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### Gymnasts shine at invitational

Westfield's Claire MacDonald won the all-around title in the Cougar Invitational Friday night in Cranford. Scotch Plains-Fanwood won the team title. For the story see Sports, Page C-1.



### Liebrich honored for volunteer work

Westfield's Bernadine Liebrich was recently presented with Girl Scout Volunteer Achievement Award, recognizing her service on behalf of local Scouts. Liebrich is the first person in the state to receive the honor. See the story on Page A-3.



### Quite a car

There were some classic vehicles on display at the American Legion's car, truck and bike show Sunday at the Westfield train station. For pictures from the event, see Page B-1.

## REMINDER

### Breakfast benefits Guard families

A pancake breakfast will be held at the National Guard Armory on Rahway Avenue in Westfield 7 a.m.-noon Saturday, with proceeds benefiting the families of Guard members now deployed in Iraq. Tickets are \$6. To volunteer at the breakfast, call (732) 499-5666.

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## No solution in sight for high school parking

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Local officials continue to express interest in enacting a high school student parking policy, but say no action on the issue is imminent.

Off-street parking spaces are limited at the high school, and with insufficient parking on the school property itself, vehicles driven to school by student commuters spill out onto nearby residential streets during the week, drawing the ire of homeowners who resent the limited parking left on neighborhood streets.

Some residents are also irritated by the

conduct of students, accusing them of loitering or engaging in unruly behavior. One Coddling Road resident has recently complained to both the board and the council about finding several used condoms near his property within the first week of school.

Last December, the Town Council tabled two ordinances that would have established a permit parking system after residents came out in force against the plan. Council members planned to revisit the issue in the spring, when the parking crunch becomes most acute.

The policy would have established a code of conduct for students and designat-

ed specific streets near the high school that would have been available for on-street parking. The system, developed by a committee convened by the Board of Education but including many other members of the community, would have restricted permits to high school seniors living at least 1/2-mile from the high school.

An alternate-side parking restriction was proposed for the designated streets to allow for leaf pickup and snow removal. Permits would have been sold to seniors for \$100, but residents would have also been required to obtain a parking sticker for a nominal fee in order to make the system enforceable.

But since the council tabled the issue, there has been little to no movement. According to Anne Riegel, president of the Board of Education, town officials have expressed a willingness to return to the contentious issue after holding the redevelopment referendum in November. Both the council and the board, she said, will have their hands full until then.

"We've agreed to meet — together we can reopen (the issue) and come up with a solution before spring, when we will have more kids driving to school," Riegel said.

Riegel said she doesn't expect the board

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## YMCA sets sights on major expansion

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Officials from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA presented an ambitious facilities and parking lot expansion proposal before the Board of Adjustment last week.

Over the course of several hours of testimony, experts outlined the architecture, engineering and traffic impact of a five-phase project the nonprofit organization hopes to embark upon in the next few years.

According to Executive Director Karen Drexler, the first three phases of the plan are expected to cost about \$3.5 million and would result in the construction of additional workout space, a second swimming pool, and expanded office and storage space.

The YMCA seeks board approval to convert a residential lot the organization acquired in 2000 into a parking lot. Currently, a single-family home occupies the tract of land, which is slated to be paved over and converted into parking spaces.

According to the land use ordinance, the organization must supply one parking space for every four members over the age of 17. To fit that requirement, the YMCA would have to provide more than 1,000 parking spaces,

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## Deck opponents assail Westfield council

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — At one of the Town Council's final regular meetings before a non-binding referendum is held on a proposal to build a parking deck between Prospect and Elm streets, residents took advantage of a light agenda to voice their grievances over the plan.

A dedicated group of aggrieved residents addressed the council Tuesday, some seizing the opportunity to attack details of the proposed plan, others to demand answers to what they say are outstanding questions

about the project.

Westfield residents will cast votes on Election Day over a parking facility to be constructed on existing municipal parking lots between Prospect and Elm. The structure would be masked by 19 condominium units and about 3,500 square feet of retail space facing Elm Street.

Proponents of redevelopment say the project would add needed parking capacity to address longstanding parking problems. Opponents counter that the plan does not fit with Westfield's downtown character, would worsen traffic problems and negatively impact safety, and is financial-

ly insolvent.

Councilman Sal Caruana attacked the \$10 million project's financing, which under a model endorsed by the council would be covered with a 25-year general obligation bond. The model indicates the project's annual costs of \$930,000 would be paid for by increases in parking fees, parking meter rates, payments in lieu of taxes from developer HKT Nassau, and other previously unanticipated parking revenue.

Caruana said a 15-year-bond would save more than \$4 million dollars to taxpayers over its life and advocated earmarking \$2.2 million in land that will be sold to

the developer to pay down the principal. He acknowledged his continued opposition to the project for financial considerations, and on traffic and public safety grounds as well.

Councilman Peter Echausse renewed his call for the Downtown Westfield Corporation to declare its support or opposition to an expected \$50,000 annual contribution to the project.

"If they don't want to pay the \$50,000, then quite frankly, I say don't show up and let's cancel the referendum," Echausse said.

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## For this budding journalist, 'Time' is always right

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Given that he's a 10-year-old student at Franklin Elementary School, fifth-grader Ross Workman has some lofty ambitions.

"I would like to interview Kofi Annan, the Secretary General of the United Nations," he said. "I'd ask him what the UN's role is in the world."

Some day, believe it or not, Ross may get his chance. He is one of 16 children nationwide, selected from among 500 entrants, to contribute to Time For Kids, an adolescent-themed version of the popular weekly news magazine.

Each week, junior journalists write articles for the magazine and its website, accessible at [www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com).

"It's going to be a fun experience," he said.

To qualify for the very selective job

— which he concedes will probably cut into his free time on the weekends — Ross had to compose a personal statement, a news report, and a video clip. After qualifying as finalist, he reviewed the Smithsonian website and submitted an article condensing and explaining the views of John Kerry and George W. Bush on Iraq.

And for an extended writing sample, Ross interviewed a neighbor, 1st Lt. Daniel Todd, who had recently returned from Iraq. The article he subsequently wrote appeared in the school newspaper and helped him secure the job with Time For Kids.

The article detailed Todd's supporting role during the capture of Saddam Hussein, his experiences passing through primitive Iraqi villages, the agony of a diet consisting of canned military food and Ramen noodles, and the elation of returning home after 254 days on the ground.

"I learned about his most memorable moments, and what it was like to come home," Workman said. "I learned a lot about a soldier's life in Iraq."

Back home, Ross will be pursuing his first major story in the next few days. He has been assigned the task of interviewing the makers of "Robots," an animated feature expected to be released in the spring. The movie will include the voices of Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry and Mel Brooks, among others.

Ross will be interviewing animators at the White Plains-based Blue Sky Studios, a company that won an Oscar in 1998 for "Bunny," a short animated film. The high-tech studio is best known for its work on "Fight Club," "Alien: Resurrection," "Titan A.E.," and a memorable episode of "The Sopranos."

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Only in fifth grade, Westfield's Ross Workman is writing for a national publication.

## Flu shot shortage sets off a scramble for the vaccine

By LAUREN TRANNOR  
THE RECORD-PRESS

GARWOOD — Rich Sulzer walked the parking lot of the North Avenue ShopRite 30 times Friday. Stopping in to the store occasionally for water and bagels, the Scotch Plains resident set up camp outside the supermarket to wait four hours to receive a coveted shot of flu vaccine. Though the clinic did not open until 10 a.m., arriving at 9:45 didn't assure Sulzer of an easy day.

"When I got here, it was unbelievable," he said. "It was a mob, and I just got in at 187" — only 200 hundred doses were available.

Two young mothers from Cranford had been waiting since 9:30 a.m. Donna Benes entertained her 2-year-old son as she waited for her number to be called, along with her pregnant friend Tracy Labombarda. They passed the day by making lots of trips to their cars and snacking.

The extraordinary demand was created by the announcement that nearly half of the 100 million doses of flu vaccine planned for distribution in the United States this season will be unavailable, after problems were discovered at the British plant of the pharmaceutical firm Chiron. Chiron is one of only two firms that supply

the vaccine; the other is Aventis.

Because flu vaccine takes months to prepare, the announcement left many distributors without any vaccine at all — the state, which orders the vaccine for many local boards of health, had placed its order with Chiron — and others with much less than expected. The Scotch Plains and Westfield Regional boards of health have had to cancel their flu clinics; Maxim Health Services, which administered the clinic at ShopRite and had dozens more scheduled throughout the area, has cancelled all clinics after

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## Health fair is set for Saturday

Flu shots won't be available, but the Scotch Plains Health Department will conduct the 16th annual health fair for local residents 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at the municipal building on Park Avenue.

The Ear/Eye Mobile sponsored by the Scotch Plains Lions Club will provide free screenings. A hypertension clinic, free colorectal home test kit, and information tables staffed by local medical organizations will also be available.

An extensive blood screening will also be offered; the \$18 fee must be paid prior to the event. Anyone interested in the blood work should visit the Health Department, Room 212 of the municipal building.

Immunizations will be available for all children who are residents of Scotch Plains and do not have health insurance. Call (908) 322-6700, ext. 309 to set up an appointment or for more information.

## Flu shot

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Saturday and will only immunize "high-risk" patients.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Tuesday 22 million doses will be redirected to nursing homes, hospitals and doctor's offices; it was not immediately clear how the announcement would affect New Jersey. Because of the shortage, health officials are asking those who do not fall into "high risk" categories to forgo getting the vaccine.

Though news on the issue continues to develop, the warning signs were clear by last Friday. Many of those in line had come to ShopRite after their doctors told them they would not be providing flu shots in their offices this year. Others, who normally count on municipal programs, decided to get the vaccine at the earliest opportunity.

Westfield resident Robert Clowers, 72, showed up early in the morning, saw the line, and went home. He was not able to spend all day waiting in line for the flu vaccine, but said that it was so important he came back, hoping that he would be fortunate.

"I hope they get to me," he said. "I'm number eight on the next line of people over 200."

Clowers is considered at risk because of his age. The CDC recommends that people aged 65 and older, pregnant women, young babies, those with chronic lung or heart disease and those in frequent contact with high-risk populations

get the vaccine.

Although Clowers has not gotten the flu any time recently, he doesn't want to tempt fate. "I think it's just a chance," he said. "I always get (the shot) anyway, to prevent it."

Luis Villarin and his wife Carmina agreed that prevention was more important than convenience, and took the day in stride. "You never know what's going to happen with the shortage," he said.

"When we had the shortage two years ago, I had to go to CVS in Garwood, and we had to wait two hours," Carmina added.

According to an employee, 500

doses of the vaccine were ordered for Friday's clinic, though only 200 were received. At one point, the line director pulled the crowd to see if they would object to two men on oxygen tanks and two severe cancer patients cutting the line. The crowd acquiesced.

"It's such a shame that we got into this predicament," said another employee. "These people's own physicians don't even have enough, I've heard them say."

For up-to-date information on the situation, contact the state Department of Health and Human Services toll-free at (866) 234-0964 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Deck

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While Mayor Greg McDermott said a negative vote on the referendum would settle the question of building a parking deck for the near term, he said such post-referendum decisions should be put off until after Election Day.

"I don't think there's any intention (by the council) to come back, find another location, and construct a deck somewhere else," said McDermott.

"If this fails, it means people do not think we need additional capacity for parking," he added, to the dismay of residents who saw his characterization of the vote as overbroad.

Caruana said it was incumbent on the council to provide residents with an explanation of how they will interpret the results of the vote; casting council votes by ward,

he pointed out, could create an "electoral college" situation where the project is approved even if the majority of voters reject the plan.

Resident Sharon Stockwell said the project would threaten the safety of the nearly 2,000 students who pass through the downtown area every day. She submitted a crossing guard schedule that indicates students are walking to school during peak travel periods.

Stockwell also presented accident reports from the last two years, which indicate 16 car accidents took place along Cowperthwaite Place and 43 accidents were recorded along Dudley Street.

Addressing the council's stated concern about a rancorous debate that has become political and personal, resident Maureen Rothfelder said the safety of her children is "a personal issue." She assailed the council for failing to pursue a traffic safety plan in conjunction with the proposed project.

Downtown property owner Richard Fromkin was the lone supporter of the project to address the council Tuesday. He said a \$10 contribution from homeowners to the project is not a significant sacrifice, particularly when compared to the \$3.5 million downtown property owners contribute annually to the school district.

"I don't hear anyone talking about the benefits of the project and that concerns me," Fromkin said. "\$10 to \$20 is about what we spend on coffee every week."

## YMCA

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which attorney Robert Kraus said was unfeasible.

The proposal will also require approval for a seven-foot tall free-standing sign. For site plan approval, the project will require a super-majority of affirmative votes by board members.

In the first phase of the plan, the YMCA proposes to expand the parking lot from its existing capacity of 135 spaces up to 183 spaces. The organization would also add a second floor mezzanine above its existing wellness center, adding space for additional cardiovascular equipment such as treadmills and step machines.

The second and third phases of the proposal involve razing the adjacent single-family home and expanding the parking lot by another 100 spaces. The YMCA's "red house," which serves as a nursery school facility, would be torn down to make way for a large building addition. The new space would house the nursery school, a second swimming pool, office space, a multi-purpose room and storage space.

The group also hopes to reconfigure the entrance and exit of the existing facility. Currently, vehicles enter-

ing the property approach from the east; when YMCA members are dropped off, passenger side doors face away from the facility. The organization wants to establish a U-shaped configuration, allowing cars to pass through the lot and approach the facility from the opposite direction. The change would also improve circulation in the parking lot, officials said.

Drexler said the first phase would begin in the spring or summer; the second and third phases of the project would require outside funding, likely from a capital campaign. A start date for that part of the project is therefore uncertain.

Phases four and five involve long-range plans to expand the gym center while further tweaking the parking lot to allow access from West Broad Street.

At the Oct. 7 hearing, YMCA officials said they were seeking approval to construct sewer and drainage infrastructure for the full project. Because there are several phases to the plan, Kraus argued, the group does not want to return before the board to secure site plan approval for each individual project.

"Our goal is to build something today we wouldn't necessarily tear down later," Kraus said.

YMCA officials said their parking lot is typically occupied by 110 to 115 cars during peak periods, although the parking lot is frequently filled beyond capacity.

Architect Michael Soriano said the architecture of the proposed building would match several different building materials on the existing facility.

"The look of the outside strives to complete the campus appearance of the Y," Soriano said. "It will cohesively complete the look of the building."

Engineer Jim Watson detailed the stormwater management plan for the site, which he said meets newly enacted state regulations. He also illustrated an existing 50-foot wetlands buffer which will remain on the western portion of the site.

Traffic engineer Harold Maltz said the project would cause only slight increases in traffic and would not substantially change the state Department of Transportation's ratings of nearby intersections.

Maltz said cars making left turns while exiting the YMCA currently experience a lengthy wait, but he argued the projected 25 percent increase in membership would only add about one additional car to the queue caused by the delay.

"Expansion of the Y lot would adequately provide for future use and would also meet existing needs," Maltz said.

At the conclusion of Maltz's testimony, board chairman James Fawcett announced the hearing would be continued Nov. 4. He said the public comment period, board discussion and possibly a final vote could take place at that meeting.

## Parking

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to form another committee on the topic or make significant changes to the recommended policy, which was passed by the board last fall.

"I don't think there's much more from the Board of Education side we could do that was different from before," Riegel said, stressing that the board can craft an overall parking policy, but has no power to pass parking ordinances or enforce parking laws.

"It really goes back to the town," she said. "Even if we did

reopen this we would be spinning our wheels and wasting time until (the Town Council) is ready to deal with it."

"There is a plan, and it was the product of a lot of hard work," said Councilman Rafael Betancourt, chairman of the council's Public Safety, Traffic, and Transportation Committee. "But there was a lot of pressure exerted over people on the council (by opponents), and people succumb to that."

"If anything is going to be done, there has to be a concerted effort between the town and the Board of Education to build on the plan," he continued. "I would urge my fellow council members to do something about this."

Still, Betancourt said it was unlikely the council would take up the issue in 2004.

Betancourt said one long-term solution may be to create more parking spaces in front of the high school on Rahway Avenue, or pave other school property to generate more on-site parking options — a solution Riegel said the board has

little appetite for.

"We're not turning field space at the high school into a parking lot," Riegel said.

Riegel said school officials will look into the Rahway Avenue possibility when the district has better idea how much money remains from a bond referendum approved by voters in 2000. And at the same time, she said the board wants to look into safety and drop-off concerns in front of the school.

Even if the board does add 40 parking spaces, Riegel was skeptical such a change would "put a dent in the parking situation."

Mayor Greg McDermott did not return a call seeking comment.

## Journalist

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It is an appropriate assignment for the young journalist, who yearns to interview Matt Groening, creator of the animated show "The Simpsons."

"I like funny TV shows," he explained.

After compiling advance research and formulating questions for the Blue Sky animators, Ross plans to conduct his interviews with a tape recorder, bypassing the antiquated shorthand used by lesser reporters.

"I think being a reporter would be very fun," he said. "But I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up," he added, pledging to keep his options open.

Future assignments may include book reviews, movie reviews, research projects, and interviews with newsmakers, celebrities or anyone else within the public interest.


Junior journalists are typically given about a week to prepare their reports, but Ross shrugged his shoulders at the prospect of deadlines.

His fifth-grade teacher, Kathy Stamberger, includes Time For Kids as an instructional tool, and said the magazine is an invaluable, balanced tool for educating students about the news.

"It's a way of doing current events and letting the kids know what's going on in the world," she said.

The difference now, she said, is that one of her own students will provide the voice behind the story. "It's exciting," Stamberger said. "He's an awfully neat kid."

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## Liebrich honored for her service to Scouts

WESTFIELD — Long-standing volunteer Bernadine Liebrich was recently honored by the Westfield Girl Scout Community when she was presented with the newly-designated Girl Scout Volunteer Achievement Award, represented by the Volunteer Development Pin.

Liebrich is the first recipient of this award in the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council and in the state of New Jersey.

The Volunteer Achievement Award, with its accompanying Volunteer Development Pin, has been made available only since 2003 through the Girl Scouts of the USA and was initiated in response to the increasing interest in volunteerism since Sept. 11, 2001.

Awardees of the Volunteer Development Pin must have successfully completed various criteria encompassing completion of service within the areas of a board committee, task group, or Troop/group leadership. In addition, awardees must be registered Girl Scout adults; adhere to all policies and procedures of the Girl Scout organization; provide service in the Girl Scout organization at the local or national level; com-



Bernadine Liebrich of Westfield was recently honored by the Girl Scout Volunteer Achievement Award.

plete appropriate orientation and training for the various volunteer positions.

Well known in the community for organizing the recognition ceremonies for Westfield's Girl Scout Gold and Silver Awardees, Liebrich has also taken on the daunting task of providing similar recognition ceremonies for the Bronze Award, presented to Junior Girl Scouts who have completed specific projects within a requisite number of hours.

The recognition she has achieved for these awardees has resulted in a growing number of girls striving toward these awards.

Prior awards which Liebrich has achieved within the Girl Scouts are: the Thanks Badge, for outstanding service that benefited the entire Council or the entire

Girl Scout organization; the Appreciation Pin, for outstanding service to one geographical area; and the Emerald Award. She has also received recognition as Outstanding Volunteer and Outstanding Service Team member.

Liebrich began her Girl Scout volunteer career serving as a Brownie leader in 1983 and has successively filled the positions of Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scout leader; Cookie Mother; and Consultant.

