryout kit. Tryout kit includes a soccer ball, shin guards, and a tryout jersey. Tryout kit is available for purchase at the tryout. Tryout kit is available for purchase at the tryout. Tryout kit is available for purchase at the tryout.



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school have developed and maintain the school's website. In addition, the school was one of only three statewide to receive a grant to participate in the STEM (Savings Through Energy Management) program, which provides training to a group of 11th grade science students in conducting an energy audit. The audit will be performed at School, though the skills can also be put to use at home. As the upper class students involved will train younger students to perform the audit, the program will be self-sustaining. The Future and the Past Provide Roots and Wings for MBS.

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Campus notes

Chhaya Batra of Scotch Plains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aahwani Batra, was named to the 1997 fall semester dean's list at The Johns Hopkins University where she is a senior majoring in psychology.

Colleen Spotts of Scotch Plains was recently inducted into Phi Omega Epsilon, senior honor society at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison campus.

Sara Jane Billard of Scotch Plains, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Billard, has been named to the 1997 fall semester dean's list at The Johns Hopkins University where she is a junior majoring in English.

Joseph Thomas Loomis and **Barbara Lee Mareketta**, both of Scotch Plains, were named to the 1997 fall semester dean's list at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Campus.

Westfield residents **Helen M Johnson** and **Tara M. Strafaci** were named to the 1997 fall semester dean's list at the University of Vermont.

Daniel P. Stephens of Westfield, and Scotch Plains residents **Scott W. Amory**, **Kristy Statue** and **Maureen Zupkus** were named to the 1997 fall semester dean's list at Rowan University in Glassboro.

Named to the 1997 dean's list at Drew University College of Liberty Arts were **Kevin Patrick Hagan** and **Bryan John Schnediker** of Fanwood and **Deborah Lee Buchsbaum**, **Elizabeth Ann Van Iperen** and **Kiran Prabhakar Rao** of Westfield.

Taryn Ann McKenna, a 1995 graduate of Westfield High School, is a recipient of a "Student Cancer Fellowship" from the American Cancer Society. She will be working with "gene silencing" programs as a junior in the molecular developmental cellular biology program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo.

Courtney Norris Bender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bender of Westfield, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Colgate University. A 1995 graduate of Westfield High School, she is a member of the Class of 1999 concentrating in psychology and elementary education.

Kevin Dougherty of Scotch Plains was named to the 1997 fall semester dean's list at Providence (R.I.) College where he is majoring in management.

Brian Schiller of Scotch Plains has been awarded a Headmaster's Scholarship to enter Seton Hall Preparatory School's Class of 2002. The awards are based on the student's grammar school record and performance on the entrance exam.

Joseph Potian of Fanwood, and **Kevin Cummo** of Scotch Plains, seniors at Oratory Catholic Prep School in Summit, were recently inducted into the Cardinal Newman Chapter of the National Honor Society.



Sprucing up downtown

Members of the Garden Club of Westfield recently completed their spring planting of pansies in the wooden planters on the corner of Elm and Broad streets. Pictured here, front row, are Irene Illaris, Mary Pope, Mary Pearsall, Jean Sawtelle, Ruth Patel; back row, Jane Curtis, Rita Mahoney, Carol Mucci, Nita McHugh and Otille Griesemer. Not pictured are Martie Myers and Lecia DeHaven.

Stenciling program at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD — Stenciling will be the featured program 2-5 p.m. Sunday in the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave.

Dorothy Weiss of Westfield will demonstrate how stencils were applied in days of yore. Stenciling was an attractive way to decorate early American homes and was in common use from 1740-1860. People in Colonial times applied stencils of flowers, animals and other designs to decorate walls and floors of Colonial-era houses.

The art of stenciling began in China, was appropriated in France and came to America in the early 18th century. During that period artists traveled from town to town to earn their keep by applying

stencil patterns for homeowners.

Also on Sunday, Joan Barna of Scotch Plains and Patricia Looloian will demonstrate open-hearth cooking using authentic recipes of early America with authentic cooking methods.

Tours of the museum will be conducted during the afternoon with the last tour beginning 4:30 p.m.

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

The museum will hold its annual Sheep to Shawl Day 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26 with sheep shearing, spinning and weaving, plus crafts for children and a bake sale for adults.

N.Y. Giant will walk for hunger

WESTFIELD — Chris Calloway, a wide receiver for the New York football Giants, has been announced as a celebrity guest for the sixth annual "Rally Walk to End Local Hunger."

The walk will take place Sunday, May 3 in Mindowaskin Park and is sponsored by the Coalition for Hunger Awareness. Walkers can choose from a 5-mile route which starts 1 p.m., a 3-mile route which starts 1:30 p.m. and a 1-mile route which starts 2 p.m.

Organizations that the coalition has announced as planning to send walkers are Westfield High School, the Presbyterian Church, St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church and Temple Emanu-El.

Mr. Calloway will sign autographs and speak at the rally, scheduled to begin 3 p.m. as walkers return to the Park. He will be joined by the Westfield Community Jazz Band, Gary the Magician, J the DJ and a gospel choir.

Members of the Scotch Plains-based coalition include the Fanwood Presbyterian Church; Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church; the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, in Scotch Plains; and Temple Emanu-El.

Last year's walk raised nearly \$8,000 for food pantries and soup kitchens in Central New Jersey, according to a press release from the coalition.

Individuals as well as organizations are invited to participate. For more information, call Luis Fleischman at (908) 889-5335, Ext. 325.

Republicans set annual dinner dance

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Republican Committee will hold its 38th annual spring dinner-dance 7 p.m. Friday, April 24 at L'Affaire, Route 22, Mountaintide.

This year's dinner-dance will honor First Ward Councilman Greg McDermott, Second Ward Councilman Matthew Albano, Third Ward Councilman Neil Sullivan and Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Weinstein. There will be live entertainment and DJ music.

Admission is \$60. New members are welcome. For tickets, call municipal Republican Chairman Bob Cockran at (908) 654-4856 or Brenda Cuba at (908) 233-2747.

Also invited to the dinner are Rep. Bob Franks, state Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, Assemblymen Alan Augustine, Assemblyman Richard Hagger and Republican Party candidates for Union County freeholder.

JCC offering sports classes

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey is holding a number of sports classes for children.

All classes run for seven weeks and begin next week.

These are of classes are being offered for children 4-5. They are "Kindergarten" soccer (Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays), "Tennis/kick" tennis (Tuesdays 4:45-5:45 p.m. Tuesdays), "Biddy Baseball" (Tuesdays 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays).

"Biddy Baseball" is being offered 1:45-2:30 p.m. Wednesdays for children 7-9. Players must bring a baseball glove.

"Flag Football" classes are 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays for children 8-11 and 4-5 p.m. Fridays for children 12-14. At least 10 players per age level must be registered for the class to run.

For registration and fees, call 908-233-2747.

Art Association exhibit at hospital

WESTFIELD — Members of the Westfield Art Association are exhibiting "Animals" in the gallery of the Children's Open House Hospital in Mountaintide.

The exhibit includes paintings of cats, dogs, horses, giraffes, birds and other animals. Artists include: Doreen, Fran, Mary, Barbara, Patricia, and Westfield High School students. Large Post-it notes with handwritten names will be available.

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Bound Brook ready for Graham Cracker Street Fair

BOUND BROOK — A beautiful crafts marketplace, a stage full of music, kids activities and a dozen super menus of tasty festival food are just some of the highlights from Bound Brook's Graham Cracker Street Fair.

