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## Huge gift boosts holiday fund

## Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield gives $\$ 750$ donation

D Maran errz THE RECORD
Four donations this week put the Record Holiday Fund in good
shape to surpass last year's record total of $\$ 2,104$. The 1996 fund now stands at $\$ 1,926.34$. The Junior League of Elizabeth fund's success this week when


What would you like?
The Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network, hoate he annual broakfast whin Santa Claus for employees and thelr chilidren recenily. Nicole Palmer Alonzo, a daughter of a doctor at the center, ls telling Santa what she would like for Chriatmas.

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Enclosed with the check was a
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Plainfield is an organization of the holi-
day season to be able to assist fam-
hective action and latedertip ef rective action and leadership of rained volunteers," the letter said.
"Although over half our mem. bers are drawn from Westifid, the Junior League's projects primarily serve less privieged communities

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Also contributing to the fund who donated the money unspent ColbertSteeng neighborhood party, the lene Hughes.
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## Toddler death case declared a mistrial

## Briefs

Big band dinner set for Feb. 1 Thokest are. on sale for "Puecinating Rhythms," the
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Jardim, colleagues to take oaths Jan. 1 The Thomenringetin Jencemony mayure end John J J Walsh and newrence A. Goldman, the nembers. will be 3 p.m. Wedneedidy, Jan. 1 . Grube Vemick and James Grubse existing members ot the onth of ofice for their new terms.
mayor and mosted by the Town Council will follow the Roomony in the Community ins. The public is invited.

## Jewish music

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THE RECORD
The Wettheld woman whor The Westfield woman who has
been sccused of beating her toddier daughter to death remains unsure of her fate.
Martha Faye Farris, 35, of LivInston Street, stood trial last week on a charge of argravaled marn
slaughter in connection with the slaughter in connection with the
Oct. 9,1003 , death of her daughter Achty, sw. over a three day period, the jury reported it was still undecided and Superior Court Judge Joyc
Munkacsi declared a mistrial Arinitant Middlesex County Asmiatant Middiesex County
Prosecutor Ralph Cretella and Ms. Fartis's councli, Richard Shiarella of Westheld, will meet with Judge Munkacsi next month to schedule a date for a retrial.
Mr. Cretella claimed Ms. Farris the head Oct. 4, 1993, one day before a relative found the little girl unconscious in her crib at her grandmother's home in South
No Christmas spirit here Dy Manment THEREXOMI The grinch came a little marly Finat :itrert, athl stole the tapenthis year to one congregation. And
while he may not have stukn whine he may mot have stolen
Christmas, he got awny with sorrue. valuathe goocls.
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First Night to feature Irish music and songs By KAREN BITZ




## Tourney time

Local high schools teams prepare to play holiday tournaments
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 tuiry of the "lueth, which is on
The child was Immediately rushed to Muhlenberg Hoppltal in Robert Wuoxd Johnson Univeraity Hosprtal in New Brunswick, where he died Oct. 9,1993 oct.9, child died of orpais bedieved the on unertianty, furtailure but due rderext. A serynd medical exam, conCucted by Dr. Liskda Hourke of phia, malicated siens of brain in ury that caused the chikd's organs This second examination was the asis of the prosectution's argu Mr. Shiarella counterivl that the hild had clied of natural cuuse hild abuse and there was no eor ener that she culsend the denth of Thestimmay at the trial discloses hat Ms. Farris mporterlly used ar
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Start the new year
with a special celebration See Wegkend Plus inalde

## Women's lives are a parallel in happiness

Dy susan m. DYCKMAN

Laura Negele and Esther
Iarussi have lived next larussit have lived next 1 door to each other on East Plains for 71 years. As individuals and frequently, as a team, they business and public service, get-
ting involved and making things ting invo
happen.
At ages 83 and 82 , respectively. these friends are also first cousins. Laura's father and Esther's mother were brother and sister. the United States with her mothe and sister when she was 6 . She recalled her father meeting her at the ship with a warm cape
in his ams. It was the first time she had ever seen him. "I don't remember much from
the age of 6 ," she said, "but I do the age of 6 ," she said, "but 1 do
recall running all over the ship recall running all over the ship,
and seeing the New York skyline and Statue of Liberty. It was so impressive, so beautiful." A Scotch Plains native, Esther
was born on Stanley Avenue (row was borm on Stanley Avenue (no house she still lives in on East Second Street.
Laura's father bought the prop
erty next door to erty next door to his sister's home after Laura arrived. Her mother then built a four-room home for her flamily there. Years later, Laura and her husband, Eugene
added a second story.

