

## Kevin M. Hoover, 39, Consultant; Had Also Been Purchasing Manager

Kevin Michael Hoover, 39, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, died on Wednesday, April 24, at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento, Calif.

A self-employed insurance consultant, Mr. Hoover had earlier been a financial planner for Meeker Sharkey Financial Planners in Cranford for two years, as well as a purchasing manager at NYNEX Corporation in New York City.

He was awarded a bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University in New York State and a master's degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the St. Bonaventure Alumni Association.

Surviving are his parents, Raymond F. and Lois L. Hoover of Scotch Plains, and a sister, Laura Lockatell, also of Scotch Plains.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, April 30, at St.

Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the William R. Dangler Funeral Home in Summit.

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## Herbert Lockley, 65

Herbert Lockley, 65, of Westfield died on Wednesday, April 24, at his home.

Born in King and Queen County, Va., he lived in Westfield for 35 years.

Mr. Lockley had worked for Hugo Loeffler, Inc. as a mason contractor for 30 years prior to retiring.

Surviving are two brothers, James Lockley of Plainfield and Lewis Lockley of Westfield.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, April 30, at the Plinton-Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.

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## William J. Casterline, 69, Worked For Many Years in Tire Industry

William J. Casterline, 69, of South Plainfield died on Saturday, April 27, at his home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., he had lived in Forty Fort, Pa., South Plainfield, Plainfield and Bridgewater before returning to South Plainfield 25 years ago.

While living in Forty Fort, Mr. Casterline had owned and operated a gas station and automobile lot. He subsequently worked in the tire business for nearly 50 years.

He was a wholesale tire salesman with Lee Tire Company of Pennsylvania; district manager for Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Elizabeth, and later worked wholesaling tires for Frabel Bros. Tire Company in Union.

He eventually joined Swift Metro Tire Company in Linden, which later merged into the BC Tire Company of Piscataway. Mr. Casterline had been the general manager of the company's wholesale division prior to retiring in 1998.

He served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He attended Seton Hall University in South Orange.

Active in local politics during the

## Mathilde Pfeiffer, 89

Mathilde Pfeiffer, 89, of Westfield died on Sunday, April 28, at Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in New York City, she lived in Westfield for 55 years.

She had been an accountant for Barnes Commissary, Inc. in Cranford for 30 years, retiring 20 years ago.

She was a Past President of Chapter 17 of the American Society of Woman Accountants.

She was a communicant of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and a member of the Westfield Historical Society.

Surviving are a sister, Charlotte Pfeiffer of Westfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held yesterday, Wednesday, May 1, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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1960s, Mr. Casterline was a former member of the Plainfield Democratic Club and had run for a seat on the City Council.

He was a semi-professional Roller Derby roller skater in the 1950s, participating in matches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mr. Casterline was a former member of the Plainfield Chapter of UNICO and a member of various business-related associations.

He was predeceased by a sister, Jean Edgerton.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia A. Guglielmo Casterline; two daughters, Barbara Riznik of Warren and Dawn Kizmann of Mountainside; two sons, David Casterline of South Plainfield and Daniel Hare of Clark; his mother, Lucy Casterline; a sister, Mary Lou McClain, and a brother, Marvin Casterline, all of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 30, at the McCriscin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Memorial contributions may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or to the Salvation Army.

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## Harold Cohen, 74

Harold Cohen, 74, of Westfield died on Tuesday, April 23, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in New York City, he had lived in Elizabeth for 20 years before moving to Westfield 32 years ago.

Mr. Cohen had been an insurance broker for Marsh and McLennan in New York City prior to his retirement in 1990.

He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from New York University in 1950.

He served in the United States Army of Occupation following World War II. Surviving are his wife, Gertrude Schiller Cohen; two daughters, Anne Cohen and Linda Weisberger, and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, April 28, in the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

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# — Obituaries —

## Laurence B. Butler, 84, Was Executive; Freemason of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge

Laurence B. Butler, 84, of Bismarck, Ark., died on Wednesday, April 24, at Advance Care Hospital in Hot Springs.

