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Senator DiFrancesco to visit local college

SCOTCH PLAINS — New Jersey Senate President Donald DiFrancesco will be a guest speaker at the College of Fanwood-Scotch Plains.

DiFrancesco is scheduled to appear before the College Club 8 p.m. Sept. 27 at the First United Methodist Church, 1171 Terrill Road.

The township resident is in his fourth term as Senate president. He holds the Senate seat in the 22nd District, which includes Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Westfield.

DiFrancesco will discuss education-related matters, including school construction needs, the growth of education technology and the debate over charter schools.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (908) 233-1601.

Fanwood Republicans on World Wide Web

FANWOOD — Republican candidate for mayor Louis C. Jung and Republican candidates for Borough Council Stuart Kline and Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. have announced the opening of their campaign World Wide Web page: <http://home.att.net/~fanwood-first>.

"We are committed not only to open communication in government, but also to open communication in our campaign," Jung said. "That is why we have established a campaign Web site, so that the voters can get to know who we are and where we stand on issues."

The Web site contains biographies, photos and statements on issues from each of the candidates. "In the coming weeks, we also plan to provide links to other Web sites, including newspaper articles covering stories on the campaign," Kline said. "Press releases will be available online as well."

The candidates have also set up an e-mail address, fanwoodfirst@att.net. "This address is available on the Web page to make it easy for the voters to ask us questions," said Ryan. "If voters choose, they can also be advised by e-mail when the Web page is updated."

Fanwood garage sale to benefit charities

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Junior Woman's Club will hold a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 75 Paterson Road.

Children's clothes, toys, furniture and household goods are among the items available. Proceeds will benefit local charities. A rain date has been set for Sunday.

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It's Greek to them

Something was cooking Saturday and Sunday at Westfield's Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church — namely, the church's annual Greek Festival. Scotch Plains' Jeremy Sonpar (left), 4, used the festival as a chance to try his hand at creating some sand art, while barbecue chefs (below, left to right) Peter Arbes, Peter Ladas and George Colonias kept the grills smoking.

LARRY MURPHY/
R-P CORRESPONDENT



'Citizen's Army' influences officials in Scotch Plains

Common Cause seeks fairness between challengers, incumbents

By JON LEDERMAN
R-P CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — They don't carry semi-automatic weapons, assault the enemy in tanks or rely on k-rations to survive. They fight their war with words, passion and a commitment to clean government. They are the members of the Common Cause Citizen's Army, 2,000 strong, influential in 15 municipalities throughout New Jersey and currently making their presence felt in Scotch Plains.

Army activists spread across 12 counties have been blitzing municipal governments for more than a year with their simple gospel: "Thou shalt not use gov-

ernment buildings and property for political fund-raising purposes."

This doctrine has been expressed in a clean government ordinance that has been adopted by a dozen municipalities — and will be discussed by the Scotch Plains Township Council at its September 21 conference meeting. The council will decide whether or not to put the ordinance on the agenda for the September 28 Township Council meeting.

"The ordinance separates the 'people's business' from the business of political fund-raising," said Harry Pozycki, chairman of the Common Cause New Jersey Chapter.

The ordinance is intended to level the playing field between political incumbents and challengers. "It's gives an unfair advantage to incumbents if they have access to municipal phones, faxes and telephones during their fund-raising campaigns and challengers don't," said Common Cause spokesperson Pamela Garfield, adding the ordinance also prevents incumbents from engaging in fund-raising activities during the working day while "on the people's time."

In addition to the fund-raising ordinance, Common Cause has drafted an ordinance that requires developers who have requested variances on major

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School safety concerns prompt new traffic measures

By TERRENCE DOPP
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Traffic congestion and speeding on Rahway Avenue have prompted the Public Safety Committee and the Town School System to adopt measures to protect students crossing near towns schools.

The measures are the first steps in an effort to calm traffic along Rahway Avenue, site of the most speeding violations in town. More than 2,000 students attend the high school, intermediate school and three grammar schools located along Rahway Avenue, and "there's a potential for tragedy if people are speed-

ing," according to Public Safety Committee Chairman and Town Councilman Neil Sullivan.

The posted speed limit on that section of Rahway Avenue is 25 m.p.h., but "visual cues make you think you can drive at 40 (m.p.h.) without a problem," Sullivan said.

The placement of a crossing guard at the intersection of Rahway Avenue and Dorian Place and increased police enforcement in the area are designed to control the flow of traffic during morning hours when school-related traffic peaks. Those times overlap with the morning rush hour, and the measures are intended to slow

traffic and allow students to safely cross the busy road.

"The [high] school has a 7:30 start time," said Public Safety Committee member and Town Councilman Janis Weinstein. "Rahway Avenue is just busy at 7 a.m."

Weinstein said her constituents told her about the dangers of the Rahway Avenue/Dorian Place intersection, which she characterized as "crazy to get across."

Both Sullivan and Weinstein are seeking re-election to the Westfield Town Council in November.

Sullivan said the new measures were a joint effort of the

New students, same old story

Student body increase nothing new in Westfield

By TERRENCE DOPP
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Enrollment in the school district grew by 170 students this year, according to a preliminary report discussed Tuesday by the Board of Education.

"We've had more of an increase at the secondary level than elementary (level), but (the enrollment increase) has been across the board," said Superintendent William J. Foley, who announced the figures at the board at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Foley said this year's enrollment increases are typical for the district, which has seen similar increases in the past. "It's near what we've been experiencing," the superintendent said. "I wouldn't say it's surprising."

The majority of the increase occurred at the secondary school level. Enrollment at district intermediate schools jumped by 81 students, while the high school saw an increase of 61 students. Both of those numbers have a potentially large impact on Westfield High School, which has been looking for ways to deal with a growing student population.

"I think that we need more planning at the high school

level," said Foley. "We're working on it. We're renovating rooms at the high school to be used as classrooms, looking to rent classrooms from the (National Guard) Armory (across Rahway Avenue from the high school). The long-range planning committee really needs to look at this."

The largest proportional jump in enrollment happened at the fifth- and sixth-grade level, where classes jumped by approximately 10 percent, creating a looming problem for the high school. "This will eventually have an impact on the high school," Foley said.

Even though space at the high school level receives most of the spotlight, Foley said the elementary schools are also in danger of becoming overcrowded. The district, however, has realized this and taken some steps to prevent it.

"We have classes with aides and classes in trailers," the superintendent said. "But we have construction at different elementary schools and we're managing. We're looking forward to having the extra space."

Despite the construction at the elementary level and the possibilities being explored at the high school level, Foley does not deny the district must take action, and soon. "We have a problem," he said.

Houston, we have a new job for you

Westfield DWC names its newest member

By TERRENCE DOPP
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council unanimously approved Tuesday the appointment of Bernadette Houston, a real estate broker and town resident, as the newest member of the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

Houston will fill the position vacated by former member Thomas Cherin, owner of Cherin Designer and Goldsmith, previously on Quimby Street. Cherin moved his business outside of Westfield's Special Improvement District, disqualifying him from sitting on the DWC board.

"As a home-owner and resident of Westfield, I can represent what current owners' concerns are within the town," Houston said in her application to join the DWC. "And as a broker in an active office, I have a strong knowledge of the wants and wishes of the people moving in and out of our area."

"(Houston) impressed me as a very energetic person, very eager to get involved with the DWC," said Councilman Larry Goldman, adding that Houston, a former special education teacher and current real estate broker/agent

with Prudential New Jersey on North Avenue — was previously considered for a position with the DWC.

"The board had interviewed individuals earlier this year," Goldman said. "She had interviewed and we were very impressed with her, but we had to make a choice and she was not chosen."

The councilman said when Cherin's slot became available, officials asked Houston if she was still interested. She said yes, and the Town Council took only one week to approve her.

Houston's qualifications include more than a decade as an active member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield and her experience as a director for the Egenoff Early Childhood Center in Elizabeth.

On the DWC board, she will serve as an operator/director, a person who operates a business within the Special Improvement District. The DWC also has owner/operators, people who own property within the district, and resident directors, who are simply town residents.

Houston, who could not be reached for comment, will serve on the DWC until December 31, 2000.

school system, his committee and the police department, and were not simply thrown out there to be enforced. "Police were posted there for the first couple of days until people were used to the changes," he said.

A drop-off and pick-up zone was also created directly in front of the high school to lessen the number of cars in the school parking lot during student arrival time.

"We've had a serious problem with pick-up and drop-off in the parking lot," said high school Principal Robert G. Petix, noting that cars often pulled onto the curbs on both sides of Rahway Avenue and both sides of the

school. Cars have pulled into the roadway too fast and the parking lot has even been the site of a few minor accidents, according to Petix.

Sullivan said the amount and speed of traffic on Rahway Avenue makes it nearly impossible to get onto the road at certain times of day. "It's a long, straight road," he said. "It feels like you can drive it safely at high speeds, but it's misleading."

Town Council members recently gave priority to traffic-calming measures on Rahway Avenue after a study of traffic in the town revealed the road was

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Ocean-routing plan flying high

Area candidates support testing of air-noise reduction plan

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — A proposed plan to reduce noise levels from jets soaring over area homes has been bolstered by the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and endorsed by virtually all area political candidates at the local, state and federal levels.

The NJIT released a study completed this winter concluding that previous studies of the "ocean-routing" proposal — which directs west-bound air traffic departing Newark International Airport east over the Atlantic Ocean and then south before returning the planes to a westerly course — considered routes different than those contained in the plan noise-reduction advocates want to test.

The NJIT study concluded this negates the scientific value of previous studies completed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"There was some criticism of the plan — unfounded, as has been determined," said Rick Obrock of Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise. "(The NJIT study) just makes it diffi-

cult for nay-sayers, the FAA among them, to just reject (ocean-routing). The report says this plan has merit and should be tested."

The SP/FCAAN recently announced that, according to a policy survey, all political candidates and incumbents in Union County support a six-month live test of ocean-routing.

"There has generally been a good line of support, from the national level right down to Scotch Plains and Fanwood," said Obrock. "We'd be happy at the testing level. Let it prove itself."

The previous study of ocean-routing, the Leigh Fisher Report, cited noise-impacted populations and economics as the main flaws involved with ocean-routing. That report concluded ocean-routing would cause increased noise levels in shore towns such as Belmar and Point Pleasant, where air-traffic noise is not the concern it is in places like Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The report also stated the ocean-routing plan would cost regional airports over \$100 million because of delayed flights, increased flight times and increased air-traffic control.

But the more recent NJIT test refuted the older test and said ocean-routing would simply transfer noise to new communi-

ties. Researchers further concluded these towns would not be hit hard by aircraft noise if flight patterns were moved out to sea.

The NJIT study also contended the financial losses suggested by the Leigh Fisher Report were exaggerated, and the losses would be acceptable if a large-scale reorganization of U.S. airspace occurs.

Newark International Airport, which has led American airports in delays for six of the last seven years, loses over \$60 million each year to delayed flights, according to the NJIT study. Those losses put the Leigh Fisher Report's figures into perspective, the NJIT report states.

Although no test of an ocean-routing plan is currently planned by the FAA, advocates of ocean-routing say the NJIT study bolsters the claims of groups such as SP/FCAAN, which has spent years trying to convince politicians to endorse a six-month live test.

Obrock said the NJIT study is the first scientific report to lend support to ocean-routing, and he believes this will help groups like his. The SP/FCAAN group plans to use the study at a series of upcoming public hearings the FAA has scheduled for November, he said.

Glue, other sticky situations in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Several acts of criminal mischief and vandalism were reported in the town this week.

Glue was squirted into the side lock at a doctor's office on East Broad Street Sept. 7, police said, while a Virginia Street resident filed a report of criminal mischief to her home on Sept. 7, according to police reports.

Meanwhile, a lawn ornament was reported stolen from the front yard of a Lincoln Avenue home Sept. 9, police said, and criminal mischief to a motor vehicle was reported by a Kenilworth woman Sept. 9.

Clifford Lawson, 41, of Westfield, was charged with shoplifting at the Gap store Sept. 9. Police said Lawson was held in lieu of \$775 bail.

Reginald Williams, 42, of Roselle, was charged with the theft Sept. 9 after he allegedly attempted to steal cigarettes from Edward's Food store. He was held in lieu of \$500 bail, according to police records.

Employees at Randall's Shoe Store on Elm Street reported that a customer wrote two checks on a closed account as payment for children's shoes Sept. 10, police said.

A Westfield resident filed a report of harassment Sept. 11, according to police records.

Police log

A North Avenue resident reported the Sept. 11 theft of a 1985 BMW by a former employee, police said.

Police report they found a woman's bracelet Sept. 11.

A Bridgewater resident reportedly had her pocketbook stolen Sept. 12 at Higgins and Bonner Funeral Home. The contents were valued at \$380, according to police reports.

Luz Herczegh of Kingston Avenue, Kenilworth, was charged with driving while intoxicated Sept. 12, police said.

A theft was reported Sept. 14 from a locker at the YMCA on Clark Street, police said. Approximately \$3,400 was stolen, according to police reports.

Tools were reported stolen from a Plainfield Avenue business during the Labor Day weekend. According to police records, the burglars entered through a rear window.

A woman reported that the driver's side window of her car was smashed while parked Sept.

6 on Coles Avenue, police said.

One-hundred compact discs were reported stolen Sept. 6 from the car of an Elizabeth Avenue resident, police said.

The window of a car parked at a Park Avenue business was reportedly broken and the steering column tampered with Sept. 7, according to police reports.

Several window panes were reportedly broken Sept. 9 in a storage shed behind a home on Richmond Street, according to police records.

Two Plainfield men were charged Sept. 10 with possession of a stolen vehicle after police attempted to stop them on Route 22 for careless driving, according to police reports.

The two men and a third driver led officers on a chase that ended at Second and Berman streets, Plainfield, at which point all three fled the vehicle on foot.

Wesley H. Porch and Francis Long, both 18, were released on summonses. Both were also charged with resisting arrest.

The driver escaped on foot, police said.

A simple assault was reported Sept. 3 at Rocco's Tavern after an angry customer slapped a cashier and fled the scene, police said. No arrests were made.

'Citizen's Army' influences officials

(Continued from page A-1) public projects to make public their local political contributions. A third ordinance requires open and fair pricing negotiations for government contracts. They are drafted in a "ready to adopt" format, making

it easier for activists to match the right combination of ordinances to a particular local environment.

According to Garfield, Common Cause has been successful in every municipality where they've chosen to be

active, although Morristown is the only municipality to adopt more than one of the ordinances. Other towns that have adopted at least one ordinance include Westfield, Metuchen, East Brunswick, Sayreville, Edison and Princeton Township.

School safety concerns lead to traffic measures

(Continued from page A-1) the scene of the most speeding violations in Westfield.

Sullivan said further measures to slow traffic could include the posting of more signs, stricter police enforcement of existing speed limits and a re-engineering roads to

prevent speeding. "People will drive as fast as their visual cues will let them," he said.

Other methods may include speed bumps, which rise about 2 1/2 to 3 inches and only affect drivers exceeding the speed limit, and highlighting crosswalks.

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Engineer fights contractor's plan to close road during bridge repair

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh is fighting to prevent Crossway Place from closing to traffic while contractors complete work on the NJ Transit bridge spanning the street, which provides an important cut-through between North and South avenues.

Closing the bridge would mean more motorists in the downtown area or on the area's smaller cut-throughs, placing more strain on other roads in town, according to Marsh, who said "Closing (Crossway Place) during bridge construction would only be for the convenience of the contractors."

The engineer said Marquis Construction and Electrical Contractors, the Augusta, N.J. company doing the major renovation of the bridge, originally wanted to close the bridge for the duration of construction, which is scheduled to run through December 8.

"If it was a minor closure, maybe a day or two, we would have no problem with that," said Marsh. "There's no way we can live with a complete closure. No

one even talked to us about a detour route."

Marsh said he believes the plan to close the street completely was proposed to give the contractors what he calls a "staging area," or a place where the contractors could store materials and equipment throughout the construction process.

Robert D. Hopken of Marquis Construction did not return several calls and could not be reached for comment.

The height of the bridge is being raised from the current 10 1/2 feet to 13 feet, which should allow emergency services and Department of Public Works vehicles to use Crossway Place. Currently, larger emergency vehicles and DPW trucks cannot fit under the bridge.

"Raising the bridge will help (the DPW) as far as saving time getting to our job sites," said Marsh.

The opening of the bridge is also being raised and widened, according to Marsh, who said this will allow a widening of the 18-foot roadway underneath the bridge to 40 feet.

After construction, which Marsh said is roughly on sched-

ule, Crossway Place will undergo other changes designed to make the road more accommodating to drivers. "We're going to relocate Crossway Place ... there will be a bend in the road so it lines up with Edgewood [Avenue]," he said.

Marsh said this will create a four-way intersection where North Avenue, Crossway Place and Edgewood Avenue will all meet. That would mean a major improvement for drivers in town, he said.

Tree limbs, brush to be picked up

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Department of Public Works will begin picking up tree limbs, shrubs and brush in the township next week.

All tree limbs and brush must be tied up and left at the curb by 7 a.m. Monday. Bundles must be no more than 4 feet long and weigh no more than 50 pounds. They cannot be tied with metal wire of any type.

Grass, weeds, leaves, tree stumps and other materials will not be picked up.

Scotch Plains council puts stop to dangerous crossings

By **JON LEDERMAN**
R.P. CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council voted unanimously Tuesday to authorize the installation of stop signs at two busy intersections along Evergreen Boulevard.

The intersection of Rhoda Place and Evergreen Boulevard has been under scrutiny by the

township and state for almost 15 years, and will now officially be recognized as a "stop intersection."

Because of Greenside Park's proximity to the area, and the tendency for motorists unfamiliar with the area to use Evergreen Boulevard to pass from Mountain Avenue to Westfield Avenue, the intersection at Greenside Place and

Evergreen Boulevard is also scheduled to receive a stop sign, officials said.

According to Police Chief Thomas O'Brien, the township Traffic Bureau has received numerous complaints about the Rhoda Place/Evergreen Boulevard intersection since the summer of 1997, but the junction has been studied at the local and state levels since 1985, when the

Scotch Plains Police Department asked the state Department of Transportation to evaluate the intersection as a candidate for traffic control measures. The state approved a stop sign in July of 1985, with the condition the radius on the northeast corner be reduced. DOT engineers were concerned large radius would place the sign too far from where traffic actually stopped.

The township responded by submitting an engineering drawing showing a reduced radius and the DOT approved the stop sign Sept. 3, 1985. However, the intersection remained unchanged until 1998, when township officials authorized the road work after hearing a number of complaints from residents about the uncontrolled nature of the intersection.

Scotch Plains Rescue Squad seeking resident donations

SCOTCH PLAINS — While many residents of the community enjoyed a restful summer with some carefree vacation and relaxation time, the members of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad continued to provide emergency service to the community.

The 100-percent volunteer organization is again asking for tax-free donations to support its round-the-clock operation. The squad depends on donations to continue the uninterrupted service it has provided since it was founded in 1937.

The initial fund drive letter went out in May with a follow-up letter reaching homes and businesses in September. To date, the squad has received 350 fewer

returns and more than \$10,000 less in donations than last year. Current active members work hard to maintain certifications in various aspects of emergency care, completing 48 hours of class instruction every three years.

So far in 1999, members have logged 879 calls, served 167 duty crews and clocked 2,275 response hours.

Members are asking residents and businesses in the community to continue to support squad operations. These donations fund every aspect of the squad's operation, including purchase and maintenance of vehicles and medical supplies, including the newly purchased semi-automatic defibrillators.

The continued goal of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad is to provide the community with the best possible service and the most advanced medical equipment possible. This goal can only be realized with the residents' support. Whether it is early in the morning, in the middle of the night, on the weekend or even on New Year's Eve 1999, the squad is here to help. In return, residents can help the squad with tax-deductible contributions.

The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad offers its sincere thanks to all who have already joined the team and encourages anyone who wishes to send a tax-free donation to do so as soon as possible.

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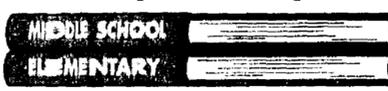
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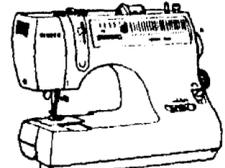
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Commentary

A politician we can respect

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman did something unexpected last week — she announced her decision not to run for Senate next year. In an era when ambition and the pursuit of power seem to be the primary motives of politicians, it is refreshing to see that a politician, like the rest of us, has gotten sick of politics.

