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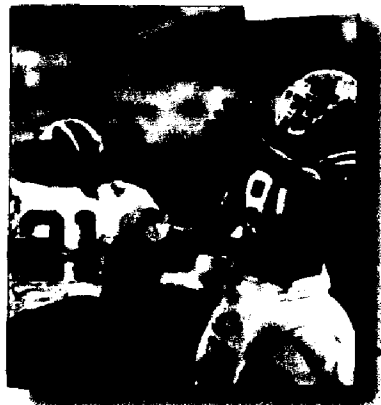
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## Cougars drop Raiders, 28-14

Sean Smith hauled in this pass for a touchdown in Scotch Plains contest against Cranford over the weekend, but the Raiders still fell to their Watchung Conference foe. See the story in Sports, Page C-1.



## A fine time with Miss Fanny Wood

Fanwood threw its annual Fanny Wood Day celebration Sunday, offering a collection of family fun in the downtown. See pictures from the event in Community Life, Page B-1.



## Now that's quite a prize

The Westfield Jaycees are reviving a popular tradition this year, raffling off a Mercedes to raise money for CONTACT We Care and the Jaycees Foundation scholarship fund. For more information on how to get in on the contest, turn to Page A-8.

## REMINDER

### Street fair in Westfield

The Westfield Street Fair and Craft Show will be held 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the South Avenue train station parking lot. Admission is free, and the event will feature music, food, artists, crafters, games, rides and family fun.

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## Board urges repeal of new spending rules

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution calling for a repeal of a new state law that places significant new budgetary restrictions on school districts.

At the board's regular meeting Tuesday night, Business Administrator Bob Berman told members the law, commonly known as S-1701, will contribute to a spending increase allowance of only 3.8 percent for the coming year. Under the 2004-05 budget, spending increased by

nearly 6 percent.

S-1701 was signed into law in July as a component of Gov. James McGreevey's overall budget package. The overall state budget also ballooned by nearly 17 percent, and included a controversial borrowing plan that survived an unsuccessful legal challenge by state Republicans.

Since its passage, and especially in the last month, the law has met a wave of criticism from school districts, who say the conditions will artificially lower taxes in the next few years while leading to long-term increases and weakening local control over education. Similar resolutions

have been passed in the last two weeks by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Cranford school boards.

The new law reduces allowable spending increases for school districts from 3 percent annually to 2.5 percent, or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate — whichever is greater.

It also restricts local authority over budget transfers and places limitations on second budget questions.

For example, all line item transfers greater than 10 percent of the amount of the line account in the advertised budget must be approved by the county superin-

tendent, who also has oversight of second questions if administrative costs are deemed inefficient, Berman said.

Under the law, second questions will not be allowed for new programs and services included in prior years' budgets, and can not include new programs or services necessary to achieve the state's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

While educators and board members are upset, the law has already had a tangible impact on Westfield taxpayers. A component of the bill requires schools to

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## Residents turn out for discussion of downtown project

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — At a well-attended public meeting held over the future of the borough's downtown, residents were updated on the progress of a downtown revitalization committee and given the opportunity to voice their opinions about redevelopment.

After more than an hour of open discussion, the approximately 100 residents who packed the Fanwood Presbyterian Church indicated enthusiasm for downtown redevelopment, but reservations about increased residential density.

The Sept. 30 meeting was the first significant step in Fanwood's redevelopment process in more than a year, and the first open forum on the topic during the administration of Democrat Mayor Colleen Mahr.

In what Mahr termed an "education session on the downtown," residents were given snapshots of redevelopment strategies pursued by other New Jersey communities. Planning consultant Dave Roberts said the borough can create a "sense of place" in the downtown by constructing a pedestrian-friendly retail area inside the borough's redevelopment zone.

The 6.5-acre tract of land, bounded by South, Martine and LaGrande avenues and Second Street, was designated an area in need of redevelopment in May 2001. The Borough Council adopted a redevelopment plan in March 2002.

The previous borough administration designated Landmark Communities to redevelop the property, but those negotiations were suspended when Mayor Lou

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## Residents press their case on pond scum

By GREG MARK  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Residents of the Tamaques Park neighborhood turned out in force at Tuesday's Town Council meeting, calling the condition of the park's pond this summer "unacceptable" and urging the town to do more to fix the problem.

The park's artificial pond was clogged with algae for most of the summer, producing an unsightly, foul-smelling mess, though residents acknowledged the situation has improved in recent weeks.

Town engineer Ken Marsh said the problem was created when a dredging project began last fall ran into the spring, meaning the fish supply in the pond was not replenished and there were no aerators in place until the summer had already begun. Due to the late start, "the algae got ahead of us this year," Marsh said; once the aerators

were in place, the algae was so prevalent that it clogged the aerators, causing a malfunction.

The town subsequently installed a more effective, though less picturesque, device and treated the pond with environmentally-safe algicide, Marsh said. "This was really a temporary situation."

The pond is now "under control," he said, though his department is exploring other improvements related to the flow of water into and out of the pond.

And a survey is underway to determine whether the dredging was ever successfully completed; if not, the contractor may be called back to finish the job.

But that explanation didn't entirely satisfy the more than a dozen members of a neighborhood association who packed the conference session.

Though the algae situation

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## SP Council poised to appoint architects

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Tuesday, the Township Council is expected to pass resolutions appointing two firms to perform architectural and engineering services for repairs and enhancements on three township-owned buildings.

One of those is the library, which has sustained water damage to the ceiling, walls, and flooring. The facility requires a roof replacement, window glazing replacement, interior renovation and alteration work, ceiling and lighting replacement, and wall waterproofing and painting.

Earlier this year, a report by Library Director Meg Kolaya estimated the total cost of repairs at \$600,000; the immediate architectural and engineering services are expected to cost \$50,000.

The council will award engineering firm MRM Architecture with the contract. The North Brunswick-based firm was one of four the library's board of directors interviewed for the project.

In a report to the council, Kolaya said the extensive refurbishment is needed to protect the 32-year old facility's 80,000 item collection of books and to mitigate health concerns for employees.

The library has suffered unexpected, significant damage in the last few years. After a major fire in February of 2003, the township spent \$350,000 to repair fire damage, electrical wiring, and rehabilitate a chairlift in the children's wing.

Two other township facilities are in need of substantial repair. The municipal building on Park Avenue requires a roof replace-

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## Rotary sets sights on restoration

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — A local organization is attempting to restore a township home that predates the Revolutionary War, a project that will require a substantial amount of money to complete.

The Frazee house, first built in 1761, was originally a 360 square foot saltbox colonial. Since then, it has been expanded to encompass about 1,400 square feet and includes three bedrooms, a kitchen, living room, and family room.

But the house has fallen into a state of extreme disrepair, according to Denise Hughes of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. Weather-related damage and vandalism by partying teens over the years has marred the historic building, which needs both short-term and long-term repairs, she said.

The organization wants to restore the house and convert it

to a museum use similar to the Miller-Cory House in Westfield or the Drake House in Plainfield.

But first, the house needs to be sealed, weather-stripped, and fumigated to eliminate insect problems, Hughes said. The Rotary also wants to place plywood over the roof to protect the Frazee house from further weather damage. These short-term repairs will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The long-term restoration will be substantially more expensive, though the Rotary won't be able to estimate the cost of the renovation until a historic preservation expert determines what repairs are necessary.

Hughes acknowledged the cost will run well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. But the Rotary is attempting to raise money for the project, and began work to that effect by holding a meeting and fundraiser on the subject Sept. 29.

At that gathering, which Rotary members said was well-

## At Scotch Plains Day, fun for the whole family

The annual Scotch Plains Day celebration on Sunday offered lots of fun for the whole family — and especially for the younger members of the community. Above, township resident Nicole Horn, 8, helps a clown perform a magic trick. At left, Fanwood's Sarah McEvoy, 4, feeds some of the animals in the petting zoo. The day also featured live music from the Nerds and a tribute to some of the local residents who have passed away in the last year.



KEVIN PAPA/CORRESPONDENT

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## Board urges repeal of rules

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reduce surpluses to just 3 percent of their total operating budgets for the current year and earmark all free balance above that amount for immediate tax relief.

This year, the district returned \$722,000 back to the taxpayers, reducing the property tax levy by about \$72 on the average homeowner.

Next year, school districts will be able to carry surpluses of only 2 percent of their total spending plans. Many school administrators say reducing surpluses to such a thin amount limits districts' ability to respond to facilities emergencies or other unanticipated costs.

"This represents a significant shift in the way school budget decisions are being made," said Superintendent William Foley. "Legislators in their wisdom have decided to take power away from you and transfer it to county and state administrators," he told the board.

The bill does not directly affect Spending Growth Limitation Adjustments (SGLAs) that allow schools to spend above the cap for unusually high increases in student enrollment or special education costs. But the school district will see less revenue from this category than in the current year, because the increase in enrollment is expected to be smaller by about 60 students.

All these factors add up to an estimated spending plan of \$72.2 million for the next bud-

et cycle, an increase of \$2.7 million or 3.8 percent.

Based on the \$4.1 million spending increase in the most recent budget, the board will have to cut spending increases in next year's budget by as much as \$1.4 million.

Board members offered little comment on the issue at the meeting. Foley said the impact could be discussed in depth at Finance Committee meetings, and presentations are planned before the PTC and other school organizations.

Westfield's representatives in the state Legislature split their votes on the bill over the summer, with Sen. Tom Kean Jr. voting in favor of S-1701 and Assemblymen Jon Bramnick and Eric Munoz voting against A-99, the companion bill in the lower house.

"The bill was an artificial means to keep taxes down and as a practical matter, it cannot work," said Bramnick. "When you require the board of education to reduce spending, how do you deal with rising insurance costs and other contractual costs?"

Bramnick added that the bill was passed in a hasty fashion, and said even many Democrats who voted in favor of the measure are now unsure if they made the right decision.

"It's difficult to vote against the party's position," Bramnick said.

Kean has not responded to repeated calls seeking comment about his vote.

## Residents turn out for discussion

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Jung and two Republican councilmen were defeated by Democrats in the 2003 municipal elections.

An advisory committee appointed by Mahr has been collecting sentiment from residents and downtown merchants and property owners. The committee, chaired by Councilman Joe Higgins, was formed in April and has been funded by a \$50,000 Smart Growth grant from the state Department of Community Affairs.

Mahr has called for increased public participation in the redevelopment process, and she said Wednesday's meeting was intended to correct misinformation residents have about the borough's plans — and to solicit their viewpoints on the future of the downtown.

"I am very pleased with the large turnout and the level of awareness that residents have," Mahr said. "They left (the meeting) having a better understanding of what the borough is trying to accomplish," she added.

At last week's meeting, Roberts recommended that the borough encourage the construction of mixed-use buildings, with retail and commercial uses on the ground floor and residential uses on the second and third floors of buildings. He provided examples of effective mixed-use projects in Manville and Irvington.

What the borough must decide, he said, is the size and scope of any potential redevelopment, and whether private property owners or the municipality will drive the process.

The existing plan does not call for acquisition of privately owned lots within the zone; if the borough decides to change that, the council will have to revise or amend the redevelopment plan, he said.

Downtown property owners appear split on whether they want to develop downtown property themselves or sell their tracts of land to the municipality or a designated developer. Most merchants want to remain part of Fanwood's downtown; some, however, are willing to relocate.

In unsolicited surveys conducted by the advisory committee, residents expressed support for mixed-use development. A majority of respondents said they support a mixed-use project with internal parking camouflaged by retail or residential buildings; those surveyed were largely opposed to a higher intensity development that would include a parking deck.

But a plan that includes townhouses, many said at last week's meeting, would add unwanted traffic and increase the burden on an already overtaxed school district.

"Don't kid yourselves, if you (allow) townhouses, you will have additional children in the school system," said resident Anne Marie Bertado.

Jane Hansen, a 60-year borough resident, said she was concerned about traffic caused by use of the former Dean Oil property.

Traffic may not be the only concern at the Dean Oil site; the property will require substantial environmental remediation before it can be included in a development plan.

Any redevelopment plan should

be driven by the municipality, cautioned resident Robert Kraus, and not downtown property owners. Leaving the process to the private sector will lead to slow progress, he said.

"The downtown area is and has been under-developed, under-assessed, and under-utilized," Kraus said. "If we stay the way we are we will be stagnant."

"The downtown needs a face-lift," agreed resident Mary Campion.

But resident Michelle Fuga said she was nervous about the effect of traffic on pedestrian safety, particularly on school children walking through the area.

"Whatever the plans are, something is going to happen — think of my children when you are (planning) this development," she said.

At the end of the session, Higgins said the committee had been considering traffic and school impact in its discussions. He stressed that residents' concerns were paramount to the future of downtown redevelopment.

"We're not here with preconceived notions, and we don't have any answers," he said.

"I'm here to see this through, and I'm not here to do an academic exercise," Higgins continued. "If we (work) together, we can make this happen."

Two more public meetings are planned by the Downtown Advisory Committee. Borough officials announced the next session will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20. The meeting will be held at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, and residents are encouraged to attend.

## Residents press case on pond scum

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has now improved, residents said, they had been registering individual complaints with the town for months, to little avail, and the situation spoiled their enjoyment of the park over the summer.

"People visiting the pond from other towns said they

couldn't believe this was Westfield," said Ignacio Rivera. "... The mosquito condition... was unbearable. We couldn't even go outside."

"If this was Mindowaskin Pond, you'd never have this situation occur," he added. "This has been a clear example of neglect."

Residents also complained about the conditions of the work

site stretching back to last winter — electrical wires were left running near the pond for months, they said — and the condition of the nearby children's playground.

And they urged the town to make sure the problem of water circulation would be addressed for the long term.

Marsh agreed that the situation is not entirely solved yet, and the flow of water through the pond needs to be improved. "We're looking at the whole interface of inflow and outflow," he said.

## Council poised to appoint architects

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ment, and the Department of Public Works and Recreation Department facility on Plainfield Avenue requires renovations.

The resolution for services for those properties will include \$7,500 for preliminary architectural design and engineering services at the Plainfield Avenue building and \$12,500 for the municipal building. Potter Architects will be appointed to conduct the analysis, which will give township officials a better idea of the costs necessary to rehabilitate the two facilities.

Last week, the council

approved a bond ordinance of \$175,000 for professional services at all three publicly owned buildings; funds from that ordinance will be used to pay the firms.

Earlier this summer, the council spent \$13,000 for temporary roof repairs at township hall. The long-term repairs are expected to carry a significant cost, but township officials have applied for a \$400,000 grant to partially subsidize the project.

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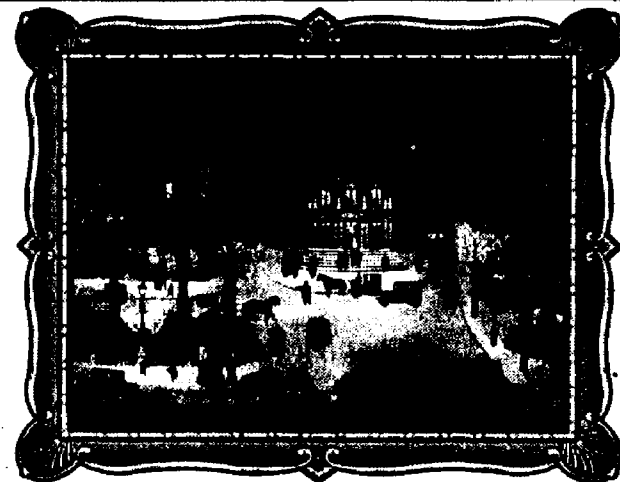
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# Board pleased with revised plan from Dunkin' Donuts

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — A proposed building some borough officials feared would be a garish eyesore may end up instead becoming one of the more attractive structures in the downtown.

