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Prospect St. project receives final approval

By BRAD BISHOP

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WESTFIELD — The Planning Board approved an age-restricted, 35-unit condominium complex on Prospect Street at a special meeting last week.

The 18,000 square foot building secured approval May 19 after three full hearings before the board, which themselves followed many months of procedural wrangling. The luxury complex, planned by In-Town Condominium Construction Company, will include an underground 70-space parking lot and two courtyards.

The project was opposed by a nearby property owner and Newpointe Realty, a developer pursuing an unrelated project on New Street. Numerous residents —

including neighbors — testified in favor of the In-Town project, arguing the all-residential building would be more welcome than other, more intensive uses.

Newpointe has filed a lawsuit to prevent the town from implementing a zoning change designed to allow the project to gain board approval. Newpointe argues that the amendment to the town's zoning ordinance was arbitrary and gave preferential treatment to the In-Town project.

This spring, the town broke off negotiations with Newpointe about the New Street project. Newpointe attorney Lori Grifa did not return calls seeking an update on the status of the lawsuit or Newpointe's plans on New Street.

At last week's hearing, Newpointe presented a professional planner who argued

the proposed building was "out of size and scale" for a transitional area between the central business district and residential zones.

"This property will take up virtually the entire lot and will be higher than anything around it — it's fortress-like," said planner Sean Moroski of the four-story, 43-foot high building.

Moroski also objected to the building's lengthy facade, which he said discourages a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere. He also said the developer should hire an acoustical engineer to determine the possible noise pollution caused by the location of HVAC structures and the underground garage.

Slightly undersized parking spaces, a topic of previous meetings, continued to be

a focus of Newpointe attorney Leslie Cascone's case against the project. Forty-four of the building's parking spaces will be striped six inches short of the state's preferred nine foot width. The developer requested a waiver from the state standards.

Another objector, Herbert Wright, hired attorney Joe Murray to contest the elimination of an easement connecting the driveway of his Ferris Place property with Prospect Street. Though no easements exist in writing, Wright argued that construction of the complex would eliminate a "pathway" to Prospect Street and therefore create traffic problems on his property.

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Champions for the first time

The Scotch Plains girls track and field team won the Union County Championships for the first time ever last weekend, led by three individual champs. See Sports, Page C-1.



Trailside offers programs for kids

With summer vacation fast approaching, there are a host of outdoor activities on tap at the Trailside Nature & Science Center for students entering third through sixth grades. For the full rundown, see Community Life, Page B-1.



Top teachers receive awards

Elizabeth Scheuerer (above) and Kathleen Zippler have won the Optimist Club Awards as the top middle school teachers in Westfield for 2005; over in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Jane Butler and Frances Marmora have been honored as outstanding educators with the Joan Vagelos Currie Awards. See the stories on Pages A-5 and A-7.

REMINDER

Memorial Day parades planned

Both Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood have parades and ceremonies planned for Monday to honor the nation's soldiers. See a full run down of the activities in Community Life, Page B-1.

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Reeling in the big fish

Families flocked to Mindowaskin Park for Westfield's fishing derby over the weekend. Bottom right, Tyler Monaco shows off his catch of the first trout of the day. At bottom left, Tim Hughes tested the waters along with his two girls, Sara (right) and Kristen (left). And at right, young Eric Knauss struggles to reel in a big one — but it turned out to be just a sunken tree branch.



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Proposed changes rile local developers

By BRAD BISHOP

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Potential changes to the land use ordinance introduced to the Town Council earlier this month are drawing criticism from the town's development community.

A half page advertisement from "The Building Community of Westfield" ran in a local news paper last week, urging residents to construct additions to their

homes before tighter zoning regulations are enacted by the council. And according to town officials, builders are buzzing about the council's plan to restrict "McMansions" from altering the character of residential neighborhoods.

"I think there's a lot of chatter and misinformation out there," said Councilman Jim Fuerst, who chairs the council's Code Review and Town Property committee. "There's an effort to scare people,

but if you want to re-do your attic or put an addition onto your house, 90 to 95 percent of residents will still be able to do that."

Fuerst's committee unveiled a plan May 10 that would reduce allowable building height from 38 feet to 35 feet in most residential zones. The committee also announced its intention to revise the way it calculates floor area ratio, the council now plans to include virtually all floor area, whether unfinished or part of an

attached garage, in its floor area ratio calculations.

Maximum floor area will also be subject to a yet to be determined mathematical formula based on the size of side yard setbacks, though details of the formula are still somewhat unclear.

The advertisement suggested that the owner of a two-story house sitting on a 13,500 square foot lot that includes an attached

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Lawmakers to participate in tax summit

By BRAD BISHOP

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SCOTCH PLAINS — A search for solutions to restrain mounting property tax bills in the state will be the focus of a township forum planned for Sunday, June 5.

The local property tax summit was called by Mayor Martin Marks last week, and has attracted the interest of local leaders and lawmakers. As of

press time, Sen. Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21), Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21), and Assemblywoman Linda Stender (D-22) had agreed to participate in the event.

Marks said Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education President Linda Nelson and Fanwood Mayor Colleen Maher have also announced their intention to join the forum. Members of the Union County Board of Freeholders have been invited but have not committed to

attend. Last week, the board passed a resolution supporting a constitutional convention on property tax reform.

The Scotch Plains mayor has made tax reform — specifically through the format of a constitutional convention — the focus of his legislative agenda as a member of the League of Municipalities' Executive Board. A constitutional convention is the best way to reduce the state's over-reliance on the "progressive"

property tax to fund local government services, Marks said.

"One of my main goals is to keep this issue on the front burner and on the lips of our local legislators," Marks said.

If New Jersey legislators allowed a constitutional convention to take place, delegates would be elected to restructure the funding system for local services, weaning it away from the

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Parents object to loss of 2 teachers

But board accepts cuts to its budget

By BRAD BISHOP

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WESTFIELD — Despite protests from elementary school parents and two of its own members, the Board of Education accepted the Town Council's adjustments to the school district's 2005-06 budget at a special meeting last week.

In so doing, the board agreed to reduce the school tax levy by \$714,000, dropping the expected property tax increase for the average homeowner from \$324 down to \$254. The revised 14-point increase represents about a 4 percent hike in the school portion of a Westfield homeowner's property tax bill over the past year.

The lower tax levy came from several cuts and revisions to the spending plan directed by the Town Council, which included the board in its budget deliberations. The council entered the process after Westfield voters rejected the school budget for the first time since 1994.

Though members of both the board and council finance committees repeatedly praised each other for their willingness to compromise, board members Ann Ormsby-Cary and Julia Walker nonetheless voted against accepting the specific line items adjusted by the council.

At issue was the elimination of two elementary school teaching positions, both of which will be vacated next year by retiring teachers. At the May 18 meeting, parents complained that the two cuts — which by themselves amounted to more than \$200,000 of the reduction to the tax levy — are leading to an unacceptable increase in class sizes in the lower grades.

Statistics presented by Superintendent William Foley showed that class sizes are projected to increase in many cases, but will remain in accordance the school district's policy, which indicates classes should include between 18 and 26 students. The district's policy establishes a preference for smaller class sizes in the primary grades, and a higher range in the upper grades.

Many of the aggrieved parents were from Tamapines Elementary School, where three first grade class sections are projected to include 22 or 23 students. Similar numbers are expected in first grade classrooms at Franklin and Jefferson schools, while Washington sections are projected to include 17 or 18 students.

Because Westfield's elementary schools function on a neighborhood school model, the varying size of the student body in a given grade level inspires some fluctuation in class sizes, Foley explained. Because Washington currently expects 17 students in

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Changes rile local developers

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garage would not be allowed to erect a 700 square foot addition. The developer who placed the ad did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Councilman Sal Caruana dismissed the newspaper advertisement as a "scare tactic" and objected to builders' attempts to mislead residents "when we don't have the final piece of the puzzle."

"I think it's way too premature and presumptuous to say what properties will or won't conform," said Caruana, who shepherded the Code Review committee toward a response to the McMansion phenomenon throughout 2004.

The committee assigned Town Planner Blais Brancheau to conduct a study of the town's residential neighborhoods to determine more accurately the kinds of houses that occupy different residential zones. After examining neighborhoods throughout Westfield, Brancheau determined that the town's current method of calculating habitable floor-area ratio was allowing developers to build bigger houses while still conforming to the land use ordinance.

The proposed changes could slow down the "McMansion" phenomenon, acknowledged Westfield resident and third-generation developer Dave Villane, who was not involved with the newspaper advertisement. Villane said Westfield

developers are spooked by the prospect of restrictive changes to the land use ordinance because the revisions will affect more than aesthetics.

"I'll go along with whatever the town's votes are, but when it comes time for the (zoning laws) to be changed, that's when people are going to complain," Villane said.

Villane said the restriction in building height is something he can live with, but adjustments to the floor-area ratio calculation will restrain Westfield's skyrocketing real estate market.

"There is an equal relationship between property value and what's possible with a property," Villane said, adding that restrictions on a property's development potential will have a corresponding impact on its value.

Foerst said the council will be actively including developers and the real estate community as more specific solutions are crafted and enacted into law. The town has no desire to cut into the bottom line of local builders, and an ordinance incorporating the changes isn't imminent, he said.

"We're going to try as best we can to listen to what (developers) have to say, and put something together that we can all live with," Foerst said. "My goal all along has been to provide a mechanism that allows for growth in your family or the need for more space while preserving the character of the neighborhood."

Lawmakers

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property tax and toward some other form of taxation, such as a sales tax or income tax. Marks believes that the property tax system is unfair because it does not adequately measure a person's ability to pay the tax.

A bill, A5269, that would give voters the opportunity to approve a convention and appoint delegates to attend it passed the Assembly by a 45-30 vote last week. The bill must be scheduled for a hearing on the floor by the Senate Judiciary Committee at its June 9 meeting in order to be placed on the November ballot.

