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Scotch Plains' Steve Williams
caught four passes for 51
yards and the Raiders went on
to beat Shabazz in the first
round of the playoffs
Saturday. See story on Page
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Briefs

Homecoming parade Wednesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Annual Homecoming Parade will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The parade will feature the marching band, a variety of floats created by several clubs, and the fall sports teams. A special place is reserved for the school's Raider football team, which will battle the Union High School Farmers at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving morning on the Raiders' home field.

A highlight of the parade will be the 12 nominees for Homecoming King and Queen, who will ride in convertibles.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the parade returned as an annual ritual three years ago. This year, the marchers will start out from Park Middle School and proceed to the high school via Portland Avenue, Watchung View Terrace, and Montrose Avenue.

All residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood are encouraged to attend the parade to support the high school's clubs and teams.

Ashbrook center has Angel Tree

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center plans to lift spirits this holiday season with the Angel Tree.

Visit the Raritan Road nursing home any time until Friday, Dec. 14 and choose an item from the tree's gift list. You can also drop off an unwrapped gift of your choice for anyone who lives in the nursing home.

For more information, phone (908) 889-5500.

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Nightclub's future still uncertain

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The fate of the Club Malibu remains in limbo three years after a fatal shooting in the nightclub's parking lot.

On Nov. 7, a jury convicted Kirwan Brown of Franklin Township of reckless manslaughter in the November 1998 shooting death of a New Brunswick.

Brown's conviction carries a six-year sentence, according to the Union County Prosecutor's

Office. Brown, 22, was also convicted on an aggravated assault charge, which could add another 18 months to his sentence, and a possession of a weapon charge.

Bad blood between Brown and Trishawn Moody over an old girlfriend led to the fatal shooting and the wounding of a third person, Taquane Hoagland of New Brunswick.

Litigation has kept the nightclub shuttered since January 1999.

The owner of the club sought to renew the club's liquor license

for 1999-2000 and was turned down. The township considered the club a nuisance to nearby residents.

There was an appeal, but no extension of the license was granted for 2000-2001.

Alcohol Beverage Control Director Jerry Fischer overturned the decision of the Scotch Plains Township Council on Feb. 13, 2001.

"The license's long history of being renewed and the absence of any adjudicated, disciplinary violations suggests that there is a

substantial question as to whether non-renewal was appropriate," Fischer said.

The ABC order imposed 14 conditions of operation which would allow township officials and police "to better control the facility."

Fischer's decision was subject to a ruling by an Administrative Law judge. The ruling still has not been made, said Township Attorney Douglas Hansen.

"Everything is staged for the OAL (Office of Administrative Law) to either sustain the ABC

decision, overrule it, or modify it," said Hansen. "The question is why is the OAL court taking so long?"

A new owner has been cleared as a valid owner for the license, but until there is an Administrative Law decision there will be no new liquor license approval.

The property is currently being used as an area for trucks involved in the installation of pipes connecting Watchung to sewer easements that run through Scotch Plains.

Increased funding for pool advances

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The council approved, on first reading, two ordinances that will increase funding on the Memorial Pool renovation.

The first ordinance repealed the original funding of \$1.1 million and the second authorized the improvements and a bond amount of \$1.62 million. The ordinances are up for second reading on Nov. 20.

The estimated cost of the renovations is \$1.7 million, less \$81,000 as a down payment on the bond paid out of the town's capital fund, bringing the total bonded amount to \$1.62 million.

Authorization for the increased funding was removed from the Oct. 30 agenda, prior to its introduction. Some members of council were opposed to moving ahead until the project was rebid.

But Town Attorney Robert Cockren told the council Nov. 7 that there was nothing legally defective or irregular about the bidding process. Cockren noted that the same information was available to all bidders.

Town Administrator Jim Gildea, who got his start working at the pool, told the council he was "...very passionate about this project" and thanked them for passage on first reading.

Recreation Chairman Keith also thanked the council on behalf of the more than 9,200 members of the pool.

The renovation plan includes a new eight-lane swimming pool, a new dive tank, and will reduce a 6-foot ledge on the back portion of the property by half.

The pool, which is run as a utility, relies on funds generated through memberships for expenses.

Money to pay down the additional costs will be derived from a surplus fund at the pool, an increase in membership fees, which are currently about \$210 a season, or some combination of surplus and fee increases.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Better than new
Workmen paint the newly paved Park Avenue in Scotch Plains — the last step before the township's main thoroughfare through the downtown could reopen. The road was closed to traffic for five days while the construction was done.

Election results apt to stand

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The close election vote for the second seat on the Fanwood Borough Council will probably go unchallenged by GOP candidate David Trumpp.

Incumbent Katherine Mitchell, who garnered 1,350 votes, won one of the two openings. The second council seat, which will be vacated by Democratic Councilwoman Karen Schurtz, was decided by a five-vote margin in favor of Democratic newcomer Michael Brennan, who collected 1,291 votes. David Trumpp had 1,286 votes. Republican Chet Lindsey had 1,238 votes.

"We're not conceding anything until the absentee ballots come in," said Trumpp on Nov. 7. "I need more than six votes to win and five votes for a runoff and, if necessary, we're thinking of asking for a recount."

Absentee ballots, counted by the Union County Board of Elections, gave Mitchell an additional 32 votes, Brennan, an additional 33 votes, Trumpp, 24, and Lindsey, 27. When totaled, Brennan's margin of victory grew to 14 votes.

The absentee ballot count was pretty much "dead on," Trumpp said when reached Wednesday. He acknowledged his hope for a recount challenge was not likely.

"We're still thinking about it," Trumpp said. "But I probably won't challenge."

Trumpp has until Nov. 22 to enter a request for a recount under election rules.

School finances get clean bill of health

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education received a clean bill of health from its auditor last night.

Auditor Bob Morrison of Hodelik & Morrison, an accounting firm, walked the board through three reports which establish the district's progress.

The board is obligated to maintain budget guidelines by staying under the 3 percent cap

increase and by having a 6 percent general fund balance.

Morrison reported that concerns such as lowering the cost of health insurance, which had driven the fund balance down in the past, were addressed by switching insurance providers.

Also the food service fund, which has had significant surpluses for the past two years, was again in the black. Morrison pointed out that a deficit in the food service operation would not

affect funds for education.

Internal controls designed for the district were also in place and operating and were also given a clean bill of health.

On the horizon, new accounting standards will affect the district in 2003. There will be a new infrastructure maintenance fund aimed at larger school assets like buildings.

Under the new standard, if building maintenance is kept up, no capital outlay would be

required for items like new roofs or boilers.

The annual audit, which is required by the state has the following objectives: first, to make sure the school district's financial reports are accurate and timely; second, to review the way the business is organized and to make sure internal checks and balances are in place; and third, to make sure the district is complying with state laws and regulations.

Valet parking plan scrapped for now

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A proposal to establish a valet parking service in the south-side parking lot was scrapped — at least temporarily — Nov. 7.

The project has been bid twice; the most recent bid was about \$250,000 per year.

Westfield had \$60,000 available in this year's budget.

The council considered a trial period during the month of December using part of the allocation.

Town Administrator Jim Gildea told the council that the service would cost \$17,250 for the month. But he acknowledged that there were logistic limitations, from giving notice to issuing permits.

"It will be tough," said Gildea, "...It's a very compressed period of time and I know what it is like to push out permits."

"My gut reaction is not to do the month of December," said Gildea. "Residents should have the benefit of a full year. This is something we should consider in the budget process for a full year."

The valet concept would have used 462 permit spaces on lot 3A. The first 462 permit holders that come to the lot would park themselves and the next 125 spaces would be parked by valets in the parking lot aisles.

The valet service had the potential of increasing the lot's capacity by about 26 percent. Proceeds from the sale of the permits would make the valet service cost-competitive with a parking structure or with a jitney service.



From Westfield to Broadway
Matt Sklar, a 1991 graduate of Westfield High School who has conducted Titanic and Les Miserables on Broadway, recently visited with students at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. Kim Meusel, counselor at the school, arranged for the visit with the help of the district's Sharing Talents and Skills Program.

Cranford students horrified by Arab bias attacks

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Cranford High School students may not have much say about how America prosecutes the war on terrorism, or defends its territory against future attacks, but they have some strong feelings about how their countrymen treat Arabs and Muslims in America.

At the high school Tuesday, Casey Woodruff, an assistant prosecutor with the Union County Prosecutor's Office, told students there had been 600 reported anti-Arab bias incidents nationwide in the 10 days following Sept. 11.

"That's an astounding number," Woodruff said, who added there were fewer than 8,000 bias crimes against all groups throughout 1999. "Everybody felt anger and hatred, and

'When we commit hate crimes, we go against everything America stands for. It's a walking contradiction.'

—Lauren Sowicki
Cranford High School student

that's understandable. But some people took those feelings out on innocent citizens of this country."

Those incidents, Woodruff said, included violence against Hindu temples in New Jersey and threats from students in other states.

Students in the "Legal Issues" and "Law in American Society" classes were surprised at the number of bias incidents. But many students also said they had witnessed similar behavior firsthand.

Expressions of anti-Arab sentiment have become com-

mon among both teens and adults, students said. "You hear it from everybody," said Joe Woglom. "It's like a daily thing," agreed Brendan Prunty. Marco Guarino, another student, said he had seen an Indian-American gas attendant physically threatened by a motorist.

Though racism against immigrants and minorities has always been present in the community, students said, anger over the terrorist attacks has made anti-Arab comments more acceptable. "But anger's not an excuse. You don't let (prejudiced statements) go," said Lauren Sowicki. "How could you say something like that?"

Other students agreed that law enforcement may have to reexamine its approach to racial profiling; however, indiscriminate stereotyping and biased speech — to say nothing of violent hate crimes — are unacceptable.

"You can't hurt American citizens just because they look like (the terrorists)," said Joe. "It's not all Arabs — it's just one group of people who happen to be Arabs," added Brendan.

And while some Americans



GREG MARX/THE RECORD-PRESS
Antonio Pino, left, a detective from the Union County Prosecutor's Office, and Casey Woodruff, an assistant prosecutor from the same office, talk to students at Cranford High School about New Jersey's hate crimes laws.

say stronger measures against Arabs or Muslims in the country are needed, said Lauren, "we thought at the time the Japanese internment camps were a good idea, too."

Rather than demonizing Arab- and Muslim-Americans, students said, other Americans should sympathize with them. "They're victims of terrorism in their own country (before coming to America)," said Brendan.

"The repercussions (of ter-

rorism) for them are so much worse," said Marco, because Arabs and Muslims in America — and even those who are mistaken for them, such as South Asian immigrants — face both the violence of terrorism and the backlash.

Most disheartening, the students said, is that bias against

Arab-American and other immigrants persists even in one of the most diverse and well-educated regions in the nation.

"When we commit hate crimes, we go against everything America stands for," said Lauren. "It's a walking contradiction."

Briefs

Holiday craft fair at Brunner School

SCOTCH PLAINS — A holiday craft fair is scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Brunner School, 721 Westfield Road.

Crafts, specialty vendors, a moms' bake sale and more are planned. Proceeds will go toward prekindergarten programs in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood

school system.

Firemen holding annual food drive

WESTFIELD — Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 30 is holding its sixth annual Holiday Food Drive.

Bring nonperishable food to the firehouse at 405 North Ave. West any time until Friday, Dec. 21. The firemen will help prepare food baskets for needy people in time for Christmas.

High school grading on board's agenda

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education is planning to discuss the grading system at Westfield High School at its meeting Tuesday.

Under consideration is the adoption of a "plus and minus" grading policy. There will also be further discussion on standardized testing. The board is expected to vote on standardized testing in the elementary grades.

The board will meet at 8 p.m. in the board room at 302 Elm St. The meeting is open to the public.

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Showing they care

Paula Leonard and Samantha Luscombe, seated, sixth-grade students at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, made patriotic red, white and blue ribbon pins for which they received donations from fellow sixth-graders like Stephanie Rowe. In the two days that the girls had the ribbons available during lunch period, they received \$130 that they presented to the United Fund of Westfield's September 11 Fund.

Kenilworth police promotions are stalled

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH

Discussions at the Borough Council about police promotions have turned ugly again. And police leaders say their men are being caught in the crossfire.

For several months, members of the council and the police subcommittee have been crafting an ordinance designed to remove the politics from promotions.

But that effort may have hit a stumbling block. At a Nov. 7 meeting, council members engaged in a heated debate — without reaching any resolution — about the direction of the new ordinance and the fate of officers now up for promotion.

At the center of the debate is the final section of the current ordinance. The paragraph, which follows a detailed description of promotion procedures, reads, "the...procedures set forth herein notwithstanding... the governing body may, in its sole discretion, make promotions to fill vacancies as the circumstances may warrant."

That statement puts too much authority in the subjective judgments of municipal leaders, council members agree. When it takes effect, the new ordinance will likely call for stricter adherence to a point system and require outside testing.

But still open to debate is how much say the council will have. One proposal would allow the council to pick from the top three most-qualified candidates, which some critics say is still too broad. "We're trying to remove some of the politics out of these promotions," said Councilman Gregg David, so the new ordinance should eliminate the "consideration" of the council from the process.

While the council hashes out the ordinance, the fate of three officers is undetermined.

Police Chief William Dowd recently recommended Lt. Scott Phillips, Sgt. Henry Moll, and Officer Mark David (brother of Gregg David) for promotion to captain, lieutenant, and sergeant, respectively. The department has been without a captain since May, following the retirement of Harold Scheidegger.

Though the officers have been assuming higher responsibilities and receiving higher pay for months, the council has declined to designate them "acting" officers at the higher positions.

Some municipal officials, including Councilman Richard LoForte and Mayor Michael Tripodi, said it would be inappropriate to promote the men with a new ordinance pending, especially since the vacancies have never been formally noticed.

But local PBA president Fred Soos said his membership has voted unanimously to support the promotion of the candidates. The PBA is "unified that these three guys are getting jerked around," he said.

"We've never been against testing," Soos said, "but we want it applied uniformly, fairly and consistently."

Other council members echoed that message. "We're playing with these men's lives and livelihoods" by not promoting them, said Carmela Colosimo.

David and Councilman Ed Galasso, chairman of the police subcommittee, also endorsed the promotions, and Richard Falsetano said he would support them if the PBA gave its unanimous approval.

The council has scheduled a special meeting Monday to take up the matter again.

The subject of police promotions has a troubled recent history in the borough. The ordinance has been changed several times in the past decade, often at the same time promotions were being made.

And the current ordinance, which does call for in-house testing, has not been strictly followed, in part because few applicants have signed up to take the tests. No tests were administered during the last 10 promotions, police officials said.

At least one Democratic councilman laid the blame at the feet of Republican leadership. "The police department has been politicized for as long as I can remember, and the Republican Party is mostly responsible," David said. "They have their fair-haired boys who they want to see get promoted."

Other council members were simply exasperated. "Changing the policy every time somebody comes up for promotion is wrong," said Republican Kathi Fiamingo, who was not part of the council during previous promotions. "I don't understand why we have ordinances and nobody chooses to follow them, and I have a very big problem with that."

Tripodi was present at the meeting but attended the League of Municipalities Convention this week and was unavailable for comment.

Bonnie Burn-Rt. 22 plan won't be started until '05

By JENNIFER McCANDLESS
THE RECORD-PRESS

WATCHUNG — Union County plans to improve the Bonnie Burn Road and Route 22 intersection as a step closer to realization after the Borough Council endorsed the project plans last Thursday.

The council passed a resolution to validate the endorsement during its meeting. Union County is planning to add a second northbound lane to Bonnie Burn Road. Currently, Bonnie Burn Road has two lanes. Union County engineers were seeking the borough's approval and input in the project before moving ahead with its plans, borough engineer Rich Moody said.

Residents who attended the council meeting Oct. 25, expressed concerns about increased traffic the additional lane would generate. The road runs from Route 22 in Scotch Plains to Interstate 78 in Berkeley Heights. Although Bonnie Burn Road is in

'There's a lot of traffic up there and something should definitely be done.'

—Anthony Addario
Watchung mayor

Watchung, which is in Somerset County, Union County maintains the road, Moody said.

Residents at the meeting complained of the often grid-locked conditions on the road, which motorists use as a link between Route 22 and I-78. Truck drivers often use the road to travel from I-78 to Route 22 since trucks cannot use Hillcrest Road, also in Watchung. A borough ordinance restricts trucks driving along the steep Hillcrest Road.

Traffic along the road is also attributed to visitors to the Blue Star Shopping Center and the recently-opened Watchung Square Mall, residents said.

Bonnie Burn Road currently has two lanes. In order to alleviate the traffic along the one-mile stretch of road, Union County officials want to add a second northbound lane from New Providence Road, Moody said. Moody also said Union County officials want to add a left-turn

lane at Johnston Drive. Construction along Bonnie Burn would not begin until 2005, Moody said.

David Goode, a Prospect Avenue resident, said adding a second lane to Bonnie Burn Road will "negatively affect" Watchung residents. Goode said the high volume of traffic along Bonnie Burn makes it difficult to turn onto the road. Goode told the council he believes widening the road will only increase the traffic between I-78 and Route 22.

During the Oct. 25 meeting, Goode suggested the council reject the project plans.

Mayor Anthony Addario said during the October meeting that something needs to be done along the road.

"There's a lot of traffic up there and something should definitely be done," Addario said. "Whether these plans go through, the traffic situation along Bonnie Burn will need to be addressed."

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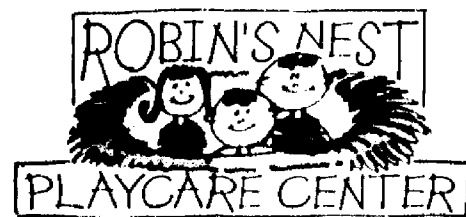


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Commentary

The challenge for McGreevey

Jim McGreevey, who won a four-year term as governor in a landslide last week, has had both good luck and bad luck this year.

He had the good luck to run against former Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler who failed to heal the rifts in the Republican party created in a bruising primary battle and whose ideas strayed far from mainstream New Jersey.

But McGreevey had the bad luck of winning at a time when he will be facing some unenviable choices and difficult challenges. He will be becoming governor at a time when the state's economy is struggling and the reverberations from the Sept. 11 terrorist attack are still being felt. These issues will be in addition to the lingering problems left by the Whitman and DiFrancesco administrations, such as the Newark Arena, state aid for school construction, core curriculum standards and the traditional Garden State problems of property taxes and auto insurance.

It is not the best of times to become governor, especially when your party achieved a split in the State Senate but is squabbling over who will be the next Speaker of the State Assembly. McGreevey, on whose coattails many of these Democrats rode to victory, must impose some discipline on the Democratic ranks in Trenton. He needs a united party when his term begins in January to help him tackle these major problems; solving New Jersey's budget woes is more important than doling out the spoils of victory.

McGreevey's top priority should be to instill fiscal discipline in the state budget. Whitman, who delivered on her promise to cut taxes, balanced the budget through a variety of budget gimmicks; she and her Republican legislature also let the state budget grow and grow while the state basked in the prosperity of the 1990s. That allowed the state to give more aid to municipalities and school districts, masking hikes in property tax rates. But now, with the economic downturn in full swing, the revenue just isn't flowing into Trenton. With many contracts promising 4 percent salary increases, municipal and school officials, who are now starting work on next year's budgets, can only guess how much money will be available from Trenton. It may be a tough year ahead for property taxpayers.