In addition she has served on the Westfield Girl Scout Service Team as community association chairman; annual giving chairman; publicity chairman; encampment co-director; committee member for Westfield Girl Scouts 75th anniversary; historian; and Gold, Silver and Bronze

awards chairman. She has served on the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council as program planning committee leader, ceremonies workshop assistant, outdoors trainer and unit counselor at Day Camp Sinawic.

Liebrich's volunteerism is not limited to Girl Scouts, however. She served as PTO president at Tamaques Elementary School, PTO vice-president and president at Edison Intermediate School, president of the Newcomers Club, and president of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She is a Eucharistic minister at St. Helen's Church.

Liebrich's two grown daughters, Christina and Corrine, are both Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts, and both served in AmeriCorps following graduation from college.

## President's sister makes a campaign stop in Cranford

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — Area residents got a taste of the presidential campaign Wednesday morning when Doro Bush Koch, the sister of President George W. Bush, paid a brief visit to the senior housing complex on Lincoln Avenue.

Speaking to boost enthusiasm and turnout among Bush supporters rather than to convince undecided voters, Koch briefly addressed the more than 50 seniors in attendance before moving on to shake hands and speak to residents individually.

She emphasized her brother's efforts in the war on terror — "The president is committed

to seeing each and every terrorist is behind bars, and that we are safe in our country," she said — as well as her role in building support for Bush among women, traditionally a Democratic constituency.

Koch, 13 years younger than the president, said she and the other "not famous" Bush siblings are all hitting the trail in battleground states — a category in which, significantly, the campaign now includes New Jersey. "The fact that I'm here means we have a great chance of winning here in New Jersey," she said.

Koch's appearance in Cranford was one of three on the day, with trips also planned in Clifton and Liberty Corner. Earlier in the week, Vice President Dick Cheney addressed a campaign rally in Medford.

The state has gone decisively for the Democratic nominee in each of the last three presidential elections, and Al Gore defeated Bush in the state by 16 points in 2000. But a slew of

recent polls has shown a competitive race, with Bush even leading in some cases.

There seemed to be few undecided voters in the audience. Cranford's Ann Weisgerber summed up the prevailing sentiment among Bush supporters, saying "I love what Bush is doing. He's an honest man. I have faith in him."

Jerry Farley of Clark said he supported the president's actions to combat terrorism, and criticized Democratic nominee John Kerry for his "flip-flopper, wishy-washy ways."

Even the president's supporters in the audience seemed less than enthusiastic about the prescription drug benefit Bush and Republicans in Congress added to the

Medicare program last year. But, said Farley, "He gave it a good shake-up. At least he did something."

While support for Bush was evident in the room, not everyone was convinced. "I'd like to hear that they're ending the war," said Rose Gilstrap of Cranford, an undecided voter who was concerned her two grandsons would be subject to a draft if America's military activity isn't curtailed.

And some in the audience were more emphatic in their support for Kerry. No matter who comes to town to campaign for Bush, said one resident, "Nobody's going to change our mind. He's killing the seniors."

But perhaps the best news for the president came from another woman who described herself as a registered Democrat, but said she is voting for Bush due to his position on terrorism. Her conviction, she said, had been bolstered by listening to Koch.

"It was just nice seeing her, meeting her," she said. "This is the highlight of our day."

## Scotch Plains Council opposed to rail expansion

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council passed a resolution opposing expansion of freight service along the Lehigh Valley line at its regular meeting on Tuesday.

The action was prompted by the proposed expansion of freight rail lines between Edison and Bound Brook; the Lehigh Valley line runs through southern portions of Cranford, Westfield, and Scotch Plains.

According to Edison resident Stewart Weiss, who brought the matter to the council's attention, adding a second track could result in a "fourfold" increase in the amount of garbage containers transported along the rail line. By his reasoning, since trains block traffic for as much as three hours per day along the line, quadrupling container shipping would result in 12 hours of blocked roadways.

"You might as well put a fence (along the roads) because it's not feasible," Weiss said. "In the next ten 10 if they do what they want you won't be able to drive a truck in Union (County)."

Weiss speculated that the action is an attempt to reduce truck traffic along New Jersey roadways, but he said more traffic at railroad grade crossings is

a recipe for disaster. The Lehigh Valley line crosses Inman Avenue in Edison at grade, causing traffic delays and screeching train whistles at all hours of the night.

Speaking before the council, Weiss connected the Lehigh Valley rail expansion to the controversial reactivation of the Rahway Valley and Staten Island rail lines in eastern and northern sections of Union County. Kenilworth, Summit, Roselle Park and other communities filed several lawsuits in an unsuccessful attempt to halt the reactivation of that line.

He also noted that NJ Transit is exploring the possibility of re-establishing the Lackawanna Cutoff in northern New Jersey, a potentially expensive project that would create a garbage transportation line between Staten Island, Summit, and a dump west of Scranton,

Pa.

Mayor Martin Marks said existing traffic congestion at railroad crossings at grade would only get worse with the rail expansion. He also objected to the noise caused by train whistles at these crossings, arguing that more late-night trains would lead to more sleepless nights on the south side of town.

"We will be uniting with other municipalities across New Jersey to make sure our voices are heard and the trains are not," Marks said.

The Lehigh Valley line also crosses Rahway Avenue in Westfield, where residents have objected to train whistles for years. A recent Federal Railroad Administration ruling will allow municipalities to create "quiet zones" where train whistles can be banned.

To qualify as a quiet zone, a

railroad crossing must be equipped with flashing lights and gates to alert approaching vehicles and pedestrians. The new law is set to take effect in December; Westfield officials plan to install appropriate safety measures to meet whistle ban regulations sometime after that date.

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## SP resident charged in child porn sting

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — A township resident was among nine New Jersey men charged with downloading and possessing child pornography last week.

William Deustachio, 38, a bank manager, surrendered voluntarily to authorities Oct. 5, according to a statement released by federal law enforcement officials. He is accused of subscribing by credit card to a child pornography website, which allowed subscribers to download or upload child pornography.

He faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Deustachio is one of nearly 1,000 individuals who have been arrested in the United States and elsewhere around the world as part of Operation Falcon, which was initiated by New Jersey authorities. In January, U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie

announced the indictment of Regpay Co., Ltd., a credit card processing firm run by a group from Belarus with connections to organized crime.

The charges were evidently expected for some time; authorities seized evidence from the defendants' computers several weeks ago.

A total of 53 individuals have been charged in New Jersey in connection with the Regpay investigation, and a total of 170 have been arrested nationwide.

Police have made arrests in 11 countries, including Denmark, Finland, France, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. More than 100 have been charged in Australia alone.

Deustachio is one of two Union County men charged during the course of the investigation to this point. Andrew Chaplowitz, 44, of Springfield was also arrested last week.

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Officers arrested James Gabany of Colonia, Michael Zima of Carteret, and Aniew Todika of Iselin Tuesday; each man was charged with possession of controlled dangerous substances.

Gabany was also arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Rahway.

### SCOTCH PLAINS

A Henry Street resident reported being a victim of fraud on Oct. 8. The victim received a letter from PayPal indicating that an account in her name was active, but the victim said she never opened an

account.

A resident of Brooklyn reported someone smashed the sunroof of his 2004 Jeep while it was parked on Old Farm Road. The incident allegedly occurred sometime between 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 and 1 a.m. Oct. 9.

On Oct. 8, a resident of Meadow View Road reported she gave a contractor a \$1,200 deposit in June to construct a fence. Since giving the contractor the deposit, she said she has heard from him only once. The victim also said she has made several attempts to contact him by mail and telephone without success.

## Carpal Tunnel Code May Have Finally Been Cracked

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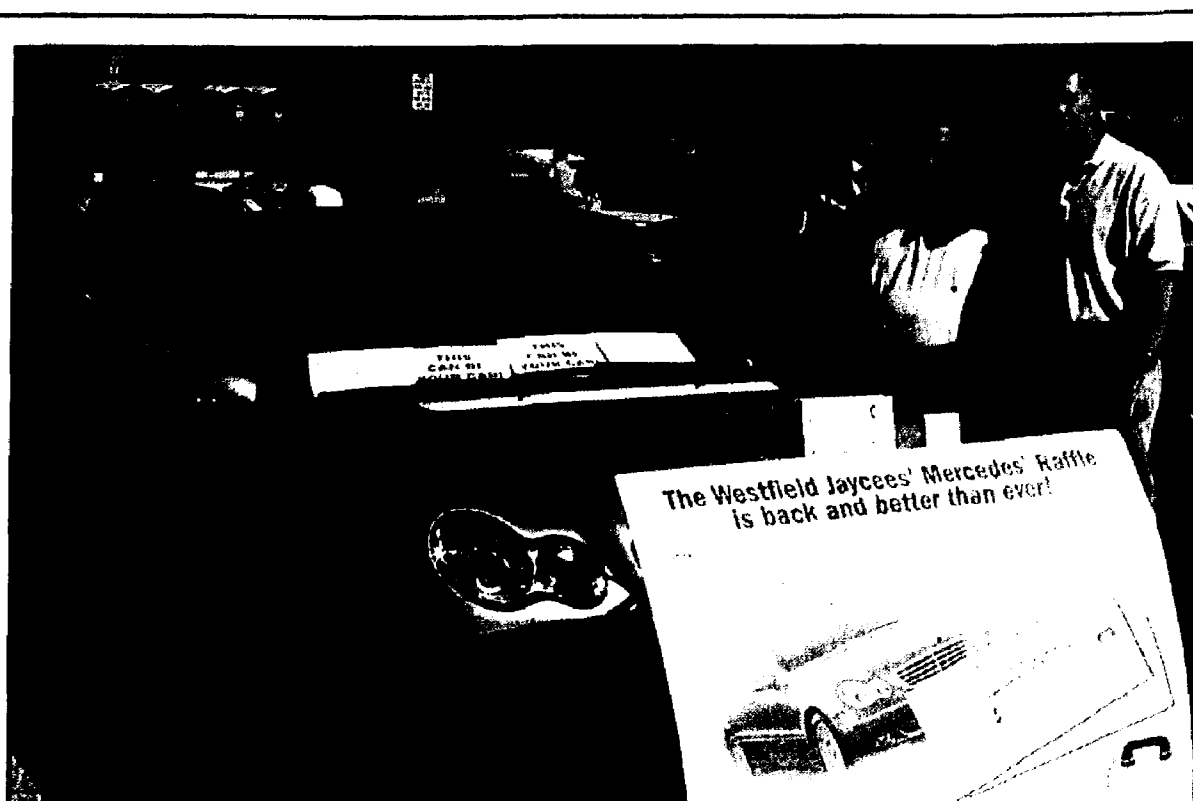
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## Last chance to get in on Mercedes raffle

Tickets for the Westfield Jaycees and CONTACT We Care Mercedes raffle are still available, but time is running out for those looking to win the silver C230 Sports Sedan being offered by InterCar Mercedes Benz of Newton. The Jaycees and CONTACT, the 24-hour crisis hotline, are selling a limited issue of 400 tickets, each of which admits two people to the Oct. 23 dinner dance. The event will take place 7:30 p.m.-midnight at Temple Emanuel in Westfield. Tickets are \$185 each and are tax deductible. CONTACT We Care and event Chairman Jeff Stirrat and CONTACT Executive Director David Owens are pictured here at the recent Westfield Auto Show with the event's top prize. For information, call Owens at (908) 301-1899 or Stirrat at (908) 654-0433.

## New communications tower to be built soon

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — A new communications tower will be constructed at Borough Hall shortly, and space on the tower is being reserved for cell phone service providers.

The 120-foot tall tower will improve communications between the borough's first responders, who had been unable to use advanced communications equipment properly on the previous tower. Officials said that tower was unsafe because it was leaning about 20 percent and wasn't high enough to transmit a direct signal.

The \$118,000 structure will be located near the site of the previous tower. Originally, the council considered building a new tower in the rear portion of the Borough Hall lot, but decided to relocate the tower after neighboring residents said the tower would be unsightly and could negatively affect their property values.

At a special public hearing and a later Planning Board advisory session, the council incorporated residents' concerns about the tower. A soil-boring analysis indicated the site nearer to Borough Hall would be sufficient to support a large tower.

According to Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern, crews will soon be drilling into the soil, which will eventually support the tower's foundation. About a month after the soil is drilled, the tower will be erected; McGovern projected a completion date of early to mid-December.

The Borough Council passed a resolution Tuesday authorizing the clerk to receive bids from wireless providers to lease space on the tower. Councilman Jack Molenaar said the lattice-style tower includes space for two cell phone providers. He estimated each service provider could lease tower

space for \$20,000 to \$25,000 annually.

"Multiply that by two and that's how much revenue the borough could possibly get" from lease agreements with cell phone service providers, he said.

Molenaar also pointed out that cell phone companies could force the borough to allow unpopular towers or cell antennas in other Fanwood locations unless an alternative is made available.

But borough officials continued to stress that the new tower is primarily being constructed to meet the needs of the police, fire department, and rescue squad.

## Programs consider nexus of religion and science

Is God still speaking to people? How can people listen for God's voice? These questions will be considered in a program scheduled 7:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in Coe Fellowship of the First Congregational Church in Westfield, as residents are invited to turn their spiritual ears to

the fields of science and technology.

In the October session participants will have the opportunity consider religious questions surrounding stem cell research. Much controversy surrounds the harvesting of stem cells for research and medical cures. Stem

cells are taken from embryos and nudged into becoming different types of cells. These are thought to be able to cure spinal cord injuries and a host of other conditions.

Questions to be considered at the program include: What is God saying in this possibility? Is it moral to use cells from embryos in this way? When does life begin and what part does God have in it?

At a Nov. 30 program, participants can "listen" for God in the Internet, considering topics such as: How might God's voice be coming through the Internet? Is the Internet just so much optical fiber and PCs, or is God speaking a word of stewardship and relationship through this new invention? Is God calling the world to a new way of relating? And if so, what does God expect of the world in this new, fascinating environment?

The First Congregational Church of Westfield is located at 125 Elmer St. For more information, call the church at (908) 233-2494.

The session is a project of the Wisdom's Light ministry and will be facilitated by Rev. John A. Mills, pastor of First Congregational Church in Closter. Participants of all faiths or no faith at all are welcomed. Participants will be encouraged to raise issues and questions.

Readers are encouraged to e-mail the ministry at wislit@worldnet.att.net with questions, concerns, and ideas; for more information on the ministry, visit http://wislit.home.att.net.

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### College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains picks new directors

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains recently elected its board of directors for the 2004-2005 year. Pictured at right are Carol Rizzo, Mari McDevitt, Ginger Rachko, Margaret MacIntyre, Bernadette Hoyer and Helen Plassecki. Not pictured are Natalie Bilci and Meril Davies.



## Temple program for disabled kids continues

WESTFIELD — Temple Emanu-El is now in its second year of providing a Sunday school program specifically designed for children with a determination of autism, as well as related developmental disabilities, such as PDD-NOS and Aspergers Syndrome.

Tamara Ruben, director of education, credits a team of concerned parents as the inspiration behind the program known as Ma'ayan, which is Hebrew for "natural spring." This core group of parents felt there were limited opportunities for their children to share in the rituals and traditions of Jewish life. Laura Weitzman, director of special education in Warren, was the educational consultant for the pilot project.

Douglas B. Sagal, senior rabbi at Emanu-El, committed to serv-

ing the whole family, and strives to make Emanu-El a welcoming entry into the Jewish community for all individuals and families regardless of abilities or disabilities.

Early in her career, Ruben was particularly inspired by the parasha Kedoshim from Leviticus, which states one should not place stumbling blocks before the blind. Ruben interprets that to mean everyone deserves a learning opportunity.

Her goals for the second year remain consistent with the program's overall concept. "It's not that we started the second year with a new goal, but now we are approaching Bar Mitzvah age," she said. The first Ma'ayan Bar Mitzvah is scheduled for June 2005.

Amy Baruch, a special education teacher, uses a variety of

methods to help her students establish Jewish identities. With assistance from two classroom aides, Baruch teaches the Ma'ayan class, which meets every other Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Music, art, and stories are incorporated in the curriculum.

There is a formal application process to enter the program, which includes a conversation with the secular schoolteacher, a review of each child's Individual Education Plan (IEP), and a personal interview with the classroom teacher.

An unplanned but valuable component part of the program has been the camaraderie and support for and by the Ma'ayan parents. Parents meet informally over coffee in downtown Westfield while the class is in session. Parent and Scotch

Plains resident Joanne Bartosik says she looks forward to the company of the other parents. "We have formed our own little support group, and have developed strong bonds way beyond the boundaries of the Ma'ayan program," she said.

Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad St.

## Tour of holy cities continues at UCTC

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center will present the second lecture of its Jewish Literacy Program 8 p.m. Tuesday at the center's building, 418 Central Ave., Rabbi Mitchell Bomrind will continue a virtual tour the holy cities of Israel.

The second stop on the tour is Chevron, the home of one of the holiest sites in the world: Me'arat HaMachpeila, the Cave of Machpeila.

More than 3,000 years ago, Avraham Avinu (Abraham) paid 400 silver shekels — an enormous sum of money at that time — to buy the cave, according to Jewish belief. He was drawn to it by its holy fragrance and saw that the first man and woman, Adam and Chava (Eve), were buried there.

The site would become the burial place for his wife, Sarah, and later for Avraham, Yitzchak and his wife Rivkah, and Yaakov and his wife Leah, according to Jewish teachings. Because four couples are buried in Chevron, the city is also called Kiryat Arba, the "city of four."

There is a suggested donation of \$10. For more information or to register, call the Union County Torah Center at (908) 789-5252.

**Lecture addresses heart disease in women**

WESTFIELD — Cindy Holt of

### Briefs

Overlook Hospital will offer a lecture and discussion concerning "Heart Disease and Women" at the Westfield Area YMCA 7-8 p.m. Monday.

Heart disease in women is frequently misdiagnosed or not taken seriously. The program will address the common signs and symptoms and how they differ from men's.

This lecture is free, but registration is requested. For more information, call the YMCA at (908) 233-2700, ext 251.

**Vendors sought for show at magnet school**

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Magnet High School will present its award-winning robot and craft show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 20 in Baxel Hall at the Magnet High School campus, located at 1176 Raritan Rd. Vendors are wanted for the craft show; the cost is \$60 per table.

For more information call (908) 889-8288, ext. 262 or mail checks to: Union County Magnet High School, 1176 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, Attn: Dr. VanEkeren.

## Used bikes to be distributed overseas

WESTFIELD — According to Warren Rorden, who chairs the Rotary Club of Westfield's annual Pedals for Progress used bicycle collection, in the underdeveloped countries of Latin America, Africa and the Pacific Islands a bicycle can provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, and a mode for transporting produce to markets or accessing health care and other services.

In response to this need for bicycles in conjunction with the non-profit program, Pedals for

Progress and the Rotary Club of Westfield will be collecting used bicycles from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Westfield Board of Education building at 302 Elm St.

Tools, especially wrenches, portable sewing machines and sports equipment will also be accepted.

The Rotary urges anyone with a used adult or children's bike in repairable condition to donate it to this cause. Said Rorden, "Pedals for Progress ships the bicycles to developing countries

where they are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults. Last year Westfield Rotary collected 150 bikes."

Donations for shipping costs are also encouraged. "The average cost is \$30 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute a bike," said Rorden. "A donation of \$10 per bicycle is suggested. All cash and material donations are fully eligible for tax deduction."

Pedals for Progress collects more than 11,000 bicycles annually and has to date shipped more than 65,000 to 20 developing countries.

## Storytime at Willow Grove

SCOTCH PLAINS — Looking for a nice way to end the weekend and start the week with little ones? Get into your pajamas, grab a pillow and blanket and go to Willow Grove Presbyterian Church with the kids for a story time called "Tales in the Grove."