The Assembly bill was approved in party-line fashion, as Republicans largely voted against the bill, while Democrats voted to support it. Two of the lawmakers who plan to attend the Scotch Plains forum — Republican Bramnick and Democrat Stender — were on opposite sides of the vote.

Stender, who supported the bill last week, said the current property tax system is "reasonable" for funding municipal and county government. But for a theoretical homeowner paying an annual

property tax bill of \$10,000, Stender said, \$6,000 of that tax is currently dedicated to paying for education. Stender said the educational portion of the property tax bill is placing an unfair burden on retired homeowners or people on fixed incomes.

"But the question is, how are you going to raise the revenue?" Stender asked. "You can't say you're taking (educational funding) off property taxes and it just goes away."

Stender added that any solution delegates or lawmakers reach must maintain funding for education, which she views as "an investment in society and the future."

Bramnick voted against the Assembly bill last week along with most of his Republican colleagues, arguing that property tax reform ought to be hammered out by elected lawmakers who are accountable to the public. The bill will cost \$4 million, Bramnick said, and reform would be enacted by delegates who would be unknown to the public and unavailable to most people.

The Democrats who control the legislature in essence would like to pass the buck in order that they don't catch the heat for raising a separate tax to offset lost revenues from a downsized prop-

erty tax, Bramnick explained. The partisan divide will continue to block progress on the question of property tax reform, the Republican Marks said, as each party's proposal is dismissed and distorted by its opponents.

"Whatever proposal is put forth by one side will be blocked and vilified by the other," Marks said, noting that recent Republican proposals for reform have drawn the ire of statewide Democrats. But he placed the blame for inaction on the doorstep of both parties.

"I'm disappointed in my own party," Marks said. "We had control of state government with veto-proof majorities in the '90s and nothing was done."

Senate President and acting Gov. Richard Codey, Marks added, is uniquely empowered to put a convention on the Senate floor or convene a special session of the legislature to craft a solution to the problem.

If Codey prevents the convention from passing the Senate, "his legacy will be that he was the biggest roadblock to property tax reform in the state," Marks said. The local property tax forum will be moderated by the Westfield Leader and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times. It will be held at the Scotch Plains municipal building on June 5 beginning at 3 p.m.

Project receives approval from board

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"We don't have adequate parking, but we made an agreement with the town to use the pathway," Wright said. Board attorney Russell Finestein, however, pointed out that previous board resolutions for Wright's property did not mention use of the easement to facilitate parking.

Residents, though, came out in numbers to support the development proposal — an unusual event in a town where overdevelopment is a hot topic. At last week's hearing, several Westfield seniors and Prospect Street neighbors asked the board to approve the complex.

Lifelong resident Warren Rorden argued the building would

allow seniors hoping to downsize their properties to remain in town.

"This is exactly what we were looking for, and it would be a real plus for Westfield," Rorden said. "We need more of these projects in town."

Resident Sharon Stockwell pointed out that the project will generate \$500,000 to \$600,000 in tax revenue for the community, which could be used to help balance the school district's budget.

"This is a way that private money can be put to a good public use," Stockwell said.

Board deliberation was brief but heated, as all eight members were unswayed by Cascone's case against the project. A perturbed Councilman James Foerst, who

helped craft the ordinance change, asserted that Newpointe's objection to the project was "somewhat disingenuous."

"I find that sort of editorializing inappropriate," Cascone replied, her voice drowned out by applause.

Board member David Hall lauded In-Town principal James Ward's approach to building consensus for his project with the neighborhood and community.

"I would like to see all of the builders in town take that approach," Hall said.

The fate of the project now likely hinges on Newpointe's challenge to Westfield's recently-enacted ordinance and master plan change to the central business district.

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Parents

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the first grade next year, the district will be forced to create three sections to keep classes within the policy, Foley said.

The superintendent added that one more elementary school position is included in the budget and will be dedicated to reducing class sizes between kindergarten and second grade. Foley stressed that the class sizes he presented are only projections — changes to school sections could take place as late as August.

"It's hard for a parent to accept this, but much more than class size,

the teacher matters," Foley said, adding that good teachers can have an "enormous impact" on student development.

Frustrated parents, however, presented the board with studies indicating negative impact on student development from class sizes at the upper end of the Westfield policy.

"Please consider revisiting your policy for class size," said resident Chris Heron, repeating a claim by resident Jane Clancy that larger class sizes have been linked to lower test scores. Clancy said Westfield class sizes have been creeping up from the lower range of the policy to the upper range in recent years.

Resident Robert Fico bristled at

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"A lot of people in this room feel that you're looking to pull this budget out of the Dumpster on a couple of teachers," Fico said. "The 'no' vote was really a statement (that) 'Look, you guys need to look at things from a different angle,'" he added.

Walker and Cary called for the district to re-examine its class size policy, particularly for the lower grades. Though both board members agreed with the dollar-figure reduction to the budget, they objected to the specific line items the council adjusted.

"I think we must find a different solution than cutting elementary school teachers," Cary said.

But board President Anne Riegel countered that the district was under a tight timeline to accept the council's changes. Earlier, board member Richard Solomon pointed out that while the board could appeal the changes to the state Commissioner of Education, the appeal would almost certainly be rejected.

"This budget reflects more than 5,500 kids," said board member Kim Rhodes, announcing her intention to support the changes. "Everyone in this room is focused on their own children, but our responsibility is to provide the best education possible (for all students)," Rhodes continued. "...There are things we would have liked to have done but we couldn't."

Board members agreed to re-examine the class size policy and accepted the revised tax levy of about \$67.4 million.

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Commentary

The stem cell controversy

Stem cell research, after disappearing from the headlines for several months, has been much in the news lately. Last week, a team of South Korean scientists announced the creation of stem cell lines that carry the "genetic fingerprint" of specific patients, making prospects for successful therapy of diseases like Alzheimer's more likely. Then, on Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed a bill — which local Rep. Mike Ferguson opposed, and which President George W. Bush has threatened to veto — that would provide federal funding for embryonic stem cell research; by a much wider majority, the House also voted to provide federal funds for research into stem cells taken from umbilical cord blood. And closer to home, acting Gov. Richard Codey's proposal to spend \$380 million in state funds on stem cell research seems sure to be an issue in November's gubernatorial election — Republican candidate Bret Schundler has fulminated against the proposal at least one rally — even though Codey himself won't be on the ballot.

Embryonic stem cell research, though it contains great potential for the treatment of chronic degenerative diseases, is, unsurprisingly, controversial in the United States. For decades, abortion has been the most hotly-debated social issue in the nation, and anything with even a passing connection to embryos or sex is likely to get the pro-life and pro-choice crowds up in arms.

Descriptions of the science involved in stem cell research — embryonic or not — are also often tinged with language that tends to make the public squeamish; in a Star-Ledger story about the efforts of the South Korean scientists, the paper's lead author felt compelled to say that the technical accomplishment should not be construed as an endorsement of reproductive cloning.

There are important ethical and moral issues at stake in the debate over embryonic stem cell research, and they deserve a full discussion. But it's also important that the participants in that discussion follow their principles through to the logical conclusion. Thus far, many opponents of embryonic research have failed to do that.

The argument against embryonic stem cell research is that, because it often involves the destruction of fertilized eggs, it amounts to, in the words of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, "the dismemberment of living, distinct human beings" — essentially, murder. This is the line the president has taken in threatening a veto of the latest bill; he called the process the "destruction of human life."

If you truly believe that embryonic stem cell research is murder, though, isn't it a little fainthearted to seek only that federal funds not be used to support the activity? Wouldn't a wholesale ban be morally imperative? This week, the National Right to Life Committee said, "The government should not fund research that requires the killing of living members of the species homo sapiens." What's the difference between that claim and the statement, "You can't use your federal tax credit to hire a hit man — but otherwise, it's okay"?

In fact, the logic of the anti-research argument would also lead to a ban on the procedure that produces the embryos used in stem cell research, in vitro fertilization. After all, the vast majority of the fertilized eggs created by that procedure are discarded. Is that also tantamount to "the killing of living members of the species homo sapiens"? If not, why not?

Some principled opponents of the latest House bill really would ban all embryonic stem cell research. But most, like the president, have opted for a muddleheaded position of "research, yes; funding, no." That's not a compromise, it's a political straddle. And it doesn't deserve a spot in an important public debate.

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Letters to the editor

Seeking lessons in budget's defeat

To The Record-Press:

As president of the Westfield Board of Education, I would like to provide a final update on the budget reduction process. At our meeting on May 18, the Board of Education accepted the Town Council's reduction of \$714,543 in the tax levy for the 2005-2006 school budget. As a result, the average homeowner in Westfield will pay \$70 less in school taxes than was originally proposed in the school budget which was defeated on April 19. The school tax increase becomes \$254 on the average assessed home, rather than \$324. The new percentage increase is 4.0 percent, rather than 5.1 percent as originally proposed.

The Board of Education is, of course, disappointed that we have to eliminate initiatives planned for next year. The reductions we have agreed to will affect all levels: elementary, intermediate and high school. These cuts will impact administration, operations, technology, professional development, fine arts, athletics and the Gifted and Talented program. We also will not replace some positions now held by staff who will be retiring.

I would like to thank all of the residents who have written to Dr. Foley and the board (at boe@westfieldnj.com) to express opinions regarding the school budget defeat. We received letters from both supporters of the school budget and those who voted against it. Many concerns related to property tax increases, noting that the school budget is the only budget residents can vote on. Despite significant cost containment efforts in the original budget, which resulted in one of the smallest proposed increases in years, the message that we received is

that high taxes are a major concern.

The issue of communication was also brought to our attention. We learned that many residents either forgot to vote or did not understand the importance of this vote and the impact of a budget defeat. Comments from the community also revealed substantive misinformation and misunderstanding about various aspects of the budget and school operations. For next year's school election, we will make an even more concerted effort to communicate with Westfield's residents and invite them to become more involved in the budget development process.

We will also extend polling hours to allow for morning voting beginning next year. Almost 20 years ago, we eliminated morning voting hours when the state tripled our polling locations from four to 11, making it more difficult and expensive to hire poll workers.