Gov. Whitman declared last week she simply likes being governor. She does, however, dislike being a candidate. She admitted that she doesn't like raising campaign funds; to mount a Senate campaign, she estimated she would have to raise at least \$100,000 per week for the next 52 weeks. And the governor said she doesn't like to be second-guessed or have her motives questioned simply because she was a candidate. It was demeaning to her role as governor that pundits and opponents were ascribing political motives to every decision she made.

Even her decision not to run for the Senate has elicited a cynical response. Almost immediately idle speculation arose that Gov. Whitman had made some sort of deal with Gov. Bush of Texas for either a spot on the national GOP ticket next year or a Cabinet post in his administration. With the presidential election 14 months away, it's inconceivable that Whitman would have forfeited a Senate seat — polls show she was a heavy favorite to win — for an uncertain role in an administration that is not a sure thing.

Gov. Whitman deserves our respect for being open and honest. She entered the Senate race hastily after Sen. Frank Lautenberg announced his retirement; Republicans throughout New Jersey recognized that Whitman would be the strongest candidate the GOP could offer next year. But the governor realized that being a candidate, in these days of never-ending and expensive campaigns, is an onerous and unpleasant task. Worse, groveling for money robs the candidate of dignity and unfortunately, that would have tarnished the office of governor.

Whitman's decision should prompt both Republicans and Democrats to reflect on the state of politics in New Jersey. Should there be, for example, stricter limits on campaign expenditures? Is the public served by campaigns that last for more than a year? What can be done to ease the cynicism and distrust many residents have about politics and politicians? And how do all these factors result in lower voter turnout?

Whitman's decision not to run for the Senate has raised her stature considerably in the state. She has made a political sacrifice to better serve the people of New Jersey. For that, she deserves our respect.

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The following information should help you get your ideas and community news into *The Record-Press*:

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Letters to the editor

Comments at meeting were 'rude'

To The Record-Press:

On Sept. 9, I visited friends in Fanwood and viewed the monthly council meeting on cable television. This was the second time I have seen a Fanwood council meeting broadcast, and twice I have been appalled by comments made. I preface my own comments by stating clearly that I am a registered Republican and not a resident of Fanwood; however, my reaction has nothing to do with politics. Rather, I am responding to the rude, discourteous and childish behavior I have observed on the part of at least two Republican councilmen.

Over the past two decades, I have spent a great deal of time with various friends in Fanwood. I have been very impressed by local leadership under Mayors Kuran and Stender and, especially, Mayor Connelly. Their combined record speaks for itself. That they happen to have been Democrats is far less important than the quality of their service and their substantial achievements for the borough.

I am particularly disturbed by the attacks on Mayor

Connelly by Republican councilmen during recent meetings. I can understand disagreement, even argument, but the comments made on Sept. 9 by Councilman Whittaker, his snide reference to Orwell's "Animal Farm" and his rudeness to Mayor Connelly reflect very poorly on his role as an elected official. Councilman Klein made equally disparaging remarks during the July meeting.

Whatever their feelings and issues may be, I suggest strongly that both men's comments to and regarding Fanwood's chief governing official are at the very least inappropriate and, quite frankly, embarrassing to me as a fellow Republican. Everyone knows there is an election coming up but, let's face it, the Democrats have done an exemplary job as leaders in Fanwood, and they are conducting a very dignified campaign.

If I were a resident of Fanwood, my longtime party affiliation would not preclude acknowledgment of the Democrats' accomplishments which would, most decidedly, effect my decision at the polls.

ROBERT J. FIORELLINO

Residents should come to meeting

To The Record-Press:

The last and most important planning board meeting regarding the apartments proposed for the former Dean Oil site will occur at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22, at the Park Middle School. At this meeting, the developer, John Molozzi, will himself testify on why he thinks that the proposed development is good for Fanwood. We urge our fellow concerned citizens to attend and speak out during the public comment period.

The Fanwood Citizens for Responsible Development (FCRD) has made a concerted effort over the past several months to keep the citizens of Fanwood informed of the meetings concerning this poorly planned development. The meeting on Sept. 22, however, will be the last and most important one because the planning board must vote to either accept or reject the proposed development on or before Oct. 1.

We believe that the citizens of Fanwood know why this development is a terrible idea. This development

would increase congestion and further strain our schools, community infrastructure and parks. The development would also alter the landscape of Fanwood forever. Its design and size would stick out from the surrounding community and would squelch further commercial development on the only commercially zoned block in Fanwood.

Further, the development's approval would encourage similar structures in Fanwood. This development is nothing more than a cramped building with a parking lot that offers no benefit to our community.

Therefore, the FCRD urges the citizens of Fanwood to show up at this last planning board hearing on the Dean Oil site apartments. We must stand together as a community, come out in force and voice our opposition to this development.

ERIC W. HESS

PETER SAYLES

Fanwood Citizens for Responsible Development

Man's cane had sentimental value

To The Record-Press:

On Saturday, Aug. 28, I was shopping at the Edwards Super Food Store in Westfield.

I had taken my cane into the store with me having parked in the handicapped spot near where all the carts are available. It was 11 a.m.

At 11:30 I put my groceries in my car and forgot to take my cane out of my cart. Arriving home, realizing such, I made a quick reverse and got to Edwards.

There was no cane in the cart that I had used so I asked the gentleman that was handling the carts if anyone had mentioned finding such. He said "no" and checked all the carts that were there. I then went to the courtesy counter and asked if anyone had turned in a cane and the answer was also "no."

I have still been checking but still no cane. I can easily buy another but it is or was a sentimental treasure to me and was given to me by Ann Long as it was her husband Gene Long who was a Fanwood crossing guard for many years whom I have known all of my life, he being a close neighbor of mine and we had spent many hours daily through the years. I'm sure he would have been happy to know I was traditionally using it.

It is hard to believe that someone is that unconscionable to take a lonely cane out of the store's cart. Thank God there is only a small percentage of such people and this is a very, very rare incident. Also thank you for hearing me through.

JAMES F. DENNY
Fanwood

Waving the flag for all Westfield

To The Record-Press:

I feel compelled to write this letter after reading two articles in a daily newspaper because I'm concerned about the lopsided picture they paint of Westfield.

One of the headlines read "Are all sides alike? South side wonders." I really find the opening paragraph that states "There are no bad neighborhoods in Westfield, but there is the south side ..." to be offensive and misleading.

I live on the south side and this north side vs. south side positioning is based on old, narrow views that are outdated and only promote negative feelings.

We Westfieldians do not contribute to or believe

in this separateness. We take pride in our diverse community. Sure, we have our problems, as other towns do, and we are working on them. That's one of the reasons I'm running for Town Council in the Third Ward, to be a part of the solution.

I'm waving the flag for all of Westfield; I'm supporting all of our diverse neighborhoods. I'm convinced that the only thing that separates the south side from the north side is the delineation on the map and not in our hearts and minds.

CLAIRE LAZAROWITZ
Westfield

The writer is the Democratic Party candidate for the Third Ward seat on the Westfield Town Council.

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

A short portrait of an addict

My name is Michael and I am a journalist.

Hello, Michael!

Because this is my first Journalists Anonymous meeting, I don't know what to say. I was never very good at writing leads for feature stories, especially sad stories about disease, so I'll just begin at the beginning.

I never seriously experimented with journalism until college. I began writing for my college weekly newspaper. I was young and I thought it was harmless. And I believed that I could quit any time I wanted. I had no intention of ever being a journalist. I had heard sad stories about the lives of journalists — the long hours, the horrible pay and too much booze, cigarettes and cynicism. And though they were portrayed as romantic crusaders in the movies, journalists were disreputable characters who caused more trouble than they were worth. I wanted a normal life.

Then my problems began.

Pray for Brother Michael!

Every time one of my articles appeared in print I would get a rush of satisfaction. I would walk into the college cafeteria and see people reading my article — my article! — and suddenly all the everyday anxieties vanished. It was a high better than any drug can produce.

And being a journalist had some unexpected awards. A painfully shy and socially spastic person, I discovered that I was adopting a new and better persona whenever I slipped into the role of a journalist. It was as if an ordinary nebbish could transform himself into a superhero just by arranging words on a piece of paper. When I was introduced to people at parties, they already knew who I was through my writing and I could see in their eyes that they were hanging on every word I uttered as if I was a mystic or a celebrity. Being a journalist gave me the confidence I never had and it felt good — really good.

I began writing more and more articles. And then I plunged into journalism even deeper, editing stories, writing headlines and designing pages. Soon I was spending more time at the newspaper office than in the classroom. But I didn't care because I had my weekly fix.

Lord, have pity on this lost soul!

After graduation, I took stock of my life and saw the damage journalism had inflicted. I tried finding another line of work but eventually, like any junkie, I couldn't resist and I took a job as a reporter for the *Bound Brook Chronicle*. I convinced myself it was only temporary until I found out what I really wanted to do with my life. But the die was cast in my very first week.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1980, I went to a South Bound Brook Borough Council meeting. I arrived 15 minutes early and soon I began talking with a veteran *Courier-News* reporter. He warned me of the dangers I was facing. "It gets into your blood," he said. Why, dear God, did I not take those words as a sign?

Amen, Brother Michael!

Now, almost two decades later, I'm hopelessly hooked. I'm a journalism junkie. I still feel the same surge of adrenaline when the clock accelerates toward deadline; I need that jolt to keep me going week to week. And when one of my reporters has an exclusive story that beats the competition, I feel the same rush of satisfaction that drowns all my other troubles. It still makes me feel brilliantly alive.

But it's gotten worse. In the past two years, I've gone on a journalism binge, editing as many papers as I can and writing as many articles as I can. Journalism is consuming my life; the youthful energy that sustained me through countless all-nighters in the newsroom is fading. And though I still need my weekly fix, the adrenaline pump is tired, and my Superman cape is tattered.

I know I have a problem, but I'm afraid of the cure. Detox is terrible — please never let them lock me inside a public relations office!

Pray for him, brothers and sisters!



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Westfield council approves stop sign

Jitney bus trip around town to cost \$1

WESTFIELD — The Town Council voted Tuesday to place a stop sign at the corner of Stevens Avenue and Sherman Street.

The council's decision came after residents in the surrounding neighborhood complained about the unsafe conditions at the intersection and petitioned the town.

"I urge the public to come forward if there is a need for a stop sign or other traffic device to maintain safety," said Mayor Thomas Jardim.

In other news, the price of

upcoming Jitney bus service for commuters has officially been set by the Town Council at \$1 per trip.

The service will allow commuters and other residents the opportunity to ride from many different stops throughout town to the Westfield train station.

Service will run during peak commuting hours.

Mayor Jardim has said in the past that he is shooting for service to begin sometime in the fall.

— Terrence Dopp

Westfield Y to host breast cancer event

WESTFIELD — The first Union County Breast Cancer Awareness program will be 1 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St.

More than 180,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and more than 40,000 women will die of the disease, 1,500 in New Jersey alone. Early detection and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the suffering and deaths caused by the disease.

The program is timed to mark the beginning of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Admission is free and the public is invited.

"We hope that by discussing the facts in a public forum and stressing the importance of early detection, women will feel more comfortable seeking the help they need," said Karen Simon, director of adult and senior programs for the Westfield Y.

"Our goal is to make women more aware of what they need to do to protect their health and to help save lives," she said. "With accurate and vital information, women will be able to ask the proper questions and know where to go to find the answers

about this disease."

A number of area physicians will speak about prevention, detection, treatment alternatives, support, resources available and the role of a healthy lifestyle. Area hospitals, community organizations and the American Cancer Society will provide displays.

Keynote speaker is Stacey Sager, a reporter with Channel 7 Eyewitness News and a breast cancer survivor herself.

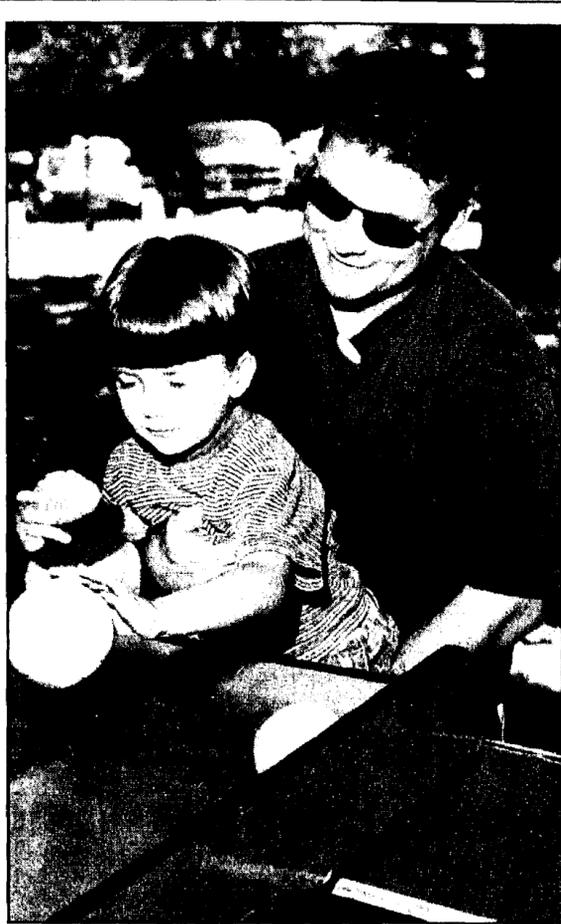
For more information, call Simon at (908) 233-2700.

Live concerts in Towne Centre

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association is sponsoring live concerts in Towne Centre.

Weather permitting, the shows will continue noon-2 p.m. every Saturday in front of the Scotch Plains Music Center, opposite the Municipal Building. The Music Center is also a sponsor of the weekend shows.

For more information, call (908) 322-7542.



LARRY MURPHY/R-P CORRESPONDENT

Having a ball

Aiden le Clair, 3, and his dad, Patrick, were on a roll at the annual Greek Festival, held Saturday and Sunday at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield.

Back-to-school nights set by Westfield BOE

WESTFIELD — Westfield Public Schools have announced the following dates for Back-to-School nights:

• Secondary Schools

Roosevelt Intermediate School - Sept. 28, 7 p.m.

Westfield High School - Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.

Edison Intermediate School - Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

• Elementary Schools

Jefferson - K-5, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.

McKinley - K (a.m.) and grades 1-3, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

K (p.m.) and grades 4-5, Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m.

Tamaques - K-2, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Grades 3-5, Sept. 23, 8:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Washington - K-1, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Grades 2-5, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.

Wilson - K, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Grades 1-2, Sept. 23, 7:15 p.m.

Grades 3-5, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.

Franklin - K, Sept. 14, 7:15 p.m.

Grade 2, Sept. 16, 7:15 p.m.

Grades 3-5, Sept. 17, 7:15 p.m.

Grade 1, Washington School, Mrs. Walsh's class, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Grade 1, Wilson School, Mrs. Sabre's class, Sept. 16, 7:15 p.m.

Grade 1, Tamaques School, Mrs. Gottko's class, Sept. 16, 7:15 p.m.

Grade 1, Edison Intermediate School auditorium, Mrs. Mohar's & Mrs. Hockswender's classes, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Westfield Public Schools will be closed Sept. 20 in observance of Yom Kippur. Board of Education meetings have been scheduled for Sept. 14 and Sept. 21, 8 p.m. both dates, at 302 Elm St. Agendas will be available at the board secretary's office on Sept. 13 and Sept. 20.

Area native has 'impact'

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dr. Keith Mason, teacher of Spanish and Italian at New Providence High School, received the Outstanding Educational Impact Award at the 1999 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards ceremony.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" was staged at New Providence High School last March.

As a curricular tie-in, Mason wrote an interdisciplinary teachers' guide for integrating "Carousel" into the high school curriculum. New Providence's production of "Carousel" was also nominated in the category Best Chorus in a Musical.

Mason graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1980. He received a B.A. in romance languages teaching from Rutgers University and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, both in romance linguistics, from the University of Michigan.

He has been teaching in New Providence since September 1996.

Preparations continue for Fanny Wood Day

FANWOOD — Preparations for the fourth-annual Fanny Wood Day are almost complete.

Martine and South avenues will be closed to traffic from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 26 for the street fair. Rain date is Oct. 3.

A complete schedule with details on the festival is in a flier being mailed to all borough resi-

dents. The Fanny Wood Day Committee prepared the flier to help inform people in Fanwood about the borough's history and those who helped make this year's event possible.

The second-annual Little Miss Fanny Wood contest for young girls will begin at 2:30 p.m. Also scheduled is a Volunteer Fair to promote membership in local

organizations and committees. Pony rides, a petting zoo and other activities are planned for children. Music will be by DJ Nick.

Vendor spaces for craft dealers are still available. Cost is \$75 for a space measuring 10 feet by 10 feet. For reservations, call Neal Schembre at (908) 322-6066.

Organizations that want to participate in the Volunteer Fair should call (908) 317-9724.

For entries into the Little Miss Fanny Wood contest, call Helen Ling at (908) 322-6161. For entries into the pie-baking contest, call Trish Scurlatta at (908) 322-7606. For entries into the antique car show, call Don Wussler at (908) 885-1709.

New editor joins NJN Publishing

Gregory Zeller has joined NJN Publishing as editor of the *Cranford Chronicle* and *Record-Press*.

"We are very pleased to have a journalist of Gregory's caliber join our staff," said Executive Editor Cheryl Fenske. "He brings with him experience, strong news judgment and a sense of the importance of community newspapers."

Zeller comes to NJN from Packet Publications, where he had served as news editor of the twice-weekly *Princeton Packet*. Prior to that, he had been employed by Jersey Shore Magazines, serving as sports edi-

tor and news reporter for *The SandPaper*.

While with *The SandPaper*, he was named 1997 New Jersey Press Association Journalist of the Year.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Zeller said. "I look forward to the challenges ahead and to learning more about the towns covered by the *Chronicle* and *Record-Press*."

A graduate of Rutgers University with a bachelor of arts degree in English, Zeller's first professional reporting job was as a stringer/freelance writer for *The Courier News*. He then joined Greater Media Newspapers as a news/sports reporter with *The South Brunswick Sentinel* and was recognized as 1995 Greater Media Reporter of the Year.

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Westfield Adult School marks 60th anniversary

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Adult School is celebrating its 60th anniversary and has begun a major fund-raising campaign.

"Operating costs have increased over the years, but the school's tuition (has) not increased proportionately," said Lawrence Fargot, president of the school's Board of Trustees.

The Adult School is a nonprofit organization that receives no funds from local, state or federal government.

Among the planned fund-raising events is "Attic Treasures: Antiques and Collectibles," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 2 at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St.

Bring your favorite antiques for evaluation by a highly qualified dealer.

The Adult School's fall term

begins Sept. 27 and runs through Nov. 29. Most of the 74 courses are held one night a week at Westfield High School. A computer course meets late Monday afternoon.

New courses for the fall term are "Web Page Design," "Nutrition Skills for Parents," "Woman's Special Health Issues" and "Bringing Up Brainsy Babies."

Trips in the "Classroom on Wheels" include five Broadway shows, a performance of the New York City Opera and the Christmas pops concert at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

A complete list of courses is in the Adult School catalog mailed recently to all residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. If you did not receive a catalog, call (908) 232-4050.



The Westfield Service League recently announced its Provisional Class for 1999-2000. Pictured, left to right, are Monica McGovern, Kathy Andrews and Sue Crawford. Not pictured are Janice Austin and Shirley Carr.

Westfield Service League lists five in new provisional class

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League has announced its provisional class for 1999-2000. Provisional members of the nonprofit volunteer organization are Kathy Andrews, Janice Austin, Shirley Carr, Suzanne Crawford and Monica McGovern.

The Service League is beginning its 67th year of service. It owns the Thrift Shop and Consignment Shop on Elmer Street. All proceeds from the shops

are donated to local charities. Donations are accepted during shop hours, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

A total of \$54,000 was distributed by the Service League to more than 30 local organizations in June.

In addition, the Service League provides dispatchers for the Westfield Rescue Squad and drivers for Mobile Meals of Westfield.

FestiFall parking rules are announced

WESTFIELD — Parking and pedestrian restrictions have been issued for the 10th annual Westfield FestiFall of Arts and Crafts.

The event will run from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 26 in the central business district. Rain date is Oct. 3.

Downtown streets closed for the FestiFall are East Broad Street between North and Central avenues; Quimby Street; Elm Street, between North Avenue East and Orchard Street; and Prospect Street, between North Avenue East and Ferris Place.