Perhaps McGreevey, in looking at the wide array of problem areas, will discover that what is needed in New Jersey is a radical overhaul of state government and its relationship with municipalities and school districts. Just tinkering with the system — as the good times allowed the Republicans to do in the last eight years — will be a genuine disappointment to those who believed McGreevey would bring a fresh perspective to Trenton. His overwhelming margin of victory and the Democratic takeover of the Assembly should provide McGreevey enough momentum to shake up Trenton; the question remains whether he has the courage and the gumption.

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Letters to the editor

Store window display is demeaning

To The Record-Press:

My family selected the town of Westfield in which to raise our family. Why? Because it was a wholesome town where people respected the rights of others.

Westfielders believed in good old-fashioned values, like respect your neighbors and people at large, embrace the inherent dignity of each and every person, teach children to strive to realize every ounce of their capabilities, and provide them with the tools to do so, value excellence, infuse our young with self-esteem, reward being a good neighbor, citizen and person.

On the surface, at least, it sounded great. But I find after living here since 1991 that what Westfielders say they believe in and what they endorse are not always the same.

I specifically refer to the Victoria's Secrets store on Broad Street.

Can you imagine, in your homes, having your children's friends visit while the woman of the house paraded around in front of them in her underwear? It would be inappropriate, unthinkable, and probably illegal.

Because it is not appropriate for children, or adults, for that matter, to see women in their undergarments.

Yet, walk by Victoria's Secrets after leaving KayBee toys with your child, and they will see that in fact it is not only allowed, but also flaunted.

It's OK for women to be indiscriminately exposed, viewed and fantasized about. We don't respect women's privacy or dignity. The message is that women are up for grabs. They are body parts that have no faces, but who passively expect close-up inspection of their groins in lacy underwear by anyone who chooses. I don't know about you, but I don't want my 7-year-old looking at women (whether they are in the flesh or body parts in store windows) as if they were slabs of meat in a butcher's window.

I believe this subtle messaging teaches people to objectify, demean and disrespect women.

It teaches girls to accept that their lot is to expose themselves for the viewing pleasure of the multitudes. I believe it diminishes girls and women and retards their evolution into strong, fully realized proud people.

I also believe it is much easier to do violence to a person or group who have been regarded as less than valuable people.

Stand up and say NO to this kind of vulgar and dangerous store. If you want wholesome, then demand wholesome and accept no less. Our children are at stake. I have a son, but if he were a she, I certainly wouldn't want her to think that what she saw in Victoria's Secrets window was a depiction of who or what she was.

Teri Gerson
Westfield

Councilman-elect feels humbled

To The Record-Press:

I write to thank the Third Ward voters who last week elected me to represent them on the Westfield Town Council. Early last spring, a former Third Ward council member shared with me his observation that Third Ward voters are "very careful" about the people they elect to represent them on the council. Accordingly, I am humbled by my neighbors' collective vote of confidence, and I promise to work as hard at serving as I did in my door-to-door campaign.

In January 2002, I will fill the Third Ward council position currently held by Councilman Neil

Sullivan. Councilman Sullivan has dedicated his time to this community, and therefore, he should be recognized for his service to the people of Westfield.

In closing, I encourage all residents of Westfield to contact me with their ideas, suggestions, or concerns for our wonderful home town.

Local government is indeed the foundation of our democracy, and each citizen's input into local affairs is crucial if our greater American democracy is to remain vibrant and flourish.

Kevin Walsh
Council Member-Elect, Third Ward,
Westfield

Another voice on auto policy woes

To The Record Press:

William Fidurski's letter (Oct. 25) brings to mind one question: What is he talking about?

Jury awards in liability cases for auto accidents represent payments for non-economic loss, not reimbursement for lost wage, medical expense and non-wage family care as he would want you to believe. Your auto insurance policy already has coverage for medical expense, lost wage and essential services coverage. Using Mr. Fidurski's example of

collecting a \$300,000 award, the only debt you would owe would be the attorney's 33 percent share. However, if Mr. Fidurski's point is that having a limited right to sue is the cause of auto insurance problems in New Jersey, then he is wrong. The cause of auto insurance problems in New Jersey are overregulation, lack of competition, excess profit laws, take-all-comers law and territorial rate caps.

DENIS DANKOSKY
Cranford

Campaign reform critically needed

To The Chronicle:

Cliff Zukin, a political science professor at Rutgers University, once stated, "It is difficult to run a legitimate (political) campaign without money." How very true. Money is the mother's milk in politics. Without it a candidate, especially in this day and age, would have a very difficult time getting his or her message across to voters. For third-party candidates, this is even more true.

The reason they have a very difficult time raising money is because local, state and federal campaign laws favor the two major political parties. While Democrats and Republicans have no problem raising a million dollars or more for their quests, third-party candidates have to scrape and scrounge to get a few dollars here and there.

There is also a great deal of fear major donors have with supporting third-party candidates. 2000 Libertarian presidential hopeful Harry Browne stated it best when he wrote, "Because virtually all campaign donations must be reported, major donors can be afraid to finance anyone who challenges the two-party system."

What is needed is a radical change in these laws. This includes, but is not limited to, eliminating laws restricting political donations and campaign spending, ballot access, eliminating laws that are subsidizing political candidates, law concerning disclosure information and so forth. This would open up the political process to third-party candidates and I believe this would bring in more voter participation into the democratic process.

For now, meanwhile, what third-party candidates should do to help their political campaigns get the funds is make phone calls, very often; persuade donors that it is to their interests and concerns; help them overcome their fears, if they donate; and often remind them that this is a David vs. Goliath battle, Us vs. the Establishment. By doing this, I believe third-party candidates can be successful and can make a big difference when it comes to winning, issues, reform and other areas concerning policy and politics. No doubt it will be hard, strenuous and painful. The price, however, is well worth the ticket of admission.

ALEX PUGLIESE
Kenilworth

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Count and recount blessings

Whenever I feel my pet Depression beginning to gnaw at my leg, I count my blessings and Depression runs to the corner and cowers.

But the inevitable has happened. Last weekend when Depression showed his teeth, I started counting my blessings as usual but Depression demanded a recount.

"You're counting blessings that are not really blessings," Depression growled.

I was so taken aback by this sudden and unexpected shown of stubborn aggression that I forgot the primary rule — never try to reason with Depression.

"My blessings are valid and bountiful," said I. "They've been counted time after time. I am certainly blessed."

"You're certifiable all right," Depression snarled. "Let's take a good look at your blessings. Let's hold them up to the light, so to speak, and see if they really are blessings."

"OK, Mr. Darkness Visible," I began. "What about my health? That's a blessing."

Depression barked a derisive chuckle.

"You think you're in good health?" Depression started. "When was the last time a doctor gave your prostate the old thumbs up? Have you listened to your knees lately? They sound like doors in a haunted house. Have you taken a good look at yourself in the mirror when you step out of the shower? You don't need a jock strap — you need a Jell-o mold. And your butt looks like a bowl of rice pudding."

"You've got me there, Dark Prince of Praxel," I sputtered. "But what about my job? Getting paid for writing a newspaper column is truly a blessing."

Depression guffawed in the way only Depression can.

"You became a quote writer unquote because you thought you would become a babe magnet," Depression began. "In exchange for all the long hours, throbbing headaches and low wages, you believed there was some sexy virtue in becoming a journalist. Can you honestly say that you still believe that?"

Depression had clawed all the words from my mouth.

"You've become a misery magnet," Depression continued. "You're so involved in your work and you work so many hours that your social life is limited to watching Prime Minister's Question Time from the British House of Commons on C-Span."

Depression was certainly gaining on me. My lower lip began to quiver and the weight of the world was beginning to make my shoulders sag.

Just then Happiness came in on little cat's feet. "I don't want this conflict to end up in court," Happiness purred. "Tell Depression about your family and friends. Those are blessings no one can deny."

I stiffened my chin. "Yes, Depression, I am blessed with family and friends who I would not trade for anything in the world," I said. "They are true to me and I am true to them. We would do anything for each other. In fact, if I asked them, they would come here and take care of you, Depression. They would rub your nose in your smelly —"

"That's enough," Happiness said softly. "Like the rest of us, Depression needs to be treated with respect. After all, if it wasn't for Depression, you would never even consider counting your blessings, would you?"

Happiness had a point. As much as I don't like Depression when he digs his teeth into my calf, I miss him when he goes away for days at a time. It's nice to have Happiness sleeping in your lap, but it gets to be boring sometimes. And besides, Depression, like other columnists' children, provides me with some of my best material.

"When you recount all my blessings," I finally said to Depression, "don't forget to count yourself among them."

I winked at him and he turned, went to the corner and began to cower like a good Depression.



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Ballfield applications aim to please

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The township's application for Union County's "Field of Dreams" grant has been a political battleground recently, pitting supporters of lights at Memorial Field against those who want to improve the fields at Orange Avenue School.

So at a special meeting Monday night, the Township Committee decided to try to make everyone happy.

The committee passed a resolution requesting enough grant funds to do both projects.

The county program offers \$100,000 matching grants to municipalities to improve recreational playing fields. But the committee will submit an application for \$175,000, which, with the township's matching component, would make \$350,000 available for the projects.

Of that money, \$190,000 will pay for the installation of lights

at the football field, while the remaining \$160,000 will go toward improvements at the Orange Avenue fields. Those improvements include realigning the soccer fields to create a new short-sided field; a surface upgrade to the rear soccer, field hockey and softball fields; the installation of a water line and water cannon to preserve the fields; and the realignment of a drainage swale to create additional playing space.

The commissioners believe they will receive the extra money because some other municipalities have not requested the full \$100,000, and because the application will be submitted jointly with the Board of Education. Cranford Mayor George Jorin is also a member of the county's Committee on Open Space, Recreation & Historic Preservation, which is administering the grant.

But Commissioner Dan Aschenbach said should the

township receive only \$100,000, it could fund the balance of the programs through its own capital improvements budget. The township is currently restructuring its debt, he said, and could assume the cost if necessary.

The grant awards will be announced in mid-December.

While the committee did approve the application by a unanimous 4-0 vote (Commissioner Tom Denny was absent), it will not immediately introduce a bond ordinance for its share of the funds.

Before moving forward, said Commissioner Phil Morin, the committee should seek assurances from the Board of Education that the lights at Memorial Field will benefit as many programs as possible. "It's up to us to make sure the use is going to be maximized," he said.

Those concerns — that the lights would disproportionately benefit the football team — were

at the heart of the debate prior to last night. The decision to seek the extra funds, said Commissioner Dan Aschenbach, was an attempt "to broaden the application to reach as many groups as we could."

An assembled crowd of more than 20 residents was happy to see the application approved. But resident Dave Drechsel also said the improvements at Orange Avenue would not last without an improved maintenance commitment from the Board of Education.

He was complaining to the wrong people, Commissioner John Williams told him.

"We're putting up our money to improve the fields. Now the board's going to have to step up to do their part," Williams said. "The more you yell (at them), the more things will get done."

Commissioner-elect Barbara Bilger sat in Denny's chair but did not participate in the discussion.

No dough for deli owner during movie shoot

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — The arrival of a film crew in town last week was a fun novelty to many residents, and a boon to some businesses. But it left at least one local storeowner steaming.

The crew — in town to shoot the upcoming drama "Far from Heaven" — was a major liability, said John Taggart, proprietor of Mr. J's Deli at South and Walnut avenues. As he went about his work the morning of Nov. 5, Taggart said, he was surprised to see the film crew shooting customers away from the parking spaces outside his door.

"When customers were pulling in, they were chasing them away," Taggart said. "I lost my whole morning business. And I'm not going to be compensated — there's no way... I was beyond (mad)."

When he called the police, he said, "they kept telling me, 'we'll take care of it, we'll take care of it' and they finally did... But (the film crew) did whatever they wanted for a good two hours. An hour means a lot to me."

Taggart estimated he lost

\$200-\$300 before the film crew cleared out of the area about 10:30. While the crew was there, he said, customers were at times prevented from walking in and out of his store.

Taggart said he was notified beforehand the crew would be in town, but not that they would block access to his store. "I didn't know a person couldn't park here (while the crew did) a background shot," he said.

And he didn't receive any extra business from the crew

members, he said, because they had special caterers in town.

Lt. John Baer of the police department's Traffic Investigation Unit acknowledged "there was a concern that some of the motor vehicles used in the shoot were parked in spots that might be used for customers."

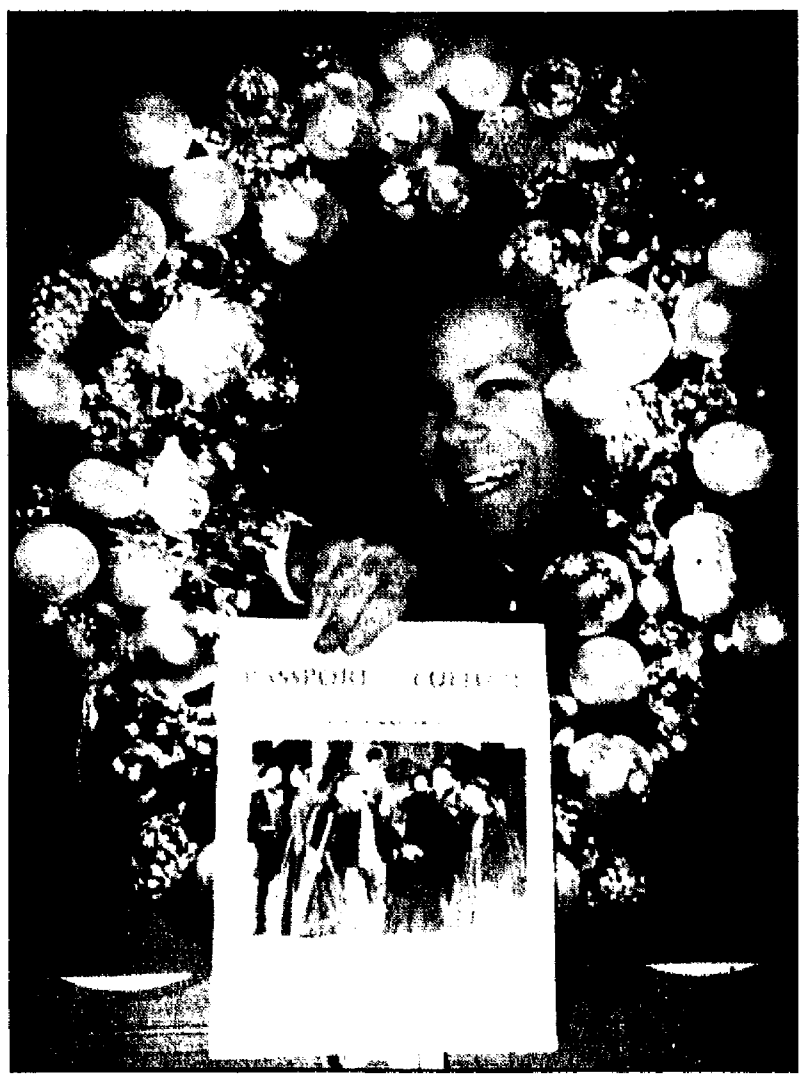
"We did everything possible to try and please everybody," said Baer. "Overall, the film shoot went very, very smoothly."

Kathleen Miller Prunty,

director of the Downtown Management Corp., said she first heard of the problem after 10 a.m. from a neighboring storeowner. "It's very difficult for me to assist someone when they don't bring it to my attention," she said.

Some downtown businesses which were directly involved in the shots were compensated by the film crew, Prunty said.

Township Administrator Marlena Schmid could not be reached for comment.



'Christmas Carol' guide

Dr. Keith Mason, a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School who currently teaches Italian and Spanish at New Providence High School, has written a teachers' resource guide for students attending performances of the American Family Theater's "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The guide is designed for children in grades one through six. Performances will be at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at NJPAC in Newark. For more information and ticket prices, call (888) GO-NJPAC.

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Radio City trip planned Dec. 6

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Recreation Commission is sponsoring a trip to the 2001 Radio City Music Hall Christmas show on Dec. 6 for the 8 p.m. performance. The cost for ticket and transportation is \$68 per person. The bus will leave from the Westfield Municipal Building parking lot, 425 E. Broad St., at 5:30 p.m. and return about 11 p.m.

For more information call the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4085.

Parents, teachers get sneak preview

WESTFIELD — Parents and teachers attending the Washington School's recent pot luck supper were treated to a sneak preview of this year's musical production, How We Totter, which was written by parents Jackie Costello, Dave Schulman, and Maryann Waxtel.

The Washington School annual show, now in its 54th year, is conceived, coordinated and performed entirely for its parents and teachers. This annual production serves as the school's only fund-raiser. Performances are scheduled for Feb. 1 and 2, 2002, at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield.

How We Totter will be directed by Joe Materek and Cynthia Weinberg, and produced by Angela Darchi, Marci Fisher, and Amy Herrington. Musical direction will be provided by Rich Bucci.

Broadway Kids performing twice

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Broadway Kids are coming to Union Catholic High School on Martine Avenue at noon and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

This all-child troupe sings show tunes for an audience of all ages. Members will be on hand for autographs and pictures after each show. The group also plans to have its albums on sale.

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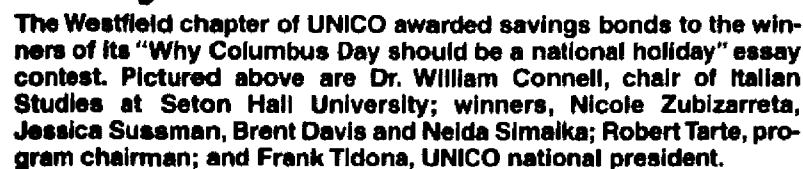
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Claire McNamara of Westfield has been awarded the Marvin Perry Scholarship from Goucher College in Baltimore, Md., where she is a student. McNamara was selected based on her academic achievement and

Scott Curtis Mehorter of Westfield has begun his freshman year of study at Liberty

In 1996, she graduated with

Edward A. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Jackson of Scotch Plains, has been named to the dean's list at Berklee College of Music in Boston. He is studying music production and engineering.

The borough must accept or reject the grant by early January.

Final decisions on which projects to fund will be made during budget discussions next year.

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Church celebrates family, friends day

SCOTCH PLAINS — St. John's Baptist Church holds its annual Family and Friends Day as part of services 11 a.m. Sunday.

The person who brings the most family and friends to the Morse Avenue church will receive a special plaque.

Also on Sunday, the Gospel Chorus celebrates its 34th anniversary with a choral service 4 p.m. Guest choirs have been invited.

For more information, phone (908) 232-6972.

Miller-Cory offers Colonial Thanksgiving

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum presents its Colonial Thanksgiving ritual 2-5 p.m. Sunday in the 18th century farmstead at 614 Mountain Ave.

A Thanksgiving meal as served in Colonial times will be prepared for all to see. Ellen and Zoe Hess, plus Janet and Judy Murphy, will use authentic recipes and cooking methods used in that period.

Unusual manners and table etiquette also were part of this ritual. Kathy Dowling discusses early American table customs.

As usual, docents in period dress will conduct tours of the historic site with the last tour leaving 4 p.m. The museum gift shop will be open for early Christmas shopping.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.

The museum will be closed Sunday, Nov. 25. Christine Glazer brings "Scotch-Irish Christmas Customs" to the museum Sunday, Dec. 2.