On Sunday, April 26, from 1-4 p.m., Downtown Bound Brook will be detoured of traffic as festival goers stroll along East Main and Hamilton Streets and Maiden Lane. The Historic Bound Brook Main Street S.I.D. sponsors the event that is expected to attract thousands to the downtown area. Dr. Graham, the inventor of the famous cracker, was a resident of Bound Brook. Two contests are helping to celebrate his contribution: a graham cracker baking contest and a children's graham cracker sculpture contest.

This event has attracted exhibitors from six states. Variety will abound as crafters display their jewelry, original clothing designs, dolls, furniture and decorative accents for the home. Carol Kronyak of Hasbrouck Heights creates simply elegant three-dimensional stained glass lamp shades. Doll artist, Chris Peterson of Toms River sews charming fabric dolls and jointed stuffed animals. Baltimore craftsperson, Craig Falanga, hand pours his own scented candles. Closer to home is Terry Cianfrocca from South Plainfield who makes personalized bulletin boards and silk floral arrangements.

Fair-goers can feast from a complete international menu that includes authentic Greek, Italian, and Mexican specialties. Grilled kabobs, London broil, fajitas and assorted fried veggies will be cooked and served along East Main Street. Bloomin' onions, fresh fruit Smoothies, spinach pie and taco salad are also part of the day's fare. Strawberry Dan will serve his fresh fruit Smoothies and his new classic "Jersey Devil" sandwich made of tomatoes grilled with basil. Passarelli's authentic Italian hot dogs and sausage sandwich are another festival favorite! Some tasty desserts include cookies, Italian

Ice, frozen yogurt, Espresso, Cappuccino and Pennsylvania Dutch Funnel cakes to top off the meal.

The stage, located in Bill's II parking area, will offer an exciting schedule of entertainment (enclosed) throughout the day. Some of the featured performers include two great jazz bands and children's storyteller, Kathryn Weidener, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be a Moonwalk, a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids. Face-painting, removable tattoos and the very popular sand art and spinnart are part of the day's activities.

Some of the hometown activities for this celebration include a Graham Cracker Baking Contest to be judged at 11:30 a.m. in front of Budget Print at 214 E. Main Street. Call (732) 356-0833 for entry forms. Creativity and confection will abound as the children put their hands to sculpting with graham crackers starting at 12:30 p.m. by the New Palace Theater at 12 Maiden Lane and continuing until 1:30 p.m. From 2-3 p.m. there will be free modern dance lessons at the New Palace Theater. An art show by the children of Somerset County will be on display in downtown store windows. Awards will be given. For entry information call (732) 356-0833. A special section of artists, painters, printmakers, photographers and sculptors are invited to display along Maiden Lane. Please call (908) 996-3036 for information.

Mary Moody of Historic Bound Brook Main Street S.I.D. commented, "We're looking forward to the Street Fair. We have planned this event to be a great day of family fun."

Bound Brook is easily reached from the Route 287 to River Road to Bound Brook or to Route 22 East to Mountain Avenue. There is free admission and parking. Exhibit space is still available.

The rainedate is May 10. For more information call the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance at (908) 996-3036.



The Entertainers Theatre will be performing A.R. Gurney's *Sylvia* beginning Friday, April 24. Additional performance dates include April 25, May 1-3, 8 and 9. All show times are at 7:30 p.m. except the May 3 performance which is at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all shows are \$10 except the May 3 performance which will offer \$5 tickets for seniors. Pictured above (clockwise from upper left) are Deirdre Boggyos, Brian O'Halloran, Diana Devlin, and Domenic Longo. *Sylvia* is recommended for adult audience members only due to harsh language. For more information, call (732) 848-5032. The Entertainers Theatre is located on the corner of Finders Avenue and Route 28 in Bridgewater in the People Care Center Building.

All kinds of collectors welcome at collectible expo this weekend

EDISON — One of the world's largest collection of limited edition collectibles will be under one roof at the 24th Annual International Collectible Exposition at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center this Saturday and Sunday.

Over 500 exhibitor booths showcasing the collectible industry's leading manufacturers will display the latest limited edition collectibles, including ornaments, dolls, figurines, cottages, teddy bears, villages, plates and accessories.

Exhibitors include: Boys Collection, Department 56, Enesco Corporation (Precious Moments), Harmony Kingdom, Roman, Lladro, Fitz & Floyd, Waterford Crystal, The Bradford Exchange, and many more. Together with a wide range of manufacturers, the Exposition will also feature personal appearances by more than 100 of the world's foremost celebrated collectible artists. Each



Thomas Blackshear will be signing his *Ebony Vision* works at the International Collectible Expo.

The Exposition also is host to several special events geared to avid collectors of all kinds. Swap in Sell, a two day market (Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - noon) gives both old and new collectors a chance to trade or sell portions of their collections (retired pieces only). Collectors who wish to sell items must purchase tables in advance.

Also, the "Memories" Dinner Dance featuring the band "The Heartbeats" will be held Saturday evening. This year, the dance is sponsored by Lenox Classics and guests will receive a one-of-a-kind collectible piece by Lenox; tickets are \$45.00 per person and reservations are limited. Saturday and Sunday the Exposition is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets may be ordered in advance by calling

(847) 295-4444 or purchased at the door. One-day admission is \$7 and a weekend ticket is \$10. Group rates are available for groups of ten or more.

The International Collectible Exposition is co-sponsored by The Collectibles & Platemakers Guild and The National Association of Limited Edition Dealers. For more information, call (847) 295-4444.

"A Number of Things"

By Gerry Frey

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Chinese landscape paintings highlight spring exhibition at Princeton University

PRINCETON — "Landscape in the Art and Painting of Late Imperial China," an exhibition of approximately forty works dating from the thirteenth through the eighteenth centuries from the Museum's permanent collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, and private collections, will be on view through June 14. Shane McCausland, doctoral candidate in the Department of Art and Archaeology, is guest curator of the exhibition, which is made possible in part by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Divided into three parts, the exhibition begins with works from two stylistic schools of the Ming dynasty (1368-1644): the Che and Wu Schools. The academicians and professionals of the Che School, often extroverted celebrities, strove to recapture the monumentality and lyric introspection of Sung dynasty (960-1279) landscape painting. Their dramatic, sketchy styles embodied the bold dynastic image of the Ming court. By contrast, the educated elites of the Wu School returned to Yuan dynasty (1279-1368) models like Ni Tsan's Twin Trees by the South Bank, preferring a restrained brush style that reflected their Confucian learning and its humanistic ideals. Some Wu School artists, however, abandoned the restrained manner for more dramatic styles, seriously challenging the reading of the differences between the two schools.

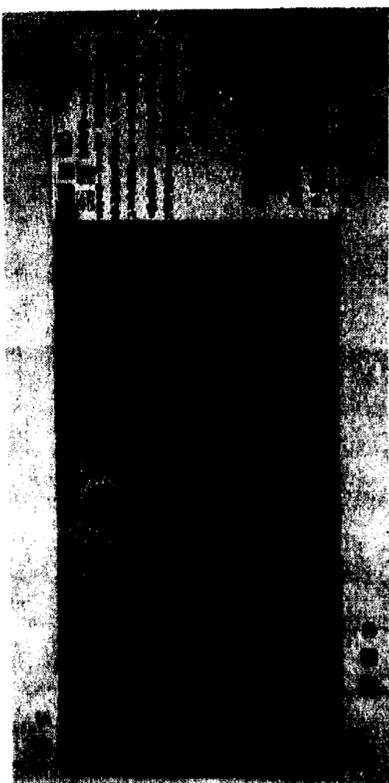
The exhibition goes on to explore the passion for artistic revivals in late-Ming culture. On one hand, literati painters following the painter theorist Tung Ch'i-ch'ang (1555-1636) composed landscapes using calligraphic brushwork rooted in past scholar painting styles. Others, like the eccentric Ch'en Hung-shou (1598-1682), who placed figures in bizarre, archaic landscapes to create an aesthetic of "strangeness," provide alternatives to Tung Ch'i-ch'ang's influential patrimony.