The FestiFall area will be closed beginning 6 a.m. except for authorized workers.

Anyone coming to the FestiFall is encouraged to park in the railroad station lot on South Avenue East. Parking will be banned in the FestiFall area. Pets, skateboards and inline skates are not permitted.

Businesses have been notified that their employees may not park in the FestiFall area or the nearby municipal lots. Residents have been notified that they may park in municipal lots adjacent to the FestiFall area if cars are parked by 8 a.m. and remain there until 7:30 p.m.

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Quilting, open-hearth cooking at Miller-Cory House Museum

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., will feature a talk on quilting and a demonstration of open-hearth cooking from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26.

Ellen Hess of Cranford will show various methods of quilting, including patchwork and appliques. The accomplished weaver is an adjunct professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She is a volunteer member of the

museum and a member of its Cooking Committee.

In addition to colonial recipes prepared over an open hearth, visitors can learn about aspects of life during colonial days. Costumed docents will conduct guided tours of the 18th century farmhouse. The last tour begins 4 p.m.

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

SP-F alumni will hear talk from author

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room C-100 on the SPFHS campus, 641 Westfield Road.

Fanwood native Jackie Harper Cecchetti will be the guest speaker. The 1949 graduate of SPFHS has written two books about area life in yesteryear, "Fanwood: The Way It Was, The Way We Were" and "Four Towns Remembered."

Both books cover the 1930s and 1940s. The latter book includes Scotch Plains, Westfield and Plainfield, as well as Fanwood.

Cecchetti's mother, Rodi Harper, has lived in Fanwood for 66 years. The author's grandparents lived in Westfield and Plainfield.

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One of the most common errors a homeowner makes when selling his own home is setting an inappropriate asking price. It is difficult to be objective about a place that is much more than just a structure to you and your family. You may set a price too high to be competitive, or you may undervalue your home and lose profits you easily could have netted. Your real estate professional's guidance is worth his or her commission and then some. If we can be of assistance to you, phone JILL GUZMAN REALTY. "Our best reference is your neighbor."

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Westfield resident named outstanding student-teacher

WESTFIELD — A town resident has been honored with the prestigious New Jersey Association of Teacher Educators' 1999 Outstanding Student Teacher Award.

Dr. Manina Urgolo Dunn, president of the NJATE, called Westfield resident Arlyn Covington personally to congratulate her for winning the award, given to the top undergraduate education students in the State of New Jersey. "I thought somebody was playing a trick on me," said Covington. "It is exciting that New Jersey's education professionals think so highly about my achievements."

On May 24, Covington graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 GPA from Seton Hall University, where she completed a double major in elementary education and history. She has been named undergraduate valedictorian of Seton Hall's prestigious College of Education and Human Services and is the recipient of the Elementary Education Honors Citation and the History Honors Citation.

Such academic success never entered Covington's mind when she first stepped foot into the United States in 1988, leaving her family at home in Cartago, Costa Rica, to visit her boyfriend, who was studying in Oregon.

"My plan was to visit the U.S. for a month and return to Costa Rica when my trip was over," she said.

But she has lived in the U.S. ever since, and in 1991 married her boyfriend, longtime Westfield resident Richard Covington.

Covington began her college education in 1990 studying English as a Second Language and early childhood education. "I loved working with children in Costa Rica and wanted to continue that experience in the United States," she

said. "I knew my English was not strong enough to jump into a formal degree program, so I started by improving my language skills and getting my ECE certification. Then I worked in a preschool and I was able to study part-time toward my bachelor's degree."

"I knew that I wanted to teach children at the elementary level, and when we moved to New Jersey, I became a full-time student at Union County College," she added. "After two semesters there, I enrolled at Seton Hall. The road has been very long, and at times I wanted to give up, but now all the hard work seems to be worth it."

Covington is the first member of her eight-sibling family to study in the U.S., and became the first woman in her family to graduate from a four-year college. Particularly exciting will be the visit of her mother and two of her sisters for the graduation festivities, she said. "My mom and my two sisters have never been to New Jersey, and I am really excited to see them," she added.

Covington said her next goal is to develop a career as a regular elementary teacher. "Because of my native language skills in Spanish, my schools want me to teach elementary Spanish as part of their World Language program," she said. "However, I am focused on teaching children all academic subjects and taking advantage of my history major and my love for art. So right now, I am looking for a full-time elementary teaching position in Westfield and in the surrounding areas."

"I think my experience working in different places around the world can bring a global perspective to my classroom," Covington added. "We are never too young to learn about the world around us."

Westfield, Scotch Plains volunteers named 'Community Champions'

NEWARK — Two area residents active in volunteer work have received Community Champions awards through the Prudential Insurance Co. of America.

Barbara M. Furmosa of Scotch Plains received \$1,000 for the New Jersey Special Olympics. She is a systems manager with Prudential Investments in Edison. Bernadette Houston of Westfield received \$1,000 for the

Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, which has its office in Cranford. She is a residential sales manager with Prudential New Jersey Realty at its Westfield office.

Community Champions awards are administered by the Local Initiatives Division of Prudential at the insurer's home office in Newark. A total of 795 Prudential employees and retirees are receiving grants worth a total of more than

\$600,000 this year. Furmosa is treasurer for Area 5 of the Special Olympics, which covers Union County. She has kept scores, presented awards, set up for Special Olympics events, cleaned up after events, handled food and cooked meals.

She also has been a cheerleader at Special Olympics competition.

Houston is the current president of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield.

Energy-friendly builder earns PSEG honors

SCOTCH PLAINS — An effort to conserve energy has earned accolades for a township home-builder.

Public Service Electric Gas Company's Energy Efficient Home 5 Star (EEH 5 Star) program has recognized Needle Point Homes of Scotch Plains for committing to the energy-efficient construction of one single-family home on Tingley Lane in Edison.

The EEH 5 Star program certifies single-family, townhouse, condominium and multi-family homes that meet the highest levels of energy efficiency and use more than one-third less energy for heating, cooling and water heating

than the average new home built in New Jersey.

Every EEH 5 Star home is tested and inspected upon completion to assure it conforms to the rigorous standards of both PSEG and the U.S. Environment Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star Homes Program.

Schools close for holiday

Westfield Public Schools will be closed for students and teachers on Monday in observance of Yom Kippur.

Business can be transacted with school offices and the Administration Building from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Classes will resume at their regular starting time on Tuesday.

'Book sense' certificates available at Town Books

WESTFIELD — The Town Book Store is now offering "Book Sense" gift certificates that can be redeemed at nearly 1,100 independent bookstores in the United States and Puerto Rico.

"We're delighted to be able to offer our customers the convenience of buying a gift cer-

tificate that they can send to friends and family outside of Westfield," said Grace Roth, owner of the East Broad Street bookstore. "We have always taken pride in our ability to help our customers find just the right book to give as a gift. However, you don't always know what someone has read."

"There is no danger of picking a title which is already in their library," Roth added. "They can go in and browse in a store near their home and end up with the perfect selection."

Any "Book Sense" gift certificate purchased elsewhere can be redeemed at the Town Book Store.

To locate participating bookstores in other towns, call (888) BOOK SENSE.

Woman's Club headed to A.C.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Woman's Club will sponsor a bus trip Oct. 14 to the Showboat casino in Atlantic City. Cost is \$23; you will receive \$18 in coin. The bus will leave 8:30 a.m. from the Scotch Plains

Public Library and return around 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served on the return trip.

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Wedding calendar: Planning what to do when

The busy bride's lifesaver—the calendar. Brides with a timeline can depend on their calendar to let them know where they stand in the preparations at any moment. Be an organized bride-to-be by creating your own calendar of events.

It would be ideal to have a year or more to plan the big day. However, six months can be plenty of time and with only three or four months it can still go off without a hitch—if you're prepared. Use the following timeline to organize your special day and plan for everything—including wedded bliss.

As soon as possible

- * Choose your date and time.
- * Reserve the wedding site, and start planning the reception.
- * Set a firm budget.
- * Make an appointment to meet with the clergyman or rabbi.
- * Choose the members of the wedding party, start the guest list.
- * Select the wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses.

Four months before

- * Finalize plans for the reception; from soup to nuts.
- * Order invitations, thank-you notes and complete the guest list.
- * Order the wedding cake, make plans for the music, flowers, photography, limousines.
- * Decide on decorations.

Two to three months before

- * Plan the ceremony—including writing of vows.
- * Rent the tuxedos for the wedding party and groom.
- * Begin addressing the invitations.
- * Mail the invitations.
- * Send thank-yous for shower and engagement gifts.

One month before

- * Apply for the marriage license.
- * Send wedding announcements to local newspaper.
- * Schedule final fitting for wedding dress.
- * Coordinate the rehearsal dinner.
- * Have final meetings with florist, caterer, photographer, and musicians or disc jockey.
- * Arrange accommodations for out-of-town guests.

Two to three weeks before

- * Final tuxedo measurements.
- * Confirm guest list-call caterer.
- * Pack for the honeymoon.
- * Make up the seating plan.
- * Arrange for the transportation of gifts from the reception to your home.

One week before

- * Confirm one last time with florist, caterer, etc.
- * Have final fitting of wedding gown.
- * Confirm rehearsal plans with the clergy.
- * Pack boxes of supplies for the rehearsal, wedding and reception.

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Pearls and brides:

A perfect match
The main consideration for choosing the proper strand of pearls should be the style of gown to be worn and the complexion of the wearer. For gowns with scoop or boat necklines, 16- to 20-inch choker- or princess-length necklaces are best suited to delicately accent the neck and shoulder areas. High-collar and V-neck styles call for long strands of pearls either in 24- to 32-inch matinee or opera lengths.

Affordable fashion options abound in today's weddings

With a record number of weddings forecast as we approach the year 2000, much attention is focused on the cost of "tying the knot." Research indicates that in many cases the bride and groom are footing the bill and they are savvy consumers when it comes to seeking value for their dollar.

Good news awaits the contemporary bride-to-be as she shops for the perfect gown. There is a multitude of styles available, even for those with a budget under \$1,000.

"Many brides are under the impression that the only affordable options are found at discount warehouses and sample sales," says Cindi Freeburn, director of design and advertising for Alfred Angelo, a world leader in the marketing of bridal apparel. "Nothing could be further from the truth. Bridal salons who work with manufacturers such as Alfred Angelo are poised to offer brides hundreds of styles ranging from \$250-\$800."

In addition, most of these shops special order the gown for the bride, so she is getting a brand new garment, ordered to meet her measurement specifications. When determining "value," a bride should be considering not only the cost of the gown, but

the need for service and alterations as well. Fashion is not taking a back seat to price, however. Freeburn indicates that Alfred Angelo alone has over 100 bridal designs from which to choose in the \$250-\$800 price range.

"Silhouettes range from simple, elegant and tailored to elaborate, embellished ball-gowns," she states. "While satin remains the most popular fabric, we have beautiful gowns in tulle, chiffon, crepe and even silk shantung within these price points." The diversity of the contemporary collections means that even on a budget, every bride can find a beautiful gown that compliments her figure.

Another important factor in the pursuit of the affordable gown, is availability in a wide range of sizes. According to Freeburn, Alfred Angelo has established a reputation for meeting the needs of the Plus Size bride. "We offer more than 24 styles in sizes 16W-28W at any given time."

Once again, the fashion options are many, ranging from slim silhouettes, to A-lines, to full-skirted traditional styles.

"The one common denominator is that a regular bra may be worn for the bride's comfort," comments Freeburn. "We work

with plus size women when developing our Women's Collection and they are very candid about what they think is flattering and comfortable."

Service is a key element when thoughts turn to outfitting the bridal party. Brides and their attendants should look for gowns from a manufacturer who offers a full range of sizes and colors and for a retailer who has expertise in measuring and alterations. The challenges of having a half-dozen women of various shapes and sizes look well in one particular style are numerous.

According to Freeburn, Alfred Angelo, one of only a handful of firms which market both bridal and bridesmaid gowns, offers all of their bridesmaid styles in both large sizes and in extra-length. This offer has established the company as a leader in the bridesmaid field. In addition, the extensive color palette enables a bride to "customize" her wedding party by selecting a style that is flattering to all, in the color scheme of her dreams.

All of this service need not be cost prohibitive, however. There are many beautiful options for bridesmaids in the \$150-\$200 range. At Alfred Angelo, bridesmaid prices

begin at \$125 and most are under \$200. For those seeking the "finishing" touch to the bare styles so prevalent among today's wedding fashions, many companies offer affordable coordinating gloves.

When asked for any words of wisdom for today's bride, Freeburn offered the following: "I suggest you begin by looking through bridal publications such as *Brides*, *Modern Bride* and *Bridal Guide*, or on the Internet via websites such as ours at www.alfredangelo.com, for styles that appeal to you. Most manufacturers recommend reputable local retailers via listings or web site referrals; that is where I would advise you find a store in which to begin your search. Be candid about your needs from the start; if you have a budget in mind share it with the consultant, and show her any photos you have identified. Be open to suggestions to try on a variety of silhouettes. Put yourself in the hands of a reputable bridal salon... in many ways that decision may be the wisest investment of all."

For more information, log onto: www.alfredangelo.com or contact Alfred Angelo Customer Service at: 5-01 Broken Sound Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33487

Courtesy of Article Resource Association:

New web site serves New Jersey brides, wedding professionals

The New Jersey Branch of the Association of Bridal Consultants (ABC) announces the launch of its official web site, located on the Internet at <http://www.njwedding.com/abc>. The web site was developed by member Erik Kent, publisher of *NJWedding.com* - *The Internet Wedding Directory of New Jersey*.

The ABC-NJ web site features information for brides-to-be, as

well as New Jersey wedding professionals. In the For Brides section, there is information about the history of the ABC, a list of frequently asked questions about hiring a bridal consultant, information about a shop at home service for brides called Mail Order Bride and a page where brides can enter their address and get help finding a bridal consultant in their area.

In For Wedding Professionals, potential and current members can view an events calendar of meetings and other functions for wedding professionals in New Jersey, learn more about the organization, contact the Association for a membership application and view helpful resources to help them promote and grow their wedding business. There is also an opportunity for

members to submit articles for the association newsletter, published quarterly, through an interactive form.

The Association of Bridal Consultants, founded in 1981, is the only organization dedicated exclusively to serving brides-to-be and wedding professionals worldwide. The Association now

has more than 2,100 members in 25 countries, with about 150 members serving the state of New Jersey. For more information about the Association of Bridal Consultants' New Jersey Branch, contact Toni DeLisi, state coordinator, at (201) 251-3767, or visit the web site at <http://www.njwedding.com/abc>.

The changing face of today's bridal registries

Once upon a time, it was mothers and brides selecting china patterns. Today, a more common sight is brides and grooms conferring on tool sets.

According to a *Bride's* magazine survey, 76 percent of brides are taking their fiancés to register, versus 46 percent in 1993. The male influenced registry now includes gas grills and weed whackers. And, unlikely bridal registries have sprung up for this market from Home Depot to Bed, Bath & Beyond.

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Accessories shopping list takes worry out of the 'Big Day'

With an engagement ring comes several months of planning and a lot of shopping. Most brides have long fantasized about shopping for major wedding items such as the dress and flowers. However, it's the little things that seem to fall through the cracks and even a calm, cool and collected bride can get frazzled when they remember the many wedding accessories needed to make the big day complete.

Margaret Powers, executive director of events and merchandising for Enesco, has put together a simple shopping list of wedding accessories to help relieve wedding stress.

FOR THE CHURCH

- **Unity Candle** — A unity candle and holder is optional depending upon the style and religious nature of the ceremony.

- **Today's Rice** — Bridal couples are being very creative when it comes to this showering tradition. Some ideas include birdseed, flower petals, bubbles and even butterflies.

- **Decorations** — Church decorations could include flowers, an aisle runner, candles or bows for the pews.

FOR THE BRIDAL PARTY

- **Gifts** — Everyone in the bridal party, ranging from the maid of honor to the ring bearer, should be acknowledged with a special gift.

- **Flower Basket** — Every flower girl needs a basket to hold her petals.

- **Ring Bearer Pillow** — A ring bearer's duties would not be complete without the pillow and, of course, the rings.

- **Itinerary** — Have a detailed itinerary made for the bridal party ensuring they will stay on schedule and are aware of the day's activities.

FOR THE GUESTS

- **Favors** — Whether it's candy or a small gift, every guest will love to bring home something.

- **Wedding Programs** — Beautiful wedding programs add to the special touch of a wedding and can be an informational piece as well as a keepsake.

FOR THE RECEPTION

- **Table Centerpieces** — Make the room look aglow with a large candle in a decorative holder as the centerpiece or add a fragrant scent with flowers in a beautiful vase.

- **Champagne Glasses** — To toast the beginning of a new life together, the bride and groom should have keepsake champagne glasses.

- **Guest Book and Pen** — A guest book will help record all that attend the wedding as well as make future "thank you" notes much easier.

- **Cake Cutter and Server** — Make cutting the cake a moment to last a lifetime by purchasing cake accessories.

- **Cake Topper** — If remembering the special day is important, purchase a cake topper that can later be displayed in the home.

- **One-Use Cameras** — Giving guests the power to capture every moment will ensure good wedding day candids.

- **Envelope Holder** — An envelope holder atop the gift table is a great way to collect wedding envelopes. Some suggestions include a birdcage, wishing well or bridal mailbox.

"Creating an elegant, memorable wedding is as easy as using the same theme or look on all of the wedding accessories," said Powers.

She also recommends selecting a flower, image or color combination and coordinating all wedding details around this look. For example, couples can purchase accessories from Enesco's Pretty as a Picture Promises of Love Collection and continue this theme throughout by printing the adorable image of the miniature bride and groom on wedding programs, napkins and table cards. Guests are guaranteed to love and always remember the look of the wedding.

For more information or to locate a Pretty as a Picture retailer, consumers can contact Enesco at 1/800-NEAR-YOU or visit Enesco's website at www.enesco.com.

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Gift ideas for the bridal party

With the cost of weddings rising every year, more couples are paying for some or all of their wedding expenses. However, when trying to budget, one cost that can't be overlooked is gifts for the wedding party: those people who diligently work to make the wedding day a perfect affair.

The tradition of buying gifts for wedding attendants dates back to ancient times when Egyptian noble women presented precious metals and gems to their ladies-in-waiting. Today, fine jewelry still is a popular gift.

Available in a range of prices and styles, it's easy to find gifts to fit both the budget and the personalities of the attendants. The Jewelry Information Center, a non-profit trade asso-

ciation in New York, suggests the following gift ideas for the wedding party.

- **The bride's attendants.** Sterling silver bangle or charm bracelets, colored gemstone drop earrings, or 14-karat gold hoop or "X" earrings make wonderful gifts.

Also, spaced cultured pearl necklaces on invisible microfilament called "Floaters" are perfect for a classic jewelry gift. The cultured pearl necklaces come in a variety of fashionable colors, like pink, peach, gray and plum, and cost as little as \$85 each.

- **Ushers.** Multifunction sport watches, sterling silver cuff links, money clips, elegant fountain or ball point pens, cigar accessories or lighters all are gifts any man would like to

own. They are available at prices starting at \$50.

- **The maid of honor and best man.** These special people usually receive a gift that is a little "extra" for all their hard work in helping to make the big day a success.

Consider classic cultured pearl stud earrings, a sterling silver and 14-karat gold bangle bracelet, or for a very special maid of honor, a diamond solitaire necklace.

The best man will enjoy a classic dress watch or 14-karat gold cuff link set.

"Fine jewelry is the perfect gift for the bride and groom to show their appreciation," said Lynn Ramsey, president of the Jewelry Information Center. "Unlike any other gift, its sentiment and quality will last for years to come."

Many fine jewelry designers and retailers have special bridal collections in their fine jewelry lines. Ask a local jeweler for gift suggestions.

Don't forget these key details when planning that special day

It only takes a few hours to get married, but couples often spend more than a year planning the big day. With so many details to remember and events to coordinate, there are bound to be some details that slip through the cracks.

Below are a few things to remember to help make your wedding run smoothly.

First, to fully enjoy your wedding day you need lots of help. With all the people to greet, dances to dance and pictures to smile for, when will you have time to eat or drink? It's a good idea to task people with keeping you going. Someone could be in charge of making sure you get a plate from the buffet - nothing can spoil a wedding day like an empty stomach. Someone else needs to be ready to fill your glass (and not just with champagne). With all the excitement you may find yourself dehydrated. A friend with a cup of water can save the day.