On behalf of the entire board, I'd like to express my appreciation to the Town Council and Town Administrator for facilitating a process that was both amicable and effective. As I've stated these last few weeks, I appreciate the council's willingness to learn about the school district's priorities and the potential impact of cuts being considered. I'm also optimistic that the town and school district will emerge from this process with a more positive working relationship, enabling new joint efforts that benefit all Westfield taxpayers. We look forward to future partnerships, including sharing resources and ideas through regularly scheduled meetings.

ANNE RIEGEL

President, Westfield Board of Education

Freeholder touts county's programs

To The Record-Press:

I've been a freeholder for eight months, and every day I learn more about the broad range of services that Union County offers its residents. Most people don't have time to keep up with county news, so let me fill you in on a few things.

Last weekend, Union County's Department of Parks and Recreation joined with environmental groups to conduct a Bio-Blitz of Lenape Park. The goal was to count all the living species dwelling in the park, both plant and animal, daytime and nocturnal. Volunteers looked at birds, bats, frogs, and insects, and measured water quality in streams. It's the first time such a project has been done in our region. When the results are tabulated, we'll have an accurate picture of the diversity of life in our parks — information that will be used to protect the parks for posterity.

Unfortunately, there are a number of people who write letters making various charges against Union County officials and employees. I know that not every newspaper has the resources to check the facts in letters to the editor. But I hope that most readers have the good sense to read critically and look at the evidence.

The Union County employees whom I know work hard to do a good job and provide services to residents. Most of the work they do is unsung and under-appreciated. For critics to point to the salaries of administrators is misleading. Besides, the administrators and officials whom I see every day are always looking for ways to be more effective and keep expenses down. And like most other free

holders, I drive my own car, not a county car.

Here in Cranford, we do not think every day about the work done by our county public safety and law enforcement staff. But if we were to cut the budget for the prosecutor's office, we might soon see what happens when gangs and drug dealers extend their activities to the quiet suburban towns.

What would happen if county police and sheriff's officers were to cut back on the work they do in coordinating with local authorities to guard the public? Without the vigilance and expertise of our county officers, we would have much more reason to be concerned about organized crime and terrorism.

Under the leadership of Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor, Union County recently participated in a national exercise called Topoff 3, which was designed to strengthen our ability to prevent and, if necessary, respond to a biological threat. Hundreds of volunteers throughout the county came together to test the mettle of our law enforcement and medical response teams. Data from that exercise is now being compiled and analyzed so that we can be better prepared for emergencies.

I invite anyone who needs information on Union County to visit the web site of www.uenj.org. You may write to me at the UCN Administration Building, Elizabeth, NJ 07207, or you can call the freeholders' office at (908) 527-1100.

Thank you for your attention. And best wishes for the Memorial Day holiday.

Sincerely,

BETTE JANE KOWALSKI

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Donors made health fair a success

To The Record-Press:

The Westfield Regional Health Department would like to thank the sponsors, donors and participants that made the Spring Health Fair on April 30 a great success. Approximately 100 to 120 residents from the supporting towns attended. This fair was our department's best spring health fair yet!

We could not have made it so wonderful without the help of generous donations from the following sponsors: Print Tech, Williams Nursery, Tiger Mart/Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Manhattan Bagels, Stop and Shop, Bovella's Bakery and Trader

Joe's in Westfield, King's in Garwood, ShopRite in Springfield, Chestnut Hill Market in Roselle Park, and Dunkin' Donuts in Garwood. The above companies provided our health fair with various donations that enabled attendees and participating vendors a more enjoyable experience.

In addition, many thanks go to the participating vendors for sharing their time and expert knowledge with all who attended the fair. We look forward to working with you all again at our next health fair, at Roselle Park High School on Oct. 29.

Westfield Regional Health Department

Economic optimism, but also signs of inflation

Guest commentary

By JOEL L. NAROFF

Remember all those stories about the economy hitting a soft-spot, that growth had faltered and the strength of the expansion in the months ahead was uncertain? And worse, the ugliest word in the economic language, stagflation, was being trotted out as inflation began to accelerate. Well guess again. Upon further reflection, the government data mills are now telling us there was no major slowdown and the economy is doing just fine.

Granted, there were reasons to be concerned. Job growth had eased and indicators of future industrial activity, such as durable goods orders, were down. But that all changed over the past month. Solid economic reports are raising questions about whether the economy is growing so strongly that interest rates just might start rising sharply.

The key to the change was the awesome April employment report. U.S. businesses added almost 275,000 new workers to their payrolls, and it turns out that the weak jobs reports of February and March were not quite as bad as initially thought. Only a confirmed pessimist could think that the hiring of 720,000 people in three months pointed to problems.

With the gains being extremely broad based, it is clear that the labor market is firming and jobs are becoming more available. Nothing helps power the economy more than a solid employment situation, and it finally seems to be here.

Which brings us to the sticky issue of stagflation. This refers to a stagnating economy and accelerating inflation. We can skip the stagnation part since we now know that conditions are good. So what about inflation? That is a different story.

As most of us in the real world have known for a while, prices of many of the things we buy every day are going up. It finally appears that policymakers are beginning to understand that as well. No matter how you measure inflation, and there are many ways of doing that, it is accelerating.

It is not just oil which is killing us. The costs of a wide variety of goods and services are on the rise. Critically, firms are discovering that after years of being forced to accept higher costs without being able to increase prices, pricing power has, to a small extent, returned.

Because inflation is accelerating, the Federal Reserve will likely continue tightening monetary policy. The Fed has raised rates six times since last June and there is no reason to think they will stop anytime soon. When the Fed increases rates, there is a ripple effect on many consumer rates, such as credit card and home equity lines.

Normally, when inflation picks up, longer term rates, including mortgages, move up. Not this time. Nevertheless, with wages and prices likely rising further, these wonderfully low rates are not likely to persist. We know the direction. It's the timing we're fighting over.

So what do we have to look forward to? More good news on the economy but additional increases in interest rates.

Joel L. Naroff, Ph.D., is chief economist for Commerce Bank. The Cranford Chronicle and Record Press welcome submissions of guest commentaries and op-ed pieces. Send submissions to editor Greg Marx at union@njnpublishing.com.

Marmora, Butler win Currie Awards

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jane Butler, a first grade teacher at School One, and Frances Marmora, a mathematics teacher at Park Middle School, have been named the 2005 winners of the biennial Joan Vagelos Currie Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools.

The awards were announced at a recent evening reception in honor of the winners and all of this year's elementary and middle school teacher semifinalists. Each winner received \$1,000 from the Currie Family Endowment and a matching \$1,000 appropriation from the Board of Education to implement a program or to purchase materials for the improvement of their classroom or school.

Butler, the elementary award recipient, is a graduate of Kean University with a degree in early childhood education. After early experiences as a preschool teacher, a school librarian, and the owner/director of a private nursery school, she began teaching in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools in 1999.

Butler is described in the award's nomination materials as "an amazingly dedicated, caring, and deeply engaged teacher who is passionate about her teaching and has an incredible love for learning." In addition to motivating her students to be excited about learning, Butler also seeks to develop in each of them a concern and caring attitude towards each other. Her students work cooperatively and encourage one another to do their best.

She also reaches out to families through welcoming letters, phone calls, and invitations to participate in her classroom on a regular basis. A Fanwood resident, Butler is involved outside school as a member of the Evangel Church and as a volunteer at the Kenilworth Public Library.

Marmora, a Scotch Plains resident, graduated from Montclair University with a degree in mathematics. She began teaching at Park Middle School in 1987 and has taught mathematics, basic skills, and computer literacy.

Marmora was nominated as "an extraordinarily dedicated and enthusiastic master teacher" who focuses not only on teaching math content and proficiencies but never loses sight of the need to support and reinforce her students' self-confidence.

She is consistently available to provide extra help to her students because she believes that her students' success is the measure of her success as a teacher.

As a co-teacher with special education teachers, Marmora offers supportive techniques that



FRANCES MARMORA



JANE BUTLER

of the Currie Award for Excellence in Teaching, it will be converted to an exclusively mini-grant program available to teachers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools for in-class projects. The JVC Mini-Grant Program will provide elementary, middle, and high school teachers with the opportunity to explore innovative strategies to improve student learning supported by funds beyond the regular school budget.

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"The creative spirit is never

Research conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention on osteoarthritis shows that it does not take many extra pounds of body weight to make a person's joints feel the strain. Osteoarthritis is the wear-and-tear type of arthritis that can start in a patient's forties. According to the study of 120,000 healthy adults, each pound above healthy weight increases the risk of osteoarthritis by 10-15% in women and 5-10% in men. Put another way, just 20 extra pounds, if they raise the body mass index (BMI) above the normal 19 to 25, double the risk of osteoarthritis. Unfortunately, less than half of obese people with arthritis said that

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'The Gates' inspire student project

WESTFIELD — The McKinley Elementary School's eighth annual art show was held on April 20. This year, there were an unusual addition to the exhibits on display.

While the artists Christo and Jeanne Claude were displaying their monumental art, "The Gates," all over Central Park in February, the fourth graders at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield were learning about them and creating an environmental installation of their own.

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"The creative spirit is never

more alive than when we are children, Pushko said. "The art of a child combines purity, complexity, and courage in an amazing display of his or her unique view of the world."

The supervising art teacher at McKinley, Alison Hooper, after visiting the Central Park exhibit, posed the challenge of a Christo lesson to her student teacher. Hooper said, "I was thrilled to see that Miss Pushko was able to

incorporate 'The Gates' installation into our newly revised art curriculum. I have no doubt that the students will remember Christo, Jeanne-Claude and this unique project for many years.

Pushko returned to the school, dressed as Jeanne Claude, for the art show. Dozen representatives from the fourth grade were available to answer questions and hand out swatches of fabric to all that attended.

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Westfield United Way 2004 Campaign Chairman Tom Cusimano and Executive Director Linda Maggio.

