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WELCOME ABOARD

Noel Baxter, Westfield's K-12 social studies supervisor, is one of two administrators to join the school district recently. For a quick look at what Baxter and WHS assistant principal Douglas Sanford bring to Westfield, see Page A-7.



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The members of the Mz Quartette will be featured in a concert next Wednesday at Westfield's First Baptist Church; also on the bill are the Madrigal Singers. See Prime Time, Page B-2.

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In Scotch Plains, voters have a clear choice

Democrats: Better management is needed

By THERESA STULTZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — In the current campaign for Township Council, the three Democratic candidates — Neal LeStrange, Jeffrey Strauss and Kevin Glover — say they can bring new energy, better management and a renewed emphasis on checks and balances to local government.

The long rein of Republican rule — the GOP currently holds all four council seats, plus the mayoralty — has led to inefficiency, misplaced priorities and an apathetic electorate, the challengers claim. "Whether it be Democrats or Republicans, if you're in power too long and you control the mechanism too long, it gets stale," said Strauss.

LeStrange, a husband and father of four, served for 22 years as a police officer in Scotch Plains and is a township resident for almost five decades. He is also a former member of the local rescue squad.

Glover, an expert in facilities management

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GOP touts its record of service to township

By THERESA STULTZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rich Duthie is a newcomer to local politics. But if the Republican candidate for Township Council is successful in next Tuesday's election, don't expect him to try to upset the apple cart.

"I like the leadership in town," Duthie said in a recent interview with the *Record-Press*. "I want to follow in the same path as the current administrators."

Duthie joined the Republican slate when Frank Rossi, the incumbent councilman, decided not to run again; he is joined on the ballot by incumbents Nancy Malool and Carolyn Sorge. Together, they're running on a platform that includes creating a new senior center, continuing to provide new athletic fields and conserve open space, and finding ways to mitigate upward pressure on property taxes

Duthie is a 13-year township resident and a member of the Board of Adjustment since

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Fanwood candidates square off in debate

By THERESA STULTZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — With only one week to go before the election, residents filled Council Chambers Monday night to hear the Democratic and Republican candidates for Borough Council affirm their commitment to the community and exchange ideas about property taxes, downtown redevelopment, the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program and the municipal budget.

In Tuesday's election, Republicans Andy MacDonald and Rich Alber will be looking to make a dent in the current Democratic control of the Borough Council. They face incumbent Donna Dolce and newcomer David Valian; Jack Molenaar, the other Democrat whose term is up this year, is not seeking-re-election.

The forum highlighted key differences between the parties on a number of issues. On the topic of downtown redevelopment, Dolce and Valian said the council had been guided first by the need to rebuild trust with local merchants, and second to ensure that local residents and business owners were included in the redevelopment effort.

However, MacDonald and Alber said the effort had been stagnant; three years after Democrats took control, groundbreakings were just held within the last few weeks for two projects on South Avenue. "Putting up a fence and digging holes in the ground is not progress," said Alber, who is running for office for the first time.

Alber also said the use of developers with little experience could cause further delays. But Valian defended the council's decision to work with existing property owners on several smaller projects, saying it would yield a better result for the community in the long run.

On property taxes, Republicans acknowledged that local government is constrained in what it can do. But there are government programs, such as those at the county level, that are redundant and should be eliminated, they said. "We have an opportunity to tell Trenton that we are sick and tired of excessive levels of

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Costumes don't come cuter than this

The Westfield Y's Men's Club hosted its annual Halloween parade Sunday, and local children turned out for the event in every imaginable get-up. Pictured above are Anna Sophia Mullaney with her younger sister, Lauren; at right is Morgan Eng. See more Halloween photos on Page C-6.

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Land use task force hears resident input

By THERESA STULTZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Residents came out to voice their opinions at a meeting of the local Land Use Task Force on Oct. 25, offering input about how the group should proceed with its deliberations about development regulations.

The meeting was the first in a series convened to hear the concerns and recommendations of various stakeholders. The 10-member task force was created this fall to make recommendations to the Town Council about how to address concern about the rapid development in the town's residential neighborhoods — in particular, how to balance private property rights with concerns about quality of life and community resources.

"The committee had a good opportunity at this meeting to gain a first-hand understanding of stakeholder perceptions and preferences. It is an important first step in the process before any solutions can be developed," Task Force Chairman William Heinbokel said in a statement after the meeting.

Robert Nehring, one of the residents in attendance and a member of Westfielders Concerned About Responsible Development (WECARE), shared his concerns about the proliferation of large homes.

"Oversized homes redefine the character of existing neighborhoods," he told the panel. Nehring proposed revisions to the floor-to-area ratio and set back regulations that he said would ensure that new homes are scaled in proportion to the lots they occupy.

The meeting included discussion of the need to maintain the town's stock of "starter homes" to ensure Westfield's continuing economic and social diversity, and there was also a discussion about allowing variances for historical homes so that they maintain architectural congruity and significance, especially after repairs or remodeling.

But many of the points raised during the session were less about the size of the new homes being constructed than the way they are being built. Many residents brought up quality of life

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Town, FMBA finally have new contract

Both sides accept arbitrator's ruling

By THERESA STULTZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — After a lengthy negotiation process that ended with binding arbitration, the Town of Westfield and the Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) No. 30 finally have a new five-year contract — though it will be in effect only for two more years.

Under the terms of the new contract, which extends through 2008, firefighters will receive annual salary increases ranging from 3 to 4 percent; the increases will be retroactive to January 2004, when the last contract expired. The town has been keeping funds in reserve to make the retroactive payments.

Health insurance coverage will be supplied by a preferred provider organization (PPO) plan, which the town proposed to replace the traditional or indemnity plan, and optical benefits will also be included. The new agreement will also raise the stipend paid to firefighters with EMT certifications from $750 to $1,500 or $1,633, depending on rank.

And the town was successful in adding several new steps to the salary guide, so that it will now take firefighters an extra year to achieve the maximum pay for the rank of lieutenant and captain.

Under the agreement, the base salary for a probationary officer without an EMT stipend in 2007 will be $32,827. The maximum salary for a non-lieutenant, non-captain member of the department will be $76,236, and for a "captain grade 2" the salary will be $92,622.

In 2008, those figures will rise to $33,822, $79.095, and $96,096, respectively.

An ordinance putting the agreement into effect was introduced at the council's

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Fanwood candidates square off

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taxes in this state," said MacDonald, who is running as a challenger but previously served for 12 years on the council.

In her rebuttal, Dolce said, "For items we had control of, we've kept control."

The candidates were asked about how they propose to balance the budget, and if the council's pursuit of extraordinary aid has created a dependence on state funds. "A budget is just that — a guide," Dolce said. She said that the council had made a worthwhile decision to apply and wait for the extraordinary aid this year, because it was needed to cover unforeseen costs.

In response, Alber applauded the governing body for aggressively seeking state aid, "but it's your job to do that," he added. He also warned that the borough could be left with a structural deficit if state aid funds run out.

Both sides agreed that the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program, which could allow homeowners in the historic district to sell their development rights to downtown property owners, is complex and can be confusing. "But we have to be creative in reducing taxes," Valian said, noting the program could also create incentives for historic preservation.

And the Democrats stressed that progress has been slow in part because they have made an effort to bring residents into the research phase of the project; there has not yet been an opportunity to move further, they said. "No one's buying into the program because there is no program to buy into (yet)," Dolce said.

But Republicans said the project is already a failure. Alber said that while TDR is an example of "good out-of-the box thinking" he had three main issues with the pilot program: a lack of communication to residents, the Democrats claim that the program is free because it is funded through a state grant, and the lack of significant progress. "Your tax dollars pay for the grants," Alber said. "So far the borough has spent over $100,000 (on) the project and (we) don't have much to show for it. To have "Frequently Asked Questions" and a PowerPoint presentation on the Web site, that's not progress."

A question about the needs and concerns of borough seniors yielded varying responses. "It's hard to define who are seniors," Dolce said. "We do our best, because we are all faced with the same burdens."

MacDonald said because of high property taxes, many of the older residents he has talked to have said that they need to move out of Fanwood. "They cannot afford to continue living in the neighborhood with a fixed income," he said.

But Valian defended the efforts of the current administration and said that the current administration has always showed concern for the needs of senior citizens.

The candidates were also asked how they planned to maximize Fanwood's assets. "Some of our greatest assets are the people themselves. Much of the services we provide are volunteer-driven," Dolce responded. And Alber said it was all the assets the borough offered that attracted his family to move to Fanwood. "I will work hard to protect them for future Fanwoodians," he said.

In their final comments, the candidates reiterated their platforms and their reasons for seeking office. Alber promised to open up the lines of communication, to ask some hard questions at council meetings, to hold the line on spending, and to come with no preconceived notions about how to run the borough. "I'm not a political person by nature," Alber said, "I care about the future of my children's education. I'm also the kind of person who no matter how big the hill is, I will find a way to the top."

Valian thanked his wife and children for their support during his campaign and said that his experiences as a child showed him that, "There are times to ask for help and there are times to help those who ask." He said that his goals are to bring new ideas to the council and add energy to an already progressing administration.

MacDonald said his past service to the borough and to the country qualified him as a clear choice in this election. "If elected, we're going to represent you well," he said.

Dolce said she often asks herself why she decided to participate and comes back to the same conclusion. "If not now, when? If not me, who?" she said. Dolce said she is proud of the quality-of-life issues she had been able to address in her three years in office. "We've done a lot," she said, "but there's still more to be done."

After the debate, a few of the residents in attendance said the forum had been useful, though they weren't tipping their hands about who they will support on Tuesday. "As a registered Republican, I came out with an open mind," said Michael Lewis. Lewis said he was not sure who he would vote for before arriving, but that the debate helped to make his decision clearer.

Vicki Cook, a borough resident of 30 years, said she had already decided how she would cast her vote. "You can't sit back and gripe. Unless you do something, they don't hear you," she said.

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Taking a break with Tami the Tiger



Chris Sullivan (left) and Alison Krakaur, fourth graders at Westfield's Tamques School, were joined by Westfield's Mayor Andrew Skibitsky for Walk-To-School Day on Oct. 4. The raffle winners were greeted by the school mascot, Tami the Tiger. This town-wide event was sponsored by the B.R.A.K.E.S pedestrian safety group to promote safety and reduce traffic.

Town, FMBA finally have contract

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Oct. 24 meeting, after both sides decided not to appeal the arbitrator's ruling. A second reading is scheduled for the Nov. 21 meeting.

Asked for comment about the new deal, town administrator Jim Gildea said, "There were many pieces of the town's offer that made it into the final agreement. So the town is very pleased."

FMBA President Michael Sawicki, meanwhile, said, "Some guys are satisfied and some guys aren't."

Sawicki said there are mixed feelings within the department about the new deal. "We were going on three years without a contract — we're ready to get this behind us and move on."

The firefighters had previously rejected two proposed deals that had been hashed out by negotiators.

In their proposal to the arbitrator, the FMBA had sought annual salary increases of 6 percent, which the union said would bring its members in parity with the existing contract terms enjoyed by members of the Police Benevolent Association (PBA), as well as greater increases in the EMT stipend.

In its response, the town noted that 6 percent raises would be greater than the increases given to other municipal employees, and argued that the FMBA had focused on the PBA agreement while ignoring the town's other union contracts. The town also noted the challenging fiscal climate faced by local government, and said that when the full compensation package is taken into account, local firefighters fare well in comparison to their peers in neighboring towns.

The town did acknowledge in its proposal, "There is no dispute that the fire department operates at a professional and productive level."

Land use task force

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issues arising from conflicts between builders and neighboring homeowners during construction.

"Builders are starting earlier and earlier in the morning. Hammering is just out of control," said one resident.

WECARE members offered a list of suggestions about the operation of construction crews, such as that Porta-Johns be set back from the street and located inside construction site fences — "unsightly things," said resident, John Mancini, who said he has become used to seeing them lined along streets his neighborhood.

Other complaints focused on noise from the use of gas-powered generators kept on front lawns, the proper placement of Dumpsters so as to not block traffic, and proper notification of impending demolitions.

Overall, residents sought stricter enforcement of the construction and property maintenance code and stricter fines for violation of existing ordinances. They also stressed the need for neighbor notification requirements, a formalized grievance resolution process, and attention to work site safety issues.

"This was a big step forward, and I hope some action can be taken soon," said resident Sharon Stockwell and member of WECARE.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Heinbokel thanked the residents for their input and encouraged them to continue to share their opinions and concerns through the task force's email address, landuse@westfieldnj.gov.

"I thought the turn out of the public was good," said Heinbokel. "Many of the concerns voiced matched those discussed by the committee during initial meetings."

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Democrats: Better management needed

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who has worked at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette and Drexel Burnham Lambert, has volunteered with the Boy Scouts, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Strauss, an attorney, has served for three years on the Fanwood Board of Adjustment before moving to Scotch Plains. A youth coach for both baseball and soccer, he has served as a division vice president for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association.

In an interview last week with the *Record-Press*, the Democrats offered a wide-ranging attack that was focused less on their specific opponents — incumbents Carolyn Sorge and Nancy Malool and newcomer Rich Duthie — than on the prevailing culture in local government, and they pledged to be agents for change. Both LeStrange and Glover said they had left the Republican Party over dissatisfaction with the GOP.

"There's never really been a plan for Scotch Plains," said LeStrange, discussing his decision. "It's always been Band-Aid solutions."

The Democrats took aim at the Republicans' management of municipal facilities, in particular town hall, the public works building, and the library. Though the council is now proceeding with upgrades to those facilities, the challengers said the incumbents had failed to provide adequate maintenance over the years and now are wasting money on façade improvements that aren't structurally necessary.

The current council has also wasted money, the Democrats said, by presiding over improper management of employees; they pointed in particular to one lawsuit and countersuit involving the police department that resulted in settlement payments of $490,000. In that case, four African American men sued the township, alleging civil rights violations; the patrolling officers in turn sued the police department, saying they had been subject to reverse racism during the investigation. (LeStrange himself was the watch commander when the incident took place and later testified on behalf of the officers, though he was not a party to the suit.)

Poor management of facilities and employees, they said, has helped spur local spending. Municipal taxes have risen 31 percent in the last four years; much of that increase occurred in 2003, when the council approved the highest municipal increase in Scotch Plains history. Property taxes are rising in nearly every community, but the Democrats said they believed they can do better. "The first and foremost way to improve people's lives is to give them more of their money back," said Glover.

Given their criticism about the way the township is run, some detractors have accused the Democrats of planning to replace long-serving municipal manager Tom Atkins. But the three said no such decision has been made. If elected, they will evaluate the performance of all municipal employees, but "there's no premeditation" to remove anyone, said Strauss.

When it comes to management and oversight, "We don't feel the council (members) are living up to their responsibilities," said Glover. "We intend to be pro-active managers of this town, working in partnership with the town manager."

The Democrats also criticized the way the council handled the debate over whether to establish a special improvement district in the downtown. In that case, after many months of work, the council voted not to move forward in the face of opposition from some commercial property owners.

"It was a debacle," LeStrange said.

Still, they said, the council should restart that effort and seek to exploit the township's location between Route 22 and the train line. "We realize there are problems downtown with (the council's relationship with) merchants, but there needs to be a township commitment to pull those two together to make downtown a place people will want to walk," Glover said. "... You need to make your downtown a priority."

The Republicans have put improvements to local athletic fields and plans for a senior center at the Ponderosa site at the center of their campaign. The challengers said they are supporters of youth sports — but, LeStrange said, "We cannot look at every piece of open land in Scotch Plains as ball fields."

They also said the township has done a poor job maintaining sites such as Brookside Park and should have taken more creative approaches to creating recreational space. For example, LeStrange said, the property across from the CVS in the downtown would have been a better location for a senior center because of it's accessibility to local retails and services.

Finally, the Democrats said, local government should do a better job of making government open to residents, from improving the township's Web site to making the deliberative decision-making process more transparent.

"That's why we're running. We don't agree with how the council is operating," Glover said.

Added Strauss, "If the three of us get in, the direction can change."

GOP touts record of service to township

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2003. The husband and father of four prides himself on having an extensive community volunteer record, including time as a football, baseball, and soccer coach and stints on various committees of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA. Duthie said his political philosophy is built around volunteerism. "Make no mistake," he said, "there is a learning curve for newcomers... Competency is gained through volunteering."

Malool, a council member since 2003, is the current deputy mayor. The wife and mother of two girls also has both local and state government experience; she has served as a member of the Scotch Plains Planning Board and as a legislative aide to Alan Augustine and Tom Kean Jr.

An attorney with a practice in downtown Scotch Plains, Malool said she would focus on building revenue sources and making government more open in a second term. "We've made great progress," she said. "And we have some more things on the horizons."

Sorge, who joined the council with Malool, previously served as a member of the Board of Adjustment. She has also worked as an administrative assistant in the office of the mayor and the municipal manager, Tom Atkins.

The council has spent much of the past year on improvements to local athletic fields, and the three Republicans touted those efforts. Duthie ticked off a long list of sites where investments have been made — Kramer Manor, Farley Road Park, Memorial Field, Jerseyland Park and the Field of Dreams Project at Park Middle School.

"We have a large number of families involved in sports, so we need more open space and we want to improve on our recreation projects," added Sorge.

Still, Duthie said, "the work is not done." He said that south side ball field is a perfect spot for an artificial turf field dedicated to youth soccer, and that the council is currently looking to refurbish Brookside Park. "I anxiously await those plans and hope to be in a position to offer input as a councilman," he said.

The Republicans have also said they will make creation of a senior center at the former Ponderosa site a priority. The property is owned by the county, which plans to transform it into park space; Duthie said the township will be prepared to make a financial commitment from the municipal Open Space Trust Fund so that the plans include a senior center.