The final section of the exhibition examines the range of influences of court and commercial patronage in the Ch'ing dynasty (1644- 1911). Under Manchu rule, Ch'ing artists favored a harmony of styles, blending what they saw as true-to-nature with calligraphic abstraction. At first, tension existed between the court-backed orthodox painters, who followed Tung Ch'i-ch'ang, and southern "individualists" like Shih-t'ao (1642-1707), who were often sponsored by merchants. In the eighteenth century, artists became more adventurous and eclectic. Painters from imperial regimental "bannermen" like Li Shih-cho (1690-1770), to free spirits like Huang Shen (1687-after 1768) explored both ancient calligraphic formulas and new foreign techniques.

The exhibition affords a unique opportunity to view the two themes - the wonder of nature and the symbiosis of calligraphic and pictorial brush forms - that dominated landscape art in China. In conjunction with the opening of the exhibition, the inaugural session of the Graduate Conference on the Arts of China, "Issues in Painting," will be held from 9:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in 101 McCormick Hall on Saturday, April 4. The conference is sponsored by the Departments of Art and Archaeology and History, the Program in East Asian Studies, and the Dean's Fund. For more detailed information, call the Department of Art and Archaeology at (609) 258-5678.

The Art Museum is open and free to the public. Highlights tours of the collection are given every Saturday at 2 p.m. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed Mondays and holidays.

The Museum is located in the middle of the Princeton University campus. Picasso's large sculpture Head of a Woman stands in front. For more information, please call (609) 258-3788.



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"The Grapes of Wrath," stage adaptation of John Steinbeck standard. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, to April 26. Admission \$20-\$14; discounts available.

MURDER TO GO

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Place, Route 1, Iselin
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"Virginia Jones and the Curse of Nergal," spoof of the Indiana Jones movies. 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission \$45; includes four-course dinner.

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"Follies," heavily hyped revival of Seventies Broadway musical. To May 31. Adults \$55-\$32; students \$10; group rates available. Call for showtimes.

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"Forever Plaid," musical about a fictitious 50's singing group reincarnated in the 60's. 3 and 8 p.m. April 18. Admission \$32-\$19 evening, \$28-\$16 matinee.

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"Hair," Sixties acid-rock musical. 8 p.m. April 17, 18. Adults \$7; students \$5.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER

1601 Irving St., Rahway
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"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,"

country/Western musical by Larry L. King (no relation to the talk-show host). 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17-May 2. Admission \$24-\$17; discounts available.

COMING UP

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"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," Broadway musical from shortly after World War II. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24-May 24 (plus 2:30 p.m. April 29, May 20). Admission \$28-\$25; discounts available.

SCOTT HALL

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"Hair," Sixties acid-rock musical. 10 p.m. April 22, 23, 29, 30. Adults \$7; students \$5.

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15 Livingston Ave.
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"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," Sixties musical that got a Broadway revival in the Nineties. 3 and 8 p.m. April 25. Admission \$45-\$21 evening, \$40-\$21 matinee.

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1000 North Ave. West
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"Romance, Romance," two musicals ("The Little Comedy" and "Summer Share") in one show. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 25-May 16. Admission \$15.

Galleries

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Singles

BABS (BIG WOMEN AND THEIR ADMIRERS)

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"Spring Fever" party at Tavern in the
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Cost \$10 before 10 p.m., \$15 after.

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(908) 756-0940 (8-10 p.m.)

Pizza at Pizza Hut (Route 27), Edison,
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Brunch at Jack O'Connor's, Bridgewater,
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(CHRISTIANS, 23-OLDER)

(908) 322-9300

Praise, worship and Bible study at
Evangel Church, Scotch Plains, 8 p.m.
Friday.

INTERFAITH SINGLES

(45-OLDER)

(908) 233-2278

Social at First Baptist Church, Westfield,
9 a.m. Sunday. Cost \$2.

Potluck dinner and a movie, 4:30 p.m.
April 19.

SINGLES PLAYERS GROUP

(908) 964-1047

Dance at Ballroom Magic, Union, 3 p.m.
April 26. Members \$12; non-members
\$15.

SOMERSET HILLS

SINGLE HIKERS

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Hike at Ken Lockwood Gorge, Califon,
11:30 a.m. April 19. Meet in lot across
from Willie's Tavern, Bedminster. Cost
\$5; bring water and lunch.

Hike at Round Valley Reservoir, Lebanon,
11:30 a.m. April 26. Meet in lot across
from Willie's Tavern, Bedminster. Cost
\$5; bring water and lunch.

SOMERSET SINGLES

(30-OLDER)

(732) 341-4576

Dance at Bridgewater Manor, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday. Cost \$7 before 9 p.m., \$9
after.

WEEKEND RACQUETS

(732) 937-9317

Mixed doubles tennis at The Club at
Woodbridge, 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost \$22.

YOUNG SINGLE CATHOLIC

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(732) 827-0093, (732) 382-2754

Wine and cheese social at Immaculate
Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains, 2
p.m. April 26. Cost \$5.

Loree Hall, Rutgers University, New
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(732) 932-8482;

Asian love story directed by Wong Kar-
Wai. Shown in Cantonese with English
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(United States, 1933)

7 p.m. Friday, April 17

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Free admission for these Holocaust-related
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"The Exiles" (film), 1:30 p.m. April 20.

Bernard Weinstein on the works of Primo
Levi, 2 p.m. April 21.

"Friendship in Vienna" (film), 1:30 p.m.
April 22.

"More Than Broken Glass. Memories of
Kristallnacht" (film), 1:30 p.m. April 23.

ROOMS TO VIEW

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Tour of six 19th-century houses in town,
10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 18. Tickets \$25 in
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WESTFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

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74th annual members' watercolor, photo-
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WORLD OF CARDS



The State Theatre in New Brunswick will be hosting *Forever Plaid* this Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. The parody show of '40s and '50s "boy groups" is now touring the States after an Australian jaunt last year. Sweet harmonies and favorites like "Heart and Soul," "Three Coins in the Fountain," and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" will be gracing the stage. Tickets for the 3 p.m. performance range from \$16 to \$28. The 8 p.m. tickets cost from \$19 to \$32. For more information and tickets, call (732) 246-7469.