United Way drive breaks \$700K mark

WESTFIELD — Once more, Westfielders have opened their wallets and their hearts, helping the Westfield United Way raise a record-breaking \$700,000.

Tom Cusimano, chairman of the 2004 campaign noted, "The depth of caring and financial support truly reflects the Westfield spirit of outreach and giving to others. Our small town has demonstrated a big town 'love of neighbor' level of support."

Speaking on behalf of the 19 agencies which receive the funds, Cusimano added, "I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all the residents of Westfield whose contributions to the Westfield United Way show the magnitude of caring that makes this town such a special place to live. I am proud to say I am a Westfielder. Westfield truly cares!"

"In its 48 year history, the Westfield United Way has distributed almost \$18 million for the programs and services for Westfielders," added Linda Maggio, executive director of the Westfield United Way. "This is a true reflection of how much we all care!"

Jazz trio to perform at presentation of award

WESTFIELD — The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will feature composer, orchestra leader, concert performer and producer of sound recordings Francis A. Varrichio and his trio at the presentation of the Gaston Award at 1:30 p.m. June 4 in the conference room of the library.

Varrichio has performed at such sites as Rutgers University, NC Art Center, Princeton University, Jacob Javits Convention Center and a multitude of other well known music and art centers. "Good Morning America" and other television programs have also featured Varrichio's work.

Besides Varrichio on guitar, the trio consists of woodwind musician Gerry Cappuccio, who as played with Lionel Hampton, Benny Goodman and Sinatra for 10 years and has written many books; and bassist Roy Cumming, who is currently with an orchestra at Robert's Restaurant in N.Y. and has played with the Harry Ziegley Trio for 30 years, as well as Phil Woods, Benny Goodman, and Zoot Sims.

The program will consist of jazz standards from the 20s through the 50s including swing, big band, be bop, Broadway and popular selections.

The presentation of the Gaston Award to Eleanor Senus or her plethora of contributions to the Friends is the highlight of the day's events. The award acknowledges the person who through sterling effort epitomizes what a "friend" is — a loyal volunteer contributing to the growth of the Westfield

Memorial Library.

A member of the Friends since 1989, Senus occupied the assistant treasurer, presiding and vice presiding chairs and also chaired several book sales, a major benefit revenue producer that aids and abets the Westfield Memorial Library's major projects.

In addition, Senus has pursued volunteer work with the Lincoln School PTO, the Cub Scouts and as a board member of the Westfield Adult School. In keeping with the Senus history of charitable work, Senus' late husband Leo served as president of the Board of Education as well as treasurer of the Westfield Foundation.

The event is free. The public is invited and should register at the circulation desk of the library at 550 East Broad St. or call the library at (908) 789-4090 to insure seating.

Scheuerer, Zippler honored by Optimists

WESTFIELD — Westfield Public School teachers Elizabeth Scheuerer and Kathleen Zippler were named Outstanding Intermediate School Teachers for 2005 by the Optimist Club of Westfield and were honored at a dinner on May 11.

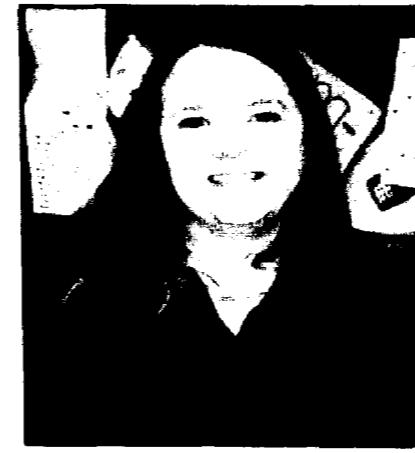
The Board of Education will present resolutions to Scheuerer and Zippler, honoring their accomplishments, at the June 7 meeting. A reception in their honor will be held at 7:30 p.m., prior to the business portion of the meeting.

Scheuerer and Zippler are the recipients of the eighth annual Optimist award, established in 1998 to recognize the importance of teaching in the intermediate grades. The award is presented annually to two Westfield teachers — one each from Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools.

Selected as one of the 2005 award recipients, Scheuerer has been a math teacher at Roosevelt since 1998. She has taught sixth grade math for six years and moved to the eighth grade mathematics position this year.

One of the letters of nomination on her behalf states, "In addition to her success in the classroom, Mrs. Scheuerer also freely shares her time and talent with the entire Roosevelt community, serving as mentor to Roosevelt's peer leadership program, advisor to the Mathcounts team, assisting with Student Council events, serving as a mentor to a new teacher in the math department, and providing students with extra help before and after school."

One of her students wrote,



ELIZABETH SCHEUERER

"Mrs. Scheuerer is an amazing teacher. She always gives extra help if you don't understand something. She explains things very thoroughly, and she helps each and every one of her students."

Another student said about her, "She remembers things about us — she doesn't just ask and then forget — she remembers."

Scheuerer received a master's degree in mathematics education from Rutgers University and holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics secondary education from the College of New Jersey.

The second 2005 Optimist winner is Kathleen Zippler, who is a Spanish teacher at Edison Intermediate School. She began teaching at Edison in 1984.

Zippler was nominated by several colleagues at Edison, who admire her "leadership skills and ability to work with students, teachers and adminis-

trators." Zippler was also praised for her work ethic, positive outlook and energy level.

A current student called her "a teacher who was willing to reach above and beyond to help students understand every little thing in Spanish." Another stu-

dent noted, "She is a phenomenal teacher and shows it throughout the day, even when she is not in the classroom. She is a great role model for all of her students."

Zippler received a master's degree from Rutgers University and bachelor's degree from Montclair State University. She has served on several committees in the district, as well as representing her colleagues as a Westfield Education Association delegate and officer. She is also a published author.

Members of the Optimist Award selection committee included Optimist Club President David Owens and member Marla Hewitt; Superintendent William Foley; Edison Principal Cheryl O'Brien; Roosevelt Interim Principal Stewart Carey; and 2003 Optimist Award recipient Janice Sheridan.

Church hosts blood drive

WESTFIELD — The Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Blood Drive by New Jersey Blood Services from 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Assembly Hall of the church, located on the corner of East Broad and Mountain Avenue. Area hospitals are low in blood supplies and in need of donations.

Donors should be between 18-75 years old, although persons older than 75 may donate if they have a doctor's note. Donors should bring identification and not have donated within the last 56 days.

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WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League Thrift Shop, located at 114 Elmer St. in Westfield, will hold its annual end-of-year Bag Day sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

Customers may purchase a grocery size bag for \$5 and fill it to the brim with men's, ladies' or children's clothing, books, shoes and household brie-a-brac. There is no limit to the number of bags purchased.

In preparation of Bag Day, the shop will have everything for sale at 50 percent off the week of Tuesday, May 31, and starting the week of June 7 everything in the shop will be available at \$1.

The Thrift and Consignment Shops will close for the summer and reopen at 9 a.m. Wednesday Sept. 7.

A non-profit organization, the Westfield Service League donates all of its proceeds to local charities. This year the league will be donating more than \$70,000 to 25 local charities including the Westfield Area YMCA, Mobile Meals, Youth and Family Counseling, The United Way, Westfield Rescue Squad, and St. Joseph's Social Service Center.

For more information, call (908) 233-2530.



Farm animals visit FSPY

Children at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Child Care Center enjoy their annual visit from Quivers Travelling Farm. Making themselves at home on the lawn of the Grand Street facility in Scotch Plains, a bevy of baby farm animals were petted and fed by the youngsters, who range from infants to pre-kindergartners. The Y's full-week care program also includes a variety of fun enrichment activities in art, music, story-telling, and physical education.

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Plant flowers at center

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should take about two hours.

If there is a steady rain on that day, the planting will be rescheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, June 5.

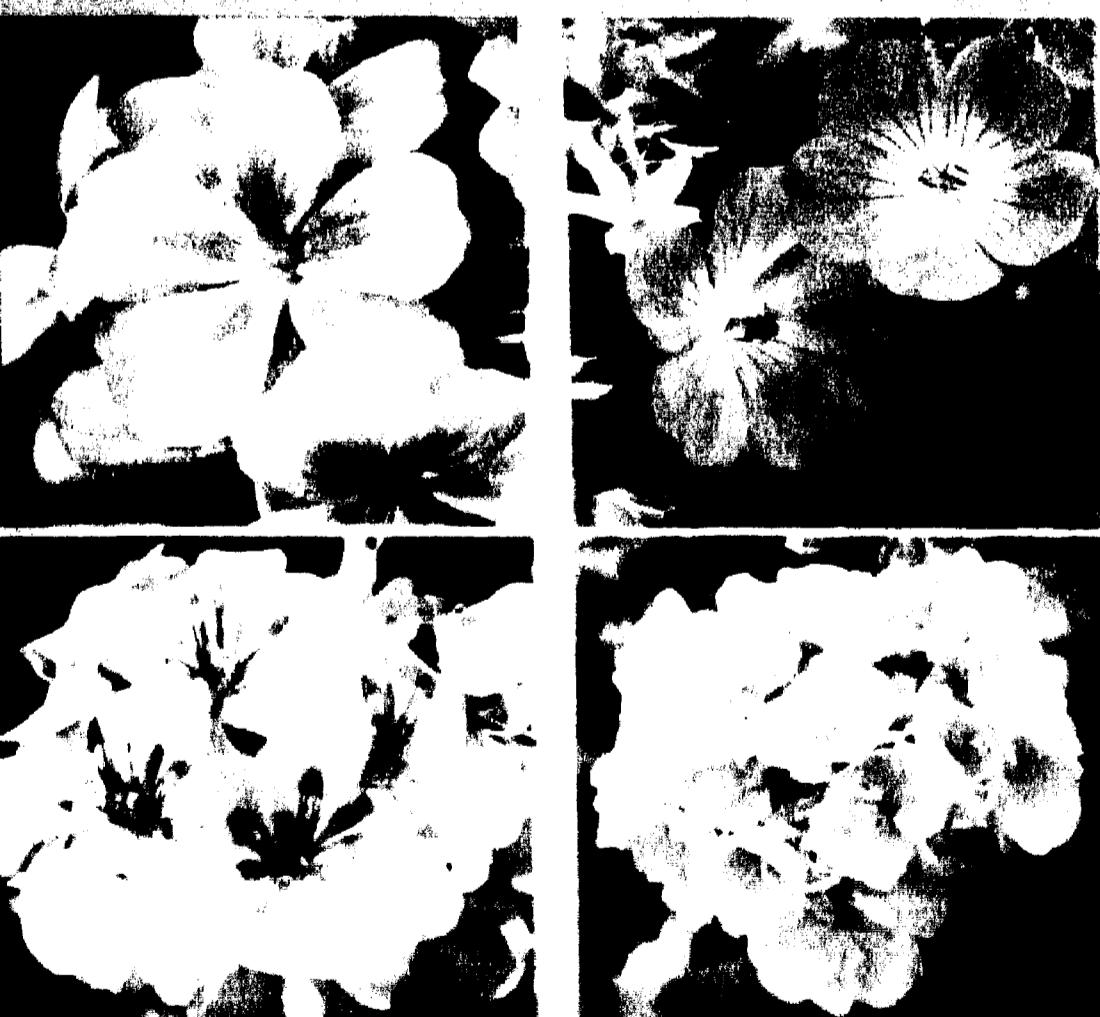
A separate small area will be reserved for planting seed for children.