Regarding property taxes, the Republicans pointed to the council's efforts to generate revenue from alternative sources, such as the new miniature golf course at Scotch Hills, which is slated to bring in $100,000 over its first two years of operation, and the Heather Glen age-restricted residential development.

Malool said that Heather Glen will bring many millions in tax payments to the township without putting a strain on school enrollment. She also criticized her opponents for failing to understand the logistics of a municipal budget, much of which is state-mandated.

The three also defended their management of municipal facilities, such as town hall, the public works department site, and the library. Though the buildings require expensive repairs, it's unfair for local Democrats to blame that on the council, Duthie said. "The (municipal building) was built in 1972 and has had necessary repairs and maintenance... Age put these systems in need of replacement, not mismanagement."

And Malool said the council made the right decision to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on aesthetic improvements, in addition to structural upgrades. "We're a fairly affluent community — it's embarrassing to have a town hall that looks like that. It's one of the first buildings you see when you come into town," she said.

Their Democratic opponents have said the town has been burdened by employee lawsuits, especially one high-profile case involving the police department. "Unfortunately, employee lawsuits are more prevalent everywhere." Malool said. "Perhaps in the police department (they occur) because of strong interaction with the public and a high stress environment. I don't think its mismanagement of employees on a whole."

Sorge added that police management issues will remain in the jurisdiction of the Chief Brian Mahoney, who was appointed last year. "I'm confident that he has and will continue to move the department in the right direction," Sorge said.

About the downtown, Malool said, "Our downtown needs some work; perhaps we haven't found our niche." She was the most vocal supporter of a special improvement district to upgrade the downtown, which her colleagues on the council ultimately chose not to endorse.

"I haven't totally given up on it in my head, but I need to see some enthusiasm from others," she said. Rather than going through the same process, she suggested that the council should concentrate on finding Scotch Plain's niche. "Maybe that's just to remain a downtown for professional offices and restaurants or service oriented. Maybe we should not be like Cranford or Westfield. Maybe we've been looking at this the wrong way. May be we just need to build on what we already have," Malool said.

Added Duthie, "I can say that currently we have a very low vacancy rate in our retail and office buildings, which means people feel good about coming to Scotch Plains to do business."

'Roundup,' lack of debate become campaign issues

SCOTCH PLAINS — While the Democratic and Republican candidates for Township Council have made their positions known regarding the perennial issues of property taxes, municipal facilities and employee management, those subjects have been nearly overwhelmed by several unusual, high-profile topics that have arisen during the campaign.

The "Good Ol' Boys Roundup." In numerous media reports, Democratic candidate Neal LeStrange has been asked to account for his attendance at a law enforcement gathering known as the "Good Ol' Boys Roundup" in Tennessee in the early 1990s. In subsequent years, the event came under Congressional and national media scrutiny because of the presence of racially offensive material.

When his attendance was raised in a deposition in 2002 and again during the current campaign, LeStrange has acknowledged that he encountered racist material at the event, though less severe than what was discovered in later years. But he has said that he did not know the event would have racist overtones, that he spoke against it with his friends at the event and that he did not return in later years.

LeStrange's account of the events has been questioned by numerous local officials, including a former supervisor in the police department. He has attributed those comments to the adversarial relationship that existed between him and some police and municipal officials (LeStrange testified against the township in a "reverse racism" lawsuit brought by four officers.)

In an interview with the *Record-Press*, LeStrange was adamant about clearing himself from any insinuations of racism, and even equated the allegations to modern-day McCarthyism. "My opponents want to prey on the fears of certain groups," LeStrange said. "To call someone a racist is very vile. You shouldn't tolerate racism or sexism on any level."

The debate. For the first time in years, the candidates from the two parties did not meet in a formal debate moderated by another local newspaper. The Republicans have repeatedly criticized their opponents for declining to participate in a debate, while the Democrats said their concerns about how the forum would be conducted were never addressed.

In a bit of political theater Monday night, the Republicans held a press conference in Council Chambers, where the debate would have been held.

Republican candidate Nancy Malool read a statement at the press conference that included the following: "The Democratic candidates continue to hide behind their political handlers and seem afraid to face the public on their own. How will they handle being councilmen when their handlers should no longer play a role in the government of the township?"

For their part, the Democrats have said they initially made an effort to arrange a debate, but became convinced that, as candidate Kevin Glover put it, "a debate would not have addressed the real issues."

"We were willing to debate on the issues," agreed Democratic candidate Jeff Strauss. But, Strauss said, he and his running mates did not believe that would happen, in part because they did not trust the local paper that would have moderated to provide a balanced venue and in part because of difficulty obtaining relevant information from the township.

"Instead, we walked and shared the issues with the people," Strauss said.

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Fowlin's program at SPF High offers hope, optimism to audience

By THERESA STULTZ
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The issues of race, class and gender, not to mention discrimination and homophobia, can be conversation-stoppers. But Michael Fowlin has found a creative way to address those topics — and to communicate a message of love and unity — with almost any age group.

Before a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School auditorium filled with students, parents, and school administrators on Oct. 23, Fowlin explored these hot-button issues with humor and intensity in his one-man, multi-character show, "You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me."

Fowlin opened the performance with an attention-grabbing poem about September 11th in which he highlighted how an individual's racial identity shaped his or her experiences of that fateful day. He followed up by asking the audience an unusual question: "How many of you are right-handed?"

As audience members responded, they began to see themselves segregated into groups: left-handed, right-handed, ambidextrous. They were then asked how they felt about belonging to their respective group, and soon discovered how much the world is suited to right-handed people.

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>
> **— Michael Fowlin**

"I don't think any of us who are right-handed woke up this morning wondering what it's like for people who are left-handed," Fowlin said, "because we just assume that they have the same experiences as we do."

Fowlin told the story of a young woman he met after another show — a beautiful, blue-eyed blond whom he assumed would not understand what it is like to experience prejudice. But even she, he said, described an incident in which she was discriminated against for being left-handed.

"These characters," Fowlin said about the personas he would take on as the show continued, "are about the left-handed experiences. It's about those who aren't the norm... people who feel like they don't fit in because they are different."

Each of Fowlin's characters wear masks, "as we all do," he explained, to cover up the pain and hurt they must deal with. "When we see things that are different, we judge — we don't try to accept or understand it," Fowlin said.

A gay, black male college athlete for a Division I university, a white "goth" male, a biracial girl of Asian decent and a young man with Down Syndrome are some of the characters Fowlin has created since he began his show in the summer of 1995 at a camp called AnyTown. At the camp, students learned how to reduce bias in their schools.

As the show continued, Fowlin continued to offer upbeat messages about finding common ground, helping others and loving yourself.

"Don't be like zebras," he urged the crowd — the animals, he said, do nothing when they see one of their own being attacked. "Learn to intervene when you see things are wrong."

"There will always be people who try to get under your skin," said Fowlin, but to deal with a conflict, "you have to be creative and find a positive solution."

We all have the potential to do good in the world, Fowlin said. He shared the story of a 30-year-old man who committed suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate bridge; in a note, the man wrote he would not have jumped that day if one person smiled at him on his way to the bridge. A harrowing reminder of why, "You never know who needs encouragement," Fowlin said.

Fowlin also had audience members turn to someone they did not know and tell that person, 'You are beautiful.' He then challenged them to smile and say hello to 10 strangers. "The challenge," Fowlin said, "is to do one small positive thing — not necessarily to end racism, but to make a difference."

At the conclusion of the presentation, Fowlin asked audience members to share how they felt. One person said "hopeful," another shouted "empowered," someone else said "enlightened." Other sentiments included unique, loved, inspired, and special.

"I'm just so overwhelmed and filled up with emotions," said Janet Walsh, whose son attends SPFHS. "I think it's wonderful. I feel so much better having seen this."

"I think his information is great," said Substance Awareness Coordinator Liz Knodell-Gordon, and it was apparent that the audience agreed. Fowlin received a standing ovation from the crowd and was greeted afterward by students — many of whom had seen Fowlin's show earlier in the day and wanted to bring their family to the evening presentation.

"I think it was very good because it inspired me to think about what my actions are," said 12-year-old Brandon Smithwick. His 14-year-old brother, Gerard, a freshman in high school, admits to being one of those who gets picked on; he said that he could relate to Fowlin because he is not a fighter and would prefer to use creative means to resolve conflicts.

According to the boys' mother, Paulette, the program is "definitely age-appropriate because it's life, true life and inspiring. Makes you think you can combat it with positive motivation and words."

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WUW helps to rebuild Biloxi



The Westfield United Way (WUW) recently transferred $3,658 to the Greater Plainfield Habitat for Humanity (GPHFH) from its "Hurricane Katrina Fund," which was established last year through the generosity of numerous local individuals and churches. The GPHFH partnered with the WUW and the Westfield Ministerium to sponsor a home in Biloxi, Miss., which was started in Westfield during the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1 on the front lawn of the First United Methodist Church. A local team of 28 is now completing the home in Biloxi. Pictured from left are Westfield Ministerium President Rev. Ed Carll, WUW Executive Director Linda Maggio and GPHFH Past President Al Yoshimura.

Democrats, GOP trade criticisms in Union County freeholder debate

By LESLIE MURRAY
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — The seven candidates seeking three spots on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders squared off last week in the annual forum hosted by the League of Women Voters in the Cranford municipal building.

Republican candidates Patricia Quattrocchi of Garwood, Glenn Mortimer of Mountainside and Diane Barabas of Westfield are trying to unseat the incumbents from a freeholder board where Democrats hold a 9-0 majority. As they have in prior years, the Republicans have said the unchecked majority has engaged in rampant spending that wastes taxpayers' resources.

For their part, the Democratic incumbents have touted their record of service to the county. The candidates are Alexander Mirabella of Fanwood, who is currently chairman of the board, Chester Holmes of Rahway, and Deborah Scanlon of Union resident. The Democrats have responded to the attacks by saying the GOP lacks concrete ideas to improve the county.

Rounding out the candidate pool is Melvin Cody, a Plainfield resident and former postal worker who has launched an independent bid. Each of the three seats up for election carries a three-year term.

In the debate, which stretched for nearly two hours, the candidates answered questions on topics that spanned from public safety and spending to libraries and Runnells Specialized Hospital.

The Republican candidates harped on the freeholder board's record of raising taxes. With a proposal for zero-based budgeting, in which department heads must account for every dollar every year, and a pledge to reduce freeholder salaries, they presented themselves as an alternative to the free-spending incumbents.

As a group, the Republicans lauded Runnells Hospital as a care center and opposed the privatization of the facility (Democrats also said they are opposed to privatization). However, Mortimer said that a more effective facility could be run if administrative salaries were trimmed.

Quattrocchi took the time to praise the park system, but said the county should consider putting the Open Space Trust Fund on hold for a few years out of consideration to taxpayers. For her part, Barabas called for a study to calculate the amount of tax money individual municipalities pay to the county, and what they get in return.

Their position was summed up by Mortimer, who said, "It's time for a change."

In return, the Democrats held firm to what they called a record of service and forward thinking. Mirabella, who was quick to criticize the proposals put forward by the challengers, said the current board has established programs that meet the needs of all residents. He encouraged voters to "remain on the course of progress" that Democrats have put in motion.

Holmes pointed to the shared services and public safety programs the county has pursued, such as deploying sherriff's officers to help municipal police transport prisoners. Scanlon agreed, adding that "county government is vital to our area."

The Democrats also touted their use of the Open Space Trust Fund to preserve 146 acres of land.

Cody said that he's proud of the county and the services offered, but stressed the need to "work together as a county."

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SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BRIEFS

Mothers and More host vendor fair

FANWOOD — From 1:30-4 p.m. Saturday, Mothers and More will host a vendor/craft fair at the Fanwood Recreation Center located in the Forest Road Park.

There will be a variety of goods to browse, for immediate sale and special order, just in time for the holidays. Some of the vendors appearing are: Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Discovery Toys, Avon, Tupperware, and Party Lite.

The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More holds evening meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Fanwood Recreation Center. For more information, call Micheel at (908) 620-3202 or Vicki at (908) 259-1161, or log onto www.mothersandmore.org.

Visit the Osborn House this Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The circa 1760 Osborn Cannonball House, located at 1840 Front St. in Scotch Plains, will be open to visitors from 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

Costumed docents will be available to give tours of the museum which will feature a continually running film "Two Lords and a Lady."

The film tells the story of Aunt Betty Frazee and the Historic Battle of the Short Hills, fought in Scotch Plains on June 27, 1777, and dramatizes Aunt Betty's confrontation with two of the highest ranking generals in King George's Army, Lord Cornwallis and General Howe.

There is no admission charge.

Hayes to greet residents over coffee

SCOTCH PLAINS — Area residents are invited to attend a morning coffee with Margaret W. Hayes, the new Scotch Plains-Fanwood school superintendent.

The coffee will take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the media center at Park Middle School.

This forum, sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council, provides an opportunity to meet with Hayes in an informal setting and learn about topics of interest in the local school district. All interested community members are invited to share their questions, concerns and compliments.

For more information, contact Michele Blanck, PTA Council vice president, at .

Learn how to protect disabled children

SCOTCH PLAINS — A seminar on critical safety measures for children with disabilities will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

The program will offer vital resources and guidelines for safety and emergency preparedness in the home and the community.

Adrienne Robertiello, community consultant, will present this program. She has recently trained emergency response personnel in Somerset County and is active in various community programs for those with disabilities in their families.

Issues to be addressed will include: abuse and bullying, emergency preparedness, fire safety, identification options, poison control, tracking mechanisms, traffic control devices and transportation safety.

The seminar will be held in the library's Community Room. All programs at the library are free and open to all interested participants. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Ave., one block from Park Avenue. For further information or directions, call (908) 322-5007.

Workshop offers tips on college admissions

SCOTCH PLAINS — Angela Fleyzor, founder of College Choice Consultant, will present a free workshop on the topic "College Admissions Do's and Don'ts" at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Scotch Plains Library.

Fleyzor, an educator with over 30 years of experience, works with students and their families on the college admission process. Understanding the proper way to prepare the application package is crucial in creating the most positive image for any applicant, she notes. While every college and university has its own criteria, a discussion on the guidelines to help in the process will help students of all levels.

The seminar will be held in the library's Community Room. All programs at the library are free and open to all interested participants. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Ave., one block from Park Avenue. For further information or directions, call (908) 322-5007.

JCC launches babysitting referral program

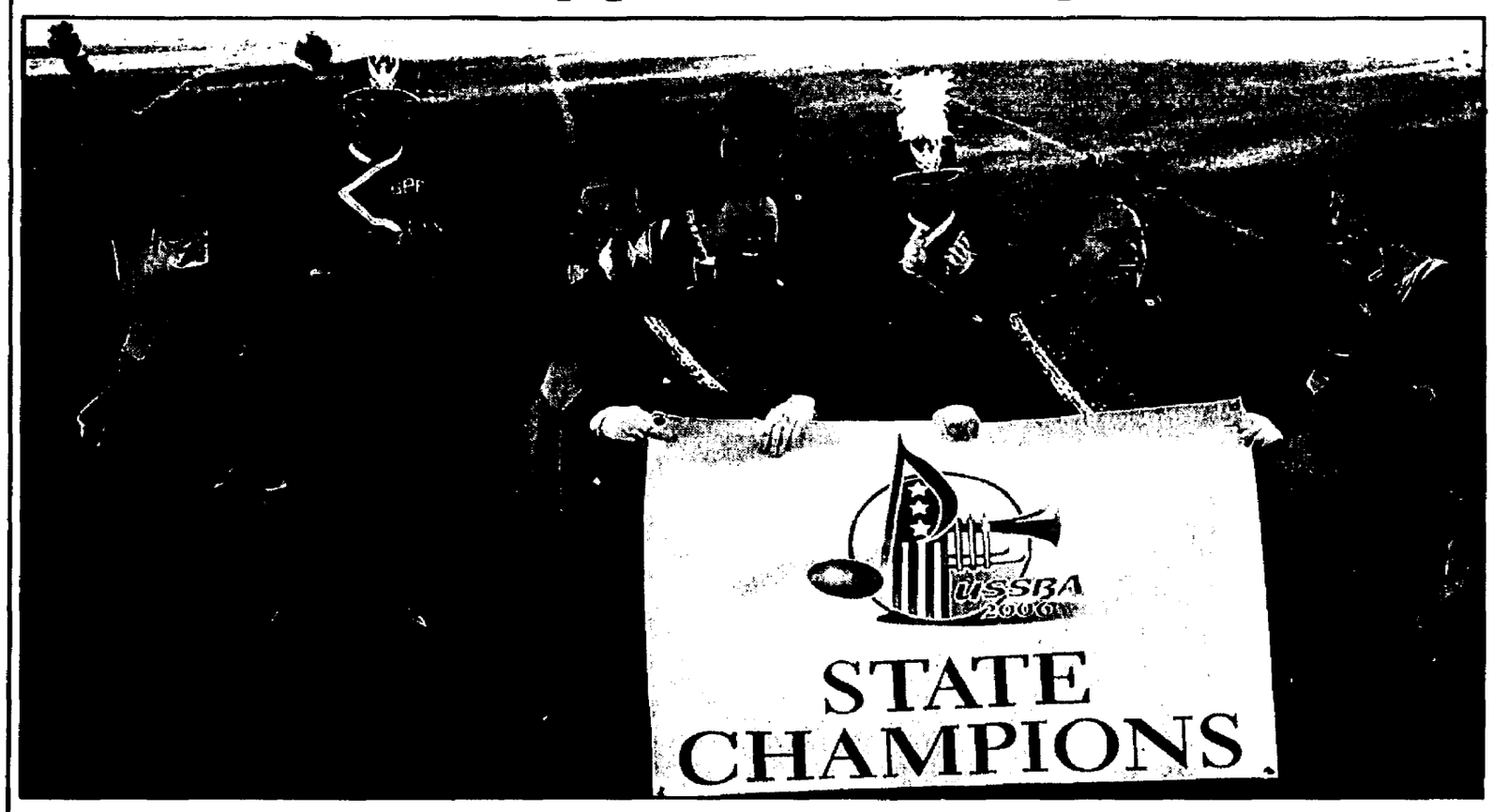
SCOTCH PLAINS — Attention babysitters: Want to find a great family for whom to babysit, but not sure how to do so? The JCC of Central NJ may have the solution: the Babysitting Referral Network.