At its Sept. 22 meeting, the Planning Board approved a major renovation for the Dunkin' Donuts building at the corner of South and Martine avenues. The approval came after the donut retailer's architect presented a revised building plan with columns, a reconfigured vestibule and floor plan, and Victorian elements such as a peaked roof and more appealing siding.

At an earlier hearing, the board feared the building's architecture would resemble a strip-style facility, comparing the national corporation's first design presentation to unattractive buildings along Route 22.

But board members were far more enthusiastic about the revised model, which was primarily characterized by neutral colors and will restrict the use of Dunkin' Donuts signature peach and plum colors to mostly accent architectural elements.

"This may take what some might see as an aged eyesore in the downtown to something the town can be proud of," said board member John Deitch.

"The changed plans meet both the corporation's needs and ours as a town," said Roseanne Tobey. "It looks so good, it will be known as one of the best looking Dunkin' Donuts around."

The company had sought site plan approval to construct a nearly 1,000 square foot addition to the rear of its existing building, much of which will be dedicated to storage. Also included in the plan was a reconfiguration of the parking

lot.

Board members had earlier implored Dunkin' Donuts to present a building more in line with the borough's recently established historic district, which has been dominated by Victorian architecture. Also, since the building stands at a gateway location in Fanwood's downtown, board members stressed the importance of creating an attractive building at that location.

Board members briefly considered requiring the corporation to add a false window design to accent the building's easternmost side. But after a brief debate, the board decided not to further micro-manage the building's revised design.

"Sometimes you start with a horse, and you end up with a camel," said Jack Molenaar.

In unanimously approving the application, the board granted the applicant, Kowtow, Inc., a variance for a free-standing sign facing Martine Avenue. The board denied the company's previous application to add a free-standing pylon sign to the property back in 2000.

Also at the Sept. 22 meeting, the board approved a subdivision on South Avenue. The board restored a large, recently consolidated property to its previous three-lot configuration.

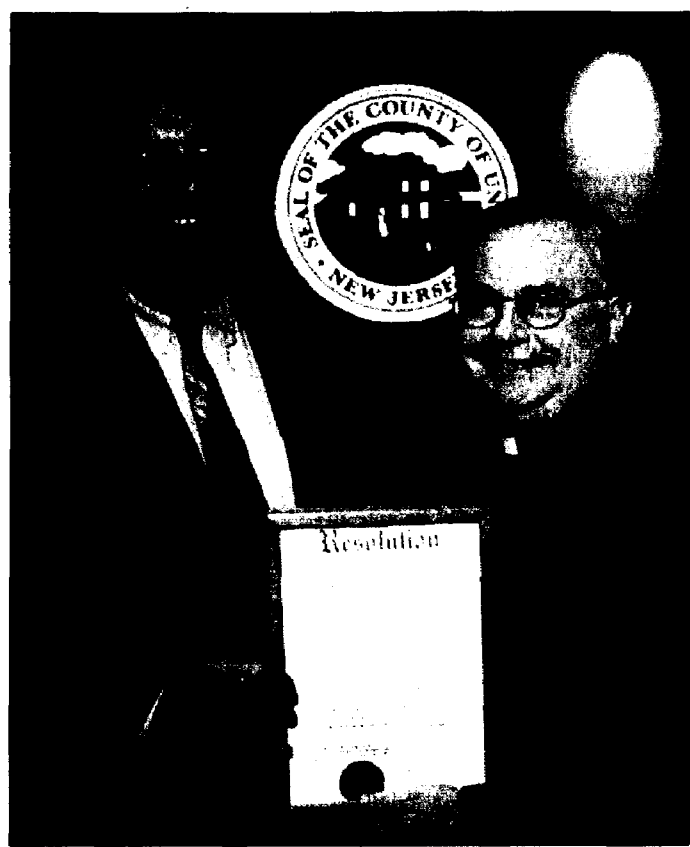
The property owners are planning to lease the easternmost lot, situated to the east of a PSE&G right-of-way, to a dog day-care company.

The property contains five minimally-used buildings in the borough's light industrial zone. In approving the subdivision, the board granted variances for side-yard setbacks but eliminated an existing use variance.

"Anything that would help move these properties along, be developed, and become an active part of Fanwood is a good thing," Molenaar said.

## Father Hummel receives Silver Buffalo Award

Union County Freeholder Al Mirabella recently presented Father Donald Keith Hummel with a resolution congratulating him on receiving the Boy Scouts of America Silver Buffalo Award for his outstanding contributions and service to the youth of America. Father Hummel is the pastor of St. Bartholomew, The Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.



## Coat sale at Thrift Shop

WESTFIELD — The annual coat sale at the Westfield Service League's Thrift Shop is now underway. Coats will be replenished daily, and the sale will run through the fall season.

The shop will also have its regular offerings of men's, ladies, children's winter and fall clothes, books, toys, jewelry, bric-a-brac, and shoes.

Beginning Tuesday, a large selection of Halloween dress-up clothing and accessories will also be available for sale.

The Service League also runs a Consignment Shop. Both shops are open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and are located at 114 Elmer St.

The Westfield Service League is a non-profit volunteer organization. All proceeds are donated to local charities.

For further information, call the Thrift Shop at (908) 233-2530 or the Consignment Shop at (908) 232-1223.

## Subdivision proposed on Rahway Avenue

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Two property owners are considering subdividing a tract of land on the town's south side.

At a concept hearing before the Planning Board's Subdivision Site Plan Committee Monday night, applicants George Feldbauer and Emanuel Carlini briefly presented a preliminary sketch of the potential subdivision, which would convert two building lots into four.

Two single-family houses cur-

rently occupy the site, located at 1540 and 1560 Rahway Ave.

Any application to subdivide the property will have to contend with wetlands issues; though the applicants have not completed advanced engineering work, their initial plans anticipate constructing a bridge as part of a driveway to extend over drainage areas.

Board members did not comment on the potential application, though they did suggest the property owners secure approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection before filing a formal application.

At the Planning Board's regular meeting, the board delayed two subdivision hearings at the request of the applicants' attorneys. At 515 Sherwood Parkway, applicant Northeast Group, LLC is proposing to subdivide one building lot into two lots. And at 254 Seneca Place, applicants Joseph Buontempo and Jean Genievich are proposing to create two new lots from a single existing lot.

The board also granted developer Charles Pijanowski approval to subdivide a lot at 619 Elm Street into two new lots.

Last winter, the board granted Pijanowski approval for the subdivision, which resulted in the demolition of a 100-year-old residence.

After tearing down the house, the developer did not begin constructing the planned new homes, so the approval expired. The board granted the subdivision once again on Monday night, as it completely conforms to the land use ordinance. Approval was contingent upon approval of the developer's eventual building plans by the Site Plan Review committee.

## Dance club holds 1st event

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Friday Nite's Ballroom Dance Club will hold their first dance of the season 8 p.m.-midnight Oct. 8 at the Knights of Columbus hall, 2400 North Ave.

Guest couples and those interested in becoming members are welcome to attend. The club holds five dances per year in October, November, December, March and April.

The guest couple fee is \$25 and includes a cold buffet. If interested in attending, call Mia Marko, club president, at (908) 889-8689.

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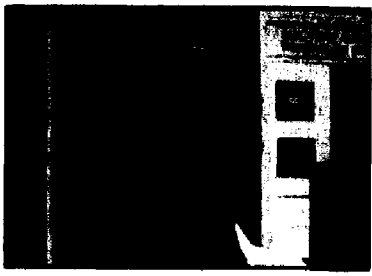
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## SHOULD COLUMBUS DAY BE A FEDERAL HOLIDAY?



**MATT LOUGHLIN**  
Westfield

Absolutely — Columbus is credited with discovering America, and that's no small achievement. He came across the ocean at a time when many thought he would fall off the other side of the world.



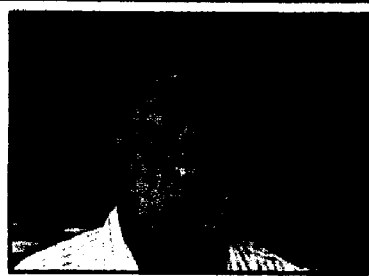
**DERRICK MEIER**  
Scotch Plains

No — we don't know the full story about Columbus, whether it's good or bad. The (New World) was settled before we found it.



**MARK BOYD**  
Westfield

It's absurd we put our words and perspectives on things that occurred 500 years ago. To take away from Columbus' achievements is small-minded.



**MARIE VARLEY**  
visiting Cranford

Yes, Columbus Day comes at a nice time of the year, and people need a break after Labor Day. It's also a beautiful time of year.



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It should be a federal holiday — it is part of our tradition and part of our history. It is part of the record of how our country was founded and part of how we came to be as a nation.



**SIMA MURPHY**  
Cranford

How else are my kids going to get off school for a day? Plus, it's my birthday — we have that in common.

## Scotch Plains Council urges expansion of pay-to-play restrictions

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Shortly after Gov. James McGreevey ordered a significant new restriction on political campaign contributions, the Township Council announced its interest in extending the measure to municipal politics.

The practice of donating substantial campaign contributions to political parties by businesses and individuals hoping to secure state and county contracts, known as "pay to play," is well-documented in New Jersey politics.

On Sept. 22, McGreevey issued an executive order which prevents businesses or individuals who have made campaign contributions to state or county political parties from entering into contracts with state government of more than \$17,500. But critics of the executive order say the measure doesn't restrict political contributions to municipal parties or apply to county contracts.

At the Township Council's regular meeting Sept. 28, the governing body unanimously passed a resolution calling for an extension of the "pay to play" measure to municipalities.

"We need to take the action necessary to close the loophole and extend the ban to the municipal level," said Deputy Mayor Paulette Coronato.

Mayor Martin Marks said the council will refer the issue to Township Attorney Doug Hansen to determine whether the council has the authority to enact such a ban.

The local council is entirely

Republican, while state government is controlled by Democrats.

Former Mayor Bill McClintock, chairman of the township's Republican Committee, said restrictions on campaign donations to municipal political parties were acceptable "if done on an equitable basis."

But he said the issue hasn't been a significant problem in Scotch Plains, where most donations are fairly small and come from individuals.

"The numbers are not big enough to have an impact — I don't want to be in a situation where we're not taking \$100 contributions," McClintock said.

McClintock noted that the executive order does not affect suspect contracts with county governments, a wing of government on which he said the state should be focusing its attention.

"Counties are often bigger than legislative districts," he said. "To tell the truth, that's where a lot of the more questionable things go on."

"To the extent that money affects politics, everyone would agree that (pay to play) is bad," said Ken Lipstein, chairman of the Scotch Plains Democrat Committee. "But I wouldn't want to see qualified vendors be denied contracts because they've contributed" to municipal political campaigns.

Lipstein conceded that political parties in the township have accepted contributions from vendors, and, when in power, both have made political appointments for campaign contributors.

But Lipstein stopped short of endorsing an extension of the pay to play ban to municipalities, and instead accused the Republican-led council of making a campaign issue out of a statewide problem. "I think what (the council) is doing is a bit transparent," he said.



The Westfield Day Care Center Friends are seeking donations of children's outgrown clothing, books, puzzles, educational toys and games for the annual fall sale Oct. 22-23. Items should be clean and in good condition; adult clothing, stuffed animals, cribs, and large infant and toddler items will not be accepted. The clothing sizes needed are infant to size 14. Donations will be accepted 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 13-15 and 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 16 at the Christian Education Building, 120 Mountain Ave., Westfield. All donations are tax deductible. The proceeds will provide scholarships for children whose parents need financial aid in obtaining day care for children aged 18 months through kindergarten. For further information about the center, now in its 36th year, call (908) 232-6717.

## Church seeks nominees for Marc Hardy Award

**WESTFIELD** — The First Congregational Church of Westfield is seeking nominations for the Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award for 2005.

Candidates must be young people between ages 16 and 22 and participating in a Westfield-based organization who have distinguished themselves in the area of human rights.

The award will be offered to a person who has shown: openness and friendliness to persons of all races, creeds and nationalities; involvement and leadership in organizations and activities committed to improving human relations; unusual personal dignity; the willingness to risk for what he or she believes is right; unqualified acceptance of others; respect for diversity; personal integrity; caring and willingness to listen; and the ability to lead by example.

Nominations should be typed and no more than two pages in length, and should indicate the names of applicable organizations in which the candidate is involved as well as responsibilities and examples or stories that illustrate the criteria listed above.

Nominations should be mailed to First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, NJ 07090 or e-mailed to [uccfca@verizon.net](mailto:uccfca@verizon.net) no later than Nov. 29. Nominators should include the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references to be contacted.

Presentation of the award, which will consist of a certificate and a monetary award, will be made in early 2005. All nominees will be acknowledged in appropriate ways.

Marc Hardy, a member of First Congregational Church, was a National Merit Scholar, a gifted singer and actor, and was very much interested in human rights.

He was killed in a car accident in 1990, one month before his graduation from Westfield High School. He personified the qualities sought for the award named in his honor.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or Sharilyn Brown at (908) 233-5375.

## Police Log

### WESTFIELD

On Saturday, officers arrested Andrew Garrison of Westfield for driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to a breath test. Garrison was released to the custody of a sober adult.

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## Rose Di Girolamo

WESTFIELD — Rose M. Sbordone Di Girolamo, 88, died Sept. 29, 2004 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Di Girolamo was a lifelong Westfield resident and a longtime co-president of the senior citizens group at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. She was a founding member of that senior citizens club.

Deceased are her husband, Nicholas J.; four sisters, Lucy Marvosa, Mollie Appezato, Anna Appezato and Agnes Del Nero;

and a brother, Nicholas Sbordone. Surviving are two sons, Nicholas J. Jr. and Thomas M.; a daughter, Maria E. Toth; a brother, Carmen Sbordone; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains, followed by a funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson St., P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091 or Mass cards from Holy Trinity Church.

## Gloria Aguilar

SCOTCH PLAINS — Gloria Suarez Aguilar, 72, died Oct. 1, 2004 at CareOne at The Highlands in Edison.

Born in Bayonne, she lived in Fanwood before moving to Scotch Plains in 1989.

Mrs. Aguilar was a homemaker.

A son, Paul, died in 2001. A brother, Gabriel, and a sister, Connie, are deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Paul; four sons, Robert, Joe and Charles; four daughters, Paulina

Wanca, Maria Moore, Lisa and Gloria; three brothers, Joseph Suarez, Anthony Suarez and Benito Suarez; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to American Diabetes Association, 19 Schoolhouse Road, Somerset, NJ 08873.

## Rachel Bilman

WESTFIELD — Rachel Bilman, 88, died Oct. 2, 2004 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Turkey and had lived in Westfield since 1965.

Mrs. Bilman was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Jack of Westfield and Harold of

Edison; a daughter, Rose Letto of Fanwood; three brothers and sisters; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday in the Temple of Israel Mausoleum at Beth Israel Memorial Park, Woodbridge. Arrangements were by the Goldstein Funeral Chapel in Edison.

## Dorothy Overbay

WESTFIELD — Dorothy F. Overbay, 88, died Oct. 2, 2004 at Crestwood Manor in Whiting.

Born in Bicknell, Ind., she lived in Westfield before moving to Manchester in 1981.

Mrs. Overbay was an accomplished pianist who earned a degree in music from Vincennes University in 1936.