Speaking only Italian, Laura Speaking only Italian, Laura
started school in first grade be
cause she was to old for kindercause ahe was too old for kinde garten. She and Esther were members of the first class to enter the new Scotch Plains High
School (now Park Middle School) in 1927 .
For fun, they did anything that For fun, they did anything th
did not cost money: "We didn't
realize how poor everybody was in the same boat," Esther said. Becuuse money was so tight during the Depression, each home maintained plentinu their produce to get the family hnough the winter.
"Arter my firat year of high mother wanted me to leave school to go to work. I locked myself in the bathroom untill she changed her mind. I wanted an education so bod." Thourgh she
did leave high school early, Laur did leave high school early, Laura at night, and studied detien and dremamaking in Now York. Esther gradunied from hiyh chool as zalutatorian in 1032. Her in ofmees obove Weat Neld's Rialto Thenter. He paid her $\$ 2.50$ a week, enouph for bus fare, an oocasional hunch and very littue else.
Esther said, "I needed to get experience soll could say I had it when I applied for the next job. Everybody wanted experience." Esther went to work for her brother-in-inw, Arthur Vennential
the Arthur Venneri Construction

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Five months into the job,
 County." County in Jun came to Union over the post vacnted earlier in the
year by leonard Fitts.
Before coming on board, Dr. Lobman had extensive teaching merving most recently as director of

## Ex-town resident displays photography

WESTFIELD - Arthur Carlson, go into the photography business. 20 years, has made the first photo New England, Florida, Canada, graphic addition to the art collec-
Uion growing in the Community Room in the Municipal Building Mr. Carlson's work, titled "Rah. way River at Sunrise, was taken
in the morning mists in Nomahetan Park. Mr. Carlson, now living in Hillsborough, wis trained as a civil en-
dineer. He took carly retirement to

## JCC nursery school plans open house

 SCOICII PIAINS The Jewish Community Conter of Central New the Ave, will spomsor an open house for new lamiliey $7: 30$ p.m. Monday, Jan. 13 nurery schowestan his the 10077.08 to attend this program. Susan beuneth, the conly childinaxd director will noswer yuestions: what the JCC mursery sthen most mirly chilahone) propranns. A tour of the Reglstrition for tuin 9 mimbery their childwen to wisit the . Jx


The Jewish Community Conter is a constituent agency of the Jewey and the Unitext Way. fror
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County superintendent getting into swing of things

South River.
The job came with 24 school districte and the challenge of a dissolvings restional hich school,
cided by popular vote in Mny "The nape I'm, efting to know Dr. Lobman maid. vali's a mmall county with a lot of variety - amall geography, big in
every other way." she added Dr. Lobrman sand it the variety - urban and suburtisan districts, amuent and less amuent districts - that make the job ex-
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the job is, in fect, exciting.
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"People really went to do thingat to stay on whe lemding odon." Dr. Loternman mide.
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issue, Dr. Lobman edruits it's issue, Dr.
challenge.
 "There are so meny legal ramint happen quickly."

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Co. in Westheld. As a generel con-
tractor, the compren tractor, the company handiod gor-
ernment contructs at Fort Dix Fort Monmouth. Of her job as and vice president and oftice marname she sald, "It whe quite a tille, and" quite a job."
Esther we milso co-pportrer in a in Scotch Phing She loter wortud with her brothor, Joosph, buldinge houring developpontis in somor. set and Hunterdon countios. Despite her own pectumional wordd then. Wommen werent is world hen. Women worent to Lnura dimereed. "It weern't a man'a world for me." she meld that, since it wes unuavel in tha
days for childen not to $h$ ve


Wherever money noeded to be aliod." smillod Esther, "we were
here." Eather ran USO dince during Wortd Wan USO dance worked at the Red Crom. In 1030, they and some Iriencle rounded "The Intimales," a ladien club deatened to further socian ac
tivitien in the community. The 15 tivities in the community. The is still meei monthly.
Today, Laura and Duther co chair the townahip's Senior Cius mens' Advieory Committoe, nemhpeers. They are etapecillly engor to see improved transportation ser. vices for penior. Since Union County decided to handie trangportetion a yoer meo, they said
they hive meen littie progrese.

He prefers working with block and
white, and doen his own develop ing and printing.
Development of an art collection in the Community Room han boen a favorite project of Mayor Cariend "Bud" Brothe.
A number of prints and point-
ings have been given or loaned to ings have been given or loaned to
the tuwn for permanent diapiny the tuwn for permanent diaplay,
other than when the Wetrield Art Association ahow is in properes. Artwork relating to Wentrold, or artwork by Weitheld residenta, is particularly mought.


First Night
(Continued from page A-1)
this sense of culture that is this sense of culture that per-
suaded them to focus on Irish music.
Both have taken piano lessons from Carolyn Klinger-Keuter and forming at First Night "I've been to First Nights in
other towns and I'm glad Westield other towns and I'm glad Westrield
finally decided to do one," Sarah finaily decided to do one," Sarah
said.
Most of the music the girls play
 and only have one or two jumpy and only have one or two jumpy
numbers," Genevieve said. "If you have any Irish in your blood, you just want to get up and Irish dance." musicians said they would like to pursue their study of music lite to pursue their study of music
beyond hifh school but mee not sure of the extent to which they
would like to study it would like to study it
Sarah is a member of the WHS Symphonic Orchestra and sinst in Symphonic Orchesert and sings in also a member of the Weatinelc Junior Musical Club and the Ora-
Lorio Singer Lorio Singere.
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Genevieve is involved with a
totan of six choirs She ano atudies
voice and compoithon voice and composituon Brightening Airs will perform in
the Municipal Buildine durine the the Municipal Building durine the
First Night celebration

## Gift boosts

holiday fund
familices in need throwithout the year. People like this:
Due to a serious disablitis. a mother is not able to cave for her four minor children. Her mother, the children's grandmother, is caring for them all. While mother awnits longterm disability benthe, the family's only ineome is the grandmother's Social Securit benefits that do not cover the fam 's monthly expences.
Readers wishing to support this year's campalign may send checks Box 628, Cranford, N.J. 07016 tho Box 628, Cranford, N.J. 07016 Bo nors will have their names pub
lished in The Record unlesa they liabed in the fecy.