Born on November 2, 1917 in Saugus, Mass., the son of the late Bion C. and Marion Wilkinson Butler, he had lived in Westfield, Asbury Park and Syracuse, N. Y., before relocating to Arkansas.

Mr. Butler went to work in 1939 for Lever Brothers and then in 1940 for Tide Water Associated Oil. He was also employed from 1953 to 1965 by the Hess Oil and Chemical Company, where he served as Assistant Vice President.

In 1965, he went to work for New England Petroleum-Charter Oil, where he was Vice President of Engineering. He was retired.

Mr. Butler was a 50-year Freemason of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No.

10 in Westfield.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Mabel M. Butler, and a daughter, Beverley A. Westall.

Surviving are his wife, Clea Sundburg-Butler; a son, Leonard B. Butler of Bismarck, Ark.; two stepdaughters, Katina Cobb of Pine Bluff, Ark. and Rita Garrett of Strongsville, Ohio; a brother, Malcolm Butler of Florida; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 3, at the First Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Arrangements are being handled by the Caruth-Hale Funeral Home in Hot Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia, Ark.

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Laurence B. Butler

## Charles Dell-Bene, 67, Retired Director Of Parks and Recreation for County

Charles Dell-Bene, 67, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, April 22, at New York University Medical Center Hospital in New York City.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived in Scotch Plains for most of his life and had also maintained a winter home in Indiantonic, Fla.

Mr. Dell-Bene had been the Director of Parks and Recreation for Union County for 36 years, prior to retiring in 1992.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Cortese Dell-Bene; five daughters,

Nancy Courtright of Indiantonic, Maryann Lester of Melbourne, Fla., Joan Donovan and Theresa Leone, both of Scotch Plains, and Irene Dell-Bene of Manhattan; his mother, Mary Dell-Bene; a brother, Frank Dell-Bene; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Friday, April 26, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 200 Cottontail Lane, Somerset 08873.

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## Richard R. Wagner, 60

Richard R. Wagner, 60, of Toms River died on Wednesday, April 17, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Manhattan, he had lived in Queens and in Westfield before relocating to Toms River two years ago.

Mr. Wagner had been a supervisor with the New York Department of Sanitation, where he was employed for 30 years prior to retiring in 1998.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the Garwood Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Cathleen Williams Wagner; three sons, Peter Wagner, Edward Wagner and Brian Wagner, and two grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Monday, April 22, at St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church in Rahway, following the funeral from the Corey & Corey Funeral Home in Rahway. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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## Julie Anne Gilsonen

Julie Anne Gilsonen, 62, of Bushkill, Pa., died on Thursday, April 18, at Palmerton Hospital in Palmerton, Pa.

Born in Michigan, she had lived in Mountainside prior to moving to Pennsylvania 10 years ago.

Mrs. Gilsonen, a travel agent, owned Triangle Travel in Mountainside for 15 years.

She was a graduate of Marjorie Webster Junior College in Washington, D.C. and the American Academy of Arts in New York City.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph P. Gilsonen; two sons, Matthew Gilsonen and James Postell, and a granddaughter.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, April 20, at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit. Interment took place at Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah.

Arrangements were handled by the Brough Funeral Home in Summit.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plainfield Area Humane Society, 75 Rock Avenue, Plainfield 07063.

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## Theresa Lippert, 93

Theresa Lippert, 93, of Mountainside died on Thursday, April 17, at St. Joseph's Nursing Center in Woodbridge.

Born in Bavaria, Germany, she had lived in Brooklyn and Queens before moving to Mountainside eight years ago.

She was predeceased by her husband, August M. Lippert.

Surviving are a daughter, Theresa Wolz of Mountainside; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Monday, April 22, from the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. A Mass followed at the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. Interment took place at Lutheran Cemetery in Queens, N.Y.