Second, with all of the checks to write for a wedding, don't forget the ones due on the big day. No couple wants to be writing a check in their wedding gown and tuxedo. Have any

checks written ahead of time and left with a trustworthy friend. This keeps the band from pestering you as you escape to the honeymoon suite.

Third, pack ahead of time and pack light. The purpose of a honeymoon is to relax. Pack a few days ahead and you'll have time to remember all the small details: your passports, plane tickets and that new lingerie you just got at your shower.

Fourth, your wedding photographs are treasures to last a lifetime, but be careful of the never-ending photo shoot. Beforehand, give your photographer a list of shots you want. Review it later to remove any shots you don't need. A few extra pictures can mean precious time away from friends and family at the reception.

Remembering the small details will help the wedding day run smoothly and will get you off on a great start. Of course, the greatest tip of all is to not worry about what goes wrong and focus on what goes right.

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Adventure, romance await millennium honeymooners

Worried that the Y2K bug will spoil your upcoming wedding plans? Instead of looking at the glass as half-empty, why not take advantage of the millennium's romantic potential and add some spice to your honeymoon.

If you've spent time perusing the nation's newspapers and magazines over the past several months, you've probably been overwhelmed with the amount of coverage the upcoming millennium has received. Whether a product is marketing itself as the 'Official' (fill in the blank) of the millennium, or doomsayers are predicting the end of the world,

the new millennium is enjoying more than its 15 minutes of fame. And one would expect that it's only going to intensify as the year 2000 approaches.

Savvy couples hoping to capitalize on this wave of excitement over the millennium have had Jan. 1, 2000 marked on their calendars for months-and even years.

As chance would have it, the final day of this century falls on a Friday. Meaning, of course, that in addition to a multitude of swinging parties around the globe that evening, the new millennium will fall on a Saturday

- an ideal wedding day. Can you imagine telling your grandchildren that you and your spouse were one of the very first couples of the new millennium?

The honeymoon could immediately follow the reception. But where would you go? Many millennium couples have booked Caribbean cruises. The Millennium Society is planning global parties in each of the world's 24 time zones. Their motto? "Do something great for civilization and have a ball doing it!"

John and Lara Olson of St. Paul, Minnesota are taking an

alternative route to their millennium honeymoon. Having been married since 1997, the Olson's are strongly considering a second honeymoon to celebrate the millennium. "We feel like we missed out the first time around," says John. "We've already had an enjoyable honeymoon, but I really feel that my wife and I could symbolically renew our vows while bringing in the new millennium."

The Olson's are not alone in their thinking. A large percentage of cruise ships, airlines and hotels are booked solid for the weeks surrounding January 1,

1999. So forget your worries about an impending apocalypse and consider adding something special to your honeymoon. After all, millenniums only come around once in a lifetime.

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Web site helps couples plan their wedding day

The Internet has made it easier and more convenient than ever before to plan a wedding in New Jersey, and brides and grooms have found the web site that really helps. The Internet Wedding Directory of New Jersey, a local New Jersey wedding "search engine," located at <http://www.njwedding.com>.

In addition to magazines and newspapers, couples have recently been turning to the Internet to find wedding planning information in New Jersey during their engagement, and we've made it as easy as possible to locate and then contact a potential wedding vendor," stated Beth Kent, co-publisher with his wife, Beth. "We want to help the engaged couple and the wedding vendor start a relationship through the Internet, and this search engine is designed to connect them," he added.

How does the New Jersey wedding search engine work? Visitors to the web site can choose the service they are interested in and then choose the area where they are looking for this service. After activating the search, a number of vendor listings are displayed. Visitors can choose the listing that best fits their needs and view information about the company, including a photo, a description, contact information and link to the company's web site. Visitors can also receive more information by filling out an online form, telling the company what they are specifically looking for. That information is then sent to the company immediately via e-mail.

The Internet Wedding Directory of New Jersey was founded by New Jersey couple Erik and Beth Kent on Feb. 14, 1997, as a response to a growing need for a web site that could consolidate New Jersey wedding services and help future brides and grooms find these services. The web site currently features more than 250 New Jersey wedding businesses that future brides and grooms can choose from, as well as links to helpful advice and wedding-related information.

The Kents have seen a tremendous increase of usage since the launch of the site, starting from 380 hits in the first month to more than

150,000 hits per month currently, and it continues to grow. They have also seen the direct impact it has on the wedding services that are featured, producing new inquiries every day.

Visit the Internet Wedding Directory of New Jersey directly at <http://www.njwedding.com> to use the search engine and start planning a New Jersey wedding. For more information, contact Erik and Beth Kent at (908) 647-WEBS (9327) or e-mail them at info@njwedding.com.

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- White Daisy: innocence
- Forget-Me-Not: true love
- Honeysuckle: affection
- Ivy: fidelity and friendship
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- White Lily: purity
- Lily of the Valley: return of happiness
- Nasturtium: patriotism
- Orange Blossom: bridal festivities
- Phlox: unanimity
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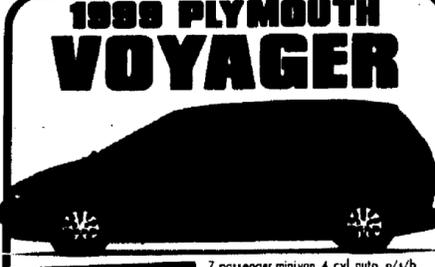
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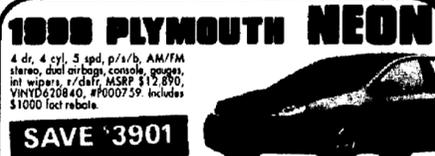
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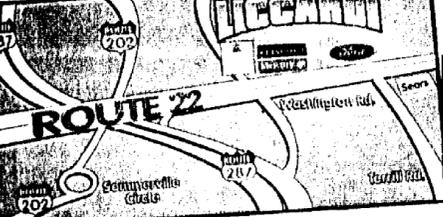
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Community Life

This week

SATURDAY SEPT. 18

GARAGE SALE — benefit for Fanwood Junior Woman's Club. 75 Paterson Road, Fanwood, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (Rain date Sept. 19.) Call (908) 490-0130.

WORLD WALK — for Breastfeeding, local edition of fundraising event for La Leche League. Mindowaskin Park, Westfield, 9:30 a.m. Participants/sponsors: Call (908) 889-0117.

CULINARY SEDUCTIONS — four-course cooking class for single adults. Classic Thyme Cooking School, 161 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Cost \$65. Visit www.thatskismet.com or call (908) 232-8827.

SUNDAY SEPT. 19

INTERFAITH SINGLES — discussion group for single adults 45-older. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m. Sept. 19, 26. Cost \$2. Call (908) 233-2278.

TUESDAY SEPT. 21

SUPPORT GROUP — for women who have had breast cancer. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Call (908) 354-7373.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 22

SINGLES NIGHT — for single adults 20-30. Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m. Cost \$10. Call (908) 889-8800.

THURSDAY SEPT. 23

JERSEY FRESH — farmers' market at railroad station, South Avenue, Westfield, 2-7 p.m. Thursday to Oct. 28. Call (908) 233-3021.

COMING UP

BARBERSHOP HARMONY — joint fundraising concert for Westfield Community Players and Cranford Dramatic Club. CDC Theater, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25. Cost \$12. Call (908) 232-1221 or (908) 276-7611, Ext. 1.

FANNY WOOD DAY — fourth annual street fair at Martine and South avenues, Fanwood, noon-5 p.m. Sept. 26 (rain date Oct. 3). Call (908) 889-9384.

FestiFALL — of Arts and Crafts, 10th annual event in downtown Westfield, noon-6 p.m. Sept. 26 (rain date Oct. 3). Call (908) 233-3021 or (908) 996-3036.

BOOK GROUP — first meeting of group organized by Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains,

9:15 a.m. Sept. 27. JCC members free; non-members \$2. Call (908) 889-8800, Ext. 205, or (908) 789-1419.

ATTIC TREASURES — antiques and collectibles, fundraiser for Westfield Adult School. Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 2. Visit www.westfieldnj.com/adultschool or call (908) 232-4050.

AWARENESS — first Union County breast cancer awareness program. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 1 p.m. Oct. 3. Call (908) 233-2700.

CASINO TRIP — sponsored by Scotch Plains Woman's Club to Showboat casino. Bus leaves Scotch Plains Public Library, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 8:30 a.m. Oct. 14. Cost \$23; receive \$18 in coin. Reservations: Call (908) 232-1226.

PERSPECTIVES — lecture by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.). Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Oct. 17. Adults \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; senior citizens and students \$6. Reservations: Call (908) 889-8800.

TASTE OF WESTFIELD — second annual event benefiting First Night Westfield. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost \$35 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call (908) 518-2983.

KIDS NIGHT OUT — for children 3-12, held in conjunction with "Taste of Westfield." Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 24. Cost \$20. Registration required; call (908) 233-2700.

PERSPECTIVES — lecture by Assemblyman Richard Bagger (R-22nd Dist.). Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Nov. 21. Adults \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door; senior citizens and students \$6. Reservations: Call (908) 889-8800.

WANTED

ANTIQUA AUTOS — for car show held in conjunction with Fanny Wood Day. North side parking lot of railroad station, North Avenue, Fanwood, noon-5 p.m. Sept. 26 (rain date Oct. 3). Call (908) 889-1709.

CRAFT VENDORS — for craft show in conjunction with Fanny Wood Day, Martine and South avenues, Fanwood, noon-5 p.m. Sept. 26 (rain date Oct. 3). Spaces \$65 before Sept. 1, \$75 after. Call (908) 322-6066.

VOLUNTEERS — Fire Department, Rescue Squad and other organizations for Volunteer Fair in conjunction with Fanny Wood Day, Martine and South avenues, Fanwood, noon-5 p.m. Sept. 26 (rain date Oct. 3). Call (908) 317-9724.

DEALERS — for fourth annual Antique and Collectible Doll, Toy and Train Show sponsored by Westfield Lions Club. Pantagis Renaissance, Route 22, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 20. Spaces \$30 first table, \$25 each additional. Reservations: Call (908) 232-8551 or fax (908) 654-3643.

Im-press-ive debut

Local publishing enterprise, author celebrate release of first original novel

By **TERRENCE DOPP**
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Book Press, the publishing enterprise of the Town Book Store, celebrated Saturday the release of its first original novel with a book-signing by New Jersey author Lawrence Cirelli.

Cirelli was on-hand to sign copies of his book, "Harvesting Ice," at the East Broad Street store Saturday.

"I was real pleased. This was my first (book-signing)," said Cirelli. "I thought it went great. There were more people there than I thought. They were there all day."

The book is the result of three years' work for Cirelli, who said the process of writing and publishing the book has been one of the best experiences of his life. "I think this is the one experience in my life that is 100 percent positive," he said. "There has been nothing negative. The fact that it's published is icing on the cake."

Cirelli said the Town Book Press was small enough to give him services that he would never have gotten at a larger publishing house. "One of the people in my publishing group had a book published," he said. "When I told her everything that Dean [Roth, who operates Town Book Press with his wife Grace] was doing, she said you would never get that anywhere else."

And while he did not shop his novel around as much as some first-time writers do, the author is sure he made the right choice with Town Book Press. "I didn't really send it out to too many people," he said. "Some writers spend years getting rejection letters. I figured I'd give it to 50 people, (and) if I got 50 rejections I'd forget about it."

But the writer "didn't get passed 10" before deciding Town Book Press was the right choice.

"Harvesting Ice" is the story of an upstate New York man in the 1920's and his various relationships. Ice harvesting, the practice

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Author

people once used to gather ice for refrigeration during the spring and summer months, is the central metaphor of the book.

"It's the idea that the easy thing to do is not penetrate that layer of ice that separates us from each other and the ones we love," said Cirelli. "Relationships stack on one another and it gets harder to harvest the ice."

"It's not really a love story," he added. "It's about what happens when you fall in love with someone you shouldn't fall in love with."

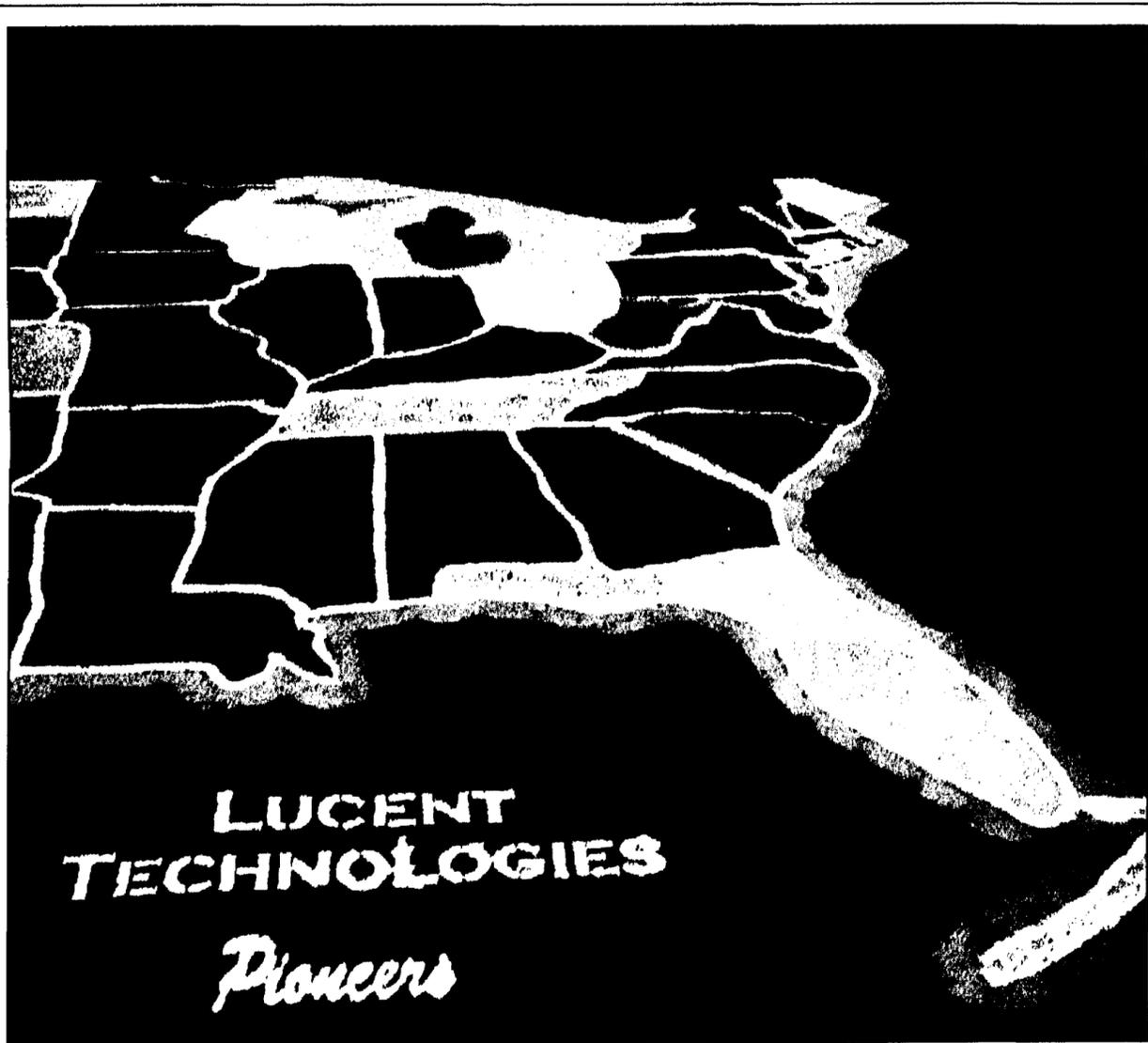
Although he said the book is not entirely a historical novel, Cirelli noted he did research it to maintain accuracy. He said he

realized how much this paid off in the editing process when his Roth had to correct a number of spellings that stopped being used during that time.

"For two and a half years, I read only books set in the 20's, trying to get the cadence and grammar," Cirelli said.

The author, a wallpaper contractor and father of three, finished the novel in November, after a nearly 20-year absence from writing.

"I wrote a short story that was published while I was in college," said the Seton Hall graduate. "I think I've always known I wanted to write. I have no explanation for the 20-year break."



Colorful country

Students returning to School One in Scotch Plains last week were greeted by a five-color map of the United States, the result of an effort by the School One Parent-Teacher Association and Lucent Technology Pioneers Chapter 132. Carol Rosner, a teacher at School One, said the map "will be very helpful to the fourth grade in conjunction with our study of the United States. This will be a wonderful learning tool." The map is located on the school's playground.

Important tips to help recognize the signs of a dead or dying tree

By **MARCIA ANDERSON**

This year's drought coupled with last year's storm and previous years' summer droughts have had a devastating effect on many of our shade and street trees and shrubs.

Just as humans can get sick when something has lowered their immune system, trees and shrubs are affected in a similar manner. The drought has weakened many species and made them more susceptible to disease and insects. When a tree is in poor health and dying, we call it "in decline." A dead, dying or diseased tree can be an extreme hazard no matter where it is located.

Some trees will never recuperate from the combined stresses placed on them, but will take months or even years to become fully dead. There comes a time when, no matter what you do, the tree will die. Being aware of tell-tale signs of insect damage, diseases and decline will save you

Guest commentary

the risk of having a hazard tree on your property. Catching signs early may prevent the loss of a valuable specimen.

Healthy trees are flexible and limber in storms. Sick trees are much more brittle — however, and limbs will snap and break with the wind instead of swaying with it. These limbs will snap as might the entire tree, causing property and personal injury and possibly a cut in service.

It is extremely important to observe tree and shrub plantings on a regular basis to notice any changes in plant vigor, insects or diseases. Plant distress symptoms can be caused by a number of factors, including drought, injury, rodent damage, lightning or wind damage. The most common distress symptoms and their

causes include:

- Sudden death of limbs or parts. This could be caused by disease, fertilizer overdose, drought, noxious gas, lightning, herbicide injury, salt or girdling of the plant.
- Gradual decline of a previously healthy plant or poor growth, yellowing and dropping of foliage.
- This could be due to lack of water, damage from construction equipment, fill, grade changes on or off site, air pollution, disease, drought, excess moisture, excess fertilizer, noxious gas, insect injury, change in pH or girdling of the plant.
- Snoot die-back. This results from insect injury, disease, lack of water, plant girdling, hail damage, poor light, poor nutrition, excess water or winter injury.
- Twigs or shoots with healthy leaves dropping to the ground. This is caused by insects, squirrels or other animals.

- Split bark. This is caused by lightning or winter injury.
- Pieces of bark falling off. These as well as holes are caused by insect damage.
- Pitch, a tar-like substance on the trunk or main branches. This is caused by insect injury or woodpeckers.
- Scorched or dry leaves. They may be from temperature extremes, drought, excess fertilizer, salt on the foliage, poor nutrition, spray or mechanical injury.
- Curled or distorted leaves. They are from insect injury, herbicide injury or disease.
- Wilted leaves. They can be caused by drought, disease, excess fertilizer, excess moisture or a gas leak.
- "Skeletonized" leaves, mines or tunnels between leaf structures. They are signs of insect damage as are chewed leaf margins.
- Rolled leaves. They are caused by insect injury, disease or

lack of potassium.

- Rust on leaves. This is caused by disease.
- Black spots on leaves or stems. These may be from insect injury or disease.
- Carpenter ants, borers and termites would love to make the next few years' dinner out of your favorite trees. Keeping trees healthy and properly pruned of any dead wood, rough stubs and bark injuries will help keep pests away.
- Insects will leave tell-tale sawdust called frass outside wherever they are dining. Look for an accumulation of this on the ground near the base of the tree. Also look for holes in the bark. These may be the exit holes for borers.
- Borers are almost impossible to get rid of and once you have them they will spread to any other tree, especially those that have been stressed. Sometimes the best way to eradicate these

pests is to remove the tree.

In addition, many species of trees, especially oaks, will put all their last energy into reproduction when they are stressed and just before they die. If your lawn is covered with an abnormally high number of acorns or other fruit, your tree may be telling you something.

Also, look carefully for cracks on the bottoms of limbs. This may mean that your tree has canker, like cancer for trees. Call an arborist with a Certified Tree Expert license and have the tree diagnosed. A Certified Tree Expert will tell you if the tree can be saved by removing any diseased limbs or if the tree is a possible hazard.