Participants should bring metal "T"-shaped rakes and dress appropriately; the ground is likely to be muddy.

Any group that would like to help place wood chips on the center's trails on any dates should call Dean Talcott at (908) 322-6577 to make arrangements.

To get to the Fanwood Nature Center, head to where Cray Terrace intersects the PSE&G overhead power lines. Newly installed brown signs with white lettering will guide you from the intersections of LaGrande Avenue and Martine Avenue or Terrill Road and Cray Terrace.

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VIDEO PRODUCTION: A BASIC GUIDE — a talk by Miriam S. Jersky, 7 p.m. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. (908) 322-5007, ext. 204.

BUSINESS NETWORK NIGHT — hosted by the Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association, 6:30 p.m. CEO Executive Suites, 1812 Front St. Free for SPBPA members, \$5 for non-members. (908) 322-1777.

FRIDAY

MAY 27

LAG B'OMER CELEBRATION — family event hosted by the Union County Torah Center, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Trailside Nature and Science Center, fire ring area. Free, but donations welcome. (908) 789-5252.

MONDAY

MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY — Westfield and Fanwood-Scotch Plains pay tribute to the nation's soldiers with parades beginning downtown.

TUESDAY

MAY 31

BLOOD DRIVE — for New Jersey Blood Services, hosted by the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. 4:30 p.m. in Assembly Hall of the church, 140 Mountain Ave. (908) 233-0301.

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 1

ALL ABOUT NEW JERSEY — it's more than "The Sopranos," after all. A talk by Marc Mappin of the New Jersey Historical Commission at the Westfield Historical Society's annual dinner.

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JUNE 4

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GASTON AWARD PRESENTATION — to Eleanor Senus, by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, 1:30 p.m. At the library, 550 East Broad St. (908) 789-4090.

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BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET — for Pack 172, sponsored by Franklin School in Westfield. 6-8 p.m. June 9. For information, email lkuntz@lowenstein.com.

BAG DAY SALE — at the Westfield Service League Thrift Shop. Fill a bag with merchandise for \$5. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 11, 114 Elmer St., Westfield. (908) 233-2530.

TASTE OF THE TOWNS & COOKING COMPETITION — a benefit program for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 7-10 p.m. June 16. (908) 654-9445.

Community Life

Briefs

Torah Center plans Lag B'omer event

MOUNTAININSIDE — The Union County Torah Center will be presenting a Lag B'omer Family Celebration at 2:30-5:30 p.m. Friday at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, in the Fire Ring area.

The program will include inflatable rides, family games, live music, snow cones, cotton candy and much more. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

For more information, call the Torah Center at (908) 789-5252.

Cops make sure drivers buckle up

WESTFIELD — Chief Bernard Tracy has announced that the Westfield Police Department will be joining law enforcement agencies nationwide in the "Click It or Ticket" program.

Until June 5, the department will be conducting a campaign that incorporates zero-tolerance enforcement of safety belt laws to increase safety belt use and defend against serious injury or death in traffic crashes.

"Click It or Ticket" is a high-publicity law enforcement effort that gives people more of a reason to buckle up — the increased threat of a traffic ticket. Most people buckle up for safety. But for some, it is the threat of the ticket that spurs them to put on a safety belt.

As a result of the enforcement and public information efforts, New Jersey's seat belt usage rate has risen to an all-time high of 82 percent.

Moms and More meet on Wednesday

WESTFIELD — The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, a national, non-profit organization that champions the value of mothers' work, within and outside of the home, will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Westfield Area YMCA, located at 220 Clark St.

The meeting, open to the public, will be an opportunity for mothers in the area to find out more about the chapter's activities, which include mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, a book club, a scrapbooking club and more.

This meeting will also feature a discussion of mom-tested ways to baby-proof and kid-proof your home.

The Union County Chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the YMCA. For more information, call Stacy at (908) 928-9841 or Kim at (908) 889-2286 or log on to <http://www.geocities.com/motherandsmore10>.

Alumni directory is now available

SCOTCH PLAINS — The new Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School 2005 Alumni Directory has been published, and the public libraries in Scotch Plains and Fanwood Libraries each have copies.

Reunion committees and high school alumni can find information about classmates in the publication. Harris Directory Services also can be contacted to purchase a book, fax (732) 455-4111.

Vietnam Veterans seeking new members

WESTFIELD — The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 665 of Westfield, is looking for new members. Memberhip is not limited to those who actually served in Vietnam; anyone who was in the military from 1959 through 1975 is welcome as well.

Meetings are held at the American Legion Post 14, 1903 North Ave. on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 161-4004 or 908-241-9642 or fax at (908) 241-6149.

Osborn House opens its doors

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1910 Front St., will be open to visitors on June 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. The circa 1700 Saltbox Farm House has been a museum to the community since 1972. It is maintained by the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Costumed docents will be available to give tours of the house and gardens. There is no admission fee.



Seasonal naturalist Cathleen Bolton of Union explores the meadow habitat with children in Trailside Nature and Science Center's summer camp program last year. This summer, Trailside is offering a variety of programs for families and grade school children. For information on summer camp or program availability, call Trailside at (908) 789-3670.

Trailside sets summer schedule

MOUNTAININSIDE — This summer, Trailside Nature and Science Center is offering a variety of camps and workshops for grade school children.

Pre-registration is required for all camps and workshops because space is limited.

Students entering the third and fourth grades are invited to take part in a three-day workshop titled "Trailside Rockers" offered 2-3 p.m. July 5-7. Participants in this workshop will learn about volcanoes, discover the differences between rocks and minerals and use geologic hammers to chip rocks and start a collection of their own to take home. The fee for this three-day workshop is \$34 per person for Union County residents and \$42 per person for participants from outside Union County.

"Zootopia," also for students entering the third and fourth grades, will be offered Aug. 8-12, from 9 a.m.-noon Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday. Participants will explore the importance of zoos around the world and become "keepers in training" as they learn to care for Trailside's reptiles, fish and amphibians. The week will culminate with a trip to the Turtleback Zoo in West Orange to view penguins, llamas and bald eagles. The fee for this camp is \$142 per person for residents of Union County and \$170 for non-county residents.

"Catch of the Day," for children entering the fifth and sixth grades, investigates the history of fishing and different fishing techniques. Campers will learn to identify a variety of New Jersey fish species, practice fishing in nearby lakes and rivers, play the "Fish ID" game and make their own lures. The week's activities will culminate with a van trip to the Pequest Hatchery in Oxford to see how trout are raised. Campers will have the opportunity to fish in one of New Jersey's premier trout streams, the Pequest River. "Catch of the Day" is offered June 27-July 1, from 9 a.m.-noon Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday. The fee for this camp is \$132 per person.

Roberts to give address at cemetery

WESTFIELD — The Rev. Ray Roberts, senior pastor of the Westfield Presbyterian Church, will deliver the Memorial Day address at the Colonial Cemetery on Mountain Avenue on Memorial Day, May 30. This traditional, yearly observance in memory of veterans of the Revolution and other wars is sponsored by the Westfield chapter of the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution who will break from the line of march as it proceeds to Fairview Cemetery.

More than 100 veterans of all wars are interred in the Colonial Cemetery, where grave locations have been marked with flags. Some 70 Revolutionary War soldiers' graves are decorated as well as those of more than 25 World War II and later service men. Graves also include soldiers from the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War.

The local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Sons of the American Revolution are long-established organizations to keep alive the memory of deceased soldiers in all wars and to stimulate public patriotism and loyalty to the country.



Kicking it around

It may just be friendly competition, but these young athletes each made a fierce effort for the ball in a Scotch Plains Fanwood Soccer Association game Saturday afternoon.

Towns mark Memorial Day with parades and ceremonies

Both Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood will honor the nation's war dead with Memorial Day parades and celebrations on Monday.

In Westfield, opening ceremonies will start at 9 a.m. with services at the World War I Veterans Memorial Monument in the center of town. This year, the parade committee is using the theme "60-30" to commemorate 60 years since the end of World War II and 30 years since the fall of Saigon.

Participants are requested to be in Lord & Taylor West parking lot by 8 a.m. Each organization is asked to bring a 5 x 7-inch index card with basic information — organization name, brief background and person in charge to be used during TV36 coverage. Index cards will be available at the assembly point if needed. Doug Black of TV36 will be filming this year's parade, and commentary will be given by Pat Tighe.

Opening remarks will be made by this year's master of ceremonies, Peter Hogaboam, and Al Riker, American Legion chaplain, will offer the opening prayer and benediction. Hogaboam, commander of American Legion, 1st Marine Wallberg, Post #3, and Mountainside VFW Commander Bob Farley, will address the crowd.