The Oct. 17 story time will feature stories such as *Goodnight Moon*, *Brown Bear Brown Bear*, *Who is Coming to Our House?* and *Click Clack Moo*.

Tales in the Grove will be held the first and third Sundays of every month at 7 p.m. and will last 45-60 minutes.

Tales in the Grove is geared towards children ages 2-5, but older or younger siblings are wel-

come.

Two congregation volunteers will run each story time, one reader and one greeter. Parents will be asked to stay during the duration of the story hour to help redirect any "wanderers" to the story circle.

For more information about Willow Grove, call the church office during business hours at (908) 232-5678, e-mail wilgrv@netzero.com or check www.scotchplains.com/wgpc.

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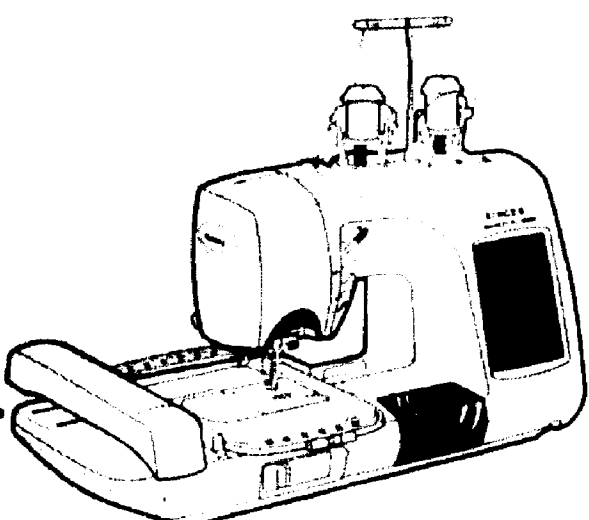
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# Commentary

## Make them work for your vote

In the next two-and-a-half weeks before the Nov. 2 election, chances are you will be receiving some literature, either in the mail or stuck in your front door, from your local political candidates. If you're lucky, you may also have an opportunity to talk to candidates as they canvass your neighborhood and seek votes door by door.

Most of the literature will promise the same things — lower taxes and better services. Despite the fact that these promises are often (though not always) incompatible, they constitute the platform of approximately 98 percent of local candidates.

If a candidate admits taxes are likely to rise, that person deserves your vote just for having the courage to tell the truth.

Local property taxes are likely to increase as the state continues to place more mandates on municipalities and counties without giving them any more money. The most a candidate can realistically promise is a flat tax rate, hoping that rising property values, new development and some good fortune with respect to grants can generate more tax revenue to cover the higher costs.

If a candidate comes to your door and makes a promise about taxes, ask the candidate specifically how this will be done. Inquire about what budget items can be cut and what programs can be scaled down or eliminated.

Most candidates spout fancy rhetoric about fiscal restraint and budget discipline, but it's hard work to balance the equation between keeping taxes as low as possible while maintaining the same level of services. And as studies have repeatedly shown, the prospect of cutting spending by eliminating government waste is an illusion. If all this waste does exist in government, no one's yet figured out a way to get it to the Dumpster.

And be wary of candidates' promises that they can bring more ratables into the municipality as a way to lower taxes. While Union County is in something of a secondary building boom, government cannot control the private sector, which ultimately makes the investment.

The best a governing official can do is to create an atmosphere which can improve the atmosphere for development by tweaking zoning regulations. As experience in Cranford, Westfield and Fanwood has shown, that also is a delicate balancing act that is far easily promised, than delivered.

When a candidate comes to your door asking for your vote, do not slam the door in that person's face. Instead, allow at least a few minutes so you can give your opinion about what is going on in your hometown. And don't be afraid to ask the difficult questions that have difficult answers. Challenge the candidates. Make them think.

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Letters to the editor

## Diversity needed on freeholder board

### To The Record-Press:

In 2004, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will spend nearly \$365 million tax dollars. As a candidate for this county-wide office, I have found that few people actually understand the full scope and power of this "invisible layer of government."

As I have traveled around Union County, many people have asked "What is a freeholder? A freeholder is a layer of government that provides a large and ever-increasing tax burden (nearly 20 percent of your annual property taxes, depending on your community) to the residents of Union County."

The duties of a freeholder include preparing and adopting the county budget, authorizing expenditures and bonds, appointing county officials and members to boards, commissions and authorities and supervising the administration of county government. Simply put, a freeholder is similar to a town councilman, however, at a county level.

I support a proposition that I feel will make Union County government a better and more visible asset for the taxpayers. We should amend the County Charter and divide the County into three representative "districts" of equal population.

One of the main reasons that this layer of government is largely invisible is because of the structure of representation. Unlike the use of districts for many state and federal officeholders, each of the nine freeholders are elected by the entire county. All nine freeholders are responsible for representing the competing interests of each of the 21 municipalities that make up Union County.

In theory, you could have all nine freeholders from one town, and presently only a few towns are actually represented. The freeholder board thus lacks focus and accountability to Union County's half-million people. Under my plan, each district would be represented by three freeholders, providing an opportunity to residents for more focused representation.

I hope that on Nov. 2, you will support me and my running mates, Joe Renna, Patricia Quattrocchi and Bruce Paterson for Union County Freeholder. As always, we invite your comments and questions and encourage you to contact our team at (908) 789-0200 or e-mail us at [chairman@unioncountygop.org](mailto:chairman@unioncountygop.org).

FRANK ARENA  
Westfield

The author is a Republican candidate for freeholder in the Nov. 2 election.

## Voters should reject deck proposal

### To The Record-Press:

On Nov. 2, Westfield residents will have the opportunity to vote on a referendum for a parking garage between Elm and Prospect streets.

This garage supposedly will provide parking for downtown employees and shoppers. Downtown merchants complain that shoppers currently have inadequate parking. It should be noted that merchants and employees refused suggestions to park at the south side train station lot on Saturday and Sunday, thus leaving north side spaces for customers. It looks like the merchants do not really care about customers after all. Will shoppers pay 75 cents per hour to park at Westfield mall? I doubt it.

A recent traffic study revealed that the Prospect and Broad intersection was an "F" (failing) intersection currently and would worsen with the garage. The Prospect and Dudley intersection already has a high incidence of traffic accidents. The Mayor's Commission in 2002 recommended

three small garages in order to disperse traffic more evenly. After spending a great deal of time and money on studies, the results are being ignored.

At numerous council meetings, the issues of traffic and safety (especially of children going to schools, the YMCA and other activities in the area) has been mentioned by residents. The mayor and a majority of the Town Council have ignored the issues and have provided no plan to mitigate the traffic problem. They have an obsession with building a garage some place, any place, even if it is the wrong place.

There are alternatives which have not been fully explored. These should have been implemented before building a garage. Even excluding the financial burden on taxpayers, I urge all Westfielders to vote "No" based on traffic and safety concerns.

ROBERT J. TARTE  
Westfield

## Ferguson not pro-active on security

### To The Chronicle:

A few days after 9/11, I asked friends with scientific credentials whether the U.S. mails could be effectively used to broadcast chemical and/or biological materials on the U.S. homeland. We unfortunately now know the answer.

I wondered too exactly what manner of freight was being hauled in the still of the night through densely populated metropolitan communities like my own.

A New Jersey state legislator told me he did not have an answer and opined that "no one knows." Within a few days, his assistant phoned to report that "anything and everything" is being transported through New Jersey's cities and towns.

Senator Charles Schumer of New York has reiterated

the need for competent inspection of cargo arriving in our nation's harbors — cargo, I gather, now in the main simply transferred to waiting trains.

Alas, we in the Seventh Congressional District suddenly learn our own U.S. Congressman Mike Ferguson has not been minding the store much where the threat of terrorism is concerned. I'm hardly surprised. When I phoned Ferguson's office in Washington some six months ago, I learned the congressman did not have a position on the current status in Iraq.

And for such ineptitude Congressman Ferguson recently voted himself a \$4,000 pay raise. God bless him.

FERDINAND GAJEWSKI  
Westfield

## Don't return Bush to White House

### To The Chronicle:

George W. Bush touts himself as a "war president." How can we be at war when our Congress has not declared war, as they are supposed to do? How can we be at war when we do not have gas or food rationing or war bond rallies? How can we be at war when the coffins coming back are hidden from public view?

What we have is a president who has been given powers that he cannot handle. We gave those powers to Lyndon Johnson, and we lost over 59,000 of our finest. So far Bush has lost us over 1,000 of our

finest. We have a back-door draft where the Pentagon is uprooting thousands of American families. Calling up reservists, some as old as 60.

We cannot let this continue. Starbucks just raised the price of their coffee by 11 cents. Perhaps we should invest that Starbucks money in war bonds.

Voters, I implore you, do not give Bush another four years. He won last time by a fluke — let's not do it again.

RAOUL J. LARRINAGA  
Fanwood

WILL THE DEBATES HAVE  
AN IMPACT ON THE  
RESULT OF THE  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?



MADELINE FORSTER  
Scotch Plains

I think people have already made up their minds about it.



JOE STOH  
Cranford

I don't know, I didn't watch them.



JESSICA KOWALSKI  
Cranford

Yes. It's an important year, so I think a lot of peoples' opinions are going to form on how well the debates go.



JERRY ASHFIELD  
Cranford

It proves to me how dumb these politicians are. A debate is when you exchange ideas; all these politicians are doing is making little speeches.



JIM TROISI  
Cranford

To some extent, yeah, because I think that the appearance of the candidates, and the way politicians present themselves on TV has become more important than what is in the newspapers or on the radio — perception is reality.



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## Marks testifies before tax task force

The following text is a transcript of remarks made by Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks to the state Property Tax Reform Convention Task Force at Mercer County College Oct. 6. Marks was speaking at the request of the League of Municipalities.

It is not the mission of this Task Force to move the mountain, which is New Jersey's over-dependence on the property tax. That will be the mission of the convention. Your mission is to build the bulldozer. With that in mind, I'll confine my remarks to suit that purpose.

As this Task Force considers each issue that needs to be addressed, we urge you to ask yourselves this question: "Which approach will increase the likelihood that the process will yield a fairer revenue system for the future of the families of New Jersey? And which will increase the risk that we will let this historic opportunity slip away?"

Spending issues are vitally important. The convention could be empowered to look at spending issues.

Like other mayors and municipal governing body members all around the state, every year, I carefully consider my town's spending priorities. We try mightily to cut spending where we can and to limit needed increases to an absolute minimum. Every year, freeholders and county executives do the same. Every year, school boards and boards of estimate need to do the same. And every year, the Legislature, through its budget process, has the opportunity to, likewise, seek to limit spending.

So spending issues are, or at least can be, dealt with through processes already in place.

The reason we need a convention is that those processes have not addressed themselves to the fairest possible means of raising the revenue.

No matter how much you think government should spend, no matter where you think money is needed or money is wasted, no matter what the appropriate level of revenue we need to meet our responsibilities to the people who elected us, the simple fact of the matter is that there has to be a fairer way of raising it.

That needs to be the primary focus of a special convention dedicated to property tax reform. That is my main goal, and the central aim of the League of

Municipalities and all the other early advocates of this approach. And that is the crying need of the property taxpayers of our state.

Accordingly, we agree that the convention can have the opportunity to look at certain spending. But whatever spending recommendations may emerge, they need to go to the people separate from the revenue recommendations. If we tie the two together, we increase the risk that this historic opportunity will become an exercise in futility. But if we keep the questions separate, we increase the likelihood that the process will yield a fairer revenue raising system for the future of the families of this state.

Beyond the requirement that revenue recommendations be presented to the voters separate from spending recommendations, we believe that the convention should be permitted to decide for itself whether each should be framed as one, or more than one, question. If the convention decides to present its revenue recommendations as a package, or not — if the convention decides to offer a single spending plan, or a list of options — that decision is best left with the members of that body. Not knowing what the recommendations will be, we shouldn't prejudge how they should be framed for the electorate.

We recommend a limited convention. The convention bills that we have supported in the past would have taken "Abbott" off the table. They would have taken "Mount Laurel" off the table. And they would have taken a statewide equalized property tax off the table. Those bills looked for "revenue neutral" solutions to the property tax crisis. We supported those bills and we would support a Task Force recommendation that took them into consideration.

Again, ask yourself, "What moves us forward? What would hold us back?"

We believe that delegates should be elected using current legislative districts to ensure the closest possible adherence to the principle of "One Person, One Vote." We support delegate eligibility for all who are eligible to serve in the General Assembly, with no automatic, arbitrary disqualification caused by other public service. The Convention should judge the qualifications of its members, provide for filing vacancies, select its own officers, adopt its own rules and govern its

own procedures. Provision should be made for staffing. The time and place of first meeting should be specified. Delegates should be compensated at rate equal to average state worker and entitled to similar reimbursements. This, I think, is the best way to allow the broadest possible field of candidates, who could run without fear of dramatic economic consequences for this crucial public service.

We support ratification of the call for a convention by a majority of those voting on the question — not a super majority or a majority of those voting in the election. Many will not bother to vote on the question, since the majority of the information they receive will be about the candidates for office at the top of the ballot, rather than about the questions, which follow the candidate selection portion of the ballot. And, we support ratification of both the call for a convention and of the convention's recommendations at the next general election. Since we fill state offices in odd-numbered years and federal offices in even-numbered years, turnout for either should be sufficient to gauge popular support of interested voters without allowing a minority of interested voters to unduly influence the vote, as might happen with spring or other special elections.

Likewise, ratification of the convention's recommendations should be by a majority of those voting on each recommendation.

We support a convention of three months' duration and a requirement that recommendations be approved by a majority, rather than a super majority of the delegates.

We are willing to compromise on these recommendations, just as we were willing to compromise of the bill, as it progressed in the Legislature. Our bottom line is progress toward giving the people of New Jersey a chance to free themselves from unfair, inequitable and onerous property taxes.

Thank you for your time and considerate attention.

## Dems tout record of procuring grants

To The Record-Press:

A question we are often asked when we go door-to-door in our election campaign is: How can we keep a lid on property taxes? That might seem an impossible task, particularly when the price of insurance, medical coverage, fuel, education, and practically everything else is on the rise. But this year in Fanwood we managed to secure a number of state and county grants that helped us to hold the increase in property taxes to about \$15 per household — the lowest tax increase in six years.

We met some resistance when we first suggested seeking extraordinary aid from Trenton. We were told we were wasting our time. Doubters argued that our efforts would be rejected. But we secured grants from Trenton in our very first attempts.

Letters to the editor

In a very short period of time, we have begun to bring property tax relief to Fanwood by generating grants totaling more than \$300,000. Also, during the past nine months our senior citizens took another step closer to utilizing the expanded Forest Road Park building because of a grant from Union County to install the plumbing and kitchen appliances to meet their active club needs. Our library's technology and Children's Room also has been upgraded with state grant dollars and help from the Friends of the Library.

Even our Downtown Advisory Committee, which is coordinating our efforts to revitalize Fanwood's downtown area, has benefited from our pursuit of grant money to keep a lid on municipal expenses. By obtaining a \$50,000 Smart Future

grant, Fanwood has been able to cover the committee's expenses so the group can do the type of outreach and research that is needed to develop an equitable plan for our downtown.

Money doesn't grow on trees, but experienced leaders know how to work together for property tax relief. We've worked with the Democratic majority on the Fanwood Borough Council to overcome challenges we face as a community. With your support and your vote on Nov. 2, we will continue to work for you to keep the progress going.

KATHERINE MITCHELL  
JOSEPH HIGGINS  
Fanwood

The authors, currently members of the Borough Council, are the Democratic candidates for two seats on the Council in the Nov. 2 general election.

## GOP vows improvement to parks

To The Record-Press:

Fanwood needs a Borough Council that will provide more than just talk when it comes to needed park improvements. The failure of the present Fanwood Borough Council to take timely action on matters that are important to Fanwood's quality of life is one of the major reasons why we, Maureen Mawby and Joel Stroz, have decided to run as Republican candidates for the Borough Council. Our battle cry has been "New Faces, New Ideas! Preserving Fanwood's Future." Following are two examples of what we mean:

As every Fanwood resident with small children quickly discovers, the bathrooms in Fanwood's parks are almost always locked. Many parents have had to rush their children home to avoid an accident. Not everyone makes it in time.

The current Fanwood Borough Council, dominated by the Democrats, has failed to take any steps to improve this ridiculous situation. One simple way of providing access to park bath-

rooms is to implement a pass key system for residents. A pass key or card system could be installed with access keys made available to people who want them upon proof of Fanwood residence. A modest deposit and replacement fee can also be used to control the distribution of the non-reproducible access keys or cards.

In another case, the Democrat-controlled Borough Council's failure to take timely action has resulted in the needless continuation of a serious safety problem. The softball field at La Grande Park is too close to the playground area and needs to be re-aligned before someone gets hurt. Just this past summer, Joel's 3-year-old son was nearly hit by a home run shot that came screaming over the fence. Neither the ballplayer assigned to catch such fly balls nor Joel

was able to get to the child in time. It was pure luck that the ball missed him.

In 2003, the prior administration obtained and allocated funds to remedy the problem this year. Unfortunately, the current council members have taken no meaningful action to remedy this dangerous situation. The project was never put out to bid as promised, and another year has gone by with no realignment. In a recent press release, the Democrats assured us that this problem will finally be addressed next year. Well, after we are elected this Nov. 2 it most certainly will be!

MAUREEN MAWBY  
JOEL STROZ  
Fanwood

The authors are Republican candidates for Borough Council in the Nov. 2 election.

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With best wishes,  
Laura Bush

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## This week

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

**FOUR CENTURIES IN A WEEKEND** — annual self-guided tour of the county's historic sites, including the Miller-Cory House in Westfield and Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; continues noon-5 p.m. Saturday. (908) 558-2550.

**HEALTH FAIR** — 16th annual event for Scotch Plains residents, offering a variety of immunizations and screenings. 8 a.m.-noon. Municipal building, Park Avenue. (908) 322-6700, ext. 309.

**BICYCLE COLLECTION** — for Pedals for Progress, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westfield. Bring used bikes to the Westfield Board of Education building, 302 Elm St. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bikes collected will be refurbished and distributed in developing countries.

## SUNDAY

OCT. 17

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

**TALES IN THE GROVE** — story hours at Willow Grove church, aimed at children ages 2-5. 7 p.m. 1961 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains. (908) 232-5678.

## MONDAY

OCT. 18

**CANDIDATES FORUM** — the candidates for the Fanwood Borough Council square off. 8 p.m. at the Fanwood municipal building, Martine Avenue.

**WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE** — a lecture by Cindy Holt

of Overlook Hospital. 7-8 p.m. Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield. Free, but register at (908) 233-2700, ext. 251.

## WEDNESDAY

OCT. 20

**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.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE** — special program at a meeting of Mothers & More. 7:30 p.m. Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St. (908) 789-8626.

## FRIDAY

OCT. 22

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

**CANDIDATES FORUM** — the candidates for county office square off, as do candidates for Scotch Plains Township Council. County forum is 7:30 p.m. at the Cranford municipal building, 8 Springfield Ave. Scotch Plains is 8 p.m. at the Scotch Plains municipi-

pal building on Park Avenue.

## SATURDAY

OCT. 23

**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. 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. 1 East Broad St., Westfield. \$12. More information available at the church.

## SUNDAY

OCT. 24

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

## COMING UP

**OPERATION BOOK DROP-OFF** — Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will collect book donations for next April's sale. 9 a.m.-noon Oct. 25 at the library,

East Broad Street.

**PRESENTATION ON THE REEVE HOUSE** — Historic preservation architect Margaret Westfield presents her report to the Westfield Historical Society. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27. Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, East Broad Street.

**ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE** — to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Oct. 30. Sponsored by St. Anne's Church, Garwood. \$30 per person includes box meal and bus transportation. (908) 789-0414.

**FALL FEST** — free family fun at Terrill Road Baptist Church. 3-6 p.m. Oct. 31. 1340 Terrill Rd., Scotch Plains. (908) 322-7151.

**MEET-AND-EAT BRUNCH** — hosted by the Circle of Single Jewish Friends. 49+. 11:30 a.m. Oct. 31. Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard and South 31st Street, Kenilworth.

**HALLOWEEN PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** — annual event of the Westfield Y Men's Club. Begins 12:45 p.m. Oct. 31, Elm Street Field, Westfield. For more, contact the Westfield Area YMCA.

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC BOOK SALE** — annual event at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad St., Westfield. Begins 1 p.m. Oct. 31, continues through Nov. 2. Donations accepted Oct. 22-30 at the Parish Hall on Euclid Avenue. 908-232-8506, ext. 10.

## Health &amp; Fitness

## Rahway Cancer Center is accredited by ACR

Rahway Regional Cancer Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in radiation oncology as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology.

The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of

high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of its practice.

Evaluations are conducted by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of facility equipment.

The surveyors report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report.

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Rahway Regional Cancer Center is a state-of-the-art private cancer treatment center offering the finest radiation oncology services available. The center is under the direction of Eric Karp, M.D., a board-certified radiation oncologist who was trained at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Karp founded the center in 1993, and the cancer center has gained recognition for delivering quality radiation therapy in a patient-friendly environment.

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For more information about the extraordinary services provided at Rahway Regional Cancer Center, call (732) 382-5550.

## Library will host talk about cancer prevention

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Scotch Plains Public Library will present LaVonne J. Patti of The Regional Cancer Center of Solaris Health Systems, who will speak on the prevention and treatment of breast cancer.

Patti is breast health educator, breast center nurse, and community outreach coordinator at The Regional Cancer Center. She has more than 11 years of experience

in hematology, oncology, and hospice nursing and has wide-ranging affiliations within her profession.

Patti will talk about early warning signs and the latest treatment of breast cancer. The program will include a short video and teaching models, and will allow for one-on-one instruction during the question and answer period. A special hand-out package will be available for all attendees.

This presentation, which marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is the second in a series of medical lectures co-sponsored by Scotch Plains Public Library and Solaris Health Systems. Admission is free and no pre-registration is required.

Scotch Plains Library is located at 1927 Bartle Ave. For further information and directions, call (908) 322-5007.

The next lecture in this series, "Coping with Loss at the Holidays," will be presented at 7 p.m. Nov. 17.

## Nurses' talk set for Oct. 25

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — LEARN, the League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses, will offer a program titled "Domestic Violence: Is it Really Worth Screening For?" 7:45 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Parish House of All Saints Church, 559 Park Ave. The speaker will be Kathleen E. Zavotsky of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

The program's goal is to educate and inform nurses about the importance of performing screening for domestic violence. The talk will discuss epidemiology related to domestic violence and review screening tools to help identify victims.

LEARN is a non-profit professional organization for registered nurses in New Jersey that offers eight programs in an academic year on current nursing topics. This program has been approved for 2.4 continuing education contact hours.

Annual membership is \$40; guests can attend the Oct. 25 program for \$10. For more information, call (908) 272-7239 or (908) 754-9499.

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# Community Life

## Briefs

### 'College Night' program to air on local television

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School Guidance Department's "Sophomore College Night" with guest speaker Donald Dickason will be shown on WHS-TV36 from Oct. 19-31 at the following times: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday; 2 and 10 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday; and 4 p.m. Sunday.

The Guidance Department hosted the session for students and parents on Oct. 5. Dickason is a professional consultant and former dean of admissions at Cornell University and Pennsylvania State University. He also served in a similar capacity at Drexel University and has been a member of the National Association of College Admission Counseling for 40 years.

Dickason recommended the establishment of a "Sophomore College Night" following his review of the Westfield High School Guidance Department in May 2004.

Westfield High School Television will also broadcast a Westfield Adult School presentation featuring Jamie Novak, who offers tips on publishing books. This program will air through Oct. 31 on the following schedule: 1 and 9 p.m. Tuesday; noon and 4 p.m. Thursday; noon and 9 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday.

### Apply for passports at Westfield Post Office

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Post Office at 153 Central Ave. now accepts passport applications from the hours of 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Both first time applications and renewals will be accepted.

Postmaster Kenneth Brown offered these tips for applying for a passport:

- Fill out the passport application (DS11) before coming to the post office. The form can be downloaded from <http://travel.state.gov/download/applications.html>.

- Bring original copy of proof of U.S. citizenship and present proof of identity.

- Provide two passport photos, which can be taken at the Post Office.

All information on passport applications, procedures, and fees can be obtained by contacting the Post Office or on the Internet at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). Click on the Government Services page and then click on "Get a passport."

For more information, call (908) 233-4053.

### Enter 'Super Librarian' contest at S.P. library

SCOTCH PLAINS — Who is the Super Librarian? The Scotch Plains Public Library hopes to find out through a "Back Story Contest" sponsored by the New Jersey State Library in conjunction with TeenRead Week Oct. 17-23.

Students in Grades 6 to 12 are invited to pick up a "Super Librarian — Her Life Revealed" entry form. Entrants are then asked to create a name and "back-story" for the Super Librarian. They will have an opportunity to win a prize; winning entries will be published online or in print.

The Super Librarian marketing initiative was introduced by the state library last winter and has generated national attention. With the new interest in graphic and anime publishing, this is an opportunity for potential artists and authors to try their hand as the library world celebrates teen reading.

For more information, call the Scotch Plains Library or log on to <http://www.njlibraries.org/Resources/bstory.htm>.

The Scotch Plains Library is located at 1927 Bartle Ave., one block from Park Avenue. For further information or directions, call (908) 322-5007.

### Fall Fest planned at Terrill Rd. Baptist

SCOTCH PLAINS — Children of all ages are invited to Fall Fest from 3-6 p.m. Oct. 31 at Terrill Road Baptist Church.

The free event will be an afternoon filled with food, games, candy and lots of surprises. Kids should wear a "friendly" costume and be ready to have fun.

Terrill Road Baptist Church is located at 1340 Terrill Rd. Call (908) 322-7151 for more information.

## Chamber announces Faith in Westfield Awards

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will honor four recipients at its annual Faith in Westfield Awards dinner 6-10 p.m. Nov. 1 at The Primavera Regency in Stirling.

The guest of honor will be Barbara Schwinn, who is being recognized for her life-long commitment to Westfield. Schwinn has contributed as a creative leader, thoughtful problem solver, and willing volunteer with the Westfield Art Association (WAA), the Westfield Chamber of Commerce (WACC) and the First Congregational Church of Westfield (FCC).

Schwinn has been a member of the WAA since 1976, holding various committee roles and serving as president for the last six years. She acts upon the belief that fine arts are important to the economic, aesthetic, historical, social, and cultural well-being of the community. She has designed programs, such as Fresh Art in Jersey, the Art in Westfield Sidewalk Show and Sale, and the Goosewalk to introduce the visual arts to new audiences.

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Schwinn has lived in Westfield most of her life, attending public schools and worshipping at the First Congregational Church. Over her 44-year membership to the church, Schwinn has volunteered with the Board of Outreach Ministries, participated in the choir and assisted with many activities. In 1998 she was selected to serve on the Search

### Schwinn, Chambers among the honorees

Committee that was responsible for bringing a new permanent senior pastor to the FCC.

Schwinn graduated from Westfield High School in 1965 and went on to study art and design at Cornell University. She was employed as an assistant editor at Vogue Pattern Book International, where she wrote a couture column and assisted the managing editor. Her artwork includes painting, drawing, printmaking, photography and graphics. She currently has a freelance art and design business and consults on the arts.

The Chamber's Business of the Year Award will go to Stuart's Audio-Video, founded by Stuart Snowden Sr. in 1958.

Snowden worked for Cranford Radio, and when stereo sound began to make its way into the marketplace, he decided to branch out on his own and open a store exclusively dedicated to audio, starting with his first store in Cranford. A second store was opened in 1962 on Elm St. in Westfield. As the business flourished, Snowden decided to consolidate the two locations and in 1964 moved to 544 North Avenue in Westfield, where the store has been ever since. Stuart Snowden Jr. worked along side his father for many years and in 1997 took over full control of the business.

A building renovation in 2003 took the business from a "hobbyist heaven" to a state-of-the-art home entertainment showroom. During the process, Snowden Jr. employed other Westfield

business professionals to renovate the interior space of his business. As a result, each "room" in the Stuart's showroom reflects the creative and technical expertise of the staff, but it also displays the talents of the local cabinet-makers, tile and marble installers, and even landscapers who worked with Snowden to refine the retail space.

A tent card in each room and a printed pamphlet informs customers about the local services that are available to complete their own custom interior designs and reinforces Stuart's commitment to fellow Westfield businesses.

Westfield Police Detective Sandy Chambers will be awarded the Community Service Award. Detective Chambers was appointed to the Westfield Police Department on April 16, 1995, while she was enrolled at the John H. Stamler Police Academy.

Chambers was the first policewoman appointed to the Westfield Police Department and upon her graduation was assigned to the Patrol Division. In January 1999 she was assigned to the Union County Narcotics Strike Force for six months, where she served as an undercover officer. In November 2001, she was promoted to Detective 1/G and assigned to the Juvenile Bureau. In 2002 the Community Policing Division was initiated, and Chambers was assigned as its coordinator.

As coordinator for the Community Policing Division, Chambers has initiated and developed programs to bridge the gap between local youth and the

police department. Her programs emphasize acquiring a mutual understanding of the responsibilities and pressures facing each group.

The award for Employee of the Year will be presented to Patricia Hayes of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. Hayes, who has been at the workshop since 1993, jokes that she "fell into" her position during a Klondike Derby for her sons' Boy Scout Troup, and that she had only expected to work with the organization for four months.

Her employer, Dr. Ted Schlosberg, said, "Pat is a wonderfully gifted coordinator who is responsible for managing the Westfield Summer Workshop, the NJ Workshop for the Arts office staff, the division of the NJWA and all its program. She is totally dedicated to the children and to serving the 1,500 families who are participants of the instruction at NJWA."

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has presented the Faith in Westfield Awards at its annual dinner for more than 20 years. "We are fortunate to have such distinguished individuals and organizations as part of our membership and our community. We welcome the opportunity to celebrate their achievements," said Richard Fromkin, chairman of the board for the Chamber.

The public is invited to the dinner; tickets are \$75 per person, which includes a cocktail hour and a full sit-down dinner. The dress is business attire, with black tie optional.

Reservations for the dinner can be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at (908) 233-3021.

## Classic car fans flock to show in Westfield



PHOTOS BY KEVIN PAPA (ABOVE) AND BROOKS CRANDALL/CORRESPONDENTS

Westfield's American Legion Martin Walberg Post No. 3 sponsored a car, truck and bike show at the South Avenue train station parking lot Sunday afternoon, bringing out classic car fans as well as some curious youngsters. Above, since the American Legion was hosting the show, it was only natural that some classic military vehicles such as this 1945 Willys MB Jeep were on display. At right, one of the younger attendees takes a look at a different sort of classic.



## Travel back in time with '4 Centuries event'

### Miller-Cory, Osborn houses will participate in the county-wide program

Local residents can travel back into Union County's past as 23 historic sites open their doors during "Four Centuries in a Weekend: A Journey through Union County's History."

This annual, free Heritage Festival will take place throughout the county 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

"Join us on this fantastic journey and tour of Union County's 23 historically significant house museums and sites," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Prominent 18th-century statesmen visited or lived in these sites, including George Washington, who met with his officers at the Drake House in Plainfield, and Alexander Hamilton, who lived at Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth while he attended college here."

Five thematic clusters describing major changes in Union County from Colonial times until the early 1920s offer visitors insight into 400 years of county history. Because buildings changed to meet developing needs and styles, some sites appear in more than one cluster. The two-day format gives heritage tourists the opportunity to travel at their own pace to a variety of sites.

If the early aristocratic way of life interests you, venture to Liberty Hall in Union and the Belcher-Ogden Mansion and Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth to view collections of fine American antiques and the charming personal effects of the County's founders.

For those nostalgic for life on the old farmstead, visit authentic 18th-century farmhouses including the Carter House in Summit, the Salt Box Museum in New Providence, the

its many uses.

And from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Laurie and Amy Mills of Fanwood will use corncobs to make toys and games, which were popular with children in the colonies. A performance of 18th-century music will take place throughout the afternoon.

Revolutionary War history buffs can return to the frontlines by visiting the Drake House Museum in Plainfield, the Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains (where a col-

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Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillsdale, and especially the Miller-Cory House in Westfield.

From noon through closing Saturday, Eileen O'Shea will demonstrate the art of making cornhusk figures and cornhusk flowers at the Miller-Cory House, while Rosemarie Lewandowski of Scotch Plains will present a lecture from 2-5 p.m. on the history of corn and

lection of antique wedding gowns will be on display), the Abraham Clark House in Roselle, the Cannon Ball House in Springfield, and the Caldwell Parsonage in Union.

If business, industry, trade and the county's development interest you, be sure to visit the Roselle Park Museum, the Merchants and Drapers Tavern in Rahway, the Deserted Village of Feltville in Berkeley

Heights, and the Oswald J. Nitschke House in Kenilworth.

To learn about the county's transformation during the Victorian era, visit Twin Maples and the Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit, the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountainside, the Littell-Lord Farmstead in Berkeley Heights or the Crane-Phillips House in Cranford.

Large Union County maps posted at each site as well as driving directions to the various locations are provided by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

Free event booklets are available for this self-guided cultural tourism journey. The booklet gives brief descriptions of the sites as well as an illustrated map with all the stops marked.

To obtain a free copy of the booklet and map, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; NJ Relay Users dial 711. Or, e-mail [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).

The event is a recipient of the New Jersey Governor's Heritage Tourism Award and a 2004 Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History.

## Westfield celebrates Addams Family

WESTFIELD — Charles Addams was one of the greatest cartoonists that ever lived. Working at The New Yorker Magazine for over 30 years, he delighted readers with drawings of the macabre. His characters became famous first with a TV series, then an animated show and finally a feature film all called "The Addams Family."

Addams grew up in Westfield and was very proud of his hometown. Familiar buildings, friends and family would make regular appearances in his artwork. He attended Westfield High School, graduating in 1929, and would often visit to attend weddings and neighborhood gatherings.

In 1991 Ron MacCloskey, also a former resident of Westfield, felt it was time to honor this artist. He gave lectures, had Addams's boyhood home declared a historic landmark, and founded the Charles Addams Art Scholarship.

This year, in conjunction with Downtown Westfield Corporation, MacCloskey is spearheading the biggest tribute to date. Taking place during the month of October, there will be displays, contests, and events throughout town; for a complete list of activities, visit [www.WestfieldToday.com](http://www.WestfieldToday.com).

MacCloskey's private collection of Addams Family memorabilia includes over 100 items, which will be on display at The Leader Store Annex, 121 East Broad St. In addition, The Addams Family Haunted House model can be purchased from downtown businesses including Town Book Store, Little Treasures, Westfield Interiors, Manhattan Bagel, The Leader Store, and the DWC offices. Proceeds will go to the Addams Family Scholarship fund, which benefits Westfield High art students.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation will be teaming up with the Westfield Y's Men's Club annual parade and costume contest this year. Instead of holding a separate costume contest downtown, the DWC's costume contest will be combined with the traditional Y's Men's Club parade and contest.

On Oct. 31, people will meet at the Elm Street field at 12:45 p.m. A parade including the Addams Family characters will follow down Elm Street, turning onto East Broad Street to Mindwaskin Park. A costume contest will follow with judging taking place for various age categories. Special prizes for Addams Family costumes will be given by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and downtown businesses.

# Conference focuses on nexus of arts and health

"If I ever need psychiatric help," famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma once said to a concert audience at the Harvard Club in New York, "Ricky's the one." Ma was speaking about Dr. Richard Kogan, a friend of the cellist who makes up one-third of an informal musical trio that has performed together since the members' undergraduate days.

Kogan, a pianist and psychiatrist, will be featured at an interactive day-long conference in Elizabeth for mental health and social service providers, educators, caregivers, and artists.

"Music and the Mind: An Arts & Well-Being Initiative" will take place 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Wyndham Hotel, 1000 Spring St. (Route 1), Elizabeth. The event is sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Union County, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, and the Union County Board of Freeholders.

Pre-registration is required. Students should send a copy of their school I.D. and pay \$45 per person, which includes Continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and all materials.

Registration for non-students is \$65 until Oct. 21. Registration on the day of the conference is \$75.

"Leaders from Artsgenesis, Music for All Seasons, and the

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will demonstrate ways to use music as a wellness tool," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Rick Proctor. "When words fail, music communicates."

The morning keynote presenter is Kathleen Gaffney, winner of the first U.S. Department of Education John Stanford Education Heroes Award. She is a respected leader in the field of arts education. A co-founder of Artsgenesis, an arts-in-education organization that ignites creativity and accelerates learning, Gaffney is speaks nationally on the role of arts and healing, multiple intelligences, and differentiated learning.

The afternoon keynote presenter, Kogan, has a distinguished career as both a psychiatrist and concert pianist. He has been praised for his "exquisite, eloquent and compelling playing" by the New York Times. The Boston Globe wrote, "Kogan has somehow managed to excel at the world's two most demanding professions."

Kogan has been a frequent chamber music collaborator with Yo-Yo Ma. His lecture/performance will explore how the relationship between the medical and psychiatric issues of George Gershwin influenced his creative output.

The conference features five workshop sessions: "Music and Aging," "Music Healing Trauma," "Music Reaching Special Needs Children," "Music and Schools," and "Music Enhancing Counseling."

There also will be a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," with experts about programs in music and healing moderated by Robert Perry of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. The panelists are: Michael J. Bzdak, director of corporate contributions at Johnson & Johnson; Nancy Marie Bride, executive director of the Mental Health Association of Union County; Daniela Mendelsohn, executive director of Artworks, the Naomi Cohn Foundation; and Robert Morrison, founder and chairman of the Music for All Foundation.

Networking opportunities will allow participants to share information with peers in the statewide arts and healing community. Attendees are encouraged to bring flyers and brochures to share at the resource table.

To request a brochure or get more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711. The e-mail address is culturalinfo@ucnj.org. Assistive services are available on request.



Dr. Richard Kogan, a collaborator of the cellist Yo-Yo Ma, will be the keynote speaker at an upcoming conference on the arts and well-being.

## New opera debuts in Plainfield

The world premiere of *The Discontented Housewife*, by New Jersey composer James Holland, will be presented by the New Jersey Concert Opera at 3 p.m. Oct. 24 at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield.

The concert is the first of the 2004-2005 Crescent Concert Series. It will also include the one-act opera *Suor Angelica* by Giacomo Puccini.

It was in June 2004 that the New Jersey Concert Opera expressed interest in Holland's one-act operatic farce, *The Discontented Housewife*, according to Olive Lynch, founder of the group. Coloratura Colleen McGrath was chosen to premiere the leading role of Margaret, the oppressed housewife, and baritone Charles Schneider was cast in the role of Harold, her overbearing husband.

"*The Discontented Housewife* is total mayhem between two people whose worlds are very small," says Holland. "What else does one do when taken for granted in a relationship that has grown routine? It's a battle of the sexes, he said — 'It's more like power, domination and the pure thrill of ordering others around.'"