Service League holds holiday sale

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League holds its annual holiday sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 in its Thrift Shop at 114 Elmer St.

Holiday clothes, party clothes, holiday decorations and ornaments will be featured. New toys can be found at prices well below toy stores. All toys were donated by Service League members.

For more information, phone (908) 233-2530. Proceeds benefit local charities.

Town Book Store conducting drive

WESTFIELD — The Town Book Store is holding a children's book drive.

Bring any new storybook, board book or other children's book to the bookstore at 255 E. Broad St. Books will be wrapped and donated to patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside for the holidays.

In addition, you can get a 25 percent discount at the bookstore when you purchase a new children's book for the book drive.

For more information, phone (908) 233-3535.

Separately, Town Book Store owner Grace Roth will speak 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Scotch Plains Public Library about her job as a bookseller and publisher. The program at the Bartle Avenue library is free and the public is invited.

Christmas Boutique begins Nov. 27

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Thrift Shop of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League begins its Christmas Boutique on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

New merchandise that has been collected all year goes on sale that day. Holiday clothes and decorations are also featured.

The Christmas Boutique runs until Saturday, Dec. 15, when

the Thrift Shop closes for the holidays.

Thrift Shop hours at 1730 E. Second St. are 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Donations are accepted during Thrift Shop hours. All proceeds go to local charities.

For more information, phone (908) 322-5420.

Yiddish Festival begins on Nov. 28

WESTFIELD — A two-part Yiddish Festival is scheduled at Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St.

Jeffrey Shandler presents "American Images of the Old World" 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28. His talk covers songs, newspapers, cartoons, greeting cards and advertisements as they relate to American Jewish life today.

A professor of Judaic studies at Rutgers University, Shandler also is a curator at the YIVO Institute and the Jewish Museum in Manhattan.

Eric Goldman focuses on "Yiddish Cinema: A Response to Hollywood" 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. His program covers the many portraits of the Jew in movies intended for the Yiddish audience. Goldman is on the Educational Advisory Committee of the United States Holocaust Museum.

Both programs are free. For more information, phone (908) 232-6770.

DECA club holding 11th annual toy drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — The DECA club at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School is holding its 11th annual holiday toy drive.

Marketing students in the DECA club are raising funds to buy toys for needy families, many of whom live in temporary shelters within Union County. Clothes and household goods also are being purchased as well.

"The children would not have much of a holiday to celebrate without this effort," club Chairman Jay Cordes said.

DECA students are working with the Union County Interfaith Council and Scotch Plains Welfare Department. Cash donations are encouraged. For more information, phone (908) 889-8600.

Corporate sponsorship is also being solicited.

Welcome Club plans busy month

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Welcome Club has planned various activities over the holiday period for children and adult members.

To kick off the holiday season on Dec. 1, the club will hold its annual Progressive Dinner

where members move from an area home for appetizers to another for dinner and yet another for dessert. A charity raffle will be held during the evening and the catered menu and good company is offered at a very reasonable cost.

Union Catholic taps Honor Society members

SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic High School announced its 2001 National Honor Society members.

Grade 12 members are: Priscilla Abdala, Kevin Apuzzo, Lisa Augustyn, Katherine Babicz, David Biggs, Laura Boes, Margot Bordas, Dana Boyer, Gladys Calio, Richard Cowley, Jr., Joanna Debowska, Ann Marie Fedorochko, Chelsea Fuenzalida, Leanne Hade, Stephanie Geil, Jennifer Holland, Laura Hulnik, Beena Jacob, Leanne Kacsur, Andrea Keller, Romona Kersellius, Heather Kolar, Andrea Lapinski, Suzanne La Tourette, Brandon Leonard, John Losavio, Hyacinthe Luna, Colleen Macaluso, Maureen Maggi, Kacie Marczak, Katherine Marshall, Joseph Medway, Lisa Mortkowitz, Christine Neto, Therese Palencia, Margaret Partyka, Kristen Petala, Taras Puzyk, Jessica Remo, Megan Rose, Meredith Sacripanti, Amy Snyder, Mary Solano, Teaira Stagers, John Varady, Maria Varvara, Nydia Williams, and

Yavonia Wise.

Grade 11 members are: Sean Bennett, Lauren Bowe, Jaime Castellano, Lauren Chapnick, Alison Clark, Elizabeth D'Antuono, Anthony D'Errico, Jonathan Da Silva, Melissa De La Torre, Linda Dolansky, Steven Esperon, Ysabelle Flores, Jacqueline Gray, Jaleah Hawkins, Sheri Jones, Amanda Kelly, Bridget Koza, Cara Latham, Dan Majcen, Stephanie Massaro, Laura McGarvey, Robert McGuire, Lindsey Mills, Valerie Mitchell, Margaret Margaret Monroe, Lisa Mruk, Deborah Oravez, Vincent Passafiume, Lisa Pollitt, Michael Puzyk, Chad Ruddick, Thomas Ridder, Folusho Sodeke, Patrick Stahlberg, May Tanudtanud, Brigitte Villuga, Kathleen Walsh, Robert Whitaker, and Stephanie Williams.

To qualify to become a member of the National Honor Society at Union Catholic, students must have a yearly GPA greater than 6.5 and they must be active participants in three or more school activities.

Also in December, the Ladies Night Out, or "Great Escape" will be wreath making at Michael's craft store on Route 22. The monthly dinner for December will take place at La Pasaria in Summit and the holiday party for kids on Dec. 15 will feature Christmas and Hanukkah crafts and a visit from Santa at the Community Center in Westfield.

The club is a not-for-profit organization that consists of women and their families from the Westfield area, including Cranford, Garwood, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Clark. The club is geared toward women new to the area or new mothers or others undergoing a lifestyle

change and looking to meet new people with shared interests.

The club sponsors activities such as children's theater events, play groups, an international interest group and book discussion group. The club also provides a Helping Hands service to its members in need and provides staff to Mobile Meals and the Food Pantry of Westfield.

In January, the club will sponsor a New Member Coffee at which prospective members can learn more about the activities of the club.

For information about joining the Westfield Welcome Club visit www.westfieldnj.com/welcome or call Cindy at (908) 389-1278.

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SCOTCH PLAINS TAXI

Kenilworth bar manager is charged with dealing marijuana

By GREG MARX
THE CHRONICLE

KENILWORTH — For the second time this year, an employee of a borough drinking estab-

lishment has been arrested on drug distribution charges.

Borough police arrested Darren Fantasia, 33, of Union at Melody's Bar & Grill on South Michigan Avenue Thursday

evening and charged him with possession of marijuana over 1 ounce, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and possession of a stun gun. Fantasia was a manager at the bar.

Following a monthlong investigation led by Patrolman Justin Marranca, borough police obtained a search warrant for the site. At 8:50 p.m., Kenilworth officers with assistance from

Melody's, which has been the subject of numerous noise and nuisance complaints over the past few months, is also under investigation by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Unit for potential violation of licensed-premises laws.

Roselle police, the Union County Sheriff Department's Canine Unit and the New Jersey State Police Alcoholic Beverage

Control Unit executed the warrant and arrested Fantasia.

Following the arrest at the bar, borough officers conducted a consent search at the Union residence of bar owner Melody Damiano. No incriminating evidence was found at the residence, according to Det. Lt. Richard Dopf, who would not comment on whether Damiano is believed to have been aware of the alleged drug sales.

Bail for Fantasia was set at \$10,000. He was scheduled to make his first appearance in Superior Court this week.

Two other individuals were also arrested in connection with the incident. Edward Nugent Jr. of Westfield, a patron of Melody's was arrested at the bar and

charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana. Nugent was subsequently released on his own recognizance.

And Union resident Joseph Martino was arrested at Damiano's residence and charged with obstruction of justice and resisting arrest. Martino, who also lives at the residence, was turned over to the Union Police Department.

Melody's, which has been the subject of numerous noise and nuisance complaints over the past few months, is also under investigation by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Unit for potential violation of licensed-premises laws. The unit has the authority to take disciplinary action for violations including the suspension of a liquor license, though Dopf said any action in the near future was unlikely.

Earlier this year, a manager at Apples Lounge on North 10th Street was charged with distributing the recreational drug Ecstasy.



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Downtown store reports a theft

WESTFIELD

Westfield Seafood of South Avenue reported Nov. 6 the theft of cash.

An Ayliffe Avenue resident reported Nov. 7 a theft at the residence.

Police log

Russell Decker, 18, of Garwood was charged Nov. 8 with possession of a dangerous weapon (three steak knives). Decker was released on bail.

Also charged was a 14-year-old girl on possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana under 50 grams) and possession of a weapon (a knife). The juvenile was released to her parents.

John Barnes, 40, of Rahway was charged Nov. 9 with simple assault and a contempt of court charge. Barnes posted bail and was released.

Elizabeth Murphy Thomas, 51, of Springfield Avenue was charged on Nov. 9 on a \$79 warrant out of the Springfield Municipal Court. Thomas posted bail and was released.

A resident of Mountainside reported Nov. 10 that while a patron of National Haircutters on Elm Street an engagement ring, valued at \$4,500, was either mislaid or stolen.

Gregory Cuoco, 21, of South Avenue West was charged Nov. 11 under two contempt of court warrants out of Hopewell. Cuoco posted bail of \$372 and was released on his own recognizance for a future court date.

Cuoco was also charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana, under 50 grams) and for possession of drug paraphernalia. Cuoco was released on his own recognizance with two summonses.

Leslie M. Kuska, 42, of Boulevard was charged under a contempt of court warrant. Kuska was released after posting a \$50 bail.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Alton way residents reported Nov. 5 vandalism to two vehicles parked in the driveway. Both vehicles were scratched in several locations.

A Stout Avenue resident reported Nov. 5 the theft of a bicycle from an unlocked garage.

A Winchester Drive resident reported on Nov. 5 vandalism to the front window of the residence sometime Tuesday.

A Westfield Avenue resident reported on Nov. 6 the theft of an engagement ring sometime Tuesday.

A member reported Nov. 9 the theft of a ring from a locker room at the Westfield YMCA on Martine Avenue during the evening.

A Canterbury Drive resident reported Nov. 9 the theft of a cell phone from a parked vehicle left out overnight.

There was a report on Nov. 9 of a man assaulted during a dispute at Terrill Middle School about 4 p.m. Parents picking up children from the school became involved in a road rage incident, said Capt. Joseph Protasiewicz. There were no visible injuries sustained.

A Westfield Avenue resident reports receiving several harassing phone calls.

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Saturday, December 1

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Westfield Service League Thrift Shop, 114 Elmer Street

Holiday Sale - call for additional details - (908) 233-2530

Sunday, December 2

12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m. MotoPhoto Portrait Studio, 251 North Avenue

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Thursday, December 6

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - **Caroling at the corners of Quimby & Elm Streets** sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church and School; Public is welcome to join in the singing

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - **Musical Performances in downtown stores** sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Saturday, December 8

9:35 a.m. - 1:35 p.m. - North Avenue Train Station

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11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Watson Highlanders Pipe Band** sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - **Yuletide Carolers** sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Carolers dressed in "Dickens" attire will stroll through downtown Westfield, NJ entertaining shoppers

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - **Women's Barbershop Quartet** sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Barbershop harmony group will perform throughout downtown Westfield NJ

Sunday, December 9

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **Musical Performance in downtown stores** sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Thursday, December 13

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - **Caroling at the corners of Quimby & Elm Streets** sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church and School; Public is welcome to join in the singing

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - **Musical Performances in downtown stores** sponsored by Downtown Westfield Corporation

Saturday, December 15

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - **Watson Highlanders Pipe Band** sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

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Sunday, December 16

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - **Musical Performances in downtown stores** sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Thursday, December 20

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - **Caroling at the corners of Quimby & Elm Streets** sponsored by the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School; Public is welcome to join in the singing

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Saturday, December 22

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Sunday, December 23

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AREA-The 20th annual Holiday Bazaar/Craft Show sponsored by The Woman's Club of Maplewood will be held on Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The grand ballroom of the Club at 60 Woodland Rd., (between Ridgewood Road and Maplewood Avenue), Maplewood, will host more than 35 quality dealers from throughout New Jersey.

Charlotte Showalter of Union, club past president and a member of the Planning Committee, announced this year's expansion of the event. A variety of merchandise will be offered at special prices including antiques, hand-crafted items, estate jewelry, attic treasures, and one-of-a-kind collectibles for seasonal gift giving.

A returning favorite feature

will be the Country Kitchen Corner with take-out homemade gourmet foods. A light lunch will be available.

The Woman's Club of Maplewood is a non-profit volunteer organization whose roster includes membership from Union, Morris, and Essex Counties. The club belongs to both the New Jersey State and General Federation of Woman's Clubs (International) with its philanthropic works aiding area and local charities, performing, artistic and educational scholarships. The current N.J. State Project benefits the Valerie Fund, a charity that aids children with cancer and other blood disorders.

The event is open to all, and "browsers" are welcome. Admission is free. For information call (973) 762-9119.

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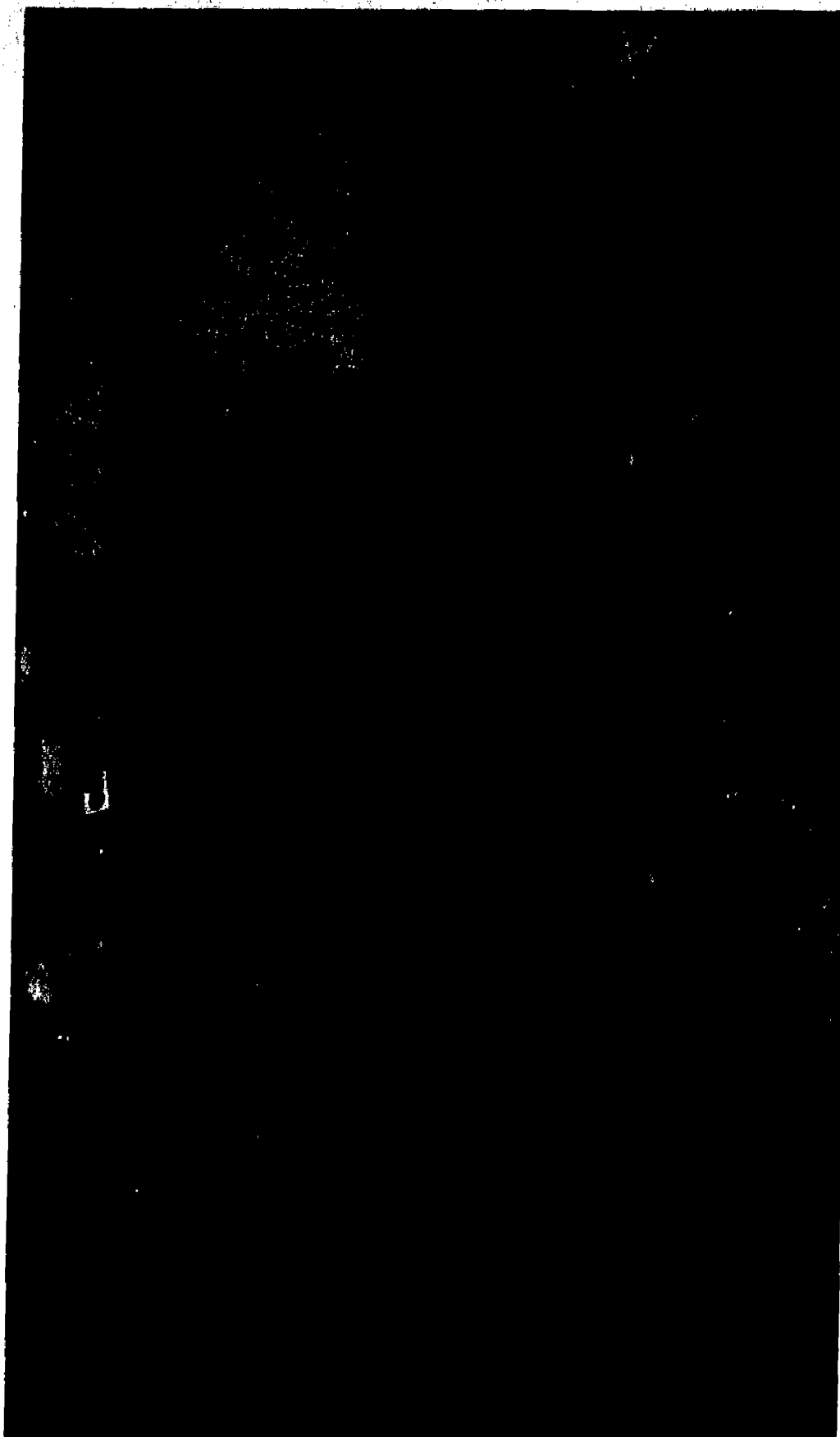
Historic Hetfield House Craft Show Offers Hint Of The Holidays

MOUNTAINSIDE-The Hint of the Holidays craft boutique will be held at the historic Hetfield House in Mountainside. The boutique which is located on Constitution Plaza (near the library) will be open on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. Maryanne Donaghy and Linda Miske welcome all to visit the annual boutique featuring crafts from more than 35 artisans.

A portion of sales will be donated to the Historic Hetfield House, thereby raising money for continuing restoration.

Visitors to the boutique will find many unusual and professional crafts from that special "just right gift" to home decorating accessories.

Hours are 5-9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.



WELCOMING ALL TO THE BOUTIQUE, to be held on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at the historic Hetfield House in Mountainside, are Linda Miske, left, and Maryann Donaghy.

Mountainside Woman's Club To Host Holiday Boutique And Lunch At L'Affaire

MOUNTAINSIDE-Mountain-side Woman's Club invites all to its holiday boutique luncheon on Nov. 14 and Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East in Mountainside.

Shop early for the holidays: sterling silver at 50 percent off, handbags, fashion accessories, crafts, holiday wreathes, silk flower arrangements, and photo

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For more information and a luncheon reservation call Cindy West at (908) 789-1819.



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The discount coupon books are available for all areas of New Jersey and can be ordered for all areas of the country. Each book provides discounts of as much as 50 percent on fine and casual dining, movie admissions, concerts, sports events, family activities, airfares, hotels, rental cars, merchandise and local services.

Heinz Ricken, coordinator of student activities, said the money raised through the sale of the books will be used to help fund the awards given to graduating seniors at the annual

awards night in June.

The North Jersey edition of the book costs \$20 and includes businesses and events in Union, Essex and Hudson Counties. The Central New Jersey edition, which includes Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Southern Union counties, costs \$30. Other editions available for purchase in the Bergen/Passaic Northwest Jersey edition; the Monmouth, Ocean and Mercer counties; South Jersey and New York City.

To purchase a book or to obtain more information on the 2002 Entertainment Book, call Ricken, the awards dinner chairman at (908) 889-8288, ext. 311, or purchase one at the main office of the Union County Vocational-Technical High School, West Hall, located at 1776 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains.