At the town's new Korean War Memorial, there will be a special wreath presentation by Michael Kalinowski, a Korean War veteran and a member of "The Chosen Few," 1st Marine Division, who fought in Korea. Hank Petner, a Korean War Veteran, from Morganville will be present in full uniform.

Mayor Gregory McDermott will address the crowd, as will State Senator Thomas Kean, Jr. Closing remarks will be made by Hogaboam. The ceremony will also include Kerry Stubbs singing his a capella rendition of "God Bless America" and "Taps" will be performed by Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

There will be cannon volleys by Lambs Artillery, and special bell tolls by Jack Panash, bell master and curator of the Westfield town clock.

The parade committee welcomes any organization or individual who want to participate in this year's parade to come to the Lord & Taylor parking lot by 8 a.m. to be placed in the line of march. Any individuals or organizations wishing to sponsor a wreath or make a financial offering to the parade committee should call Stan Cuba at (908) 233-2767.

After opening ceremonies, the parade route will be north on East Broad Street and straight up to Fairview Cemetery where the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have closing ceremonies. The Daughters of the American Revolution and The Sons of the American Revolution will have their annual memorial service at the Revolutionary War cemetery.

Westfield's tribute will be led by the National Guard, a Westfield police escort, veterans' organizations, Grand Marshal Salvatore J. Cuoco, the mayor and Town Council, various civic and youth organizations, and the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and Department of Public Works.

Musical accompaniment will include the Westfield High School Marching Band, Westfield Fife and Drum Corps, and Bound Brook Drum and Bugle Corps.

Closing ceremonies will be held at Fairview Cemetery by the Westfield and Mountainside Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In the event of poor or questionable weather, call (908) 233-2767 the morning of the parade for a recorded announcement.

In Scotch Plains, observances will begin with a memorial service at 8 a.m. at American Legion Post 209 at Park Avenue and Sunset Place in Scotch Plains. At 9 a.m., there will be the laying of wreaths at the Fanwood Memorial Library at Tillotson Road and North Avenue. Wreaths will then be presented at the Veterans Monument at Park Avenue and Front Street in Scotch Plains at 10 a.m.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade will follow the ceremony. The theme for this year's parade is "Welcome Home A Salute to Vietnam Veterans."

The parade will provide a special salute to those residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains who served in the armed forces during the Vietnam War (1959-1975).

Scotch Plains resident and Vietnam veteran Frank T. Chupko, Jr. will serve as Parade Grand Marshal and represent his fellow Vietnam veterans at the memorial service.

Starting at 10:45 a.m. from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, the parade will proceed along Park Avenue, then move down Martine Avenue into the center of Fanwood and end at La Grande Park in Fanwood.

Latest edition of poetry journal now available

FANWOOD — The new issue of EXIT 13 Magazine, an annual publication described as "the Crossroads of Poetry since 1988," is now available by mail order and at local libraries.

The 12th issue of this journal of contemporary poetry includes the work of 53 poets, including 18 New Jersey writers. Local poets whose work is in the new issue of EXIT 13 include three residents of Fanwood: Adele Kenny, co-director of the Fanwood Arts Council; Gaby Euler, a junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School; and Tom Plante, the magazine's editor and publisher.

Other Garden State contributors include John McDermott of Cranford, Tony Greenwald of Edison, Diana Bowles Healy of Jamesburg, Charles H. Johnson of Red Bank, Paul Saha of Warren, Cheryl J. Moore of Abury Park, Kathie L. Balkay of Flemington, Jeff Greenshaw of Millwood, Stephen S. Power of Maplewood, D.E. Steward of Princeton, Nancy Scott of Freehold, Dorothy Ryan of Long Valley, Ruth Roff of Collingswood, Anna Evans of Hightstown, and Terence McGuire of Sewell.

Tom Plante named his magazine after the Elizabeth exit off the New Jersey Turnpike. He has assembled and published EXIT 13 in Fanwood since 1988. The poetry journal has featured snapshots of EXIT 13 road signs ever since, including photographs contributed by correspondents from throughout the United States and overseas.

EXIT 13, number 12, is available for \$7 from EXIT 13 Magazine, P.O. Box 429, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023. EXIT 13 Magazine may also be found in the periodicals sections of the Fanwood Memorial Library, the Scotch Plains Public Library, and the Elizabeth Public Library.

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Study: More can be done to manage arthritis pain

(ARA) — Despite tremendous advancements in treatments available for rheumatoid arthritis, a nationwide survey by the Arthritis Foundation shows that nearly 70 percent of people currently receiving RA treatment still experience pain, stiffness and fatigue on a daily basis. Results also reveal that more than one-third rank their quality of life with RA at only a five out of 10.

To identify unmet needs of the RA community regarding treatment options and quality of life, the Arthritis Foundation, in collaboration with Harris Interactive, surveyed 500 adults with RA. The most common medications used to treat RA include disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), such as leflunomide or methotrexate, and biologic response modifiers (BRMs), such as etanercept, adalimumab,

anakinra and infliximab. While half of the people surveyed report that some symptoms, such as joint pain, stiffness, and swelling are reduced by medication, 49 percent report they continue to change their daily household activities as a result of their arthritis.

"This survey brings to light the need for aggressive research in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, a disease affecting more than 2.1 million Americans," said Dr. John H. Klippel, president and CEO, Arthritis Foundation. "It is a clear indication that we still have a great deal of work to do to improve quality of life for people with RA when more than one-third of the people surveyed feel their condition affects their ability to control their own future or perform daily activities, in spite of taking their medication. The Arthritis

Foundation encourages people with RA to play an active role in their treatment by asking their physicians about the latest treatments available, as well as promising new research on the horizon."

Despite significant improvements in treatment for RA over the past 10 years, the survey also found that among those affected by the disease:

— More than 50 percent are extremely concerned about their ability to take care of themselves or the likelihood of becoming disabled in the future.

— The two most important factors in possible new treatments for RA are that the medication relieves pain more completely or provides longer periods of relief from their pain.

— The top three concerns about RA treatments are the potential for long-term consequences for

overall health, an increased risk of infection, and inadequate relief of fatigue.

— Nearly three-quarters are very or extremely interested in having their treating physician tell them about new RA therapies.

— Nearly two-thirds are very or extremely interested in having their treating physician tell them about new RA clinical trials for which they might qualify and spend more time explaining RA medications.

"These findings clearly show that patients desire more information and heightened communications with their treating physicians," says Dr. Eric Ruderman, medical advisor to the Arthritis Foundation and assistant professor, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University. "This represents a call-to-action to the healthcare community to expand our dialogue with patients about current treatments, discuss new RA clinical trials and keep them abreast of emerging research, such as different approaches to impact the immune cell interaction in RA."

Arthritis is the nation's leading cause of disability, costing the U.S. economy more than \$86 billion annually. RA is an autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks healthy joint tissue and causes inflammation and joint damage. RA affects women three times more often than men, primarily in the childbearing years of a woman's life.

For more information about steps you can take to improve your quality of life with RA, contact the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 283-7800 or visit www.arthritis.org.

This article is published courtesy of ARA Content.

Decor items on sale at Runnels

The Volunteer Guild of Runnels Specialized Hospital of Union County will feature the merchandise of "S & S Trading" on Thursday, June 9.

The sale will feature their line of home décor items such as wine bags, boxes, accessories and seashore/nautical items; leather goods, scrapbooks, photo albums, reading glasses, nightlights and more. There will even be \$1 special closeout merchandise.

"There is never a fee for the public to attend our sales," said county Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to Runnels Specialized Hospital. "A percentage of each purchase made at these sales is given to the Volunteer Guild to obtain items for the residents and patients that may include televisions, VCR's and prizes for their bingo games.

"The efforts of the Guild, which make vendor sales possible, also enable the Guild to sponsor a holiday party/gift distribution and a summer picnic or ice cream social, in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club."

The sale will be held in the multi-purpose room of the facility at 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cash, credit cards and checks with valid identification are acceptable.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnels Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks.

Anyone who would like further information should call the Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

AARP plans a luncheon

The Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of AARP will hold its annual spring luncheon June 7 at noon at the Westwood in Garwood.

This luncheon will replace the regular June meeting. There will be no meetings during the summer months. The next regular meeting will be on Sept. 12.

Luncheon Chairperson Marie Stock announced the luncheon will be a full seated event (not a buffet) with a choice of three entrees—beef, chicken or fish. Members may bring guests.

The musical entertainment will be provided by Wm. Ballow, who will perform a variety of "Golden Oldies" and Broadway show tunes.

The cost is \$20 including gratuity. Reservations may be made by calling Stock at (908) 925-2546.

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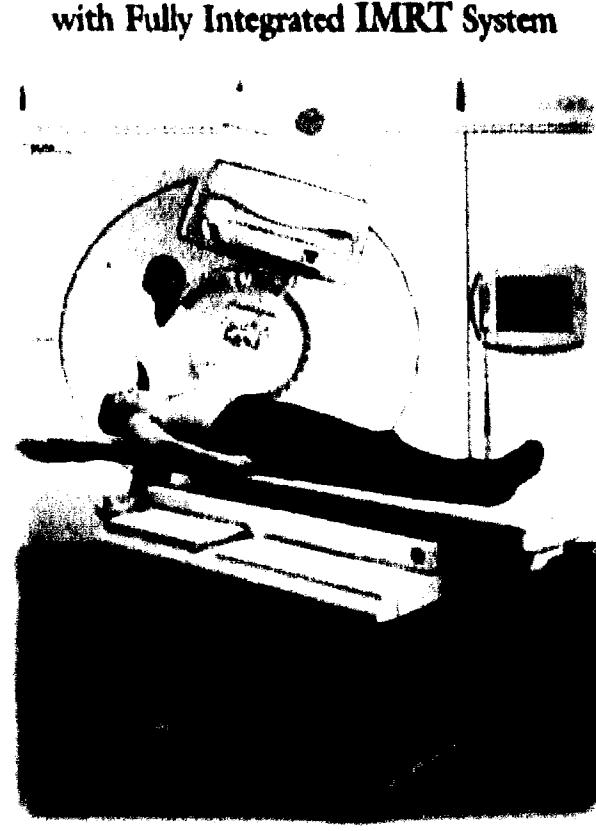
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- Awarded American Cancer Society Fellowship in Clinical Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
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- Graduated with Honors from Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and Columbia University

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Sports

There is no 'team' in UCT

By DAVID LAZARUS

CORRESPONDENT

Long after the events on the track had ended and with nearly all of the schools having departed, only the teams from Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Plainfield and Rahway remained as the high jump competition continued.