Composer James Nathaniel Holland, a resident of Bloomfield, originally hails from rural Indiana. At age 10, Holland composed his first musical piece, and at age 11, he was published in a regional literary journal, beginning a life-long love affair with music and the arts.

After attending the Interlochen National Music Camp in Michigan, Holland entered DePauw University's music program. There he performed, wrote, directed, and produced works for piano, choir, voice, and the stage. In 1986, his first musical play was selected for main stage production at DePauw. His studies concluded with music instruction in Vienna and Indiana University.

After his formal education, he went on to perform in two off-Broadway productions in New York. Then it was off to Los Angeles to pursue a film career, then Miami and back to L.A. Eventually, he went as far as Haiti, where he became enchanted with Haitian music and culture. At other times he was a lounge singer, a professional choral conductor, a soloist, an actor, and at the other end of the spectrum, a fundraiser, refugee volunteer, and Peace Corps trainee.

"No matter what I was doing then, composition was always in the picture. This was a time of exploration for me."

In 2002, Holland was one of the first composers selected to participate in an innovative project sponsored by the American Music Center, NewMusicJukebox. This new website is a virtual on-line library where the general public can peruse the works of contemporary composers such as Holland.

In May 2004 a collection of his "Shakespeare Sonnets" for baritone was featured at the New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus fundraising extravaganza at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick.

Planting his feet in the New York City area for now, Holland spends his time busily writing new operas, recording his music with notable artists, and writing incidental music for theatrical productions, produced here and in other cities. He has just completed his second full-length work, "Menkaure," an opera buffa about a woman who falls madly in love with a statue at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The second work to be presented on the Oct. 24 program will be Puccini's "Suor Angelica," a tragic tale of a noblewoman sent to a convent after bearing an illegitimate son, who, hearing that he has died, commits suicide. The featured artist will be Plainfield soprano Sheila Jackson.

Jackson studied at The Curtis Institute with Todd Duncan, the original Porgy in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. She has appeared with the Houston Grand Opera and New York City Opera. Recently, she was a guest artist for the United Nations and performed with jazz artists Barry Harris and Philip Bingham at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Jackson just finished a tour and recording session in California.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors and \$5 for students) and may be purchased at the door. There is ample parking adjacent to the church. The Sanctuary is handicapped-accessible. For concert information, call the Crescent Avenue Church office at (908) 756-2468 daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Taste of the Towns headed to Pantagis Renaissance

Taste of the Towns 2004, a gourmet extravaganza, will be held 5-8:30 p.m. Monday at Pantagis Renaissance, located on Route 22 East in Scotch Plains.

The event is a unique dining experience that provides an ethnically diverse display of gourmet dishes from some of the area's finest chefs and restaurants, alongside a wide

variety of fine wines and desserts.

Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants to area charities. The event is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Elizabeth.

Tickets are \$40 for an advance purchase or \$50 at the door. For more information or tickets, visit [www.elizabethrotary.org](http://www.elizabethrotary.org) or call Ken Richuso at

(908) 352-7300.

There will be a 50/50 raffle with first prize being 75 percent of the prize pool, second prize 15 percent, and third prize 10 percent. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Taste of the Towns 2004 will feature Café Vivace of Plainfield; McLynn's of Springfield; Raagini of Mountaintop; Sandy Spector Caterer of Plainfield; Ahre's Coffee Roastery of Westfield; Allied Beverage Group, Inc.; Andretti Winery; Assaggi Di

Roma; Beana's Mexican of Rahway and Bella Palermo Pastry Shop, Elizabeth.

Also participating are Café Paris, Garlic Rose and Cervantes of Spain of Cranford; Civile Ristorante Italiano of Kenilworth; Climax Brewing Company of Roselle Park; Four Points Sheraton of Elizabeth; Freshwater's of Plainfield; Gall Wine Sales of NJ of Elizabeth; Garden Restaurant of Union; Hershey's Catering, Deli & Café of Scotch Plains; Indian Springs/Culligan; Charles

Jacquin's of Clark; the Linden Pastry Shop; Los Faroles of Elizabeth; Morris Thai Cuisine of Union; Nuts 'n' Plenty of Scotch Plains; Pecos Grill of Garwood; Piece of Cake of Rahway; Pinho Bakery of Roselle; Red Parrot Caffé of Elizabeth; 640 Club Bar & Restaurant of Elizabeth; Spanish Pavillion; Trader Joe's of Westfield; Twinings Tea; the Union County Vo-Tech High School; Scotch Plains; United Liquors; and The Wine Library of Springfield.

## Show gives new life to 'Creature'

Looking for a unique entertainment experience? Put on some retro 3-D spectacles and sit back for a screening with *Creature from the Black Lagoon* with accompaniment by The Jazz Passengers, to be presented 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre, located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union.

The Jazz Passengers take on this 1954 creature feature classic, radio-play style. For this production, the artists are killing the sound and providing live music, sound effects and dialogue, as the film rolls on the big screen above.

Centering on an expedition in a remote part of the Amazon River, *Creature from the Black Lagoon* takes viewers on a journey with a team of scientists who run afoul of

a prehistoric monster. They capture the beast, but it escapes and then returns to haunt its former tormentors, claiming lives as well as a captive of its own.

The Jazz Passengers, with support from a commission from Celebrate Brooklyn, have created an entirely new soundtrack from beginning to end, infusing the original plot of the film with new life. The admission price includes the 3-D specs.

The Jazz Passengers was founded in 1987 by sax impresario Roy Nathanson and trombonist Curtis Fowlkes, who toured together extensively in John Lurie's seminal band The Lounge Lizards. These founding members now head a group that reflects their strong affinity in their Brooklyn roots,

affection for hard bop, comedy and eccentric currents in modern American music.

They are known for their independent works as well as for their collaborations with singers such as Mavis Staples, Jimmy Scott and Bob Dorough. In addition, their two albums, *Individually Twisted* and *Live in Spain*, feature the inimitable Debbie Harry as the lead vocalist.

The group has also done orchestral arrangements of their work for the BBC Concert Orchestra and the Buffalo Philharmonic.

Relying on the arranging of vibraphonist Bill Ware, their composing talents are in clear evidence in the *Creature from the Black Lagoon* project.

Tickets are \$15 for the public; \$13 for senior citizens; and \$10 for children. For further information, to order tickets, or to request a brochure, call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at (908) 737-SHOW (7469).

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## At a new exhibit at Diversity, artists take to the water

Diversity Art Gallery in Clark presents a new exhibit, "Water Escapes," with a welcome reception from 1-4 p.m. Oct. 24 from 1-4 p.m.

"Water Escapes" presents artists who seek to visually portray the beauty of water environments and how people enjoy water's tranquility. More than 60 artworks are featured in the exhibit.

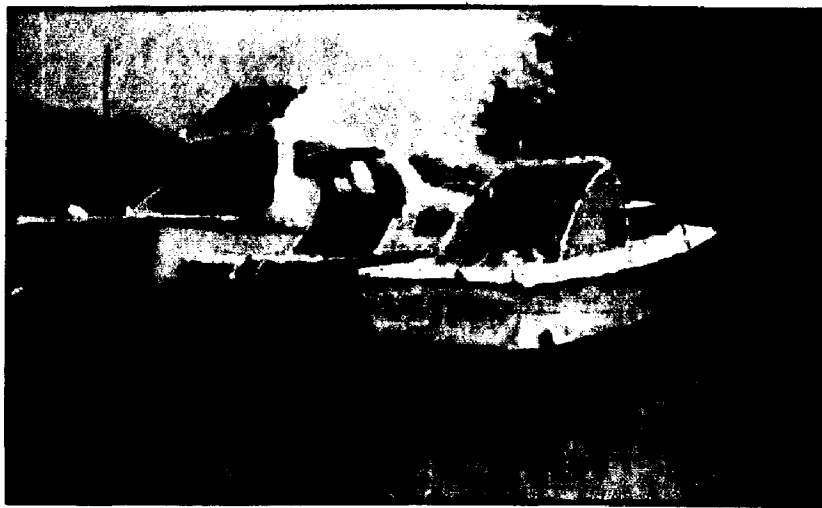
"Water Escapes" is artist Burton W. Longenbach's fourth exhibit at Diversity Art Gallery — he was previously shown for "Watercolor Styles," "Flora & Fauna" and "Vacation Dreams." Longenbach, a Clark resident, has undertaken a full painting schedule and professional exhibition participation since 1989. He has been the recipient of more than 100 awards and commendations, including the Nummie Wurga Memorial Best in Show Award; Kaytes Memorial Award; Charles Austin Memorial Award; Gibbons Memorial Award; and Artists Magazine Award. Longenbach is a member of the N.J. Watercolor Society, Philadelphia Watercolor Society, Hudson Valley Art

Association, Westfield Art Association and the Millburn-Short Hills Arts Center, among others.

Artist Ray Sternesky, being shown for the third time at Diversity, maintains studios in Asbury Park and Englewood. He is trained in both advertising and fine art, having studied at the Brooklyn Museum School of Art, Salmagundi Club in New York City, and the Ridgewood Barn Art in Ridgewood. He focuses on watercolors and light in his current paintings.

Sternesky has won several "Best in Show" for his works, one of which has been published in the Bergen Record Travel Section. Sternesky has given the rights to the Asbury Historical Society for the use of his painting of the Asbury Carousel for fund-raising purposes. His work now concentrates on the Jersey Shore, where he currently resides.

Ralph Garafola, who is new to Diversity Art Gallery, is originally from the Brooklyn area and now paints in his Warren studio. Garafola's talent was discovered when he was a young child and he



"Side by Side," by Burton Longenbach of Clark.

began sketching his grandfather's navy stories from the 1890s. With his talent recognized at an early age, he received mentoring throughout his school years, which led to a decision to become an artist. He began studies at Education Alliance for Artists in Manhattan, and continued at the Art Students League of NY, where he served as assistant of the instructor and commissioner of art for New York City.

Garafola has more than 40 years experience as an artist, and frequently travels throughout Italy and France researching potential painting scenes and studying the works of the old masters.

Jan Bogdanski is a photographer from Colonia. His interest in the medium began when he was 14 years old; his education in art

came from home through his father, an able instructor. Jan later graduated from Clark University at Worcester, Mass. He likes to focus his work within Rahway Park, where he is able to capture many inspiring subjects.

"Water Escapes" will run through Dec. 26. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Regular gallery hours are Sundays from 1-3 p.m., with special tours for individuals, schools and organizations also available by appointment.

Diversity Art Gallery is located on the Clark circle off Exit 135 of Garden State Parkway. The address is 4 Valley Rd., Clark. Call (732) 574-1479, email diversit-yart@aol.com or visit www.ucbc.net for more information.

## 'Irma Vep' at UCC a true crowd-pleaser

By ELLEN DOOLEY  
STAFF WRITER

### Review

If you're in the mood to laugh almost non-stop for two hours, then grab a friend, family member, neighbor, stranger — anyone at all — and beat a path to The Theater Project of Union County College's latest production, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*.

When I saw the show recently, the audience around me ranged in age from 8 to 80 — and they were all giggling hysterically from curtain to close. My theater-going companions, who aged 13 and... um, older than that, both loved the show and the younger of the two is considering returning to see it again. So am I. It is that funny and fast and furiously farcical.

Charles Ludlam's script is campy comic genius, and it is brought to hilarious life by Harry Patrick Christian and Rick Delaney, both Equity actors of skill and versatility. Their timing is brilliant, their chemistry combustible, and their mastery of such maniacal material is complete and amazing.

This is an absurdly demanding show for the actors and delightfully demanding for the audience. In addition to all the comments about how uproarious the show is, I overheard one woman say to another as they left the theater, "Boy, that was a workout!" And she was right. Following the show's frenetic pace and laughing at just about every line does leave you feeling pleasantly wrung out.

The show is a departure for The Theater Project in that it is performed in UCC's theater on the proscenium stage instead of in The Project's usual smaller, more intimate space. It's a nice change and works splendidly for this production.

The show is heading into its concluding weekend. Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for weekend shows; student tickets are always \$10. Call the box office at (908) 659-5189 to make reservations ASAP; I have a feeling seats will go quickly once word gets out.

The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company, is housed at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For more information, visit [www.thetheaterproject.com](http://www.thetheaterproject.com).

## Encaustic painting workshop will be offered at the Arts Guild

Students can now register for two upcoming workshops in encaustic painting at the Rahway Arts Guild taught by Westfield artist Francesca Azzara.

Encaustic painting makes use of a "paint" made by mixing color pigments with molten beeswax. This medium is gaining great interest among artists and is often the method of choice for such notable artists as Jasper Johns, whose early works were almost exclu-

sively created with encaustic techniques.

Encaustic means "burning in" and refers to the use of a paint made from pigments mixed with molten wax that dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians. The pigment can be applied with brushes and many other traditional painting tools and is then fused with heat or "burned in" to form a lasting picture or image. Beautiful naturalistic

portraits, which adorned tombs in ancient Egypt, are available for viewing at the Metropolitan Museum in New York and look as fresh as if they were recently painted.

Encaustic Workshop 1 will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 23. This session will cover history, review of materials/fusing techniques, color mixing with encaustic and other mediums, glazing, etching and mark-making. This

workshop will enable beginners to this medium to start creating with the very versatile encaustic process. The workshop fee is \$65 plus a \$25 materials fee.

Encaustic Workshop 2 will be offered from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 30. Surface building, transfers, monoprints, dipping, stencils, collaging, press type and other forms of lettering, foil leaf and burnishing will all be demonstrated, and students will apply these methods to the

creation of their own original work. The workshop fee is \$65 plus a \$25 materials fee. Encaustic paint, heat guns, palettes and wax medium will be supplied for the workshops. Students will be responsible for bringing some additional materials.

To register for a workshop, contact the Arts Guild of Rahway at (732) 381-7511 or email [artsguild1670@earthlink.net](mailto:artsguild1670@earthlink.net).



KATHY GRIFFIN

## K. Griffin to perform in Rahway

Self-proclaimed D-List celebrity Kathy Griffin takes the stage at the Union County Arts Center at 8 p.m. Nov. 6.

The straightforward comedian, best known for her role as Vicki on the show "Suddenly Susan," will share her views on celebrity life and culture in her one-woman stand-up act.

Griffin can currently be seen on television playing for her favorite charity on the show "Celebrity Poker." Opening the Nov. 6 show will be Sue Costello of NBC's "Last Comic Standing."

Tickets for the show are \$35 or \$28, and may be purchased by phone at (732) 499-8226, online by visiting the website at [www.UCAC.org](http://www.UCAC.org) or in person at the box office located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway.

Group discounts are available, as is handicapped-accessible seating.

The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performances. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the County of Union Board of Chosen Freeholders, RSI, and Liberty Bank.

## Singers sought for concert

Metro Rhythm Chorus, an award-winning female a cappella chorus, is holding its second annual "Your Community Holiday Show" at 4 p.m. Nov. 28. All women who like to sing are welcome to join rehearsals now underway at Bates Hall, First Presbyterian Church, corner of Springfield and North Union Avenues in Cranford. Participants will sing in the holiday portion of the show.

For more information, contact Bea at (732) 249-0019 or [beahive@aol.com](mailto:beahive@aol.com) or Donna at (732) 739-1992 or [DOB480@hotmail.com](mailto:DOB480@hotmail.com).

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## Westfield ninth-graders to lead winter coat drive

WESTFIELD — Needy families in New Jersey will be warmer this winter thanks to the efforts of the ninth-grade class at Westfield High School.

From Oct. 25-29, the ninth-graders will be conducting their Westfield Cares Coat Drive as a community service project, with the goal of raising over 1,000 coats for those in need. The purpose of the project is to encourage class unity, promote school spirit and create meaningful community service. The project will be led by the ninth-graders and supported by advisors from Westfield High, the Optimist Club of Westfield and the Westfield High School PTO.

During the week of the drive, clean, gently-worn coats may be donated from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in drop boxes in the rear parking lot of the high school, located at 550 Dorian Rd. An alternative drop box will be

located at the Westfield train station newspaper kiosk 6:30 a.m.-noon daily. Only coats will be accepted for donation.

The ninth-graders will do the bulk of the sorting and bagging/packing for distribution, and they will be assisted by members of the Junior Optimists. The collected coats will be distributed to four groups of beneficiaries: needy families in Westfield, needy National Guard families from the Westfield Armory, St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, and the Jersey Cares Annual Coat Drive.

Adult volunteers will deliver the coats to the designated charities each afternoon of the coat drive, and those wishing to help should contact Don Pray of the Optimist Club at (908) 232-9584 or Maureen Mazzarese of Westfield High at (908) 789-4550.

## Newly-tenured teachers recognized in S. Plains

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education scheduled a public "Celebration of Achievement" for 7 p.m. Oct. 14 to honor those district teachers and professional staff members who attained tenure with the beginning of the current school year.

At the reception, set in the new multi-purpose room at Evergreen School, the honored guests will join with their families, friends, and colleagues to mark their accomplishment, and the Board of Education will pass formal resolutions noting their professional milestone.

The board sponsors this annual event to reaffirm the district's commitment to hiring and retaining qualified staff members to serve in its schools.

District teaching staff members who achieved tenure in the district this year are Gwyn Miller (Brunner School); Danielle Lader, Jan Cerrigione, and Jennifer Dubroski (Coles School); Deborah Cloee (Evergreen School); Silvana Cacciatori and Clara Sanders (McGinn School); Jennifer Hill (School One); Kelli Covert, William Faulkner, Rona Geiser, Michelle Hart, Richard Minerley, Stephen Kolesar, and Beth Ruggieri (Park Middle School); Alisa Shupak, Tracy Galen, Faith Gordon, Ginny Conway, Michelle Tobier, and Elizabeth Wasiaik (Terrill Middle School); and Suzanne Doliber, Shae Brie McPhail-Dow, Dana LaGrasso, Linda Lombardi, Marcia McCarthy, Lisa McNally, and Allison Weigel (the high school). Deborah Evans, principal of Coles School, also achieved tenure as an administrator.

## Senior discounts for arts programs at Kean

As part of Kean University's Senior Night Out program, free tickets to several of the performing arts events held at the university's theatres are available to seniors through local senior citizen centers.

"Senior citizens are very important to our communities," said Kean President Dawood Farahi. "As a leader in education, it is imperative that Kean University uses its resources to include them in the wonderful cultural offerings on this campus."

He added that, while planning this new program, Kean polled seniors living locally to find out what kinds of outings they would enjoy. The overwhelming response was for performing arts.

"We have great programming that we can share with our seniors. I know this plan will be especially beneficial for those living on a fixed income, who might otherwise not

be able to see events of this caliber as much as they would like," said Farahi.

To request Senior Night Out tickets, contact a local senior citizens center. For more information, call Marge Devanney of Kean University at (908) 737-6019.

Upcoming Senior Night Out shows include: the film *Creature from the Black Lagoon* with accompaniment from The Jazz Passengers, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Wilkins Theatre; the play *Accidental Death of an Anarchist*, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21-23 and 3 p.m. Oct. 24; David Ives' play *All in the Timing* in the Murphy-Dunn Theatre, 10 a.m. Oct. 22; Israeli singer Chava Alberstein in Wilkins Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27; Melba Moore in concert in the Wilkins Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28; and jazz saxophonist Andy Fusco, 8 p.m. Nov. 22.

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## Douglas Fasciale elected president of the Rotary Club of Westfield

WESTFIELD — Douglas M. Fasciale, a certified civil trial attorney, was elected the 84th president of the Rotary Club of Westfield (RCW) for a one-year term in July.

Fasciale is a partner at Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas. In 2000, he opened the firm's Westfield office.

He graduated cum laude at Seton Hall University in 1982, and in 1986 earned his law degree from Seton Hall Law School.