## Foley applauds public school students' test scores

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WESTFIELD - The excellence of Westfield's schools was well documented at lation
week's Board of Education meeting Superintendent of Schools will Foley presented the results of Westfield's test scores as published in the state report lest sc.
In the 1995 High School Proficiency


## Coming together

Membere of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association of Wastilith mot recently to finalize plans for the 10th annual at $\$$. Paul's Episcopal Church. Plens also Include a 10 th moniversery luncheon noon Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Westwoed in Garwood. Pictured are Nathan Hollis, Beverly Johnson, Sytula Ealliti, Dorothy KIrkloy, Carol Lapierre, Patricia Facoine and Donnell Carr.

County's mobile facilities coming to the rescue Py manan ent

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'Viva Espana' gala will benefit Wso will offirid Union County's continued commitment to be ready for and ad-
equately deal with any eneryen. equately dea with any enmergen-
cies that might arise." said Freeholder Vice Chairman Henry W. Kurt, liaison to the Emergency
Management Advisory Buerd. Because it was, brilt on a a 1994
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$\$ 38000$.
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includes schools with similar socioeconom ic makeups and includes such districts Princeton, Summit and Chatham. members.
members.
"We also want to close the gap between tinct increase in scoring by Westfield stuEdison and Roosevelt" $\qquad$ dents. In several areas of the test, students Jef their
cameras and software.
The boand also approved a eighth-grade Early Warning Test admunis- termediate School's scores were consider- their grade equivalent."
tered in spring 1990, Westfeld students ably higher than those from Edison In-
Drored soley reminded board members that $\begin{gathered}\text { The board also approved a motion to } \\ \text { permit the Long Range Planning Commit- }\end{gathered}$ scored similarly to the DFG mean score in termediate School.
reading, mathematics and writing.
Although the state does not supply com- success in schools. He encourages every- members who would provide pulbic input

Crimes reported at Lord \& Taylor



## Commentary

## Yes, Virginia..

Reply to question is still valid a century later

One of the most famous newspaper articles had nothing to do with war, politics, crime or the economy. The article was pirl, Virginia O'Hanlon who lived with her parents in New York City. Below is the full text of the letter and the neply

written by Sun editorial writer Francis Pharcellus Church.

Dear Editor
1 am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia, your little friends are woung They ffected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age, They
believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All ittle. In this areat universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundiess worid about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of graspIng the whole of truth and knowledge.
Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly
as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike caith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe In fairles. You might get your papa to have men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sigen that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can sce. but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive of imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.
You tear apart the baby's ratle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen worid which not the strongest mean, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. and view and pioture the supernal beauty and glory beyond Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.
No Santa Claus! Thank Cod! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Letters to the editor

## Headline called 'misleading'

To The Eallor:<br>This is in resp

that you printued recently. I don't know if Ms. Cook wanted her better printed in your newspaper, since it was not addressel to the paper, but to the Fanwor Borough Council
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speak.
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ing to do with what Ms. Cook has stutedin her ing to do with what Ms. Cook has stuted in her letter
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and state is the multh issur.
1 wus not a resideut
this ume. My family and I setted in Fanmund this past June, so we misserd whit Ms. Cook serems to to describing: a controversy over a religious display in
public place. I don't know ir the one letter printed in your paper last year was an issolated protest or indica live of wider opinion. That is not my main concern
I found the tone of Ms. Cook's letter very disturl ing. It is exclusionary and intelerant. Her language is the lathguage of bigotry. Ms. Com would impmase he Christmas is already quite pervasive in it's more sea somal, ruther than overtly religicoss, mantestations have yet to sees any promanent relughass display
public plakes from ofler religious groups a

## Whalen's will be missed in Westfield

 change in the flavir of downtown Westheld, wie winld like to pay tribute to the Whaten farmily, whe server