The writer (marciaa@nol.com) is a member of the Scotch Plains Environmental Commission and an adjunct professor of geology at Kean University.

Sister Christina Ann Mauri

SCOTCH PLAINS — Sister Christina Ann Mauri, 50, died Sept. 13 at Union Hospital.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., she lived in Elmwood Park and Hillside before moving to Roselle Park earlier this year.

She received a bachelor's degree in education from St. Joseph's University and a master's degree in religious education from Fordham University.

She had been pastoral associate of catechetics at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church for the past four years.

She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Peace in 1976 and professed her first vows in 1979 and her final vows in 1985. She previously was director of religious education at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in Elmwood Park, from 1989 to 1994.

She also was a teacher — at St. Teresa's School in North

Tarrytown, N.Y., from 1979 to 1982; at the Annunciation School in Philadelphia from 1982 to 1983; and at St. Anthony's School in Butler from 1983 to 1987.

In addition, she was a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists from 1971 to 1991 and a certified laboratory assistant at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Surviving are her sister Teresa McErlan, and brother Leonard.

A concelebrated funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1571 Martine Ave. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Yonkers, N.Y.

Arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Franciscan Sisters of Peace, 20 Ridge St., Haverstraw, NY 10927.

Elwood Joseph Schaffer

WESTFIELD — Elwood Joseph Schaffer, 86, died Sept. 6 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Bath, Pa., he had lived in Westfield since 1952. He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Lehigh University in 1934, a master's degree in chemical engineering from Lehigh University in 1936 and a law degree from the University of Baltimore.

He was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was the chief patent counsel for American Smelting & Refining Co. He was with American Smelting for 30 years and retired in 1976 from the com-

pany's New York City offices.

He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Lehigh University, the Old Guard of Westfield and Martin Wallberg Post 3, American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Martha Ankeney Schaffer; son John Paul of Camden, S.C.; daughter Martha Schaffer Holloman of Taipei, Taiwan; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Short Hills.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Overlook Foundation at Overlook Hospital.

Dolores MacClymont

WESTFIELD — Dolores T. Kreig MacClymont, 66, died Sept. 10 at her home.

She was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Westfield since 1959. She was a credit clerk at the Hillside plant of Bristol-Myers Co. (now Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.) from 1956-60.

She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Clark; the St. Agnes Chapter, National Council of Catholic Women, also

in Clark; and the Helping Hands and Hearts at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, William T.; daughter Mary O'Brien; sons David and Paul; sister Elaine Paul; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Helen's Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home.

Betty Lou Gordanier

SCOTCH PLAINS — Betty Lou Gordanier, 80, died Sept. 11 at her home in Warren.

A native of Kansas City, Mo., she lived in Roselle and Scotch Plains before moving to Warren in 1956.

She was a member of the Westfield Musical Club, the Order of the Eastern Star and the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Westfield.

Predeceased by her husband Winfred, she is survived by

daughter Sandra Smith of Warren; son Andrew A. of East Brunswick; and six grandchildren.

Friends may gather 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Higgins Home for Funerals, 752 Mountain Blvd., Watchung, where a memorial service will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Church of Christ, Scientist, 422 E. Broad St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

Mary Bellish Rentrop

Mary Bellish Rentrop, 84, died Sept. 12 at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La.

She was born in Tunica, La., and lived in Baton Rouge for most of her life.

She was a member of the University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

Predeceased by her husband, Roy R. Sr., daughter-in-law Adrienne A., three sisters and

two brothers, she is survived by her son, Roy R. Jr. of Westfield; sisters Annie Robert of Gonzales, La., Margaret Sears of New Orleans, La., and Edith Lorio of Rougon, La.; and granddaughter Alyson of Westfield.

Services were held Wednesday in Baton Rouge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University United Methodist Church.

Obituaries

Robert W. Scott; Esso, Exxon executive

WESTFIELD — Robert W. Scott, an executive with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and its successor, Exxon Corp., died Sept. 2 at the home of a daughter, Patricia Anne Ballentine of Cockeysville, Md.

Born in Akron, Ohio, he lived in State College, Pa., and Westfield before moving to Bridgewater in 1993.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron in 1936 and a master's degree and doctorate from Pennsylvania State University in 1938.

He joined the Esso Research and Engineering Co. in 1942 in its products research division in Florham Park. He transferred in 1956 to the Office of Science Liaison and remained on its staff until 1963, when he became manager of the Technical Information Division. He was a senior staff adviser to the petroleum staff in Florham Park in 1967-68.

In 1968, he was named environmental coordinator for conservation technology, a he would hold until his retirement from Exxon in

1979. He also served on the administrative committee of the Exxon Education Foundation.

He was a member of the Society for Automotive Engineers for 50 years and also of the New Jersey Professional Engineers Society.

For 10 years, he served on the board of the Westfield-Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was an elder, deacon and trustee of the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue.

Predeceased by his wife, Mary M., in 1988, he is survived by his son, Dr. Thomas W. of Davis, Calif.; daughters Patricia Anne and Roberta "Bobbie" Chambers of Winston-Salem, N.C.; brothers Frank of Michigan and Lewis of Akron; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday at the Second Presbyterian Church in Rahway. Arrangements were by the McCriskin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

George B. Myrtetus

SCOTCH PLAINS — George B. Myrtetus, 69, died Sept. 8 at his home.

Born in Collingswood, he lived in Scotch Plains since 1969. He also maintained a home in North Beach Haven.

He received a degree in architectural engineering from Villanova University in 1952.

He had been with Total Energy Leasing Corp. in Manhattan for 32 years, most recently as president.

He was a member of the Plainfield Country Club in Edison.

Predeceased by his first wife, Mary Boyle Myrtetus, he is survived by his second wife, Judith

Slevin Myrtetus; daughters Mary of Summit, Susan Lorentzen and Nancy Webb of Westfield, and Tracy of Scotch Plains; son Michael of Summit; stepdaughter Jennifer Castell of Brooklyn; stepson David Croke of Burlington, Vt.; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

Rhoda A. Rogers

WESTFIELD — Rhoda A. Rogers, 84, died Sept. 9 at the Aldercrest Health and Rehabilitation Center in Edmonds, Wash.

Born in Kenilworth, she lived in Westfield, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Colorado before moving in 1992 to Seattle, Wash.

She had been a cafeteria worker at Westfield High School many

years ago. Surviving are sons William Jr., Richard and John; brothers Gilbert Collins and Richard Collins; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Monday in the chapel at Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover.

Arrangements were by the Stephen J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service.

Rita Marie Scully

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rita Marie Scully died Sept. 12 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

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

She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

She is survived by her par-

ents, William Scully and Rita King Scully; sister Loretta Turnage; brother William F.; two nieces and three nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Welcome Wagon Club will have coffee for new members

WESTFIELD — The Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield will be hosting a new member coffee 8 p.m. Sept. 21 in the home of one of its members.

Women who are new to the area, newly married, just looking to make new friends or who just had a baby are welcome to attend.

This club is a non-profit organization which provides a variety of daytime and evening activities for women and their families from Westfield and the surrounding communities including Clark, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood, Cranford and Mountainside.

For more information about the club, please call Lori Riding at (908) 301-1494 or Susan Kowalenko at (908) 518-0510.

Golden Nuggets SENIORS

AARP Chapter 1437

Trips sponsored by the AARP chapter: Sept. 20-23 — Hunts Landing (Matamoras, Pa.) for the "Roaring 20's Festival" and Mid-Hudson Valley (Culinary Institute of America, FDR mansion, Vanderbilt mansion, Brotherhood Winery, Gillinder glass factory). Call (908) 232-7153.

Oct. 10-16 — Smoky Mountains (Tennessee). Includes Cherokee Village, Dollywood, Harrah's Cherokee Casino, tram ride and four theater shows. call (908) 889-6769.

Monthly chapter meetings will resume in September.

Old Guard of Westfield

Meetings of the Old Guard are 10 a.m. every Thursday at the Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield. Group activities include golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, women's events, shuffleboard and the Merryman chorus.

The Old Guard is open to retired men and counts an average of 80-100 at each meeting. For more information, call Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.

Golden Agers Club

The Golden Agers Club meets 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. Each meeting includes conversation, cards, bingo and projects for charitable institutions. Refreshments are served.

Once a month, food is collected and donated for those in need. Peanut butter and jelly is collected for donation to the Emmanuel cancer group in Scotch Plains. In addition, teddy bears have been dressed for children in hospitals.

Trips sponsored by the Golden Agers Club: Thursday, Sept. 23 — Black Whale cruise from Long Beach Island to Trump Castle casino. The bus will leave 8 a.m.

Oct. 11-15 — Nevele Grande resort in Ellenville, N.Y. Includes daily activities, nightly entertainment and three meals a day.

Nov. 18 — Christmas show at Evergreen Theatre in Mountain Lakes. The bus will leave 10:30 a.m.

All trips leave from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building and are open to the public. For more information, call Rose Frino at (908) 322-6330.

'Over 55' Travel Club

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

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 — Amish trip. Cost is \$145 per person, double occupancy.

Monday, Oct. 4 — Oktoberfest at Platzl Brau. Cost is \$55.

Oct. 10-14 — Yankee Doodle Lodge in Vermont. Cost is \$430 per person, double occupancy.

Oct. 25 — South Jersey Culinary Arts. Cost is \$42.

Oct. 31 — California coast and San Francisco (9 days).

Nov. 10 — Larison's Turkey Farm and village. Cost is \$638.

Nov. 17 and 30 — Radio City Christmas show and South Street Seaport. Cost is \$45.

Nov. 21 — Three Little Bakers. Cost is \$62.

Dec. 5 and 15 — New York City lights tour. Cost of \$25 includes coffee and dessert (children over 5 welcome).

Dec. 11-12 — Lancaster, Pa. Cost is \$155 per person, double occupancy.

April 20-May 1, 2000 — QE2 to Miami, Barbados, Dominica and St. Thomas. Space is limited.

All trips leave from the Boys and Girls Club in Union. Special trips and pickups can be arranged for groups and clubs. Payment in full is required for one-day trips. For more information or a brochure, call Richard Stone at (908) 964-7555 day or (908) 687-1559 night.

Scotch Plains Baptist Church presents movie on marriage

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Sept. 26, the Scotch Plains Baptist Church will host the new World Wide Picture motion picture, "A Vow To Cherish," at 6 p.m. with Emmy Award-winner Barbara Babcock and Tony Award winner Ken Howard.

A couples potluck will precede the movie at 5 p.m.

"A Vow To Cherish" is the deeply moving love story of a happily married couple that unexpectedly comes to a crossroads when a devastating illness strikes. The enormous challenge will either confirm their love or destroy their marriage. Careers and family are thrust into a relentless turmoil that can be overcome only by love in action. It is a compelling

story about family and faith that promotes character, kept promises and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"A Vow To Cherish" is part of the church's kickoff for their fall Growing Healthy Marriages - God's Way series. This is a monthly marriage builder event hosted by Pastor Gary Rothwell and his wife Carol, leaders of marriage enrichment events in Northern New Jersey.

The public is invited to both the potluck and the movie. Engaged couples and couples considering marriage are also welcome.

Scotch Plains Baptist Church is located at 333 Park Ave. For more information, call the church at (908) 322-5487.

Library program to promote self-esteem and individuality

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library Children's Department has begun KidstArt, a self-esteem and individuality program for children starting elementary school.

Vicki Anness, an art therapist with 19 years of experience leading groups for children, will instruct the group to encourage the development of a strong self-concept in young children through the use of selected children's literature and art projects.

The program will meet on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. or 1

p.m. from Sept. 30 through Nov. 18.

Registration for either the morning or afternoon session has begun at the Fanwood Memorial Library Children's Department. Space is limited to 10 children per session. Participants must be currently enrolled in kindergarten.

KidstArt is made possible in part by a 1999 HEART (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands) grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Author will speak to JCC book group

SCOTCH PLAINS — Donna Cantor will discuss her novel "Sunnyside" for the Book Group at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave.

The public is invited to the Book Group meeting 9:15 a.m. Sept. 27. "Sunnyside" tells of a

young woman from Queens trying to sort out important decisions about work, love and life.

Admission is free for JCC members and \$2 for non-members. Meetings are held once a month. For more information, call Randy at (908) 789-1419 or Susan at (908) 889-8800, Ext. 205.

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Movie poster exhibit opens new design center at Kean

Show examines posters as art, cultural reflections

UNION — "The Art of the Movie Poster", an exhibit of 100 original posters from the first century of American movies, will be on view throughout October at Kean University.

The show marks the opening of the University's new Design Center that has been created to educate the public about the role of design in society. The posters in this inaugural exhibit demonstrate the powerful impact of graphics on the attitudes and illusions people have about both Hollywood and about American culture.

For most of this century, even well into the age of television, posters were the primary means of selling movies. Posters were part of massive promotional campaigns created by the studios to draw crowds to the latest hot products from Tinseltown. Typical campaigns included a slew of posters in various sizes and designs, from small lobby cards to billboard-size graphics for the theater's exterior.

"The Art of the Movie Poster" exhibit includes 100 original posters of the dramatic 27-inch x 41-inch size known as one-sheets. They range from a melodramatic 1913 poster advertising the film, *The Storm*, to a rousing image for 1999's *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*, with every decade in between represented.

"They were created to sell the movies, but they really reflect our cultural fantasies," said

exhibit organizer and designer Alan Robbins, a professor of design at the University and the director of the new Design Center.

"These are fantasy images that project the way the image makers in Hollywood on Madison Avenue think we dream of: glamour, romance, courage, evil, fun and danger. Every desire known to use has been encapsulated somewhere in these posters. The exhibit offers all the common icons of our cultural opera...sultry goddesses and oily villains, beaming virgins and teasing bad girls, seductive scoundrels and adoring lovers." Some of the best posters, like a striking one for the 1924 film *Nurse From Brooklyn*, are more powerful works of art than the films they promoted. Some, like the classic image created for the 1939 film *Gone With The Wind*, seem to perfectly capture the mood of the movie.

Still others, like a poster for the re-release of the movie *Psycho*, have little connection to the movie itself. But whatever their connection to the movie they promoted, the posters have an impact all their own.

Martin Holloway, chairperson of the University's Department of Design, who helped plan the exhibit, believes the power of the graphics adds to the success of these posters. "The designers who worked on these posters were masters in the use of composition and color

"They were created to sell the movies, but they really reflect our cultural fantasies."

— Alan Robbins
Exhibit organizer/
designer



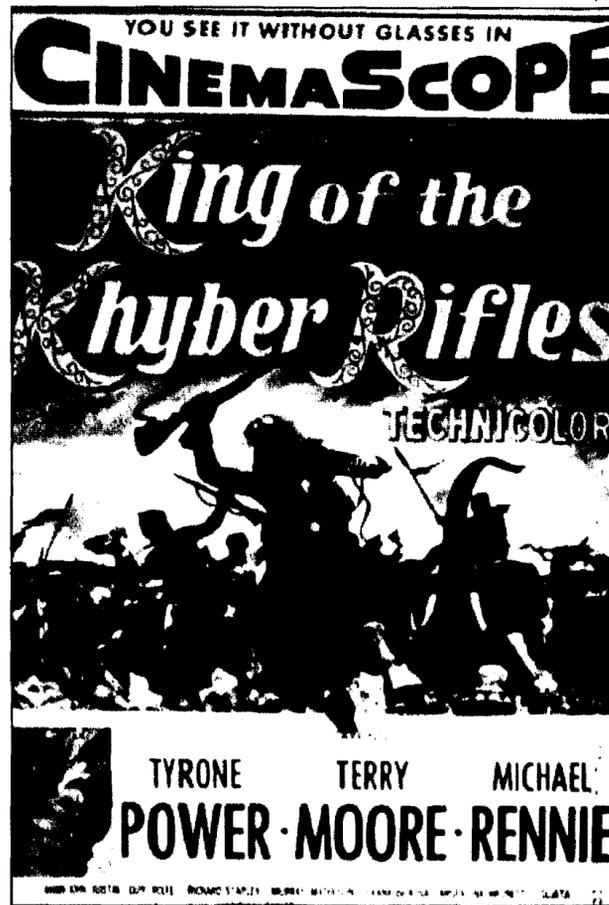
Movie posters such as these will be included in an exhibit, "The Art of the Movie Poster," to be featured next month at Kean University.

to manipulate the emotions of the viewer, even through the changing graphic styles of the decades," he said. "The type alone, most of it created through the mostly lost art of hand-lettering, is a study in graphic impact."

The exhibit displays for the first time a tiny part of the vast movie poster collection of Jay Lesiger, a New York hotelier, who

has amassed thousands of posters over the past 30 years.

"My father ran a movie theater in Brooklyn, so I grew up with these images," he said. "To me, they are a gateway to the fantasy land of Hollywood. Each one tells a story of stardom won and lost, of battling egos and love affairs, and, of course, the movies, both classics and flops." Text entries that accompany



Freeholders to present Jersey Jazz By the Lake

CRANFORD — Union County government will present a two-day jazz, food and kids festival titled Jersey Jazz By The Lake on Sept. 17 and 18 at Nomahegan Park, Springfield Avenue, Cranford. Admission and parking are free.

Continuous entertainment will be provided by premier jazz performers at the second annual Jersey Jazz By The Lake.

The festival runs on Sept. 17, 5-10 p.m., and on Sept. 18, noon-10 p.m. The Union County Board of Freeholders is bringing this festival to the residents of Union County.

"The Board is delighted to present an exciting two days of well-known jazz musicians for the enjoyment of the residents of Union County," said Nicholas P. Scutari, chairman of the Board of Freeholders. "The first Jersey Jazz was such a success last year, and we look forward to continuing a tradition of great music and great food, along with additional entertainment for our children."

Jersey Jazz By The Lake will feature a main stage offering continuous live jazz entertainment.

An additional feature at Jersey Jazz is the return of the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee taking place on Sept. 17, 5-8 p.m., and on Sept. 18 from noon to 8 p.m. A kids stage with national children's entertainers and acts, rides, arts and crafts, pony rides, hay rides and much more is available for family fun.

"The Union County Board of Freeholders hopes that residents of our county take advantage of this free concert," added Scutari. "The two-day festival is designed to bring entertainment to people of all ages, with a main stage of premier jazz entertainers and a fantasyland for kids with the creation of our Kids Kingdom."

Women in Jazz is the theme for Friday evening, with the Marian McPartland Trio headlining the show. Joining the line up on Friday will be Dominique Eade, Diane Moser's Composers Big Band, and Lenny Roberts and The Crossroads Trio.

Celebrating what would be Duke Ellington's 100th birthday, headlining on Saturday evening will be The Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Ellington. Joining the line up on Saturday, starting at noon, will be Blunt Force, Russell Gunn & Ethnomusicology, the Alan Pasqua Trio with John Patitucci and Peter Erskine, The Atomic Fireballs and the Ed Palermo Big Band.

"The Union County Board of Freeholders believes strongly in making this county a place where we want to work, live, and raise our children. As part of its responsibility to its residents, we are pleased to present events like Jersey Jazz By The Lake that promote the quality of life for all our residents," Scutari added.

Directions and further information can be obtained by calling (908) 436-2900.

The Union County Board of Freeholders is presenting Jersey Jazz By The Lake along with its sponsors Comcast, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Mack-Cali, Edwards and Kelcey, Union Center National Bank, Union Hospital, Continental Airlines and NJ Transit.

Two to study at Alphorn Academy in Switzerland

WESTFIELD — Ricola USA, Inc., the maker of the famous cough drops, is sponsoring Dr. Ted Schlosberg and Chris Velderman from the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield, at the Alphorn Academy of Switzerland in Montreux. Chris and Schlosberg will study with the world-famous French horn player, Alphornist and conductor Jozsef Molnar.

The Alphorn (also known as the Alpenhorn) is a wooden trumpet used in Switzerland. It is the national instrument of Switzerland, originally used by the herders of the Alps for calling cattle in from the mountains. It was also used for ceremonies and seasonal festivals and as a communicator for summoning people to church or to war. Although the Alphorn has been used in Switzerland since the 15th century, researchers have traced it back to the first century.

Only 12 Alphornists are selected from around the world to participate in the Alphorn Academy of Switzerland in Montreux, three of which are from the United States this year. Other students are from France, Switzerland, Israel, and Germany. Schlosberg and Velderman were chosen to participate in the advanced session, which includes study and performance for four and a half hours daily. The program runs from Sept. 10-18.