Sponsored by the Teen Services Department at the JCC, the Babysitting Referral Network is a service that connects families to area teens and adults who are interested in finding work as babysitters. All participants in the networks are interviewed for suitability and safety.

Babysitters who are interested in joining the network should log onto http://www.jccnj.org.cnchost.com/babysitter.html and follow the instructions listed there. For more information, contact Michael Goldstein at mgoldstein@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, ext. 218.

The JCC of is located at 1391 Martine Ave.

SPFHS band takes top prize in state competition



The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider Marching Band took first place in Group 6A at the U.S. Scholastic Band Association's NJ State Championships on Sunday at Union High School. The Raider Marching Band also took home awards for Best Color Guard, Best Music, Best Visual and, for the second year in a row, Best Percussion Section. This is the third first place win in as many weeks for the Raiders. They look to cap off their competitive season next Sunday at the prestigious USSBA All-States Championship at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, Pa. Tickets for that event cost $14 and can be purchased through the music department at Scotch Plains Fanwood High School; call (908) 889-8600, ext. 807.

Volunteer interns receive honors from state legislators

Eleven residents of Scotch Plains and Westfield were honored for their work as volunteer interns at the District 21 legislative offices during a luncheon held at La Casa Di Martino in Roselle Park.

Each of the interns received a citation signed by district's elected legislators — state Senator Tom Kean Jr., Assemblyman Eric Munoz and Assemblyman Jon M. Bramnick — acknowledging their hard work and dedication on behalf of local constituents.

The local interns included Hilliard Branch of Scotch Plains and Hannah Burke, Kevin Devaney, Kelly Drohan, Ryan Gundrum, Andrea Molowa, Eric Ostrowski, Ali Sisto, Hope Skibitsky, Don Turlington and Samantha Zucker of Westfield. In total, 21 students from the area participated in the program this year.

"Each and every year, we are fortunate to have a number of well-informed and highly-motivated students volunteer their time to work in our busy legislative offices," Kean said. "Their eagerness, enthusiasm, and familiarity with various issues facing our state is a direct reflection of the high quality education students are receiving in our schools."

Munoz noted that the internship program is intended to help students gain a better understanding of the legislative process while helping to cultivate their interest in governmental service. "We make every effort to tailor the internship experience to the student's interests in conjunction with the needs of our district offices. Hopefully, by interning in our office, a student gains a better understanding and appreciation for the relationship between legislator and constituent."



Kelly Drohan of Westfield receives a commendation at a recent luncheon honoring students who completed volunteer internships during the past year at the District 21 legislative offices. She is joined by state Senator Tom Kean Jr., Assemblyman Eric Munoz and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick.

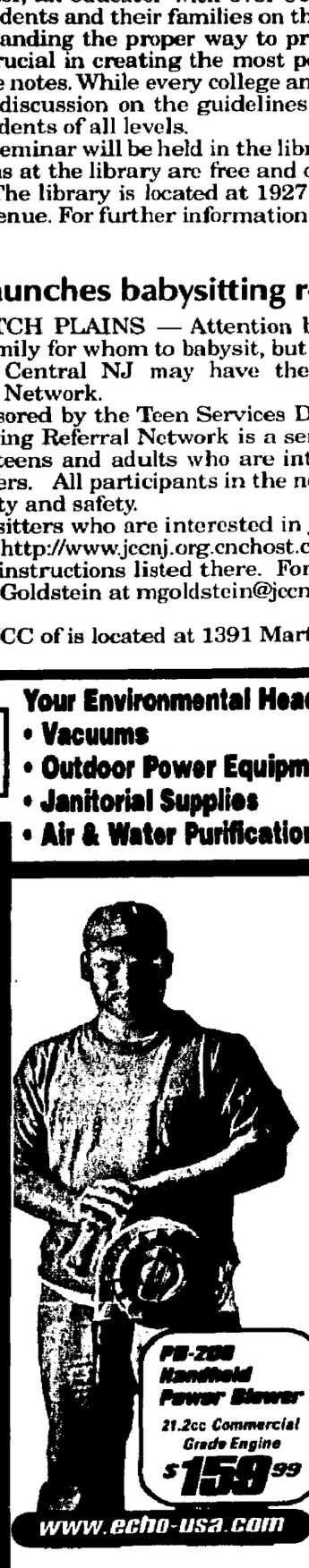
"Not only were they eager to take on the responsibility, they were more than capable of doing the work," Bramnick said. "I was very impressed with their positive attitudes and professional demeanor."

To learn more about internship opportunities, contact the legislators' Westfield office at (908) 232-3673 or the Summit office at (908) 918-0414.

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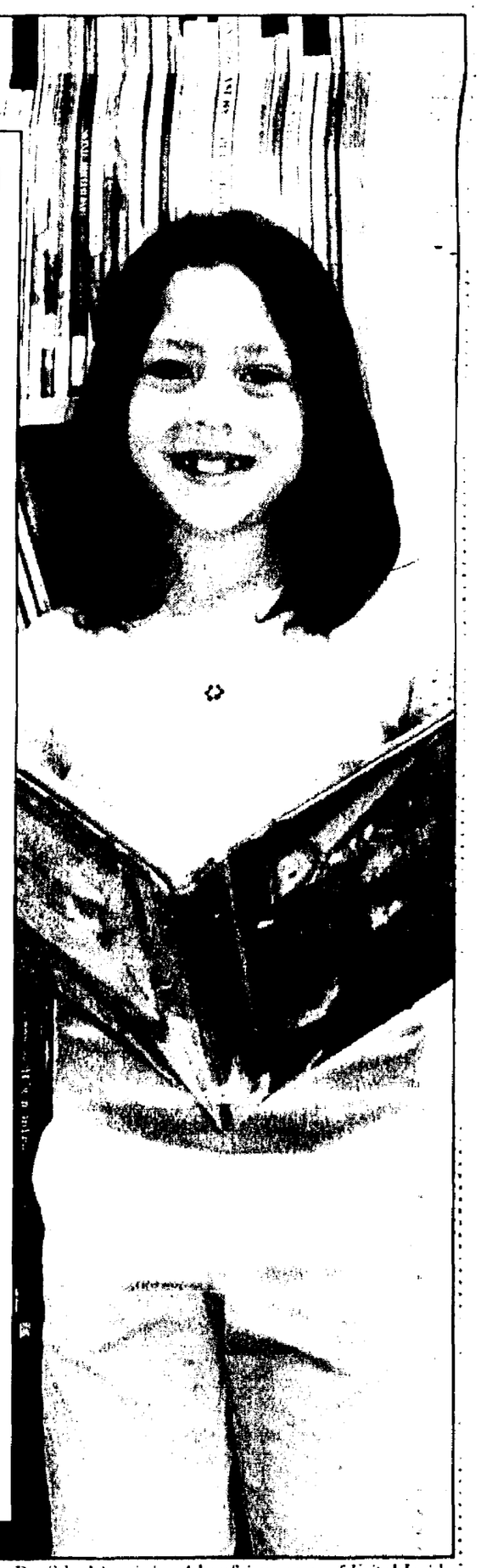
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Commentary

On Election Day, character counts

Over the next few days, candidates for local office will be pounding the pavement, knocking on doors and shaking hands, preparing for the Tuesday's election. Many of them will be searching for the magic slogan or hot-button issue that will turn the tide in their favor — development, traffic safety, a new public facility or project, independence from outside pressures and that perennial favorite, property taxes.

These are all important issues, and voters should listen to what the candidates have to say. But in most cases, what's essential is not so much the details of a candidate's position as the process by which he or she arrived at that conclusion — and the way he or she chooses to make the case to voters.

That's because in local races, character counts. And by "character" we do not mean the candidate's conduct in personal life — this isn't a call to search for moral foibles. Nor do we mean someone's stand on the high-profile social issues of the day — debates over same-sex marriage and the Iraq War are essentially irrelevant to local government. Rather, by "character" we mean a core sense of honesty and a temperament well-suited to the unique demands placed on elected officials.

Make no mistake, running a town is hard work. Elected officials must balance competing claims from constituents, negotiate the labyrinthine bureaucracies of state and county government, lay the foundation for future growth and, most importantly of all, be prepared to respond to the unexpected — a catastrophic storm, a crippling lawsuit, the sudden absence of a police or fire chief or engineer. And they must do it in tandem with other people who may or may not share their core philosophies, and while being routinely criticized by members of the media and the public

That's a task that calls for a few key character traits: fairness, persistence, humility, foresight, good judgment, a thick skin, a willingness to accept advice and an ability to compromise. In the vast majority of cases, the presence of those traits is more important than any particular policy position. (There is a corollary to this argument: Righteous anger can produce *good government, but bitterness and resentment do not.*)

In the heat of a campaign, candidates go out of their way to find issues, looking for a subject they can use to differentiate themselves from their opponents. But in most cases, local government is less about policy than problem-solving. At the local level, a lengthy campaign platform is likely to include a lot of solutions in search of problems. Six months later, many of those issues either will have been forgotten or will appear as intractable as ever, because they are beyond the ability of local government to solve. But when an unforeseen crisis occurs, it's important to have people with the right qualities in positions of power.

So when deciding how you'll cast your vote for local government this fall, don't compile a checklist of policy positions. Instead, try to decide whom you trust to run your town.

QUOTABLE

"I'm just so overwhelmed and filled up with emotions. I think it's wonderful. I feel so much better having seen this." — Janet Walsh, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School parent, after attending "You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me," Michael Fowlin's one-man performance about dealing with racism, sexism and other divisive issues. See the story on Page A-4.

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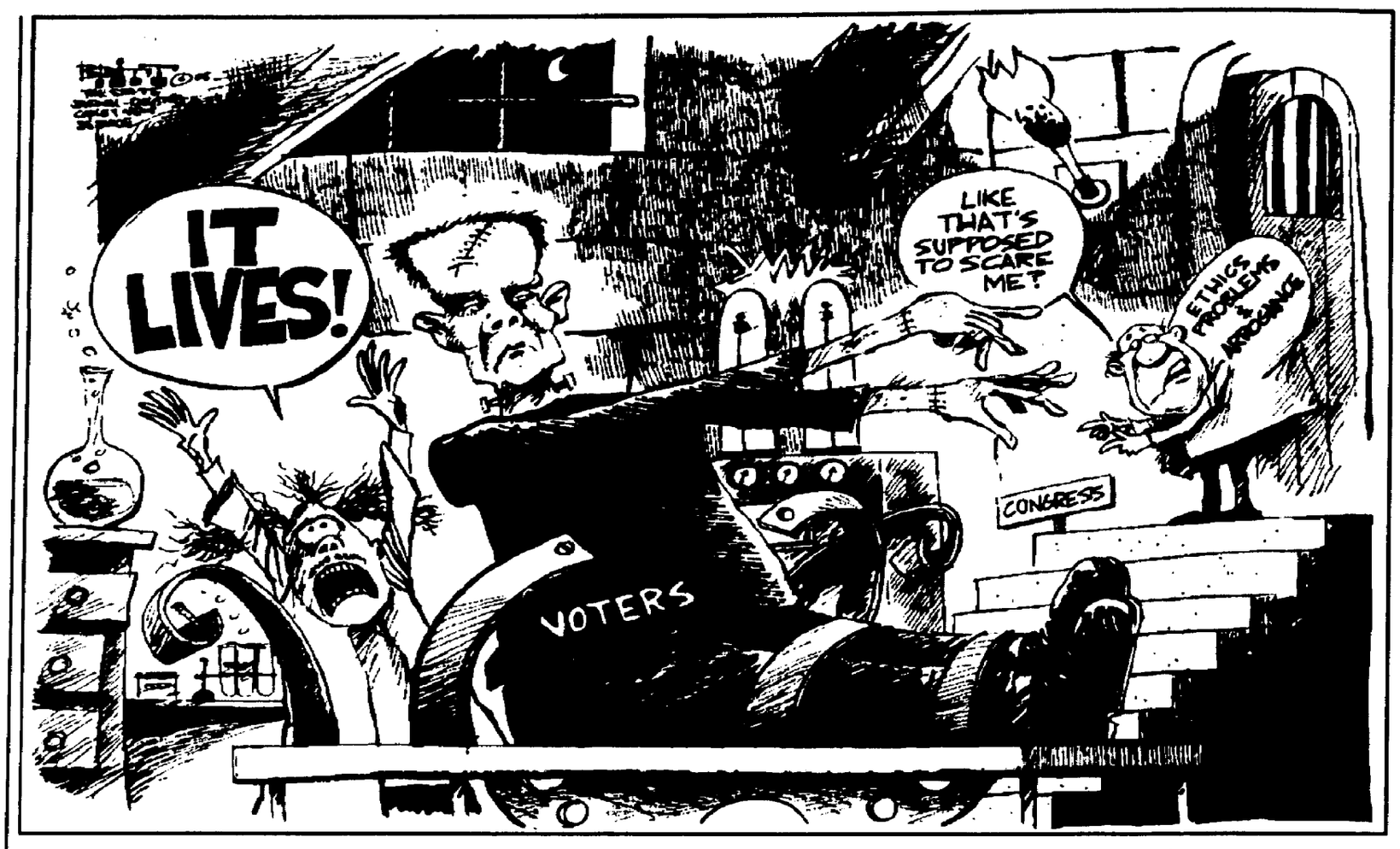
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New Jersey must act now to preserve its natural spaces

By ETHAN LAVINE
ENVIRONMENT NEW JERSEY

GUEST COMMENTARY

The character of a place is perhaps best captured by its natural areas. Places like the marshy expanses of the Meadowlands and the local parks that dot the landscapes of towns across the state play an integral role in shaping what it means to live in New Jersey.

But New Jersey is not the place it once was. Sprawling development has transformed the state. Countless acres have fallen to the developer's bulldozer, making way for strip mall after strip mall, subdivision after cookie-cutter subdivision. This has been the trend in New Jersey for decades, and it has forever altered the hometowns and natural places that once defined the state.

Even the places we've declared a permanent no-build zone — our state and local parks — have hit rough times. Parks have been chronically underfunded, leaving them with too few staff and a $250 million dollar backlog for repairs.

Such trends pose numerous environmental threats, of course, from degraded drinking water to the loss of habitat for threatened and endangered species. But they also threaten to change what it feels like to live in this state. The New Jersey of tomorrow will be very different if we don't act today.

In the fight to protect New Jersey's parks and open spaces, the next few months will be critically important. From polling booths across the state to the halls of the State House in Trenton, we have the opportunity to help curb overdevelopment and end the neglect of our parks.

This November 7, vote 'Yes' on Ballot Question #2. Voter approval of the ballot question will provide a stable source of funding for the improvement, construction, and repair of state and local parks and natural areas. The funds are drawn from environmental programs operating with surplus revenue, so taxpayers won't bear any of the costs.

Voter approval of Ballot Question #2 is just the first step we need to take to protect our natural spaces. In order to ensure high-quality, accessible natural areas in communities across the state, New Jersey must renew and strengthen the Garden State Preservation Trust, the trust fund responsible for purchasing threatened open spaces.

The trust has served us well for close to a decade, but will likely go bankrupt by the middle of next year if not reauthorized. In order for the trust to remain the state's best conservation tool, Governor Corzine and the Legislature must agree on a sufficiently high level of funding and a mechanism through which to fund it.

As we renew the trust, we must also make sure it sets aside a stable source of funding for the operation, stewardship, and maintenance of state and local parks. This funding would allow for the work of conservation officers and for basic stewardship, such as trail creation and wildlife habitat restoration.

Already, open space acquisitions have slowed, and if the trust is not renewed soon big developers will have free reign over remaining open lands. Coupled with the desperate need for dollars for stewardship at state and local parks, it is easy to see why it is so imperative that Governor Corzine and the Legislature work now to renew the trust.

As a state, we need to set aside roughly $400 million dollars annually to purchase open spaces and maintain and preserve protected places. Inaction would mean the loss of places the worth of which we could never adequately assess. To protect the New Jersey we know today, we must make an investment to ensure that it still exists tomorrow.

Letters to the Editor

Bond vote shouldn't be held during winter

To The Record-Press:

The Westfield Board of Education will ask local voters to approve a $9.3 million bond on Jan. 23, 2007. Once interest is factored in, the town's total obligation could become much greater over a 30-year period.

Everyone should vote, but how is that possible in the middle of winter? This is the second time Dr. Foley and the board have scheduled a vote on a bond issue in the winter, and it is unreasonable. If it took almost a year for the board to prepare the bond question, what difference would a few more months make to allow voting at the public's convenience?

DONALD BEINER
Westfield

Ferguson's record 'very disappointing'

To The Record-Press:

Congressman Michael Ferguson's record on domestic issues has been very disappointing.

For example: He so ardently wished to privatize Social Security that he brought President Bush to Westfield to champion that cause. The congressman supported the Bush budget, which reduced medical assistance to the poor and elderly. He supported the president's reduction of Pell grants for needy college students. He voted to raise the minimum wage, but that proposal was tied to a measure that would have greatly reduced taxes paid by the rich. What a clever way to reap a tax bonanza for the wealthy! The bill passed in the Republican House of Representatives but failed in the Senate.