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## Robert F. Ryan, 81, Former Marine; Owned Local Dry Cleaning Business

Robert F. Ryan, 81, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, April 24, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Belleville, he had lived in Irvington before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1979.

Mr. Ryan owned Robert Dry Cleaners in Scotch Plains for more than 40 years.

He received a degree in philosophy from Seton Hall University in South Orange in 1946.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Mr. Ryan was a member of Ameri-

can Legion Post No. 209 in Scotch Plains.

He was predeceased by a son, Robert Ryan.

Surviving is his wife, Eleanor M. Gorski Ryan.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, April 27, from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. A Mass followed at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

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## Albert L. Rountree, 4th, Businessman; Played for the Vikings in the 1960s

Albert L. Rountree, 4th, 60, of Westfield died on Thursday, April 25, at his home.

Born in New Britain, Conn., he was raised in Bedminster and lived in Westfield since 1976.

Mr. Rountree, who was semi-retired, most recently was a partner with the Monroe Group, a real estate company in East Orange.

He was the founding owner of the Ultimate Juice Company in Clark from 1985 to 1995.

He was a professional football player with the Minnesota Vikings as a defensive tackle from 1960 to 1964.

He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley Rountree, in 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Drew C. Rountree and Gino S. Frederico.

Services were held on Monday, April 29, at Fair View Cemetery in Red Bank.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

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## More Community News

## Franklin Students Understand Value of Nurturing The Planet

WESTFIELD - From April 22 to 26, students, teachers and staff at Westfield's Franklin Elementary School marked Arbor Day by participating in "We CARE for Our Earth" Week.

Throughout the week, students completed grade-specific projects designed to raise their awareness about the environment.

Kindergartners and first graders crafted large flowers that were hung on trellises around school entranceways. Second graders designed huge trees and placed them, along with poetry and writings, in the hallway as the "Arbor Day Forest."

Third graders were responsible for creating a "No Trash Day" on April 24 by collecting garbage around the school and working with students, parents and custodians to ensure that all lunches that day were packed in reusable containers and did not include disposable items, such as plastic bags or aluminum foil.

Fourth graders planted flowers and seedlings, as well as a tree in honor of Mrs. Springate, a lunch aide who passed away this year. Fifth graders weeded the flowerbeds in front of the school, planted

grass and tried to enforce rules about walking on the paths and not on the grass.

"We CARE for Our Earth" ceremonies were held in Franklin School's Habitat Garden on April 24. Vocal music teacher Elsa Hahn led the students in songs about the country and the environment, and speeches about the meaning of Arbor Day were delivered by Student Council officers: President Will John, Vice President Evan Rosenberg, Treasurer Casey Jo Williamson, and Secretary Zachary Zagorski.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, students recited a pledge, which was composed by third grade teacher Donna Stein:

*We, the children of Franklin School, followers of the golden rule, promise to respect and honor trees, appreciate the earth, the sky and the seas. When we see others tugging on a tree, we'll ask them to stop, for now we see. The trees, the grass, the bird, the mole - they're all the parts that make us whole. We, the children of Franklin School, say, We celebrate the Earth, everyday, every way.*



CARING FOR THE EARTH...Students, teachers and staff at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield celebrated Arbor Day and participated in "We CARE for Our Earth" Week, from April 22 to 26. Special ceremonies were held in Franklin School's Habitat Garden on April 24. Pictured, left to right, are: Vocal Music Teacher Elsa Hahn, Student Council Secretary Zachary Zagorski, Student Council President Will John and Franklin School Principal Dr. Mary Fleck.

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## University News


### Yair Ghitza Placed On Fall Dean's List

WESTFIELD - The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. has noted that Westfield resident Yair Ghitza has been placed on the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2001 semester.

Yair is a student in the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan.

### Gettysburg College Places Joshua Rogers On Fall Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Westfield resident Joshua Rogers has been placed on the Dean's List for the fall 2001 semester at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. A freshman, Joshua is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers of Westfield.



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