Ricola USA Inc. has been in partnership with Dr. Schlosberg since he wrote to them regarding his interest in the Alphorn. Since that time, he has developed a relationship with the company through Pam Hehl, coordinator of marketing. Schlosberg and Velderman have been performing at numerous arts and crafts festivals representing Ricola USA Inc. In addition, they have performed at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, made an international television appearance and performed at many International Days at local schools. Ricola USA Inc. donates cough drops at all Alphorn performances by Schlosberg and Velderman.

Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg is the founder and executive direc-

tor of the NJ Workshop for the Arts in Westfield. He teaches students as young as 3 and as old as 94. Schlosberg has been a teacher, arts administration, performer and conductor since 1960. He has directed Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Concert Band and has trained string quartets and chamber groups.

Dr. Schlosberg was introduced to the Alphorn three years ago at Lake Louise where he heard Neil Gaw, a retired French horn player from the Canadian Philharmonic play the instrument. At that time, he researched and purchased an Alphorn that was handmade in Switzerland. The instrument is in the key of F, which is the same as the French horn, and is 12 feet long with the Swiss flower, Edelweiss and the flag of Switzerland painted on it. Two years ago, Dr. Schlosberg purchased a second Alphorn, this time an American-made instrument made of PVC pipe wrapped with bamboo. He introduced it to New Jersey Workshop for the Arts student prodigy, Chris Velderman who has been playing and performing on the instrument ever since.

Chris Velderman is a seventh grade student at the Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. He is proficient on numerous instruments including the French horn, violin and trumpet and plays lead trumpet in the Music Studio, Jazz Band, French horn with the Greater Newark Youth Symphony, violin with the Music Studio Chamber Orchestra and trumpet with the Music Studio Wind Ensemble. Chris has also played echo Taps at Westfield's Memorial Day celebration for three years.

The concept of the Alphorn goes back 100,000 years to the Stone Age when people blew through hollow bones. Similar instruments were developed around the world including the Didgeridoo (Australia) and the Shofar, which was used for 2,000 years in the Jewish religion for High Holy Days.

The Alphorn ranges from seven to 12 feet long and is made from fir, lime and poplar trees that are found growing upward



Playing the Alphorn in front of the Academy of Music in Philadelphia in March is Christopher Velderman, left, student of Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, right. They were there at the request of Ricola, USA, who sponsored the opera *The Barber of Seville*.

on mountain sides. The wood is tightly bound with strips of birch bark making the tube airtight. The Alphorn has been used in numerous classical works including Rossini's opera *William Tell*, Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*, Daphne by Richard Strauss and *Alphorn and Strings* by Leopold Mozart.

Dr. Schlosberg developed the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) in 1972.

The mission of the non-profit

NJWA "is to enrich lives by providing opportunities to develop creative talents and encourage a greater understanding of the arts through both instruction and performance." Divisions include The Music Studio, Kids 'n' Arts, Tots 'n' Arts, Westfield Summer Workshop, Drawing Workshop, Westfield Fencing Club and the Westfield Art Gallery.

For more information about NJ Workshop for the Arts programs, call (908) 789-9696.

Fall programs for all ages at county planetarium

MOUNTAINSIDE The planetarium at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, has a new line-up for the fall. Two public planetarium shows are offered on Sundays at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Each program includes a look at the night sky. Planetarium shows are appropriate for ages 6 to adult. A variety of shows have been designed for younger children, aged 4 to 6, who are accompanied by an adult. Admission is a nominal fee and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Night Out With the Stars is a series of planetarium programs held once a month from September to December for families with children aged 6 and up. The first program, titled Harvest Moon, will be held Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The programs will start inside the planetarium and be followed by an evening viewing session under the stars to acquaint young and old with the night sky. Wear warm clothing and bring binoculars or a telescope if able, and a blanket or lawn chair. Pre-registration is required and the fee is \$4 per person.

Afterschool Skywatchers is a workshop series for children in first and second grade. The series will be presented on alternate Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. beginning Oct. 6. These classes are designed to give children an introduction to planetarium basics and astronomy. Pre-registration is required and there is an \$8 fee per child for each class.

For a complete fall brochure, which includes listings of all workshops for children and families, planetarium show descriptions and upcoming events, call or visit the Trailside Nature and Science Center, (908) 789-3670.

Visit county history in one weekend

Pick any or all of five separate historic theme expeditions as a way to enjoy the 22 house museums, sites and buildings in "Four Centuries in a Weekend: A Journey Through Union County's History."

Sightseers can select their favorite time period of the past and visit examples of it at their own pace. The free heritage festival takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

"There are five historic themes and they describe major changes that took place in what is now Union County from colonial times until the early 1920s," said Nicholas P. Scutari, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"Everyone can select a cluster of sites to visit or mix and match from all of them," he said.

Choices include the grand homes of the Early Aristocracy; the settings for the dangerous Revolutionary Frontline years; modest exam-

ples of Farm Life; the successful undertakings of Commerce and Industry; and the grandeur and comfort of Victorian Resorts and Suburbs.

Free booklets are available for this self-guided journey and contain descriptions of the sites as well as maps. For a copy, call (908) 558-2550 or write Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, N.J. 07202.

"The theme clusters tell four centuries of Union County history," said Mary P. Ruotolo, the freeholders' liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"Because buildings changed to meet new needs and styles, some sites appear in more than one cluster," she said.

Showcased will be the Littell-Lord Farmstead and the Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside Park, both in Berkeley Heights; the Dr. William Robinson Plantation, in Clark; the Crane-Phillips House, in Cranford; the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall, both in

Elizabeth; Evergreen Cemetery and the Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum, both in Hillside; the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House, in Mountainside; the Salt Box Museum, in New Providence; the Drake House Museum, in Plainfield; Merchants and Drivers Tavern, in Rahway; the Abraham Clark House, in Roselle; the Roselle Park Museum; the Osborn Cannonball House, in Scotch Plains; the Cannon Ball House, in Springfield; the Carter House, Reeves-Reed Arboretum and Twin Maples, all in Summit; the Caldwell Parsonage and Liberty Hall, both in Union; and the Miller-Cory House Museum, in Westfield.

"Four Centuries in a Weekend" is made possible by the Board of Chosen Freeholders with grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission, New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism and New Jersey Council on the Humanities. Additional funding is provided by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

Jerseyaires to perform in joint fundraising concert

For the second year, the Cranford Dramatic Club and Westfield Community Players will hold a joint fundraising concert.

This year's joint fundraiser is a special barbershop harmony concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Cranford Dramatic Club, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford.

The program will feature the smooth harmonies of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires, an all-male ensemble of 55 singers, and Escape, an all-female quartet.

Barbershop harmony is a style of a capella singing began almost 60 years ago when men would congregate in barbershops and harmonize with the melody being carried by the second tenor.

The concert will feature sentimental ballads, such as "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and

"If You Knew Susie"; songs from the Gay Nineties, the 1890s; Broadway show tunes; and patriotic favorites.

Tickets are \$12 with proceeds to benefit the Cranford Dramatic Club and Westfield Community Players.

Light refreshments will be served afterward. For reservations, call (908) 276-7611 or (908) 232-1221.

Jazz concert to feature 'Mostly Goodman'

WATCHUNG - "Mostly Goodman," an evening of small band swing music, is booked at the Watchung Arts Center for Oct. 1, starting at 8 p.m.

The Jazz Series concert will feature clarinetist Dan Levinson, pianist Mark Shane and drummer Kevin Dorn, all familiar with Benny Goodman's signature pieces, as well as tunes made possible by Artie Shaw and others. Tickets are \$12 and include light intermission refreshments.

The intimate space in Watchung's gallery fills quickly, so

reservations are advised to assure a seat will be waiting. Call (908) 753-0190, leaving a message on the tape outside of the 1 to 4 p.m. office hours. Tickets will be held at the door.

Levinson was asked to lead the band for the major Benny Goodman tribute in January, but illness required him to withdraw. He's back and in top form, so this concert should treat the audience to some of what they would have heard. Levinson, who plays a variety of reed instruments, considers himself a clarinetist first, and thus

is well prepared for the repertoire of the bands of Benny Goodman, Artie Shaw and other Swing Era greats. Levinson is well known on the jazz festival circuit, leading the Roof Garden Jazz Band, which captures the difficult ensemble style of the Original Dixieland Jazz Band.

Mark Shane was the pianist of choice for both the 50th and 60th anniversary concerts, marking the date of Benny Goodman's historic Carnegie Hall appearance. Two different leaders felt he was best to reprise the Teddy Wilson and Jess Stacy parts. Shane is often "first call" when assembling all-star groups, and has appeared at Watchung many times during a decade of jazz there.

Kevin Dorn is most often heard as a restrained drummer for groups exploring the early jazz styles, but he has excellent swing credentials as well. Gene Krupa of the Goodman Band was the quintessential driving Big Band drummer, so filling his shoes is no small matter.

The Watchung Arts Center overlooks the Watchung Circle. Parking is available on site or at nearby municipal lots.

Academy to host art auction

WATCHUNG Mount Saint Mary Academy Alumnae will sponsor an art auction on Sept. 18 to benefit the Alumnae Scholarship Fund. The auction will be held in Mercy Hall, Route 22 at Terrill Road in Watchung. The preview will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the auction will begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Credit cards will be accepted and donations are tax-deductible.

The auction will be conducted by Marlin Art, Inc. of Deer Park, N.Y. It will feature oils, watercolors, graphics, sketches and sculptures. There will be collectibles, originals, investment pieces, and a broad variety of artists represented including Dali, Delacroix, Boulangier, Degas, Tarkey, Neiman, Monet and more. The auction will be run by a professional auctioneer.

For more information call (908) 757-0108, ext. 4507.

Players receive \$1,000 grant from Exxon

The Westfield Community Players have received a \$1,000 grant from the Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund to purchase additional stage lights and equipment.

Exxon Corp. established the fund to encourage and support employees and retirees who voluntarily help nonprofit organizations where these people live or work.

The grant was obtained through the efforts of Vincent Parlapiano, director of production for the Westfield Community Players and an Exxon retiree.

"WCP is very pleased to receive the grant and we are grateful for the efforts of Vince in writing and submitting the grant application to Exxon," said Don Mokrauer, president of the Westfield Community Players.

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Hugo Bastidas's paintings capture the imagination

RAHWAY — The gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway begins its second season with an exhibit of oil paintings by artist Hugo Bastidas, titled "Capturing The Imagination."

The opening reception with the artist will be held Sept. 26, 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 1-4 p.m.; Thursdays 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. or by appointment. The gallery is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information call (732) 381-7511.

Bastidas, a professor of art at Jersey City State University, received his BFA from the Mason Gross School of Art at Rutgers University where his work is also being exhibited in September. He is considered one of their most prestigious graduates. In 1990, Bastidas received a coveted Fulbright Scholarship which took him to Ecuador, the land of his birth, for a year of study and work on his art. The trip was to have a serious and distinct influence on his painting, familiarizing him with the art native to Ecuador and illuminating for him many of the absurdities and ironies of life.

In 1987, Bastidas received his MFA from Hunter College in New York. Since then he has been widely exhibited in both New Jersey and New York in solo and group shows. Besides his Fulbright Scholarship grant, he has been the recipient of numerous awards and other grants. In 1994 he began to exhibit with the Nohra Haime Gallery at 41 E. 57th St. in NYC. His work is in many private collections.

Bastidas's paintings are rendered in various black pigments to which he adds sepia, reds, and blues to appropriately warm or cool the tone, and a wide range of pearly grays. They look, at first glance, like black and white photographs: complex, strongly contrasted and very detailed. They are often based on ironies or visual puns commenting on art, society and current ideas.

The title of his exhibit, Capturing The Imagination, is taken from one of the paintings in the show. It is an image of a young boy with bow and arrow taking aim at a wonderfully rendered mermaid swimming by in the ocean below. This work embodies the spirit of the exhibition: works of a fertile imagination made real with wit, humor, subtlety and a virtuoso technique. This painting along is worth a trip to the gallery.

The exhibit is sponsored by Ogden Martin Systems of Union and is made possible in part by Richard Brown Baker. All paintings courtesy of Nohra Haime Gallery. The exhibit runs through Oct. 22.

Show to spotlight paintings by students

WATCHUNG — Devereux Deerhaven: The Children's Collection, an exhibition of paintings by students at the Devereux Deerhaven residential treatment center in Chester, will be presented from Oct. 5-31 at the Watchung Arts Center on the Watchung Circle, 18 Stirling Road.

Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. A gala opening reception will be held on Oct. 10, 1-4 p.m., at the Watchung Arts Center.

Students between the ages of 9 and 20 in the Devereux Deerhaven art program painted upwards of 90 acrylics on canvas, all framed, that will be showcased

in the Watchung Arts Center exhibit. The paintings, which measure 15-by-30 inches, 18-by-24 inches and 24-by-30 inches, include landscapes, still lifes, and portraits. The artistic styles range from representational to surrealistic, with some folk art influences.

Devereux Deerhaven, located on a 33-acre former country estate in Chester, gives a second chance to troubled girls and young women, aged 5 to 21, most of whom have experienced trauma, abuse, neglect or abandonment in their short lives. The only residential treatment program in the state exclusively for girls, Devereux Deerhaven provides

support and guidance to help these girls and young women develop coping skills and personal strength in an atmosphere that nurtures growth and stability. Besides the art program, Devereux Deerhaven offers music and interpretive dance therapy; academics in an approved private school; pre-vocational training in horticulture/landscaping, child care, maintenance, food service and office skills; and organized team sports.

The non-profit Watchung Art Center is located in a structure built in 1898, as the original schoolhouse for the village of Watchung. Renovations in the

1930s added more room. Today the lower floor houses a small gallery and a studio for the many art classes and children's art exhibits staged at the Watchung Arts Center. The upper floor includes a performance space for jazz, folk, classical, vocal and contemporary music concerts. Theatrical productions are sometimes produced in this space as well. Both professional and emerging artists perform and exhibit their work at the Watchung Arts Center.

Admission to Devereux Deerhaven: The Children's Collection is by donation. For further information about Devereux Deerhaven, call (908) 870-4500.

Getty program accepting applications for fellowships

Museum curators may now apply for new Curatorial Research Fellowships offered by the Getty Grant Program. Designed to support professional scholarly development, these fellowships offer curators time off to pursue short-term research or study projects. This year's application deadline is Nov. 1.

The Curatorial Research Fellowships provide stipends of \$3,500 per month and up to \$3,000 for travel and research materials. Although fellows are welcome to use the Getty

Research Library if their projects bring them to Los Angeles, the fellowships are nonresidential. Scholars are offered the flexibility to pursue research wherever necessary to complete their projects. Applicants may apply for a research period of one to three months to take place between June 1, 2000 and Sept. 1, 2001.

To be eligible to apply for a Curatorial Research Fellowship, curators must be employed full-time at museums with art collections and have three years professional experi-

ence. The fellowships are open to curators internationally.

How to Apply

Additional information about the Curatorial Research Fellowships is available online at www.getty.edu/grant/research2000 or by contacting the Getty by e-mail at researchgrants@getty.edu. Written requests about the fellowships should be directed to: The Getty Grant Program, 1200 Getty Center Dr., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90049-1685, USA.

Other Getty Research Grants

In addition to the new Curatorial Research Fellowships, the Getty also offers a number of other research grants for scholars at the senior, midcareer, post-doctoral, and predoctoral levels. These include both residential grants (requiring residency at the Getty Center) and nonresidential grants (research may be conducted where necessary to complete the projects). Additional information is available online at www.getty.edu/grant/research2000.

Union County's senior citizen artists are recognized

Union County Freeholders Linda Stender and Mary Ruotolo congratulated the winners of the Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and presented each a resolution during a recent meeting of the Board.

"The County Freeholders join in praising all the artists who participated in the contest and exhibit.

We are always pleasantly surprised by the diversity of artwork and the talent displayed here by the senior citizens in Union County," said Freeholder Stender.

The Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibit has been organized by the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Division on Aging for more

than 15 years. The art work is by professional and non-professional artists who are senior citizens from all over the county.

"This is a good example of recreational opportunities available to senior citizens in Union County," said Freeholder Ruotolo, adding she was happy to see so many senior citizens participating in the

contest and in attendance during the meeting. "It is so important to have a vehicle not only to create and express yourself but also to be able to share your talents with others. There is much talent in Union County, as seen here," she added.

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Banderas film leads latest films in focus

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NEW RELEASES

"THE THIRTEENTH WARRIOR" - It must have been a little tough on Antonio Banderas - not exactly a Pee-wee Herman among stars - to be the least macho of the manly warriors in "The Thirteenth Warrior." He shapes up, of course, despite being an Arab among Norsemen, and having the least amount of hair.

Ibn (Banderas) is sent from Baghdad in heroic times, a sort of ambassador without portfolio. He wanders through Slavic lands and becomes the 13th warrior, joining the dozen hairy fellas as they return home to save their terrified families.

Director John McTiernan's film, from Michael Crichton's "Eaters of the Dead" (they produced it together, with McTiernan really showing versatility after "The Thomas Crown Affair"), is silly, scary, bashingly violent. And often quite entertaining, not for the "Emma" crowd.

A storm of mud, mist, blood, stakes, swords and (probably) body odor, the film gets into some visceral gut displays. But it's a throwback - a gift mainly to boys aged 9 to 14.

In the battle scenes, McTiernan fervently measures his "art" against the great ones, notably Kurosawa's "Seven Samurai." Of course, he fails - greatness is never an option here - but he works up a rich broth of brutality, as the warriors bond and some die, all heroically.

A Touchstone Pictures release. Director: John McTiernan. Writers: William Wisher, Warren Lewis. Cinematographer: Peter Menzies Jr. Composer: Jerry Goldsmith. Cast: Antonio Banderas, Dennis Storhoi, Omar Sharif, Vladimir Kulich. Running time: 1 hour, 43 minutes. Elliott R. 2 1/2 stars.

"DOG OF FLANDERS" - A Dog of Flanders, like "The Iron Giant" this summer and "Madeleine" before, could signal the return of something welcome and overdue: films for kids that are grounded in story, not in merchandising.

Heroic duties are split between Nello, the orphaned boy who finds the mistreated dog and becomes his pal, and the kid's artistic hero, no less than the majestic painter of blood-rich flesh and fleshy fabrics, Peter Paul Rubens.

Eager to become a painter, which was the dream of his late mother, Nello is befriended by an artist of some stature, acted with earnest humanism by Jon Voight. But first there are snowstorms and poverty and a nasty peddler to endure.

This fine movie manages to combine art, pathos, dog love, boy/girl puppy love, grandfatherly advice, a little religion and urgent but modest violence. The firm result is good entertainment.

A Warner Bros. release. Director: Kevin Brodie. Writers: Kevin Brodie, Robert Singer. Cinematographer: Walther van den Ende. Composer: Richard Friedman. Cast: Jon Voight, Jesse James, Jeremy James, Kissner, Jack Warden, Cheryl Ladd, Bruce McGill, Farren Monet. Running time: 1 hour, 33 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG. 3 stars.

"IN TOO DEEP" - Rookie cop Jeffrey Cole (Omar Epps) begs to be sent undercover. He wants to bust up the drug ring masterminded by a smart, slick thug named Dwayne Gittens, a.k.a. "God" (LL Cool J). Cole's clenched supervisor, Preston (Stanley Tucci), tries to keep a tight rein on Cole, but it doesn't take long before Cole is ... "MARKED FOR DEATH." Or rather, this one is "Hard to Kill." No, wait - "Above the Law." Or is it "Fatal Instinct"? "Split Second"? Actually, it's "In Too Deep," but no matter: The titles of these thrillers are more or less interchangeable, as, for the most part, are the movies themselves.

All films considered. "In Too Deep" sports relatively little violence, but what there is director Michael Rymer badly mis-times. The grand finale, especially, disappoints: That's it? But the film never falls into any kind of rhythm, broken up as it is by Cole's overly long pastoral retreat when he's (temporarily) yanked from the case to fall in love with a Perfect Woman (Nia Long). Of course, we're just marking time before Cole talks his way back. And before long, there's ... "NO WAY OUT." Or is it "Over the Top"? Or "Forced Vengeance"? Or ...

A Dimension Films release. Director: Michael Rymer. Writers: Michael Henry Brown, Paul Aaron. Cinematographer: Ellery Ryan. Composer: Christopher Young. Cast: Omar Epps, LL Cool J, Stanley Tucci, Pam Grier, Nia Long, Hill Harper. Running Time: 1 hour, 35 minutes. (Salm) Rated R. 2 stars.