Discovering the true meanings of holiday Dy DAVE ABTIM

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## Remember

 the holiday's true gifts
## What is it about Christmas ith

 makes the air seem crisper: th atare mem brighter and peoplcoem friendlier? I love this time o
year. leat week, 1 stood in the dark neve and listened to the sounds of the nident, the bella from the local church, the low whoowh of passin cars from the neaty I adore Christrma with an abso eround Thankesiving and burst out in song whenever the spirit move me, causing some of my workers to respond with a cur
mudeonly but amused "Bain, "Minxul Shut up"
1 love Jim's and my Christmas tree which, although artificial. hooks reed if you've had a few glass We've collected quite a few a bil and eech holds a memory. "Remember this one, Jim? This is the one Mom gave us for our ma's ornament; hook how cloudy it's gotten .... Hene's the ceram 1 made. Remember Kashika, fire cat? ... Hey, your mother mad us that Snoopy ornament." We stopped using tinsel on our Lree when we first zot a cat, be
cause cets are prone to sucking cause cets are prone to suckinh down tinsel and ending up at th misi live. We found that a trex without tinsel takes on a sofl, rath er Vctorian look, and
We nod in the shining lights. the Christmas tree, and if wit
lucky, there is a liuht snow fallini oulaide. You can see the snow ' light in front of our house.
$\qquad$ symbalic. There are only a f coken gifte purchased for Mom
Dad and Jim, who are my cotin Temily except for some
cousins, aunts and uncles
Gins are nice, I suppose, but
think we could avoid most of th holiday frenky if we woukd just $n$ alize the gins are not the reason for the holiday. It's nice for chil
dren to receive a visit from Sinta and some toys, but there is ulsi, spiritual aspect of the day that w all too onen forget
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## Briefs

Marriage-minded singles are sought The Marriage Connection
will hold a buffet lunch for marriage minded singles at
the Moiave Grike The Mojave Grille, North Av Sunday, Jarr. 1 Reservation and $\$ 29$ pay10. An equal number of men with a minimum of 34 peo ple. Call 232 -8827.
AARP chapter to meet Jan. 6 The next meeting of the
Westifild Area Chapter No. 437 of the American As will be $1: 30$ p.m. Jan. 6 at the
Presbyterian Church in West. Presbyterian Church in West-
fied, East Broad Street and Mountain
Members should bring nonperishable food item. The program for the Janu sented by Mariorie Deas community relations director for The Chelsea, 295 south Ave. Fanwood The subiec Option for Housing for Older

High school reunions planned Reunions have been sel for
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Class of 1971 will reunite eunite Aur. 2 and Class of 1997 will reunite Nov, 28. Tass menvers should write Box 150 Englishown

Recreation offering skiing trips
$\qquad$ Commission has annoumed is schedille of ski trips for The cost is $\boldsymbol{s}^{3} 3$ per person which inctudets transporta-
con and thi ticket. Rentuats and lessons are also available at an add litemat cost. The bus
will depmrt from the Mu 0.30 numbing jurking lo in m. Register early kevaus space is limited
day. Dec. 29 Carnelpack Ski Area, Sunday, Jan. 12 Sunday, Jan 26 - Montage Sunday, Patb 9 - Montage and Surn
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Rec commission plans Broadway trip Commission tis orffering Brawhway thenter twekts ank
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from the Munoral Buikling 225 E. Brenid St, mend return Thekets arre \$83 per perkem Mrl are of sate mix on in ation Commission
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Travel Time In Weatilield has closed. The stall included Maria Monto, Shirieyanne Nilsen and Elleen Floming-Blancato.

## Travel agency books final trip

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doors to Weatrield forever business is closing its
Travel Time, an associate of Carlson 'Iravel Network, located at 112 E Broad St., has closed for
good afer 30 yeers of serving Westrekd sood anter 30 years of serving west
reigns of the business in 1989, is closing over the business for personal reasons. The toils of owning her own business and working an average of more than 60 hours per week have prompted the owner $t$ Ms. Freming-Blancato is referring all of her clients
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The fradition begins... a New Year's Eve celebration of the arts for all ages!

Town leaders say goodbye to serving Westfield

By KAREN bitz

WESTFIELD - In an emutional
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who served up here with me over the past 16 years gave our honest and best ifforts to preserve nad ad
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Day 1
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Total: $\$ 29.95+\$ 20-\$ 49.95$.

White turtle doves, the classic picture of peace and purity, tre extremely sweet and pentc birds They don't make perfect gifts, however, because they need to be kept outside and can't be bought in locial pet stores. But, if your tue iove really wants a pair, you can pick them up from a bind breeder for aboul $\$ 15$ cach.
Total: \$5 $\times 2=\$ 30$


## Day 3



Day 2
Day 5


Every finger on your honey's pretty little hand can be glistening in gold when you pick up five 14-karat gold rings at $\$ 150$ each from J. Winthrop and Co . jewelers in Westifield.
Total: $\$ 150 \times 5=\$ 750$


Day 6
With a net (and a little patience) you can get six geese for no cost.These days, the birds are often seen as little more than pond polluting pests, causing problems at parks and golf courses across the state. If you really need six of them, they shouldn't the too hard to find. Catching them. on the other hand. could be a different story.
Of course, throwing six live grese into a car isn'texactly the best thing healihwise _ for you or your car. II's almost guaranted there will be a few altomotive upholstery repair and hospital bills in the future of the bird watcher who tries it.
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## Day 7

You can learn to swim like a swan at the MetuchenEdison YMC'A. An cight-week class of half-hour mematona costs $\$ 50$.
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## Day 8

If you wint "maidsa milking" go ren an old movie becuase you won't find anybudy mamally milking cows In Hillstoroukh mynure. But you call see machinery milking cows at lic Rainhow Valley Dairy Farm at 91 Kaintrow Hill Keme in Nesthame. Iree of chage. Kanbow Valley semde thein "aw" milh to Roadangentarms in

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Day 9
You can give nine of your friends drum lesson at Rifino and DeSorbo Music Studio. Duncllen, Cost is $\$ 648$ per year for one private lesson each week. Total: $\$ 648$ X $9=\$ 5832$.