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SWF, 38, 5'7", attractive, well-educated, not tall, not skinny, voluptuous, ND, NS, drug-free, never married, no children. Seeking SWFM, reliable, educated. Ad# 7013

TRADITIONAL VALUES
WWWF, 38, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, attractive. Seeking SWM, friendship first, possible LTR. Ad# 7016

CLEVER & ATTRACTIVE
Green eyes, dark hair, works in the arts. Enjoys outdoors, the beach, romantic dinners, good music, travel. ISO SWM, 48-64. Ad# 6928

SPRING FEVER
Attractive, fit DWPF, young 50, 5'7". Enjoys theater, music, dancing. Seeking romantic, caring, youthful, fit, 50-58. Possible LTR. Ad# 8221

FIRST TIME AD
SWF, 25, looking for tall, honest, intelligent M, for a LTR. 25-32. No kids. Ad# 8224

LIFE IS ROMANTIC
DWPF, 41, Flemington. Enjoys music, the arts, nature, travel, home. NS, drug-free, voluptuous brunette. ISO WPM, honest, humor, secure, similar interests. LTR. Ad# 8225

LET'S HAVE FUN
SWF, 49, 5'9", 130lbs., blue-eyed blond, attractive, fit. Enjoys various interests. ISO SWM, 49-58. NS. Ad# 2326

HAZEL-EYED BLOND
SWF, 50, 120lbs., comfortable in jeans of an evening gown. ISO WPM, 39-49, romantic, enjoys life and living. Ad# 8223

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWF, 35, with many interests. ISO honest, sincere SWM, 45-58, for LTR. Ad# 2588

WILD AND CRAZY
Beautiful, considerate, loving, honest, affectionate SWF, 31, slim, 5'7", blue-eyed blond, enjoys quiet evenings alone. ISO SWM, 28-33, for fun and laughter. Ad# 1858

VIVIDIOUS LASSIE
SWF, 30, attractive, friendly, confident, articulate, line upbringing. ISO handsome, cultured, interesting, charming DSW gentleman, 35-48, financially secure, well-mannered, marriage minded. Ad# 8136

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
DWPF, 58, petite, outgoing, honest, fun-loving, likes dancing, dining out, the shops. ISO DSWM, 45-58, with same qualities/interests. fit. LTR. Ad# 8221

ARE YOU FOR REAL?
SWF, 31, 5'7", 110lbs. Enjoys movies, reading, the beach, dining out. ISO SWFM, 31-42, attractive, ambitious, financially secure, humor out. Ad# 2860

A DELIGHTFUL PACKAGE
SWF, 36, fit, very attractive, hazel-eyed, brunette, honest, outgoing, with class and substance. ISO SWPM, 55-60, with same qualities. Ad# 8128

NON-TRADITIONAL
Beautiful woman with inner awareness enjoys John Deere to Swedish McLaughlin. Seeking real man, 45-55, tall, well-hung, fun. Ad# 8135

GOLF PARTNER
Beautiful, vibrant DWPF, 48, enjoys golfing, traveling. ISO SWM, 50, who is sincere, honest. Ad# 8134

BEARING MY RIGHT
SWF, 31, 5'7", 110lbs. Seeking tall M, clean, intelligent, must be financially sound, handsome, educated and energetic. For love. Ad# 8121

BEAR MY RIGHT
SWF, 38, 5'7", 130lbs. Seeking handsome, tall, light-skinned SWM, 19-27. Ad# 1840

TO THOSE WHO WAIT
SWF, 38, 5'7", green-eyed, blonde, enjoys dining out, beaches, long walks, shopping, quiet nights. ISO SWM, 28-34. In good quality. Ad# 1430

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SWF, 38, 5'7", blonde, attractive, fit, blond ISO gentleman, 40-50, who is sincere, honest. Ad# 8134

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Men seeking

LADY SEEKS GENTLEMAN
SWF, 34, 5'5", 110lbs. Seeking SWPM, handsome, 30-36, 5'10"-6'2", 170-210lbs., drug-free, emotionally/financially secure, for LTR. Ad# 6320

FROM HERE 2 ETERNITY
SWF, 48, 5'7", enjoys dining out, movies, outdoors. Seeking honest LTR with SWM, 27+, must be grounded like a rock. Ad# 8469

HEARTS CAN BE MENDED
DWPF, 43, mom, ISO outgoing, caring, fun, sincere, warm, fun-loving, honest DSWM, 40-55, NS, for hugs, walks, talks, snuggles. Ad# 1321

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!
Very attractive, Italian lady, 38, hazel-eyed, 5'4", 110lbs., creative imagination, upbeat personality. ISO LTR with tall, ruggedly attractive, quality SWM, 36+. Ad# 8124

BEDIMMERED BEAUTY
WWWF, 49, 5'4", 117lbs., with angel face, ISO SWPM, NS, fit, 50s, assertive yet yielding. Trying anything legal, just once. Ad# 8123

YOUTHFUL ATTRACTIVE
SWF, 57, self-employed, medium build, 5'5", enjoys sports, cooking, dining. ISO outgoing, honest, affectionate, devoted SWM, 55-62, NS, all around good guy. Ad# 8129

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
Attractive, shapely, full-figured 58 mom, 35, ISO handsome SWPM, 30-36, NS, who wants a lifetime romantic, with sense of humor. Ad# 8221

OUTGOING
SWF, 30, 5'11", 120lbs., enjoys dancing, the beach, being a mom. ISO outgoing, honest SWM, 27-37, NS. Ad# 2524

ACTIVE
Very attractive SWF, 23, 5'7", full-figured, enjoys outdoors, walks, hiking, picnics, movies, bowling, laughing. ISO outgoing SWM, 20-30. Ad# 2450

SINGLE CHRISTIAN
Lady, young 60s, faithful and true, NS, ND, considerate, kind, shapely, like to read and write, seeks true G gentleman only. Ad# 8124

SEEKS MARC ANTHONY
WWWF, 48, 5'4", 117lbs., with angel face, ISO SWPM, NS, fit, 50s, assertive yet yielding. Trying anything legal, just once. Ad# 8123

BRIDGEWATER BLOND
SWF, 58, 5'7", ISO considerate, fun-loving, NS, SWCM, to share dining movies, outdoors, life in general with all his warts. Ad# 8121

LOOKING FOR LOVE
SWF, 38, 5'5", 120lbs., blond, 5'5", NS, social drinker, likes walks, movies, dining out. ISO tall, romantic gentleman, 58-65. Ad# 8123

SEEKS SOULMATE
SWF, 54, attractive, blue-eyed blond, tall, slim, loves music, dining, dancing, traveling. Seeking SWM, 48-60, for possible LTR. Ad# 8028

LOOKING FOR LOVE
SWF, 31, NS, 5'7", really enjoys travel. New York City native, walks, parks, ISO SWM, 30-35, enjoys sports, cooking. LTR. Ad# 6027

ALWAYS AN ADVENTURER
SWF, 38, 5'5", adventurous, spontaneous, enjoys motorcycles, the outdoors, laughter, quiet romantic evenings. Seeking classy SW gentleman, 35-43, honest, sincere. Ad# 3088

DREAMS DO COME TRUE!
Attractive, slim SWF, 5'7", NS, educated with good career. ISO same or better. Ad# 8134

NOT THE BEHEMOTH TYPE
SWF, 18, 5'5", 147lbs., down to earth, fun-loving, enjoys movies, dining, clubs, parties. ISO SWM, 18-26, NS, fun, loves me for me. Ad# 2815

FUN TO BE WITH
SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde, attractive, fit, blond ISO gentleman, 40-50, who is sincere, honest. Ad# 8134

HONEST AND SINCERE
SWF, 33, full-figured, enjoys conversation, dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking SWM, 28-36, humorous, intelligent, similar interests, friend ship first. No games. Ad# 8010

CHARMING
Down-to-earth SWF, 32, NS, self-attractive, enjoys classic rock, music, movies, outdoors. ISO outgoing, honest SWM, 28-36, for friendship, possible LTR. Ad# 8134