Her husband, William, died in 1993.

Surviving are a son, W. Bruce

of Alexandria, Va.; two daughters, Marianne Harrison of University Park, Fla., and Sara Beth Quinn of Chestertown, Md.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by DeGraff Cremation Services in Lakehurst. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Crestwood Manor Employee Appreciation Fund, 50 Lacey Road, Whiting, NJ 08759.

## Rose Tucciarone

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rose M. Merola Tucciarone, 89, died Oct. 3, 2004 at her home in Nazareth, Pa.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Nazareth in 1997.

Mrs. Tucciarone was a homemaker and a member of the Scotch Plains Meridians. She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, John, died in 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Dolores R. Norton; a sister, Connie Hope; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1227 Liberty St., Suite 104, Allentown, PA 18102.

## Norman Eannucci

SCOTCH PLAINS — Norman W. Eannucci, 73, died suddenly Oct. 3, 2004 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains for most of his life.

Mr. Eannucci owned Park Cleaners and Dryers in Scotch Plains with his brother, Anthony, who died in 1991. The store was operated for more than 40 years and closed in 1999.

He was an Army veteran of

the Korean War and a member of Tri-Boro Memorial Post 5479, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Dunellen.

Surviving are two nephews; five grandnieces and grandnephews; and a goddaughter.

Services were held yesterday at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to American Diabetes Association, 19 Schoolhouse Road, Somerset, NJ 08873.

## Obituaries

### Frank Constandi

SCOTCH PLAINS — Frank J. Constandi, 80, died Oct. 4, 2004 at his home.

Born in Plainfield, he was a son of the late Anna and Joseph Constandi.

Mr. Constandi lived in Plainfield and Fanwood before moving to Scotch Plains in 2001. He owned Perma Stone in Fanwood until his retirement in 1960.

An artillery sergeant with the Army in Europe during World War II, Mr. Constandi was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of Storr-Richie Post 506, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Deceased are three brothers, Michael, James and Peter; and three sisters, Rose Mignella, Ann Graglia and Sister Virginia.

Surviving are a brother, Dominick of Scotch Plains; three sisters, Margaret Ritchie of Middlesex, Mary Sorbo of North Plainfield and Helen LaPiere of Fanwood; an aunt, Rose of Plainfield; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services were held yesterday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, North Plainfield, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial with military honors was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge.

### Kathleen Sevell

SCOTCH PLAINS — Kathleen A. Sevell, 52, died Oct. 4, 2004 at her home in Clark.

Born in Verona, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Clark in 2001.

Mrs. Sevell was a secretary with the Scotch Plains Health Department and Scotch Plains Building Department. She worked for the township for 25 years until her retirement earlier this year.

Her father, Norman "Dutch," and a sister, Susan Sevell Smith,

are deceased.

Surviving are her mother, Marie Braxton Sevell; two brothers, Gene and Michael; two sisters, Christine Soreth and Donna Sevell Leber; 10 nieces and nephews; and a grandnephew.

Services were held yesterday at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield, followed by a funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

### Mary A. Vajda

Mary A. Vajda, 91, died Oct. 4, 2004 at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Ga.

Born in New York City, she lived in Cranford for 51 years before moving to Savannah.

Mrs. Vajda worked for New York Telephone Co. and was very active with the New Jersey Association for Retarded Citizens. She was a parishioner of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Albert M., is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Albert M. Jr. of Greens Ferry, Ark., and Paul B. of Batesville, Ark.; a daughter, Marianne M. Horan of

Savannah; four grandsons, Albert M. III of Cranford, Steven of San Francisco, Calif., Thomas S. Horan of Del Mar, Calif., and Michael P. Horan of Charleston, S.C.; two granddaughters, Allison of Albuquerque, N.M., and Kimberly A. Rhone of Dallas, Texas; and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Church, 40 Alden St. Burial will be in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements are by Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel, in Savannah, and locally by the Dooley Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to The Arc of New Jersey.

### Edna Nesbitt

Edna C. Nesbitt, 93, died Oct. 3, 2004 at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

Mrs. Nesbitt was born in Jersey City. She lived in Elizabeth, Clark and Mountainside before moving to Cranford.

She was a longtime restaurateur in Union County, retiring in 1972 after more than eight years as the owner of Edna's Luncheonette in Elizabeth. For four years Mrs. Nesbitt was president of the Residents Association at the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center.

She also was an air raid warden in World War II, an American Red Cross volunteer and a member of the Clark Senior Citizens Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Edna Gaffney of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Joan Y. Moeller of Mantoloking and Coral Springs, Fla., and Margaret Sacripanti of Texas; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Gray Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

### Julia Schwarz

Julia Schwarz, 89, died Oct. 1, 2004 at the New Jersey Geriatric Center in Elizabeth.

Mrs. Schwarz was born in New York City. She lived in Brooklyn, Garwood and Middlesex before moving to Elizabeth in 1984.

She retired in 1968 after 14 years as a counter employee with Woolworth's in Elizabeth.

Her husband, William, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth Sr. of Elizabeth; and a grandchild.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Genevieve Roman Catholic Church, Elizabeth, following services at the Leonard Home for Funerals in Elizabeth.

Donations may be sent to New Jersey Geriatric Center, 225 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202-1301.

### Sophie Julius

Sophie C. Kozikowski Julius, 80, died Sept. 28, 2004 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in Newark, she lived in Garwood for 32 years before moving to Union in 1989.

Mrs. Julius retired in 1990 after 10 years as a housekeeper with Schering-Plough Corp. in

Kenilworth. She was a member of the Garwood Senior Citizens Club.

Her husband, John, died in 1976.

Surviving are a son, Dennis J.; a daughter, Deborah P. Sukowski; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Garwood First Aid Squad.

## Frazee house restoration

(Continued from page A-1)

example, are too low for comfort.

However, the house is worth preserving, she said, for both its physical and cultural history. Gen. Lord Cornwallis is reputed to have visited the house en route to the Battle of Short Hills in 1777. Cornwallis sought bread from the homeowner, Betty Frazee, who consented to his request "in fear, not out of love," according to the illustrated history of Union County, which was drawn by noted Scotch Plains cartoonist Frank Thorne.

The Frazee house stands adjacent to the former Terry Lou Zoo site, which is also owned by the township; the zoo property was acquired after it was closed down for health and animal safety problems. Marks said township envisions converting the property to a passive park, since topography and wetlands issues would likely prevent its conversion to an athletic field.

"We need open spaces, and we need additional parks, especially on the south side," Marks said.

He said the township cleaned up the property about a year ago, but is hoping to obtain grant money to renovate both the former zoo property and the Frazee house. He acknowledged that expending substantial township money on the project amounts to a "dollars and cents" issue.

"The issue becomes a financial one, because we're trying to be as frugal as we can with taxpayer dollars," Marks said. But the township is willing to pursue grants and provide any bureaucratic assistance that might prove helpful, he added.

For more information about assisting the Rotary on the project, or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact Hughes at (908) 490-0742 or Karin Dreixler at (908) 889-1999.

## History behind the house

The Frazee house and events surrounding its most famous inhabitant Elizabeth Frazee have been the subject of rife speculation by armchair historians. But the truth, according to architectural historian Stacy Spies, remains interesting even if it differs from popular perception.

Spies said the popular conception of Elizabeth Frazee, or "Aunt Betty," is probably overstated since she was only 38 years old at the time of her famed encounter with Gen. Cornwallis. When the British general marched past the Frazee house, he is said to have been attracted by the smell of baking and asked Elizabeth for a loaf of bread.

When she responded "I give you this in fear, not in love," Cornwallis is said to have withdrawn, suggesting "neither he nor a soldier of mine would partake of it." He then rode off and joined the columns of British troops marching along Raritan Road toward Westfield, according to the legend.

Discrepancies abound from the 1777 incident. While much of the legend is possibly true — Aunt Betty may have reluctantly offered Gen. Cornwallis a loaf of bread as his army marched through the area on the way to the Battle of Short Hills — oddities persist.

For example, most inhabitants were aware of the approaching British army. Westfield was vacated, and most remaining residents were camped with the nearby Continental Army. Plus, the day in question was said to be the hottest day of the year.

"I can't imagine why she would have been baking," Spies said. And Cornwallis was hardly as gentlemanly as his portrayal in the illustrated history of Union County. British soldiers evidently pillaged the house and property, stealing fence posts and livestock. Gershom Frazee extensively documented possessions and animals that were taken by the British during Cornwallis' visit.

Elizabeth was married to a man named Gershom Frazee at the time of the 1777 incident; her husband was a homebuilder and a cabinet maker.

"It's very likely that (Gershom) built his own house," Spies said, probably as early as 1761. The Frazee family owned several acres of land near the crossing of Raritan and Terrill roads, which at the time was known as Two Bridges. Much of the land the Frazees owned is now part of the Ash Brook golf course and was used for grazing purposes.

Nearly a century later, Frazee's grand-nephews occupied the house and amassed a fortune while living quite modestly. Spies estimated that the two bachelors made between two and three million dollars in adjusted dollars by the time of their death in the late 19th century.

When they died, a lengthy dispute arose over their estate between the Scotch Plains Baptist Church and distant relatives. But because of the brothers' miserly reputation, many came to believe additional money was hidden inside the structure. The house was probably picked apart many times by fortune-seekers, Spies said.

"I can assure you, there's nowhere else to look," she said. The house is more recently known for its stewardship by Franklyn Tuttle Terry and his wife Ella Louise Terry, who owned the house from 1949 to 1994. The couple also established the Terry Lou Zoo, a petting zoo that was small in size but certainly not in scope. At various points, the zoo housed orangutans, tigers, llamas, and other large animals.

Though the Frazee house is clearly rich in historical value, it has not been placed on either the state or national Register of Historic Places. Spies said publicly-owned properties must pursue a different process than privately-owned buildings to achieve that designation, which provides protections from development.

— Brad Bishop

## No curfews, perhaps cameras?

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Police Chief Bernard Tracy told the Town Council Tuesday he does not endorse a curfew for teenagers or changes to the town's anti-loitering law, but his department is considering the installation of surveillance cameras in public places, such as the municipal parking lot

behind the Rialto theater.

Tracy's comments were part of a discussion prompted by resident Eric Zakarin, who has been pushing the case for stepped-up enforcement in the area since his teenage son was recently assaulted in the parking lot.

Since the issue was raised, municipal officials have said the strategies now in place — including a "beat check" program, in which officers visit the area every 20 minutes on weekend nights and file brief reports about their activity — are largely sufficient.

In most cases, officers encountering a group of people in the area will ask them to disperse, and the juveniles comply, Tracy said.

"For the most part, the interaction between police and children is very positive," he said, adding that the numbers of assaults and other problems stemming from the area is actually on the decline.

"I think the laws are in place," he added. "To be more heavy-handed might cause more of a problem."

The one significant change regarding the issue could be the installation of video cameras in the lot and perhaps a few other locations, Tracy said; the cameras could then be viewed from the police station. A request for funding for the cameras will likely be included in the department's 2005 budget request, he said.

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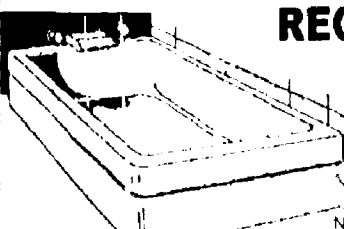


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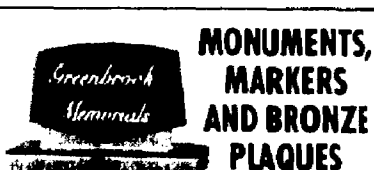
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## YMCA presents open house

WESTFIELD — To celebrate the fifth annual "Lights on Afterschool" event, the Westfield Area YMCA is sponsoring an open house 4-5 p.m. Oct. 14 for area families at its Clark Street facility.

Participants are invited to visit the Y's classrooms, meet child care representatives, and participate in activities such as the inflatable obstacle course and arts and crafts. Refreshments will be available.

To register for the open house, call Leah Schneider, Assistant School Age Child Care Director at (908) 233-2700, ext. 272.

"Lights on Afterschool" is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization supported by a group of public, private and nonprofit entities dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth have access to afterschool programs by 2010.

Said Fred Wasiak, assistant executive director of the Westfield Area Y, "Lights On Afterschool" celebrates the wonderful work being done in our afterschool programs. It reminds us of the great services afterschool programs provide — keeping our children safe, helping them learn, and relieving working parents of worries about their children's afternoons.

"Unfortunately, too many of our kids are still home alone in the afternoons. There's no reason learning should stop at 3 p.m., particularly if the alternative is unsupervised time in front of a television set."

The Westfield Area Y serves more than 300 children per year with school-age child care programs at seven sites: Tamaques, McKinley, Jefferson and Washington Schools, Club Mid at the Edison and Roosevelt Schools and on-site at the Y on Clark Street. Children are also bussed to the Clark Street facility from Garwood.

After school programs are available 2-5 days per week and include gym and art activities, outside play, science, cooking, games, snack and homework assistance.

## Hungarian violin comes to Westfield

Stephen Wolosonovich, a concert violinist and teacher in Westfield, is pictured here with his pupil, Melvin Diep, a ninth grader at Westfield High School, with a violin made in Budapest, Hungary around 1850 and a watercolor by a Mongolian artist of London's Chinatown. The violin and painting were acquired on a recent trip to London, which included consultations with violin collectors in Paris and Amsterdam. The violin is a rare example of Hungarian craftsmanship which features a one piece back, top, and lower rib and the use of "dragon's blood" as a dye for the varnish as well as a distinctive lion's head scroll. Wolosonovich is now in his 30th year of playing and teaching the violin in his studio in Westfield and the sixth year of his violin solo concerto orchestra, having performed movements from 35 violin concertos, eight piano concertos, four cello concertos, and the violin and viola concerto of Mozart. Ira Kraemer, violin restorer in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, brought the Hungarian violin to playing condition. Wolosonovich's next trip will take him to Istanbul, Athens, Cairo, Madrid, and Lisbon, where he will seek out other connoisseurs of violins.



## Shiffman headed to NYLC program

WESTFIELD — Town resident Benjamin K. Shiffman has been selected to participate in the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) in Washington, D.C. from Nov. 2-7.

NYLC is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Shiffman will be one of approximately 400 outstanding scholars from around the country at the conference.

The theme of NYLC is "Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout 10 days, Shiffman will interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media, and the international community.

"We often hear from members of Congress, political appointees

and members of Washington's press corps that it is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Benjamin Shiffman because they are the face of our country's future," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors the conference. "What these students learn at the National Young Leaders Conference will enable them to build coalitions with one another and exercise their own leadership skills within communities around the country."

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Shiffman will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities and simulations. In one role-play activity titled "If I Were President," students act as the

president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis.

Students also participate in "Testing the Constitution," in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. The conference culminates with the Model Congress, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

## Historical Society hosts program on H. Quimby

### Briefs

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Historical Society invites the public to its Oct. 15 program to meet the "First Lady of the Air" — Harriet Quimby, America's first licensed woman pilot — in a performance by actress/storyteller Laurie M. Gualke.

The program will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

Gualke will use Quimby's own words in exploring early aviation and show how the desire and excitement she felt to become an aviatrix would lead her to the skies 26 years before Amelia Earhart. She became the first woman to fly solo across the English Channel in 1912.

The role of Harriet Quimby is not the only one Gualke has presented to the public. In one-woman interactive performances, she has been a suffragist; a Salvation Army Lottie during World War I; Kate Dickens, daughter of Charles Dickens; Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln and discussed the dress and decorum in Victorian America.