Day 10
Hand-cratted pipes are consistent sellers about $\$ 50$ and up. Why not fill one up with Sancuil cavindish blend tobacco. It is mildly and cool scented and costs about $\$ 3.95$ for a 4 ounce bag from Perkins C B 'robacco store in the Bridgewater Commons. So while your your sweet ie endulges. you won't suffer too much in their clouds. Total $\$ 50 \times 10-\$ 5(1)$ for 10 pipes.
plus the scented tobacco at $\$ 8.95 \times 10-\$ 89.50$.
Total for both is $\$ 589.50$.


If your beloved really trusts you, he/she may provide you with escorts from Marilyn Escorts for a night out tor dancing at Peter's Wildilite in Piscotaway. Male and female escorts are availithle in the Piscataway area, 24 hours a day. se ven diys a week all $\$ 250$ an hour. And don't forget the cover charge.
Total: Escorts $\$ 250 \times 11-\$ 2.750$.
Peter's cover charge $\$ 5 \times 11=4.55$
Total cost: $\$ 2.750+\$ 55-\$ 2,805$.


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## Obituaries

Charles A. Jones, 69; editor of boating magazine
Charles A. Jones, 69 , the former before moving to Westineld in 1068.
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Surviving are his wife, Jean Part. editor and publisher of a boating Surviving are his wife, Jean Part.
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Glenside Nursing Center in New Buchanan, Mich.; a stepson, James Prpvidence.
J. Parther of Skippack, Pa.; five
granchildren; and three brothers, He joined Boating Industry mag- grandchildren; and three brothers,
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azine in 1948 as a part-time produktion assistant while attending Ardrews University in Michigan.
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He received the Charles Chap enthday Adventist Church, $561 \mathbf{S}$,
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time achievement in his field.
Mr. Jones was born in Stevens- Funeral Home. There is no visita vijle, Mich., and lived in Plainfield tion.

## Girl Scouts, Habitat make homes happen



## Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and Habitat for Humanity joined forces Nov. 9 to build a home on Monroe Street in Plain-

field. Habitat for Humanity, Plainfield Chapter was officially organized in 1490 and has nearly completed 12
houses since its inception. The or houses since its inception. The or
genization purchased a vacant lot on Monroe Street with the goal of building a four-bedroom home for someone in substandard housing. EFach incumbent family has to
put in "sweat equity." The Habita put in "sweat equity. The Habita ritnimum of 250 hours per adult to telp buikd a house as one of the requirements for occupancy.
Mountainside Gir Scouts from troppe 750, 557 and 588 arrived derly to prepare and serve the
Work crew lunch. They prepared zti, rosst beef sandwiches
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'This is my first time,
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And Christine Weag. thd Christine Weag. In the aternoon, the Cadette
Girl Scouts arrived from Thoop 455 of Cranford to help with physical Heror. Seven of the girls attend
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cirls attend Mount St. Mary's Watchung.
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$\begin{aligned} & \text { Retiree Larry Goden, one of the } \\ & \text { construction supervisors, said, } \\ & \text { "Habitat for Humanity }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { "Habitat for Humanity is doing a } \\ & \text { tremendous job. } 1 \text { like seeing the }\end{aligned}$ people blossom."

## Utilities Authority

 names Joe Spatola as its new directorThe Union County Uuilities
Authority (UCUA) has named Authority (UCUA) has named Dr. Joseph A. Spatola of Scotch
Plains, a former environmental educator at the New Jersey In-
slitute of $\mathbf{T e c h n o l}$ stitute of Technology (NJTI) and one-time federal Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA) official, as its new Executive Director. Dr. Spatola replaces Jefrey Car. lahan who is leaving the AuCority for a position in Boulder,
Dr. Spatola, who joined the UCUA Sas Deputy Executive Director in 1995, will move into the top administrative slot Jan.
2. Filing Spatola's current post vill be Harry P. Pappas of
Sprinetheld, now Environmental Compliance Enforcement Director at the Easex County Utilities
Authority. Authority
While conducted a program to retrain Department of Defense professionals displaced by military
bese clowures and downsining to base clowures and downsizing to
become environmental professionals. He also trained young people living near the poverty level to become entry-level environmental tectnicians, and de-
veloped and truight NJT's curriculum on air pollution sampling and environmental complinnce procedures.
Prior to his EPA.
Prior to his EPPA, where he whi employed from 1988 throueh 1001, Dr. Spatola was Warte Servicea at Jecobs Environmental, Inc., in Piscataway,
He holde a Ph. D. in Chemical He holde a Ph. D. in Chemical
Engineering from the Univeraity of Maryiand and hua participoted, either na mernber or chairman, in a number of scienthific am
tions.
boen the past year, Pappas has been responaible for the en-
forsement of environmental
compliance for the Essex Counompliance for the Essex Counwhich he joined as Purchasing Agent in 1995. Earlier, he had
been Chief Executive Omeer Federal Equipment Company in Newark, after which he devoted his own company. The Harry Pappas Company, a provider of ood service equipment He is chasing for Union County.
Comment Commenting on the appointments, UCUA chairman william Ruocco said, "The Authority is
extremely fortunate to have exiremely fortunate to have
fuld these positions with men of such exceptional skills and
experience. Naturally, we will experience. Naturally, we will
miss Jef Callahan, who has done such an outstanding job
under what were often very difunder what were often very dif-
ncult circumstances, but 1 am confldent that the high level of our performance, which was cerducted by the recent audit con-
Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, isn't going to miss a beat." Dr. Spatola also commented on the audit, which was undertaken by the Freeholders in an
effort to find ways to improve the operating efficiency of the authority.
"The fact
"The fact that this intense study has confirmed the hish
level of operating efmciency we level of operating efflciency we makes the goal of my new positon very clear," he said. "1'm
going to do everything I can to going to do everything I can to
maintain the high standards maintain the high standards hem wherever possible." Mr. Callahan, the UCCUA's Executive Director since June sultant until Jan. 31 to aid in the
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## Hardwood holiday