LOVER OF L & I
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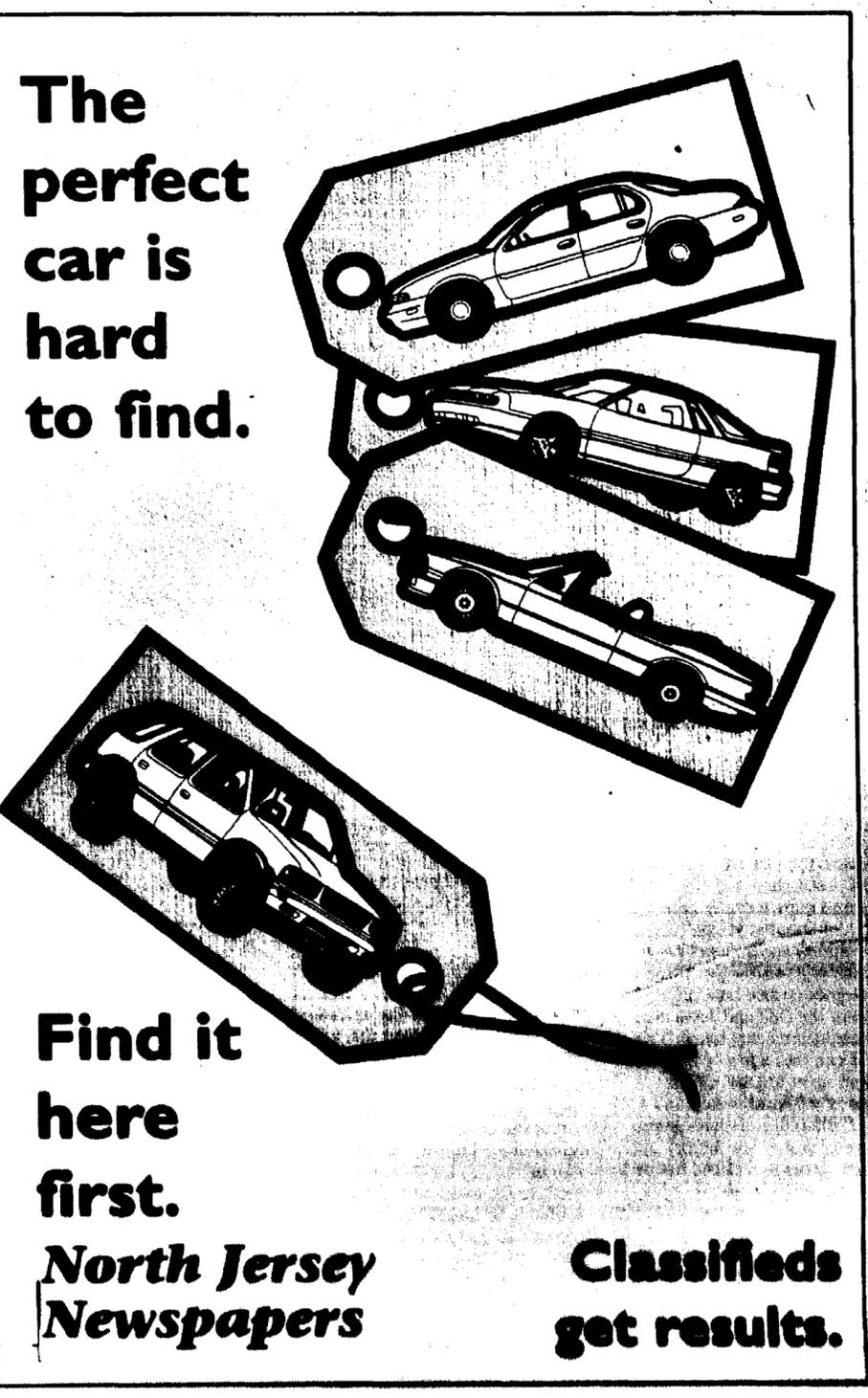
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Volkswagen's New Beetle is a whole different car

By MARK MAYNARD
The Copley News Service

Can't buy me love, everybody tells me so...but you can come pretty close with \$15,800 for the New Beetle.

The German car that helped define American freedom of expression in the '60s is about to do it again for the next century.

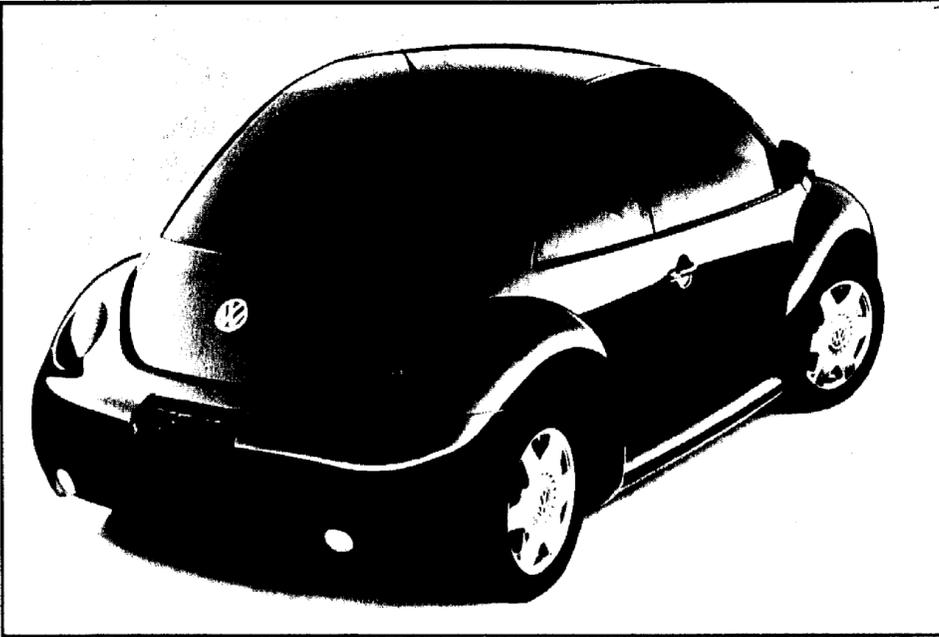
But what goes around is definitely not what comes around for the New Beetle.

While it is reminiscent of the bug - and its endearing qualities - it is thoroughly modern.

It is also a whole different class of car. It is more sophisticated in design and not intended to fill the cheap-o status of its predecessor. Even so, with a base price of \$15,800, there are better quality and more features here than on just about anything else in the sporty subcompact coupe class.

It goes on sale now, priced between the Golf and Jetta, and deposits are being taken. The test car, with a few options, finished up at \$16,680, which includes \$500 destination and \$100 for California emissions. If you were to add all the factory options (listed and priced in the accompanying stats box) and a dealer-installed six-disc CD changer, it comes to around \$19,400, which includes the \$875 automatic transmission.

Not bad for a four-seater with four air bags, four cup holders, four-wheel disc brakes, air conditioning, remote locking, a six-speaker stereo, a full-size spare



Set to arrive this spring at Volkswagen dealerships across North America, the New Beetle is significantly larger than the original - both inside and out. It is powered by a front-mounted 115 horsepower four cylinder engine.

tire, two years of free maintenance and a bud vase.

It is the most different thing on the road, built by a major manufacturer - inside and out. If you like the looks of it, you'll probably be happy with how it drives, but getting one could take some time.

The factory in Puebla, Mexico, will be able to build about 160,000 this year, of which about 60,000 will go to North America.