RECENT RELEASES
"THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT" - Supposedly a "found" documentary using discovered footage, this enterprising little horror movie follows the 1994 trek of three young filmmakers into deep woods in Maryland. Their goal is to document the local story of the Blair witch, responsible for murders or haun-

ings or, at least, myths. As teaser intro to the woodland scenes, they interview locals who mention "an old hermit" who was a serial killer, a "crazy woman" and the 19th century tale of "the Coffin Rock massacre." The tiny plot meanders forlornly, resorting to spook touches that were old before the brothers Grimm were born. When the finale involves an old haunted house, it is the climax of a dullard's checklist. Darn, did I simply miss the black cat? Cast: Heather Donahue, Michael Williams, Joshua Leonard. Running time: 1 hour and 27 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 1 1/2 stars.

"BOWFINGER" - Steve Martin stars as Bobby Bowfinger. He works out of his stucco dump of a home ("Bowfinger International Productions"), and his new dream in a long line of losers is called "Chubby Rain." It seems to be a sci-fi crime thriller, and its unknowing focus is a very big action star. Kit Ramsey (Eddie Murphy), a macho fireball full of racial paranoia. Murphy is sharp as the fraudulently macho star, hurling insults like bombs, and is often funny again as Ramsey's look-alike. Jiff, a grinning dweeb whom Bowfinger presses into service as a stand-in. Jiff has a big scene on a freeway, running through dementedly heedless traffic, and preens his dweebness when "acting" with Heather Graham's Daisy, a bimbo from Ohio. Basically, Martin has welded pieces of "Ed Wood" to his "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." It does, however, set up a good lampoon of Taiwanese martial arts films. Nobody ever said Steve Martin isn't good at skits and sketches. Cast: Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy, Heather Graham.

Christine Baranski, Terence Stamp, Adam Alexi-Malle, Robert Downey Jr. Running time: 1 hour, 37 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 1/2 stars.

"BROKEDOWN PALACE" - Darlene (Kate Beckinsale) and Alice (Claire Danes) have been Ohio chums since childhood. Now, after telling their parents that they're topping high school graduation with a trip to Hawaii, they fly to Bangkok, Thailand. The girls fall under the charm spell of a blithe hustler (Daniel Lapaine), who uses them as expendable decoys for his drug smuggling operation. Tossed into a prison after a mild rough-up in jail, the adorables fall into the funk of suddenly chalky lighting and a sepia color scheme. Hardly anyone can aid the fair maidens, sucked into a legal nightmare. The bribes and attempted escape are like fumbled moves by someone who never got a rule book. The movie is rather inconsequential. Cast: Claire Danes, Kate Beckinsale, Bill Pullman, Lou Diamond Phillips, Jacqueline Kim. Running time: 1 hour, 47 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

"DETROIT ROCK CITY" - "Detroit Rock City" is centered around four Kiss-obsessed high school guys in a Cleveland band (MyStery) who spend their evenings in a basement performing covers of the face-painted icons' songs. Their every thought and conversation revolves around the upcoming concert in Detroit. But when a religion-crazed mother gets a hold of the tickets, the boys see their dreams go up in flames and are left to fend for themselves. This, of course, leads to some childish, unbelievable ways of getting

into the concert. Anyone who walks into the theater in search of deep meaning and life-changing events will be severely disappointed. It's important to understand that from the first sophomore joke (Dani's mom gets a real surprise when she puts on what she thinks is her favorite Carpenters record on the stereo) this is an old-fashioned rock comedy. Once that realization is made, "Detroit Rock City" gets, as they say, groovy. Cast: Edward Furlong, Giuseppe Andrews, James DeBello, Sam Huntington, Natasha Lyonne, Lin Shaye. Running time: 1 hour, 34 minutes. (Garin) Rated R. 2 stars.

"DICK" is funnier than Oliver Stone's "Nixon." After all, this is an intentional comedy. Kirsten Dunst is smartly fluffly as Betsy, the yummiest airhead in "Dick." And so is Michelle Williams as her best gal pal, Arlene, living in the Watergate complex in 1972. It is they, on a late-night goof, who affix the tape on the door which leads a flatulent security guard to call the cops, thus opening the first squirm of Dick Nixon's Live Bait Worm Farm. As usual in these spoofs, Nixon is not merely a klutz. He's Lord Destructo. No sooner has he met the awed girls than he loudly whines to H.R. "Bob" Haldeman (Dave Foley). "All I asked for is a simple bugging." Dan Hedaya's Nixon is a shrinking shadow, almost sympathetic when he isn't roaring expletives. About himself, he is clueless. Cast: Kirsten Dunst, Michelle Williams, Dan Hedaya, Jim Brewer, Saul Rubinek, Teri Garr, Dave Foley. Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

"EYES WIDE SHUT" - Tom Cruise is Bill, a successful New York doctor jarred from complacency

when his wife Alice (Nicole Kidman) gets stoned on weed after a sexually teasing party. Tauntingly, she tells Bill of her fantasy attraction to a naval officer she saw once, briefly. Bill is tormented by fantasies of Alice making love to the officer. While Alice stays at home and sulks, Bill sets off on a night of misadventure - including a sexless encounter with a prostitute, a meeting with a creep who is glibly selling his young daughter, and the entirely gratuitous baiting of Bill by gay-hating teens. Bill's trauma tour climaxes with a visit to a distant manor house, where Bill watches a secretive, ritualized orgy. "Eyes Wide Shut" is like a crossword puzzle designed by a voyeuristic cumuch. Cast: Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Sydney Pollack, Marie Richardson, Fay Masterson, Alar Cumming, Leelee Sobieski, Rade Sherbedgia. Running time: 2 hours, 35 minutes. (Elliott) Rated R. 2 stars.

"THE HAUNTING" - Hill House is vast, and so Gothic that you expect to find Mary Shelley dancing with Edgar Allan Poe while an entire, Wagnerian opera company works its way down the grand staircase. Victorian, robber-baron stone on the outside, it's a splurge of dizzy styles inside, including hidden rooms and trick rooms, plus beds, statues and paintings that come alive morbidly. Invited to this theme park of luxurious peril is the naive little group of patsies recruited for a study in insomnia, actually an experiment in fear. "The Haunting" is not for kids. On a conceptual level it is, of course, rather childish, but then so is almost every horror movie. Let's call it adolescent with a vividly adult load of design.

Enjoying it, you can feel a little foolish, but not a fool. Cast: Liam Neeson, Catherine Zeta-

Jones, Lili Taylor, Bruce Dern, Owen Wilson, Virginia Madsen, Marian Seldes. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

"INSPECTOR GADGET" - Almost entirely devoid of story, wit, style and character development, the thing is just a platform for effects - gadgets, to be cute about it. The movie is very cute about it, in a way that may entertain kids without challenging them on any level. Eternally boyish Matthew Broderick stars as security guard John Brown. Chipper as a puppy in clover, he gets smashed up in one of his attempts at bravery, then rebuilt as an androidal Swiss Army knife called Inspector Gadget. Brown has a teen-perk niece (Michelle Trachtenberg), a darling "scientist" as his girl-pal (Joely Fisher), and a big villain to fight. The mad genius and Brown rush through the barely contrived plot, flashing gizmos and violence at each other. Cast: Matthew Broderick, Rupert Everett, Joely Fisher, Michelle Trachtenberg, Dabney Coleman, Rene Auberjonois, Cheri Oteri. Running time: 1 hour, 15 minutes. (Elliott) Rated PG. 1 1/2 stars.

RATINGS 4 STARS - Excellent.
3 STARS - Worthy.
2 STARS - Mixed.
1 STAR - Poor.
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Sports

Westfield, Scotch Plains ready to kick off seasons

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The start of the 1999 high school football season will finally be upon us tomorrow afternoon when Westfield squares off against Marist High School, and Scotch Plains-Fanwood does battle with Hudson Catholic.

Westfield is coming off of one of their most successful seasons in years after reaching the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 final before falling to Morristown, and

finishing the season 9-3. Coming off a season like that you would think the team would be ready to take the next step and capture the championship that narrowly eluded them. But this year's team will go to battle without any of last year's starters, after graduating 22 seniors.

"Every position is new. We have a lot of work to do," said Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "We have a lot of good people, we just have to find the right spot for them."

High School Football



Westfield will try to fit the pieces of the puzzle together against an unfamiliar opponent. The Blue Devils have never faced Marist before, but Tranchina did get a chance to scout one of their scrimmages.

"They have got some very skilled athletes," said Tranchina. "They try to spread you out and do a lot of different things."

Tranchina said the keys for the Blue Devils will be to win the kicking game, which he saw as a weakness for Marist, play solid sound defense and control the ball and the clock. He will look to mix up their offensive attack with running, passing, and option plays out of multiple formations.

Tranchina says that his biggest concern is avoiding the mental mistakes that are common with inexperienced teams and giving up easy touchdowns. He is looking to avoid the breakdowns on defense which hurt the Blue Devils in last weekend's scrimmage against Hillside.

"We need to avoid drastic mistakes," he said. "We want to make them earn everything they get."

Senior captains Chris Giacone, Joe Saunders and Patrick Tuohy will be the key players for the Blue Devils. Giacone will call the signals as quarterback, Tuohy will play on both sides of the ball at fullback and outside linebacker in the Blue Devils 4-4 defense. Saunders will do battle in the trenches as a guard and defensive end.

Tranchina is looking towards the play of both the offensive and defensive lines as vital for success. He said that one of the strengths of this young team is their size up front, as well as their depth.

Scotch Plains will also rely on their line play heading into their battle with Hudson Catholic. Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli feels he has good size and experience up front on both the offensive and defensive lines and will look to open up some large running holes for senior running back Nathan



LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS
Francisco Veszquez barrels through the line for Westfield. The Blue Devils will look to control the ball against Marist tomorrow.

Jones.

The running of Jones will be vital to the Scotch Plains offense. Ciccotelli will try to balance out the offense with both run and pass, but says you can expect Jones to carry the majority of work load. When asked if Scotch Plains opponents will see a heavy dose of the star running back, Ciccotelli responded by saying he would be "a fool" not to run him as much as possible.

"Nathan's a good player," said Ciccotelli. "On both sides of the ball he has done a great job for us."

Jones rushed for over 1300 yards last year and will be a workhorse for the Raiders offensively again, and play in the defensive backfield.

Senior captain Ron Jenerette

will anchor the defensive and offensive lines, and senior captain Dave Herrmann will look to be a force at linebacker.

The Raiders will have a young quarterback in sophomore Brian Schiller calling the signals behind center.

Ciccotelli said he has been impressed with how Schiller is coming along so far, although he does show some signs of inexperience. "He's doing well," said Ciccotelli. "He's making some sophomore mistakes, but overall we are pleased with his progression."

Scotch Plains will be looking to avenge last year's opening day 28-14 loss to Hudson Catholic, but don't expect the same Hudson Catholic team. The Hawks have a new head coach and coaching staff and Ciccotelli isn't counting

on last year's game tapes to provide a scouting report.

He did see them play in their opener last weekend and expects to see a lot of running from their two talented running backs. Scotch Plains will counter with their traditional multiple eight-man front formations.

"Our whole premise on defense has always been to stop the run first," Ciccotelli said.

Scotch Plains' focus will be to cut down on the mental mistakes, and try to play consistent football. Ciccotelli said that his coaching staff has been stressing cutting down on penalties and understanding assignments better for the past two weeks.

"If you're blocking the wrong guy, or you're covering the wrong man on defense, it doesn't matter what your technique is," he said.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Scotch Plains-Fanwood linebacker Dave Herrmann will spearhead the defense for the Raiders when they battle Hudson Catholic tomorrow at 1:30.

Lowyns catches glimpse of dreams

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Most soccer players grow up with dreams of playing professionally in Europe, but few actually see them come to fruition. But for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School junior Brad Lowyns, dreams do come true.

Lowyns was able to catch a small glimpse of his dream when he spent three weeks this summer working out and training with one of the world's premier soccer clubs, Manchester United.

Lowyns traveled to England for a tournament with his club team, the Chatham Cobras, where he was approached by both Manchester United and Everton of the English Premier League.

He chose to try out for Manchester United, partially because they were located closer to where he was playing, and partially because of their long standing tradition as one of the best soccer teams in the world. After a successful audition, he stayed in England while the rest



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Scotch Plains-Fanwood goalie Brad Lowyns got to spend three weeks this summer training with Manchester United of the English Premier League.

of the Cobras returned to the states.

Lowyns was able to train with Manchester United's Under-17, Under-19, reserves, and first team units. He worked out with professional goalie trainer Tony Colton, and was

exposed to first class soccer in England's Premier League. Unfortunately for Lowyns, he broke his wrist in his final week of training and will not be able to put his new skills to use for at least six weeks of the season this fall.

"The training is incredible," he said. "It is a whole other level than here. It's taken a lot more seriously."

Lowyns practiced two times a day for three weeks and was treated to housing, food, and some rigorous training. He practiced in the morning and after a break for lunch, hit the weight room.

"I improved a lot from the different coaching and playing at such a high level" said Lowyns. "I picked up a lot in terms of conditioning. It was unlucky I broke my wrist. I was hoping to come back over here and start to use what I've learned."

Lowyns said the biggest difference between soccer in England and soccer in the United States was the level of competitiveness and seriousness in practice.

"In the scrimmages nobody wants to lose, everybody always wants to win" he said. "Everybody believes that if you do it right the first time, you won't have to do it again."

Lowyns said one of the things he enjoyed most about his experience was the way in which every player was treated the same.

"There was nothing to dislike," he said. "Everybody gets treated equally, and everybody plays to their highest level. It's the best players from around the world and everyone gets treated the same."

For the time being, Lowyns is only concerned with getting his wrist healed and being able to play again.

According to him, Manchester United is waiting until his wrists heal before they proceed any further.

"They just want me to let them know when it's healed up," he said. "If nothing happens, hopefully I can get in touch with Everton. I'm hoping something else will come out of it, if not it was still a great experience."

SP-F junior faced with difficult decision

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

After spending three weeks this summer working out with one of the world's most storied soccer franchises, Scotch Plains-Fanwood junior Brad Lowyns is faced with a difficult decision.

Manchester United, and many of the European club teams, provide schooling as part of their developmental program. Players are provided the opportunity to complete their education as well as train in an equivalent to baseball's minor league system. This presents the opportunity for Lowyns

to move to England and complete his schooling while continuing to play and work out with Manchester United.

Lowyns has said that he plans to finish high school in Scotch Plains, but did not rule out the possibility of returning to England for his senior year, or for college, and playing with the team.

"I am definitely looking to finish high school and college," he said. However, he did add that there are several American universities where he could study while playing soccer with the club.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Boys Soccer Head Coach

Tom Breznitsky compared Lowyns' experience to being drafted out of high school by the New York Yankees.

"That opportunity is something every kid dreams of," said Breznitsky. "The experience is priceless."

Breznitsky said he has advised Lowyns to finish high school in Scotch Plains and then consider his options.

"My advice already to him was to try to finish his high school education," said Breznitsky. "Not because I am concerned about having him on our team, but I think it's the one thing he should try to get."

Breznitsky also added that this is the chance of a lifetime for any young soccer player. He feels that it is an opportunity that does not come along too often, and Lowyns should at least consider forgoing college for the chance to play professional soccer in England.

For the meantime, Lowyns will continue to rehab his wrist, and wait for the opportunity to join his Scotch Plains teammates in their quest for a third consecutive state title. Once his wrist is healed and he is ready to play, he said he will contact Manchester United and start figuring out his future from there.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS
Westfield Boys Soccer Head Coach George Kapner will try to turn around the fortunes of his team this weekend at the Kearny Soccer Festival.

Westfield trying to fit pieces together

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

After taking last year off, Westfield High School Boys Soccer Coach George Kapner is still struggling to get a feel for this year's team.

The Blue Devils had dropped its first two games heading into Wednesday's battle with state power and arch-rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood, and had yet to score a goal.

Westfield dropped their first

game last week to Piscataway, 2-0, and fell again in its home opener against St. Peter's by the same score. Kapner said that his worst start as head coach was a 1-2 record when he coached the Westfield girls in 1986. That team went on to the state finals.

"I'm not getting a feel for this team," said Kapner. "The process right now is to find the right mix of kids."

Kapner views the make up of this year's team as a double

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Union Catholic volleyball looking to repeat success

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

The Union Catholic volleyball team will look to repeat as Union County Tournament champions with a crop of new talent, and young faces.

With only one returning starter, Head Coach Nancy Saggio will start only one senior, one junior, three sophomores, and one freshman. The starting unit has a lot of volleyball experience, but have limited playing time together.

According to Saggio, the players worked hard in the off-season, playing for club teams, and going to summer camps, and have improved a great deal since last year.

Saggio will turn to junior Deena Zack to provide most of the

offense as an outside hitter, and will look to sophomore middle blocker Jackie Monroy to control play at the net.

"Jackie is really dominant at the net," said Saggio. "She has improved ten fold from freshman year."

In past years Union Catholic, who takes on Scotch Plains-Fanwood today, has always been one of the top teams, and county powers Westfield and Cranford have already identified them as the team to beat this year. Saggio feels despite their youth, her team will once again be a force in the county.

"My girls have almost been working non-stop since last season ended," said Saggio. "They don't have varsity experience, but they have plenty of volleyball experi-

ence."

Union Catholic started their season off on the right foot, defeating Mother Seton 15-4, 15-12 on Tuesday and squared off against Cranford on Wednesday. Although they beat Mother Seton fairly easily, Zack said that the team was a little nervous and didn't play as well as it could have. She expected they would be ready to go against Cranford on Wednesday, and Scotch Plains today.

"We were a little nervous and we were trying to get settled and get used to a new season and a new varsity," said Zack. "There's a whole new varsity but were working on chemistry more. There are a lot of good players and a lot of people who have improved."

Zack said that the team all played together on the South Maples Club Team, but were split up into different age groups. She did say that while they may not have developed a lot of chemistry on the court during the club season, the did bond off the court when they traveled to Penn State University for a tournament.

"It wasn't just about playing together on the court," said Zack. "It was about living together in the dorms, and shopping together. Everybody really bonded."

Both Zack and Saggio hope that the chemistry the team has off the court will transfer into wins on the court and a repeat of their Union County Tournament Championship and a birth in the state finals. They reached the quarterfinal round of the state tournament last year, but couldn't advance any further after their star player, Lisa Dulansky, tore her anterior cruciate ligament.



The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Tennis Team captured a lot of gold at the Youth Tennis League Tournament in Plainfield. Pictured (l-r) John Corbin (under 18 champion), Adam Corbin (under 14 champion), Mike Hughes (under 14 3rd place) and J.T. Wilkinson (Under 16 2nd place).

Corbin brothers lead SP-F Youth Tennis team in finals

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Tennis Team was one of five teams that competed in the Youth Tennis League Tournament in Plainfield on August 24th and 25th. The tournament marked the end of their season which began in the end of June.

The team had great success, almost sweeping the competition, taking first place in three of the four divisions, second place in three divisions, and third place in two divisions.

John Corbin edged out team-

mate J.T. Wilkinson in the 18 & under final, 7-6, 6-4. The Corbin family continued its success when younger brother Adam took the crown in the 14 & under division, with teammate Mike Hughes finishing third.

Mike Maumwoll finished second in the 12 & under division, ahead of teammate Billy Albizati who finished third.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood teammates slugged it out again in the 10 & under division when Allie Hambleton beat Allie Zazzali.

Thanks to the generosity of

the Head Coach Rita Bokert and her family, the achievements of past outstanding members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Tennis Team have been commemorated on a plaque, engraved with the names of thirteen former outstanding players. Bokert hoped that future champions will also be added to this plaque. The team has been playing summer tennis tournaments since 1982. The public is invited to view the plaque which will be placed in the trophy case located in the Municipal Building's lobby.

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Westfield

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edged sword. Unlike past Westfield teams, this years group of players are involved in many other activities, and he does not have the large core of full-time soccer players that he has had in the past.

"Its good news and bad news. Very few of my athletes are year-round soccer players," said Kapner. "They are involved in a number of things, which is good for them. It's what academia is all about, and what we are trying to do here, which is create well rounded individuals."

"In the past we have had a core of year round soccer players," continued Kapner. "Teams like Scotch Plains has a number of year round players and it puts us at a disadvantage."