From 1986 to 1987, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable John E. Keefe, presiding chancery judge in Middlesex County.

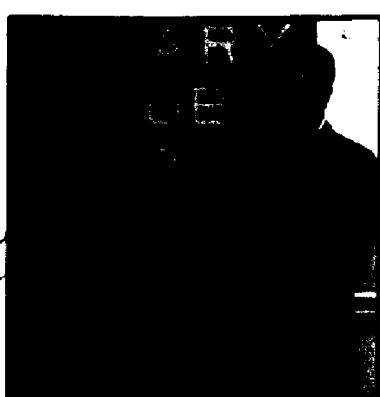
Fasciale is a former trustee of the Westfield Symphony and Westfield Area Chamber of

Commerce, a trustee of the Westfield Cultural Arts Center, a member of the Advisory Board of New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, and chairman of the Lawyers Division of the Westfield United Fund.

He is also a member of the Union County Bar Association, Middlesex County Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America and Richard J. Hughes American Inn of Court.

Through the leadership of Fasciale, the Rotary seeks to help build a better world through service activities that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encourage high ethical standards and advance the search for peace.

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**DOUGLAS M. FASCIALE** meets every Tuesday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St. For information about the Rotary or membership, call Dr. Edred Shen at (908) 654-1500.

## De Cher fashion show is Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — Fashion designer Ann-Marie Emmanuel will host a fashion show at the Scotchwood Country Club, 820 Jerusalem Rd., Scotch Plains Sunday.

Starting with a buffet at 2 p.m., the show will feature Emmanuel's latest designs for her De Cher Collection. Singer Cyriese Lambert will perform two sets with her trio.

Emmanuel's style is a reflection of her Caribbean culture, blending quality craftsmanship with an eye toward contemporary elegance. Her style draws on extensive international travel coupled with her

degree in fashion design from New York City's Fashion Institute of Technology.

In 1996, Emmanuel launched the De Cher Collection. Her first lines were well received; each one-of-a-kind garment sold quickly. Since then, De Cher Collection has introduced many new lines with comparable success.

Emmanuel will present her Denim Reconstruction line at this show. She recycles denim jeans into an entirely new outfit. This line is designed to be fun, whimsical and wearable.

"We live in a society that wastes

a lot; however, more and more people are becoming conscious of preserving our resources. Everybody has a pair of jeans in their closet that they don't use. Tons of jeans are simply thrown away each year. I truly believe that fashion recycling will be the shape of things to come," she said.

A portion of the proceeds from the show will be donated to the relief efforts following the recent hurricanes that devastated Grenada and other Caribbean islands. For further information, call De Cher collection at (908) 322-1371.

## John Roeser joins firm of Greenbaum, Rowe

FANWOOD — Borough resident John W. Roeser has joined the law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis & Himmel as an associate in the litigation department.

Roeser, who will work in the firm's Woodbridge office, previously served as a law clerk to the

Honorable Philip S. Carchman, Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.

Roeser is a graduate cum laude of Duke University and received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He received a master's degree in for-

eign affairs from the University of Virginia Woodrow Wilson Department of Government and Foreign Affairs.

Roeser is admitted to practice in New Jersey and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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## Obituaries

### Florence Albino

WESTFIELD — Florence E. Dougherty Albino, 82, died Oct. 10, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mrs. Albino was born in Kingston, Pa., and lived in Brooklyn before moving to Westfield in 1989.

Her husband, Robert E. Sr., is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Robert E. and wife Ellen of Westfield; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Burial was in Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Helping Hands and Hearts, St. Helen's Parish Center, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090-3615.

### Mary Hudecek

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mary F. Hudecek, 94, died Oct. 1, 2004 in Los Altos, Calif.

Mrs. Hudecek was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and lived in Scotch Plains for 20 years before moving in 1976 to Port Richey, Fla. She had resided in Los Altos since 1995.

She retired in 1976 from the electronics division of Lockheed Corp. in Watchung. Mrs. Hudecek

was secretary of the Jasmine Lakes Civic Association in Port Richey and president of its Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Nahf; a son, John Nagel; three sisters, Josephine Metzler, Stella Garcher and Frances Taylor; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Oct. 6 at Spangler Mortuaries, Los Altos Chapel.

### Surinder Mehra

WESTFIELD — Surinder K. Mehra, 63, died Oct. 8, 2004 at his home.

Mr. Mehra was born in India. He lived in England, Indiana, Scotch Plains and Watchung before moving to Westfield in 2002.

He retired in 1997 after 20 years as the proprietor of Newmints Sportswear in Manhattan.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Rita Virmani Mehra; three sons, Vivak of Newton, Mass., Rahul of Baltimore, Md., and Arun of San Diego, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at the Rosehill Crematory in Linden. Arrangements were by the Gosselin Funeral Home in Edison.

### Elizabeth K. White

WESTFIELD — Elizabeth K. White, 84, died Oct. 7, 2004 at SCCI Hospital-Easton in Wilson, Pa.

She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and lived in Westfield for most of her life.

Miss White retired in 1990 after 26 years as a secretary to Robert E. Newman in Westfield. She was the former chairman of the Fortnightly Club at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

She also was a member of the Gardenaires of Westfield.

Surviving are a niece, Elizabeth, and a nephew, Gilbert, both of Seminole, Fla.; and many great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday at St. Paul's Church. Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home.

### Lorraine Slaten

SCOTCH PLAINS — Lorraine L. Lipscombe Slaten, 68, died Oct. 9, 2004 at her home in East Orange.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to East Orange in 1972.

Mrs. Slaten retired in 1999 as the assistant tax collector in East Orange, concluding an 18-year career in that city's tax department. She earlier was a saleswoman with CBS in Manhattan and Bamberger's department store in Newark. At one time she was a model for Emily Miles.

The city of East Orange hon-

ored Mrs. Slaten with its Municipal Service Award for 1983, Year of Excellence awards in 1987-88 and a certificate of commendation in 1988. She received the Black Achiever in Industry Award from the Harlem Branch of the YMCA of Greater New York in 1974.

Her husband, Eric, is deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Doris McCray of Plainfield; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held yesterday at the Woody Home for Services, in Orange. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery, Newark.

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood band caps hectic two-week schedule

SCOTCH PLAINS — And on the ninth day, they hosted and exhibited. After a whirlwind nine-day period that included two football games, two competitions, a pep rally bonfire and assemblies for both middle schools, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band and Color Guard "rested" Oct. 10 as they hosted 14 area high schools for their sixth annual home competition held at the high school.

After helping generate enthusiasm at the annual home opening pep rally and bonfire Oct. 1, the band performed for the home fans for the first time at the football game against Cranford. The next

day they traveled up to Pompton Lakes, where they won every category in their group for the second straight competition with a score of 81.30.

"We put on a great show. We were very energetic. All components really came together," said assistant band director John Gillick, who singled out seniors Anthony Saraceno and Allison Abbot for praise.

As tiring as that weekend was, the most recent one was tougher. On Oct. 8, the squad performed at both Terrill and Park Middle Schools. "The assemblies were well received. We helped to generate a lot of enthusiasm at the middle schools, which are our future members," said Gillick.

Saturday provided a triple header for many of the seniors, starting with SAT testing in the morning, an away football game at Shabazz in the early afternoon and a night competition at Edison High School. Although they failed to sweep the awards at Edison, Gillick thought the band performed at its best.

"This was our best show to date. Taking the music trophy was big," said Gillick. The band scored an 85.00, its highest total thus far. Gillick praised seniors David Demair and Justin Rowinsky.

Finally on Sunday, the Raiders and dozens of dedicated parents took on the challenge of hosting a large home competition. The weather was beautiful but turned sharply colder late in the day.

"The show couldn't have been more successful and we couldn't have done it without the drive and dedication of our committee chairpeople and volunteers," said Byard Bridge of the Music Boosters Association.

Immaculata High School was the cream of the crop at Sunday's competition, taking the overall best band Mayor's trophy and most of the major awards with a score of 85.45.

— David Lazarus

## Jaycees host screening of *Super Size Me*

WESTFIELD — On Nov. 8, the Westfield Jaycees will host a private viewing of the film *Super Size Me*, with producer/director/guinea pig Morgan Spurlock attending for question and answer session with community leaders.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the Westfield Jaycees to bring to Westfield the director of this Sundance award-winning feature that provokes dialogue into the health of our children. We are already sponsors of the Westfield Child Shield program," said Jeff Pinkin, president of Westfield Jaycees and father of two children.

Michael Jackman, a member of the Jaycees, got to know Spurlock through his involvement with the movie as post-production supervisor. Jackman, who is also a father of two, has strived to put this event together. "When I moved back to the East Coast from L.A., I looked for a community that aspired to the same values I have and where I could put

down roots for my family," he said.

In *Super Size Me*, Spurlock unravels the American obesity epidemic by interviewing experts nationwide and by subjecting himself to a "McDonald's-only" diet for 30 days straight. His Sundance award-winning feature is an entertaining, horrifying film that dives into corporate responsibility, nutritional education, school lunch programs and how Americans are eating themselves to death.

Fast food is well-entrenched in American life: immediate, accessible, cheap and satisfying, it fills a need in contemporary, mobile lifestyles. But at what cost? Approximately 37% of American children and adolescents are carrying too much fat, and two out of every three adults are overweight or obese. The film takes up the question of whether this trend is due to a lack of self-control, or whether the fast-food corporations are to blame. Spurlock hit the road and inter-

viewed experts in 20 cities, including Houston, the "Fattest City in America" (since surpassed by Detroit). From Surgeon Generals to gym teachers, cooks to kids, lawmakers to legislators, these authorities shared their research, opinions and "gut feelings" on the nation's ever-expanding girth.

And finally, Spurlock embarked on a unique experiment in which he personally documents the effects of a fast food diet ... on himself.

Quarter Pounders, Big Macs, and Fries become Spurlock's diet for 30 days straight as he subsists exclusively on items from the McDonald's menu — with four simple rules:

— No options: he could only eat what was available over the counter (water included).

— No super-sizing unless offered.

— No excuses: he had to eat every item on the menu at least once.

— No giving up: he had to eat three squares a day, breakfast, lunch

and dinner.

And eat he did. As his intake of fried and sodium-rich foods increased, so too did his cholesterol and sodium levels, and what began as a fun and light-hearted experiment gradually turned into serious concern for Spurlock's well-being — all despite the protests of his live-in girlfriend, a vegan chef.

The experiment adds up to a fat food bill, harrowing visits to the doctor, and some compelling viewing. Spurlock's month-long fast food frenzy across the nation is documented along with candid interviews with top medical and health professionals, advertising and marketing executives and America's fast food-eating youth.

Furthermore, the film explores the state of school lunch programs, declining health and physical education classes, food addictions and the extreme measures people take to lose weight and regain their health.



At right, Lillian Scott with Franklin School Principal Dr. Mary Fleck at International Walk to School Day; at left, Alex Bae was accompanied by Westfield firefighter Robert Tarantino.

## Westfield students take part in 'Walk to School Day' Oct. 6

WESTFIELD — On Oct. 6, students, parents and staff at Franklin Elementary School and other local schools participated in Walk to School Day, an international event designed to re-introduce walking to school as a safe, healthy, environmentally-friendly way for parents to spend special time with their children.

In 2003, this event was celebrated by more than 2.5 million children, parents, and community leaders from 29 countries around the world.

Walkers wore red clothing

that morning to ensure visibility. Upon arriving at school, children received "I Walked" stickers and wrote their names on a large "We Walked" banner that was later displayed in the school hall.

Representatives from the town's BRAKES Group (Bikers, Riders And Kids are Entitled to Safety) asked walkers to write down any safety hazards they encountered, such as broken sidewalks or obscured views. BRAKES volunteers also distributed information about "walkpools," which are like car-

pools except that they are comprised of neighborhood children who walk to school together, rather than ride in cars.

Third-grader Alex Bae, winner of a school-wide lottery, was escorted from his home to Franklin School by firefighter Robert Tarantino of the Westfield Fire Department. Second-grader Lillian Scott won the honor of walking to school with Franklin Elementary School principal, Dr. Mary Fleck, who carried Lillian's backpack.

## Resolve to host auction of fine art

SCOTCH PLAINS — An auction of fine art will be held Oct. 22 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave.

Those attending will be able to preview the offerings at 7 p.m., with the auction beginning at 8 p.m. Selections may include original oils, watercolors, serigraphs, etchings and lithographs, with opening bids up to 50 percent less than traditional gallery prices.

Admission is \$10 per person. Anyone interested in a particular type of art or a particular artist may call (908) 322-9180 so that it

may be included.

Refreshments will be offered, including hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese, coffee and cake. A door prize will also be featured.

Purchases may be made by cash or check and MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express will be accepted. For tickets and information, please contact Resolve at (908) 322-9180.

Proceeds of this auction will benefit the Resolve Community Counseling Center, a private nonprofit mental health agency dedicated to providing quality afford-

able counseling, advocacy and educational programs in Scotch Plains and Fanwood as well as communities in Union and Essex counties.

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### Pumpkin Fair at Franklin School

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# Real Estate

## Hoferkamp: Real estate market remains strong

The New Jersey residential real estate market is still strong and will remain so for the remainder of the year, says Pat Hoferkamp, president and chief operating officer of Burgdorf ERA.

Some consumers have expressed concern that the housing market is "softening," and they point to homes that stay on the market for a long duration.

But according to Hoferkamp, "If a house is on the market for a long period of time, it is because it was not properly positioned in the market. The seller may therefore have to reposition it in order to appeal to buyers."

"After all, it is ultimately the buyers who determine the price of the property based on perception of value. In today's market, there is a definite gap between sellers' expectation of price and the buyers' ability and willingness to pay that price," Hoferkamp says.

Hoferkamp points out that there are several types of real estate markets: a sellers' market, where there is not enough inventory and too many buyers; a buyers' market, which has too few buyers and plenty of inventory; and a normal, balanced market, which features an equal number of buyers and sellers.

"We are still in a sellers' market, because there is a great demand for hous-

ing due to migration from New York to New Jersey, immigration, and Baby Boomers purchasing second homes," according to Hoferkamp.


Some consumers also wonder whether they should wait to purchase a home. Hoferkamp counsels, "Real estate has consistently proven to be a reliable means of generating wealth, with home buyers frequently earning huge returns on their investments. It is always a good time to buy."

"Historically, real estate is the best investment because property values reliably increase over time. Interest rates are still at a historic low, and more people than ever have been wise to take advantage of this opportunity. Real estate is what makes this country strong. It is what drives our economy — owning a home is the American dream."

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## ERA agents attend Tech Tour Sept. 30

More than 150 ERA agents, brokers and managers from offices throughout New Jersey learned about the latest and most innovative technology tools for the real estate industry at the company's third annual Tech Tour held on Sept. 30 at the Victorian Manor in Edison.

Dave Kovalsky, ERA regional vice-president, began by highlighting the latest technology developed by ERA for its agents and consumers. The agenda included several presentations on Internet-based technology and two environmental issues, water- and tank-testing.

According to Suzanne Krouse, manager of ERA Gallo & DeCroce, and education chairperson for the ERA Brokers of New Jersey, "With Internet use growing, we have to change our mindset about how we communicate with consumers. People who use the Internet to search for a home expect us to communicate via e-mail. ERA's technology tools help our agents at attract leads and keep clients coming back for our services."

Since its launch in early 2004, MyERA.com has been helping buyers reduce the time needed for a home search by saving search criteria and listings, and then emailing new listings that match a buyer's references.

MyERA.com also includes useful tools such as "Create a Room" and "My Virtual Assistant." "Create a Room" is an interactive tool used to construct a room layout and then help plan the space for decorating, moving and more. With "My Virtual Assistant," consumers can track and record activities such as inspections, title searches, utility "ons and offs" and more.

Attendees were also encouraged to directly link their websites to the ERA Mortgage website to facilitate smooth and easy home financing for their customers. Website visitors can complete an online mortgage application form and then receive a free loan decision within minutes, giving them the confidence to make offers, negotiate and even sign a contract to buy.

ERA Mortgage also unveiled a program where the buyer can lock-in a rate for 90 days at a cost of \$350, with no points. "The pre-purchase program is a win-win for buyers ready to buy a home," added Krouse.

Additional online programs demonstrated at the Tech Tour included ERA Super Profile and ERA Direct. The former allows agents to create mini-websites on ERA.com. The latter is a client follow-up program that mails out postcards and newsletters to an agent's closed buyers, increasing the opportunities for communication.

For more information on ERA services and programs, contact your local ERA office or visit ERANJ.com. ERA is a global leader in the residential real estate industry with more than 30 years of experience in developing consumer-oriented products and services.

The ERA Real Estate network includes more than 28,000 brokers and sales associates throughout the United States and 30 other countries and territories.

## Craco is top agent

For the third consecutive month, Marisa Craco has been named the Top Listing Agent in the Cranford region for September, Stefan Oppermann, CEO of Real Estate Consultants, L.L.C., announced recently.

Craco resides in nearby Union and has more than a decade of real estate experience. She is a Montclair State University graduate.

Real Estate Consultants, L.L.C. currently serves 13 counties in Northern and Central New Jersey. Real Estate Consultants is able to offer options and flexibility with commission as low as 2 percent. To learn more about Real Estate Consultants, contact Craco at (908) 276-3331 or (908) 464-5590 or log on to [www.recnj.com](http://www.recnj.com).

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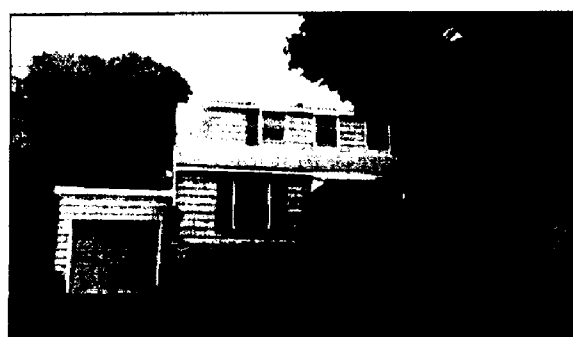
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# Sports

## SP-F wins first place at Cougar

W'field's MacDonald takes first all-around

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood gymnastics team won the fourth annual Cougar Invitational Friday night in Cranford with 100.4 points.

With the victory, Scotch Plains-Fanwood is now recognized as the team to beat in Union County gymnastics.

### GYMNASTICS

Close behind at the Cougar meet by just four-tenths of a point was the Dayton-Brearely team with 100.0 points. Westfield finished strong, in third place overall, with a 97.85 tally.

The Raiders' Katie Zaleski, Kate Breuninger and Jacqueline DeJohn led the way for Scotch Plains-Fanwood with their impressive performances. Zaleski earned a fifth-place finish in the individual competition (34.0) and Breuninger (32.325) placed ninth in the all-around.

DeJohn finished third on the beam and sixth on floor exercises with scores of 8.6 and 8.85 respectively.

Westfield was led by sophomore Claire MacDonald, who finished first all-around individually at the Cougar Invitational over the weekend with a combined score of 34.675. MacDonald edged out Jessica Greenwald of Union (34.55) and Alyssa Lewandowski of Union Catholic (34.275) in the all-around competition.

MacDonald was first on the beam, her favorite event, with a score of 8.85 and placed in the top three on bars with a score of 8.525 and floor exercise with an 8.95.

The teams will compete again Oct. 22 in the Union County Tournament.



Westfield's Claire MacDonald flies thru the air during her floor exercise routine. MacDonald finished first in the individual all-around competition at the Cougar Invitational Friday night.

JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT

## Lady Devils roll at right time, win two straight

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The girls soccer team keeps a stuffed, blue Smurf dressed in a Lady Blue Devils warm-up jacket close by the bench during games.