The program is open to the public at no charge.

### Talks on 'Holy Cities' begin next week

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center kicks off the fall session of its Jewish Literacy Program 8 p.m. Tuesday with the first of a series of four classes for adults titled, "The Holy Cities."

On four consecutive Tuesdays, Rabbi Mitchell Bomrind will take participants on a virtual tour of four holy cities — Jerusalem, Chevron, Tzfat, and Teveira — and explore why these historically evocative places have inspired and captivated people for millennia.

The first class in the series will

touch on Jerusalem — the epicenter of Jewish life. The "city of gold" has been home to great ancestors, kings, judges, thinkers, and heroes; and the stage for battles, tragedies, and victories throughout Jewish history.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per lecture. For more information and to register, call the Union County Torah Center at (908) 789-5252. The center is located at 418 Central Ave.

### Service League plans fashion show, luncheon

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this month by presenting a fashion show and luncheon.

The affair will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by calling the Ticket Chairman at (908) 232-2746 or for ticket information, calling the Thrift Shop at (908) 322-5420.

The theme of the show is "Cruise into the Future Aboard the USS Thrift." The Service League "armchair cruise" will take attendees around the world through fashion. From warm weather swimwear and casual wear to cold temperatures and warm coats and furs, the models will be wearing clothes from the "Designer Corner" department.

Other fashion categories include outerwear, business, children's clothing, and formal wear for that last evening at the Captain's Dinner. For more information, call (908) 322-8496.



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With best wishes,

*George W. Bush*



## Jaycees raffle off Mercedes

The Westfield Jaycees show off the \$38,000 2004 Mercedes C230 Sport Sedan, from INTERCAR Mercedes Benz of Newton, which they are raffling off Oct. 23 at Temple Emanuel to raise funds for scholarships and the CONTACT We Care crisis hotline. Pictured above is raffle Chairman Jeff Strrat (left) and Jaycees President Jeff Pinkin. Call (908) 301-1899 or (908) 654-0433 for tickets and information.

## High school info night planned Oct. 14

WESTFIELD — On Oct. 14, Holy Trinity Interparochial School will host its first High School Information Night for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students throughout Union County.

The event will be held in the school gymnasium at the Westfield campus from 7-9 p.m. Students from public, private, and parochial schools are invited.

Many area Catholic high schools will be represented, including Delbarton Preparatory School (Morristown), Mother Seton Regional High School (Clark), Mt. St. Mary's Academy (Watchung), Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child (Summit), Oratory Preparatory School (Summit), Roselle Catholic Regional High School (Roselle), Seton Hall Preparatory High

School (West Orange), St. Joseph High School (Metuchen), St. Peter's Preparatory School (Jersey City) and Union Catholic Regional High School (Scotch Plains).

Students will have an opportunity to learn about campus life at these high schools, including academic programs, activities, sports, college admissions statistics, and financial aid.

No pre-registration is necessary, and light refreshments will be served. Holy Trinity Interparochial School is located at 336 First St. For further information, call the school at (908) 233-0484.

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OCT. 7

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### FRIDAY

OCT. 8

**EDISON SCHOOL CARNIVAL** — second annual event, open to the community. 3:30-6 p.m. Oct. 8, at the field behind the school. (908) 789-4480 or 789-4184.

### SATURDAY

OCT. 9

**SIDEWALK ART SHOW AND SALE** — in downtown Westfield, with prizes totaling \$1,500. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; registration closes Oct. 1. For an application, call (908) 233-1849, (908) 789-9444, or (908) 233-3021.

**ELVIS IMPERSONATOR DOUG CHURCH** — a tribute to "The King," to benefit the Cranford PBA Local 52. Kenilworth Veterans Center, South 21st Street, Kenilworth. \$35. (908) 272-8425 or (908) 276-1587.

### SUNDAY

OCT. 10

**'I CARE, TOO' WALK-A-THON** — sponsored by the cancer support organization New Hope for Recoverers. Registration 8-10 a.m. Oct. 10 at Scotch Plains Municipal Building, Park Avenue; walk begins 10 a.m. (908) 389-9299.

**CHOIR PERFORMANCE** — featuring gospels and hymns by female composers. 4 p.m. St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 232-6972.

**CAR, TRUCK AND BIKE SHOW** — sponsored by the Westfield American Legion Martin Walberg Post No. 3. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. South Avenue train station parking lot.

station parking lot.

**DRUMMING CIRCLE** — participate in an ancient practice at The Internet Lounge. 7:30 p.m. 256 South Ave., Fanwood. (908) 490-1234.

**HIKE AT HACKELBARNEY** — members of First Baptist Church of Westfield organize an outing to the state park. Visitors welcome; carpool will leave church parking lot at 170 Elm St. at 11:45 a.m. Last group will return to church by 5 p.m. (908) 233-2278.

### MONDAY

OCT. 11

**FASHION SHOW** — presented by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League. 10:30 a.m. Scotch Hills Country Club, Scotch Plains. \$10. For tickets or information, (908) 232-2746.

### TUESDAY

OCT. 12

**BLOOD DRIVE** — sponsored by the Greater Union County Association of Realtors. 1-4 p.m. Lord & Taylor parking lot, North Avenue, Westfield. (908) 233-0065.

**ENERGY SAVINGS WORKSHOP** — get tips on how to save in your home and house of worship. 7-9 p.m. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield. (908) 233-2494.

**AUTUMN SING-ALONG** — a program for the 12 O'Clock Club of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church. Noon. 1961 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains. (908) 232-5678.

### THURSDAY

OCT. 14

**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT** — for Union County students in Grades 6-8, at Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield. Many Catholic high schools will have representatives on hand. 7 p.m. 336 First St., Westfield. No registration required. (908) 233-0484.

**'LIGHTS ON AFTER-SCHOOL'** — an open house for area families at the Westfield Area YMCA, demonstrating the after-school options for kids. 4-5 p.m. 220 Clark St., Westfield. To register, call (908) 233-2700, ext. 272.

### FRIDAY

OCT. 15

**'FIRST LADY OF THE AIR'** — a performance on the life of Harriet Quimby, America's first license pilot, for the Westfield Historical Society. 7:30 p.m. Community Room of the

Westfield Municipal Building. Free and open to the public.

**FALL CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE** — a fundraiser at Brunner Elementary School. 5-9 p.m. 721 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-6809.

### SATURDAY

OCT. 16

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — to raise funds for the families of deployed soldiers of the 250th Signal Battalion, based in the Westfield Armory. 7 a.m.-noon at the Armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield. \$6. To volunteer, call (732) 499-5666.

**CLEAN-UP DAY** — Scotch Plains residents and civic groups pitch in to clean up public property. 9 a.m.-noon. (908) 322-6700, ext. 243.

**MEET-THE-ARTIST PROGRAM** — at Lincoln Center in New York City, sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Library. Buses leave the library 8 a.m., return 3 p.m. \$45 for members, \$50 for non-members. Register at (908) 322-9179.

### SUNDAY

OCT. 17

**HADASSAH GODPARENTS CRUISE** — on the Cornucopia Princess, departing Perth Amboy Harborside 11 a.m. \$100 per person. (908) 233-7120.

### COMING UP

**PASTA NIGHT DINNER** — second annual fundraiser for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Club. 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Purchase tickets by Oct. 15 at (908) 789-9773.

**FINE ART AUCTION** — to benefit the Resolve Community Counseling Center. 7 p.m. Oct. 22, sales begin at 8. All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 322-9180.

**RED RIBBON DRUG AWARENESS DAY** — commemorating the lives of those lost fighting drug abuse, featuring wide array of kids' entertainment. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 23. Nomahegan Park, Cranford. (732) 381-4100.

**ECUMENICAL TRAINING EVENT** — presented by church leaders and hosted by the First United Methodist Church. First of two workshops begins at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 23. 1 East Broad St., Westfield. \$12. More information available at the church.

**OPERATION BOOK DROP-OFF** — Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will collect book donations for next April's sale. 9 a.m.-noon at the library on East Broad Street.

**TRICKY TRAY GIFT AUCTION** — third annual event to benefit the Cerebral Palsy League. Oct. 24. Donations are now being accepted; call Melissa Taveras at (908) 709-1800, ext. 115.

## Join Westfield in Celebrating Addams Family Month!

Look for chilling events in Westfield during the month of October.



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- Williams Nursery (232-4076)  
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Franklin Pumpkin Fair at Roosevelt School on October 23rd from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
- Franklin School PTO (789-4590)

Trick or Treat Downtown on October 30th  
- DWC (789-9444)

Spooky Fun after Trick-or-Treating on October 30th  
- Girl Scouts (233-2646)

Halloween Parade and Costume Contest on October 31st at 12:45 pm  
- Y's Men's Club (233-2700)  
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# Community Life

## Briefs

### Spots available for trip to Jewish center

SCOTCH PLAINS — There are still a few seats available for The JCC of Central NJ's bus trip to visit the Center for Jewish History in New York City. The bus will depart from the JCC at 9 a.m. Oct. 14 and return at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The Center for Jewish History is comprised of five leading educational, cultural and historical institutions: American Jewish Historical Society, American Sephardi Federation, Leo Baeck Institute, Yeshiva University Museum, and YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. All share a vision to preserve and present the richness of Jewish heritage.

Lunch is included in the price. The fee is \$40 for JCC members, members of Hazak and Renaissance. Non-members are welcomed at \$50 each. Registration is required.

For more information or to register, call Nan Statton at (908) 889-8800, ext. 207.

### Donations sought for Westfield book sale

WESTFIELD — The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library, who will be conducting their annual book sale April 5-9, 2005 are seeking book donations on Oct. 23.

"Operation Book Drop-Off" will run from 9 a.m.-noon. Books of non-fiction, fiction, paperbacks, children's books, rare books and encyclopedias in good condition can be deposited at the Westfield Memorial Library arcade. Text books and technical manuals are excluded.

The book sale and membership proceeds have resulted in more than \$600,000 being donated specifically to those needs during the Friends' three decades of existence, and the organization has plans to make the forthcoming book sale event one of the biggest ever.

### Discussion groups, movie night at library

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library will mark the "It's Alive@Fanwood Memorial Library" celebration during the week of Oct. 17-23. Reading discussion groups for Grades 6-7 and for Grades 8-12 and a pizza and movie night are the activities that are part of Teen Read Week, a national literacy initiative of the Young Adult Services Association.

On Oct. 19, students in Grades 6-7 will discuss *Cirque du Freak* from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

From 6:15-7:30 p.m., the older discussion group will be reading *Acceleration*. Copies of the book are available at the library and refreshments will be served.

Oct. 21 is pizza and a movie night. The movie will be of the horror genre (but not too scary) and is open to all students in Grades 6-12.

For more information, call Nancy or Annie at (908) 322-4377.

### Animal advocates plan end-of-summer sale

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Best Friend Second Chance Resale Shop, located at 1750 East Second St. will say goodbye to summer and get ready for winter with a 50 percent off sale through Saturday. This sale will include almost everything in the store, except jewelry and the new Halloween display.

Good quality donations are always welcome and may be brought in any time during store hours. Especially requested are items in the following categories: collectibles, antiques, jewelry, small furniture, unused gift items, silver and china. New clothes "with tags on" are also welcome. Craftworkers are encouraged to donate original craft items.

All proceeds from the sales will directly benefit homeless rescued pets awaiting adoption and will be used to pay for veterinary care, inoculations, neutering and boarding of pets awaiting adoption.

The shop is now open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, or to volunteer, call (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930.

## NJWA awards arts scholarships to local students

WESTFIELD — The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has announced the 2004 scholarship recipients. The scholarships awarded to students were made possible through public donations, fund-raising efforts, the annual Gala and yearly raffles, and business and corporate donations and grants. The following scholarships were awarded through NJWA for 2003-2004:

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Scholarship is given to a student who has excelled in instrumental/vocal performance and plans to pursue a career in music. The recipient was cellist Carl Baron, who received \$1,000.

The Ruth Sell Memorial Scholarship is offered to a student studying at The Music Studio and who is graduating from high school with significant achievements in music. This year's scholarship in the amount of \$100 was awarded to Carl Baron, who will attend the Cleveland Institute of Music this fall.

The Little Opera Company of New

Jersey (LOC) is a division of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts that presents scholarships to graduating seniors who participated in the LOC Young Artist Program. This program encourages students to become involved in the art of opera. The winners for 2004, who received \$1,000 each, were Westfield High School seniors Ryan Leonard, Mike Sherry and Kim Lam.

The Mark Hardy Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student at the Westfield Summer Workshop for outstanding performance in Musical Theatre. The recipients this year were Michael

Mietlicki, a sophomore at Wardlaw-Hartridge, and Natalie Narotsky, a sophomore at Westfield High School. The students received \$125 each.

The Sally Judd Scholarship is an annual scholarship funded by Leonard Judd in memory of his wife to three fifth-grade students attending the Franklin Elementary School. The candidates must show outstanding proficiency or potential

in vocal, wind and string musical instrument performance. The students were also selected on the basis of fine character, academic grades, artistic potential and community volunteer experience. This year's winners were Ashley Kattsak, strings; Tracy Kaplan, clarinet; and Amelia Morabito, voice. Each student received a \$100 gift certificate to continue his or her studies at The Music Studio.

Grants of \$500 each from NJWA were awarded to Donald E. Williams II and Jason Mesches through the fine arts department of Westfield High School. Students' applications were evaluated based on artistic achievement, academic standing, continuous participation in the Westfield Public School performing ensembles, Grades 6-12, outstanding character and community service.

For the N.J. Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Conductor's Awards of \$500, a young artist was selected through audition with a focus on outstanding

achievement in classical music. Each applicant was required to perform a full concerto from an approved list. Applicants who play piano, strings, woodwinds or brass were eligible. The winner for 2004 was Sung-Chan Chang for her performance on cello.

The NJWA is a non-profit arts education organization established in 1972 by Theodore K. Schlosberg to enrich lives by providing opportunities to develop creative talents and encourage a greater appreciation of the arts through instruction and performance.

Divisions include the Music Studio, Kids 'n' Arts, the Westfield Summer Workshop, Creative Arts Workshop, the Fencing Club, the Summer Band and Summer Symphony Orchestra, the Alphorn Workshop and outreach programs in the surrounding communities.

Anyone interested in further information about the different scholarship funds at NJWA or making a donation should call (908) 789-9696.



The Borough of Fanwood threw its annual party for itself Sunday, as the Fanny Wood Day festivities came to South and Martine avenues. The day included beard-growing and pie-baking contests, Irish dancing and live music, a poetry presentation, and the crowning of Little Miss Fanny Wood. The youngsters in attendance, including Joseph Dzubeck, 7, (in Gap sweatshirt) enjoyed the antics of clown Ann Martin, shown here making a balloon animal. The events were presided over by Barbara Lee Couphos (left), a borough resident for 70 years, who was Ms. Fanny Wood 2004.



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## Busy week for kids, adults at the Westfield library

WESTFIELD — After being closed Monday for Columbus Day, the Westfield Memorial Library will host several programs for children and adults next week. They include:

**Nutrition in Health and Diseases:** Kean University has partnered with the library to offer this mini-course with Kenneth J. Melman, adjunct professor of biological science. Beginning Oct. 12 and held on six Tuesdays from 2:30-4:45 p.m., this course will provide students an understanding of the role of nutrition in health, body maintenance, growth and its physiological effects in deficiency states. Participants will learn about vital nutrients such as carbohydrates, protein, lipids, vitamins, minerals, water and fiber. The course tuition is \$60; to register, contact Continuing and Professional Education at Kean

University at (908) 737-5840.