Westfield High basketball teams eye victory in second annual Blue Devil Holiday tourney

## by james reiur

 By James reilLast-minute changes are as
much a part of the holiday season much a part of the holiday season
as crowded malls and bickering
relatives, so at least Westfield High relatives, so at least Westhield High
was prepared. The Blue Devil Holiday Bascurve, but in true holiday fashion,
Westfeld High has promptly poked the ball into right field.
The J.F. Kennedy-Iselin High The J.F. Kennedy-Iselin High four squads competing in the tourney this weekend but a scheduling snafu has prohibited its participa-
tion. Westfield juggled a few things tion. Westfeld juggled a few things
and came up with a threeteam round-robin competition to salvage the tournament.
"We got caught short at the last minute and had to make some
changes," saik WHS boys Head Coach Stew Carey. "Each of the three remaining teams will play two games and that's the way it'll
all shake out this year It's unfor all shake out this year. It's unfor-
tunate we couldn't get another tunate we couldn get another
team, but this way well still be
able to get some good basketball

## Basketball

$\qquad$ Under the new schedule West field was penciled in to play Watchung Hills Monday, Dec. 23
before Watchung Hills takes on before Watchung Hills takes on Emerson: Union City) 7:30 Thurs
day evening at Westrield High. The Blue Devils will then compete against Emerson 7:30 p.m. Friday. "This is a great way to compete
against teams that give you a comagainst teams that give you a com-
pletely different look," said Carey. pletely different look, said Carey,
"Emerson is usually a run-and-gun team, while Watchung Hills will
probably be more deliberate and probably be more deliberate and work the ball. It's a great change of
pace for us and it gives us a goodd opportunity to play against different styles."
On the girls side, the schedule
has remained in the customary for has remained in the, customary for
mat, with the Lady Devils hosting mat, with the Lady Devils hosting
a four-team tourney. JFK-Iselin
plays South Brunswick 1 p.m.

Thursday, and Westrield battles Arthur L. Johnson Regional High
(Clark) 6:30 Thursday. Friday will (Clark) 6:30 Thursday. Friday will
have the two winners facing off in have the two winners facing off in
the championship game at $6: 30$ the championship game at $6: 30$
p.m., while the two losers will play in the consolation game at 1 p.m. "We chose to play against very tough competition, because that's the way we feal we'll get better as a
team," said WHS girls Head Coach Kam," said WHS girls Head Coach
Kathy Hauser. "Johnson is very tough as our first opponent, and the other game should also be competitive."
Hauser thinks the home court advantage is something the Lady Devils can work to their advantage.
"It's a great way for our kids to "It's a great way for our kids o
showcase themselves," said Hauser. "Usually many students come to support the girls, and family and friends who might not be able to attend regular-season games can come down and watch us play during the holiday week. We need to
concentrate on one game at a time concentrate on one game at a time
this year, but playing well in this tournament can mean a lot for our toumament can


## WHS grapplers hosting invitational Saturday





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## What To Do



WEEKEND CONFIDENTAL

## At the movies

## Weokend Confidential didn't gulte have the experience we had

 now Lown multiplex in Now Brun swick, as we promised to do two weeks aco. But we're conind tradlum-tyle seating will pe a great place lo catch a nick. On the night we went to take in Mars Attacka!, everything looked promining. They ran a completely of the theater, in which the Muppeta cautioned patrons not to surf and not to forget to watch themovie.
Because the meats rise gradually trom the entrance level of the the aters to the buck where the projector is, one geta the feeling found watching a fim in the balcony of a performing arts theater, described At the loews, an audience full Rutgera students, all hip to the Himmaking vimion of director Thm Eurton, was into it! Welmh superthe Tomening credits and they broke Into applause. An the llim (which cleserves comparimon with Dn
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## Making '97 a family affair

## Metuchen counts down to New Year's bash

 he countcown is on.
The borough is ticking off the
days until its New Yerr's Eve "Celebrate Metuchen's Nite" cel. night and usher in 1997. night and usher in 1997 .
The Celebrate Metuchen Nite Committee expects a big turn out for the third annual
"I hope that what's going to happen, eape chils year," committee member Bill Lowek say. "I hope since it's our third yeer, peopl are used to it now and have planned for it." Lovett says 20 aponsors hive contributed 1100 donations to sponsor performers at th