"He's for good luck," said Megan Kealy.

The Smurf may work, at least in terms of results. Westfield has a winning streak that has taken them a game above .500 (5-4-2) in part because the team is finally playing "their game."

"We played the way we like to play today," said first-year head coach Katie Egan after a 1-0 victory over Kearny last Thursday. "We executed well. Today was our game."

The Lady Blue Devils kept the momentum going in a 5-0 win

### GIRLS SOCCER

over Union on Monday at home. Danni Fried scored a hat trick in the second half — the first within the opening minute and then two more within the next four minutes. Andrea Hollander kicked in the last goal. Stephanie Bridgman scored in the first half to give Westfield a 1-0 lead.

Last Thursday against a strong Kearny team, Westfield's defense shined, led by the goal-keeping of Tara O'Donahue, who corralled 13 saves for the shutout. In front of her, Miriam Becker-Cohen, Julie Shelman, Emily MacNeil and Marilyn Mench proved too tough for Kearny's offensive pushes down the field.

Up the field, Bridgman,

Fried, Hollander and Gio Palatucci consistently won the ball off of goal kick and throw-ins.

The first half ended in a scoreless tie though both squads had good chances to score. Erin McCarthy continued to pressure Kearny's defense. With about four minutes to play, a Blue Devil's corner kick by Gillian Kape was lofted and headed by Erica Ammermuller but the ball went wide. With second remaining, Kearny drew O'Donahue out of goal for a save. The ball was kicked from her hands, shot and kicked away by an alert MacNeil.

Westfield finally broke through in the second half. Applying immediate pressure, the Blue Devils kicked away a Kearny corner down the field,

where MacNeil was waiting. She quickly turned and shot a hard line-drive past the goalie, who was facing the sun, for the winner.

"We finally got fired up," said Egan. "We moved across the field well and stuck to our plans. We have been practicing going into the sun because it's hard this time of year. We challenged everything had a bunch of opportunities."

Though the Smurf may work for victories, he might not for injuries. The Blue Devils have been playing without two of their top players, Alison Bridgman and Justine Palme, both out with knee ligament injuries. Last Thursday Kealy did not play either due to recently having all four wisdom teeth removed.

## Perrella excels in 'new' sport

By DAVID LAZARUS  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Jeffrey Perrella faced the same dilemma that many talented track stars who also play soccer confront.

While soccer was his first love, Perrella showed prodigious talent on the track as a sophomore last spring and it seemed inevitable he make the switch to cross country.

"I had strong winter and spring seasons and decided I'd try my hand at cross country. I wanted to see if I had what it takes to race 5,000 meters of hills and trails," said Perrella.

His first month at his "new" sport, Perrella has established himself as a major contender for the Union County title and a strong challenger for what should be a wide open Group IV race.

In Perrella's first race October 2, at the Holmdel course where the state championships will be held next month, he started slowly but finished strong to win the B Division race in an impressive time of 16:30.

This came on the heels of two other winning performances, the second of which was the Stewart Memorial at Warinanco Park, where he pulled away from more experienced runners to win the A race in 16:38.

Martin has been pleasantly surprised that Perrella has experienced success so quickly in a sport that often punishes newcomers.

"Experience plays a big part in cross country," said Martin, a veteran of over 30 years in coaching. "Runners need to gain familiarity with courses. Jeff has done that quickly."

For his big win at Holmdel, Perrella used a strategy more appropriate to one who had been running races there a long time.

"I was way back at the top of the first hill, but I knew I had time and started catching guys on the down hills," Perrella said. "Then I caught the leaders in the bowl and just kept pushing until I got the lead."

Although Westfield is essentially flat compared to most New Jersey towns, Perrella has been able to develop his hill running talent just by going out the front door of his house.

"I live at the bottom of Lawrence Avenue, so I am pretty much surrounded by hills," he said. "When I go running on my own, I often find myself running up and down hills, so I am used to hill running. It seems very natural to me."

Perrella's summer training consisted of going for long slow easy jogs with friends and

teammates. At one point he was doing double sessions and got up to 90 miles a week. His big race of the summer came when he ran 16:08 at the Westfield Downtown 5K Pizza Extravaganza, bettering his time the previous year by over a minute.

The groundwork for Perrella's huge leap to the forefront really started last winter when he had more modest track goals after playing soccer.

"I began winter track last year with a goal to break 4:30 in the mile. I worked hard at it until I finally got it at the Meet of Champions (MOC) at Princeton. It felt good to have a whole season of work pay off like that, but what keeps me going is that I just like to push myself, and it seems the harder

### CROSS COUNTRY

I push, the faster I go. So it is really (personal records) that push me, not medals," said Perrella.

The Union County championships figures to come down to a stirring four-runner battle between Perrella, Joe McKenney and Kevin Brown of Cranford and Andrew Catalano of Roselle Catholic who have taken turns defeating each other this fall.

"I really don't know the strengths or weaknesses of opposing runners. I simply know my strengths and my weaknesses, and I know what I have to do so that I can use each to my advantage," said Perrella.

Perrella has become the team leader of a veteran Westfield squad that includes seniors Rob Broadbent and Jeff Gorski and juniors Jay Hoban and Kris Kagan and ranks in the top twenty in the state. Their one loss was to Cranford.

Perrella should easily better his personal records from last year which were 4:25 in the 1600, 9:32 in the 3200 and 15:38 in the 5K. He is also hoping to get below 1:55 in the 800.

Like so many other young runners Perrella considers national running legend Steve Prefontaine his role model.

"I read his biography and I saw the movies, and that got me really motivated for track last year. Steve Prefontaine's story really made me want to work hard and run faster," said Perrella.

In addition to being a top student, Perrella also belongs to an alternative rock band where he plays the electric bass, guitar, and also dabbles in the mandolin. He said Villanova tops his list of college choices.

## HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

### THURSDAY, OCT. 14

Gymnastics  
Westfield vs. E. Brunswick, 4:30  
Girls tennis  
Scotch Plains vs. Elizabeth, 4

### FRIDAY, OCT. 15

Football  
Westfield at Cranford, 7  
Girls Tennis  
Scotch Plains vs. Cranford, 4  
Westfield vs. Shabazz, 4  
Gymnastics  
Scotch Plains vs. Watchung Hills, 4:30

### SATURDAY, OCT. 16

Football  
Scotch Plains vs. Passaic Valley, 2

### Field Hockey

Westfield in County Tournament, TBA

### Girls soccer

Scotch Plains vs. J.P. Stevens, 11 a.m.

### MONDAY, OCT. 18

Field hockey  
Westfield at Union, 4  
Boys soccer  
Scotch Plains at Union, 3:30  
Westfield vs. Irvington, 4

### Girls soccer

Scotch Plains vs. Union, 4

### Volleyball

Scotch Plains at Plainfield, 4

### Girls tennis

Scotch Plains vs. Roselle park, 4

### Gymnastics

Scotch Plains at Wayne Hills, 4:30

### TUESDAY, OCT. 19

Girls tennis  
Westfield at Scotch Plains, 4  
Girls tennis  
Scotch Plains vs. Westfield, 4

### Cross country

Scotch Plains vs. Westfield, 4

### Gymnastics

Scotch Plains at Bridgewater, 4:30

### Westfield at Elizabeth, 4:30

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

Boys soccer  
Scotch Plains at Cranford, 4

### Westfield at Linden, 4

### Girls soccer

Scotch Plains vs. Cranford, 4

### Volleyball

Scotch Plains vs. Peddie, 4

### THURSDAY, OCT. 21

Field hockey  
Westfield vs. Gov. Livingston, 4

### Girls tennis

Scotch Plains at J.P. Stevens, 4

### Westfield vs. Linden, 4

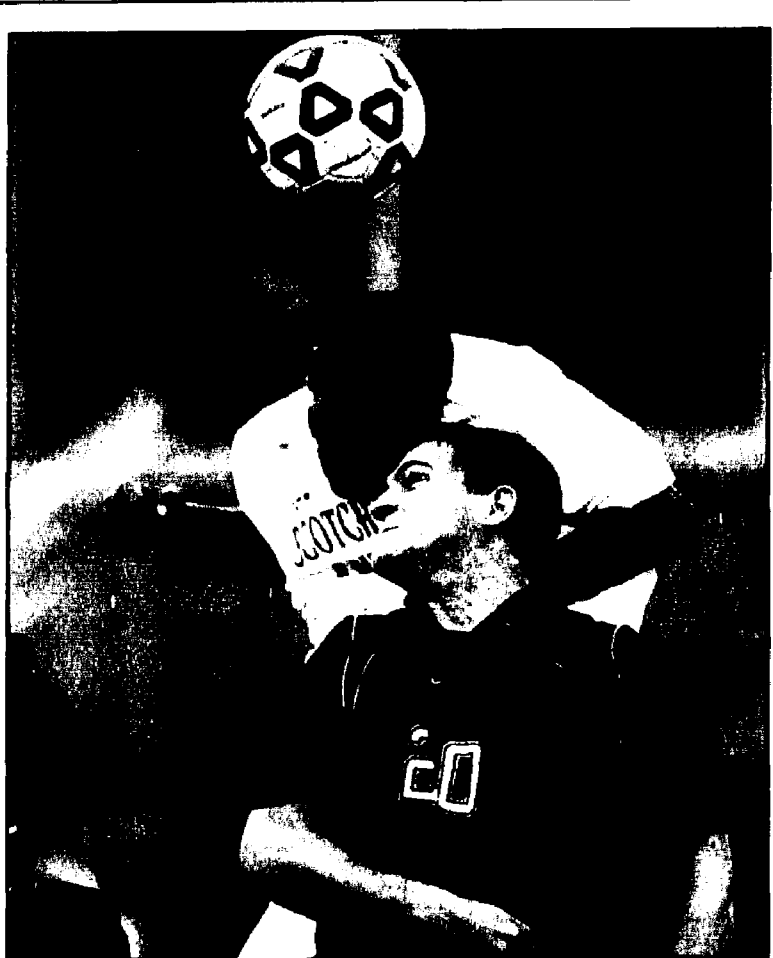
### Gymnastics

Scotch Plains vs. Union, 4:30

### Westfield vs. Cranford, 4

### Cross country

Scotch Plains, Conference Meet, TBA



SP-F's Sean Young wins a ball against a Hopewell Valley defender in the Raiders' 3-1 victory on Saturday. Young scored a goal in the game. The Raiders (10-3), are ranked No. 18 in the state.

JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT

## Raiders, Blue Devils look to stop losing streaks

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Westfield both look to have a good weekend to rebound from recent losses.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (2-3) will try and stop a three-game losing streak against Passaic Valley (2-2), a North 1, Group II school, this Saturday.

### FOOTBALL

The Raiders suffered a 31-20 defeat at the hands of the Shabazz Bulldogs Saturday in Newark. Scotch Plains has lost to Irvington, Cranford and Shabazz after winning their first two against East Side and Westfield.

Scotch Plains grabbed the early lead Saturday when quarterback Dan LaForge hit Lamont Hunt with an 11-yard pass but Shabazz stormed back before the half to take a 7-6 lead. The Bulldogs then scored 12 points in the third quarter to pull away.

Senior running back Lakiem Lockery and LaForge both had

1-yard runs for touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Shabazz is now 3-2 and jumps ahead of the Raiders in conference standings.

This Friday night the Blue Devils (0-4) look to get their first win of the season against the Cranford Cougars in Cranford at 7 p.m.

It won't be easy and it doesn't get easier after this weekend. The Cougars (3-1) are coming off a bye week and scouted Westfield's 33-0 loss to Linden on Saturday. Still ahead are Irvington, Plainfield and Elizabeth, with combined records of 11-7 heading into the weekend.

Westfield managed just one first down and minus 17 yards of offense in the first half, when Linden (3-1) jumped out to a 27-0 lead. Senior linebacker Bryan Power did his best to stop the Tigers by intercepting two passes.

Westfield's offense must click to keep Cranford's powerful running attack off the field but the Blue Devils have been shut out twice and have scored just 14 points this year.

# Caracter gets 15-day suspension

By CHAD HEIMWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Former Scotch Plains-Fanwood basketball star Derrick Caracter will only have to serve a 15-day suspension for transferring to St. Patrick's for "athletic advantage," as the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association ruled on Thursday.

Caracter, a 6-9 junior center, also received another ruling Thursday. A house his mother purchased in

Elizabeth over the summer was declared a valid change of residence by the NJSIAA. If that ruling went against him, Caracter would have had to miss 30 days of the season.

Caracter will be unable to participate in St. Patrick's basketball until Jan. 1, 2005, 15 days after his penalty begins on the first day of the basketball season.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Principal Dr. David Heisey requested the hearing after alleging

Caracter may have transferred to St. Patrick's merely for athletic advantage. Caracter attended St. Patrick's as a freshman before being suspended for academic reasons. Last year he played for Scotch Plains-Fanwood and helped to get them to the NJSIAA sectional semifinals.

Saturday the decision seemed not to weight on Caracter, as he scored 18 points in the first annual Metro Hoops North/South game at Piscataway Tech.

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## Bender, Maloney still alive in states

By CHAD HEIMWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP — In girls' tennis state tournament action, Westfield's doubles partners Jessica Bender and Lane Maloney are still alive heading into quarterfinal action this weekend at Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

In the first round Saturday, Bender and Maloney defeated opponents from Shore Regional, 6-3, 6-2. Then in the second round they knocked off a pair from Hillsborough, 6-3, 6-0 to advance to the third round where they handed Peretz and Stahl of Cherry Hill East a loss, 6-1, 6-1.

Nikki Reich received a bye in the first round of the tournament as reward for her solid season play. In the second round, Reich defeated Sarah Ragan of Lacey Township, 6-2, 6-2. Then Reich handled Lexie Maravich of Moorestown, 6-2, 6-4.

Reich finally met her match in the fourth round to a very skillful opponent — second-seeded Ana Mungo of Summit, a favorite to win the tournament. Reich lost 6-0, 6-0.

Play for singles and doubles will resume starting with the quarterfinals at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mercer County Park in West Windsor. The semifinals will follow approximately one hour after the quarterfinals and the finals for both the singles and doubles are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sunday, also at Mercer County Park.

Westfield (11-1) is ranked No. 16 in the state's Top 20 and second in Union County to Kent Place.

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## WRAPUP

**WESTFIELD Volleyball**  
Westfield def. Union Catholic, 25-13, 25-18 — The Blue Devils' Erin Roudsbush, a transfer from Union Catholic, was finally able to play after sitting out the mandated 30-day transfer period. Roudsbush, a sophomore, collected six kills to help Westfield beat the Vikings, ranked No. 13 in the state, and rebound from an earlier loss to Roselle Catholic during a tri-match in Roselle on Monday.  
Molly Williams had five assists and four aces while Tara Daly contributed seven assists for the Blue Devils (7-5).  
**Roselle Catholic def. Westfield, 22-25, 25-15, 25-14** — Roudsbush had 10 kills and three aces for the Blue Devils Monday in Roselle. Lizzy Myers had four kills and three aces.  
**Union def. Westfield, 25-22, 25-20** — Myers had seven kills and four blocks for Westfield (5-4) last Wednesday in Union.  
**Boys soccer**  
**Union 3, Westfield 1** — Westfield (0-7-3) played hard but Union (9-1-1) got a goal in the 65th minute to break a 1-1 tie Monday in Union. Joe Geissler had the goal for Westfield.  
**Kearny 4, Westfield 0** — The Blue Devils were not able to get the first win of the season against Kearny (8-2-1) last Thursday in Kearny.  
**Field hockey**  
**Johnson 3, Westfield 0** — Jessica Ropars stopped 17 shots for the Blue Devils (3-7-1) Monday in Clark.  
**Summit 3, Westfield 2** — Lorena Zamerelli scored to tie the game with about 6:25 left Saturday in Westfield but Summit got a goal with just 3:30 remaining for the win.  
**Bridgewater 3, Westfield 0** — Ropars saved five shots for the Blue Devils but it wasn't enough last Thursday in Westfield.  
**Girls tennis**  
**Westfield 4, Union 1** — Doubles partners Lane Maloney and Jessica Bender won 6-2, 6-2. Kim Morawski and Rachel Louie beat their opponent 6-0, 6-1. Nikki Reich came out on top 6-1, 6-3.

**SCOTCH PLAINS**  
**Scotch Plains 3, Irvington 0** — Casey Hoynes-O'Connor scored two goals and added an assist to Jarek Cohen for the win against Irvington (5-4) Monday in Scotch Plains. Goalkeeper Bryan Meredith, a sophomore, needed just one save to record his sixth shutout of the season. The Raiders (10-3) are ranked No. 18 in the state.  
**Scotch Plains 3, Hopewell Valley 1** — Billy Albizzati, Sean McNeils and Sean Young each scored goals Saturday in Scotch Plains. Albizzati also had an assist.  
**Scotch Plains 5, Plainfield 0** — The Raiders got two goals from Hoynes-O'Connor and McNeils last Wednesday in Scotch Plains.  
**Girls soccer**  
**Scotch Plains 8, Plainfield 0** — Scotch Plains, ranked No. 14 in the state, got a goal and an assist each from Allie Hambleton, Lauren Weisbrod and Lauren Maines. Hailey Mroczek, Kelly Rigano, Kim Appezato, Ashley Jacobi and Carly Wells scored as well.  
**Volleyball**  
**Irvington def. Scotch Plains, 15-25, 27-25, 25-17** — The Raiders (6-4) won the first set but dropped the next two Friday at home.  
**Scotch Plains def. Elizabeth, 25-12, 25-19** — Michelle Swick had six assists, four service points, two aces and a kill for the Raiders last Wednesday in Scotch Plains. Amy Drews served 10 points with five aces and four digs.  
**Girls tennis**  
**Scotch Plains 3, Union 2** — Carly Heinz defeated Fatima Gramatica, 6-3, 6-3. Both Raiders doubles teams won to get the edge. Kanna Goltiebyom and Courtney Burke won 6-2, 6-0.  
**Scotch Plains 4, Plainfield 1** — Heinz won 6-1, 6-0 Friday. Cara Hurley and Liza Katz won 6-2, 6-1 in doubles action.

## GIRLS SOCCER

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls' soccer team has earned a top seed in the Union County Tournament scheduled to start Saturday.

With a record of 8-1-1, the Raiders are ranked No. 15 in the state's Top 20. Unranked Gov. Livingston, who has yet to be scored upon this season, got the second seed.

The Raiders have never won a UCT title and have not been to the championship game since 1997. The team will face off against the winner of Elizabeth and Brearley.

The semifinals are Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Union and the championship game is Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. in Elizabeth.

**First Round:** 16- Elizabeth/17- Brearley at 1- Scotch Plains-Fanwood; 9- Rahway at 8- New Providence; 12- Kent Place at 5- Oak Knoll; 13- Roselle Park at 4- Cranford; 15- Roselle Catholic at 2- Gov. Livingston; 10- Johnson at 11- Summit; 11- Union at 6- Westfield; 14- Union at 3- Union Catholic.

## SPORTSCENE

### U12 SOCCER

The battle for Scotch Plains U12 Girls' inter-county bragging rights ended inconclusively Saturday as the Scotch Plains Blue Sharks and the Scotch Plains White Tigers battled to a 0-0 tie Saturday at sundrenched School One Field. The tie, the Sharks' third straight shutout, makes their record 3-1-1.

Melissa McKenna came up with a strong effort in goal abetted by a stingy defense which kept chances to a minimum. The White Tigers were led by Danielle Schweizer and Laura Bruce who provided strong defense.