Its contemporary retro design sounds like an oxymoron, but it

is instantly recognizable, and there is no New Beetle nameplate on the car. Just the familiar VW icon, which is as it was with the old model.

It looks fast, rather like a pumped-up Porsche Boxster, and the interior is "Star Trek" space shuttle, but with 41.3 inches of front head room and a tilt/telescoping steering wheel, lighted and covered vanity mirrors and a digital clock. At night the dashboard illumination is ice blue with red needles. Very cool.

By comparison, the new model is 2.3 inches shorter than the original, a bit wider and slightly taller. It's also heavier by 742 pounds.

The old Beetle lives on in the circular gauge cluster with the big speedometer and now even a tiny tachometer. There's also the Beetle "loop" grab straps on then B pillar for rear passengers, who still won't have quite enough head room.

There are new Beetle-isms in the little bud vase to the right

and behind the steering wheel and the VW logo on the trunk that also conceals a trunk lock. Also special are brushed aluminum trim pieces on the steering wheel, gearshift knob and emergency brake handle.

Also added was some utility. The 12-cubic-foot trunk, which has to be bigger than before, is expandable by the folding rear seat back. The full-size spare fits beneath the soundproofed cargo floor.

Something Old, Something New

The New Beetle is built on a modified Golf platform, with its water-cooled front-engine and front-drive layout. Not only is that efficient and economical - it is technology without the typical risks of buying a new car with a new engine and transmission.

Its curvaceous fenders are plastic, but the rest is fully galvanized steel - for rust protection - that comes with a 12-year warranty.

The car has a very solid, stable feel and its rigid chassis allowed for manufacturing precision that can be seen in the small gaps between body panels. I heard not a buzz, squeak nor rattle in the several hundred miles I drove the car, but there's an odd clatter when you slam the doors that comes from the lower outer corners.

The standard engine is 115 hp and 2.0 liters, which VW says will pull the Beetle to 60 mph in 10.5 seconds and give gas mileage of 23 mpg around town and 29 on the highway. (A 1974 Beetle, for

example, had a four-cylinder engine that generated only 46 hp.)

A five-speed manual transmission is standard, or you can pay \$875 for a four-speed automatic, which doesn't suck the fun out of the driving experience.

If you really must have the old Beetle sound, the optional diesel engine comes close. Without much sacrifice to performance, the 90-hp, 1.9-liter turbo direct injection diesel adds \$1,275 to the cost but gives fuel mileage of 41/48 with the five-speed or 34/44 with the four-speed automatic.

Coming in late '98 for 1999 models will be a third option for the 150-hp turbocharged 1.8-liter 4-cylinder now used in the Audi A4.

The added horsepower will put a stinger on the Beetle, but in standard form it's no slug. It looks tall, but the wide stance and full tire patch make it stable. The steering is responsive, the ride exceptionally quiet and the disc brakes are sensitive without being grabby.

One of the biggest differences between the old and New Beetle is the huge dashboard. That's part of the cab-forward design that allowed the high, arcing roof line. Consequently, those roof rails extend far enough forward that they create a nagging blind spot at the base of the windshield with the side mirrors. Otherwise, the ergonomics are excellent.

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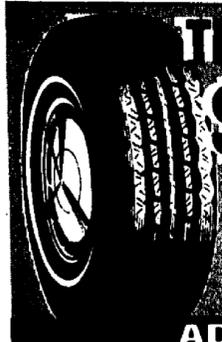
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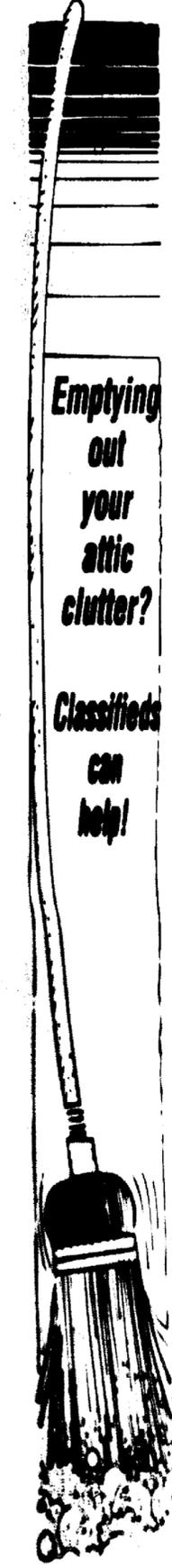


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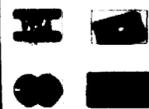


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Real Estate

Home sales hit extraordinary pace in February

Sales of existing single-family homes jumped to a surprisingly high mark in February, setting a record that surpassed even the most optimistic predictions for strong activity, the National Association of Realtors reported.

The association reported a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 4.75 million homes nationwide in February, up 8.7 percent from the revised pace of 4.37 million units sold reported for January.

Last month's rate represented an increase of 13.1 percent from the rate of 4.20 million units

recorded for February 1997.

"The market is phenomenal," said NAR President R. Layne Morrill. "We had expected demand to stay strong, but this is exceptional." Housing affordability conditions are expected to remain favorable throughout the year, keeping activity steady in both the entry-level and trade-up segments of the market.

"These incredibly strong numbers reflect a number of factors - a good employment picture, low inflation, relatively stable home prices, and robust economic conditions," said Morrill.

"Buyers felt comfortable taking that additional step, either to make a first home purchase or to move up."

Freddie Mac reported that the national average commitment rate for 30-year conventional, fixed-rate mortgages was 7.04 percent in February.

This rate was up slightly from 6.99 percent recorded in January 1998, but down from the 7.65 percent recorded in February 1997.

The national median price for existing single-family homes was \$124,300 for February, up 5.8 percent from \$117,500, the median price recorded in February 1997.

Morrill noted that February's extraordinary pace of sales likely

will not be sustained.

However, he said the industry outlook is promising. "Even though some fluctuations and declines from these record sales levels are likely, we are still looking at an excellent year for housing," Morrill said.

"We are seeing very few extremes in local markets, in terms of sales being hot in one area and cold in another. Sales are steady across the board. Given the cyclical nature of real estate, this is the most balanced overall market the industry has seen in many years."

On a regional basis, the South posted the strongest gain in resales between January and February, recording a sales rate

of 1.86 million units, up 10.7 percent from January.

The sales pace rose 21.6 percent from one year ago. The median sales price in the South was \$110,600, an increase of 9.4 percent from February 1997.

In the Midwest, the resale rate rose 8.3 percent from January, to a rate of 1.18 million units sold. Sales increased 9.3 percent from February 1997.

The median price in the Midwest rose 4.5 percent from one year ago to \$105,400.

The existing-home sales pace in the Northeast rose 4.6 percent between January and February, to a rate of 680,000 units sold, reflecting continued improvement in the region's economy. The rate was 7.9 percent

above the rate of one year ago.

The median price for the Northeast rose 3.8 percent to \$146,000 from February 1997.

The sales rate in the West grew 7.4 percent from January, to a pace of 1.02 million units. The rate also was 7.4 percent above the rate recorded in February 1997.

The median price in the West increased 8.0 percent from one year ago to \$162,900.

There were 2.31 million existing single-family homes available for sale in February, representing a 5.8 month supply at February's sales pace.

Currently, NAR is predicting a total of 4.271 million existing single-family home sales for 1998, rising 1.3 percent from 1997.