Kapner entered the preseason trying to figure out how his players will fit together best, and he says he is still perplexed on how to fit the pieces together. He says his year off to attend to personal matters did not effect the team because his assistants, Dave Shapiro and Marc Best have been with him a while and ran the same system.

"Being blatantly honest, so far there has been no progression," said Kapner. "Like any human being, when they get under pressure they revert back to their old habits."

Kapner said that the ball control style that he looks to play is very demanding on the focus of his players, and when pressured they tend to revert back to the styles of their club teams or other sports they may play.

"We haven't seen the steps in the direction we want them to go in," said Kapner.

The bright spot that Kapner has seen in his team so far has been the play of his defense. Kapner said that of the four goals scored against Westfield so far this year, none have been the fault of the back line of Rich Rowe, Conner Mulvey, Mike Todd or Mike Orlando.

"The problem has been in the midfield, controlling the ball," said Kapner. "The strikers aren't finishing either. No goals doesn't mean no opportunities."

"I feel good about the base defense," continued Kapner. "We are looking for some control in the midfield and somebody who will actually finish."

Despite the growing pains for this team, Kapner is not ready to push the panic button. While he is unsure of a time table when this team will begin to gel and perform at the level that Westfield teams traditionally do, he says he has no plans to panic.

"If you panic you lose," said Kapner. "Its about teaching the kids to be adults and deal with adversity."

Westfield will try to right the ship this weekend against two out of state opponents in the Kearny Festival.

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2-A Marsh St. from Jess & Kelly R. Cary to Carlos Manrique et. al. for \$155,500.

9 Mohawk Drive from Paul & Deborah M. Barnick to Luis & Isabel Losada for \$197,000.

210 Orange Ave. from Ellenor Madden to David Zoltak & Karen Crowe for \$140,000.

25 Park Terrace from Stephen & Lori Zambito to John M. & Laura R. White for \$107,000.

22 Ramapo Road from David & Cathy Seidenstein to Joseph Cammarota for \$188,000.

37 Richmond Ave. from John T. Laverty Jr. & Cheryl Laverty to David & Rita Bacas for \$240,000.

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634 Summit Ave. from Frank & Margaret Marranca to Justin R. & Pierro N. Marranca for \$175,000.

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634 Lenox Ave. from Donald T. & Genoveva G. Smith to Scot & Barbara McElheny for \$620,000.

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421 Tuttle Parkway from R. Brian & Theresa A. Compton to Mark & Hilary Hoffman for \$490,000.

Burns achieves Gold Level in NJAR Million Dollar Club

WESTFIELD — Coldwell Banker's Karleen Burns, a top sales associate with the firm's Westfield office, has reached the prestigious Gold Level of achievement with the 1998 NJAR Million Dollar Club. Burns sold more than \$10 million in real estate this past year to receive the association's highest honor, complementing the level of success she has maintained throughout her career.

Since joining Coldwell Banker 10 years ago, Burns has demonstrated an exceptional skill in real estate sales with a concentration in the luxury homes market. A Westfield resident, Burns has been a source of knowledge, support and comfort for clients planning to move into or out of the Union County area.

"Karleen has always exhibited the qualities of a winner. She thrives in this business because of her tremendous energy and her commitment to customer satisfaction," noted Marilyn Kelly, manager of the Westfield office. "One does not achieve Gold Level Million Dollar Club status without hard work and the ability to deliver superior service."

Burns' latest achievement is one among many which she has earned over the years. A consistent member of the Million Dollar Club she has reached NJAR Distinguished Sales Club status as a result of consecutive years of membership.

Burns has also been named to Coldwell Banker's International President's Elite, an accomplishment that signifies an extraordinary level of sales success. Fewer



KARLEEN BURNS

than two percent of the company's sales force throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico are able to merit this distinction.

Karleen Burns is a member of the award-winning sales team of Coldwell Banker's Westfield office, ranked number one among

all Coldwell Banker sales offices throughout the nation and has held the number one position for the past 14 years in the metropolitan area. Burns may be reached by calling (908) 233-5555. The office is located at 209 Central Ave.

Burgdorff ERA Westfield first in company for sales dollar volume

WESTFIELD — The Westfield office of Burgdorff ERA has been named the number one office out of 29 offices company-wide for sales and listings sold, and dollar volume sales, year-to-date. Jean T. Massard, vice president and

manager, believes that their high volume of success is due to the excellent training and pro-active approach each individual sales associates, and the office as a whole, takes in the marketing of real estate.

Through the extensive training Burgdorff ERA sales associates receive, they are highly qualified to offer the Signature Service their customers have come to know and expect.

"Signature Service is the total assistance provided to clients in every aspect of the home buying and selling process," said Massard. "They're the services we are able to offer through our experience with local service providers and our auxiliary services we have access to through our affiliation with the Cendant Corporation."

"We are very consumer oriented. We, in effect, become a team with the home seller. We are able to obtain the highest and best terms that the market place has to offer, in the shortest amount of time. Basically we offer our buyers and sellers an environment where they are able to take care of all their real estate needs in one convenient location."

The Burgdorff Westfield office is the area leader for having the fastest turn-around time in Westfield from start date of listing to contract of sale.

"We also offer our buyers and sellers the opportunity to have home warranties, giving them additional piece of mind in their real estate transactions," added Massard.

"We are highly trained and offer the finely-tuned real estate services that keep us on the cutting edge of the real estate industry. Along with being able to offer our buyers a pre-approved mortgage loan through our affiliation with Cendant Mortgage, Burgdorff ERA has been named as a Platinum Broker with Cendant Mobility."

Cendant Mobility is the nations largest relocation network handling 52 percent of all corporate relocation in the United States. Additionally, Burgdorff ERA has a strong international affiliation through the ERA network with strong business relationships in Europe and Asia.

Another factor that Massard explained sets the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office apart from other real estate offices in the area, is its pro-active marketing proposal. It differs from that of the usual competitive market analysis used by other real estate companies, and contributes significantly to the overall success of the company, and to the Westfield office position of number one within the company.

"We truly work as a team, supporting each other and each other's clients," concluded Massard.

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Shop for your community - not just for your home

Whether you're a first-time homebuyer, looking to move up or just trying to get an idea of the market for a future investment, chances are that some of the homes you consider will be part of a homeowner or condominium association. In fact, nearly 42 million people live in homes that comprise more than 200,000 such community associations in the United States.

For most people, purchasing a home is the single largest investment made during their lifetime. As more people choose to invest in homes in community associations, smart shoppers are asking more questions about the quality and value the association provides to the community. One important way to measure that quality is by the association manager's professional credentials.

A community association manager is responsible for managing the day-to-day business of the association and must possess a wide range of knowledge, ranging from finance and personnel management to property and facility

maintenance. The association manager's duties include:

- * Preserving and enhancing the association assets.
 - * Providing administrative, operational and managerial services to association boards and residents.
 - * Developing association budgets and financial reports.
 - * Directing the enforcement of community association covenants and restrictions.
 - * Assisting board members in the selection of contractors and insurance providers.
 - * Resolving conflicts between homeowners and boards of directors.
 - * Promoting a sense of community within the association.
 - * Overseeing and authorizing payment for services.
 - * And directing association personnel.
- To assure homebuyers and homeowners that their community association manager has the fundamental knowledge required to fulfill these duties, the Certified Manager of Community

Association (CMCA) credential was developed.

The only national certification program of its type, the CMCA certification program offers residents, homeowners and community association management companies a way to ensure a manager has the knowledge required. The CMCA examination tests managers on the issues they face daily, including governance and legal matters; budgets, reserves, investments and assessments; financial controls; risk management and insurance; property maintenance, contracting; meetings management, and human resource management.

In 1995, the National Board of Certification for Community Association Managers (NBC-CAM) was created to develop and administer the CMCA national certification program. To learn more about the importance of CMCA certification for homebuyers and homeowners, visit www.nbcam.org on the Internet, or call (703) 836-6902.

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Home buyers and sellers find low radon is an asset

Are you buying your next home or selling your current home?

The decision to do a radon test is just as important as setting the selling price or deciding whether to get a home inspection, according to Phil Jalbert with the U.S. EPA's Real Estate Team.

Most Americans acknowledge having heard about radon, Jalbert said.

However, many people don't know that radon is a naturally occurring, odorless and colorless radioactive gas that comes from the decay of uranium, which is found in soil and water.

Two scientific reports in 1998 confirmed that radon related lung cancer remains a serious public health problem.

According to report author Dr. John Doull of the National Research Council, "Radon in [drinking] water does increase people's overall exposure ... but radon in indoor air is the biggest public health threat." Most of the risk is due to the transfer of the

water borne radon into the indoor air and exposure through inhalation.

In addition, the National Academy of Sciences estimated 12 percent of lung cancer deaths are caused by radon each year. The Academy said that radon continues as the second leading cause of lung cancer death after smoking, and that very small exposures can result in lung cancer.

EPA recommends that people fix their homes when radon levels reach 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L) or more — a level 10 times higher than the average outdoor level, or .4 pCi/L. It typically costs between \$500 and \$1,800 to fix the average home, with levels reduced to 2 pCi/L or less.

Everything you need to know about radon can be found in EPA's Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon. You can also call

your local health department for help. If you need a radon test kit, call 1-800-SOS-RADON, or check the phone book for local radon service providers.

Got a question about how to fix the radon in your home? Take a look at EPA's Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction, and call the Consumer Research Council's radon fix-it hotline at 1-800-644-6999.

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On-line home equity loan takes 15 minutes

A new on-line service allows homeowners to apply for a home equity loan or line of credit in less than 15 minutes from the comfort of their homes, according to AAA.

"Homeowners also can obtain a loan check without ever leaving home," said Pam Fischer, assistant vice president of financial services for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club. "When a loan is approved, the necessary documents and check can be sent to the applicant's home."

To apply for a loan from any PC with Internet access, simply log on to www.aaaajac.com and click on the financial banner at the top of the home page.

This will take you to the financial services area where the application, which uses 128-bit encryption the highest form of security, can be found. The application also has a link to a variety of financial calculators to assist users in making decisions.

"Applicants need the estimated value of their home and, if applicable, the estimated balance of their mortgage," said Fischer. A AAA membership number is also required.

Once the application is complete, click on "submit" and within 15 seconds a message will appear on the screen saying the application has been received. Conditional approval may be given at that time or later in the day - generally within three hours.

Final approval takes five-10 days while the house offered as collateral is evaluated. Loan documents and a check can be sent to either a member's home or select AAA offices.

Home equity loans and lines of credit can be used for virtually anything including home improvements, automobiles, tuition and debt consolidation. Interest from these loans may also be tax deductible.

This on-line home equity loan application was developed with the same technology used for AAA Financial Service's on-line auto loan application.

Both are accessible through the Web site, and auto loans may receive approval in as little as 15 seconds. PNC Bank, in Pittsburgh, developed both applications.

AAA Financial Services, through PNC Bank, NA and its affiliate, offers a full array of financial services — auto loans and leases, mortgages, home equity loans and lines of credit, certificates of deposit, money market deposit accounts, and student, vacation and personal loans — to its members.

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Mangels brings 'King of Mozzarella' to Union

UNION — Jim Brunette, president of Mangels & Co., Realtors, Commercial/Industrial Division, has announced the recent sale and successful consummation of GEMS Realty's agreement to buy the former Ardell Blade site at 555 Lehigh Ave. in Union.

Lioni Latticini, The King of Mozzarella, currently located in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Roselle, plans to expand his mozzarella cheese manufacturing operation at the 35,000-square-foot building previously occupied by Ardell Blade.

The property, formerly owned

by Walnut Realty of West Orange, includes 3.5 acres of land and two buildings, the one which will be occupied by Lioni Latticini and another 40,000-square-foot building.

Ardell Blade occupied the site for approximately 40 years, until 1997.

GEMS Realty plans extensive multi-million dollar renovations at the site to convert the building

to a state-of-the-art facility, bringing 40 to 50 new jobs to the area.

Lioni Latticini products are found in many major supermarkets and specialty stores throughout the nation.

Mangels and Company's Commercial/Industrial Division, with offices in Cranford and Union, has more than tripled its sales and leasing volume in the last year.



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I30 from Infiniti: more of everything

By Mark Maynard
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If you liked the first Infiniti I30, you are going to love the 2000 model, says Tom Orbe, vice president and general manager at Infiniti.

He has to say that because he has hopes of helping this luxury division of Nissan North America grow as never before.

This is Infiniti's 10th anniversary in the United States and 1998 was its best year for sales and profits, and 1999 is up 20 percent over 1998 (year-to-date), Orbe says.

The division sold 64,649 cars and trucks in '98, and Orbe predicts sales will go up 5,000 a year, breaking 100,000 in just five years.

Infiniti sells the compact G20 sedan, midsize I30 sedan, full-size Q45 sedan and QX4 sport-utility. The reintroduction of the G20 helped spike '98 sales, but the QX4 has done extremely well, too, Orbe says, despite competition from the Mercedes-Benz M-Class and Lexus RX 300.

A redesigned QX4 with front and rear face-lift, new 3.5-liter V-6 (replacing a 3.3-liter V-6) and some interior adjustments will debut in March. The flagship Q45 will be redesigned for 2001 and will be refocused to its previous roots of performance, handling and aggressive styling, Orbe says.

A fifth product is coming in two years, Orbe says, maybe a coupe or

a car-based sports-utility vehicle.

Infiniti is a little short on models for current I30 owners to move up to, so it is a good thing that the 2000 model is notably different.

It goes on sale in September with a base price of \$29,990 including the \$525 destination charge. The uplevel I30t (for Touring) starts at \$32,065.

The near-luxury I30 is in the most difficult of car segments to price, says marketing director Steve Kite. "This customer wants all the features of a flagship sedan at a non-flagship price," he says.

The redesigned model is a natural transition from the old car, but with more of everything, Kite says. It was designed at the Nissan Technical Center in Japan. "A lot of effort went into the interior for elegant refinement," he said.

Besides new exterior styling and a boost in horsepower, the front-drive sedan is 4.1 inches longer and rides on a 2-inch-longer wheelbase, which allowed more head room and back-seat leg room.

The idea in upgrading the I30 was to build it into a downsized Q45. The I30 surpasses the flagship in trunk, head and leg room, is only about a quarter inch tighter in front and rear shoulder room and has a smoother coefficient of drag at 0.31 vs 0.32.

The I30 shares a platform and driveline with the Nissan Maxima, but the only common part between the two interiors is

the glove-box door.

Standard equipment includes leather-trimmed seats, automatic climate control, height-adjustable center armrest, seven-speaker Bose AM-FM-CD-cassette stereo, one-touch up/down front windows and a power-operated sunshade on the Touring model.

Centered up high in the instrument panel is the analog Infiniti clock.

As with most entry-level luxury cars, the I30 has a so-called personal security system, The Infiniti Communicator. It uses a cell phone and Global Positioning System that is linked to a 24-hour Infiniti Response Center for roadside assistance or general travel information services.

Other services include remote door unlocking, vehicle security system notification and stolen vehicle recovery assistance. In the case of air bag deployment, the Infiniti Response Center is notified.

Kite, the marketing director, says the I30 is consistent with Infiniti's casual luxury philosophy. "It is spirited but comfortable to calm you down after a hard day," he says.

With the higher level of interior amenities and a competitive price, Infiniti expects the I30 to be a high-volume sales vehicle.

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At Flemington Car & Truck Country, The kids play safely while you shop or wait for service

FLEMINGTON - Sometimes it can be difficult to get errands and other chores done with young children in tow. At the Flemington Car & Truck Country family of dealerships, children will be treated to a playroom full of exciting activities while mom and dad shop for vehicles or wait for service.

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Joel Siegel said the playroom is a great idea. On a recent visit, Siegel and his wife were car shopping with a little one in tow. "We can only do our car shopping on Saturdays and the show rooms are always quite busy. It can be difficult running around after the children when you are trying to get information about cars," Siegel said.

Finding the playroom at Ditschman/Flemington Ford was

just the answer. "It was easy to keep Victoria busy in the playroom while my wife spoke with the salesman. This is a fabulous idea," he added.

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Two Flemington Infiniti sales associates make list of top volume leaders in the U.S.

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Cadieu made the list in both June and July. "This is a high achievement across the country and at Flemington Infiniti. It's especially exciting to make the list two

months in a row," he said. Brandt, who was named to the list in July, said he gets a lot of gratification from working with repeat customers. "I think it says a lot about me as a salesman when customers come back to buy other vehicles from me," Brandt said.

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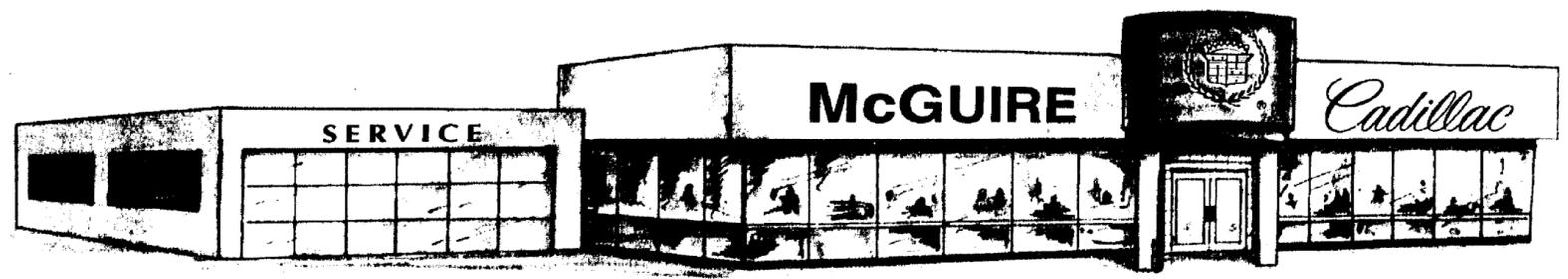
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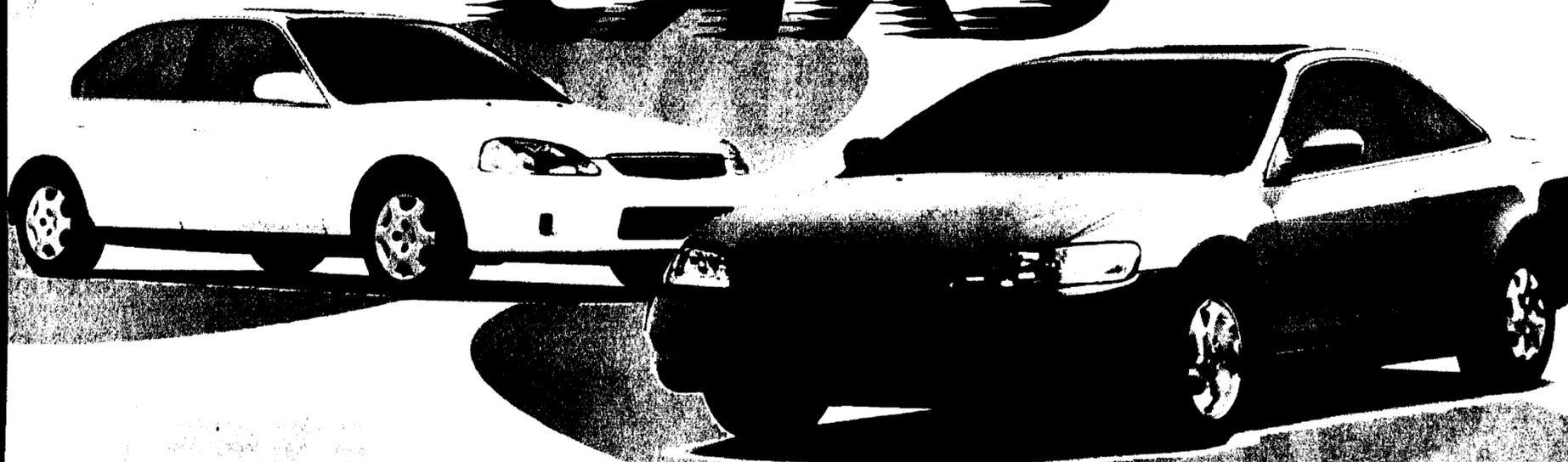


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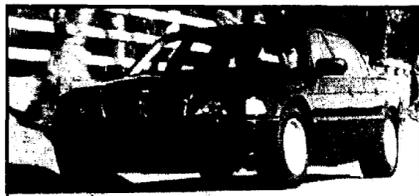
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