"We knew we had it won, but I didn't want to say anything until the meet was over. We sat there and respectfully watched the high jump," said an elated Raider coach Jeff Koegel.

It was only fitting that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls track team had to go overtime to win their first Union County Track Championship. Using their outstanding team balance the Raiders were able to withstand Rahway's talented twosome of LaShonda Carter and Andrea Butler to squeak out a 72-68 victory.

The Raiders parlayed three first place finishes with numerous other scorers to complete an outstanding three-week period that also included the Watchung Conference and Union County Relay championships.

"We had a good team effort and didn't have to rely on one superstar. We had eight girls score, and the highest scorer contributed 17.5 points," said Koegel.

It was also a nice bookend to the Union County Cross Country championship the Raiders had won last fall, also the school's first.

"We've had a few firsts this year, starting with cross-country, and this was another," said

Koegel. "The girls deserve this, and they should enjoy it. There will never be another group of girls at this school to say they were the first ones to do that."

Of their three individual winners, Meaghan Kelly was the biggest surprise. Sidelined with a pulled hamstring two weeks ago, the junior upset teammate and defending champion, Michelle Regg in the triple jump (32-11.75) and added a third place in the 400 hurdles (65.5). Both marks were personal bests. Kelly also joined Amanda Bobjack, Sam Gates and Bridget Cornwell for an important third place in the 4x400 relay, which was accentuated by the Raiders finishing ahead of Plainfield and Rahway.

"Meaghan really stepped it up in the triple jump. Those points were crucial for us," said Koegel.

A shocking victor a year ago in the same venue, Bobjack repeated her triumph by bettering her mark of a year ago with a 16.95 effort.

"I was very happy with the way I jumped. I feel very confident jumping here," said Bobjack.

Katie Zaleski easily won the pole vault, with a county record 10-0, surpassing her second place jump last year by 2.5 feet.

Kat Berka provided 17 points with second place finishes in the discus and javelin and a sixth in the shot put.

Senior Mary Shashaty repeated her second place finish of a year ago in the 3200 with a time of 11:30.4. Fellow senior Laura Harrison placed sixth in 12:19.1.

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Blue Devils advance, fall in final

Westfield defeated Columbia 4-1 in a North Jersey, Section 2, Group IV semifinal match last Thursday. Alec Wasserman (pictured above) lost by injury default but he was picked up by teammates Kevin Shalcross and Ravi Natravall — winning convincingly in the other singles matches. Brian Kender and Lee Bernstein outlasted their opponents, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-2 and Andrew Levy and Jack Trimble won second doubles, 6-3, 6-2. Westfield (21-6) was defeated by Bridgewater-Raritan 4-1 Tuesday in the sectional finals. Shalcross won his match.

By DAVID LAZARUS

CORRESPONDENT

For the second time in three weeks, Union's star power outscored Scotch Plains' balance as the Farmers grabbed the rubber match in their three meet season with the Raiders by winning the Union County Championship Saturday at Hob Stone Field in Plainfield.

Earlier in the season, the Raiders won a close dual meet but the Farmers had outscored Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the Union County Relays.

Although disappointed at not winning the meet, Scotch Plains boys coach Rich McGriff was generally pleased with his team's per-

formance. "In track you can always say we should have scored more points in this event or that event, but everyone can say that. Overall, we did pretty close to as well as we could," said McGriff. "You have to give Union credit. They have some great individual talent and they all came through today."

Leading the Raiders were their two all-around standouts, sophomore Kyle Rowbotham and senior Sean Smith. Rowbotham once again exceeded his personal best, scoring 14-5.25 to win the triple jump and also was tied for third in the 400 (50). Smith won the high jump (6-2), was third in the 110 meter hurdles (15.4) and second in the 400-meter intermediate bar



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Westfield went ahead in the second inning when Anna McGrath lofted a run scoring sacrifice fly but Union tied the game in the top of the fourth inning.

The Blue Devils got back on top in the bottom of the fourth inning by stringing together four consecutive hits, said Pignoli. McGrath had an RBI single in the inning.

Pitcher Lauren Gelmetti didn't

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THE RECORD-PRESS

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Devils boys ready for states

By CHAD HEMINWAY

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Westfield baseball team, seeded fifth in the state sectional tournament, looks to advance to the North 2, Group IV semifinals with a win over fourth-seeded Bayonne today.

The game is being played in Bayonne at 3 p.m. said head coach Bob Brewster. Game time is a bit earlier because today is also Westfield's prom night.

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and I was very happy with the way

she played."

Pignoli said the bracket seems

wide open. Westfield played top-

seeded JP Stevens this year and

lost a close game, 2-0.

As for Bayonne, Brewster is

familiar with the team as the head

coach is an old friend from high

school, he said.

"They are a good program,"

Brewster said. "They're well-

coached. (The Bayonne coach)

admitted to me that he doesn't

have the best team but I know

they'll be tough."

Brewster said the fact that

Westfield has defeated state qualifi-

ers — Hunterdon, Elizabeth,

Linden, East Side and played

Watchung Hills tough despite

injuries make him confident the

sectional championship is certain

ly within reach.

Westfield is led by catcher Mike

Murray offensively and pitchers

Bill Heaton and Tom Ricciuti

on the mound.

Westfield finished with 24

points. 16 from the pole vault

where Mike Woods finished third

in 14-0. Junior Jeffery

Perrillo, running with a side hamstring, fin-

ished a close second to Kevin



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Devils done-in by Summit

Andrew Schott (above) and the Westfield Blue Devils (8-10) dropped a 14-2 decision to Summit (15-3), ranked No. 4 in the state, Monday in the Union County Tournament final. Summit struck for nine goals on just 15 shots in the first half. Schott and Matt Gallagher scored for Westfield.

Raiders bested by Millburn in states

By CHAD HEMENWAY

THE RECORD-PRESS

MILLBURN — Scotch Plains-Fanwood, seeded tenth, was involved in a crisp, well-played baseball game with seventh-seeded Millburn in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group III baseball playoffs Monday. It's as simple as that.

Problem is, the Raiders were on the short end of a 2-0 decision.

"There's nothing really that I can say," said head coach Tom Baylock. "We didn't play bad. We were just out-pitched. This was a good pitcher's duel and their guy was lights out."

Millburn pitcher Patrick Mackesy allowed only two hits — both in the fourth inning. Rob Moskal blooped a single behind the first base bag and John Maloney beat out an infield single.

But Scotch Plains was never able to seriously threaten in the game. Though Moskal led off the fourth with his hit, he was erased as he was trying to work out of trouble often. In the first inning, after recording two outs, D'Annunzio walked the bases loaded but escaped when he struck out the next batter.

In the second inning D'Annunzio walked the leadoff man but was erased when catcher Kevin Urban caught him stealing. Urban threw out three men attempting to steal second base in the game.

Millburn broke through in the third inning as D'Annunzio again walked the leadoff man. He was driven in when the Millers' cleanup hitter smacked a triple. The next batter drove a seeing-eye single up the middle to give Millburn their second run.

fighting."

Kelli Kaski stepped in as the tying run. She battled the North Hunterdon pitcher before grounding sharply to third base to end the game.

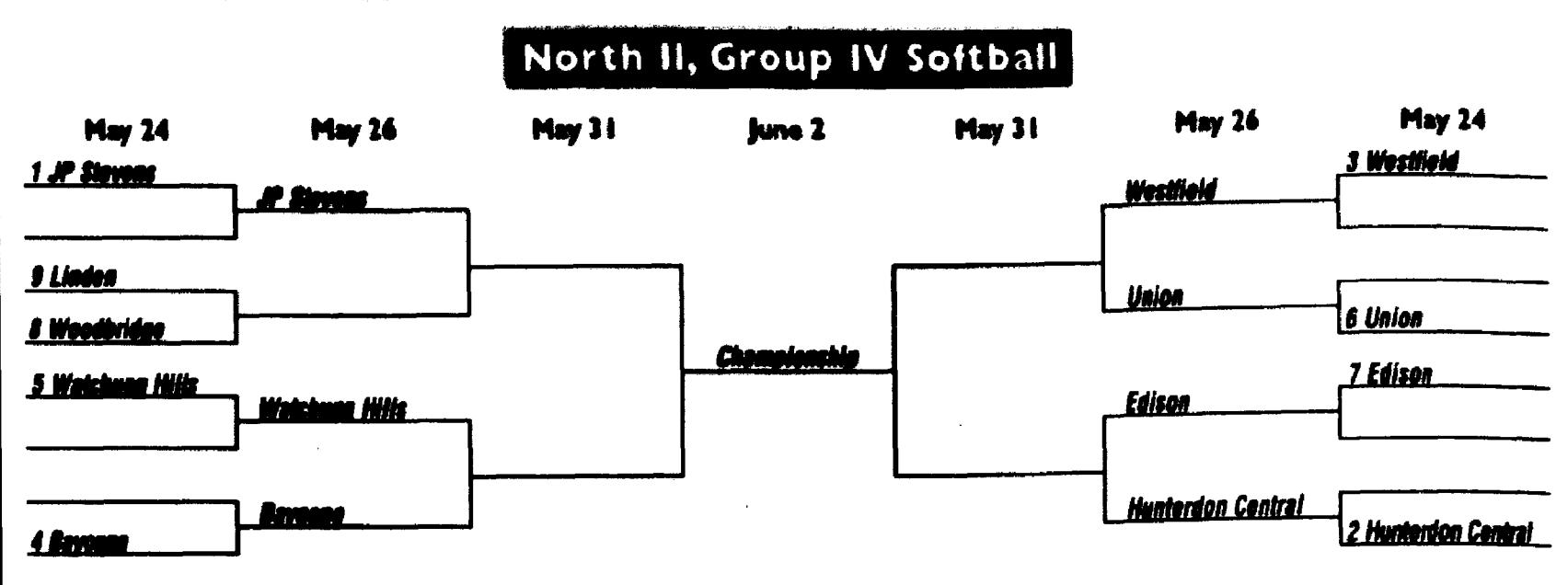
North Hunterdon was very aggressive at the plate against Scotch Plains pitcher Elaine Piniut. Many of them swung at the very first pitch and put the ball in play. They scored once in the first inning, twice in the third and added a run in the fourth inning.