I hope since it's our third year, people are used to it now and have planned for it

- BIM Lovett

Event organizer
more aponsons on board before the event. We are walking a delicate balance beens we have to rely on adm we have, the Just end up wo rely on admisaion. We may vent."
believes will attract large crowds. Musical entertainers playing the event include singer tunes; the Cantabile Choir, a chamber cho rake; Deans of Harmony, a barbershop quartet; Metuchen opera singer Shirley Mosteller, Keltia, a Celtic/Scottish group; blues
singer Scarlett Moore; and Metuchen folk singer Scarlett M
singer Greg Stier
The committee has also booked per-
formers appealing to chidren. Performers
formers appealing to chikdren. Performers between 6-8 p.m. include: Magic by Westcran; art teacher Mickey Waring; Jingles the Clown; a Beauty and the Beast show; Angel triloquist.
"We think it's a great way for families with real young children to participate A

Aning for the adult stuf," Lovett says. Another crowd pleaser that has attracted
the crowds is the fireworks display at mid. night in the heart of downtown. It think that's a great way to actually cel. ebrate the New Year's starting," Lovelt sayn. The Celebrate Metuchen Nite is still looking for a few more volunteers. All volunte
will be able to attend the events for free.
Until Dec. 23, admission is $\$ 4$ for childrem Untit Dec. 25, admission is $\$$ A for chidiran
ages $2-12$ and 89 for adults. Aner IRec. 25 , tickets are $\$ 2$ more. Shows run $811: 40$ p.m, anter which attenclees will gather th stion can be purchased at the Metuchen YMCA, Metuchen Borough Hall, Metuch YMCA, Metuchen Borough Hail, Metuchy;
Savinas Bank and Seldows in Metuchen;
by calling 632 -m02.

## Somerset County towns join forces for First Night

$\qquad$ know how to celebrate, instend ending up home on the couch. And Masgachuselte nearly 10 years aco and attending Firat Night fertivities there, Fannels thought it would be a great idee for this area. event to the community" the gal "You can really adapt it, anywhere. First Night is inapiring because it's done through the arts, Ranneli sayn. 'The arta trans"
Firset Nis unined
en celebrated try for about a decade, but Firat Night Bridgewater-RaritanSomerville is unique because vents will happen simultaneouuly in three towns, Ranneln says. The "regional center" and encrouraged op participate in group activiteen, so It neemed natural to have the First munitien, Rannels adds.
"Each uwn is reflecting ite own permonality, und periple will be able bondoy everything." she mays.
The Firat Night festivition will begin with a small cerremony at 0 p.m., hut there will be a molf tournament und a five killometer run in Brhbgewater during the day. The Green Knoll Goir Courme, and then
ruin kicka off at noxim from the coared for teenacers will be held in the Sormerset County Annex build iss on Firut Avenue. Interactive Kathryn Weidener will perform along with The Great Carlini and an Elvis impersonator. There will also be a country line dancing site
Eventa will be held at St. Ann's Eventa will be held at St. Ann's church, SL Pauirs Lue Muneran Ch In Somerville, Captain Hawker's 13-plece band, the Shoestring Play ers, Jazz Accident and Mr. Goodwody will perform. Carnival gar choira will perform. Events will be reld at the Centra/Middle School bulldings on Cliff and High streets, Immaculate Conception Church on Church on Main Street and the County Administration Building on Grove Street. Niyht festivities will conclude with Fledd on Green Street in Somer ville.
Pirmt Night admimion huttona are avallable in emch commumity and omplete whedules will be provided upon purchawe. For
Information, coll 707.n.30n.

Westfield to hold its first First Night


After this, participants will be by the Westfield Symphony Orable to enjoy any of the more than 30 events that will go on simultaneously throughout the town. The and Aguaducks, a synchronized wim show by national ranked Jum people will not have to ior Olympic medalists.

There will also be reverul events for terens, including a bxuncy boming shew, a gladhator joust, a
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## By ANITA JOY AUSTENBERG

 $47 \begin{aligned} & \text { ith the swif approach } \\ & \text { another year, people } \\ & \text { tend to look inside }\end{aligned}$ tend to look insidethemselves for some idence that they have bettered themselves or the human condition within the last year. Failing that, they look for ways to ease
their consciences, that perhaps they may live on borrowed karma for the next twelve months. And so, the New Year's Resolulion is born - cared for and nurbefore it is left to fend for itself, where the unsupervised Resolutio inevitably sticks its finger in a socket or crosses the street withou looking both ways and meets its
untimely end. Why are these reso lutions so hard to stick to? Probably because people overshoot and make them too hard to keep up with. This year, I 0 pounds of empty calories, and re solved to squander my entire pay check within two days of receipt. Will I be able to acconumudat these goals? With pleasure!
For those who have a more get uine interest in improving the quality of life for the other crea tures - human and animal - wh share our earth, the following are
fome relatively simple suggestions - Volunteer to help out your local shelter or humane suciety. I may not be glamorous - what many shelters need most is some but to will be rewarding.