**Mommies at the Movies:** Moms can bring their babies at 10 a.m. Oct. 14 and enjoy a free showing of the Coen brothers' recent film "Intolerable Cruelty." A valid Westfield Library card gains admittance; pre-registration not required.

**TGIF: Your Hit Parade—the 1950s:** At 1:30 p.m. Oct. 15, visitors can listen to music from the 1950s, and enjoy a lively discussion about this decade.

**Sally Cook Pajama Party:** Registration begins Oct. 12 for this event, which will be held 7-8 p.m. Oct. 26. Kids will wear pajamas and bring along a favorite stuffed friend for an evening of stories, crafts and bedtime treats. Participants will meet Sally Cook, author of *Good Night Pillow Fight*, who will talk with children about how

this book came about and lead a dramatic presentation of this story. Children must be ages 4 and up and have a valid Westfield Library card to attend.

**Mother Goose Lapsit, ages 10-23 months:** In this storytime, held on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:45-10:05 a.m., the youngest library users and their parents or caregivers are invited to share time together as they are exposed to language, books and playful activities. Older siblings will not be permitted due to the size limitations of the room.

**Little Listeners, ages 2-3½ years:** Held on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:30-11 a.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult for this story time program. Infants will be permitted, but older siblings will not due to size limitations of the group. The library requests that children attend this program only

once per week so that as many children can participate as possible.

**Time for Tales, ages 3½ to 5 years:** In this program, held on Tuesdays from 1:30-2 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:30-11 p.m., children go into the story room without an adult to listen to stories and watch a video of a picture book. Adults are not permitted to accompany the child, but are asked to stay in the library during the program in case of "emergencies."

All story times are drop-in, but attendance is limited so please arrive early and sign in at the Children's Desk. Children must have a valid Westfield Library card to participate.

For more information, call (908) 789-4090, visit the library's website at [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org) or stop by the library for a copy of the quarterly newsletter.

## Info available on '4 Centuries' event

County residents can start packing their bags for a trip revealing 400 years of Union County's past, as 23 historic sites team up to present "Four Centuries in a Weekend: Journey Through Union County History."

This free time-travel opportunity will take place Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 17, from noon to 5 p.m.

"Union County proudly sponsors this unique tourism event that enables both returning and first-time visitors to enjoy these historically significant house museums and sites," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Schools and other groups interested in advance program materials should contact the county's Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs now."

The sites are grouped into five historic themes that describe periods of major changes from colonial times until the early 1920s. Tourists can select a cluster of sites to visit or mix and match from all 23 locations that include

the grand homes of the *Early Aristocracy*; the settings for the dangerous *Revolutionary Frontline* years; modest examples of hard *Farm Life*; the successful undertakings of *Commerce and Industry*; and the grandeur and comfort of the *Victorian Resorts and Suburbs*.

Participating sites, alphabetized by municipality, are: Berkeley Heights — Deserted Village, Littell-Lord Farmstead; Clark — Dr. William Robinson Plantation-Museum; Cranford — Crane-Phillips House Museum; Elizabeth — Belcher-Ogden Mansion, Boxwood Hall State Historic Site; Hillside — Evergreen Cemetery, Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum; Kenilworth — Oswald J. Nitschke House; Mountainside — Deacon Andrew Hetfield House; New Providence — Salt Box Museum; Plainfield — Drake House Museum; Rahway — Merchants and Drovers Tavern; Roselle — Abraham Clark House; Roselle Park — Roselle Park Museum; Scotch Plains — Osborn Cannonball House; Springfield —

Cannon Ball House; Summit — Carter House, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Twin Maples; Union — Caldwell Parsonage, Liberty Hall Museum; Westfield — Miller-Cory House Museum.

"Four Centuries in a Weekend" is a two-time award-winning history festival made possible in part by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.

For this self-guided journey, free copies of the Heritage Festival booklets containing brief descriptions of the sites and illustrated maps can be obtained by contacting the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth NJ 07202.

Reach the division by telephone at (908) 558-2550 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays (NJ Relay Users can call 711) or e-mail [Culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:Culturalinfo@ucnj.org). The contact information is the same for schools and other groups requesting lesson plans and activity kits.

## College Club calendars available at local stores

The September-to-September calendar with day-by-day listings of all school and community activities in Scotch Plains and Fanwood is now available at Irma's Hallmark, John's Meat Market, Scotch Hills Pharmacy, Young's Paint and Varnish, and at both local libraries courtesy of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club for \$7. The calendars can also be obtained by calling (908) 889-4105.

The calendar, one of two main fundraisers by the College Club, provides useful information for local residents, particularly families. One hundred percent of money received from this fundraiser will go directly toward scholarships.

The calendar is supported by the following long-time advertisers (25 or more years): Barry's Frame Shop, Bartell Farm & Garden Center, Charles Lecher Inc., Cindy Pools, DiFrancesco Realty (GMAC Real Estate), Family Investors Co., Fanwood Liquors, Irma's Hallmark, Scotchwood Florist, Tiffany Natural Pharmacy, Young Paint and Varnish, and Zmuda Construction Co.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide scholarships for local women who plan to or are already pursuing a college degree and are in need of financial assistance. For more information regarding the club or to join, call (908) 233-3829.

## Temple offers courses on Judaism

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## NJWA offers classes in Alexander Technique

WESTFIELD — Suffering from back pain, a repetitive strain injury, anxiety, hypertension, or fatigue? The NJ Workshop for the Arts is offering a course on The Alexander Technique, a tool for stress relief that can be used while in the environment or situation that is causing the stress.

It is a method that helps to identify habits that cause strain in the body, and then educates participants to move differently, with less effort.

The effects of the Alexander Technique can include less pain and discomfort, more energy, and a

greater ability to concentrate. According to advocates, children can learn better ways to cope with stresses like test anxiety or shyness, or to move more easily in a body that is constantly growing.

The technique can help athletes to move with increased efficiency and more power, and corporate workers can learn to prevent or recover from repetitive strain injuries, such as carpal tunnel syndrome or tendonitis. Seniors can use the Alexander Technique to find a greater sense of balance and strength.

The courses will be taught by

Stephanie Kalka, a certified teacher of the Alexander Technique. Kalka is a professional flautist and a graduate of the American Center for the Alexander Technique in New York City. She used her knowledge of the Alexander Technique to recover from a severe disorder and taught herself a new, pain-free way to play the flute.

She is the author of the article: "Teaching Flute Lessons with Alexander Principles." She has taught the technique to musicians, dancers, actors, athletes, teenagers, young children, seniors, and corpo-

rate employees.

Classes will be held at the NJWA Annex at 361 South Ave. in Westfield on Mondays, ending Nov. 15. The first course will be offered from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for adults. The second course will be offered from 7:15-8:45 p.m., for adults. Each course will be limited to eight participants.

The Alexander Technique is non-manipulative and not painful. Most people report feeling more relaxed and more comfortable in their bodies by the end of the first lesson.

Call Kalka at (732) 713-4424 for details.

## Energy savings subject of program at church

WESTFIELD — Saving energy in the home and the religious community is the focus of a workshop to be hosted by the First Congregational Church from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. The free workshop will be held in Patton auditorium and will feature presentations by two guest speakers. It is open to the public.

Eric Anderson, program director for GreenFaith, New Jersey's interfaith environmental coalition, will offer a seminar titled "Watt's a KiloWatt hour? Watt's a Therm? Understanding what your utility bills really mean and how they impact the environment." The seminar will help participants familiarize themselves with the seemingly arcane technical terms that appear on utility bills and will offer simple suggestions for reducing household energy expenses by more than 10 percent.

The second presentation, titled "Reducing Energy Costs in Religious Buildings," will be offered by Andrew Rudin of the Interfaith Coalition on Energy. A professional energy auditor, Rudin has surveyed and analyzed more than 1,500 religious buildings across the country and will offer his expertise about common steps that most houses of worship can take to conserve energy, reduce utility bills, and save money for more important congregational efforts and missions.

First Congregational Church is located at 125 Elmer St. To register for the event, e-mail "info@greenfaith.org" or call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

## American Legion plans a car show in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Westfield American Legion Martin Walberg Post No. 3 will sponsor a car, truck and bike show at the South Avenue train station parking lot 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The rain date is Oct. 17.

Prizes will be awarded to winning vehicles entered in the show. Vehicles may be entered for \$15.

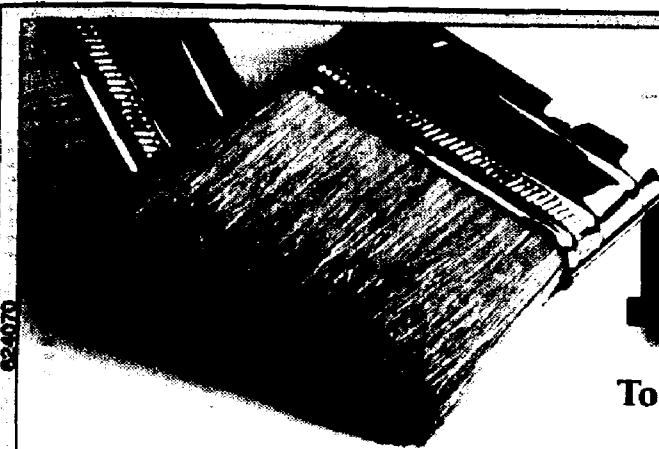
Super trucks, National Guard vehicles, and vehicles from the Union County SWAT team, bomb squad and HazMat unit will be

invited.

The Legion is also recruiting new members. Anyone who served in active duty in any branch of the armed services is eligible for membership at the Legion. Veterans will be present at the event, and information on

becoming a member will be available.

The Legion is seeking licensed vendors for the event. For information, call Pat Tighe at (908) 612-6494. For more information about entering a vehicle in the show call (908) 789-0849.



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## Mankita, Mal will perform in 'Coffee' series in Westfield

The Coffee with Conscience concert series of Westfield presents a double bill featuring Jay Mankita, and Karen Mal Saturday, Oct. 16 at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. All net proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Central Jersey Chapter of the Names Project, more commonly known as the AIDS Quilt.

Mankita, a guitarist and a quirky, original singer/songwriter, is rooted in the traditions of acoustic folk and American music, from blues to bluegrass, ragtime and country swing. Mankita has been playing in clubs, coffeehouses and festivals for over 25 years.

Mankita will release a new album, *Morning Face*, this month. The album features guitar and vocals, plus mandolin, concertina, and cello, and offers Mankita's perspective on personal authenticity and courage.

Mal has made a name for herself both as a solo artist and as a sideman for others on mandolin, guitar, and harmony vocals. She has won numerous songwriting awards and has opened for or appeared onstage with performers such as Tom Paxton, Slaid Cleaves, Tom Prasada-Rao, Gail Davies, Buddy Mondlock and Tom Kimmel.

Mal is originally from New England, lived later in Wisconsin and is now based Texas. She worked in regional theatre for sev-

eral years as an actor and musical director/composer before settling in Austin, Texas to play music full-time.

For more information on the artists, visit <http://www.jaymankita.com> or <http://www.karenmal.com>.

The concert is part of a ten-show series running from September through June at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. The concerts are also being recorded for broadcast by Westfield's TV-36. Residents of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside can catch each month's concert at 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Fridays and at 9:30 p.m. Sundays.

The series supports the following charities: The Eric Johnson House in Morristown, the Interfaith Council for the Homeless, the Central Jersey Chapter of the Names Project, Habitat for Humanity and the Community Food Bank of NJ. Each concert benefits one of these charities.

For more information on the series, the upcoming performance, or ways in which to get involved with the series, call (908) 522-1501 or visit [www.coffeewithconscience.com](http://www.coffeewithconscience.com). Volunteers are welcomed.



Jay Mankita will bring his folksy send and a new set of songs to the First United Methodist Church in Westfield Oct. 16.

## Concert Band to play in Cranford

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band will present a concert for young and old alike at the Cranford United Methodist Church, at the corner of Lincoln and Walnut avenues, at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The concert will be held in Randolph Hall, adjacent to the church. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. Toddlers aged 2 and under are free, and child care will be provided.

With over 75 musicians in the group, the NJWA Concert Band, led by Howard Toplansky, has been heard in many locations. "Not only do we give regular concerts, we also try to offer benefit concerts to help worthy organizations in their fundraising efforts," said Toplansky.

Two members of the band, Russell Jackson, bassoonist, and Don Young, trumpeter, have a particular interest in this concert, as they are also members of the Cranford United Methodist Church.

The NJWA Concert Band is now entering its ninth year and is devoted to offering quality music of many types. The NJWA Concert Band boasts a strong array of talent, ranging from professional adults to high school and elementary students. Band members come from Union, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Roselle, Edison, Mountainside, Basking Ridge, Springfield, Dunellen, Warren, Garwood as well as Cranford.

Over the years, the Concert Band has helped raise money for the Gift of Life, the Jaipur Limb Project, the 9/11 Fund, and the Kenilworth Music Boosters.

The band's fall repertoire includes a variety of marches, the "Sleeping Beauty Waltz" by Tchaikovsky, "Highlights from My Fair Lady," and the "Palm Leaf Rag" by Joplin.

"We are dedicated to offering the public a wide variety of music — an eclectic and exciting combination that allows people to sit back and enjoy two hours of sheer entertainment," said Toplansky.

For further information or to inquire about ticket sale locations, call (908) 276-6172 or 486-2069.

## UCAC jumps into the pool to open new series on movies

As part of its Movie Palace Experience 2004-2005, the Union County Arts Center in Rahway presents "Fun, Films & Games," a new lecture series that finds the link between cinema and America's favorite pastimes.

At 8 p.m. Oct. 20, the UCAC will present the first installment of the fall program, "Pool in the Movies." On screen that evening will be "The Hustler," starring Paul Newman, Jackie Gleason, Piper Laurie and George C. Scott, with special speaker Bob Watson. Watson will discuss the movies, the books and the bygone era that the films depict.

Watson is a Billiard Congress of America-certified pool instruc-

tor who is well-known on the New York pool scene. He is currently the house pro and general manager at Play, an upscale poolroom in Queens, N.Y. He was previously affiliated with Amsterdam Billiards Club and for several years ran the Pool School at Slate Billiards. Watson has played professionally for over 10 years and worked as a staff writer for *American Cueist* magazine.

At 8 p.m. Oct. 27 the center will present "The Color of Money," starring Paul Newman and Tom Cruise, with special guest lecturer Allen Hopkins. Directed by Martin Scorsese, "The Color of Money," released 25 years after "The Hustler," has Newman reprising his role as a middle-aged "Fast Eddie" Felson who serves as mentor to Vince (Tom Cruise), an up-and-coming pool player. Hopkins will recreate the shots seen in the movies with a demonstration in the lobby.

Hopkins is one of the best known figures on the professional billiards scene. Born in Newark and raised in Cranford, Hopkins is a former world champion and U.S. Open champion and has numerous other professional titles to his credit. Hopkins frequently serves as an expert billiards commentator on ESPN. Skilled at all-pocket billiards games (straight pool, 9-ball, and one pocket), Hopkins was nominated last year for induction into the Billiards Congress of America Hall of Fame. Hopkins promotes the Super Billiard Expo, the largest retail billiard show in the country, which is held annually in Valley Forge, Pa.

Tickets are \$5 for all seats and may be purchased the night of the show at the Union County Arts Center Box Office located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. Group discounts are available. Handicapped accessible seating is available.