But the Lady Raiders played good defense throughout the game. Piniut, who allowed 11 hits, relied on those behind her to make the plays and if the ball was within reach, they did for the most part. Shortstop Melissa Sette had three assists and three putouts.

In the fourth inning a stellar defensive play was turned in by first baseman Lusk and sophomore catcher Lannen Moines. With a runner on third, North Hunterdon attempted a squeeze play. Lusk charged the ball, underhanded it to Moines and Moines dove back across the plate to cut down the runner for the out.

Scotch Plains threatened to score in the bottom of the third inning when Lusk led off with a walk. Collier followed with a bunt single to place runners on first and second with no out but the next three batters were retired in order — the third on a very nice running catch behind second base by Hunterdon's second baseman.

"Just when I start to think that maybe we're finished, some one has always done something like that all year to surprise me," said Covert. "Unfortunately, we couldn't pull out the miracle win but I'm proud of the girls for



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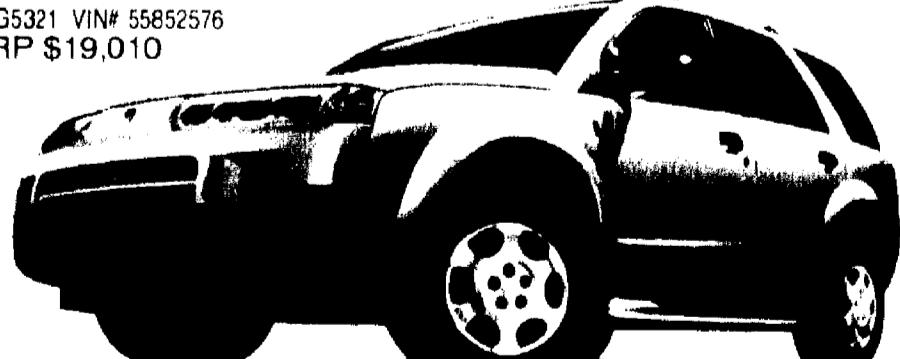


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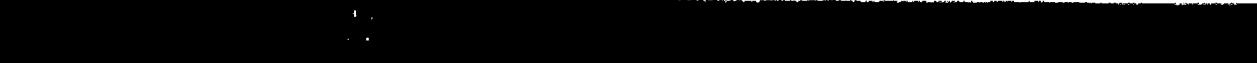
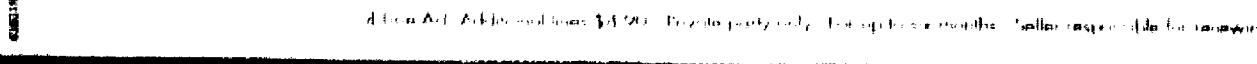
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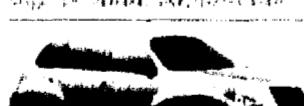
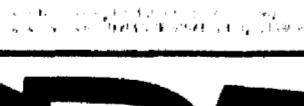
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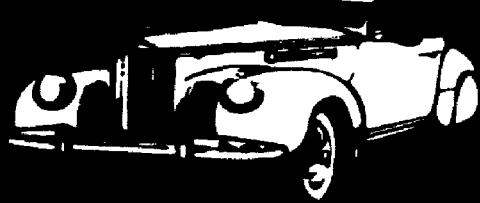
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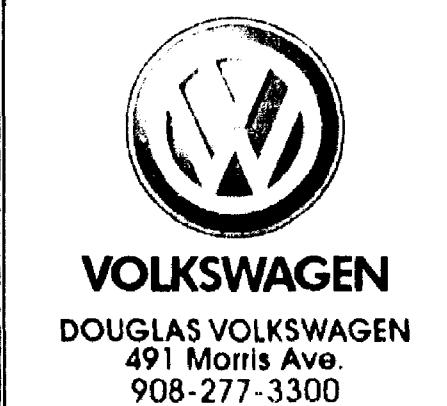
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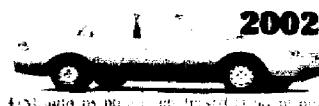
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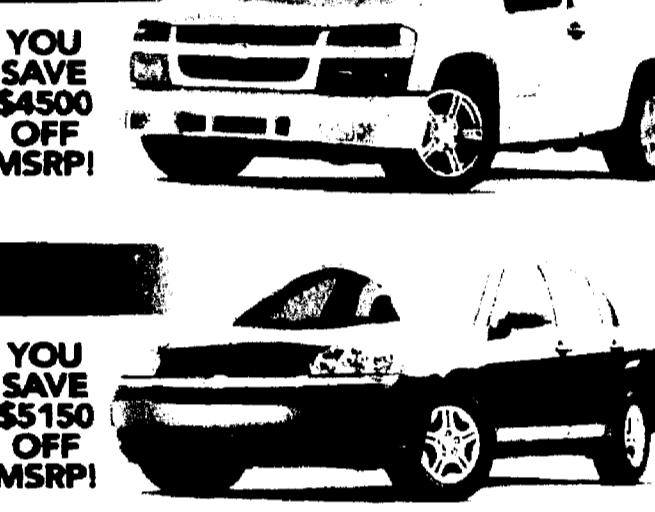
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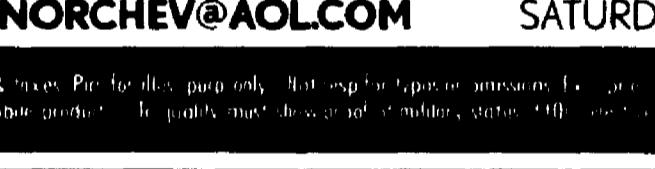
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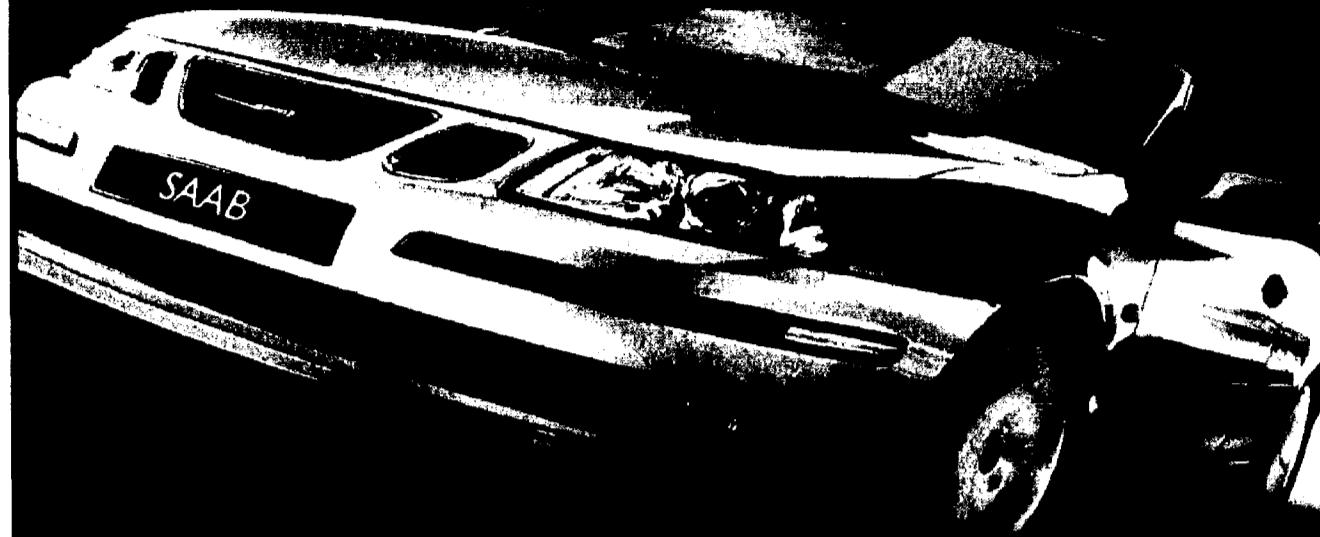
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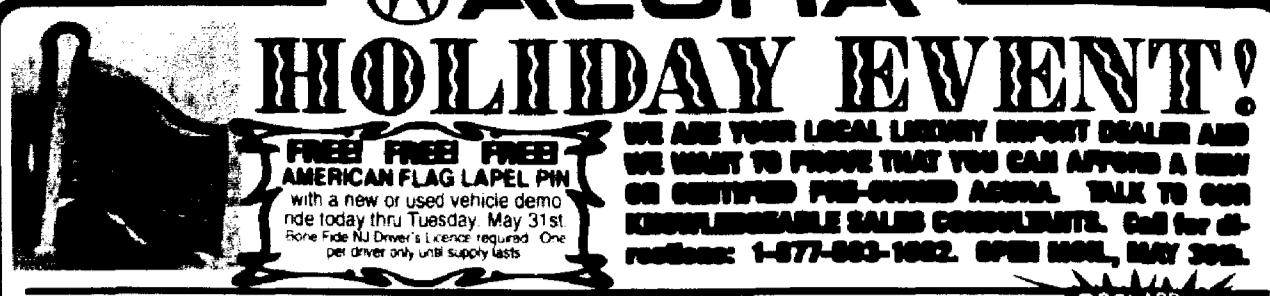
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