- Write at least three letters this year to endorse an animal-related cause or legislation. The Humane Society of the United States
(HSUS) has sughestions for eve evel of humane atvocacy - from boycotting whaling nations, a lette to improve conditions at puppy mills, or a telegram to a company mals.
Vow not to procure an animat as a gil for anyone at any tims ${ }^{\text {ever. }}$ Dec Many are captured froten pets. wild Those which are raised in captivity
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- When regurgitating, a cat shall stain a portion of both shoes in a
pair. If this is not possible, he should at least dampen both the interior and exterior of one shoe. - The minimum acceptable length for a car ride will be changed from five to eight miles.
Failure to ride the full distance Failure to ride the full distance wil upon he must be removed from the backseat by force. - Finally, the cats will double lit terbox usage this year. Also, at
least one cat will be present while the box is being changed, so rea tion time for resoilage cin ts: shortened to a bare minmum.
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Just sharing my life with them has Just sharing my life with them has
made me a better person. If a pet can do all that, why bother making resolutions at all? On behalf of all of us - wishing yon and yours a happy, health
and prosperous New Year.

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want. And what want. And what the peo Fuynappy, predictable entertainnt, with lots of uplin and at the Y y least, a glimmer of hope. Let's sons we love Hollywood; it - hope, no matter how false. EArthur Miller, on the other hand, - 3 never offered audiences much hope. In 1949, when he gave us
what will always be known as his misterwork, he did not bother to eagarcoat it, even in the title. It's Sal called Near Death But Ultimate Salvation of a Salesman, after all. That could be why Miller has screen. Hollywood being Hol Yood, the movies have tried to in Miller's work into something ial not, and Miller being Miller, the playwright was not in the least indo All of which makes the current film of Miller's The Crucible all the more amazing. Miller held onto tinkering with his own screenplay and holding out until someone would agree to make it his way. nd now someone has.

Copted the Madness of King Geonge to the screen, has take what Miller wrote, and he has

filmed it very weil. Casting Da fimed it very well. Casting Daniel
Day-Lewis as John Proctor the de cent but flawed hero of the tragedy, and Winona Ryder, workins extremely well against her traditional casting, Hyther has not sold out to give us sexy Pilgrims the
way Demi Moore's laughable The Scartet Letter did last year. He has made the suffocating allegory the playwright always intended.
Written as a reaction to the Mc Written as a reaction to the Mc-
Carthy-era Communist persecu-tions, Miller brought the scene back to its roots: Salem, Massachusetts in the Puritan era. And someone is about to start the ball
rolling to have an entire society rolling to have an entire society
scream "witch."
When first seen, Abby Williams (Ryder), with fire in her eyes, is leading a group of her young girl friends into the woods for an in.
nocent-looking dabble in spells nocent-1ooking dabbe in spells
that will make a boy fall for eact the participants. But Abby has darker things on her mind, and when the local minister (Bruce Davison) stumbles upon the ritual she has
them.
Abby and her friends, to escape persecution themselves, begin naming local lownspeople as prac-

Satan himself. And, as such things do, the pranks shortly get seriously out of hand. Innocent people are
taken away in chains Amen away in chains (Joan Allen), John's wife, whom Abby wishes to remove. It seems that when Abby was in John and Fizabeth's employ, she and John had an affair, and now Abby be-
lieves - mistakenly - that if Eliz abeth is hanged, John will be free to love her.
Day-Lewis is at his best here,
watching the trap watching the trap spring around him even as he knows
part of it for himself. He starts off as the charming hero, even a little on the arrogant side, then deteriorates as he realizes his powerlessness. Even Ryder, ofen an incredthat to her advantage, giving us evil disguised as innocence. While Miller's language might seem somewhat stited and a little
melodramatic in another selting in the Puritan setting, it works beautifully, and the actors converse, rather than recite, which helps the language do its work.
There is no hop
There is no hope given. There is
no salvation to be found here even no satvation to be found here, even in standing up for principles and
doing the right thing. In the end, nobody gets what they want. And the warning is clear: allow yourself


Daniel Day-Lewla, as Proctor, tries to keep Ablgall Willame (Winone Pyder) at bay in the new film dersion of Arthur miller's ciassic play, the Crucions.
there will be no good end.
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## Porn publisher's saga puts punch back into movies

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the people's rights to freedom of the press and freedom of speech?
In The People ve. Larry Plynt rector Milos Forman brings to the screen the circus-like life of Flynt and relishes every ironic detail. The loose-cannon tilue character,
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as a small-time club owner with his brother Jimmy (played by Harrelson's real-life brother Brett Har relson). As the two brothers struggle to keep their business anloat,
young Larry devises a scheme to young Larry devises a scheme to
nttract the attention of his male au attract the attention of his male au-
dience: Hell create a club newsletter that features revealing photos of the dancers scheduled to appear in person. This is when Larry first
encounters his opposition with the encounters his opposition with
law (he's bafled when his publishers tell him his newsletter must contain some sort of text). The brothers' wildest dreams come true as the newsletter showly
evolves into the infamous Hustler evolves
and becomes a tremendous success. Larty basks in his newly found success, living a life filled with sex and drugs. His wild and lascivious ways continue through
out his martiage to stipper and out his marriage to stripper and
Hustler centerfold Althea (Courtney Love, in a stunning and unfor geituble performance).
Flynt gains noteriety across the country and recelves the moniker
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