Blue Sharks played who contributed were: Jessica DiGiacomo, Amanda Rodriguez, Alyssa Young, Kara Gaynor, Sarah Weber, Enn Brown, Toni Ann Capece Lauren Berk, Lauren Buckley, Emily Cohen, Rebecca DiGiacomo, Annie Rubin, Sarah Lazarus and Desli DeMarisco. All played key roles in giving the Blue Sharks the advantage throughout the game in every aspect.

**HOLY TRINITY**  
Holy Trinity Inter-parochial School's Cross Country Team won the 5th annual Our Lady of Sorrows Fall Festival Cross Country Meet in South Orange held on October 1, defeating Assumption School (Morristown), St. Vincent de Paul (Sirling), Our Lady of Sorrows (South Orange), St. Virgil's (Morristown), St. Patrick's (Chatham), St. Agnes (Clark), St. Elizabeth (Bernardsville), St. Rose (Millburn), Sacred Heart (South Plainfield), and Aquinas Academy (Livingston).

Laura Bruce, Westfield resident and head coach of the Trinity team, said, "I always had such positive experiences as a member of the Westfield High School Cross Country and Track teams and I'm excited to have the opportunity to work with the talented and enthusiastic Holy Trinity runners." Bruce, who was the Captain of the Cross Country Team at Loyola College, is a first grade teacher at Franklin School in Westfield.

Trinity's varsity runners Matt Berka, Cate Munkittrick, Caroline Williams, and Caragh Ball led the team to victory. Berka, an 8th grader, ran a fast 11:21 on the mile 1.8-mile course to take individual honors in the boys' race. Munkittrick, Williams and Ball, all 7th graders, captured 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in a talented girl's field.

In the 5th and 6th grade division, Kristin Ulrich and Veronica Glennon took 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively while on the boy's side, Jeffrey Harris finished 4th place. Several 3rd and 4th grade runners added team points by placing in the top 10 in crowded fields. For the girls, Tara Smith, Nicole Carpetto, and Sarah Davidson all scored, as did Sean Puzzo, Billy Fitzpatrick and Noah Panders. Trinity runners in 2nd grade and below ran in a "Fun Run" and received ribbons for their efforts.

The team is preparing for the Assumption Invitational meet in Morristown on October 15 and the Holy Trinity Inter-parochial School Meet, which will end the season on October 24. Over 60 students from Pre-K through 8th grade participate in Cross Country. Assisting Coach Bruce are Arlene Hinkewich, Nancy Ulrich, Bill and Trish Fitzpatrick, Emilio Dilorio, and Lisa Scott.



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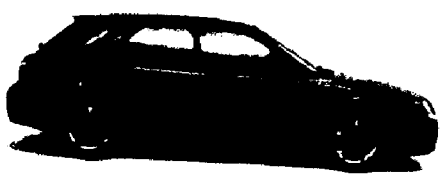
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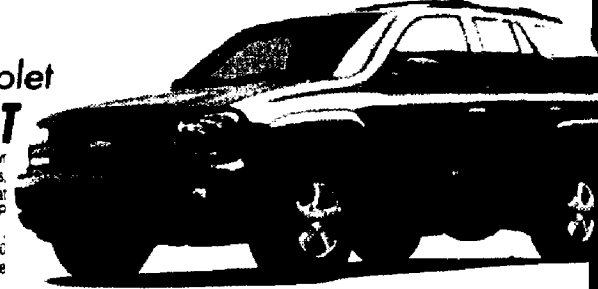
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one: phase two will be in  
two weeks.

**SCOTCH PLAINS** Sat & Sun.  
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3:30. Treadmill, bar bells,  
new office supp., CD's,  
tools, electronics, cloth-  
ing, hh, jewelry & more!

**UNION** - 10/16, 8-4pm, 100  
Jockey Hollow Way (Off  
Liberty). HH, clothes,  
books, toys, & more!!

**UNION** - 10/16, 9-4pm, 429  
Prescott Rd. Kids clothes  
& toys, furn., microwave,  
HH, & much more!

**MULTI FAMILY**  
Union - 1296 & 1304 Wil-  
shire Drive, 10/16, 9AM-  
3:30PM. Clothes, Toys,  
Dishes, Etc.

**UNION** 2524 Doris Ave. off  
Burnet Ave. Sat 10/16,  
9am-4pm. H.H., clothing,  
misc. Rain date 10/23

**MOVING**

**UNION** 372 Tucker Ave. Sat  
10/16, 9am-4pm. An-  
tiques, glassware, tables,  
day bed, h.h. lots more.

**UNION** 378 Delaware Ave. 5  
Points between Galloping  
Hill & Rite-Aide. Sat 10/16  
9am-5pm. Ladies med. Le  
Chute outfits \$15. Sweat-  
ers, comforters, twin hdbd  
exercise equip. h.h. etc.

**UNION** 824 Dewey St. Fri &  
Sat., 10/15-16, 9-4. Rain  
date 10/29-30. Lots of  
clothes, gloves, winter  
stuff, furn., Too much to  
list Off West Chestnut.

**UNION** CONTENTS OF  
HOUSE - 364 Ward St., Fri.  
& Sat., 10/15 & 10/16,  
9-5. Many kitchen gad-  
gets, assorted clothing,  
tools, books, bric-a-brac

**UNION** Sat., 10/16, rain  
date 10/23, 9 to 5. 245  
Woodmont Rd. Xmas, HH  
items, garden equip., craft  
items, misc.

**WESTFIELD** 1521 Boynton  
Ave. Sat., 10/16, 9-4. No  
early birds. Cash only!  
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children items, oil paint-  
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**Westfield** - 239 Tuttle  
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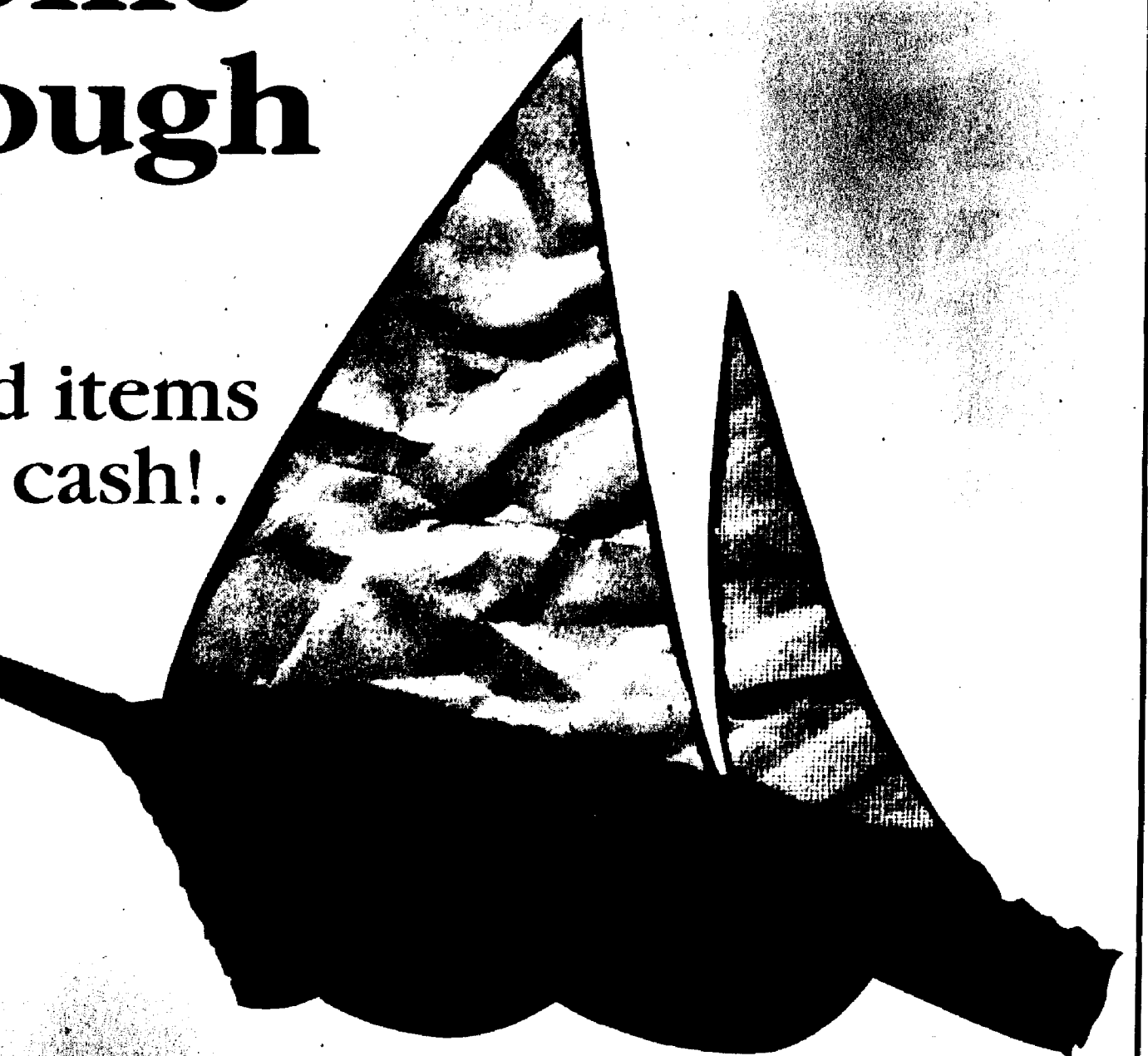
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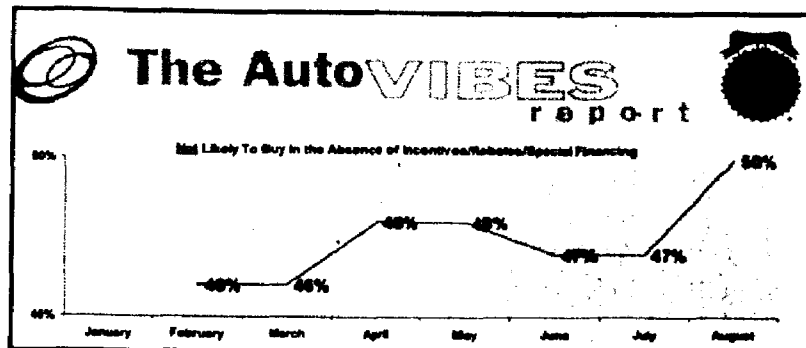
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## Buyers still rely on incentives

PRNewswire — AutoVIBES, a monthly automotive study from Harris Interactive and Kelley Blue Book Marketing Research tracking consumer views on new vehicle nameplates and timely automotive topics, revealed that as manufacturer vehicle incentives continue to rise to their highest levels, so have the car-buying public's dependency on them.

Exactly half of U.S. adults in the market to buy or lease a new car within the next 12 months say that they are not likely to purchase a new car in the absence of incentives, rebates or special financing.

Nearly 40-percent are heavily dependant on incentives," said Charlie Vogelheim, executive editor and vehicle expert at Kelley Blue Book. "Both of these measures are at their highest levels ever. Whether it's gas prices or just the desire to go 'green' SUV sales have fallen off. That being said manufacturers are implementing frighteningly large incentives on this vehicle segment as they are the last bastion of profitability.

"Incentives are an integral part of the process now and

they are drawing people into the marketplace that don't necessarily need a car. It's putting many buyers upside down in their loans or have them counting on hefty rebates to get them out of an upside down loan situation."

AutoVIBES is a monthly omnibus survey of approximately 2,000 U.S. adults ages 18 and over who plan to purchase or lease a new vehicle within the next 12 months.

The survey is conducted the third week of each month for five days on Kelley Blue Book's Web site. The study was designed and analyzed jointly by Harris Interactive and Kelley Blue Book Marketing Research.

"The arrival of new 2005 models combined with a plentiful inventory of 2004s sitting on dealer lots, consumers can expect incentives to remain high, especially on SUVs through the end of the year," said Rick Wainschel, director of marketing research at Kelley Blue Book.

The data were weighted by demographics and propensity to reflect the general U.S. adult population of in-market vehicle buyers.

## Auto group offers promotions

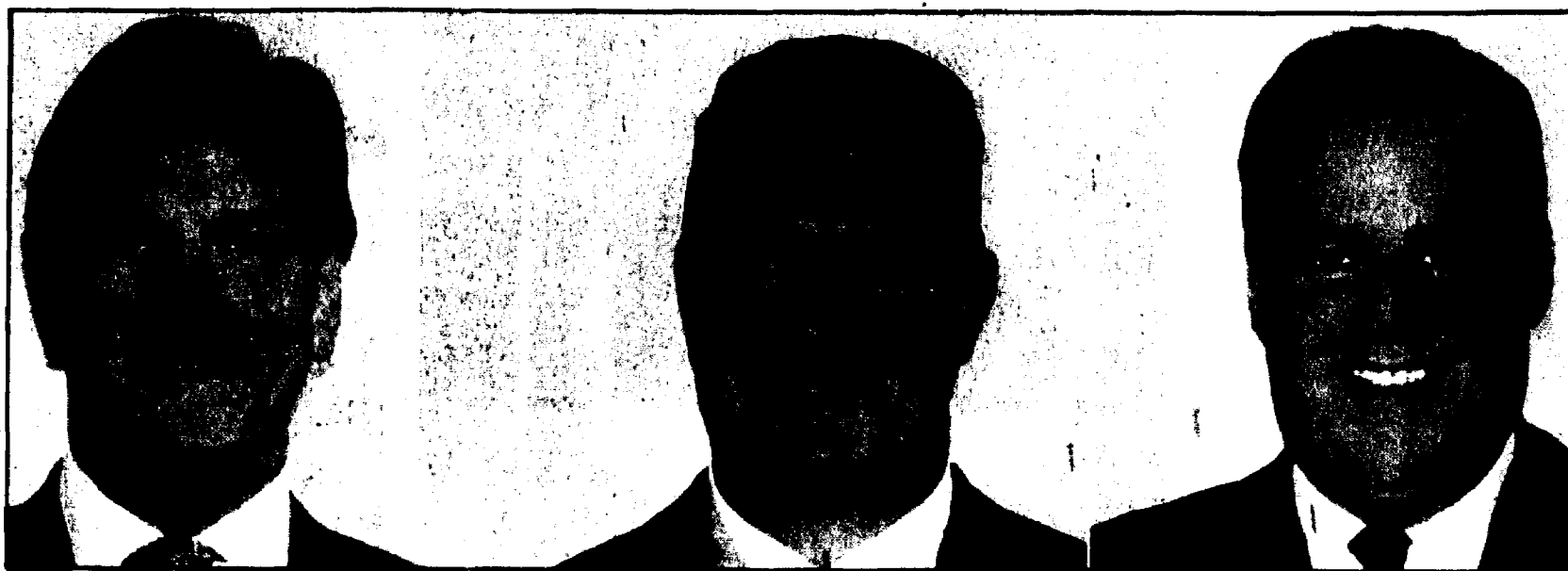


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Rod Ryan, president and chief executive officer of Ryan Automotive, L.L.C. in Edison, recently announced new corporate-level promotions of three long-time company employees. John Leiser, left, is now vice-president of corporate operations, Robert Forcini, center, has been named vice-president of operations for the BMW/Mini division and Martin Gross, right, is the full-time chief financial officer of the company.

## Ryan Automotive announces corporate-level changes

EDISON — Rod Ryan, president and chief executive officer of Ryan Automotive L.L.C., has announced the promotions of two Ryan Automotive general managers, each to the position of corporate vice president.

John Leiser, formerly general manager of Morristown BMW, Morristown BMW Certified Pre-Owned and Morristown Mini, will now serve as vice president of corporate operations. His duties will include directing real estate acquisitions, legal affairs, new franchises, political affairs and corporate meetings.

Leiser has been with Ryan Automotive for 30 years, beginning his career in motorcycle sales at Open Road Honda in Edison. He moved into sales of new Honda vehicles, serving as

finance manager, sales manager and general manager at Open Road Honda, before moving to Morristown BMW as general manager in 1982.

Robert Forcini, formerly general manager of Open Road BMW and Open Road BMW Certified Pre-Owned in Edison, has been promoted to vice president of operations for the BMW-Mini Division. He will oversee operations at Open Road BMW, Morristown BMW, Morristown Mini and Denville BMW.

Forcini has been a member of the Ryan Automotive group for 23 years. After graduating from Rutgers University in 1981 he joined Ryan Automotive in motorcycle sales at Open Road Honda, moving to Honda new vehicle sales and then to new

vehicle sales at Open Road BMW. He served as sales manager of Open Road BMW and in 1995 was promoted to general manager.

Leiser and Forcini join Michael Morais, formerly general manager of Open Road Acura of Wayne, who became vice president of operations for the Asian Division in January, overseeing sales and operations at Open Road Acura of Wayne, Open Road Acura of East Brunswick and Open Road Honda-Mazda in Edison.

"With this new organizational structure in place, we have positioned Ryan Automotive for growth and expansion without compromising our ability to serve our customers," Ryan said. "Our new vice presidents allow our general managers to focus

on their primary mission — achieving excellence in sales and service — while the vice presidents focus on corporate-level interaction with the factories, banks and other institutions. We've played to everyone's strengths, ensuring that our customers continue to be satisfied."

In addition, Ryan announced that Martin Gross, chief financial officer, has given up his private practice to become a full-time employee of Ryan Automotive. Gross, a certified public accountant, began his career with Ryan Automotive as an auditor in 1982. Serving Ryan Automotive through his private practice, Automotive Consultants, he became controller and then chief financial officer.

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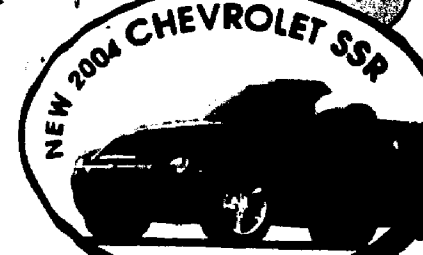
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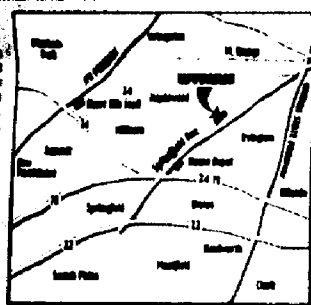
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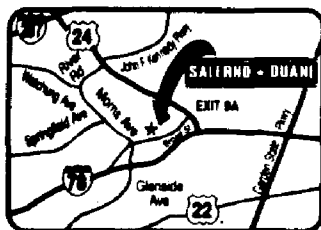
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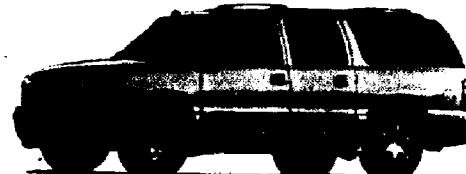
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- MSRP \$46,135

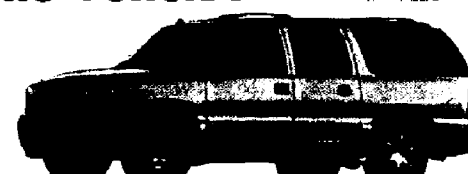


**\$32,988** **SAVE \$13,147**

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#### 2004 GMC YUKON XL DENALI 4X4

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- 6 CYLINDER
- AUTOMATIC
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- AIR CONDITIONING
- 6 DISC CD PLAYER
- LEATHER
- ALL WHEEL DRIVE
- SUN ROOF
- XM SATELLITE RADIO
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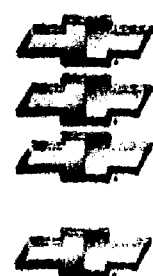
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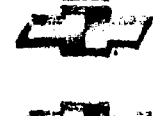
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