The incumbent's actions have hurt the middle class. To stop this assault, we need a change in the Seventh Congressional District. All concerned middle class citizens should consider voting for Linda Stender.

OTTO PICARD
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Westfield police are well-compensated

To The Record-Press:

According to the Mayor of Westfield, as reported in a local publication, the town pays its police department an average annual salary of $98,305.08, and provides health benefits to police department staff at an average cost exceeding $17,000 per officer. As for the citizens of Westfield, the Web site Wikpedia reports the median income for men is $82,420 and $45,305 for women. In 2005, the National Coalition on Health Care reported the annual premium a family of four pays for health care averaged $10,800, with the breadwinner contributing $2,713.00, up 10 percent from 2004.

So, let me get this straight. On Tuesday, Oct. 24, the Westfield police marched through downtown streets with bullhorns blaring about how the mayor should be embarrassed about only paying them 19 percent more salary than the average working man in Westfield earns, and for giving them 56 percent more health coverage than is had by the average family man in Westfield?

RALPH JONES
Westfield

Don't trust Ferguson on Social Security

To The Record-Press:

According to your article, "Ferguson, Stender make pitch for senior vote," "on Social Security, both candidates are against privatization and agreed that benefits to current recipients should not and will not be changed."

Not exactly.

Rep. Mike Ferguson has previously expressed support for President Bush's privatization plan. He might call it "personal accounts" or "individual accounts," but the goal is the same: privatization and eventual phase-out of Social Security.

Remember when Ferguson stood with Bush at Westfield Armory on March 4, 2005 during the president's Social Security "bamboozlepalooza" tour? Well, Josh Marshall of the Web site talkingpointsmemo.com has called Ferguson a "Social Security bamboozler," writing that "Ferguson is for phase-out and he has been for years."

Ferguson thinks he can fool us with his tricky word games. Ferguson supports the conservative Republican scheme to partially privatize and ultimately eliminate Social Security.

JOHN CANTILLI
Cranford

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Spreading holiday cheer during Halloween



Halloween is about dressing in a fun costume and getting lots of candy, but it can also be about giving back to the community. Third graders from Brownie Troop 580 in Scotch Plains-Fanwood recently decorated pumpkins to bring some Halloween cheer to the patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

POLICE LOG

Suspect is charged with aggravated assault

WESTFIELD

Walter Flores of North Plainfield was arrested on charges of aggravated assault and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes at a business in the 100 block of Elm Street at 11:08 a.m. Oct. 24.

The arrest was related to a stabbing earlier that day in North Plainfield, and was made in a joint effort by the Westfield police detectives and detectives of the Somerset County's Prosecutor's Office.

Flores was subsequently transported to Somerset County.

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Brian Mundy of Scotch Plains was charged with disorderly conduct and fighting following an arrest at 11:45 p.m. Saturday on the 1000 block of North Avenue West.

Mundy was released pending a court date next Wednesday.

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A resident of Scotch Plains reported her motor vehicle was damaged while it was parked on Pierson Street in the vicinity of McKinley School at 12:46 p.m. Monday.

The damage consisted of scratches in the vehicle's paint caused by a sharp object and appeared to be the result of criminal mischief, police said.

Several other acts of apparent criminal mischief were reported that day.

A resident of the 1000 block of Minisink Way reported damage to an exterior light near the front entry door to his residence at 6:29 a.m. The damage consisted of a broken side light window caused by an unknown projectile

Also, a resident of the 200 block of Wells Street reported damage to an outdoor lighting fixture in the front of the residence. The light fixture had apparently been smashed with a bat or similar object.

The cost of the repairs had not been determined at press time.

SCOTCH PLAINS

A student of Scotch Plains Fanwood High School reported being the victim of theft on Oct. 23. He told police that unknown person(s) removed his cell phone, valued at $500, from his unlocked locker.

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A student at the Union County Vo-Tech School reported being a victim of criminal mischief on Oct. 25.

He told police that unknown person(s) removed his wallet from the pocket of his pants while they were hanging in the locker room. Approximately $20 was taken.

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A contractor working on Lamberts Mill Road reported being a victim of criminal mischief on Oct. 26. He stated that while his trailer was parked in a lot, unknown person(s) damaged the door and lock.

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Eric Molyneaux, 31, of Terrill Road in Plainfield was charged with driving while intoxicated on Oct. 27.

Molyneaux was initially stopped for speeding; while speaking to him, police detected a strong odor of alcohol. He was released on a summons.

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A resident of Park Avenue reported being a victim of harassment on Oct. 28.

She told police that several unidentified individuals have made several derogatory comments to her over her cell phone.

Asst. principal, social studies supervisor join Wf. schools

WESTFIELD — The Westfield School District recently welcomed two new administrators — Douglas Sanford, an assistant principal at Westfield High School, and Noel Baxter, the K-12 social studies supervisor.

Both Sanford and Baxter were unanimously approved by the Board of Education at recent meetings.

A graduate of Westfield High School, Sanford completed a master's of education degree from St. Peter's College and an undergraduate degree from Loyola College in Maryland.

His teaching career began at Loyola Blakefield, a preparatory school in Maryland for middle and high school students, where he taught mathematics. His most recent position was at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, one of the largest private, preparatory schools in the state, where he was a high school math teacher and



NOEL BAXTER



DOUGLAS SANFORD

coached junior varsity soccer and varsity golf.

While at St. Peter's Prep, Sanford played a role in curriculum development and instructional technology. He also participated in an administrative internship, working closely with the principal and vice principals to develop an understanding of various facets of school administration.

Following his appointment in Westfield, Sanford said, "It is an incredible opportunity to work with the devoted faculty and staff of Westfield High School. As an alumnus and educator, it is a dream come true to return to my own high school and continue furthering Westfield's record of academic excellence."

Baxter, meanwhile, graduated from Vassar College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and obtained her master's in the teaching of social studies at Teachers College at Columbia University. Her teaching career includes six years at Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

Baxter recently co-authored a curriculum guide for the novel "The Kite Runner" with The Center for Learning. She has conducted presentations and professional development workshops on a variety of topics, including teaching about contemporary China. In 2004, she was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hayes Summer Seminar to China.

In accepting her new position in Westfield, Baxter said, "I'm excited to be working in such an excellent school district with quality teachers who are committed to not only the field of social studies, but to educating each child to the best of their ability."

Wf., SP-F Scouts will collect donations for food pantries

During November, Boy Scouts, Webelos and Cub Scouts from communities throughout Somerset and Union counties will be collecting food for the benefit of local food banks in an annual good turn called "Scouting for Food."

After 17 years, the community service effort by the Scouts has become an important part of the food-supply picture in many community food banks. The dates chosen for the activity may differ in various Scout units and communities.

In the Westfield-Scotch Plains area, specially-marked bags will be distributed this weekend by parent-supervised Scouts and Cubs to homes in their assigned neighborhoods, and the bags will be collected from doorsteps in the morning of Nov. 11.

Homeowners are asked to fill a bag with nourishing, non-perishable, not-in-glass food products that can be stocked at a food pantry, and to put the bags out in a visible place before 9 a.m. on the pickup Saturday (or as directed in a note with the bag).

On Nov. 11, the Scouts will return to the same homes they visited previously to take the bags to a local food pantry, such as a church or a community facility. The food will be used to prepare Thanksgiving baskets and to serve needy families throughout the winter.

Families who do not receive a bag are still urged to bring donations to their local food pantry when it is open to receive it.

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The sign says it all — fair trade rugs on sale



Barbara Iannazzone, (right) moderator of Westfield Presbyterian Women, and Karen Kashiak, (left) vice moderator, display a lawn banner reminding the community of the Oriental rug sale to be held this weekend in the Assembly Hall of the church, located at 140 Mountain Ave. Ten Thousand Villages is bringing 300 hand-knotted rugs of all types, colors and sizes for the event, which runs 7-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. All the rugs assure "fair trade" wages for the adult artisans who create them. "The rugs are really works of art. They are heirloom quality to be passed down through a family. Visitors should come and see them just for the sheer beauty and rich cultural tradition," said Iannazzone, chairwoman of the event. A wide selection of baked goods, Presbyterian Women cookbooks and "Church in the Snow" note cards also will be available. All proceeds go to mission projects.

Teen concert at the JCC features a triple bill

SCOTCH PLAINS — From 8-11 p.m. Saturday, the JCC of Central NJ will kick off a series of musical events for teens.

The concert, open to both JCC members and the community at large, will be opened by the youth band and fan favorites Goodman Brown, whose members all hail from Scotch Plains.

Goodman Brown will be followed by Durham, N.C. singer/songwriter Stuart Pierce. Headlining the evening will be Thao Nguyen from Falls Church, Va. — according to fans, Nguyen's "tangles of guitar and knots of singing make a rope fit for hauling the heavy machinery of your day."

Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door. The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.



Thao Nguyen is the headline performer at Saturday's concert in Scotch Plains.

For more information, contact Daniel Avissar at davissar@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, ext. 254. Information is also available at www.jccnj.org/teens.htm.

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WESTFIELD BRIEFS

Church will hold open house on Sunday

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church will host an open house at 10 a.m. Sunday to welcome visitors and prospective members. All individuals and families who are seeking a new faith community are invited to attend.

The open house is an opportunity for visitors to experience a traditional Congregational worship. The hour-long service, led by Mark Boyea, the church's senior minister, includes a children's sermon, choir and organ music, and Communion service.

Church school and infant care are provided during the service for children of all ages. Children in preschool through junior high are led to their classrooms following the children's sermon.

Directly after the service, a coffee hour will be held in the church's Patton Auditorium. Members of the church's Education, Outreach and Christian Invitation boards will be available to answer questions.

First Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ. The church's membership comprises an unusually broad mix of denominational backgrounds, including Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran and Quaker.

Located at 125 Elmer St., the church is accessible by a wheelchair ramp. Infrared listening devices are available for the hearing impaired. For further information, contact the church office at (908) 233-2494 or visit the Web site at fccofwestfield.org.

Musuem hosts an antiques affair

WESTFIELD — From 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, an antiques appraisal affair will take place at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave.

The event is an opportunity for residents to have the "treasures" in their homes identified and evaluated by experienced dealers. Dealers who are donating their time, talents and expertise include Lynn Caporoso and Robert Selig of Country Cottage Antiques in Scotch Plains, William Fiore of The Old Toy Shop in Westfield, and Anita L. Grashof of Gallerie Ani'tiques in Scotch Plains.

Donations are $4 for one item or $10 for three; all proceeds are used to support educational programs at the Miller-Cory House Museum. Residents are asked not to bring any very large items, weapons or firearms. Complimentary refreshments will be served, but tours of the museum will not be conducted.

Upcoming events at the museum include "Corn Husk Crafts" on Nov. 12, the annual Thanksgiving dinner and "18th-Century Table Manners" program on Nov. 19, and "Gingerbread Sunday" on Dec. 3. Call the museum office at (908) 232-1776 for more information.

FCC presents meditation classes

WESTFIELD — "Moving Meditation" classes will be held again this fall at First Congregational Church at 7 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 6 and Dec. 18.

Classes are held in Room 21 on the second floor of the church's McCorison Christian Education Building at 125 Elmer St. The classes are designed for beginners and open to everyone.

Moving Meditation is a gentle, graceful program based on ancient Asian Qigong wellness systems. Benefits include stress reduction and flexibility.

The practice is performed standing, and ordinary street clothing is appropriate. Group practice is led by Laura Berzofsky, a certified Integral Tai Chi and Qigong instructor.

The program is sponsored by the church's Board of Christian Education. Free-will offerings will benefit the Waysharers, a faith-based outreach program for adults with developmental disabilities.

For additional information, contact Berzofsky at (908) 232-0169. Drop-in students are welcome.

Bipolar group to hold 1st meeting

WESTFIELD — The first meeting of the Bipolar and Depression Self-Help Support Group will be held at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday.

The group is sponsored by DBSA Union County, a chapter affiliate of the national Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance.

All are welcome to share problems with people who understand. For more information, call (908) 233-7074.

Learn to use probate records

WESTFIELD — Carol York will speak to the Genealogical Society of the West Fields at 1 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Westfield Memorial Library Program Room, 550 East Broad St.

York has been employed at the New Jersey Archives for 14 years and has been a genealogical researcher for 25 years. She will share strategies for finding and using probate records, which detail approval by a court that a document of a deceased individual was his lawful act and that his executor has the authority to carry out its terms.

From the time of the earliest permanent settlement in the colonies, men made wills and, even if they died in testate (without a will), under English law, the courts handled the inheritance procedures. In America, the state courts rather than the federal courts ruled this process.

Probate records are one of the most valuable tools for the genealogist. A wife, children, and other relatives are usually named, and land ownership is also indicated.

The public is invited. For additional information, call Elizabeth Youngs at (908) 276-7104.

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Audrey Hale joins McCarter & English

WESTFIELD — Local resident Audrey A. Hale has been named a partner in the Newark office of McCarter & English, LLP, New Jersey's largest and oldest law firm.

Hale's practice focuses exclusively in the field of health care law. She has extensive experience working with hospitals and other providers, including nonprofit and tax-exempt entities. She represents them in their organizations and reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, affiliations and joint ventures, and in the areas of reimbursement, certificate of need and licensure, contracting, corporate compliance, governmental and internal investigations, fraud and abuse.

College Night planned at WHS

WESTFIELD — At 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16, Westfield High School will host representatives from approximately 200 colleges and universities at its annual College Night.

"Westfield's College Night offers a forum for students and parents to talk one-on-one with representatives from a host of colleges and universities, who also come prepared with an array of literature describing their schools," said Stephen Maczynski, director of guidance.

"The Guidance Department works diligently to give students access to an array of post-secondary options," he added, "and we aim to provide our students and their parents with a broad overview of schools for their consideration."

ORDER OF MERIT

Numerous students from Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood high schools have been honored for their performance in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. See the story on Page B-3.

Community Life

Section **B**

November 3, 2006

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Jazz band heats up autumn at the library

WESTFIELD — The red-hot, foot-tapping, finger-snapping sounds of Dixieland jazz, big band swing, and '50s rock and roll will come to the Westfield Memorial Library at 7 p.m. Nov. 8, when Linda Ipanema and her jazz ensemble chase away the autumn chill with "A World of Music."

Ipanema, also known as "the Queen of Dixieland," is a musical comedy stage veteran who has been in show business her entire life. The band is drawn from the best Dixieland players in the metropolitan area. They have performed at major New York City area clubs, festivals, outdoor concerts, and in Atlantic City. Their extensive repertoire also includes polkas, waltzes and salsa.

This free program is open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. Registration is open now.

The library will host a number of other programs during the coming week. At 7:15 p.m. Monday, the Westfield Adult School presents "Later Never Comes." Participants will learn why they put things off and what to do about it. This class will offer students easy ways to plan and accomplish tasks. Call (908) 232-450 to register; The $25 registration fee is payable to the Westfield Adult School.

Then, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, the library will host "Genealogy Online," a demonstration and hands-on class that will cover the basics of two genealogy databases available through the library. Participants must be able to use a mouse and a keyboard. This free class is open to Westfield Memorial Library cardholders only. Registration is required.

At 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10, the TGIF program will feature the United States Marine Corp Band, Westfield Library and MURAL cardholders are invited to celebrate Veteran's Day with this lively musical ensemble. The program is free, and no registration is necessary.

The library's children programming includes the chess session from 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday; Westfield Library and MURAL cardholders are invited to bring a friend and enjoy a game. For more information about other youth programming, call the Children's Desk at 789-4090 ext. 3.

For details about adult programming, call (908) 789-4090, visit the library's Web site at www.wmlnj.org or stop by the library at 550 East Broad St. for a copy of the quarterly newsletter.

2 local women honored by school

Two local residents were honored last Sunday when Mount Saint Mary Academy inaugurated the MSMA Hall of Honor in conjunction with the school's annual Alumnae Homecoming.

The MSMA Hall of Honor was developed as a means of recognizing the outstanding achievements of various members of the school's community. Induction into the Hall of Honor, said school officials, pays tribute to those who exemplify outstanding character befitting a Mount role model and perpetuate the memory of those who have brought distinction and excellence to the school.

The local honorees are Amelia Alonso McTamaney of Scotch Plains and Elizabeth Anne Scheuermann Avis of Westfield.

McTamaney, an alumna from the class of 1963, is currently the chairperson of the Mount's board of trustees and is a leader in the field of education.

Avis, an alumna from the class of 1947, is an accomplished violinist and has been instrumental in the development of the Westfield Food Pantry. She is the mother of 10 children, the grandmother of 24, and the great-grandmother of one.

Other inductees included Sam and Nancy Singer of Warren, the parents of four Mount alumnae. In addition to volunteering tirelessly at the Mount, they are active supporters of the right-to-life movement.

In addition, the nine directresses who have led the Mount from its opening in 1908 to the present were inducted into the Hall of Honor. The directresses are S. Mary Mercedes Rodgers, S. Mary Xavier McCoy, S. Mary Wilfred Whelan, S. Mary Leonard Behl, S. M. Lucia Chiurato, S. Mary Kerwin, S. Mary Assunta Duffy, S. M. Eloise Claire Kays, and S. Lisa Gambacorto.

The 2006 honorees were selected from a group of nominees representing all members of the Mount Saint Mary family: alumnae, past and present faculty, current parents and parents of alumnae, as well as staff and administrators.

The induction ceremony took place following Homecoming liturgy and brunch in the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the school's campus.