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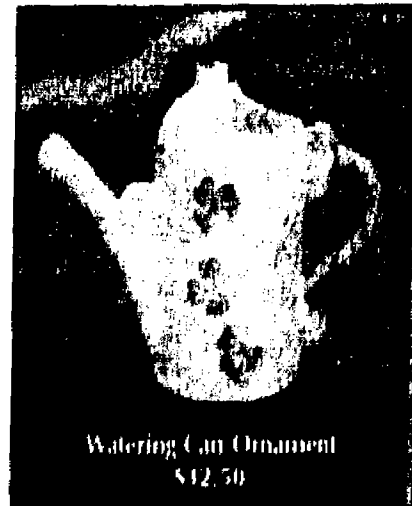
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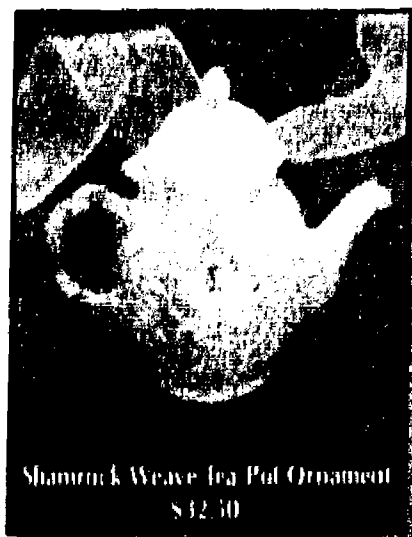
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Remember to leave at least a two-inch allowance for finishing the cut edge with a fold. Use the sides of the box to get the proper width — the paper should meet the edge of the box.

Now you can start to wrap it up. Choose double-sided tape to secure the wrapping, it provides a clean look that's only rivaled by the professionals. Gently wrap the gift lengthwise taking care to pre-fold the paper where it wraps around a corner of the box.

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box that's hidden under it. Use a straight edge or a pencil to give your folds a sharp, clean edge. Many excellent wrappers can improve their presentations by taking the time to pre-fold.

With the gift wrapped smoothly, you can bind and garnish the package. Loose ribbons can easily ruin the wrap. Not only can it look sloppy, it also makes it easier for the recipient to get inside of the package.

Top the present with your favorite toppers. A sprig of evergreen or a Christmas tree ornament may be just what you need to finish off the look.

Short on Time?

If you are just too overwhelmed by the idea of wrapping several boxes, here's an easy way to save time.

- Use a gift bag for oddly shaped gifts.
- Holiday-themed socks or stockings can serve double-duty to cover wine bottles.
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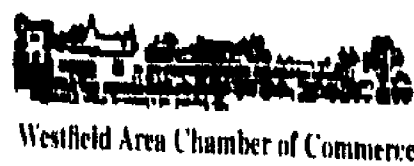
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Shopping Can Benefit The Girl Scouts

WESTFIELD-Washington Rock Girl Scout Council has a shopping event planned for the approaching holiday season. Join them on Nov. 18, 6-9 p.m., when the Jersey Gardens Mall will be closed to the public and open for shopping to benefit participating non-profit agencies in the area.

A \$5 ticket entitles the holder to store discounts, door prizes,

family entertainment, and holiday fun while shopping. The proceeds from the tickets sales will be used for Girl Scout programs that directly benefit the girls in local communities. The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council has tickets for sale. For information, call Vicki O'Donnell at (908) 232-3236, ext. 1221, or Virginia Cockerline at ext. 1209.

Plainfield Church Welcomes All To Its Christmas Fair

PLAINFIELD-The Women's Fellowship of United Church of Christ Congregational will hold its annual Christmas fair at the church on Nov. 16, 4-9 p.m., and Nov. 17, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Christmas decorations and ornaments, stuffed animals, baked goods, jewelry, toys, and "white elephants" will be for

sale. A special feature is the silent auction, where bidders may purchase valuable items at reasonable costs.

The church is located at 220 West 7th St., Plainfield. There is no cost for admission.

Dinner will be available on Friday for \$8 beginning at 5:30 p.m., and lunch will be served on Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$6.

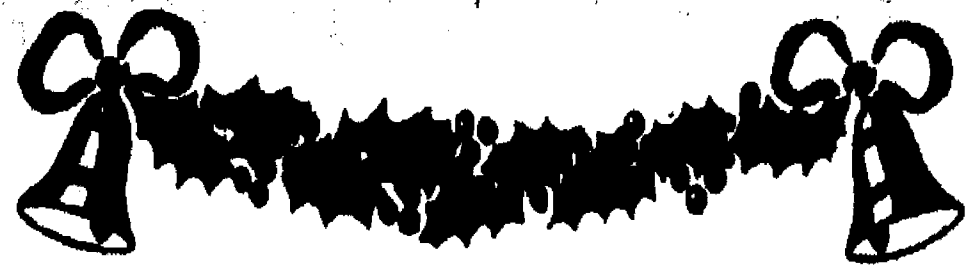
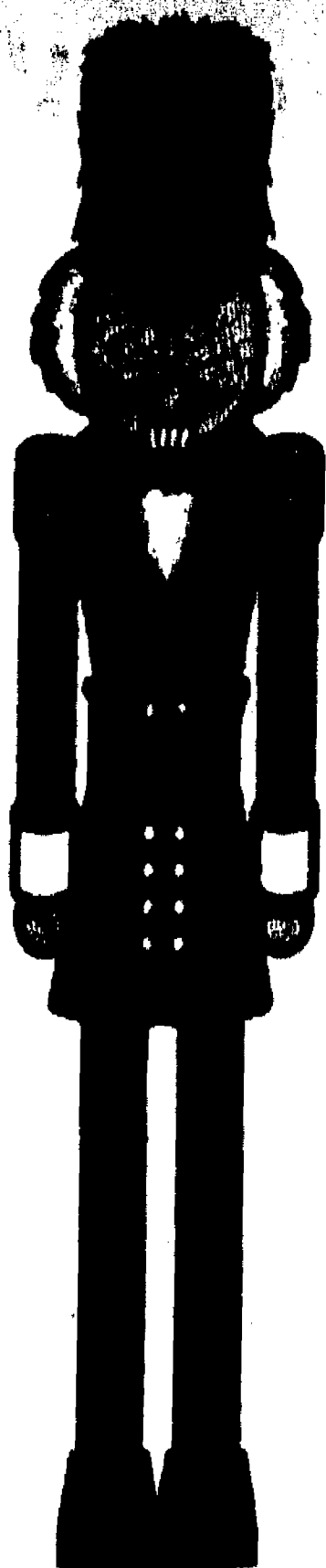
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Holiday Boutique At St. James Opens On Friday

SPRINGFIELD-A holiday boutique, featuring Santa's Secret Shoppe, will be conducted at St. James the Apostle School in Springfield on Nov. 16, 6-10 p.m., and Nov. 17, 3-10 p.m., sponsored by the Home School Association. The boutique will feature Santa's Secret Shoppe, where children will receive free gift wrapping on all purchases.

Admission will be \$5 for adults, with a complimentary glass of wine or soda. Unlimited cheese and crackers will be served. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

The school is located at 41 South Springfield Ave.



Did You Know?

One of the strongest symbols of the holidays are the brightly colored wrapped gifts that friends and family members give out to loved ones. Perhaps you've travelled near and far to pick out the the most ornate and decorative wrapping you could find — some of which can be costly. So when it comes right down to wrapping all of your gifts, you probably don't want to waste unnecessary wrapping paper by making mistakes judging how much you'll need for each package.

Here's an easy holiday tip that will take the guesswork out of measuring the paper: To figure out the amount of wrapping paper you will need to cut from a roll, wrap a piece of string around the package you're wrapping, leaving some excess room to accommodate for folding corners, and cut it to length. Then use the string to measure the same amount of paper.

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FANWOOD—This year's Toys for Tots local Fanwood drop-off site will be The Chelsea at Fanwood Assisted Living Residence. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve is the spearhead of the annual Toys For Tots campaign.

Community members may bring a new, unwrapped toy, between now and Dec. 4 to The Chelsea at Fanwood, 295 South Ave., 8 a.m.-7 p.m. For more information, call Marjorie Deas, director of community relations, at (908) 654-5200.

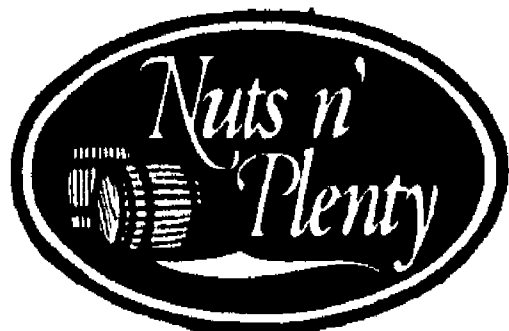
Marine Toys for Tots Foundation not-for-profit charity is to help the Corps in providing a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children during the holidays.

In addition to the toy drive, the Foundation raises funds to provide toys to supplement the collection of local Toys for Tots coordinators; defraying the costs of conducting annual Toys for Tots campaign and providing administrative, advisory, financial, logistic, and promotional support to local coordinators.

School To Host Craft Fair

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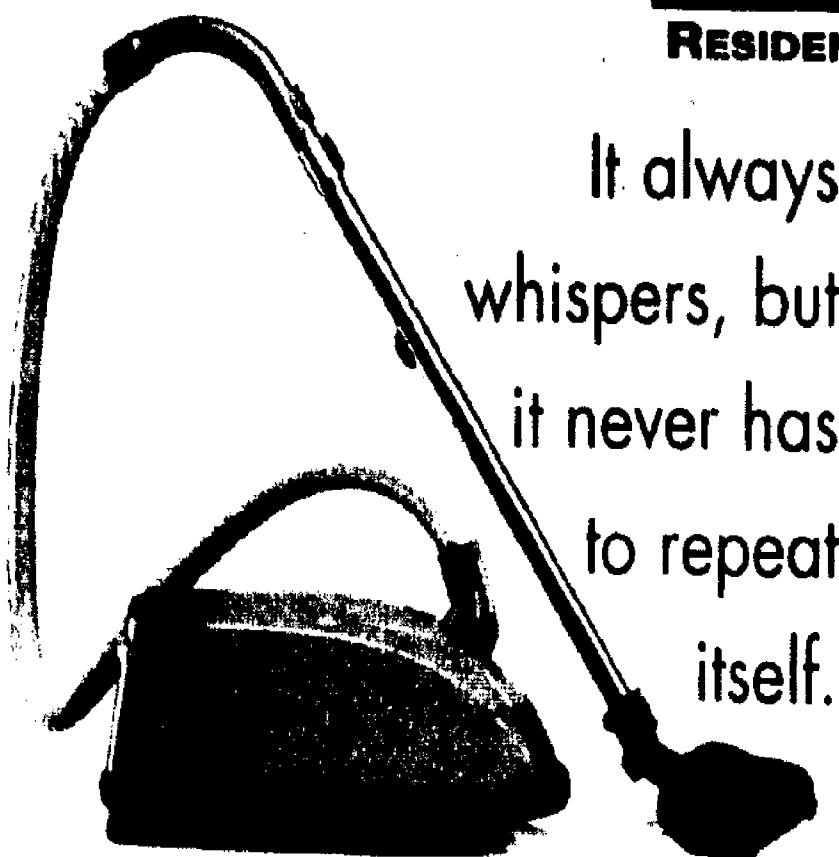
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And while you're out shopping, you might even catch a glimpse of Maxine sitting on Santa's lap. No, not because she's getting into the Christmas spirit after all. She just digs guys with beards.

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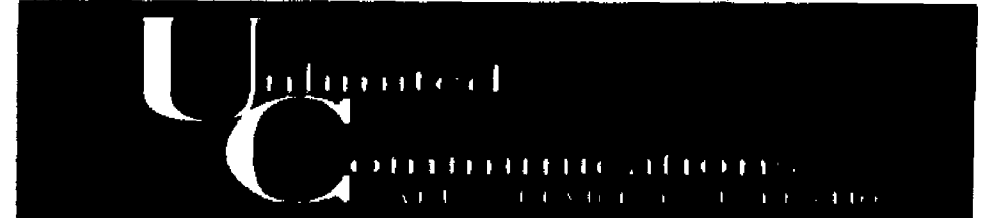
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Holiday Trivia

Many of the songs that are considered Christmas carols are actually a blend of old hymns, folk songs, medieval plain-songs and songs written for other holidays, as well as true Christmas carols. One of the most widely sung carols, "Jingle Bells," originally was written by James Pierpont for a Thanksgiving program to be given by his Sunday school class at a church in Boston. The song is merely about a free-spirited ride through the countryside, and many writers have concluded that the "jingle bells" refrain actually refers to the bells worn by horses in the era in which the song was written, not to Santa's sleigh.

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from Rio, from the affordable Rio One for on-the-go teens to the ultra-trim Nike-branded MP3 player that can keep up with even the most athletic family member. Do you need something in the middle? How about the RioVOLT? Your loved one can enjoy up to 10 hours of music in both wav and MP3 files formats on a single CD.

If it's visual entertainment you crave, forget about long lines and outrageous ticket prices at the movies — build your family their own state-of-the-art home theater. Start with Loewe's Aconda line of HDTVs, with a flat screen that provides crisp, distortion-free images. Contained in a high-gloss finish cabinet face, this stylish television set also lets consumers switch between five digital picture modes. A split-screen picture-in-picture (PIP) lets mom watch her favorite show, while allowing dad to keep tabs on football game scores.

Next, add a DVD/VCR combo or a Dual Deck VCR from SONICblue's GoVideo line. The company's DVR4000 DVD/VCR combo has the capability to play DVDs, Video CDs and Super Video CDs. In addition, the unit can play 96KHz/24-bit music DVDs as well as audio CDs. If superb audio wasn't enough, Santa's little helpers can also record non-copy protected DVDs to VHS at the touch of a button.

Need to record the the annual Tournament of Roses parade? How about two high-quality, four-head VCRs for the price of one? Pick up a GoVideo Dual Deck VCR (DDV2001) or (DDV2120).

And, because it's the holidays, why not mix business with pleasure with a lightweight, portable, micro-projector from Lightware? The Legend LS-8 and Legend LX-8 do it all. Simply plug them into a television, VHS or DVD player and project "A Christmas Story" or the Super Bowl on your living room wall. In the meantime, the kids will enjoy playing games arcade-style with life-size characters. And, when it's time to work, you can easily pack it into a briefcase alongside a laptop or personal digital assistant (PDA) and hit the road.

For the fearless thrill seekers on your list, give them the heart-stopping follow-up to one of the most revered PC games, "Return to Castle Wolfenstein". This game from Activision and id Software delivers fast-paced action and white-knuckle suspense. It's where "The X-Files" meet "Indiana Jones" in an adrenaline-packed adventure. It will keep your holiday gamer entertained for hours this season.

Let's not forget the family member who loves nostalgic products. Movie buffs, B-Western fans and music aficionados

can all relive "the good old days" with "Roy Rogers and Dale Evans: It Was Always the Music," a truly unusual holiday gift. The book is a wistful collection of long-lost vintage songs and timeless pictures painstakingly gathered from 25 of the 28 classic films starring both Roy and Dale. In addition, shoppers can also purchase a four-CD set featuring the original songs, some of which have not been heard for more than 50 years.

T'is the season to be jolly. With all these sure-to-please holiday gift choices, there's no reason why this year's shoppers shouldn't be! Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Joyous Kwanzaa and Happy New Year!

Visit these Web sites below for more information about these and other high-tech gift ideas:

- Rio — www.riohome.com
- SONICblue's Loewe's Aconda and GoVideo Dual Deck VCRs and DVD/VCR combos — www.sonicblue.com
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Easy Ways To Cut Costs Around The Holidays

Everyone knows that budgets are stretched a bit around the holidays. It's one time of the year where you should definitely think about saving extra money in order to afford gifts for family and friends.

One easy way to save on home expenses is to cut down the amount of your grocery bill. Perhaps you've heard tips like avoiding the grocery store when you're hungry, using coupons and buying only the items on your list however, there are several other ways to save when you set out for the market. Here are some tips, courtesy of The Dollar Stretcher (www.stretcher.com).

The first thing you should do after making your grocery list is to try to figure out the total cost of your grocery bill. Make sure you've got everything on the list that you'll need because after you've made an educated guess you're going to take that amount of money from your wallet and leave the rest behind. Grab your keys and head to the store with just your list and cash. This will definitely cut back on the un-



Thrifty supermarket shoppers can free up more money for gifts.

essary extras you'd be tempted to purchase because you won't have the credit cards, debit cards, and checkbook to fall back on.

Don't pass up the day-old bread rack or the "about to expire" section of the meat

department. You have to be careful, but you'll probably be able to tell whether the item is good. Just make sure to use the item right away; don't let it sit in your refrigerator for a week.

Another thing to consider is the time of day, time of week and even time of month that you are shopping. When the grocery store is less busy, like in the middle of the week or early morning you'll be able to shop more efficiently without having to dodge other shoppers in the aisles.

Avoid shopping on the first day or two of the month.

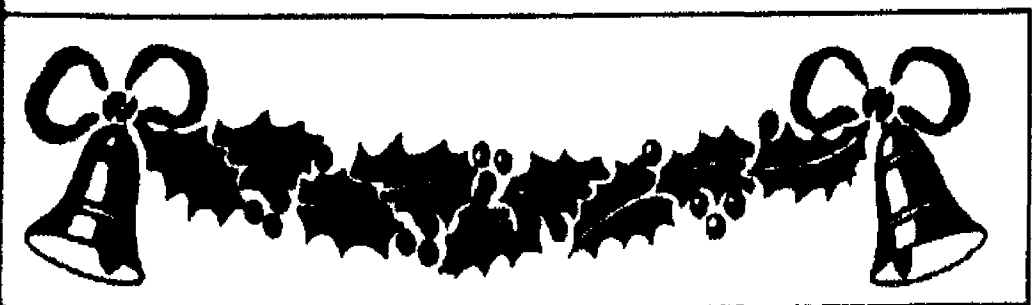
Some stores actually raise prices then because that is the time when social security and welfare checks go out.

Look high and low for savings, literally. Higher-priced name brand items usually pay to be positioned at eye-level on shelves so that they'll be spotted easily. The lower priced generic and store-brand items are usually higher or lower than the brand name items. Don't assume that

generic will equal a lower price, however. Play it safe and review costs carefully.

Lastly, try to set up a shopping pool in your neighborhood. Have another mom or dad watch the kids and then you can do the shopping for both of you, and vice versa.

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Give A 'Basket' Full Of Holiday Cheer

Time is flying. The holidays are almost here. You grow more and more frustrated with each fruitless trip to the department store. It's the same old story each year. You search high and low, in sprawling malls and small boutiques alike, for the perfect gift for that "impossible" person that tells how much you care without breaking the bank. Finally, you shrug your shoulders and give in. A good gift should cost a pretty penny, right?

The truth is, it often pays in more ways than one to make your own gift. Handmade presents offer the pleasure combination of showing the recipient just how much you care and the joy of creating something yourself. Do you have a "culinary inclined" friend or loved one? This cook's gift basket with bread twists is a fresh, unique gift idea. From Creative Cook's

Kitchen, this inexpensive, easy-to-make gift can be adapted for just about anyone.

Cook's Gift Basket

Start gathering the contents of your gift basket ahead of time. Look for bargains on housewares at department stores and supermarkets.

For the Bread Twists

- 1/4 grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg white, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1 can (11 ounces) refrigerated breadstick dough

For the Basket

- 1 large basket
- 1 small wooden cutting board
- 1 lemon reamer
- 1 set wooden cooking utensils
- 1 kitchen timer



- 2 kitchen towels
- 1 set measuring spoons
- 1 large wire whisk
- 10 blank recipe cards
- 2 fun-shaped sponges
- 1 spatula
- 3 small wooden spoons
- 2 pots fresh herbs

Making the Bread Twists

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray two baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray. Combine Parmesan cheese, oregano, basil and pepper in a small bowl. Mix well and set aside. Beat egg white with cold water; set aside. Unroll breadstick dough; separate along perforation lines.