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## Sidewalk art show is set for Saturday

The Westfield Art Association's "Art in Westfield" sidewalk show and sale of original art will be held in downtown Westfield from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday (The rain date is Oct. 16). Member and non-member artists from throughout the area will exhibit their latest paintings, sculpture, printmaking, and photography. The show is co-sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC).

The biannual show of original fine art will be judged by artist Valeri Larko, director of the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College. All exhibited original fine artwork, regardless of medium and genre, will be eligible for the 15 awards totaling \$1,600, which will be bestowed as follows: four Awards of Excellence, \$150 each; four Awards of Merit, \$100 each; six Honorable Mention, \$50 each. Westfield Gift Coins donated by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

A favorite feature of the Sidewalk Art Show is the Westfield Scene Purchase Award of up to \$300, in which selected work will become part of the permanent art collection of the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

During the afternoon, live music will be provided by Ted Schlosberg's Alphorn Ensemble, the Rick Langman Quartet, and the Westfield Community Band.

Additional activities scheduled include demonstrations, a caricaturist, and "Chips" the clown for the youngsters.

The show is open to the public and is handicapped-accessible. Admission is free. For further information, call the DWC (908) 789-9444 or the WACC (908) 233-3021.



# Sports

## Raiders upset No. 7 Bridgewater-Raritan

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Head coach Kevin Ewing said the Raiders girls' soccer team always knew they had it in them.

But after Saturday's 2-0 shutout of previously undefeated Bridgewater-Raritan, ranked seventh in the state, others may take notice as well.

"We know how good we are," said Ewing. "I guess when people see this win, it might prove it to everybody else too."

"Bridgewater is an excellent team but I'm proud how we kept our composure today and kept them on their heels," he added.

The Raiders and Panthers engaged in a physical, back-and-forth contest — with each team mounting offensive chances but coming up empty. Yet it

seemed as though Scotch Plains-Fanwood was preventing Bridgewater-Raritan from controlling and passing the ball while the Raiders were doing just that.

"We usually play a possession-style game," Ewing said. "We moved the



### GIRLS SOCCER

ball pretty well and that got us some nice chances, especially in the second half."

The girls were locked in a scoreless tie after the first half though the Raiders were outplaying the powerful Panthers, thanks to nifty ball dribbling by Jessie Sapienza and speedy senior Jenna Balestriere along with

defense highlighted by Allie Hambleton, Carly Wells, Hallie Mintz and goalie Lauren Maines.

"We try to be aggressive and today I think the defense played great," said Maines. "Bridgewater-Raritan has some nationally-ranked players on their team and we prevented them from scoring."

Almost immediately Scotch Plains put on the pressure against the Panther defenses at the start of the second half as a shot by Sapienza sailed just over the net. Balestriere followed with a breakaway that was saved and then another shot on goal by Balestriere went wide. Balestriere and Sapienza worked together again, as a header by Balestriere was directed to Sapienza in the middle. She shot but the ball was tipped by the goalie before hitting the crossbar.

The Raiders' bench, led by captain

Lauren Perrotta, who did not play, cheered on their teammates as a visible change in momentum turned to Scotch Plains' favor.

"I think we had good control of the game," said Balestriere. "Jessie was doing a great job and we seemed to be placing our passes well to break down the defense."

Then the hard work paid off after a controversial set of events.

Bridgewater-Raritan set up to take a direct kick but the referee ordered the Raiders' wall to take steps away from the ball — further than the regulation 10 yards. Ewing objected and screamed for his players to step up as the Bridgewater-Raritan player kicked and seemingly scored the go-ahead goal. But the play was whistled dead by the referee because of what he thought was an infraction by Scotch Plains and the score was nullified.

An ensuing second try of the direct kick by B-R was shot wide. Scotch Plains sent the goal kick deep. The ball was controlled by Balestriere and centered. It was then controlled by Sapienza, who passed to sophomore Lisa Carmada for the goal in the 27th minute of the second half.

The Panthers were not about to quit and again earned a direct kick. This time the shot was corralled by Maines, one of her 13 saves. A strong kick to the Panthers' side of the field found Balestriere waiting for the breakaway opportunity and she quickly scored to give the Raiders breathing room with just 10 minutes left to play.

"Going in, we knew it would be a tough game," Balestriere said. "We wanted to beat them bad and play all 80 minutes really hard. I think we did that. I think we wanted it more than they did."



Wide receiver Seam Smith makes an outstanding one-handed grab of a Dan LaForge pass for a touchdown in the Raiders' 28-14 loss to Cranford on Saturday.

## SP-F falls to Cranford

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The word head coach Steve Ciccotelli used to describe his team's play after a 28-14 loss at home Saturday afternoon to rival Cranford was "flat."

"We are going to have to sit down as a staff and evaluate things," said Ciccotelli. "If we are playing like that then it's not the kids' fault — it's the coaches."

It simply looked as if the Raiders could not get anything going against a balanced Cougar squad.

"We had some breakdowns and we need to do a better job blocking up front. Our special teams need work too. I'm not that happy with our effort right now," Ciccotelli said after the game.

The Raiders did not start off the game well. After receiving that ball, quarterback Dan LaForge (7-16, 83 yards) threw a ball that was picked off and the Cougars cashed in the turnover for a touchdown at 9:26 of the first quarter.

But a packed house of Scotch Plains-Fanwood fans cheered on their Raiders when they got the ball back as the offense embarked on a 17-play, 71-yard scoring drive that lasted over 10 minutes and ended in the second quarter with

Lakiem Lockery bullying his way in for a 2-yard touchdown on fourth down even things at 7-7. The score overcame a previous personal foul called on Scotch Plains at the goal line for a chop block which negated an earlier 2-yard touchdown run by Lockery.

Lockery returned from a knee injury he suffered last week to accumulate 49 yards on 16 carries against the Cranford.

The Raiders' next two possessions resulted in three-and-outs. On the second, Cranford inserted star running back Jamar Ingram in to receive the punt with the score still tied. Ingram had not been in the game yet because of an injury he suffered the week before.

Ingram caught the ball running at the Raiders 42 yard line and bolted down the right sideline for a touchdown to put the score, 14-7 in favor of the Cougars at halftime.

"We did our scouting; we knew (Ingram) would play," Ciccotelli. "We were not supposed to kick to him. That turned out to be a very big play. Otherwise, we probably go in (to the locker room) tied."

Cranford continued to use Ingram heavily in the third quarter. He scored two more touchdowns to end Cranford's first possessions of the half, making the score 28-7. Scotch Plains had the

ball for only four plays in the third quarter.

The Raiders tried to mount a comeback in the fourth quarter. LaForge completed a 35-yard pass to wide receiver Sean Smith.

Smith made a spectacular one-handed grab and ran in to decrease the deficit, 28-14.

Running back Anthony Curry ran for 19 of his 61 yards during the drive.

Curry along with Kevin Urban and Marc Fabiano, all team captains, starred on defense. Curry had 8 tackles. Urban called the signals and Fabiano had five tackles and QB pressure that resulted in an interception by Smith in the second quarter.

**CRANFORD** 7 7 14 0 28  
**SCOTCH PLAINS** 0 7 0 7 14  
C — Chris Drechsel 49 run (Steve Caprio kick)  
S — Lakiem Lockery 2 run (Michael Baumwoll kick)  
C — Jamar Ingram 42 punt return (Caprio kick)  
C — Ingram 3 run (Caprio kick)  
C — Ingram 1 run (Caprio kick)  
S — Seam Smith 35 pass from Dan LaForge (Baumwoll kick)

**Records:** Scotch Plains 2-2, Cranford 3-1.

	SPF	C
First Downs	10	9
Total Yards	196	36
Rushes-Yds	32-113	36-227
Yards Passing	83	69
Comp-Att-Int	7-16-1	4-9-1
Penalties-Yards	2-23	4-25
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0

## Raiders look to avoid Bulldogs' bite, get offense rolling again

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Head coach Steve Ciccotelli and the Raiders will look to rebound Saturday against Shabazz in Newark.

After the 28-14 loss to Cranford last week, Scotch Plains-Fanwood's second in as many weeks, Ciccotelli said he will learn a lot about the character of his team.

"We have to realize that every week is a battle out there and we have to work at it extremely hard to stay afloat in this very tough league," Ciccotelli said after last week's game. "I'm going to learn about the bounce-back character when we play Shabazz."

Ciccotelli said he wants his team to begin fighting with intensity in games again, the type of hunger that brought the Raiders wins against Newark East Side and Westfield in weeks

one and two. He said he was not pleased with his team's lackluster performance against the Cougars.

"No matter what, I want them to play with poise and intensity," Ciccotelli said. "We have to keep fighting. I don't care if we don't win another game. I want us to keep it up and give 110 percent every play. That's Raiders football."

Last week Shabazz beat Westfield, 19-7, led by the running of junior fullback Derrell Moye (20 carries for 132 yards). Like Scotch Plains, the Bulldogs are 2-2, losing in week one to Elizabeth and then to Cranford. Their other win is an impressive 13-7 triple overtime win against Union.

The game Saturday is big for many reasons. Of course, it is important for the Raiders to stop their recent slide. The offense needs to be more effective. Scotch Plains was shutout against Irvington before scoring

14 points against the Cougars, and seven points came late in the game. Obviously, a key to offensive success is Lakiem Lockery. Two weeks ago, Lockery injured his knee and last week rushed for about 50 yards.

Secondly, it's already time to keep an eye on all-important power points. Scotch Plains, with 14 power points, is currently behind the Bulldogs who have 17 though both squads have a record of 2-2.

### FOOTBALL POWER POINTS North Jersey Section 2, Group III

1. Warren Hills (4-0), 30
2. West Morris (3-1), 24
3. Mendham (4-0), 21
4. Shabazz (2-2), 17
4. Union Hill (2-2), 17
6. Scotch Plains (2-2), 14
6. Emerson (2-2), 14
8. Ferris (2-2), 12
8. Snyder (2-2), 12
8. South Plainfield (2-2), 12

### TUESDAY, OCT. 12

Girls tennis  
Westfield vs. Elizabeth, 4  
Girls tennis  
Scotch Plains vs. East Side, 4  
Volleyball  
Scotch Plains vs. Kearny (JV), 4

### Cross Country

Scotch Plains at Plainfield, 4

### Gymnastics

Scotch Plains at Cranford, 4

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

### Field hockey

Westfield at Cranford, 4

### Boys soccer

Scotch Plains at Elizabeth, 4

Westfield at Plainfield, 4

### Girls soccer

Scotch Plains vs. Elizabeth, 4

Westfield vs. Plainfield, 4

### Volleyball

Scotch Plains at East Side, 4

Westfield vs. Elizabeth, 4

### THURSDAY, OCT. 14

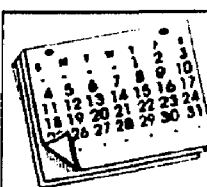
### Gymnastics

Westfield vs. E. Brunswick, 4:30

### Girls tennis

Scotch Plains vs. Elizabeth, 4

Westfield vs. Kearny, 4



## HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(All times p.m. unless otherwise noted.)

### THURSDAY, OCT. 7

### Field Hockey

Westfield vs. Bridgewater-Raritan, 4

### Girls tennis

Westfield vs. East Side, 4

Scotch Plains vs. Kearny, 4

### Boys soccer

Westfield vs. Kearny, 4

### Boys soccer

Westfield at Kearny, 4

### Gymnastics

Westfield vs. Columbia, 4:30

### FRIDAY, OCT. 8

### Girls Tennis

Scotch Plains at Plainfield, 4

Westfield at Union, 4

### Gymnastics

Scotch Plains in Cougar Invitational in Cranford, 6:30

### Volleyball

Scotch Plains vs. Irvington, 4

Westfield vs. Plainfield, 4

### SATURDAY, OCT. 9

### Football

Westfield vs. Linden, 2

Scotch Plains at Shabazz, 2

### Boys soccer

Scotch Plains vs. Hopewell Valley, 3

### Field Hockey

Westfield vs. Summit, 2

### MONDAY, OCT. 11

### Field hockey

Westfield at Johnson, 4

### Boys soccer

Scotch Plains vs. Irvington, 4

Westfield at Union, 4

### Girls soccer

Scotch Plains at Irvington, 4

Westfield vs. Union, 4

## Volleyball 1-1 this week



The Scotch Plains girls volleyball team lost to Cranford on Monday but defeated Shabazz, 25-7, 25-10 last Wednesday. Michelle Swick served 10 aces. Vanessa Okoro had three kills.

## Blue Devils take second at county tournament

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

PLAINFIELD — Behind the strength of their undefeated doubles teams and a placing in third singles, the Blue Devils finished second to Kent Place Monday in the Union County Tournament with 64 total points.

### GIRLS TENNIS

First doubles Jessica Bender and Lane Maloney lost the first set put rebounded to take the next two in a marathon match, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3, against Jess Baroff and Jen Bernstein of Governor Livingston.

Then in second doubles, Kim Morawski and Rachel Louie finished off Tina Chou and Jean Namkung, also of Governor Livingston, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

Lisa Aliche, third singles, placed second after falling to Lydia Bull of Kent Place in the finals, 6-2, 6-1.

Scotch Plains finished tied for ninth with Linden.

**UCT TEAMS:** Kent Place 72, Westfield 64, Gov. Livingston 42, Summit 39, Roselle Park 30, Johnson 26, Oak Knoll 18, Plainfield 16, Linden and Scotch Plains 15, New Providence 8, Union 5.

**Westfield 5, Irvington 0** — The Blue Devils did not lose a set in sweeping every match against Irvington Tuesday.

**Westfield 4, Plainfield 1** — Michelle Morawski and Lisa Aliche each won in straight sets in Plainfield last Wednesday. Rachel Louie and Kim Morawski won, 6-0, 6-0.

# Union Catholic boys soccer remain undefeated, 8-0

## UNION CATHOLIC Boys soccer

**Union Catholic 2, New Providence 1** — Rai Silveria and Mike Seamon scored for Union Catholic (8-0) Tuesday in New Providence.

**Union Catholic 4, Somerville 0** — Seamon netted a hat trick for the Vikings (7-0) in Somerville on Monday. Chris Varga stopped three shots for the shutout. Matt Cunha added a goal and Silveria contributed two assists.

**Union Catholic 7, Oratory 0** — Seamon decided to score a hat trick plus one during a win in Summit last Wednesday. Cunha had two assists for the Vikings.

### Girls Soccer

**Union Catholic 1, New Providence 0** — Lara Kaminski passed to Amanda Pitts, who lofted a shot over the goalkeeper midway through the second half to give the Vikings (8-1) the win Tuesday in Scotch Plains. Katie Piotrowski had six saves.

**Union Catholic 7, Union 0** — Danielle Chapla had two goals and two assists for the Vikings Saturday in Union. Amanda Pitts and Stephanie Arrojado each scored twice and Katie Piotrowski stopped four shots.

### Girls Volleyball

**Union Catholic def. Technology, 25-9, 25-20** — Megan Conheeny had five kills and four digs for the Vikings (9-2), ranked No. 17 in the state, Tuesday in Scotch Plains. Paige Rusnock has three digs and three kills.

**Union Catholic def. Hunterdon Central, 19-25, 25-23, 25-22** — Conheeny spiked 13 kills and had 11 digs for the Vikings to give them the three-set victory over 14th-ranked Hunterdon. Nicole Palumbo had 12 digs, seven kills and six blocks.

**Rahway def. Union Catholic, 25-20, 25-21** — Rahway (10-1), got the best of the Vikings in Rahway. It was the Vikings' first loss to a Mountain

Valley Conference opponent since Oct. 14, 1999.