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Weichert honors top sales associates

James M. Weichert, president, has announced that Pat Manfra, Fran Brader, E.W. El Koster, Carole Edzek, Linda Weimer, Holly Cohen and Martha Schilling of the Westfield office enjoyed great success during the month of February.

Mr. Manfra, a sales associate with 20-years of real estate experience won two office awards for top dollar volume and the greatest number of total listings. A licensed broker, Manfra had worked as director of sales, new homes and land development for another real estate company before joining Weichert, where he is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and a repeat member of the Million Dollar Club. Manfra is an alumnus of Franklin Pierce College in Hinds, N.H. where he studied economics and business management, and resides in Scotch Plains with his wife and two children.

Ms. Brader, with 27 years of experience, including 23 as a broker, earned the office award for greatest sales dol-

lar volume for the month. From 1976 to 1979 Ms. Brader owned her own real estate firm, and among the many awards she has received are membership in the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and the company's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

A resident of Westfield for over 40 years, Ms. Brader is a member of the Greater Union County Board of Realtors and is active in local community organizations.

Mr. Koster, a licensed real estate professional since 1954, won the office award for top listing dollar volume for the month. A member of Weichert's 1997 Million Dollar Marketed Club, Mr. Koster is a lifelong Fanwood resident with a business administration degree from New York University and is working toward a doctorate degree from the Kennedy-Western Corporate University in Boise, Idaho. For real estate transactions each of these real estate professionals can be reached at the Weichert Westfield office on 185 Elm Street at (908) 654-7777.

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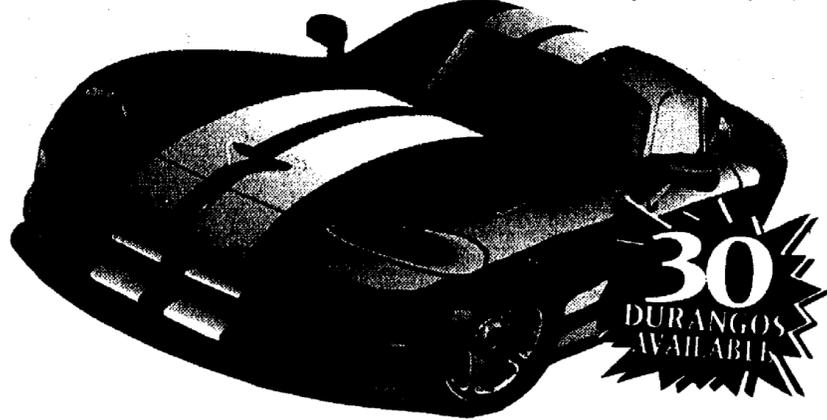
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AUTO, O/D, 6 CYL, AIR, CASS, PWIN/MIR/L, TILT, CRUISE, DUAL AIRBAG, \$500 MAC RELEASE REBATE, MSRP: \$29,785, VIN: W0833771

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\$298 A MO.

To qualified lessees, lease payments of \$298 a mo. for 36 mos. \$0 down payment, \$298 1st mo. payment, plus sec. dep. \$300. Bank fee \$475. Total inception \$1033 due at lease signing plus m.v. & tax. 12k mi/yr. 10¢/mile additional plus wear & tear. Total pay \$9288. Residual \$15,719.

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Briefs

School board meets Tuesday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Education will hold its organizational meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 at the board offices, 302 Elm St.

The agenda will include a recommendation by Superintendent of Schools William Foley to end desegregation of students in the Cacciola Place area and permit children in that area to attend neighborhood schools.

Members elected in the April 21 Board of Education election will be sworn in. The board will elect its president and vice president. In addition, the board will approve the time, place and date for meetings and select official newspapers.

The public is invited.

Longer weekend thanks to El Nino

WESTFIELD — Thanks to the mild winter, students in the town are getting a long Memorial Day weekend.

The Board of Education has voted to use two unused snow days Friday, May 22, and Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. The last day of school for students will be Thursday, June 18, the same day as graduation for Westfield High School.

Farmers market returning in June

WESTFIELD — The farmers market in the town will return this year to the South Avenue parking lot of the railroad station.

At least six farmers from the state are scheduled to bring "Jersey Fresh" produce to the market 2-7 p.m. Thursday, beginning June 18 and ending Oct. 20. The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has assumed management of the farmers market.

Last year the farmers market was held behind the North Avenue fire house because of construction at the railroad station.

In addition to getting people who want to purchase fresh vegetables, the farmers market attracts customers to the downtown business district. This is seen as "an important goal" for the chamber and the Downtown Westfield Corp.

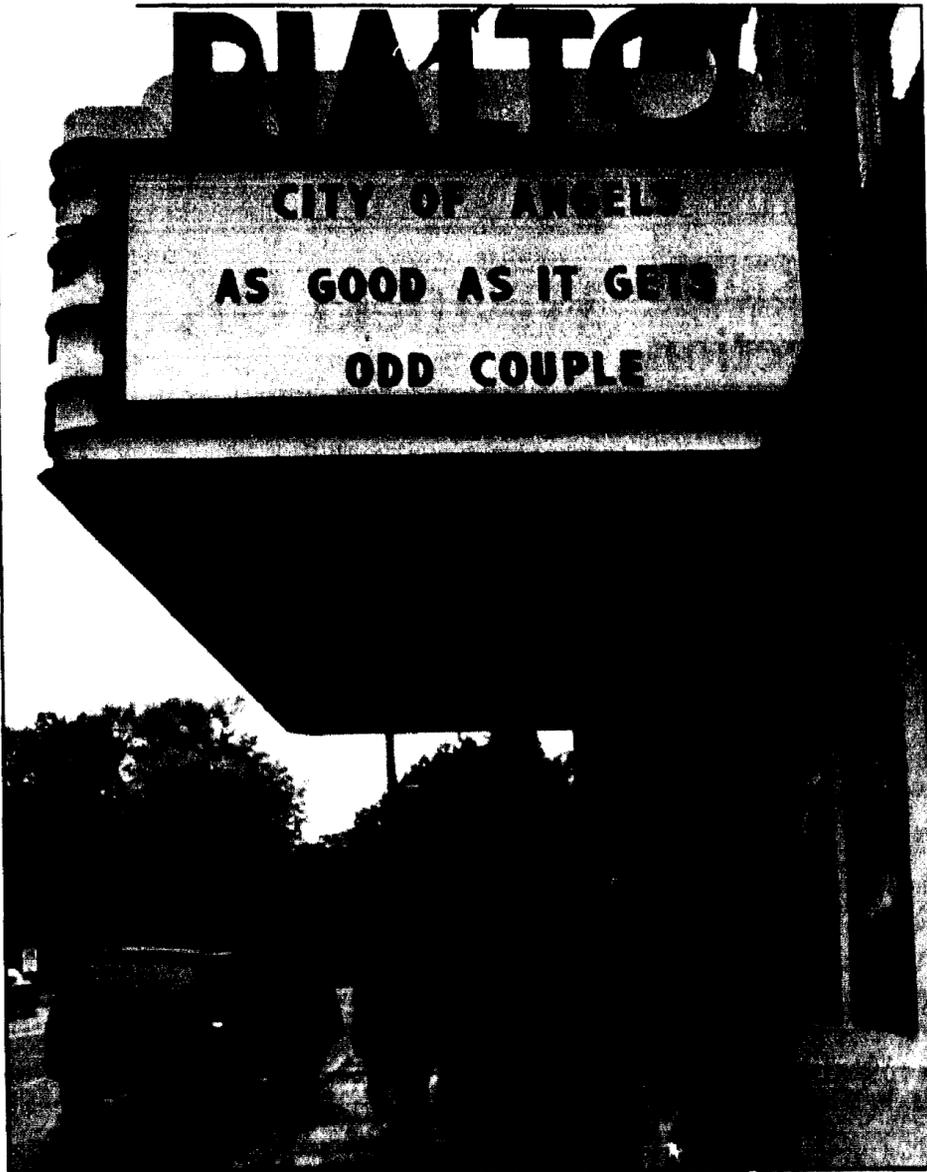
Herbal program set at library

SCOTCH PLAINS — Herbal Susan Kemp will deliver a free seminar on her specialty 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Route Ave.