Cut each dough strip in half lengthwise to make two separate strips, each about 1/2 inch thick.

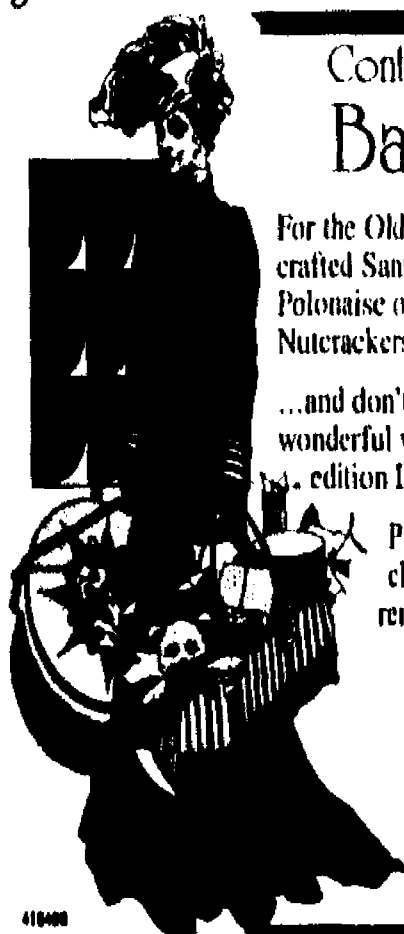
Pat half of cheese and herb mixture onto dough strips, pressing firmly to adhere.

Twist each strip of dough on baking sheet to form bread twist. Brush twists with egg mixture; sprinkle twists with remaining cheese and herb mixture. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Assembling the Basket

Place taller utensils, like the cutting board, wire whisk and large wooden utensils in back. Place smaller items, like the timer, sponges and measuring spoons in front. Arrange the bread twists in the basket. Tie small wooden spoons to basket handle with a pretty bow.

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It's Possible To Enjoy Healthier Cooking During The Holidays

It's hard to imagine dieting during the holidays when sweets, large dinners and of course egg nog are so much a part of December days. Yet, you don't have to compromise all of your favorite foods on your quest to stay fit. In *Everyday Low Carb Cooking* (Trafford), the author, Patricia Haakonson, explains how she successfully lost weight by following a combination of the popular low-carb diets now receiving much media attention.

Haakonson spent 16 months developing and writing a cookbook that features more than 150 low-carb recipes, as well as helpful hints on living a "low-carbohydrate lifestyle." While her book was not written to promote a particular low-carb diet, there is a detailed section regarding

the diet the author did follow, and how she was able to change life-long habits to allow her to keep the weight off.

If desserts are your diet downfall, try this low-carb version of mousse, courtesy of "Everyday Low Carb Cooking," and treat holiday guests.

Quick & Easy Mousse Serves 4

1 sugar free (1 oz.) JELL-O® instant pudding mix, or 28 gram package of Light

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1 1/2 cups skim milk
1/2 cup heavy cream

In a bowl, combine the pudding mix, skim milk and heavy cream. Beat with an electric mixer for 2 minutes until thickened. Pour or spoon into individual dessert dishes and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes, until set.

(Nutritional information based on vanilla pudding — Carbs: 6.54 grams, Fat: 11.17 grams).

Dish Up A 'Tasty' Gift For Young Chefs

Cooking is one of the best ways to spend time together as a family, while teaching children about math, science and cultural traditions — knowledge that will serve them throughout life. Cookbooks add reading to this "learning recipe" as children learn how to follow directions and think sequentially.

The gift of a children's cookbook provides a great alternative to battling the toy stores for the latest electronics or video games. It's a gift that never goes out of style and speaks to your child's interests and talents. It also grants him or her fresh joy each time he or she opens the pages to try a new recipe.

For example, girls aged 5 to 8 will have fun surprising friends and family with a sunny breakfast or nutritious lunch from *Barbie® Fun To Cook* (DK). Written and edited by Fiona Munro, the book is filled with color photographs of Barbie® and her friends as they help young cooks learn how to follow a recipe, the rules of the kitchen, how to use utensils safely, and how to handle food properly.

Divided into six sections that range from brunch to lunchbox ideas to Chef for a Day, the book offers great recipes and ideas for parties, healthy snacks, gift-giving and meals at home. Step-by-step directions, safety reminders and a special feature called Barbie's Picture Helper, which helps illustrate the ingredients and instructions make this cookbook a wonderful way to introduce children to the joys of cooking.



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- Scented candles — many home-decorating stores or bath shops carry an assortment of candles with scents ranging from cookie batter to fruits to floral favorites.

- Flowers — When nothing

else captures the right "scentsiments" try a beautiful floral arrangement. The fragrance can last throughout the holidays.

- Essential oils — For those who prefer all-natural items, essential oils contained in products like skin therapy or massage/relaxation products can calm and rejuvenate.

- Fruit basket — Pass on the fruitcake and offer fresh fruit.

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Wrap And Ship Holiday Gifts As The Pros Do

Once the hustle-and-bustle of holiday shopping is over, it's time to wrap and ship those carefully chosen gifts. Sure, you could save time by leaving these tasks to the pros, but then you'd lose the "personal touch" that family and friends enjoy. How can you conquer that huge pile of presents when time is of the essence? How can you ensure that gifts sent to friends and family arrive intact and on time?

"With the right tools and a few simple techniques, wrapping and shipping holiday presents like a pro is a snap," says Ellen Timberlake, gift-wrapping expert and reigning champion of

the Scotch Brand Most Gifted Wrapper Contest.

Timberlake believes planning is the key. "Before you start wrapping, gather all of the materials you will need in one spot," she says. "It's easier to be creative if you have everything within reach."

As for getting gifts to their ultimate destinations, give yourself plenty of time. To help ensure their on-time arrival, mail your presents a few weeks before the holiday, and check the US Postal Service's shipping deadlines for international and hard-to-reach destinations.

"Wrapping and shipping don't have to be additional holi-

day chores," Timberlake says. "The time and effort spent is well worth the delight a lovingly-wrapped package can bring."

Creative Wrapping Tips

A recent survey found that over half of Americans wrap all of their holiday gifts at one time. Here are some tips to help you plow through that pile of presents like a pro:

Out of gift wrap (or just want something different this season)? Try newspapers, foil wrap or even magazine advertisements. Old maps or calendars can also add a stylish finish to even the simplest packages.

Create gift tags from old holiday cards or postcards. Simply cut out a favorite design or image and attach to the gift with the recipient's name.

Visit a craft store. Choose unusual items that wouldn't normally be used on a present. Silk flowers, buttons, beads and even stencils can finish a gift simply and beautifully.

Always measure the gift to determine how much paper to use. If it is a large cumbersome gift, wrap a piece of string around the exterior of the gift, then run the length of the string along the wrapping paper to help gauge how much paper you'll need.

For a professional look, make the tape as inconspicuous as possible. Scotch pop-up satin tape strips can help in this regard. Not only will they virtually disappear on most types of gift wrap, but the pre-cut, two-inch pieces of tape mean you won't have to line up strips of tape along the

table's edge (something nearly 60 percent of Americans do!). Disguise to Surprise

The main reason for wrapping a gift is to surprise the recipient with what's inside. However, no matter how much time you spend wrapping, some items are more difficult to disguise than others. Below are a few predictable or difficult-to-wrap items, with suggestions from Timberlake on how you can preserve the "element of surprise."

Earrings or necklace: Place the piece of jewelry in a small box. Wrap newspaper around the gift box until it's about the size of a softball. Cut several strips of wrapping paper about one inch wide, and adhere them around the ball of newspaper until covered. Stuff the "ball" into a sleeve of plastic mesh and tie both ends of the mesh together with curling ribbon. Add a bow to the top, and hang the ornament on the tree using a hook.

Perfume: Buy the cutest stuffed animal you can find, and dress it in a baby outfit or piece of doll's clothing that has a pocket. Tuck the bottle of perfume in the pocket, and gift wrap the stuffed animal as usual.

Money clip: Attach the clip to a copy of Money magazine. Roll the magazine into a tube and gift wrap the tube.

Gift Certificates: Hide a gift certificate in an item that wouldn't be considered a gift, then wrap it as beautifully as you can. Who wouldn't be surprised to unwrap the prettiest gift under the tree and discover that you've given them a brick, a phone book, or a box of cereal? Of course, they'll be surprised and thrilled when they uncover the hidden gift certificate!

Pack & Ship Like A Pro

The average American sends about six packages during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. By keeping in mind a few simple tips, you can pack parcels like a pro in no time. Clearly write or type the destination and return address on a ready-made shipping label, available at post offices or office supply stores.

Make an old box new again. Use a utility knife to carefully cut the entire length of one corner of the box. Then, turn the box inside out so that the "clean" side is now the exterior!

When sending small valuables such as collectibles or ornaments, try using the new Inflata-Pak air cushion packaging from 3M. This new packing material eliminates the need to use bubble pack or Styrofoam peanuts. Place your item inside the bag and inflate it with the straw provided. Then, box and ship!

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Flags can inspire both pride and fear

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The history of the American flag was a featured part of "Flags Unfurled" a program that presented a variety of flags and flag lore by collector and vexillologist Gerry McCavera at The Chelsea.

Flags have a long-standing and varied use, said McCavera, who has studied and collected flags for 25 years. They have been used in religious ceremonies and in wartime by armies who would wave them in front of an enemy to scare them, said McCavera.

The flag of pirates, known as

"The Jolly Roger," was designed to frighten people. The black and white version told victims they would be robbed, but not killed if they didn't resist. A red and white pirate flag indicated a much worse fate.

The British Union flag, which played a role as part of our first national flag, is made up of three flags: the Cross of St. George for England, the White Cross of St. Andrew for Scotland, and the Small Red Cross of St. Patrick for Ireland.

McCavera said most nations have more than one flag. There would be a flag for peacetime or wartime. In 1776, a British naval flag known as the Red Ensign

was incorporated with six red and white stripes and became the first American flag. Known as "The Grand Union" it was George Washington's favorite flag.

The first American flag was unique because no national flag had ever used stripes, said McCavera. It was so unique it led to lots of imitations. The national flags of Greece, Malaysia, Liberia, and Uruguay copied the U.S. flag.

The lore behind American flags is a mixture of tall tales and legend, but through it all a national flag did emerge.

The biggest tall tale can be attributed to Betsy Ross who

never sewed a flag in Philadelphia. McCavera said it was a tale made up by her nieces and nephews to make her famous. Reproductions of the flag, however, were very popular at the centennial of 1876.

The Bennington, Vt., flag features an arc of stars with the symbolic number 76 underneath. It was never a revolutionary war flag, said McCavera, but was popular at the Centennial of 1876 as well as the Bicentennial of 1976.

Some early versions of the Stars and Stripes, shown by McCavera, include a flag of John Paul Jones and a flag that appeared at the battle of Gilford

Courthouse, in Gilford, N.C. The flag featured a white star field and blue stars.

The Marine flag with the motto "Don't Tread On Me" is 225 years old. It features a rattlesnake with 13 rattles, one rattle for each of the original colonies.

A national flag would be created with the Flag Act of 1777. The national flag had 13 red and white stripes and stars on a field of blue. John Hopkinson of Bordentown, N.J., was awarded the contract to design and produce the first flags.

In 1795, two states were added to the original 13. Vermont and Kentucky became

the 14th and 15th states respectively. Two stars and two stripes were added to the flag which became known as the "Star Spangled Banner".

It is the same flag that flew over Fort Mchenry and inspired Francis Scott Keyes to write the words to the music of an English drinking song that became the national anthem in 1931. This was also the flag carried by the expedition of Lewis and Clarke.

Asked how he got involved with flags McCavera said he wanted to be a flag monitor in his parochial school but never got to be one.

"Now I have over 19 flag poles on my property," McCavera said.

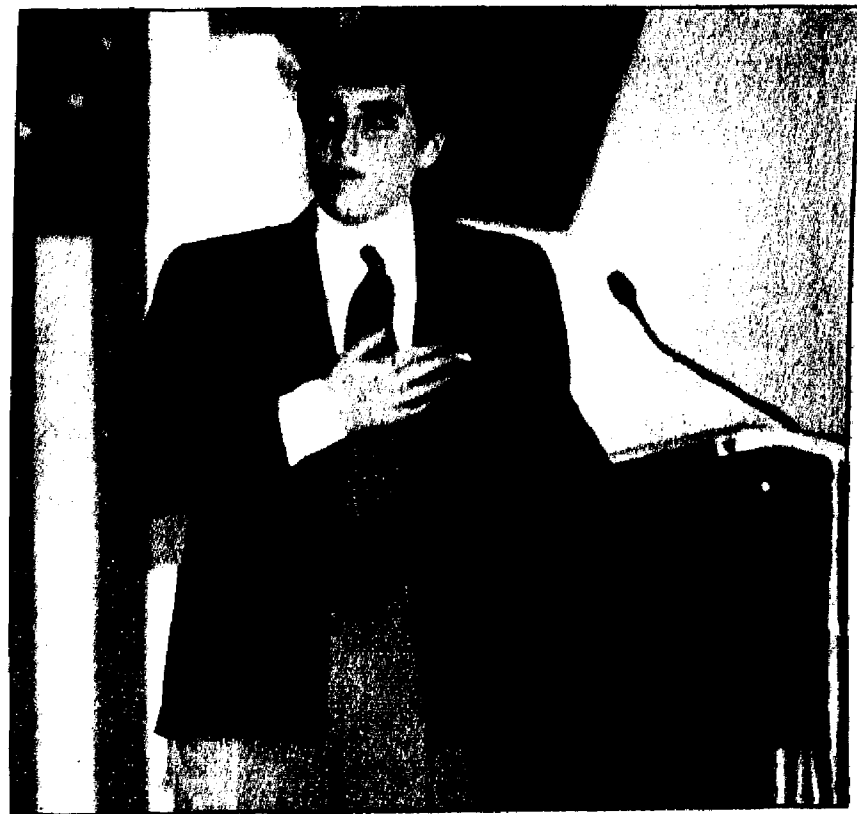


FRANK CHUPKO OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 10122 COLOR GUARD BOWS HIS HEAD DURING A VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AT THE SCOTCH PLAINS MONUMENT ON SUNDAY.

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SCOTCH PLAINS MAYOR MARTIN MARKS ADDRESSES THE GATHERING AT THE SCOTCH PLAINS MONUMENT AT A VETERANS DAY CEREMONY SUNDAY.



LARRY MURPHY/THE RECORD-PRESS
WILL HARBAUGH LEADS THE FLAG SALUTE AT WESTFIELD'S ROOSEVELT SCHOOL DURING THE ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY MONDAY.



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STEPHANIE CHRISTLANO SINGS 'THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER' WITH THE SHARPS AND FLATS CHORUS AT THE ROOSEVELT SCHOOL ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IN WESTFIELD MONDAY.

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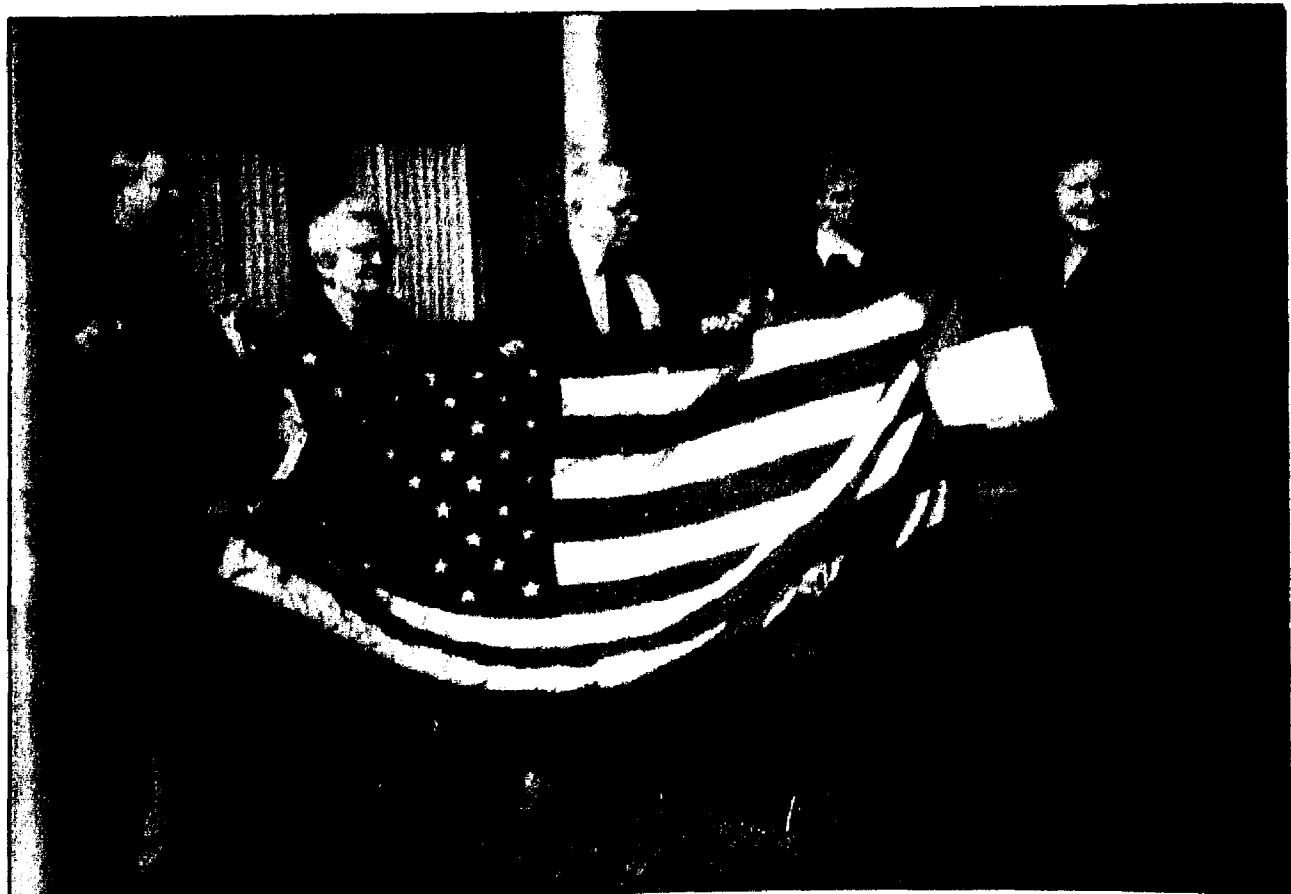
For the past 10 years, Crane's Ford Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Cranford has sponsored an essay contest. In large part, the teachers of Orange Avenue School have helped make the contest a success.

As a way to express its gratitude, members of the chapter approached Rep. Mike Ferguson to secure a flag for the school that had flown over the U.S. Capitol.

The flag was presented to the school at a ceremony on Oct. 15. Present for the ceremony were William Decker, sixth-grade teacher; Kathy Clay, seventh-grade teacher; William Rae, eighth-grade teacher; and Principal Robert Seyfarth. Representing the chapter were Mavis Serafin, chapter historian, and Barbara Krause, chapter regent.

