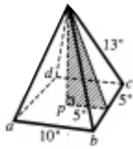




WHETHER THE WEATHER WAS ACCURATE...Scotch Plains' Brunner Elementary students from Mr. Joseph Roskin's fifth grade class utilized math and number skills recently when they tracked the weather for five days and compared the actual weather with the online weather forecast Web sites. Using a large graph, the students compared weather statistics in a project called "Webquest." Pictured, from left to right, are: Jeremy Keith, Joe Sullivan, Allison Baier and Karina DeMair.



AIDS AWARENESS...The Union Catholic AIDS Awareness Club was selected to be in a Catholic Charities video being produced to demonstrate the response to AIDS taking place in the Newark Archdiocese. The club was one of two clubs selected from throughout the country because of their activities, the services they provide and the cabaret benefit that was performed last spring. Pictured, left to right, are: Co-Presidents Leah Hilliard, Stephanie Juen and Rick Flynn, Bob Hanson, Sarah Mugavero and Club Moderator Bruce Zehle. Standing, are: video cameraman Roger Castillo and soundman Keith Keller from Fawn Communications in San Antonio, Tex.

Terrill Middle School Pupils Learn About Time Traveling

SCOTCH PLAINS - As the millennium approaches, Terrill Middle School students in Paul Larson's eighth grade Level I Language Arts classes have looked into the future through literature and writing.

Reading and studying of H.G. Wells' novel, "The Time Machine," set at the last turn of the century, students spring boarded into sharing their thoughts as to what the future will be like regarding environment, technology, the class system and the stresses of daily living.

In conjunction with the recent PBS "Nova" broadcast and Time magazine article on time travel, students also explored the scientific proposition in the novel.

The unit culminated in a viewing of the Oscar-winning film of the novel by director George Pal, addressing the New Jersey State Department of Edu-

cation Core-Curriculum Standards by analyzing the film and comparing and contrasting it with the novel.



COMPUTER FRIENDLY...Members of the Board of Education and the public had the opportunity to become computer friendly with the new iMac computers installed in the writing lab at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield. Language Arts Supervisor 6-8, Barbara Ball, standing, demonstrated the new hardware. Pictured, left to right, are: Board Member Thomas Taylor, Alice Hunnicutt of Westfield, Board Member William Wallace, Board Member Anne Riegel, Michelle H. LePoidevin and Board Member Annmarie Puleio.

University News

Udi Ehud Ghitzta of Westfield was named to the Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Letters and Science in Madison, Wis.

Faiz Sadeq of Scotch Plains has been elected to the executive board of the 1999-2000 University of the Sciences Student Government Association.

Faiz, a third year doctor of pharmacy student, will serve as Vice President of Student Affairs.

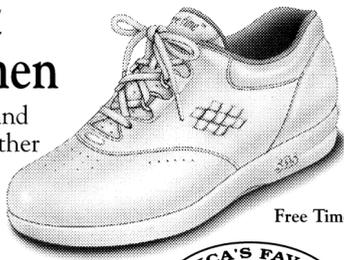
Area Students Named To Honor Roll For Upper School

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison has announced that freshmen Pryce Gaynor, Ashley Kent and Michael Kim, all of Westfield, have been named to the Upper School Honor Roll for the first marking period.

In addition, senior Eric Rosenberg and freshmen Milan Patel and Sona Patel, all of Scotch Plains, have been named to the Honor Roll.

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Concepts & Thought



McKinley School Pupils Blend Learning, Fun at Science Event

WESTFIELD - Students and parents from McKinley Elementary School in Westfield enjoyed mixing learning with fun at the first annual "Family Science Night" in November.

Over 15 different activities and experiments were designed to demonstrate basic scientific concepts in practical and entertaining ways.

Students in each grade moved from booth to booth sampling the major

scientific fields, including chemistry, biology, astronomy and physics.

Activities included using litmus paper to test the acidity of different beverages; "fishing" with magnets; making constellations in film canisters; and playing animal games like "camouflage."

Several experiments showed the practical applications of science, such as a "kitchen science" workshop on cleaning pennies with vinegar and salt.

At the ecology booth, students soaked feathers and cotton balls in vegetable oil to simulate the effects of an oil spill on birds and sea otters.

The important role of technology in science was explored through computer programs that designed electrical circuits and generated drawings similar to those of artist M. C. Escher.

Throughout the evening, students were encouraged to use the basic skills of scientific inquiry, such as forming a hypothesis about which objects would sink or float and conducting a statistical sampling of common fingerprint patterns.

"Family Science Night" was organized by chairman Helen Comba and the McKinley Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) based on a similar "Math Night" held last year.

This winter, the PTO will also host "Dad's Reading Night" as well as another math carnival next spring.



OIL SPILL...McKinley Elementary School students, from left, Larry Zhang and Samantha Cruz and Nicole Cruz, dip feathers and cotton pads in vegetable oil to simulate the effects of an oil spill on birds and sea otters. The activity was one of several different experiments offered at the first annual "Family Science Night" held in November.

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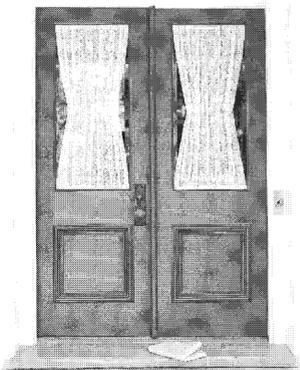
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