She will speak about dealing with Lyme disease, allergies, sinus conditions and the immune system through the use of herbs and related nutrients. The public is invited.

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Though rain postponed Westfield's Spring Fling on Sunday, it was a good day to go to the movies downtown.

Rain delays town's Spring Fling

WESTFIELD — Because of rain last weekend, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled its fourth annual "Spring Fling" street fair from noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Several downtown streets will be closed beginning 6 a.m. They are East Broad Street, from North Avenue East to Central Avenue, Elm Street, from North Avenue East to the Texaco service station, Prospect Street, from North Avenue East to Ferris Place, and Quimby Street.

Patrons are urged to park in the South Avenue lot for the railroad station and walk to the street fair via a recently opened underpass.

Residents may park their cars in municipal lots in the street fair zone before 8 a.m. Cars parked in these lots must remain there until at least 7:30 p.m.

Bike, skateboards and in-line skates are not permitted in the street fair zone.

For more information, call (908) 233-1021.

Chamber ready for anniversary

WESTFIELD — Mayor Thomas Jardim has proclaimed Monday as Chamber Charter Day to mark the 50th anniversary of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber was founded April 27, 1948 as the Westfield Business Association. Its "aim and purpose" is to create greater opportunities for business within the town to cooperate in every way to further the interest of legitimate business and to assist in making Westfield a better place in which to live," according to the original charter.

"The chamber continues today as a voluntary partnership, working together to build a healthy

economy and improve the quality of life for the Westfield area," according to Chairman Stan Neuman.

To mark the 50th anniversary there will be a 1948 style dinner of hot dog (or hamburger), French fries and small drink 5-10 p.m. at the Windmill Restaurant, 270 E. Broad St.

This will be followed 7 p.m. by a special showing of the 1948 motion picture "The Treasurer of the Sierra Madre" at the Rialto Theatre next to the restaurant. Cake and coffee will be served with the movie.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 the day of the event. For ticket locations, call (908) 233-3021.

New signs promote pedestrian safety in downtown Westfield

WESTFIELD — New pedestrian-safety signs are coming to downtown Westfield.

Each sign has the red yield triangle with an illustration below showing a person in a wheelchair. The signs are being installed by the Department of Public Works as the result of a Town Council measure sponsored by Councilwoman Gail Versack in 1995.

"We are looking forward to creating a safer environment for pedestrians in the downtown," said Ms. Versack.

Members of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors provided money to pay for the signs. Those who donated were Warren Jordan, of Jordan Realty; Chairman Gary Neuman, of Gary Neuman Real Estate; of First Tech; Robert

Roly of Martin Bats Realty; Betty Walker of Westfield Website; John Costello of Long Moon Wood Walker and Sons; and Richard of Summit Bank.

"We had signs that the police had safety signs will help in the effort to make downtown Westfield more pedestrian friendly," said Stan Neuman, Chamber Chairman. "The Chamber of Commerce believes that effort is essential to increase the safety of shoppers and visitors to the town."

The design of the new signs are approved by the state Department of Transportation for permanent installation in the road.

The purpose of the signs is to remind motorists that state law requires cars to yield to pedestrians and at crosswalks.



Standing with the new pedestrian safety signs are Westfield Chamber of Commerce board members John Costello, Warren Jordan, Councilwoman Gail Versack, Town Engineer Sam Walsh, Councilwoman Robert Roly, Betty Walker, Chamber Executive Director Richard LaPine and Chamber Executive Director Charles Schmitt.

Council OKs 1998 budget after debate

By GARY GOVELITZ
RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — Tuesday's special meeting of the Town Council included a lengthy and sometimes sharp discussion of the \$22,923,211 budget.

With pointed exchanges, the public, the council and Mayor Thomas Jardim all gave their final thoughts on the budget before a vote was taken on the 1998 municipal budget.

Former Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe stated there were two aspects of the budget that troubled him. The first was the use of \$100,000 from the town surplus to secure the Excellent Diner site for a park. Mr. Boothe felt that it was a poor location for a park and that even with a matching grant from the county, the town could not afford to buy the land.

"Some grants come with strings that last forever," Mr. Boothe said.

The former mayor said Westfield should not get locked into a park but should have options such as selling the land to a neighboring business.

Councilman John Walsh pointed out that no irrevocable decision had been made to buy or condemn the property but only to

apply for the grant before the deadline for applications.

"People are tired of the Excellent Diner site looking as it does," Mr. Walsh said. "Applying for the grant was the right thing."

The other problem Mr. Boothe saw with the budget was the use of surplus for operating expenses. The surplus he was referring to was later clarified as being the account from the sale of town assets such as land and not the surplus that results when the government spends less than it raises in taxes.

"We had to do it during (the administration of former Gov. James) Florio," Mr. Boothe said. "It hurt us. Now that money is gone. We don't have it any more."

The former mayor predicted a much larger tax increases if the town continues to depend on the surplus.

"It has been built up over many years and it belongs to all of us, not just the 28,000 who live here now but to the town," he said.

"This surplus is about \$9 million and our current budget is \$22 million," Mayor Jardim said. "What do we tell the person who lost a hubcap or punctured a tire

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Incumbent defeated in school board race

SCOTCH PLAINS FANWOOD — In a close race, incumbent Donald Sheldon lost his bid for re-election to the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education.

Mr. Sheldon, seeking his term as a Scotch Plains representative on the board, tallied 943 votes in the race for two seats. Winning the seats were Joan McAllister with 1,121 votes and Lance Porter with 1,080 votes. Trailing was Thomas Handman with 354 votes and Norman Ross with 256 votes.

The budget passed easily by a margin of 1,288-683.

Incumbent Richard Meade was unopposed for a Fanwood seat on the board, garnering 594 votes.

The budget of \$48,148,400 represents an increase of 2.52 percent or \$987,938 over the 1997-98 budget. With the proposed budget the school tax rate would rise \$1,325,235 or 2.54 percent from 1997-98. For the average taxpayer, that would mean the school tax portion of their local tax bill would increase 2.54 percent to nearly \$80 per

year. Mr. Sheldon, who has lived in Scotch Plains for 30 years and has been the school board president the past five years, is seeking a third term on the board. He spent 23 years in the Scotch Plains Fanwood schools as guidance director and later as director of special services.

Mr. Porter has lived in Scotch Plains for 28 years and is a graduate of Scotch Plains Fanwood High School. His two children attend Evergreen School. His father, Rev. Kelmo Porter Jr., is pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

Ms. McAllister, a Scotch Plains resident for five years, has two small children and is in her second campaign for a board seat. She holds a degree in finance and economics from Boston College.

Mr. Meade, who has lived in Fanwood for six years, was appointed to fill an unexpired term in 1994 and was elected to a full term in 1995. He is an attorney with AT&T Corp. in Banking Ridge.