Seyfarth said he will fly the flag and frame and display the certificate that accompanied it.

Students are currently working on this year's topic which is the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



TEACHERS KATHY CLAY AND WILLIAM RAE, CRANE'S FORD CHAPTER HISTORIAN MAVIS SERAFIN, PRINCIPAL ROBERT SEYFARTH, TEACHER WILLIAM DECKER AND CHAPTER REGENT BARBARA KRAUSE HOLD THE FLAG THAT THE CHAPTER SECURED FOR THE SCHOOL FROM REP. MIKE FERGUSON.

Ellen Baumgartner

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ellen Baumgartner, 40, died Nov. 8, 2001 at her home. She had been a senior estimator with All-State Legal Supply Co. in Cranford.

Miss Baumgartner was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains all her life.

Surviving are a brother, James; a sister, Nancy Brungard; and a niece.

Her parents, Charles and

Carol, and another sister, Catherine, are deceased.

A memorial service was held Sunday at First Unitarian Society of Plainfield.

Arrangements were by Spear-Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. Donations may be sent to Giving Network, c/o Unitarian Universalist

Congregation of Somerset Hills, 45 N. Gaston Ave., Suite 1D, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Gordon Forgash

WESTFIELD — Gordon Ira Forgash died Nov. 11, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. A Chartered Life Underwriter, he once was a financial consultant with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

He was born in Newark and lived in Clark before moving to Westfield in 1991.

Mr. Forgash was at Equitable for 30 years, most recently at its Clark office. He was a member of the Million Dollar Roundtable and in 1987 was named

Equitable's top district manager.

Surviving are his wife, Mindi Eisner Forgash; a daughter, Kelly Bunting; three sons, David, Michael and Steven; a sister, Anita; and a grandchild.

Services were held Monday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

Frank C. Schmidt

SCOTCH PLAINS — Frank C. Schmidt, 74, died Nov. 7, 2001 at the Father Hudson House-Center for Hope Hospice in Elizabeth. He had been with Merck & Co. for 40 years, retiring in 1988 as a chemist in chemical control at its Rahway plant.

Mr. Schmidt was born in Jackson Heights, N.Y. He lived in Fanwood and St. Louis, Mo., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1966.

He also served in the Army at the Army Chemical Center in Edgewood, Md. Mr. Schmidt earned a bachelor's degree in science from the City College of New York. He studied graduate courses at Rutgers University and the New Jersey Institute of

Technology.

He was active in the Recreation Department and a member of the Scotch Plains Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife, Irene Toth Schmidt; two daughters, Dr. Frances Matthews and Lisa A. Puchta; a son, Thomas E.; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home.

Donations may be sent to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036 or Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Obituaries

Robert A. Kubli

SCOTCH PLAINS — Robert Arnold Kubli, 79, died Nov. 2, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a welding process engineer with Union Carbide Corp. at its Piscataway plant prior to his 1987 retirement.

He was born in New York City and lived in Hillside before moving to Scotch Plains in 1951.

Mr. Kubli earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology. He was a member

of the American Welding Society.

His wife, Elizabeth Curtis Kubli, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Robert; a daughter, Lisa; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside.

Arrangements were by Rossi Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the Endowment Fund of the Community Presbyterian Church.

John Murray

WESTFIELD — John Murray, 81, died Nov. 8, 2001 at Highland Pines Nursing Manor in Clearwater, Fla. He had been a maintenance worker with the Westfield school system for 33 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Murray was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada. He lived in Middlesex and Westfield before moving in 1987 to Spring Hill, Fla.

As a World War II sailor he saw extended action in the South Pacific aboard the USS Vincennes. Mr. Murray was a parishioner of St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in Clearwater.

His wife, Mary House Murray, died in 1998. Also deceased are his parents, Thomas and Katherine; a brother, Frank; and three sisters, Mary Durham, Marge

Clark and Rose Brown.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Rita Van Winkle of Clearwater; a niece, Charlene Smith of Boca Raton, Fla.; a nephew, Edward Neil Brown of Toms River; and three grandnephews, Michael Thompson of Orlando, Fla., James Thompson of Cohutta, Ga., and Robert Thompson of Point Pleasant.

A funeral Mass was offered Tuesday at Our Lady of the Mount Roman Catholic Church in Warren. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

Arrangements were by Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen.

Donations may be sent to Battleship New Jersey Remembrance, 1715 Route 35, Suite 103, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Bruce Nickeson

SCOTCH PLAINS — Bruce W. Nickeson, 48, died Nov. 8, 2001 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. He owned and operated Cross Creek Trucking of South Plainfield for the past five years.

Mr. Nickeson was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He lived in St. Marys, Pa., and Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield in 1989.

He worked for Allstate Insurance Co. before owning the trucking line. Mr. Nickeson was a fan of the New York Yankees and their star shortstop Derek

Jeter.

Surviving are his wife, Joy Pfeifer Nickeson; his parents, William Nickeson and Florence Gerber Nickeson of Florida; a son, Michael Carl of South Plainfield; a brother, Scott Robert of Hillsborough; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at McCriscin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division, 846 Main St., Ford, NJ 08863.

William H. Orr Jr.

WESTFIELD — William H. Orr Jr., 86, died Nov. 8, 2001 at his home. He had been the oldest member of the Westfield Glee Club and for many years sang in the choir of the Presbyterian Church of Westfield.

Mr. Orr was a lifelong Westfield resident and for 20 years was associated with the Helms Insurance Co. in Cranford. He later worked for the First National Bank of Boston in its Manhattan office and retired

in 1974.

He was a member of the Old Guard of Westfield and a long-time volunteer at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Mabel Stevenson Orr; a niece and four nephews.

A memorial service was held Wednesday in the chapel at the Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the Westfield Glee Club.

Philip Solomon

WESTFIELD — Philip H. Solomon, 86, died Nov. 9, 2001 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville. He had been an aviation instructor in the Army Air Corps during World War II and loved to fly single-engine airplanes.

A native of Passaic, he lived in Westfield and Rahway before moving to Hillsborough in 1975.

Mr. Solomon also was a salesman of orthopedic shoes with Walk Well Shoes in Summit prior

to his 1990 retirement. He was a golfer and a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Surviving are his wife of more than 30 years, Fern; a daughter, Susan Ann P. Mastrillo, a son-in-law, Philip Mastrillo, and a granddaughter, Morgan Jean Mastrillo, all of Hillsborough.

Private arrangements were by Hillsborough Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Ave., Denville, NJ 07834.

Helen Ann Badran

SCOTCH PLAINS — Helen Ann Pompilio Badran, 81, died Nov. 7, 2001 at her home. She retired in 1984 after 17 years as a waitress at Opdyke's Grill in North Plainfield.

Mrs. Badran was born in Newark and lived in Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1942.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Edward N.; a daughter, Alice Weisman of Scotch Plains; two sons, James of Toms River and Edward Jr. of Salem, Ore.; a

sister, Julie Stanislaw of Lakewood; a brother, Joseph Pompilio; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was offered Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Woodbridge Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08820.

Briefs

Church is hosting lecture on Islam

WESTFIELD — Dr. J. Paul Rajashekar, professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and an authority on cross-cultural dialogue, will discuss Islam at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield at 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

His talk, part of the adult education program at the church, will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Parish House, 140 Mountain Ave. The public is invited and there is no charge.

He has written books and articles on religious pluralism and has lectured widely on how Christians can witness in multi-religious world.

Dr. Rajashekar, who received his early education in his native India, holds a Master of Systematic Theology from Concordia Seminary-Seminex in St. Louis, Mo., and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Westfield church celebrates adoption

In celebration of National Adoption Month, First United Methodist Church will present a special service called "Celebrating Adoption" on Sunday. This will be held at the Seeker Worship Services, a more informal service, at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall under the leadership of Dr. Dan Bottorff.

A church spokesman said, "Adoption enables families to form in an alternative way. It establishes the 'Adoption Triad,' forever linking the three partners in adoption — the birth parent, the child, and the adoptive parents." The Seekers Service will celebrate adoption through songs, stories, and messages from members of the "Triad" and explore the intricacies of adoption with its powerful emotions, stresses, joys and losses.

The community is invited to attend this special service. The church is located at 1 E. Broad St. in Westfield. For further information, please contact the church office at 233-4211.

Children invited to make crafts

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children will have the opportunity to make homemade holiday crafts for gift-giving at Deerfield School from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. A variety of crafts will be available to meet the skills of a wide age range of pre-school/school-age students. Examples of the crafts include: gel candles, soap-making, Thanksgiving centerpiece or wallhanging, ornaments, sewing kit, Origami, and several others. The price of making most crafts will be \$5 or less.

Admission is free. Refreshments and lunch will be sold. For further information, call Chris at (908) 233-6774, or Sue at (908) 789-8629.

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BEST BETS

'Silhouette Lady' will be in Fanwood

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association's November program will feature Ruth Grabner also known as the Silhouette Lady at 8 p.m. on Nov. 21, at the Fanwood Community Center. The Center is located in the Railway station at the corner of North Avenue and Martine in Fanwood.

An art graduate of Pratt Institute with masters degree in fine arts degree from Montclair State College. Grabner has years of experience teaching art from the first grade through college level. She also does portrait painting, paints in oils, and watercolors, does pastels, charcoals and calligraphy. Cutting silhouettes is her hobby. She cuts busts of various sizes, full figures and animals. Often she makes a sketch to make certain of the dimensions are correct and then cuts out the image of special black paper which is glued on a white background. It's a very powerful image and many times you can feel the character of the person reflected. Besides the traditional images, occupational and hobby silhouettes are popular choices.

Historically, before the advent of the camera, all the Presidents had their silhouettes cut. This medium was at its most popular in the 18th and early 19th centuries. The name is derived from Etienne de Silhouette, a mid-18th century French Finance Minister, whose hobby was cut-out profiles. The silhouette was also quite popular in Colonial America.

Bring scissors and try this old art under the silhouette lady's tutelage. Paper and other materials supplied free.

The public is encouraged to attend this workshop-demonstration sponsored by the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association. For more information call Tom Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

Yiddish festival at Emanu-El

WESTFIELD — Temple Emanu-El Westfield will hold a Yiddish Festival Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 from 7:30-9 p.m.

On Nov. 28, American Images of the "Old World," an audio visual presentation by Dr. Jeffrey Shandler will explore the diverse Yiddish phenomena of songs, newspapers, cartoons, greeting cards, and advertisements, and their relevancy to American Jewish life today. Dr. Shandler is a professor in the Dept. of Judaic Studies at Rutgers University and is also a curator at the YIVO Institute and the Jewish Museum in New York City.

On Dec. 5, "Yiddish Cinema: A Response to Hollywood" will be the theme of an audio visual presentation by Dr. Eric Goldman. Through film clips, the many portraits of the Jew in Yiddish cinema will be explored. Dr. Goldman is a well known expert on Yiddish, Israeli and Jewish film. He is also a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

This program is free of charge. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad St., Westfield. For additional information call Carolyn Shane at (908) 232-6770.

Cantors will present concert

CRANFORD — On Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, Cranford, will host Cantor Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo and Lisa Lanzkron-Tamarazo performing in a uniquely uplifting concert.

Also featured will be the New Jersey Cantor's Concert Ensemble with more than 20 cantors from all over the state. The Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim Adult and Youth Choirs will participate in the gala evening. Cynthia Shaw will be the piano accompanist.

The evening's program will consist of classical and contemporary Hanukkah, cantorial Israeli, Yiddish, Ladino and operatic selections.

Tickets may be purchased at the temple office at 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford or by calling the temple at (908) 276-9231.

Symphony presents 'Whispers of Love'

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Symphony Orchestra will present "Whispers of Love," the second concert in its Variations on a Fantasy season 2001-2002 Nov. 17 at Presbyterian Church of Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave.

David Wroe, music director and conductor, selected three works that depict love in its most endearing and enchanting role.

The concert begins with Jan Sibelius's passionate Symphony

No. 7.

New Jersey composer Louis Scarmolin's "Whispers of Love" — in a new arrangement by John Sichel — for violin and orchestra follows.

The performance features violinist Vladimir Tsypin. Scarmolin taught music and was the band director at Union City High School for many years.

The concert concludes with Saint-Saens' Symphony No. 3

(the organ symphony).

The evening's performance honors PNC Bank for the generous contributions it has made to the Westfield community over the past several years including sponsoring of this evening's performance.

Purchase tickets directly from the WSO, (908) 232-9400; from the Union County Arts Center box office, (732) 499-0441; or at one of the following WSO ticket

outlets: Martin Jewelers, 12 North Ave., West, Cranford; Beautiful Things, 1878 E. Second St., Scotch Plains; Lancaster, Ltd., 76 Elm St., and Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield.

Restaurants offering a 10 percent discount on pre-concert dinners, 5-5:30 p.m. seating, are: Chez Catherine, (908) 654-4011; Elm Street Cafe, (908) 232-3939; Kotobuki, (908) 233-6547;

Northside Trattoria, (908) 232-7320; Ferraro's Pizzeria and Restaurant, (908) 232-1105; The Brick Oven, (908) 317-9500; Lime, (908) 232-3131; Novita Ristorante, (908) 233-9777; South Side Roman Bistro, (908) 233-5334; and Sweet Waters Steak House, (908) 317-2599.

Patrons must show their tickets to qualify for the discount. Reservations are highly recommended.

Concert will be dedicated to victims of attack

CRANFORD — On Dec. 2 the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra of Cranford, conducted by Lorraine Marks, will perform a concert of pops music dedicated to the tragic events of Sept. 11 and will be held at Cranford High School, 201 West End Place.

The concert will feature a work by Cranford composer Mario Lombardo in an original composition for solo violin and orchestra commemorating the tragic events in September, called Near Nostalgia. Joseph Gluck, violinist with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will be the soloist. The Lombardos are grateful that their daughter and son-in-law who work for the Port Authority in New York at the World Trade Center are among the survivors.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. and tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Handicap access and large print programs are available.

There will be a special photographic exhibit depicting the history of the NJIO by its resident photographer Cheri Rogowsky in the rotunda of the school.

The NJIO is sponsoring a toy drive to benefit the children affected by the events of Sept. 11. The orchestra is asking anyone who would like to help to bring in a new unwrapped toy and the NJIO will distribute it to a needy children of the appropriate age who lost a parent or parents at the World Trade Center.

For information about the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra call (908) 709-0084 or visit the web site at www.bobdevlin.com/njio.html. The e-mail address is NJIOrch@aol.com

Chansonettes to be touring

WESTFIELD — The Chansonettes of Westfield will be touring for the holidays. The theme for the program is "Ho, Ho Holidays."

The tour will begin on Dec. 13 at St. Bartholomew in Scotch Plains, Dec. 12, Villa Maria in Plainfield, Dec. 13 at Sunrise in Westfield, Dec. 18 at Chelsea in Fanwood and Dec. 19 at Arbor Glen in Bridgewater.

Some of the music featured will be "And We Sing Gloria," "Hanukkah Traditions," "Calypso Noel," and "A Holly Jolly Christmas." The Chansonettes sing four-part harmony.

Anyone who loves to sing and is interested in obtaining more information, may contact Ginny Bucci at (908) 232-1750 or Jackie Costello at (908) 789-5819.

The Chansonettes are under the direction of Jean Schork and accompanied by Mary Ellen Freda.



Buzz and Woody are back in town

Buzzy and Woody, the high-flying space ranger and pull-string cowboy, come to life in Disney on Ice's "Toy Story 2," to be presented Nov. 20-25 at the Continental Airlines Arena. Tickets are \$15 to \$45. For ticket information and times, call (201) 935-3900. For group sales, call (201) 460-4370. Tickets are also on sale at all TicketMaster locations.

Cole Porter musical is still 'de-lovely'

The Paper Mill Playhouse's production of 'Red, Hot and Blue' is still sparkling

By LIZ KELL

PRIME TIME

Well, razz-ma-tazz. Cole Porter's "Red, Hot and Blue" is just the ticket at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

The 1930s nonsense musical, that spoofs political bureaucrats (is that an oxymoron?), lawyers, pickpockets and society debutantes is a fun-filled lark without a serious note from start to finish.

Porter had a way with smart, witty lyrics, but wasn't above a vaudeville take on the antics of snobbish fundraisers and jailbirds on parole. When a chorus of convicts starts off with "It's de-lightful, it's de-licious, it's de-lovely," we're off for a wild and risqué joy ride.

Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse wrote the book, which was first performed on Broadway in 1935. Ethel Merman, Jimmy

Durante and Bob Hope all appeared in that production. The play came out at the height of the depression, with rumblings of war already crossing the Atlantic. Today, it's the perfect antidote to recent international events.

Debbie Gravitte in the Merman role as Nails O'Reilly Duquesne knows how to belt the blues, especially in her "Down in the Depths on the 90th Floor." With an Empire State Building skyline in the background, Manhattan is clearly at the heart of this musical. Nevertheless, Bruce Adler just about brings down the house as Policy Pinkie when he delivers "The Ozarks are Calling Me Home." He's priceless as he plays both lawyer and defendant in a scene before a Congressional committee. Adler appeared in last year's "Anything Goes" with Chita Rivera and 1992's "Crazy For You," when he was nominated for both a Tony

and Drama Desk Award.

Jim Walton plays our hero, Bob Hale, a lawyer who made a childhood promise to marry a playmate who sat on a waffle iron. That opens up plenty of derriere jokes and silly situations. Walton was also the love-lorn guy in "Crazy for You" at the Paper Mill, which was taped for PBS Great Performances and can be touching as well as funny. "You Do Something to Me" and "Just One of Those Things" hit home and his duet with Gravitte on "It's De-Lovely" takes them through courtship, marriage and family in a glorious sequence.

Sidekicks Felicia Finley as Grace and Michael Gruber as Fingers lend lyrical moments to "I've Got You Under My Skin" as they waltz across the stage. Stephanie Kurtzuba is Peaches (of the waffle iron impression.) Her Judy Holiday approach and squeaky voice lean towards annoying, but of course that's

why Bob doesn't want to marry her.

What sets this show apart, however, isn't the script or the dialogue, but the whole confection of Andy Blankenbuehler's choreography, Kenneth Foy's sets and Ann Hould-Ward's costumes. If you don't go out singing the scenery, you'll be singing the costumes. Ms. Finley's are a dream in shimmering blues and olive greens, silky and graceful in every scene. The finale takes the principals in wedding white, turning Bob and Nails to fire engine red, Grace and Fingers to electric blue and Policy and Peaches to canary yellow. All this happens in a matter of seconds on stage and, with confetti flying and chickens falling, it's one bung-up ending.

Michael Leeds's rapid fire direction and adaptation keep the sizzle on high. "Red, Hot and Blue" plays on through Dec. 2. For tickets, call (973) 376-4343.

Brass Ensemble will play at Westfield tree lighting

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Elias Zareva, is preparing for its historic 90th anniversary season.

The band continues to search for its history. Those who performed with the band in the early

to mid 1900s or have any programs from the past are invited to share their memories and/or memorabilia.

The Holiday Brass Ensemble's performance is scheduled for Nov. 25, 5 p.m., at the annual tree lighting at the Westfield train station.

The Westfield Community Band will also perform in concert with the Edison Intermediate School Broadway Singers for the 12th annual holiday concert on Dec. 5, 8 p.m., in the Edison Intermediate School auditorium. There is no admission fee for the

program, which is sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department.