A fun time at the Franklin Fair



The Franklin School PTO recently held its annual Pumpkin Fair fundraiser on the grounds of Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. The fair featured a haunted house and pumpkin painting, a wide variety of games, food and attractions, and a raffle for giant gift baskets donated by Franklin students and their families. Pictured above, Franklin first grader Abigail Apostolos and a friend show off the Halloween ghosts they created at one of the fair's arts and crafts activity tables.

Wf. AARP plans Christmas luncheon

Chapter's next meeting is Monday

WESTFIELD — The next meeting of the Westfield Area AARP Chapter 4137 will be Monday in the Assembly Hall of the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave.

A social period with refreshments will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thereafter, the guest speaker will be Jan Allen of the New Jersey Banking Commission. who will show a video and answer questions about consumer awareness.

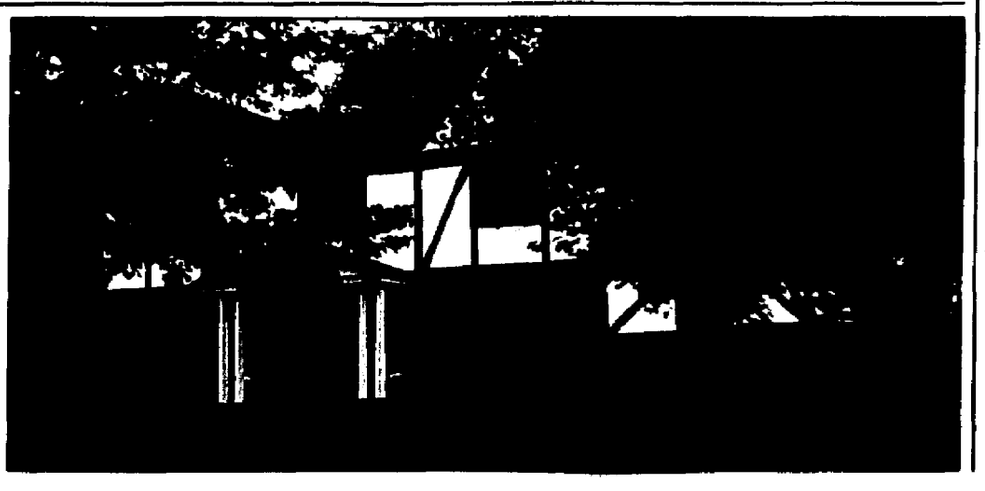
The chapter's Christmas luncheon will take place at noon Dec. 4 at the Westwood in Garwood. Reservations may be made at Monday's meeting or by contacting Chairperson Marie Stock directly at (908) 925-2536. The luncheon will feature an international buffet. Musical entertainment will be supplied by Tony Balistro, who will perform popular tunes as well as "golden oldies." The cost is $25 per person and includes the luncheon, tips and entertainment. Potential members and guests are invited.

Community Service Chairman Skeets Kuzmuk has requested donations by members of canned and boxed grocery items for poor and homeless people. Used costume jewelry will be used as prizes for bingo games with the patients at Runnells Hospital in Berkeley Heights. Woolen yarn of any color and thickness is needed by the knitting and crocheting group to make lap robes, shrugs, hats and other items for patients at Runnells.

The proposed debate sponsored by the chapter between Congressional candidates Michael Ferguson and Linda Stender has been cancelled.

Homes open doors for the holidays

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is in preparations now for its "Deck the Halls" Holiday House Tour, set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 2. Five beautiful local houses, including the Walsh home on Grandview Avenue (right), will be decorated in holiday splendor and open to visitors. Tickets for the self-guided tour cost $30 and are available in advance at Cristoffer's Flowers, Baron's Drug Store, Williams Nursery or from any Rake and Hoe member. They will also be available at any home for $35 on the day of the show. For more information, call Linda at (908) 232-0449.



THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

SENIOR SOCIAL — the Westfield Recreation Department will host a talk by Gail Cassidy, author of "Discover Your Passion." 1-2:30 p.m. Community Room of the Westfield municipal building, 425 East Broad St. (908) 789-4080.

ESTATE SALE — the annual event returns to Martin Jewelers, 12 North Ave. West in downtown Cranford. Watches and jewelry available for every budget from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Continues 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

VOICES OF THE FAITHFUL — the Catholic lay group will host a talk by Paul Dinter, a doctor of Biblical studies, about how faith can be reconciled with advances in modern biology and evolutionary psychology. 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St., Westfield.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

FAIR TRADE RUG SALE — hand-knotted, heirloom quality Oriental rugs produced by fairly-paid adult artisans from Pakistan will be on sale at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave. 7-9 p.m. (908) 233-0301.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

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TEEN CONCERT — the JCC of Central NJ will host a musical event for teens, featuring local favorites Goodman Brown as well as singer/songwriter Stuart Pierce and guitarist Thao Nguyen. 8-11 p.m. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-8800, ext. 254 or davissar@jccnj.org.

RALLY FOR MIKE FERGUSON — the group Union County Veterans for Ferguson will support the Republican nominee for Congress at this rally. 1 p.m. VFW Post 6807, 221 South Ave., Garwood.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC BAZAAR — annual holiday sale at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (908) 322-5487.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER WORKSHOP — caregivers can learn how to find information and resources at this program presented by the Alzheimer's Association. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. RSVP in advance at (973) 586-4300.

VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR — presented by Mothers and More at the Fanwood Recreation Center in Forest Road Park. 1:30-4 p.m. (908) 620-3202.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL AFFAIR — residents can bring their "treasures" to be evaluated at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. 2-4:30 p.m. $4 for one item, $10 for three. (908) 232-1776.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC BOOK SALE — the annual event returns to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield from 1 p.m. Nov. 5 through Nov. 7. Donations accepted Oct. 28-Nov. 4. St. Paul's is located at 414 East Broad St.; access is available via Euclid Avenue. (908) 232-8506, ext. 10.

POETRY READING — Judy H. Stirling, author of "From Judy's Garden," joins the Cranford Historical Society's "First Sundays" series. 2-4 p.m. Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 North Union Ave. (908) 276-0082.

OPEN HOUSE AT FCC — First Congregational Church of Westfield welcomes visitors and prospective members to a 10 a.m. service, followed by a coffee hour. 125 Elmer St., Westfield. (908) 233-2494.

'TWO LORDS AND A LADY' — the film telling the tale of Aunt Betty Frazee will screen continuously from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 Front St. in Scotch Plains.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

BIPOLAR SUPPORT GROUP — the group will gather for the first time at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. 7:30-9 p.m. (908) 233-7074.

COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT — Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent Margaret W. Hayes visit with residents at 9 a.m. in the media center at Park Middle School.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE — start your shopping at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church's Thrift Shop from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Enter from McDermott Place. Proceeds go to local charities.

SAFETY MEASURES FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES — Adrienne Robertiello will present this program at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. 7-9 p.m. Free. (908) 322-5007.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9

'BEFORE THE RUSH' BOUTIQUE — early holiday shopping at Holy Trinity Interparochial School, 336 First St., Westfield. 7-9 p.m.

USING PROBATE RECORDS — Carol York will speak to the Genealogical Society of the West Fields about how to use probate records in research. 1 p.m. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad St. (908) 276-7104.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP — Angela Fleyzor, founder of College Choice Consultants, will discuss do's and don'ts at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. 7 p.m. Free. (908) 322-5007.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

ARTWORKS WESTFIELD — a juried art event featuring fine art and craftworks at the Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave. 5-8:30 p.m., continues 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 11 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 12. Weekend pass is $7 for adults. Parking is free.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

CLOTHING DRIVE — held by the Home and School Association of Holy Trinity Interparochial School, 336 First St. in Westfield. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 11. (908) 233-9749.

ISHA YOGA PROGRAM — Sadhuguru Jaggi Vasudev will present an introductory program at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. 3-4 p.m. Free. (908) 322-5007.

COMING UP

VIDEO ARCADE — Dance Dance Revolution and Playstation2 return to the Fanwood Memorial Library. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 14. (908) 322-6400.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE — start your shopping at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church's Thrift Shop from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 15. Enter from McDermott Place. Proceeds go to local charities.

BEAD JEWELRY WORKSHOP — Thea Jackson, owner of Just Bead Yourself, will lead this workshop at the JCC of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. $55 for JCC members, $65 for non-members. 7 p.m. Nov. 15. (908) 889-8800, ext. 205.

VENDOR NIGHT — hosted by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomers' Club. Longaberger Baskets, Pampered Chef and more. 8-10 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road.

COLLEGE NIGHT — representatives of approximately 200 colleges and universities will gather at Westfield High School. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16.

Highlights and hot spots

— THE CRANFORD JAYCEES will host a cigar night at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mayer Estate, 213 Walnut Ave., Cranford, starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $75 and include a hot buffet dinner, premium cigars, and bar. All proceeds will be donated to local fundraising efforts.

For information or tickets, call Jim at (908) 497-1780 or Mark at (908) 276-1462.



— LEGENDARY GUITARIST LES PAUL will join the Kean Stage program at Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The "Wizard of Waukesha" gave a sold-out performance at Kean last year. One of the pioneers of the electric guitar, he is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and a seven-time Grammy Award winner.

Tickets are $35 for the general public, $30 for seniors and $25 for children. For tickets, call (908) 737-SHOW or visit www.keanstage.com.

— ORGANIST MICHAEL KAMINSKI will perform the season-opening concert at Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford at 4 p.m. Sunday. The concert is dedicated to the memory of long-time parishioner Rose Barber, who had been an avid supporter of the church's concert series.

Kaminski is adjunct associate professor of organ at Brooklyn College as well as at Saint Francis College. He also is on the faculty of the Brooklyn Conservatory.

The organ recital opens the 11th annual Music in a Sacred Place concert series offered by the church, located at North Avenue at Forest Avenue. Featured in the Nov. 5 concert will be Bach's "Prelude" and "Fugue in G," as well as works by Grieg, Franck, Saint-Saens and more.

The concert series continues with an Advent presentation by the church's Adult, Bell and Children's choirs on Dec. 17. Attendees are invited to a reception following each concert in Wirthington Hall.

The 2006-2007 season will also feature a concert by the legendary Whiffinpoofs of Yale University at 4 p.m. Jan. 21.

For details, call the church at (908) 740-4047 or go to www.trinitychurchcranford.com.

— THE ARTIST JOSEPH SUNDWALL paints landscape, still life, polo/equine pictures, figurative work and commissioned portraits in oil and other media. For Sunday's meeting of the Westfield Art Association he will demonstrate landscape painting in oils, explaining the elements and procedures of *en plein air* (on location) painting.

Sundwall is a native of greater Chicago and has followed his interest in art since childhood. He studied art and design at the Kansas City Art Institute, and also in New York City at the Art Students League and the National Academy. His work is held in private collections throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, and he holds membership in the American Society of Portrait Artists, the New Jersey Equine Artists Association and the Somerset Art Association. His last solo exhibition, in 2002, featured life-size portraits of great chefs.

The meeting will be held at the Springfield Free Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, from 2-4 p.m. The demonstration is free, everyone is welcome and the location is handicapped accessible. For further information call (908) 687-2945.

— A JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL co-sponsored by the JCC of Central NJ and Temple O'r Beth Torah of Clark concludes next week at the Rialto Theater, 250 East Broad St., Westfield. The final film in the series is "The Ritchie Boys" (Monday). Individual tickets are $9. For details, call (908) 889-8800, ext. 205.

— THE NINTH SEASON JAZZ SERIES at The Arts Guild of Rahway continues at 8 p.m. Nov. 10 with Chicago jazz violinist Aaron Weinstein, who will be joined by noted guitarist Howard Alden.

Tickets are now available at the Arts Guild, 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets are $14 in advance, $16 at the door. Call (732) 381-7511 or email request at artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

For more information, visit www.rahwayartsguild.org.

Who knew Aidan could sing?



Audiences may know him best as Aidan Shaw, Carrie Bradshaw's twice-thwarted love interest on the HBO series "Sex and the City," or Ian Miller, the groom in the blockbuster film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." But John Corbett's skills aren't confined to the screen — he's also the frontman for the John Corbett Band, where he blends straightforward Nashville-inspired songwriting with tight Southern rock arrangements to produce a sound that's earthy, fiery and rowdy. Corbett and his band have performed at the Grand Ole Opry with Carrie Underwood, as well as with stars Vince Gill and Rascal Flatts; at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10, they'll bring their country rock tunes to Kean University's Wilkins Theatre, located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Daniella Cotton, known for her bluesy voice and soulful guitar, opens. Tickets are $30 for the general public, $25 for seniors and $20 for children. Visit www.keanstage.com or call (908) 727-SHOW.

Free poetry reading set for Nov. 9

The Carriage House Poetry Series will host a free poetry reading at 8 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road in Fanwood, off North Martine Avenue and adjacent to Borough Hall.

The reading will feature Gina Larkin, founder and editor of *Edison Literary Review*, and selected poets reading from the magazine's fifth anniversary issue.

Larkin, whose poems have appeared in more than 30 magazines and anthologies, established *Edison Literary Review* in 2002. An annual publication, it has published poems from well known, experienced poets as well as poets publishing for the first time. The fifth anniversary issue includes a poem by Pulitzer Prize-winner Stephen Dunn as well as poems by Edwin Romond, Patrick Rosal, B.J. Ward, Priscilla Orr, Diane Lockward, Charles H. Johnson, Adele Kenny, Joe Weil, Amanda Berry and others.

The Carriage House Poetry Series, established in 1998, has featured some of the finest poets writing today, including Gerald Stern, Alicia Ostriker, Stephen Dunn, Renee Ashley, B.J. Ward, Catherine Doty, Maria Gillan, Laura Boss, Diane Lockward and Robert Carnevale. Readings are held in the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, an historic Gothic Revival structure that was a 19th-century carriage house, and from which the poetry series takes its name.

An open mic will follow the reading, so local writers are invited bring a poem of their own and join in. For more information, call (908) 889-7223 or (908) 889-5298.

String quartet, Madrigal Singers featured in joint concert

The Mz String Quartette and the Madrigal Singers will both perform at concert hosted by the Musical Club of Westfield at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield.

The Mz Quartette will perform "Quartet No. 10, Opus 51" by Czech composer Antonin Dvorak, "Por Una Cabeza: A Tango" by the colorful and immensely popular South American tango singer Carlos Gardel, and the Gypsy fantasy "Czardas" by Vittorio Monti.

The quartet's first violinist, Debra Biderman, has performed with the New Jersey Symphony since 1967, while second violinist Lubove Schnable is the director of the Woodland Quartet and the Blue Hills Junior Chamber Ensemble. Betsy Vaden, violist, is a member of the Plainfield Symphony; pianist and cellist Peggy Tristram performs with the Plainfield Symphony and is the assistant choir director and organist at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains.

The Madrigal Singers, a group of 16 talented vocalists under the direction of Elaine Fiorino, will perform works by Josquin des Pres, Thomas Morley, Thomas Weelkes, John Dowland and John Bennett, as well as Francis Pilkinton, PDQ Bach and a Somerset folk song. The poetry of Thomas Moore and William Shakespeare will provide the setting for the theme "O Ladye Fayre."



Members of the Mz Quartette include, from left: Betsy Vaden, viola; Debra Biderman, violin; Lubove Schnable, violin, and Peg Tristram, cello.

The Madrigal Singers, founded more than 50 years ago, specialize in works of the European Renaissance, but their repertoire includes a capella vocal works from the past thousand years of musical history.

The performance is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the program, to give those in attendance the opportunity to meet the performers. The Musical Club of Westfield, now in its 91st season, offers scholarships to promising young musicians who are pursuing a musical education. For more information about membership, call (908) 232-2173.

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OBITUARIES

Charles James McDonough

Charles James McDonough, 87, died Oct. 31, 2006, at Pine Run Health Center in Doylestown, Pa.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., he lived in Germany; Paris, France; Baldwin, Long Island, and Westfield before moving to Doylestown 12 years ago.

Mr. McDonough was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, retiring in 1970 after 30 years of served. A recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, he served with the air defense artillery during World War II.

He also served in many intelligence and Army schools, including the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His wife, Marian F., died in 1993. He is also predeceased by a brother, Bernard I.

Surviving are a son, Michael C. of Mountainside, and two grandchildren, Michael and Katherine.

Friends may visit 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad St., Westfield. A funeral Mass will be offered 9:30 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church, Mountainside. Burial will follow at Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, Long Island.

Jeanette A. Rodin

Jeanette A. (DeRuyter) Rodin, 66, died Oct. 30, 2006, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass.

Born in The Hague, Holland, Mrs. Rodin came to the U.S. in 1961, settling in Laurence Harbor. She moved to Westfield in 1977.

A mother, wife, grandmother and homemaker who loved gardening, she made a life out of raising children.

Surviving are her beloved husband of 42 years, Gerald; two loving sons, Paul and Michael; six devoted grandchildren, Julian, Mia, Chloe, Daniel, Sonja and Siri, and six loving brothers and sisters, Betty, Nolly, Linney, Hannes, Fons and Jan.

The funeral is 9 a.m. Friday from the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Ave., Westfield. A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. at St. Helen's Church, Westfield. Interment is in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield. Friends are invited to visit from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Donations may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Wallace Shults

Wallace Shults, 87, of Fanwood died Oct. 30, 2006, in Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Lynbrook, N.Y., Mr. Shults lived in South Plainfield before moving to Fanwood 42 years ago.

A carpenter by trade, he owned Thebros Inc. in Fanwood for 30 years before retiring 20 years ago.

Mr. Shults was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and attended Union College.

Surviving are his wife, Laura P. Parenti Shults; two sons, William W. of Watchung and Frank R. of McLean, Va.; one daughter, Arlene L. of Cherry Hill; three brothers, Edward, Warren and M. George, and six grandchildren, Eric, Wallace, Michael and Louis Shults, Laura Phillips and Christina Jasion.

Arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood. Interment will be at Lake Nelson Memorial Park in Piscataway. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter, 100 N. 17th St., 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2737.

Margaret Blendulf

Margaret Blendulf, 60, of Westfield died Oct. 25, 2006, after a sudden illness.

Mrs. Blendulf grew up in Linden and lived in Westfield the last 20 years.

She was a school psychologist in various school systems for the last 30 years.

Mrs. Blendulf attended the Benedictine Academy in Elizabeth before pursuing her undergraduate degree at Douglass College. She furthered her studies at Seton Hall University, where she earned her master's in school psychology. She recently achieved her diplomate of the American Board of School Neuropsychology.

Surviving are her mother, Margaret Curlik; her husband of 32 years, Tom; her children, Martin, Meg, Maria and Magnus; four grandchildren, and her brother, Martin Curlik.

Services were held Saturday at the Gray Funeral Home, Westfield. Interment was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

June F. Risher

June F. Risher, 84, died Oct. 25, 2006, at Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge.

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., she lived in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area for 50 years before moving to Fellowship Village three years ago.

Mrs. Risher was a member and elder of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, where she was also a former president of the Women's Association.

Among her many volunteer activities, she was a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert R. Jr., in 1991. Surviving are sons, Robert R. III and Bruce R.; daughters, Barbara R. Prestridge of Scotch Plains, and Nancy R. Porter; sisters, Betty LaFerriere and Marilyn Ritter; brothers, Leonard and Richard, and eight grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

WHS students Clark, Yeager win UNICO essay contest



Westfield High School sophomores Meredith Clark and Chris Yeager were recently named winners of the 2006 Westfield UNICO essay contest for their responses on the subject of "the most influential Italian or Italian-American." Robert Tarte of Westfield UNICO presented a plaque and the $250 saving bonds to the students, who were accompanied by social studies teacher Adam Pizzi (far left) and Principal Dennis Fyffe (far right). In his essay, Chris wrote about Galileo, an "eccentric" thinker who was actually ahead of his time. Meredith wrote about former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, including his response to the September 11 attacks and his possible role in the 2008 presidential election. Westfield UNICO also provides scholarships to graduating seniors. The name UNICO means "one," "only" or "only one of its kind." Additionally, the letters stand for unity, neighborliness, integrity, charity and opportunity.

Westfield, SPF students honored for performance on PSAT

Students at both Westfield High School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School were honored recently for their performance in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program.

At SPFHS, seniors Karina DeMair, Helen Han, and Allison Hoynes-O'Connor were all named semifinalists in the competition. This designation identifies them as among the 16,000 highest scoring students nationwide on the PSAT/NMSQT exam of critical reading, math, and writing skills. More than 1.4 million students participated in the qualifying test as part of this national program, and semifinalists were designated on a state representational basis to ensure that academically able young people from all parts of the United States are recognized.

To become finalists, the three seniors and the other semifinalists must maintain records of very high academic performance, be endorsed and recommended by their school principals, earn SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance, and submit detailed scholarship applications that include an essay and information about their school leadership and community activities.

In addition, seven SPFHS seniors achieved Commended Student status as part of the national competition. Jennifer Gardella, Genevieve Gilroy, Christopher Lacko, Jessica Lieberman, Kirsten Mandala, Jonathan Parisi, and Stacey Tanguy are among approximately 34,000 high scorers who received letters of commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise — the top 5 percent all students who took the test.

At Westfield High, 21 students have been named Commended Students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Luke Baran, Beth Budnick, Robert Cariste, Theodore Chou, Kathryn Cronen, Kristen Dilzell, Emily Gee, Lindsay Goldberg, Andrew Goldman, Zachary Harris, Adam Koll, Nathan Margolin, Ojus Patil, Jessica Riegel, Drew Ritter, Adam Rubin, Marlena Sheridan, John Sidhom, Jacob Stevens-Haas, Satya Tagat and Tiffany Yang.

According to a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, "The young people being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and that they will continue to pursue scholastic excellence."

In addition to the National Merit Scholarship honorees, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School announced that its students have claimed several other distinctions.

Lauryn Adams, Austin Jefferson, Martin Njoroge and Arianna Williams have been recognized in the 2007 National Achievement Scholarship Program, an academic competition that provides recognition for outstanding African-American high school students. The SPFHS students are among approximately 3,000 students out of the program's 130,000-plus participants who will be referred to colleges and universities for their potential academic success.

In addition, 46 students at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High have been awarded the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional academic performance on Advanced Placement Program Exams taken in May. The students took the exams after completing college-level courses at SPFHS, and have been recognized in several levels of achievement based on their overall performance.

AP Scholars (students who received grades of 3 out of 5 or higher on three or more AP Exams) included Jennifer Bauer, Marisa Bianco, Daniel Bodenstein, Cathleen Carr, Yvonne Chen, Carolyn DiProspero, Sarah Halpern, Kristen Henkels, Elizabeth Jacobs, Dana Levinson, Matthew Linsenberg, Rebecca McGuire, Danielle Porter, Randolph Smith, Jason Thompson, Emily Wallden and Guenevere Zucker.

AP Scholars with Honor (students who received an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams) included Christine Albanese-DeMair, Cheryl Beoaj, Robert Burke, Deirdre Clark, Jack Davis, Aaron Doliber, David Ginsberg, Gary Herzberg, Meaghan Kelly, Kristen Kersey, Ian McNally, Katerina Wong and Joshua Zinman.

AP Scholars with Distinction (students who received an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more,of these exams) included James Alfano, Faye Bi, Michael Bonacum, Elizaveta Bourchtein, Daniel Bugg, Derrick Chen, Cleo Chou, Neil Dalal, Andrew Gibson, Joshua Green, Jonathan Greenspan, Daniel Ingram, Andrew Lipstein, Raunaq Palejwala, Devang Patel and Katherine VanHaasteren.

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A small box can contain a powerful gift

Church will collect 'shoe box gifts' for children

SCOTCH PLAINS — Area residents can help bring joy to the world this Christmas by simply packing and collecting shoe box gifts for children in need through Operation Christmas Child.

Evangel Church, located at 1251 Terrill Rd., will receive gift-filled shoe boxes from the community during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, Nov. 13-20.

The church will be open 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 2-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, the international Christian relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Children, families, churches and civic groups fill empty shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, photos and personal letters, and Operation Christmas Child delivers them around the world to girls and boys suffering from poverty, war, disease, disaster and terrorism.

Operation Christmas Child has handed out more than 46 million shoe box gifts since 1993. Last year, the program reached more than 7.6 million children in 95 countries.

This is Evangel Church's second year as a collection center. The church hopes to collect 3,500 shoe box gifts from Scotch Plains residents and the surrounding area this year.

"It is a real joy to serve as a collection site for Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts," said Dan Ramella, who is coordinating the local collection. "This is a great opportunity to involve the whole community in a project that touches the lives of children a world away from us. For most of their lives, these children have only known suffering and hurt, so the opportunity to reach them and their families through a simple shoe box is a privilege."

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"Participants are learning about the power of a simple gift," said Kamela Robinson, Operation Christmas Child regional director. "This project not only blesses the child who receives a box, but the person who prepares and fills it. The Scotch Plains community is making an impact by showing hurting children that they are loved and are not forgotten through this fun and tangible project."

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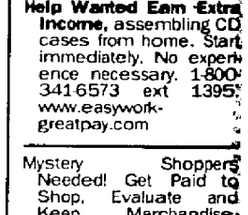
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INSIDE

The Westfield High School gymnastics team finished its regular season with an undefeated record (10-0) with a victory over Randolph last week. For more on the team, see Page C-2.

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WHS girls volleyball team wins county tourney

By JOE SERZAN
SPORTS EDITOR

It was only fitting that senior Erin Roudebush's kill was the one that gave the Westfield High School's girls volleyball team the Union County Tournament Championship.

Roudebush's match-high 13 kills helped the Blue Devils defeat defending champion Union Catholic, 25-19, 25-21, at Westfield High School Friday night.

"I'm not going to lie, I wanted that last kill," said Roudebush following the match. "Winning this means so much. Everyone played their best."

They certainly did. Westfield got eight more kills from junior Caroline Fallon and 24 total assists from setters Molly Williams and Tara Daly during the match. In addition, senior Libero Anna Koehler had 11 digs for the Blue Devils, who captured their first Union County title since 1998.

"It's been a long time," said Westfield head coach Beverly Torok. "Union Catholic has been our rival for years. They are well coached, they always play great, and we always have a good match. They played us well yet again."

Union Catholic (16-6) got five kills and one block from Katie Ryan and got three kills and three blocks from Becky Mehringer during the match but just could not stop Roudebush and her teammates.

"Our serving was on and that was very key," Roudebush said. "They couldn't get back much off of our serves and so everyone was putting it down. Everyone was playing well."

Roudebush, her sister Paige, Williams, and Laryssa Borkowsky all had aces Friday night for the Blue Devils. Williams led the team with two aces and set up Roudebush almost all night with countless spike possibilities. At first, Roudebush was a bit too psyched up and her shots were too strong, but eventually started to get her kills down.

"The first game I really wanted to hit it and I think I was too anxious because I was going too soon and the ball was going out," Roudebush said. "So the next game, I waited just a little bit more and I was able to reach the court and I put it down. It was awesome."

Roudebush's play was a crowd favorite, as many who attended were driven into a frenzy after she put down kill after kill.

"Erin is pretty powerful," said Torok. "She has been really on lately. Her technique is right in form and she is very focused. Our passing has improved, therefore, we are getting the sets she needs to put it down."

Westfield (22-3) finished their regular season Monday with a road match against Irvington and is look-

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SP-F football falls to CHS

By JOE SERZAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood football team dropped its second straight tough game Monday, falling to Cranford, 15-13, at home at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Cranford	15
SP-F	13

The Raiders' offense put together multiple would-be scoring drives in the game with their power running attack but did not score enough to overcome the Cougars, who put together a long drive late in the game which led to a game-winning field goal with 17 seconds remaining.

"We just didn't put points on the board," said SP-F head coach Steve Ciccotelli. "We have to score more than 13 points. We had our chances and we just didn't do it."

The Raiders had two early drives on offense but came away with only seven points at the end of them. SP-F's first score came during the second quarter after Cranford had taken a 6-0 lead.

SP-F began the drive at the 30 yard line and, as they did consistently throughout the game, used a downhill running attack against the Cougars' defense. Senior running back Greg Brand was given the ball three times on the drive, compiling 18 yards on the ground. But the Raiders' score came when junior quarterback Mike Chervenyak hit senior Kyle Rowbotham for a 37-yard touchdown pass. After the extra point by kicker Dave Belford was good, SP-F had taken the lead, 7-6.

The Raiders defense made the lead hold for the remainder of the second quarter and at halftime, SP-F continued to lead, 7-6.

However, SP-F's defense could not hold Cranford's offense during the third quarter, as the Cougars used an effective option attack to thwart the Raiders. Cougar junior running back Chad Faulcon capped a short but effective drive for the Cougars near the end of the third quarter with a five-yard touchdown run. After the touchdown, Cranford led 12-7.

But SP-F would answer yet again, this time with a boost from its special teams. On the ensuing kickoff, senior returner Jason Zelesnik returned the ball to the Cougar 48 yard line. Brand and the offense took care of the rest, marching down the remainder of the field in five plays to take the lead in the game. Brand accounted for all 48 yards during the drive and capped it with a five-yard run into the end zone. So with a little less than 10 minutes remaining in the game, SP-F had a 13-12 lead.

"Greg ran very well today," Ciccotelli said. "People know we are giving him the ball. They ran a Bear defense that stops the run and we still ran the ball."

But Cranford ran the ball well too, especially on the final drive of the game. The Cougars amassed over nine minutes of clock on the drive, which eventually led to the game-winning field goal.

With the loss, the Raiders fell to 4-3 on the season. After beginning the season with wins in four of their first five games, the Raiders have dropped their last two games.

"We just have to keep working," said Ciccotelli. "We have to keep practicing hard. There is no simple solution except to practice hard. We emphasize everyday to try to get better, get better."

The Raiders will look to get better before Saturday's road showdown with rival Westfield at 2 p.m. at Kehler Stadium.

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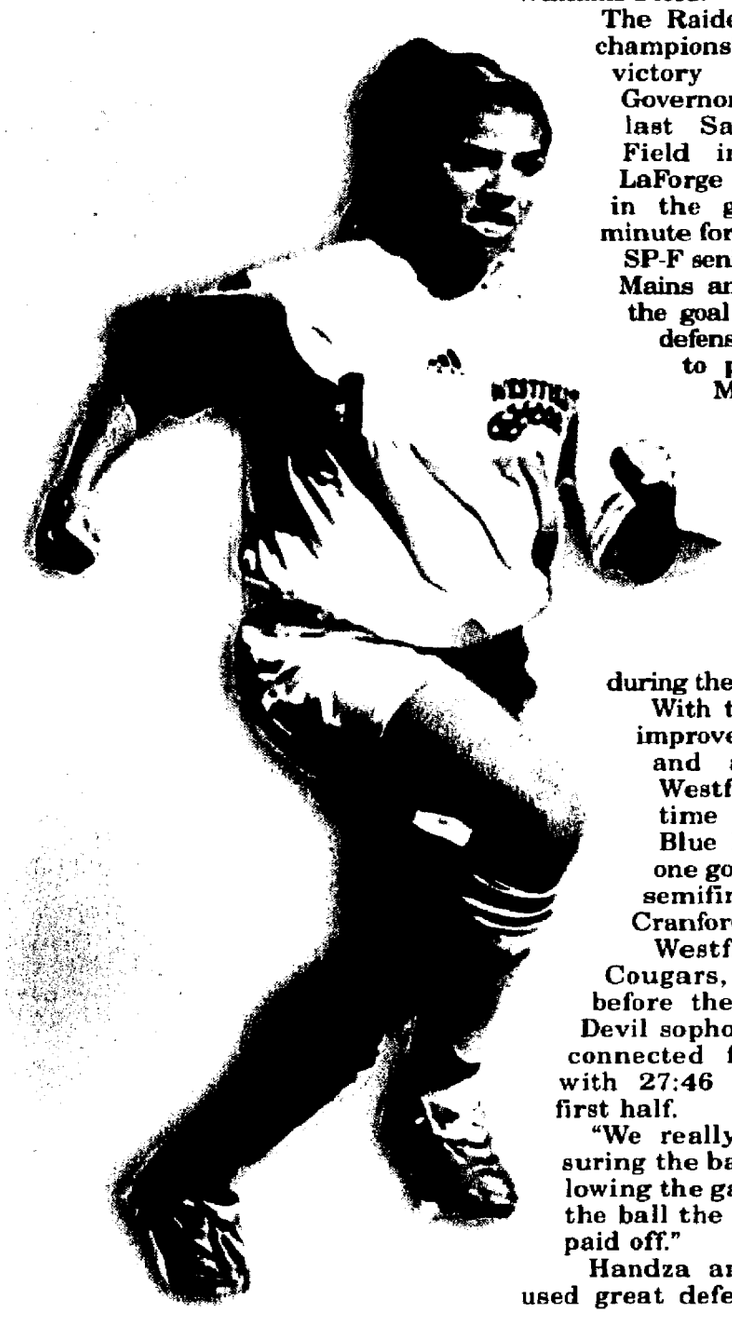
SHOWDOWN

Wf, SP-F girls soccer teams advance to UCT final

By JOE SERZAN
SPORTS EDITOR

While the much anticipated college football game between number one Ohio State and number two Michigan is still more than two weeks away, there is another one-two matchup in Union County high school girls soccer that is being played this weekend.

The number one seed Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls soccer team, the number 10 ranked team in the state according to *The Star-Ledger*, will face off against number two seed Westfield in the Union County Tournament Championship this Saturday night at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth's Williams Field.



The Raiders advanced to the championship game with a 1-0 victory over fifth-seeded Governor Livingston (13-6-1) last Saturday at Cooper Field in Linden. Colleen LaForge scored the lone goal in the game, in the 23rd minute for SP-F.

SP-F senior goalkeeper Lauren Mains and her defense made the goal stand, playing great defense the rest of the way to preserve the victory. Mains recorded her 10th shutout with two saves in the game.

The Raiders dominated control of the ball virtually the entire game, outshooting Governor Livingston 20-3 during the game.

With the win, the Raiders improved to 15-2-1 overall and advanced to play Westfield for the third time this season. The Blue Devils also won by one goal Saturday in their semifinal game versus Cranford.

Westfield defeated the Cougars, 1-0, in Linden before the SP-F game. Blue Devil sophomore Tara Handza connected for the lone goal with 27:46 remaining in the first half.

"We really focused on pressuring the ball," said Hanza following the game. "We pressured the ball the whole game and it paid off."

Handza and her teammates used great defense to thwart the Cranford attack during both halves. Westfield senior co-captain Gillian Kape and fellow senior Lindsey Sauerwein were particularly effective Saturday, constantly kicking away Cranford passes and lob attempts.

"I was really happy with the way the girls played," said Westfield head coach Katie Wertheimer. "These were not ideal conditions with the wind and a little bit of rain."

Westfield used the wind to its advantage during the second half, getting good distance on kicks away and faster runs with the wind at its back.

"We definitely wanted to be against the wind in the first half," Wertheimer said. "We new that if we could come out even at the end of that half that would help us because we are fast. We were really aided by that back wind. We did that in the SP-F game last week."

Wertheimer was referring to the Blue Devils' road win over the Raiders on Oct. 25. Westfield and SP-F have split the previous two meetings between them thus far this season.

"It is going to be an intense game," Handza said. "We beat them once and they beat us. SP-F is a really good team and we are a good team also. It's going to be a great county final."