**Union Catholic def. Mount St. Mary, 25-13, 25-21** — The Vikings got 11 kills and nine digs from Conheeny last Thursday in Watchung for the win.

### SCOTCH PLAINS Girls tennis

**North Jersey, Section 2, Group III First Round**

**Scotch Plains 4, Voorhees 1** — The Raiders swept the singles matches. Carly Heinz came back to defeat her opponent, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0. Shannon Gomes won in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1. Joanna Rosenberg was victorious, 6-2, 6-4.

### Boys soccer

**Kearny 1, Scotch Plains 0** — Kearny, ranked No. 19 in the state, received a first half goal that stood up against the Raiders, ranked No. 17 in the state, Monday in Scotch Plains. The loss snapped Scotch Plains' six-game win streak. Head coach Tom

Breznitzky's career record stands at 493.

**Scotch Plains 2, Bridgewater 1** — Bryan Meredith had five saves for the Raiders (7-2) Saturday in Bridgewater. Sean Young and Terrance Charles scored in the first half.

**Scotch Plains 6, East Side 1** — Young scored twice and Billy Albizati and Sean McNelis added a goal and an assist each for Scotch Plains-Fanwood, ranked No. 17 in the state, last Wednesday in Newark.

### Girls soccer

**Scotch Plains 2, Kearny 1** — Kelly Rigano assisted on a goal to Jessie Sapienza 15 minutes into overtime to give the Raiders (7-1-1), ranked No. 14 in the state, a win in Kearny on Monday. Sapienza also assisted on a goal by Allie Hambleton to even the score 1-1. Lauren Maines saved 19 shots and allowed only her fourth goal all season.

**Scotch Plains 8, Newark**

**East Side 0** — Rigano, Monique Morales, Julie Meurer, Hailey Mroczek, Maines, Bridget Corneall, Allie Zazzali and Ashley Jacobi kicked in goals for the Raiders Friday at home.

### WESTFIELD Boys soccer

**Westfield 0, Newark East Side 0** — Jeff Greenlaw made 13 saves for the Blue Devils (0-5-3) Monday at home.

**Elizabeth 2, Westfield 1** — Tom Parkinson scored for Westfield to knot the score at 1-1 with 10 minutes left but the Blue Devils were beaten on a last-minute header just 35 seconds remaining.

### Girls soccer

**Westfield 9, East Side 0** — Megan Kealy had a hat trick in the win Monday in Newark. Westfield (3-4-2) had a 7-0 lead at halftime lead.

**Pingry 6, Westfield 1** — Danni Fried scored the goal for Westfield Saturday in Westfield.

**Westfield 8, Elizabeth 0** —

Six different Blue Devils scored to give Westfield (2-3-2) the win last Wednesday in Elizabeth. Aly Ludmer and Mary Kate Luker scored twice. Dani Fried, Gio Palatucci, Justine Palmer and Erin McCarthy scored a goal each.

### Field Hockey

**Westfield 0, Roselle Park 0** — Jessica Ropars earned her fourth shutout for Westfield (3-3-1) by stopping two shots Monday in Roselle Park.

**Westfield 1, Union 0** — Ropars saved four shots on goal and Liz Trimble scored an unassisted goal four minutes into the second half to give the Blue Devils the victory Friday in Westfield.

### Girls volleyball

**Westfield def. Linden 25-10, 25-13** — The Blue Devils (5-3) received six aces and six assists from Molly Williams Monday in Linden. Jillian Olsen and Paige Roubush each spiked three kills.

## Blue Sharks U12 girls win, 2-0

The Scotch Plains Blue Sharks U12 Girls Inter-county soccer team exhibited some dazzling offense early in the game and then relied on an airtight defense to win their second straight game — a 2-0 white-

washing of the South Mountain Giants Sunday at Flood's Field in South Orange. The victory improves their record to 3-1 and was their third shutout in four games.

Ten minutes into the game

Jessica DiGiacomo brilliantly beat three defenders before unselfishly feeding a wide open Amanda Rodriguez, who calmly struck a well placed shot into the nearly empty goal for her team-leading third goal. Ten minutes later Alyssa Young beat two defenders to a loose ball in front of the net and connected with a hard low shot.

The remainder of the game was dominated by the defenses. Once again Melissa McKenna and Kara Gaynor shared goal-keeping duties and were flawless.

Sarah Weber, Erin Brown, Toni Ann Capece, Lauren Berk, Lauren Buckley, Emily Cohen, Rebecca DiGiacomo, Annie Rubin, Sarah Lazarus and Desli DeMarsico all played key roles.

## Soldier pays visit to St. Mike's students

By LAUREN TRAMOR  
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — An image of group of smiling children, arms flung over each other's shoulders, smiled down on the students of St. Michael's School.

"They're not very different from you and me, are they?" asked Lt. John Aslanian of the Marine Corps Reserve, pointing to the picture of Iraqi youngsters. "They like to get their picture taken, too."

Aslanian was at the local school Monday on a two-week leave from his station in Iraq, presenting the students with a slide show of some of the snapshots he has taken in his eight months in the desert. He covered the basics of life in Iraq and revealed details of everyday life the children might not have had the opportunity to understand.

"Most people who live in Iraq, not only do they speak another language, but they're also a different religion — they're Muslim," explained Aslanian as he showed slides of mosques and explained their significance.

Pictures of tanks garnered a room full of "oohs," and an overview slide of the market got a nearly synchronized "whoa." And

at seemingly every picture of a donkey, the children laughed.

The donkeys were plentiful, and Aslanian used them to help illustrate how different life is in American and Iraq.

"This isn't a donkey — it's a get-away car for a really mean 12-year-old thief," Aslanian said of the impounded beast of burden.

But he also used the pictures to explain that while children in Iraq do not usually have more modern distractions to keep them entertained, they still liked to laugh. He clicked to a picture of two young boys standing on a cart attached to the back of a donkey.

"How many of you like to play video games for fun? How many of you like to play soccer for fun?" he asked to a roomful of arms and frantically waving hands. "Well, this is what young kids like to do over there — it's called donkey cart surfing."

It was those essentially human traits that Aslanian illuminated during his presentation.

"Even though we're drastically different culturally, there are certain common traits that every single human being shares, and it's important for kids in America to understand them," he said.

To prove his point, Aslanian

showed many pictures of children of the same age as the students at St. Michael's. One picture showed Iraqi children playing dress up in American military gear — the St. Michael's students confirmed that if given the opportunity, they would enjoy a similar game. Another slide showed a few girls from around the neighborhood in which Aslanian works who regularly visit the American soldiers in search of the food group children universally love best: candy.

Aslanian also wanted to show the students how similar the adults were. He showed slides of Iraqi translators in a goofy moment and pictures of himself exacting good-hearted revenge on a fellow Marine.

"He was being bad. He was making fun of me, so I sat on him," said Aslanian to giggles from the audience.

He added, "Even though it's bad, and even though it's dangerous and we work a lot, we're still silly, too."

Students wanted to know how many Germans the soldiers ran into (not many), how night vision works (it's easy), whether Aslanian remembers to brush his teeth every night (of course), and if Iraq is hotter than Rome (even in July).

"He wanted to come back to see them, because last year just about every one of the kids wrote him letters," his mother, a kindergarten teacher, said. "They pray for him every day."

Aslanian thanked the grade school students for the letters, boxes, and packages they have been dutifully sending throughout the year. He sent a special thank you to the kindergarten students, who baked him and his soldiers cookies, which he joked were all eaten and made some of his patrol partners fat.

"Thank you, because that was great," he said. "I'm far away from home, and sometimes we get sad because we don't get to see our mommies and our daddies and our kids every night."

The Marine Corps Reservist knows well the benefits of education, and his rapport with the children betrays his profession. When he is not serving in the armed forces, Aslanian teaches German at Roxbury High School in Morris County.

Aslanian also showed the children pictures of soldiers playing with orphans and children with physical handicaps to illustrate the good will that he has seen from the troops that are stationed in Iraq.

These are a part of life amidst the war that Aslanian said is common, but gets little attention in the United States.

"I think most Americans have a very different perception of what's going on over there because all they see is what's on television. I'm of the opinion that the media is not giving the entire picture, and it skews people to a degree," he said. "There's a lot of progress going on, and there's a lot of good happening."

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## Getting the lawn ready for winter? Don't forget your deck

(ARA) — The kids are back in school, summer grilling and outdoor lounging is over, and in most spots it's just too chilly or wet to cavort on the backyard deck much longer.

Everyone is familiar with the importance of preparing gardening areas for winter so you can hit the ground running with a beautiful yard and garden in the spring. Whether it's trimming, pruning or mulching, there are a number of things that can be done in the fall and winter that virtually guarantee a more successful landscape come spring.

The same can be said of one of your biggest backyard assets — the wood deck. With the arrival of fall and cold weather, it is essential to keep a deck protected through the dormant

months.

"Most people think of landscaping tasks, but deck maintenance is equally as important. Investing just a small amount of time before the worst of winter weather hits can make all the difference in how your deck will look and perform as the temperature fluctuates," says Peter Lang, general manager of the Western Red Cedar Lumber Association.

Even decks made of western red cedar, which performs well for outdoor applications, need occasional maintenance to keep them in top shape. Regular deck upkeep enables a cedar deck to last for years, even decades.

To make your spring deck maintenance easier, the Western Red Cedar Lumber

Association (WRCLA) recommends these simple tasks:

**Remove Dirt and Debris**  
Sweep away all leaves, needles and branches from your deck and remove all debris from between deck boards. Dirt and leaves can build up, causing standing water or other moisture to stay on top of the deck rather than drain through. Proper ventilation is crucial to avoiding moisture build up.

**Eliminate Mildew**  
Mildew should be removed from a deck soon after it appears. Allowing it to grow untreated, even in the winter, can lead to additional deck damage. There are a number of commercial products that can be purchased at any home center or retail lumberyard. The

WRCLA suggests killing and removing mildew with a simple solution made from items you have in your home right now.

Using a common garden sprayer, combine 3 quarts of water, 1 quart of oxygen bleach and 1/4 cup of ammonia-free liquid dishwasher detergent within the spray canister. Apply the solution liberally to the deck surface and allow the mixture to set for about 10 to 15 minutes. The bleach will kill the mildew and the dishwasher detergent helps emulsify the mildew to aid in its removal. Liquid dishwasher detergent works better than regular dish or laundry detergent because it will not foam.

After allowing the solution to set, simply rinse the surface clean. For tougher mildew

stains, apply the solution with a soft bristle brush.

**Pots and Planters**

Setting planters and pots directly on a deck's surface may cause staining. Consider removing planters from the deck or moving them around on a regular basis to decrease the effects.

Or, place planters on a 2 inch by 2 inch cedar board to create space between the deck and planters. Cedar has natural compounds that form a resistance to deterioration, rot and decay — it is board same compounds that give cedar its unique fragrance — and the extra space created by the cedar will allow moisture to evaporate and promote a healthy deck.

**Snow Tips**

If shoveling snow off your deck, run the shovel lengthwise on the deck boards. Shoveling cross-wise can scratch or cut in to the wood. Consider using a plastic shovel to decrease scratching and avoid salt or other ice melters; they may discolor or damage some deck finishes.

**Planning for the Spring**  
With some initial maintenance and repairs already taken care of, you will have more time to tackle other projects once the weather improves. For project ideas on a number of different outdoor projects, from decking to fences to gazebos, visit the WRCLA Web site at [www.realcedar.org](http://www.realcedar.org) or call (866) 778-9096.

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## State urges contractors to register now

NEWARK — As the Nov. 9, 2004, deadline approaches for home improvement contractors doing business in New Jersey to become registered with the State, Attorney General Peter C. Harvey and New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs Director Reni Erdos are urging contractors to begin submitting their applications for registration now.

The Contractors' Registration Act, which takes effect on Nov. 9, was signed by Governor James E. McGreevey in May establishing registration requirements for those who sell and make home improvements. Contractors should submit their applications as soon as possible to ensure they are registered before the Nov. 9 deadline.

Applications may be obtained by logging onto <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.com/contractor.htm>, calling (888) 656-6225, or visiting Consumer Affairs' offices at 124 Halsey St., Newark, or 2 Riverside Drive, Suite 403, Camden.

Each application must be accompanied by a registration payment of \$90, a copy of the contractor's certificate of liability insurance as well as other documents. To help contractors understand their obligations, Consumer Affairs has prepared an instruction sheet on how to complete the application and a sheet of "Frequently Asked Questions." These materials also can be obtained at Consumer Affairs' website or by calling the agency.

Contractors who fail to register in time are prohibited from making or selling home improvements in New Jersey, barred from obtaining local construction permits and face civil monetary penalties as well as possible criminal charges if they continue to do home improvements without becoming registered after the effective date.

"We urge home improvement contractors to file their applications now to ensure that they are registered by the November 9 deadline," Harvey said. "We believe that this new law will help both homeowners and contractors. By protecting homeowners, the law will increase consumer confidence and ultimately help the industry."

"Here's a note of caution for procrastinators: This is not one of those things you want to wait until the last minute to do," Erdos said. "We antici-

pate that the registration process will take several weeks and any hesitation on the part of contractors to register only stands to delay the process and affect their ability to work."

To ensure that contractors are aware of the registration requirements, Consumer Affairs will soon be sending letters — along with the application and instruction sheet — to individuals who may be working as home improvement contractors in New Jersey. Consumer Affairs also has sent letters and application packets to municipal construction code officials encouraging them to make the packets available to contractors.

The Contractors' Registration Act establishes the following provisions:

— Gives consumers three days to cancel a home improvement contract. The consumer must give the contractor written notice of cancellation. Contractors must refund to the consumer any money paid within 30 days of receiving the written notice of cancellation.

— Requires home improvement contractors — those who engage in the business of making or selling home improvements including remodeling, altering, painting, renovating, repairing, restoring, modernizing, moving and/or demolishing — to register annually with Consumer Affairs.

— Bars anyone who is not registered, unless they're exempted from the registration requirements, from working as a home improvement contractor.

— Bars municipalities from issuing construction permits to contractors who are not registered or exempted from the registration requirements.

— Requires registrants to disclose to Consumer Affairs if they've been convicted of a crime.

— Requires con-

tractors to file proof that they have secured and maintain general liability insurance in a minimum of \$500,000 per occurrence.

— Provides that anyone who knowingly violates the act is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. In addition, anyone who violates the act is also subject to civil monetary penalties under the Consumer Fraud Act of up to \$10,000 for the first offense and up to \$20,000 for each subsequent offense.

— Requires a written contract when the improvement work exceeds \$500. The contract must detail all terms and conditions, including among other things the legal name, business address and registration number of the contractor; a copy of the certificate of commercial general liability insurance; and the total price or other consideration to be paid by the consumers, including finance charges.

— Requires contractors to post their registration numbers on all New Jersey advertisements, contracts and correspondence with customers and all commercial vehicles registered in New Jersey and leased or owned by the registrant.



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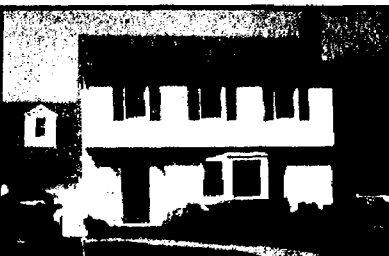
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Real estate professionals, as well as people who work in and around the industry, are given the opportunity to increase their education by taking any of the more than 50 classes offered at the convention. This year more than 10,000 attendees are expected from the tri-state region.