Those who have information about the band's past or have interest in musical opportunities with the band may call Maestro Zareva at (908) 647-3514.

When you get tired of mashed potatoes, try this recipe

We have had recipes for appetizers, entrees and desserts. Today's recipe is an accompaniment to an entree.

These oven-baked potatoes will be somewhat crispy. If you prefer, you can leave the skin on as the skin has iron and other nutrients. Just don't overcook the potatoes since they will get hard and dry. Any leftovers will be just as delicious the next day.

If you have any questions,



fax them to (908) 272-2974. Buon appetito!

POTATOES OREGANATO
(Potato gratinate)
6 large Idaho potatoes, cut in 2-inch pieces
4 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
3 tbsp. plain bread crumbs
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 tsp. oregano
1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
1 1/2 tbsp. olive oil

1/2 cup water
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly coat a roasting pan with olive oil.
2. Soak potatoes in a large bowl of cold water. Combine cheese, bread crumbs, garlic, oregano, parsley and pepper in a small bowl. Drain potatoes. Mix potatoes and cheese mixture thoroughly in large bowl. Drizzle olive oil over potatoes. Mix well with a spatula.
3. Transfer potatoes to roast-

ing pan. Scrape out mixture from large bowl. Cover potatoes with remaining mixture. Carefully add water to sides of roasting pan. Cover pan with aluminum foil.

4. Roast 25 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender. Remove foil; increase heat to 450 degrees. Roast an additional 10 minutes or until potatoes are golden brown.

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When it's late autumn, it's time to start thinking about squash

BY JENNIFER MASTROIANNI
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Despite the name, winter squash is a warm-weather crop. Why is it called winter squash? Because these fruits of the gourd family have hard, thick rinds, which allow them to be stored long into the cold months without refrigeration.

With striking skins in hues of deep green, earthy orange and mellow yellow, winter squashes add rich color to your autumn table. But because these lovely shells can seem impenetrable, cooking winter squash is often intimidating.

Don't worry, you can easily get past that lovely-but-tough exterior and into the sweet heart of squashes. And as any squash-lover will attest, the rewards are worth the effort. That's because squash lends itself to many flavors and spices. It is delicious sweet or spicy, and versatile enough to be paired with meat, pasta, fruits, vegetables, nuts and cheese.

There are many varieties of squashes, but among the most popular are acorn, butternut, spaghetti and delicata. While most winter squashes are available year-round, these are at their best and freshest from early fall through winter.

Choose squashes that are heavy for their size and have a hard, dull, deep-colored skin free of moldy spots or blemishes. Shiny skin tells you that the squash was picked before its time and is not fully ripe or flavorful. Bumpy "warts" appear on some varieties and are harmless. If you've ever tried to cut a winter squash, especially the ribbed acorn or rock-hard spaghetti, you know how difficult and dangerous it is.

The secret to cutting squash without losing a few fingers?

"Just microwave them whole for a few minutes, until softened," recommends Art Ginsburg, the nationally syndicated TV chef and author known as "Mr. Food." Three minutes should do the trick. Then cut the squash in half, remove the seeds and cook by boiling, steaming, baking, roasting or microwaving.

Ginsburg prefers the latter. "It requires very little water," he says, "meaning that fresh produce retains more of its vita-

mins and minerals."

Some squashes can be cooked whole in the microwave, Ginsburg says. "Small squash, like acorn and butternut, need to be pierced several times before cooking to allow the steam to escape," he says. "Larger squash, like butternut and pumpkin, should be cut in half and cooked cut-side down in a microwave-safe baking dish, or in chunks."

Cook the halves or chunks by adding two tablespoons of water to the dish and cook on high for four minutes. Rotate dish and cook for 1.5 minutes more or until tender. Embellish with butter, sugar, raisins, chopped nuts, or use in a recipe.

Ginsburg says there are two "don'ts" to remember when cooking squash this way: Don't salt it during cooking, as it causes toughening as well as dark dry spots, and don't overcook it.

If you prefer to bake squash, cut it in 1/2 and place it cut side down on a baking sheet with 1/2-inch water. Bake at 375 F until tender. For squash puree, let it cook until the flesh is really soft, then scoop it out of the shell and run it through the food processor. Pureed squash is most often used in pies, cookies, cakes and breads, but give it a try in savory dishes like soups, sauces, mashed potatoes or risotto.

To serve the squash in cubes, bake it until tender, then cut it into wedges, the way you would a cantaloupe, and trim the flesh away from the skin with a paring knife.

Roasted squash is cooked at a higher heat, 400 F, for a shorter cooking time. To roast, peel squash and cut into 2-inch cubes. Place on well-oiled or buttered baking sheet. Cook, turning occasionally, about 35 minutes or until squash is tender and golden.

Cubed, roasted squash is warm and woodsy when topped with brown sugar and dried cranberries, or sprinkled with Parmesan cheese. It is also excellent when tossed with pasta and accented with other fall flavors like fried sage, crispy bacon, sauteed leeks and exotic mushrooms.

Or, make a sensational seasonal salad by tossing chilled squash cubes with mixed greens, red onions, dried cher-

ries or figs, and roasted pumpkin seeds. To boil or steam squash, peel it with a vegetable peeler. Cut halves into 1/2-inch slices. Cook in, or steam over, lightly salted boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes, or until tender.

Winter squash may be prepared in any of these ways, except spaghetti squash. It is best microwaved or baked to keep the strands intact. Not only is squash versatile and tasty, it's virtually fat-free and packed with beta-carotene and vitamin C to keep you healthy and happy through the cold months.

Winter squash does not require refrigeration to stay

fresh, but it must be stored in a dark, cool place. Depending on the variety, it will keep for a month or more.

BACON 'N' BLUE BUTTERNUT

1 pound butternut or butternut squash
3 tablespoon butter
3 tablespoons blue cheese, crumbled
3 slices crisp cooked bacon, crumbled
10 fried sage leaves
Yields 6 servings.

Microwave squash for 3 minutes. Peel skin, cut in 1/2 and remove seeds. Cut halves into 1/2-inch slices. Cook in boil-

ing, lightly salted water 8 to 10 minutes or until tender; drain.

Melt butter in large, non-stick skillet over medium. Add sage leaves.

Cook until crisp. Remove and

set aside. Add squash to pan. Heat for 5 minutes, gently tossing. Stir in blue cheese and bacon. Heat for 1 minute. Remove to serving dish. Top with sage leaves.

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(NAPSI) — Most celebrations and holidays in the U.S. involve food and all too often it's not just the turkey that ends up stuffed. Heavy holiday meals can be full of high-fat, high-cholesterol foods and that isn't good news for your heart.

In fact, scientific research has found that an unusually heavy meal may increase the risk of heart attack by about four times within two hours after eating.

"Overeating during the holidays or any time of year simply isn't a good idea," says Rebecca Mullis, R.N., Ph.D., a member of the American Heart Association's nutrition committee and head of the University of Georgia's Food and nutrition Department. "Yet holiday eating can be festive, delicious and heart-healthy. A wide variety of foods and many family favorites can be part of a healthy holiday celebration."

The American Heart Association offers the following tips for heart healthy holiday dining:

Take only small servings of rich, fat-laden foods such as gravy, heavy sauces and rich desserts.

Fill up on fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Limit alcohol consumption (1 drink per day for women, 2 drinks per day for men).

Eat a low-fat, low-cholesterol snack before holiday get-togethers so you won't be so hungry that you over indulge. Try fruit or baked chips and salsa.

Those preparing holiday feasts can help their loved ones eat heart-healthy this holiday season and all year long by:

Offering fresh fruits and vegetables not only at the table but as appetizers and snacks as well;

Including whole grains in the meal such as rice, oatmeal and whole grain bread;

Cooking with and serving low-fat or no-fat dairy products;

Serving 4 oz. of fish, skinless poultry and lean cuts of meat

(about the size of a deck of cards);

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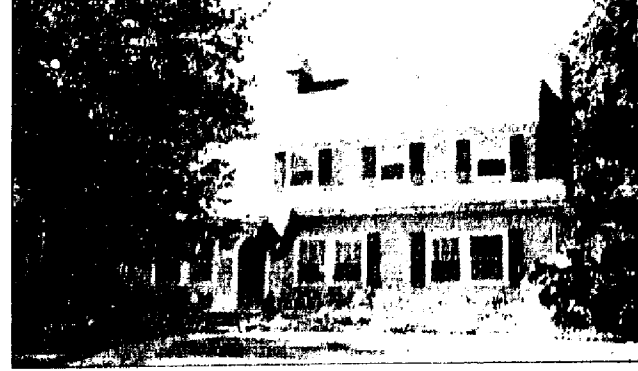
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"The Q is our catalyst for change," says general manager Mark McNabb. "This is our view of where Infiniti is going from here."

And with a 340 hp V-8, the Q is going there fast.

Infiniti enhanced the Q45 to stand as an equal competitor in size and prestige with the Lexus LS 430, Mercedes E430, Jaguar XJ8 and BMW 540 and 740 sedans. Each of these cars has its specialties, but the Q45 stands out for its artful interior and righteous acceleration with enough techy tidbits to keep it contemporary for a few years.

This is the third generation of Infiniti's largest sedan and it is about an inch wider, rides on a longer wheelbase but has the same 16.6-foot length. It's also a little smoother in the wind with a more aerodynamic shape. Each of these dimensions contributes to a better ride or quieter cabin.

Along the way, the redesign gathered 100 new patents and added such features as:

Titanium valves in the 340-horsepower aluminum V-8, power-reclining back seats;

An adaptive suspension for freeway comfort or enthusiastic twisty-road driving;

Voice-recognition command center for audio settings, air conditioning or heat and the optional DVD-based navigation system;

An optional rear bumper-mounted camera that puts the big picture on a 7-inch video screen, shared with the navigation system.

Coming later this year — or next — will be options for run-



The Infiniti Q45 packs a wallop for performance and luxury.

flat tires and adaptive cruise control, which uses laser sensors to maintain a set distance between the Q and a vehicle in front of the car.

While the rear camera is unique, most of these features are available and expected on the competing luxury marques. It's the Infiniti package that is different. Even its technical sophistication is fairly intuitive to operate, though I doubt my mother would fuss with the navigation or rear camera gadgetry.

It's the styling that will connect for most people.

Facing the new Q head-on, the first thing to grab attention are the Gatling gun headlights. The seven segment lenses fire high-intensity beams that have a broad sweep but divided paths that are designed not to shine into other drivers' eyes. The angle of the blue lighting of the high-intensity Xenon bulbs is adjustable depending on your

need for city or country illumination. It is so effective, Infiniti says, that fog lights are unnecessary.

The exterior styling was supposed to represent an animal in motion — a graceful, distinctive and powerful animal. To get that posture, the grille is lower than the headlamps — like the head of a predatory big cat. From the side, the styling has clean European lines that are almost Audi-like.

The interior is a mix of Scandia, Italy and industrial-tech. The cabin is open and light, which contributes to the spacious feeling. There are tasteful, brushed-aluminum trim accents, bird's-eye maple and that classy, round Infiniti clock. Even the air vents close flat for a louvered accent right out of a design-college sketchbook.

Interior dimensions will satisfy some members of the big-and-tall club. There are 44 inches of

voice-activated features.

The voice-recognition system takes some practice to master. Speaking in well-modulated and deliberate tones, the computerization responds well enough, but for the non-orators in the driver seat the result can be frustrating. My commands frequently ended in " & % ^ \$ % * #, you stupid computer," to which it had no snappy comeback. But give it time, every iteration of this voice-recognition science from every manufacturer gets more clever and easier to use. Eventually, these systems will become a real driver aid and not just entertainment.

For executive-class perks, the Premium Package (\$8,000) includes power rear seats with adjustable backrest angle, an oversize center console with audio and climate controls and power rear sunshade with manual rear door window sunshades.

Standard safety features include dual front air bags with dual-stage inflators that sense collision levels and react accordingly; front side impact air bags and front seat active head restraints, which protect against excessive backward head movement. And new for the Q are side curtain air bags that inflate from the roof, protecting the noggins of front and rear passengers.

As attractive as the interior is, the engine can upstage the show. The 4.5-liter V-8 has 74 more horsepower than last year's 4.1-liter and it can throw your head back with "Ohhh, baby," acceleration. It's engineered with sophisticated stuff like titanium valves, modular cylinder heads, microfinished crankshaft, lightweight pistons, super-silent single-stage cam drive chain and a hydraulically driven cooling fan — all intended to boost performance while canceling noise.

The 5-speed automatic transmission has a manual shift mode, but the shift points on the early

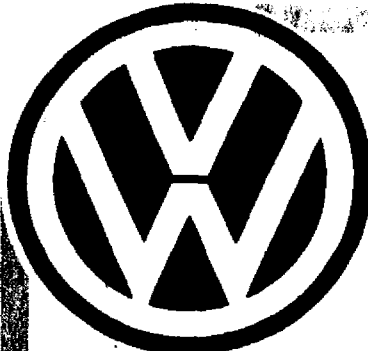
production cars I drove were a little sluggish when asking for a quick double downshift. Fine-tuning of the shift maps was supposed to go through more stages of refinement for the cars now in dealerships. If they are going to give us more horsepower, then give us the correct whip to go with it.

This may have been part of the issue with the company's claim of 0-60 mph in 5.9 seconds. It came into notice when some testing agencies couldn't duplicate that speed. Infiniti pointed to an electronic throttle that may be the culprit, but stands by its tests. Even if the result were a full second slower — which it probably isn't — the performance would still be gratifying to most users. Even so, fuel mileage is an acceptable 17 mpg around town and 25 on the highway, using premium unleaded.

On the road, the well-soundproofed cabin and Michelin MXV4 tires do their jobs to maintain a luxury-class environment and cruising comfort. The suspension is sufficiently taut for good control but the car seems to ride high at speed, rather than tuck in and hug the pavement, as do the comparable Mercedes or BMW. Consequently, there's more body lean than I expected.

Like its competitors, the Q comes with Electronic Brake Distribution, which controls front and rear brake distribution; Brake Assist, which reduces pedal effort in hard or panic braking situations; and Vehicle Dynamic Control, which controls brake pressure and engine power in understeer, oversteer or slippery road situations.

Fortunately for the technophobe, the starting price of just under \$60,000 comes without the high-voltage futurama exhibition. Or, check the box for the \$8,000 premium package and you can own the fullest expression of Infiniti's art and science.



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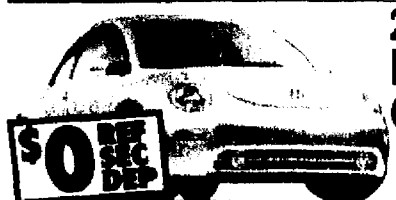
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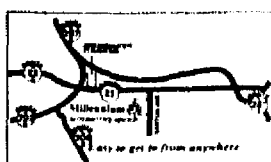
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Sports

Defense stifles Shabazz as Raiders reach semis

Scotch Plains routs Bulldogs

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team's championship aspirations are based, in large part, on its diverse arsenal of offensive weapons.

But on Saturday the Raiders relied on their defense, the unsung heroes on the offensive line and backup tailback Kyle Baker to dominate Shabazz and earn a sectional semifinal rematch with West Morris Central.

It's the third straight trip to the semifinals for Scotch Plains, who fell to West Morris 21-14 in the semifinals last season and will travel to Chester for a 7 p.m. showdown today.

"We knew what we had to do," said quarterback Brian Schiller, who was 8 for 14 for 140 yards, throwing for a touchdown and rushing for one. "There's three games in the playoffs, last year we made it to the second game. This year's goal is to go all the way."

The Raiders took the first step by controlling the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball from the start, stopping Shabazz's running game in its tracks, while opening up large holes for Baker, a sophomore filling in for the injured Kyle Adams.

Baker finished the day with 139 yards and two touchdowns, while Scotch Plains finished with 210 total rushing yards and didn't throw a single pass in the second half.

"The defense did a great job," said Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli.

"Everybody got to the ball, did their job and we took away their cut backs."

"Baker has stepped in and done a good job, but no running back can do much without holes to run through and the line did a great job."

While the offense was moving the ball with ease, it worked with a short field for the majority of the game. Shabazz managed just 24 yards and two first downs in the first half, and fumbled away their only drive into Raider territory as Scotch Plains built a 20-0 lead at the break.

The Raiders controlled the ball and the clock in the second half, building a 33-0 lead on a one yard run by Baker and a four yard run by sophomore backup fullback Travis Boff with 5:52 left before Shabazz finally scored with 2:56 left in the game.

After Shabazz went three-and-out on the opening possession — gaining just five yards — and a bad punt netted just 13, the Raiders offense took over at the Bulldogs 46 yard line.

Eight plays later, keyed by a Steve Williams catch-and-run for 22 yards, Schiller rolled left and ran in from eight yards out, then kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 6:48 remaining.

Shabazz went three-and-out again on its next possession, this time gaining just three yards and shanking a punt out of bounds for a zero yards. Scotch Plains took over at the Bulldogs' 36 and needed just 13 plays and 59 seconds to take a 14-0 lead. Baker ran for six yards, then Schiller hit Ray Williams on a perfectly executed fade down the right sideline for



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Steve Williams caught four passes for 51 yards in the Raiders 33-6 victory over Shabazz Saturday.

28 yards, setting up Baker's two yard touchdown run with 4:25 left in the quarter.

After Shabazz punted twice and the Raiders turned it over on downs, Scotch Plains took over at the Shabazz 49 with 9:37 left in the half. On the second play of the drive, Schiller rolled left looking for fullback Andrew Pavoni in the flat. Seeing he was covered and Schiller was under pressure, Pavoni turned upfield, where Schiller hit him in stride for a 45

yard touchdown reception — his first of the season — giving Scotch Plains a 20-0 lead.

Scotch Plains put the final nail in the coffin on the opening possession of the second half, marching 75 yards in 13 plays spanning six and a half minutes, capped by a one yard Baker leap over the top, and helped by four personal foul calls (three for unsportsmanlike conduct) as Shabazz began to self-destruct, for a 26-0 lead.

West Morris Central up next

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

Despite being separated by almost 30 miles, playing in different conferences and in different counties, a rivalry is brewing between the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team and West Morris Central.

And the Raiders have a score to settle in tonight's 7 p.m. contest.

West Morris eliminated Scotch Plains from the playoffs last season, winning a 21-14 contest in the final minute when quarterback Keith Allan connected with Brian Kevil for a 31 yard touchdown pass.

"We're definitely looking at it as a rivalry game," said senior captain Andrew Pavoni. "We're looking for a little pay back."

Not that the Raiders need any extra motivation. A win Friday propels them into the state championship game Dec. 1 — one of two long term goals of the whole season.

"For me, and my friends, this is the last time we'll be able to do this," said Pavoni. "Every year I always thought, 'I still have my senior year,' but this is it and it means a lot to me and all the seniors. We've worked really hard with the goal to get to the championship game, and not just get there, but to win it — and we're determined to do so."

But to do so, the Raiders are going to have to slow down West Morris' attack. The Highlanders run a motivated Wing-T, with lots of motion and various formations. They'll go with double tight-ends or empty backfields

and look to roll out Allen who can both run and throw the ball.

"The thing we did last year, which seemed to work, was to put pressure on (Allen) and try to keep him in the pocket," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "We're going to blitz sometimes, and when we're not blitzing we have to make sure our line takes the right lanes and keeps him in the pocket."