It certainly should be. The SP-F girls are the defending champion of the tournament, winning it last season after seven appearances, all losses, against Westfield, which has the most tournament championships (17) of any team in the event's 26 years of existence.

But it is Westfield who will be the underdog Saturday, with SP-F's impressive ranking and record slightly better than the Blue Devils' 14-3 mark thus far this season. The girls game will be followed by the boys final, featuring the 13-5-1 SP-F boys team versus Union High School.

SP-F BOYS SOCCER ADVANCES TO UCT FINAL
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The number two seeded Westfield girls soccer team will face off against number one Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the Union County Championship on Saturday night after both squads won their semifinal games this past weekend. Pictured above left: Blue Devil senior Lindsey Sauerwein; right: SP-F's Raychel Kruper.

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Westfield boys XC team wins UCT championship

By DAVID LAZARUS
CORRESPONDENT

No Perrella, no problem for the revamped Westfield High School boys cross country team, which put together its best performance of the season to defend its Union County title Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Warinanco Park in Elizabeth.

Without Jeffrey Perrella, their graduated superstar, who cruised to the 2005 individual crown and led the team to a 46-95 triumph over Summit last year, the 2006 edition used a more balanced approach, placing three runners in the top eight to easily defeat slightly favored Roselle Catholic 46-85.

What made the Blue Devils' triumph even more impressive was that their average time of 17:20, which substantially bettered the 17:33 of a year ago, with no runner finishing in under 17 minutes.

"I can't say that I am shocked," said Perrella, now a freshman at William & Mary. "It was obvious last year that there was a lot of potential in the underclassmen, but no one seemed to notice outside of our program. There are a lot of really dedicated and motivated athletes on the team."

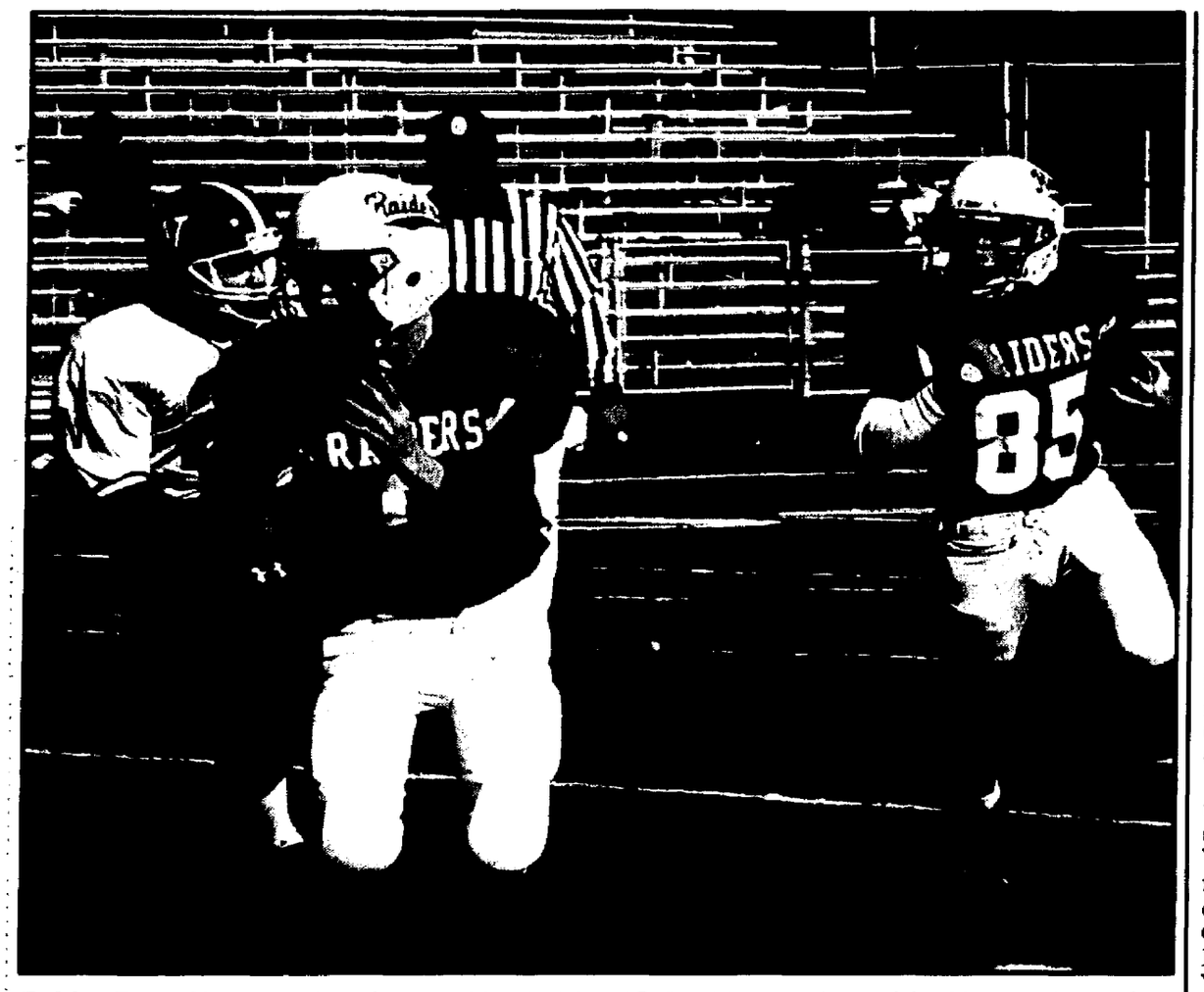
Junior Evan Friedman, the team's top returning runner, continued his comeback from early season injuries by finishing fourth behind Steve Hankinson of Summit (16:06), Brian Guterl of Union Catholic (16:15) and Joseph McKenney of Cranford (16:35). Hankinson ran six seconds slower than Perrella and Guterl and McKenney repeated their finishes

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DAVID LAZARUS/CORRESPONDENT

Westfield junior Evan Friedman races toward the finish during last week's Union County Championships.



Raider Ryan Haggerty breaks outside, led by JC Davidson, whose blocking and running style allowed the Scotch Plains-Fanwood A team to maintain possession of the ball during most of the game against Westfield at Kehler Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 29. Scotch Plains-Fanwood defeated the Westfield A team, 19-0. With the shutout, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood defense maintained its perfect season - it has not been scored upon at all.

SP-F P.A.L. football stays unbeaten

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood P.A.L. A team (8th graders) remained unbeaten this past weekend with a decisive 19-0 victory over Westfield on Sunday, Oct. 29.

With the shutout of a solid Westfield offense, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood monster defense has not been scored upon all season. In the last 16 regular season games, this stingy defense has only let up two touchdowns!

The defense had considerable help on Sunday from the powerful Scotch Plains-Fanwood offense, which maintained possession for the vast majority of the game. This strategy also worked well against other top notch teams such as New Providence and Chatham, both blanked by Scotch Plains-Fanwood earlier this season.

Against Westfield, SP-F's powerful offensive line (Joe Carroll, Chris Gilman, Marcus Rivera, Zach Tussel, Andrew Krema, Dan Lesce and Dan Convery) took command early on and controlled the line of scrimmage for the entire game. Behind this line, Sean Coloney was able to orchestrate the backfield to maintain possession. Skirting defenders with his quickness and finding seams in the Westfield defense, Quentin Blackwell ran for 100 yards and scored for SP-F on its longest drive of the day.

JC Davidson had several touches also, but with a slightly different style, as he ran straight through the Westfield defenders. Coloney was able to complete several swing passes to Connor Thompson, who kept the secondary guessing. Ryan Haggerty established yet another different style of running, jumping over Westfield defenders and then dragging four to five tacklers before getting pulled down. Sebastian Rosen and Steve Loshiavo not only blocked for their fellow backs, but ran inside to help SP-F maintain long periods of possession.

On defense, Rivera and Davidson lead the attack on Westfield's offense. Rivera sacked the quarterback Kephart several times and forced at least one fumble. Pass coverage by Davidson and Evan Hubbard all but shut down Westfield's passing game. But it was Thompson who intercepted and returned the ball 60 yards for a SP-F touchdown; he was assisted by Davidson's key block, which drew the attention of the crowd.

Tommy Bell and Jason Mazursky contained the outside, turning plays in for Rivera, Carroll, Tussel, Will Bryant and Bayo Adeyamo in the middle. The defense's ferocious tackling style stunned Westfield's backs and receivers, leading to the shutout.

The A team culminates its tenure in the league with only one loss in the last two regular seasons and an overall regular season record in the league of 20-4-1. The players' triumphs on the field are fueled by the usual football lessons of respect, hard work, accountability and discipline. The players have lived by a special code which is the polar opposite to the sense of entitlement often seen in this world: they deserve nothing and must earn everything.

But there was even more than these lessons and their triumphs on the field. For these boys, there was also a recognition that they have a responsibility to the community and fellow students. For the last several years, the SP-F A team has cleaned county parks and run food drives for those less fortunate. As tough as they were on the field, they were a compassionate group that was always ready to lend a hand to others. The example they have set has inspired others.

For these boys, the lessons of football translated well into their lives. They are solid citizens of whom Scotch Plains and Fanwood are very proud.

SP-F boys soccer eyes county title

By JOE SERZAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys soccer team advanced to the Union County Tournament Championship game last weekend, defeating New Providence, 2-0, in the semifinal round of the tournament Saturday at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

Junior co-captain Mike DiVizio had a goal and an assist for the Raiders during the first half of the game and senior co-captain goalkeeper Bryan Meredith made those goals stand, making six saves and recording his fifth shutout of the season for SP-F.

SP-F improved to 13-5-1 on the season with the victory and advanced to the Union County Tournament final game for the 10th straight season. The Raiders will face off against Union High School in the final. Union defeated Westfield 3-2 on Saturday in Elizabeth in the other semifinal game. The boys championship game is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., right after the girls championship game.

The Raiders' final tune up before the final came Tuesday, when they defeated Morristown, 1-0. Meredith scored the lone goal for the Raiders, converting a penalty kick in the 36th minute of the first half. With the victory, SP-F improved to 14-5-1.

SP-F, WHS girls compete at counties

A new school record for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and an impressive breakthrough for Westfield High School highlighted the local girls teams' participation in the 2006 Union County Championship meet held on Oct. 25 at Warinanco Park.

Junior Cassy Valdes usurped the record from her sophomore teammate Brittney Veeck, when she ran 19:35 to finish third behind three-time champion Laura Gallo of Cranford and freshman Kearsley Olcott of Summit. Veeck finished fourth in 19:46 as the Raiders, the Watchung Conference Champions, finished third with 83 points.

Senior Nicole DiBenedetto broke twenty minutes for the first time with a 19:58 performance for fifth. The time smashed her previous best by over a minute.

"She finally believed in herself and her ability," said SP-F assistant coach Jen Buccino. "She worked very hard this summer and really put in the mileage.

"She also made the difficult decision to give up her club swim program this year, to allow her to really focus on having a great cross country season. Juggling two sports was not only physically draining, but also mentally draining, and her decision to sacrifice swimming paid off."

Westfield's third through seventh runners finished 32nd through 36th as the Blue Devils were fifth with 120 points. Notable was the finish of senior Jen Daniellson, who was 36th in her first race this season after being out with a stress fracture.

Samantha Peters was 13th to lead Union Catholic of Scotch Plains to a tenth place finish.

WESTFIELD GYMNASTICS

The Westfield High School gymnastics team finished its regular season with a perfect record (10-0) after a road victory over Randolph last week.

The Blue Devils scored 105.025 points, four more than Randolph (101.8) on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Freshman Jenna Rodrigues shined once again for Westfield, placing first one the vault and on the beam. Rodrigues scored 35.6 points overall, percentage points behind Randolph's Sarah Gold (35.8).

Senior co-captain Claire Macdonald was also effective for the Blue Devils, placing third on the vault and second on the floor exercise. Macdonald was fifth overall in points with 32.95. Freshman Kelsey Greenfield was third overall in points with 34.1 during the meet.

Sophomore Natalie Golikov was second on bars while freshman Claire Stevens-Haas was fourth on vault and fifth on the floor exercise.

The Blue Devils will compete at the state level this weekend.

Westfield boys XC wins at counties

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from a year ago.

Friedman, ninth last year in 17:53, dropped 46 seconds off his time to lead teammate and fellow junior Alex Tarlow, who was fifth in 17:12. Tarlow won the junior varsity race a year ago in 18:11 and is emblematic of the vast talent that veteran Westfield head coach Jack Martin nurtures on his junior varsity each year.

"With a large team it is often difficult to crack the top seven," Martin said. "The guys work hard and when it's their turn they are traditionally ready to make the most of it.

"This year is no exception. The work that was put in over the past year is paying off and the boys are enjoying the success."

Nobody in the county has improved more and with a bigger impact than junior Kevin O'Rourke. Twentieth in the junior varsity race a year ago, O'Rourke dropped 21 seconds off his personal best to finish eighth in 17:18, a result that bested every Roselle Catholic finisher and all but decided the team race.

"Kevin has been great," Martin said. "He is the kind of person you like to have on the team. He has improved steadily over his three years on the team. This year has been tremendous. His work and racing is an example for our younger runners to follow."

The other two Westfield finishers, junior Brandon Berkowitz and David Hyslip, finished 13th and 16th, respectively, and also smashed their personal bests with finishes of 17:28 and 17:36, respectively.

Also running was Neil Fitzpatrick, 23rd in 17:47, and the team's unsung hero, senior Brent Souders, 26th in 17:51.

"Brent was organizing runs all summer for the boys, keeping everyone excited and making sure the guys met up to go running" Perrella said. "I think a lot of the success is owed to him for the time and commitment he has really given to the boys."

Unlike last year when a veteran Blue Devil team was heavily favored, the consensus 2006 pre-race pick was a balanced Roselle Catholic team. But Martin devised a winning strategy to break up the Lions' strong pack.

"Our boys like to run a fast pace so they went after it early with Hankinson, Guterl and McKenney up front," Martin said.

Tarlow added, "During the week prior to counties we talked only once or twice about the pack of Roselle Catholic. Practices chosen by Martin and (assistant coach Chris) Tafelski proved to be the winning mixture to break their group up."

Martin said, "The boys ran up to their potential and the times were much better than the conferences. The wind proved to be an obstacle but we were a lot more intense. The fast early pace was good for us."

Martin is cautiously optimistic that his team has started to peak at the right time because a powerful Phillipsburg team, among others, awaits the Blue Devils in the Group IV Section II race Saturday at Warinanco Park.

"Winning the Union County Championships was a tremendous start to the post season," Tarlow said. "We're hoping the win will carry over to the sectionals against Phillipsburg."

Martin said, "The boys are improving and I hope they still have another level to go. Philipsburg will be tough to beat in the sectionals. If we run like county, we should give them a race."

Led by tenth and eleventh place finishes by Patrick Doliber and Adam Biner, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys team finished fourth with 126 points.

WHS girls volleyball

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ing forward to the state tournament.

"We won the conference, we won the counties, and hopefully we are peaking for the state tournament," Torok said. "We have to maintain our serve receive and our support on defense. We had great support on defense tonight."

The match was especially sweet for seniors Roudebush, Koehler, Williams, Daly, and Kristen Dilgell who all played in their first county championship win.

"The seniors have been great," Torok said. "Some of them have played for me for four years now. Finally grasping a county championship has to be a highlight for their senior year. It was one of our goals the whole year. It is something we've worked for and thought about the whole year through."

Scotch Plains football

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The Blue Devils fared better than the Raiders did this past week, defeating Shabazz 16-0 Saturday at Shabazz Stadium. With the victory, Westfield improved to 3-4 on the season.

Blue Devil junior Malcolm Allen led the attack for Westfield, compiling touchdown runs of 73 and 3 yards during the game. He became just he 11th Westfield player to ever run for 200 or more yards in a game.

The Blue Devils' defense was also effective Saturday, limiting Shabazz to only 76 total offensive yards. Westfield senior defensive end Tyrell Simmons was one of many defensive stars who were great during the game against Shabazz.

Defensive end John Dugan helped obtain the first points of the game for Westfield with a blocked punt in the end zone for a safety during the second quarter. Senior defensive back Sean Ferro also came up big on defense, with two interceptions during the game.

The rain and wind were certainly a factor during the game but the Blue Devils did not let it get them down. They got the win and, with two regular season games remaining, are poised to get over .500 for the year. It can begin Saturday at home against rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Game time is at 2 p.m.

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The three new homes with Victorian-era architecture feature adornments and amenities indicative of the "Old World" craftsmanship of Custom Service Builder of Mountainside. Quiet, tree-lined streets further enhance the curb appeal. Two of the homes are available now, and the third is underway for 30- to 45-day delivery. Prices start from $1,449,900.

Said Grace Rappa, site manager of Coldwell Banker in Westfield, "The open floor plans, center island kitchens and cozy embellishments in all of the homes are perfect for holiday entertaining and family gatherings. Plus, the generous size of the estates, boasting five-bedrooms and three-plus baths each, provides plenty of space to accommodate family and out-of-town guests."

One of the grand homes available for immediate delivery graces a corner property on Embree Crescent. Upon arrival, visitors will see the windowed gables and turreted alcove. Added Rappa, "That rich character continues inside, where fine woodwork and classic Victorian accents can be found throughout. From the formal living and dining areas, to the center island custom kitchen, to the spacious family room with fireplace — the first floor wraps prospective buyers up in stylish comfort and the right amount of space for any get together. Upstairs, buyers can retreat to a grand master bedroom suite with whirlpool tub, walk-in closet and a plethora of delightful amenities."