The convention offers the opportunity to learn about the latest real estate trends, network with professionals from the tri-state region and attend classes to earn a professional designa-

tion form the National Association of Realtors. The education program has been finalized with more than 50 sessions scheduled in eight tracks: Appraisal, Brokerage & Management, Commercial, Executive Officer/Association Executive, Legal/Tax/Environmental/Ethics, Professional Development, Sales and Marketing and Technology.

Registration forms are now available on the Triple Play web site, [www.realtor-tripleplay.com](http://www.realtor-tripleplay.com), or by calling (888) 818-4922. Those who register for the convention by Oct. 15 will receive the discounted prices of \$60 for Realtors and Realtor-associates, \$120 for non-members. The regular fee is \$75 for Realtors and Realtor-associates, \$135 for non-members. The deadline for online/fax registration is Nov. 26.

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**Home & Yard Sales 500**

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**Clark, Fri. 10/8, 10-3 Sat. 10/9-9-3** rain date 10/10. 9-3:35 & 31 Alice Ln. off rancian rd. toys, bike, clothes, HH and misc. items.

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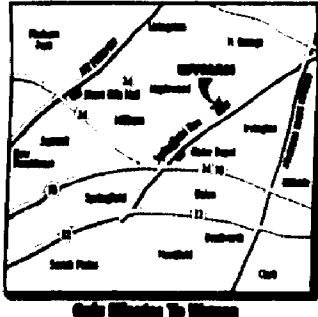
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**MOUNTAINVIEW** - 10/8 & 10/9, 9AM-4PM, 938 Mountain Ave. HH items, Toys, Clothes, Bikes, Furniture, HH appliances.

**MOUNTAINVIEW** - 1211 Foothill Way, cor. of Central Ave. Fri & Sat. 10/8-9, 9am. Lots of h.h. stuff, and oil painting.

**MOUNTAINVIEW** - Moving 385 Creek Rd. (off Central Ave.) 10/8, 10/9, 10/10, 8AM-4PM. Furniture, Clothes, HH Goods, Lots of Stuff. Some Antiques.

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**RAHWAY MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE!** 507 Stalevicz Lane, off West Lake Ave. Furniture, clothing, household items, costume jewelry, etc. Oct. 9, 9a-4p. Rain date Oct. 10, 9a-4p.

**RAHWAY** - Sat. 10/9, 8-2. HH, clothing, misc. Lots more!! 427 Jensen Ave. Between Lake & Inman Ave.

**ROSELLE PARK** - 10/8 & 9, 9-4PM, Multi Family 800 Block Walnut Street. Something for everyone!

**ROSELLE PARK** 304 Bender Ave. Sat. Oct. 9, 9 to 3. Kids stuff, misc. items.

**SCOTCH PLAINS** - 1068 Hatfield Ave., Sat., 10/9, 9-4. R/D 10/10. Electronics, Clothes, Toys & More!

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**UNION** - 391 Ward St., (Five Points Area, Chestnut St. turn R to Washington Ave., turn R to Ward St.). Sat., 10/9, 9-4. Various HH items.

**RAIN OR SHINE** Union - 581 Robinson Terrace, (Off Crawford), 10/9, 9AM-2PM, Multi-Family. Baby items, Crib, Strollers, Playpens, Clothes, HH items, Snow blower, microwave, Furniture, and much much more! Too much to list!

**Union** - 874 Louisa Street, (Off Elmwood Ave.) Sat. 10/9, 9-4. 9AM-5PM. Huge Garage Sale. HH items, Toys, Office equip., Many more.

**UNION GARAGE SALE!** October 9th, 8am-1pm, 3261 Wiltshire Drive - Vauxhall Rd. to Glen to Aberdeen to Wiltshire.

**Westfield** 318 Massachusetts St. off Central Ave. Sat. 10/9, 9-5. Rain date 10/16 Clothing, gowns, HH.

**WESTFIELD** - 417 Beechwood Place, (between Westfield & Summit Ave.), Sat., 10/9, 9am-3pm. Dolls, Toys, Records, HH items. No Early Birds!

**WESTFIELD 3 Family** 77 Summit Court, 10/9 & 10/10, 9 to 3. Super sized garage sale, 40 yrs. collectibles, china, linens, clothing, collectors plates, 3 pc. wall unit & more.

**WESTFIELD 429** Washington St. Sat. 10/9, 9-3. Lots of stuff Old & new. Collectibles, china, linens, etc.

**MULTI FAMILY** Westfield - 48 Bell Drive (off Railway Ave.) Fri. 10/8 & Sat. 10/9, 9AM-3PM. 10/9-10/10, 10/10-11/1 Adult & Boys clothing. Huge selection of HH items - From Brand new to Antique. PLUS TONS OF RETIRED LONGABERGER II.

**WESTFIELD** - 520 Coleman Pl. (Off Diney) Sat. 10/9, 9-3. Toys, clothes, cd, bed, chg. hh items & much more!

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**WESTFIELD GARAGE SALE** Sun. 10/10, 10am-3pm, 703 Prospect St. Furniture, crib, toys, clothes, books & much more.

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# Automotive/Classified

## Don't wait for winter blues

PRNewswire — With temperatures changing and traffic once again bustling, the American International Automobile Dealers Association is encouraging motorists to take some time to think about preparing their car for winter.

"As the wear and tear of summer traveling draws to a close and with winter right around the corner, October is an ideal month for a check-up," said Buzz Rodland, chairman of the association. "Taking proper care of your vehicle will help ensure it runs at peak efficiency during inclement weather."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 100,000 disabling injuries annually result from neglected vehicle maintenance. The administration estimates 12.6 percent of vehicle crashes can be attributed to mechanical defects.

Although advanced safety technologies like anti-lock braking and traction control are common in today's cars, these systems require regular check-ups and routine maintenance to function at an optimal level.

One of the most important steps a motorist can take in "winterizing" a vehicle is to replace worn-out tires and brakes.

"In winter driving, traction and stopping power are critically important," Rodland said. "The time to replace worn-out tires and brakes is in the fall, before the snow arrives."

The following items should be

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on your checklist:

- Make sure the engine runs properly.
  - Check fluid levels (e.g. brakes and transmission).
  - Check the amount and concentration of antifreeze in the radiator.
  - Examine all hoses and belts for wear and tear.
  - Check the battery to ensure it's fully charged and the battery terminals are clean.
  - Check for wiper malfunction and proper headlight alignment.
- For more helpful preventive maintenance tips from American International Automobile Dealers Association or ways to properly "winterize" your vehicle, visit: [www.aiada.org/carcare](http://www.aiada.org/carcare).

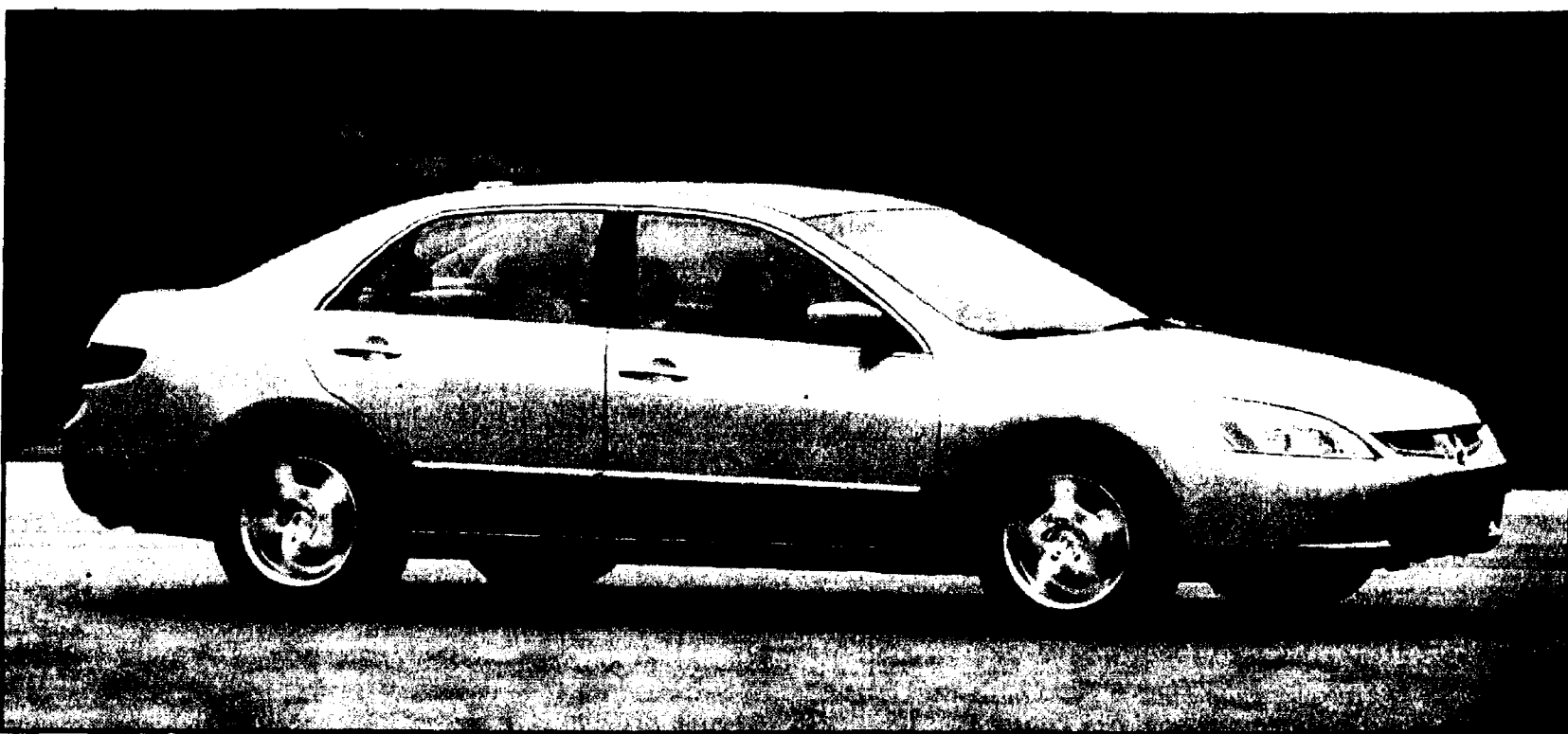


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The new Honda Accord Hybrid, the world's first V-6-powered hybrid vehicle and Honda's third hybrid model, will be arriving at dealerships in December.

## Honda debuts hybrid Accord

American Honda will debut the all-new Accord Hybrid, the world's first V-6-powered hybrid vehicle and Honda's third hybrid model, at dealerships nationwide on Dec. 3.

The all-new Accord Hybrid utilizes the third-generation of Honda's advanced Integrated Motor Assist full hybrid system in combination with new Variable Cylinder Management cylinder deactivation technology to deliver the world's best V-6 fuel efficiency — on par with a 4-cylinder, compact class Civic — along with highly responsive and powerful V-6 performance.

With the introduction of the Accord Hybrid, Honda now

becomes the first company in the world to offer three distinct hybrid models including the world's first V-6 hybrid.

"The Accord Hybrid is the first hybrid vehicle that combines superb fuel economy with truly exhilarating performance," said Tom Elliott, executive vice president of American Honda. "By applying hybrid technology to two of America's most popular vehicles, first the Civic and now the Accord, we are taking hybrids even further into the mainstream."

The Accord Hybrid achieves an estimated EPA fuel economy rating of 30 mpg in the city and 37 mpg on the highway, an

increase of 43 percent over the current Accord V-6 in city driving and 23 percent in highway driving.

In addition, the Accord Hybrid delivers 255 horsepower (versus 240hp for the Accord V-6 Sedan) with an exceptionally broad and flat torque curve for outstanding power and driving performance.

Acceleration performance from 0-60 miles per hour and from 50-70 mph is reduced by one half second compared with the already powerful and sporty Accord V-6 Sedan.

The new Accord Hybrid also comes equipped with a high level of premium features and equipment including leather

interior, dual zone automatic hybrid climate control, 8-way power driver's seat, XM Satellite radio and 6-disc CD changer.

In keeping with Honda's "Safety for Everyone" initiative, all Accord Hybrids also come equipped with a comprehensive list of advanced safety features including driver and front passenger side airbags, first and second row side curtain airbags, four-wheel anti-lock brakes and Traction Control System. An exclusive rear deck lid spoiler and specially designed alloy wheels contribute to the Accord Hybrid's improved aerodynamic performance.

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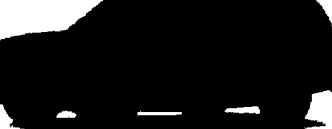
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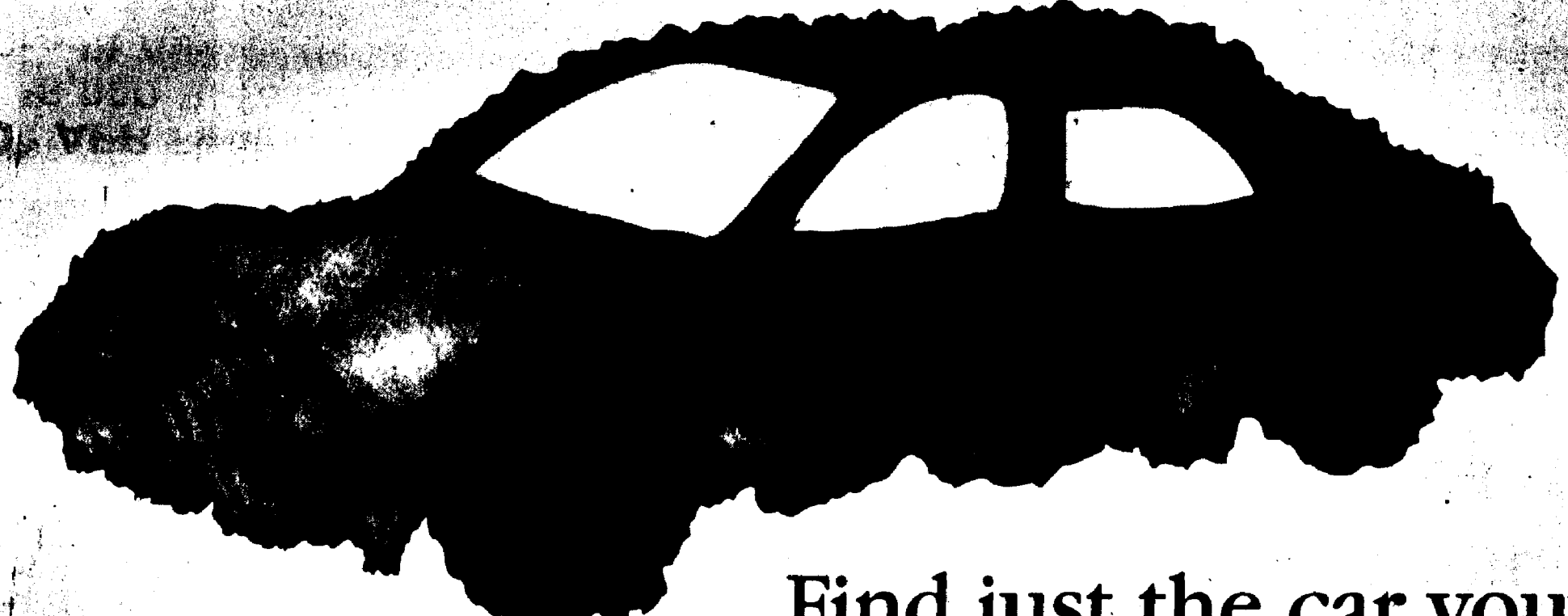
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