Ciccotelli also hopes to be able to possess the ball for long stretches on offense, keeping the West Morris offense on the sideline. But to do so, Scotch Plains will have to be effective against a defense it hasn't seen yet this season.

The Highlanders run a 52 Rover defense, with five down linemen, two linebackers, a roving linebacker used to cause havoc in the backfield that can lineup anywhere, and a three-deep zone or man coverage in the secondary.

"They'll mix it up," said Ciccotelli. "They don't stand pat. They play good defense. It should be an interesting matchup."

Both teams know each other well and know what to expect, after having scouted each other numerous times already this season.

"We know them and they know us," said Ciccotelli. "I don't think there are going to be a lot of secrets."

NOTES: Pavoni said he expects his injured right foot (bone chips) to be close to 100 percent by tonight's game. Kyle Adams, suffering from a high ankle sprain, practiced for the first time Tuesday. Ciccotelli was waiting to see how the ankle responded, but hoped Adams would be able to see time at running back and on kick returns.

Devils look for another upset

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

After turning in its best defensive performance of the season Sunday, the Westfield High football team will have to turn in its greatest all-around performance tomorrow.

The Devils were able to shut down a dangerous Morristown offense Sunday, picking the right day to post their first shutout of the season with a 7-0 victory in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 playoffs.

But in the second round 1 p.m. tomorrow, the Blue Devils take on a powerful, well balanced Montclair team, undefeated and ranked among the best in the state. To pull off another North 2 Group 4 upset, Westfield is going to have to play as near a perfect game of football as possible.

"They can do everything," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "They can run it, they can throw it, they've got a large offensive line. They can give us a lot of problems. We know we can't screw up at all."

If Westfield needs a confidence boost, they need to look no further than what has happened in their own bracket. The section has already seen three of the top four seeds fall, with Roxbury knocking off top-seeded Elizabeth, Phillipsburg beating

fourth-seeded Plainfield, and the Devils knocking off the third seed.

Westfield's biggest problem will be overcoming the size disadvantage up front they have battled most of the season. The Blue Devils are quick to the ball and athletic on defense, but Montclair will try to run it down their throats and take advantage of the size difference along the line.

"Different teams match up differently," said Tranchina. "We match up well with a finesse team. We have problems with teams that are bigger and pound the ball at you. Montclair is a problem."

But against the option oriented attack of Morristown Sunday (the game was scheduled for Saturday, but pushed back because the officiating crew never arrived), Westfield's quick, aggressive, athletic defense was able to get to the ball and make the big plays at the right time and the offense moved the ball just enough to pull off the upset.

In the first quarter the Blue Devils stopped Morristown one yard short of a first down on 4th-and-5 from the Devil 30. 11 plays later, Westfield had marched 76 yards, culminating in a two yard touchdown run by Matt Daly and an Andrew Lessner kick, for a 7-0 lead with 2:43 left in the quarter.

The Devils stopped another



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Mike Charnatz and the Westfield defense came up with all the big plays against Morristown Sunday, and will have to have another big game to knock off Montclair Saturday.

Morristown fourth down attempt at the Westfield 24, then stopped them again on the Westfield 42 in the third quarter. Taking over at their own five, Daly ran 48 yards on the first play to regain field position for Westfield.

Terrence Jenkins carried 11

times for 105 yards, and Daly carried 11 times for 79. Louis Mercer was 6 for 10 passing for 70 yards. Morristown mustered just 155 yards in offense, and didn't complete a pass.

"(The defense) stepped up and made big plays," said Tranchina.

"Eleven guys played very well. They got some first downs, but we never broke."

"We moved the ball — we didn't score enough — but we were able to get first downs and move the ball. In the playoffs every inch is tough."

Blue Devils finish second in state — again

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

OLD BRIDGE — Maybe, sometimes, things just aren't supposed to be.

For the third straight season, the Westfield High gymnastics team finished second at the state championships, falling to Red Bank Catholic 109.125-107.9, in its most frustrating finish yet.

The Blue Devils, in the same rotation as Red Bank Catholic, led by six-tenths after two rotations — the vault and floor, heading into what was typically one of their strongest events, the bars.

After struggling on bars at both the Union County championship and the sectional championship, the Blue Devils unchar-

acteristic performances continued, as Red Bank seized the opportunity and surged past them and into the lead, recording two of the top-five uneven bars scores on the day.

Lauren Caravello started the Blue Devils off on beam with a 9.65, winning her third individual state championship in the process, but Westfield couldn't put enough high scores together behind her.

"We really believed we could have won," said Caravello, who finished fifth in the all-around competition with a score of 37.625. "We were sixth-tenths ahead, we just didn't have and on-day on bars, and we didn't have a good day on beam. Red Bank Catholic was a very good



team. They deserved to win it."

"We're disappointed because we know we could have won it," said Jessica Caravello. "But we totally screwed up on bars, so it was sad. I think it was just a loss of confidence in all of us. We got better routines and should score high. Friday was just an off day."

"It's disappointing. I just wish I could start the day all over again. But I can't, so I'll just have to move on."

Lauren Caravello's fifth place

all-around finish came on the strength of finishing first on beam, fourth on the vault (9.425), seventh on uneven bars (9.25), and tied for eighth on floor (9.3).

Jessica Caravello was 11th in the all-around competition, with her best mark a tie for sixth on floor with a 9.325.

For the Caravello's it's a disappointing conclusion to two great careers at Westfield. Both have been the team's leading scorers since their freshman season, and Lauren leaves having captured the state uneven bars title twice, as a freshman and a sophomore, and the state balance beam title this year.

"It was an awesome way to end," said Lauren of the balance beam title. "I wish we could have

won as a team, but to win on the final event, it ended on a good note."

The Caravello's still have their club season to complete, competing for Henderson's Gymnastics Club in Edison, and are looking to continue to compete in college. Both are hoping to get into James Madison University in Virginia, where they hope to be able to step in and contribute immediately to the Division I squad.

Both said they are only looking at schools with D-1 gymnastics, and hope to be able to go to a team where they can compete right away, and James Madison happened to be the perfect fit for both. They should find out in January.

Devils fall in shootout

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

WAYNE — After edging Columbia in a penalty-kick shootout to win the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 crown Friday, the Westfield High boys soccer team was denied a chance for the state title in the same manner.

Westfield battled Kearny to a 1-1 tie after 100 minutes of soccer, but that wasn't nearly the end. The teams traded penalty kicks in a marathon shootout, before Kearny came up one better on its 11th shot, the 22nd of the shootout, for a 7-6 advantage and a 2-1 victory.

Kearny controlled play in the first half, but the Blue Devils took the early lead. Lee Tomasso banged home a cross from his brother Anthony in the sixth minute for a 1-0 advantage.

Kearny continued to control play, and eventually broke through, scoring the equalizer on a shot from the top of the circle in 31st minute. Kearny held a 14-7 shot advantage on the day.

In the second half and the overtime Westfield goalie Kevin Cutro and his counterpart Rob Gorski made several tremendous saves to keep the score tied, then had to face the onslaught of shots in the shootout.

With Westfield shooting first in each round, it was up to Cutro to come up with several game saving saves, and he responded the first three times. But on what would be the final shot, Cutro just barely missed deflecting away Scott Millar's shot towards the right post, as Kearny advanced and will play Shawnee for the Group 4 title tonight.

On Friday, Westfield fought Columbia to a 2-2 tie after 100 minutes of play. The Devils had a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Anthony Tomasso in the 26th minute and Duffy Lau in the 34th. But Columbia battled back and knotted the score in the 71st minute.

In the shootout Westfield received goals from Anthony Tomasso, Billy Schultz, Lee Tomasso, Dave Santoriello and the game winner from Dan Caprario. Cutro made a diving save to his left to stop Columbia's third shot, which proved to be enough.

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Wallden finishes fifth in Group 3; Raiders sixth

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys cross country team and the Westfield girls squad failed to advance to the Meet of Champions Saturday, but still had some strong performances at the group championships.

Bob Wallden led the Raiders with a fifth place finish, in 16:46. Scotch Plains took sixth overall with 188 points, as Brian Kopnicki (17:38), Zack McGuire (17:57), Walter Biner (18:00) and Peter Bassman (18:15) finished 33-42-46-62, respectively.

The Scotch Plains girls squad finished 18th in the state, finishing with a score of 405. Lindsay Curran led the way in 22:24, followed by Mary Shashaty in 22:58, Jillian

HIGH SCHOOL WRAP

DeMair (23:46), Megan Makely (24:49) Joanna Cichon (25:06) Lisa Berezna (26:27) and Christine DeLuca (26:27).

The Westfield girls squad finished seventh in Group 4 with 212 points. Sarah Mahran led the way with a 13th place finish in 20:36. Erin McClellan was 28th in 21:02, followed by Michelle Madorma (54, 22:02), Melissa Richey (56, 22:05), Theresa Murphy (61, 22:10), Jackie Cusimano (64, 22:18) and Sarah Heitner (84, 22:50).

The Devils' boys squad finished 19th in the group, led by Dan Driscoll in 75th place in 18:18. John

Boyd finished in 18:43, followed by Matt Azzara (18:45), James Bridgeman (19:03), Dan Rea (19:26), Charlie Hely (19:33) and Jim Davy (19:49).

VOLLEYBALL

The Westfield High volleyball team fell to Hunterdon Central in two games in the quarterfinal round of the Group 4 volleyball tournament Tuesday, 15-7, 15-12.

The Devils started off strong and grabbed an early lead, but Hunterdon Central battled back to tie the score at 6-all before pulling away to win the opening game.

In the second game, Westfield again gained the lead and remained in control behind the hitting of Nikki LeBlanc and Sam Sa. But Hunterdon Central, the top seed, chipped away and eventually evened the score at 12-all. A nifty dig on a hit by LeBlanc helped Hunterdon Central take the lead and serve out the match.

Westfield def. East Brunswick 15-11, 15-4 — Ninth-seeded Westfield cruised into the quarterfinals of the Group 4 volleyball with a two set victory over East Brunswick Nov. 8.

Cari Rock led the way with 13 service points and Nikki LeBlanc pounded out 12 kills as Westfield improved to 19-6. Samantha Sa also had five kills and two blocks.

BOYS SOCCER

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer team was knocked out of the state tournament, falling to Mendham 2-0 in the semifinals of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament Nov. 7.

Mendham jumped out in front immediately when Chas Holland scored just 56 seconds into the contest. The score remained 1-0 into the early portions of the second half when Mike Stephens scored to give Mendham a 2-0 lead, 5:51 in.

The Raiders were playing without Rick Fleissner and Ray DiNizo, who were suspended for violation of school rules.

YOUTH SPORTS

The Scotch Plains Power U12 girls soccer team bounced back from their first loss of the year on Saturday, by rallying for two second half goals Sunday and defeating Colonia 3-2.

The weekend began ominously as the Power saw their unbeaten streak end at 7 with a 3-1 defeat against the tough Mountainside Lightning Rods. Reeling from the loss of several key players, the Power fell behind in the middle of the first half as Mountainside struck for three goals in 10 minutes.

The Power regained their composure in the second half and dominated play. Kristan Lamberton put them on the board with her first goal of the season. Several attempts to draw closer were turned back.

Jessica Santos and Cecelia Osterman sparked in goal in the second half and Allie Thek added some needed offensive punch but time ran out on the power.

The Power had no time to dwell on their loss as on Sunday they celebrated Veteran's Day with a battle against the equally tough Colonia Hurricane.

The teams had fought to a 1-1 tie two weeks ago at Soccerfest. Just like that game, Colonia drew first blood as a hard shot deflected off a Power player and into the goal. Danielle Wood got the Power even midway through the half when she converted on a break-away. A gusty wind played havoc with the ball but the Power managed to get to halftime tied and could look forward to having the wind at their backs for the second half.

But it was Colonia that broke back on top again as a long shot got caught in a wind gust and curved away from goalie Allie Thek who was otherwise brilliant, making several miraculous saves. Caitlin Daly, who was sorely missed in Saturday's loss, and had a tremendous all around game, took matters in her own hands by scoring from short range to tie the game and assisted on the winning goal by Diana Caicedo.

The Power held on from there. Santos again contributed some timely goalkeeping but it was Thek who played the majority of the game in abysmal conditions and kept Colonia off the scoreboard. The defense led by Maria Rivero, Jaclyn Lazarus and Lindsay Trauman had a busy day stopping numerous Colonia offensive thrusts.

The midfield of Mary Henkels, Christina DelMonaco and Daly kept the ball moving to the offense while also playing defense. Cece Osterman, Wood, Lamberton and Caicedo kept the pressure on the Colonia goal.



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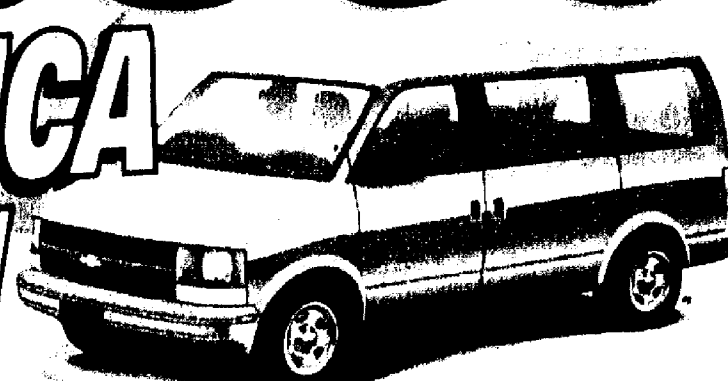
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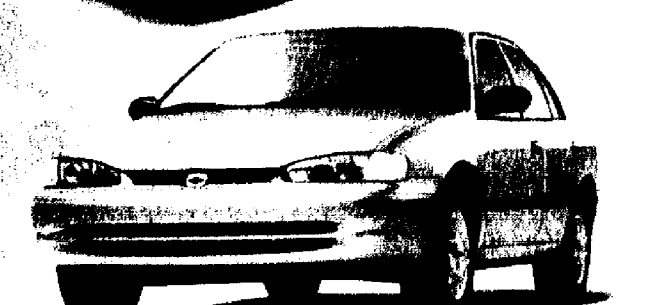


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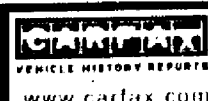


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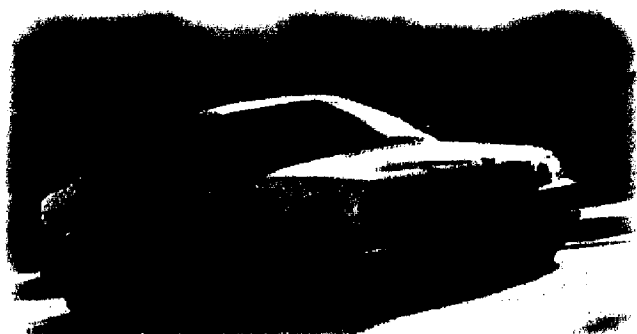
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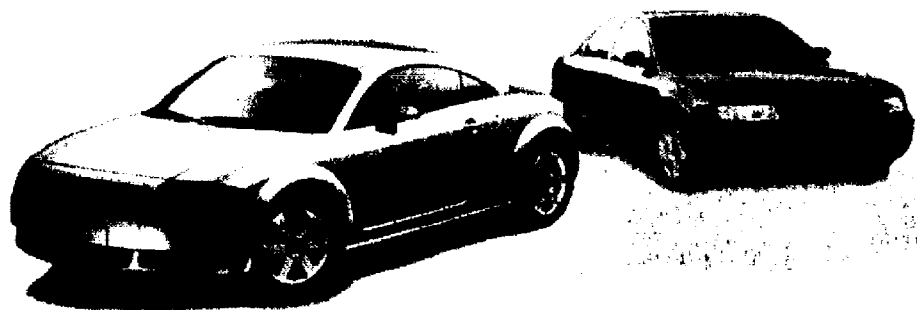
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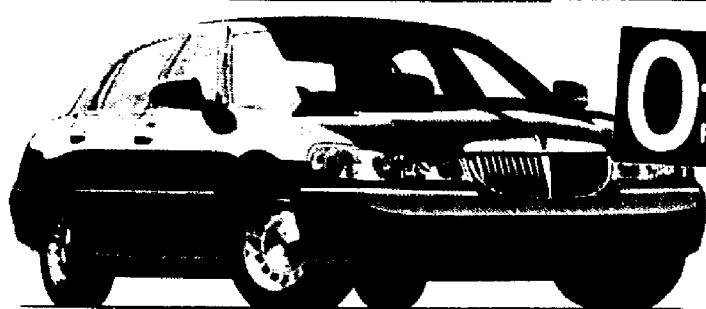
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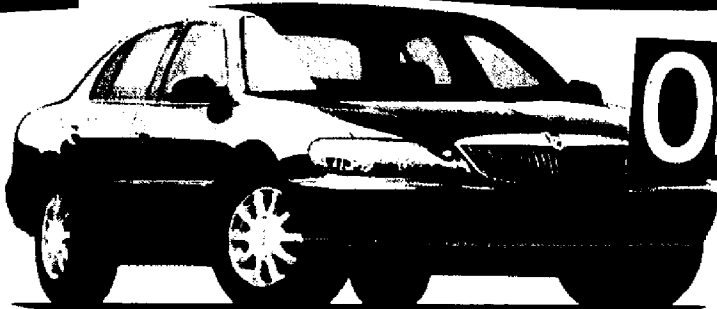
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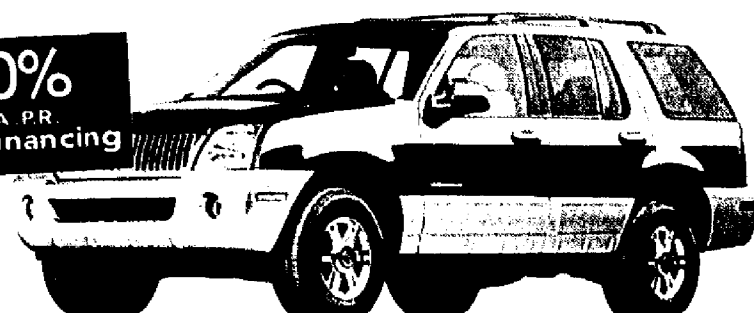
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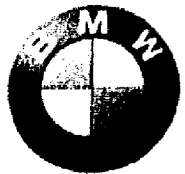
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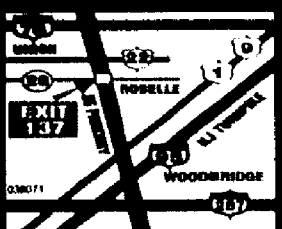
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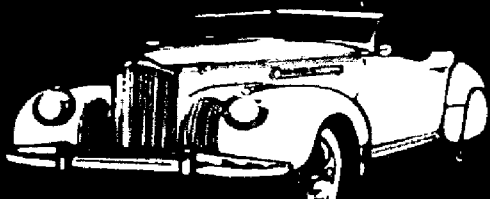
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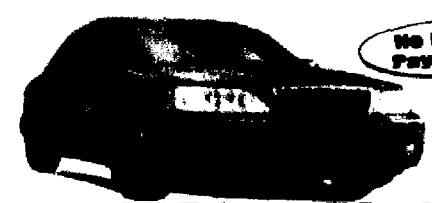
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