A Harrison Avenue home, also available for immediate delivery, gets similar praise from Rappa. She notes, "Prospective buyers will be greeted by a lovely wrap-around porch perfect for cocktails and conversation before dinner. Inside, an elegant living room connects to a large formal dining room creating a wonderful space for entertaining family and friends. Of course, it's the center island kitchen that's the heart of the home, where custom wood cabinetry and plenty of room for prepping and serving are sure to please chefs and guests alike. Opening up into a sunny informal dining area and onto a spacious family room with fireplace, this home takes advantage of an open floor plan without losing its warmth."

An elaborate master bedroom suite with dual vanities, a whirlpool tub, walk-in closet and a separate sitting area is found on the second floor. Two large bedrooms and full bath complete this level, while a third floor features two additional bedrooms and full bath, creating space for older children and guests.

A Coleman Place estate is the third home in the Windsor Collection. Said Rappa, "A pillared porch, Victorian-style arched entryway and windowed turret create curb appeal that will make guests delightfully anxious to see more. Once inside the home's grand two-story foyer, a formal living room with bay window and dining room with adjacent pantry set the stage for gracious entertaining."

Rappa added, "The kitchen, like all the homes in the Windsor Collection, features a center island and anchors the more informal areas of the first floor, which include a dining nook, family room with fireplace, laundry room and access to the two-car garage.

"Upstairs," Rappa continued, "the home's beautiful master bedroom suite features a decadent master bath with whirlpool tub and dual vanities, as well as a walk–in closet." Four more bedrooms and two more full baths finish the second floor.

All of the homes in the Windsor Collection feature hardwood floors, full basements, energy efficient gas heating and central air conditioning, ceramic tiling, hardwired fire/smoke alarms, brand name appliances and either a two- or three-car garage. Said David Schoner, a vice president at Coldwell Banker, "The three estates, down to their smallest detail, are a fine example of how the four principals of Custom Service Builders... synthesize exceptional locations, in-house talent and years of experience into the creation of their new homes."

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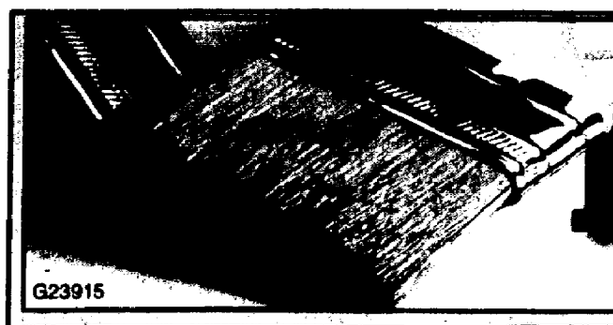
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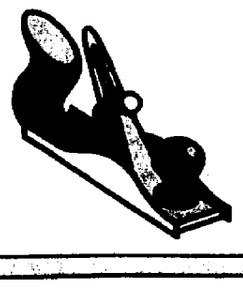
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CRANFORD — The weather was crisp and cold on Oct. 21, but that couldn't keep more than 250 runners of all ages from coming out on a Saturday morning to take part in the fourth annual 5K Breakfast Run to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League (CPL).

The races included a 5K USATF-certified run through the business park; a one-mile ramble for walkers, strollers and wheelchairs, and several kids' dashes. Participants received a custom-designed T-shirt and a complimentary continental breakfast. There were also more than 50 random prize giveaways and decorative medals for winners in the various age categories.

The Westfield Community Dixie All-Star Band provided continuous musical entertainment, and the Central Jersey All-Stars youth and junior cheerleading teams were out at the finish line to cheer on the runners. The children on hand were also treated to face painting and "Pick 'n Paint" pumpkin tables.

"An event of this magnitude takes a great deal of planning, effort and hard work. I am proud of our staff and the many volunteers who went that 'extra' mile to make the day so successful and worthwhile," said Louis Brigando, associate executive director of the CPL. "It was gratifying to see that our community joined us for this great event."

As in previous years, the event was sponsored by the Union Center National Bank. "We have deep gratitude to the Union Center National Bank for their continuing support of our organization in its mission to help the community. Our relationship has developed to be more than merely a financial partnership. They have been loyal friends of the League and participate whenever possible," said CPL Executive Director Debra Wolfel.

For over 50 years, the Cerebral Palsy League has been providing specialized services to infants, children and adults with disabilities. With facilities in Union and Cranford, the League operates an Early Intervention Program, a nationally accredited Early Learning Center, two schools for students with disabilities and an Adult Services Program.

Proceeds from this year's Breakfast Run supported the expanded Adult Services Program, which offers specialized occupational and life skills training for adults with physical disabilities and medical complications. The Adult Work Activity Training Center has been providing vocational training and paid work experiences to individuals for whom competitive employment is not an option. In addition to the Training Center, CPL provides a variety of other programs and services that allow adults with disabilities to live and work within their communities.

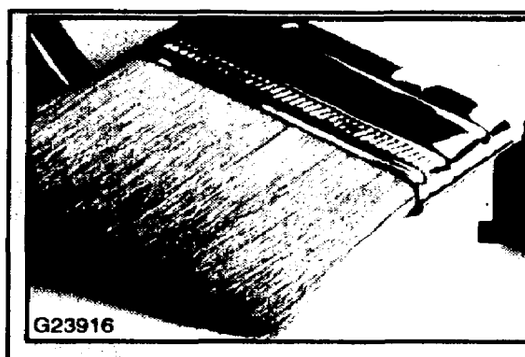


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Above, runners take off from the start line of the Oct. 21 5K Breakfast Run to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League. Proceeds from the race, which was the fifth annual run held in the Cranford Business Park, will support the League's Adult Services Program. At right, a Dixieland band helped keep things hot on the chilly morning; the Central Jersey All-Stars cheerleading teams also came out to support the runners. In addition to the featured race, the event featured a one-mile ramble and short fun runs for kids.



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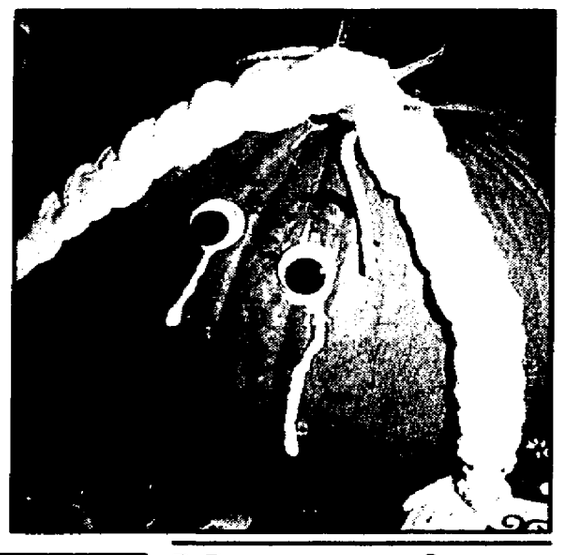
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Halloween may be a spooky, scary time of year, but the mood was decidedly festive at Saturday's holiday celebration at J.A. Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains. At left, Quinn Lantry of Scotch Plains was "raking" it all in. Top, one of the partygoers tries on a pumpkin-head for size. And at right, don't worry, that pumpkin wasn't crying — the glue just got a little runny. The event was sponsored by the school's PTA.

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Nursery is a Halloween treat for Kohler kids

WESTFIELD — Students from The Arc Kohler School in Mountainside enjoyed the festive sites and harvests of fall during a class trip to Williams Nursery in Westfield, where they picked pumpkins, maneuvered through a maze of hay and howled at the scary sites of ghosts and goblins during a haunted hay ride.

The Arc Kohler School serves children from ages 3 to 8 with developmental disabilities at its state-of-the-art facility on Globe Avenue in Mountainside.

The school specializes in providing collaborative educational programs designed to meet the unique needs of each student, including a diverse curriculum along with a full range of physical, speech and occupational therapies, nursing and social work services. Students who attend The Arc Kohler School represent school districts from throughout Union, Essex and Middlesex counties.

The Arc Kohler School is part of The Arc of Union County, a nonprofit organization serving the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families in Union County.

The Arc of Union County, headquartered in Springfield, assists clients through educational, residential, vocational and employment programs; special needs day programs, including adult medical day care and early child development centers; an early intervention program, and summer camp.

For more information on the programs and services provided to children and adults with developmental disabilities, visit The Arc of Union County's Web site, www.arcunion.org, or call Debbie Dreher at (973) 315-0060.

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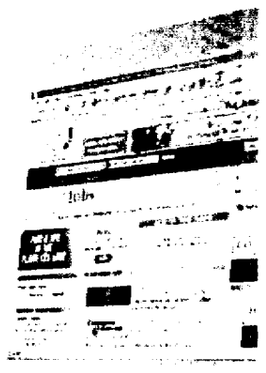
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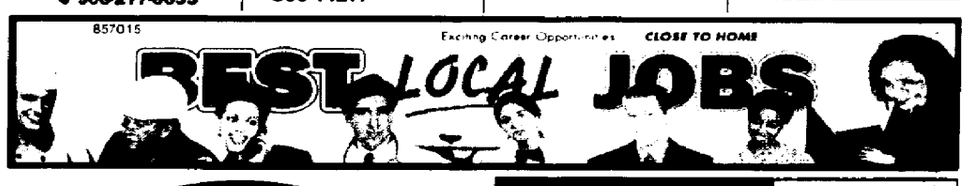
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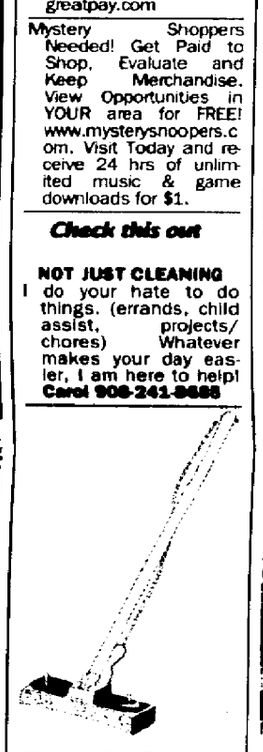
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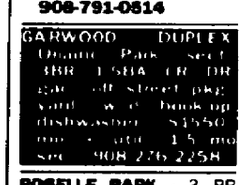
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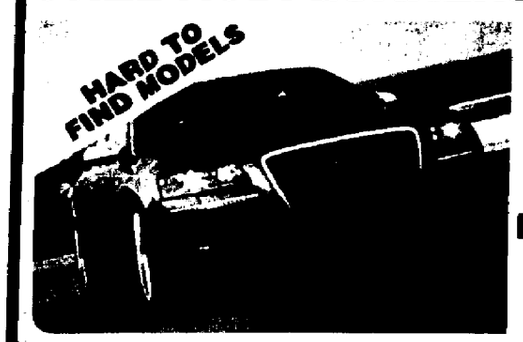
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Automotive/Classified

Ray Catena expands with new showroom on Route 22



Ray Catena Mercedes-Benz has long been one of the leading luxury car dealerships in the region, and the company recently added a new state-of-the-art showroom on Route 22 West in Union to its flagship facility in Edison. Pictured here are (from left) Ray Catena; Elsie Catena; Jim Buchanan, general manager, and Bob Gallagher, service director.

Ford will add all-wheel-drive to 2007 Fusion

Ford Motor Company has found a much-needed hit with the Fusion, which has sold more than 112,000 vehicles in the first nine months of 2006. Now, Fusion is seeking to build on that success with the arrival of the segment's only all-wheel-drive system and an additional $1,000 worth of standard equipment.

"With 112,000 Fusions sold this year, it's clear we have a serious product in the heart of the mid-size sedan segment," said Al Giombetti, president, Ford and Lincoln Mercury Marketing and Sales. "For 2007, we expect to be an even larger presence in the market, offering more standard features and the first all-wheel-drive system in the segment — a feature not offered by any of the competitive sedans from Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Chevrolet or Pontiac."

The first Fusion all-wheel drive (AWD) models arrived at dealers last week as the most affordable, V-6 powered AWD sedans on the market. Fusion SE AWD models start at $24,025, including destination and delivery, while Fusion SEL AWD models start at $25,120.

"For the same money as an Accord or Camry, we're offering a Fusion with all-wheel-drive for free," said Giombetti. "The addition of all-wheel drive will be a huge advantage for Fusion, and shows that Ford is intent on leading — not following — this segment."

Ford expects sales of vehicles equipped with AWD to double from 25 percent of the total U.S. market in 2003 to 50 percent by 2012. That anticipated increase will be largely driven by consumers who want to retain four-wheel traction as they migrate from their current SUVs and trucks into new sedans and crossover vehicles.

People who put the 2007 Fusion on their shopping list will find it also offers a host of new features and standard equipment. New for 2007 is the availability of a DVD-based satellite navigation system, a factory-installed SIRIUS satellite radio, and an appearance package for Fusion SE models equipped with the four-cylinder engine.

Ford also has added up to $1,000 worth of additional standard equipment on the 2007 Fusion:

— All Fusion models are equipped with an MP3 audio input jack as standard equipment.

— All Fusion models now offer standard side-impact airbags, side air curtains, and a perimeter alarm, previously part of the $595 Safety and Security Package.

— Fusion SE and Fusion SEL models come standard with a new, fold-down front-passenger seat for greater cargo flexibility.

— Fusion SE models now come standard with 16-inch aluminum wheels, a six-disc in-dash CD changer and foglights, previously part of the $425 SE Sport Package.

— Fusion SEL models now come standard with automatic headlamps, compass, self-dimming mirrors, and heated side mirrors with puddle lamps, previously included in the $395 SEL Premium Package.

In addition, all 2007 Fusion models are covered by Ford's new, 5-year/60,000-mile powertrain warranty, including complimentary roadside assistance.

While it's done well with buyers, the Fusion has also picked up accolades from the automotive press:

— JD Power and Associates ranked the Fusion as the 2006 Most Appealing Midsize Car, based on owner satisfaction with the design, content, layout and performance of their new vehicles.

— AAA and Parents magazine named the Fusion one of the 2006 Best Sedans for Families, based on family road tests and top crash test ratings.

— And Smart Money selected Fusion as a "Best Value" in the midsize sedan market based on Fusion's features, comfort, ownership costs, and fuel economy.

'Certified' mark can limit risk for buyers

(NewsUSA) — In the past, used car shopping was something of an inexact science. There was no telling what kind of wear and tear a vehicle had seen. The secondhand automobile did not come with a warranty, let alone a manufacturer's seal of approval. And there weren't any financial incentives to entice the used-car shopper.

But times have changed, and today the era of the manufacturer's certified pre-owned vehicle is in full swing.

The basic concept of the certified pre-owned vehicle is simple: Automobile manufacturers take their late-model used vehicles (usually less than five years old), put them through a rigorous inspection process, attach an extended warranty and other perks and sell them directly to the public.

"The benefit to consumers is clear. Many find themselves getting a like-new car with new-car-like peace of mind," said Cars.com managing editor Patrick Olsen. "Not only do they get these benefits at a used-car price, but they're often able to buy a car that they otherwise couldn't afford."

Certification programs were pioneered by such luxury nameplates as Lexus and Mercedes-Benz as a marketing tool to sell off-lease vehicles in the late 1980s and early 1990s. As the years wore on, more auto manufacturers — who used to send such vehicles to rental car companies or used-car lots — began to see the benefit of selling them directly to consumers. When the volume of almost-new vehicles began to flood the market, manufacturer-certified used-car programs quickly became common for all automakers.

Since then, increased interest in certified pre-owned vehicles by consumers has solidified the status of the certified used car. Certified used cars account for 41 percent of all used-car dealership sales, according to a 2005 study by Westlake, Calif.-based J.D. Power and Associates. That's an increase of 4 percent from its 2004 findings.

Part of the reason for these rising figures is that manufacturers are now offering reduced-rate financing incentives for certified vehicles. Today, it's not uncommon to find great financing deals or other bonuses such as 24-hour roadside assistance, trip-planning services and complimentary oil changes accompanying a certified pre-owned car.

CPO programs today have emerged as a completely separate shopping category. In fact, sites like Cars.com now allow customers to search specifically for CPO vehicles.

"When a consumer is searching for a specific used car on Cars.com, CPO cars are clearly marked in the search results," Olsen said. "And, more and more manufacturers are using that [CPO] tag in marketing their cars to consumers on the site."

For more information on certified pre-owned vehicle programs, visit www.cars.com and click on the "Shopping Advice" tab.

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379 Forest Hill Way (Off Deer Path)
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Sat. Nov 4th 8 am - 2 pm
2054 Algonquin Dr (off of Hetfield Ave)
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WESTFIELD
GARAGE SALE
Saturday, Nov 4 9-4pm
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• GARAGE SALE •
Friday & Saturday November 3 & 4
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Sat, Nov 4, 9-2 PM
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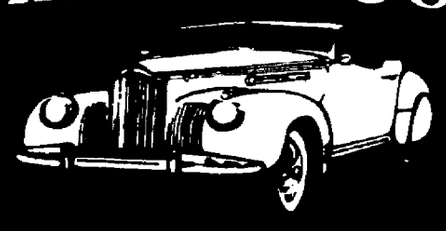
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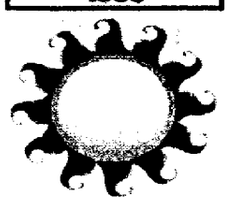
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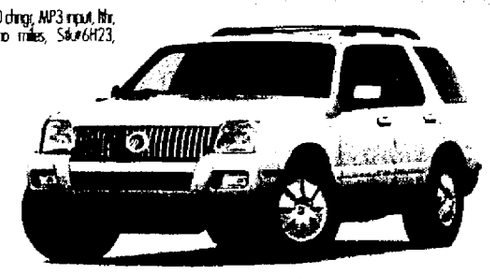
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