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### Soccer star

Sophomore Sean Young of the Raiders soccer team scored goals against Johnson and Linden this week. See Sports, Page C-1.



### Designing women

Ann-Marie Emmanuel is one of at least two fashion designers who work out of Scotch Plains. See the story on Emmanuel and her counterpart Sandy Swanson on Page B-1.



### County marks Red Ribbon Day

The annual celebration of Red Ribbon Day, promoting a drug-free life for America's youth, was held Saturday at Nomahegan Park in Cranford. Andrew Castellone of Westfield was among those who turned out for the festivities. See the photos on Page B-1.

## REMINDER

### Time to reset your clocks

Daylight saving time ends this weekend. That means local residents should set their clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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## Deck opponents harangue council one last time

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — At the Town Council's Tuesday meeting, the last public forum before the general election, opponents of the proposed redevelopment project took the opportunity to attempt to sway voters against the \$10 million plan.

Several residents and one member of the council also criticized Mayor Greg McDermott for using temporary administrative authority to air what they consider a biased presentation of the project on TV-36, the town's local cable channel.

The show, "Hometown," which airs once a month, typically involves an interview

between the mayor and a person of importance to the community. In an episode run last weekend, McDermott interviewed consultant Tim Tracy, who described the financial plans and other details of the redevelopment project, which involves the construction of a 490-space parking deck on municipal parking lots between Prospect and Elm streets. The facility would be masked by 19 condominium units and 3,500 square feet of retail space.

According to several residents, the episode was politically motivated and violated the station's policy of restricting political content within 90 days of an election.

In Westfield, the town administrator

has final authority over content on TV-36, but with administrator Jim Gildea on vacation, McDermott assumed his duties. TV-36's advisory board met and some members previewed the episode; however, because the 11-member body did not have a quorum, it was unable to issue a recommendation against airing the show.

At Tuesday's meeting Councilman Sal Caruana read a statement from Eileen O'Donnell, a member and former chairwoman of the advisory board, who called for an end to "all programming related to parking meetings immediately."

According to the statement, "by this action Mayor McDermott has compromised the station's mission and the trust

placed with us by members of the community... If we are seen as a mouthpiece of the Town Council, (residents) will not come to us when they truly need information we have to share."

McDermott and several members of the council defended the decision to air the content. They described the episode as a neutral presentation of the facts and a tool to counter misinformation and misconceptions about the project.

"This was an opportunity for people to listen to the town's side," McDermott said.

"It's important that we get as much info to people as possible," he continued. "I

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## BRINGING THE CAMPAIGN HOME



KEVIN PAPPACORRESPONDENT  
Former New York City Police Chief Bernard Kerik addresses a Republican rally Monday in Scotch Plains.

### Kerik visits county to stump for Bush

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Just eight days before the general election, Union County Republicans gathered at the Italian-American Hall to energize volunteers and rally for President Bush. They received a boost from former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, a nationally-recognized figure who introduced Bush during a recent visit to New Jersey.

Kerik opened his talk Monday with a vivid description of Sept. 11, 2001. From Ground Zero, he watched the horror and destruction of the terrorist attacks, personally witnessing the impact of the second airplane as it hit the World Trade Center.

"For the first few minutes, I was stunned and taken aback from the debris falling from tower one. But much of the debris was not debris — it was people," Kerik said. "I have never felt as helpless as I did on the morning of Sept. 11, because there was nothing I could do for the people above the strike zone."

He said Islamic terrorists attacked the United States "because of our freedoms and our flag." Pointing out the history of terrorist attacks — including those in Riyadh, Dhahran, Tanzania, against the U.S.S. Cole, and against American troops in Beirut in 1982 — Kerik chronicled the tactics of an enemy that "wants to die."

He praised the efforts of the Bush administration over the last three years, celebrating the results of the first election in Afghanistan. In that election, Kerik said the first to cast a ballot was a 19 year old female.

He defended Bush's decision to invade Iraq, asserting that he relied on intelligence accepted by the French, Germans, and Russians. Intelligence is not a "perfect science," Kerik explained.

"It would have been foolish to sit back and do nothing about it," Kerik said.

Kerik questioned whether Americans have the "patience" or the "stomach" for an extended global war on terrorism, and said

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KEVIN PAPPACORRESPONDENT  
Howard Dean gets Democratic supporters fired up at Union County College.

### Dean rallies Kerry supporters at UCC

By LAUREN TRAMON  
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — It seemed like every other car parked at Union County College Monday had some sort of John Kerry bumper sticker. There were the standard "Veterans for Kerry" and the anti-"W" symbols, and the not so standard "John Kerry: Bringing Complete Sentences Back to the White House." Then there was one urging "Jimmy Buffet for President." After all, it was a college campus.

The pro-Kerry crowd turned out for a speech by the Democratic nominee's onetime rival, Howard Dean, and grew energized as Dean spoke about the economy, health care, and the war in Iraq. The audience erupted in laughter as he punched the air and shouted the names of states, mocking the speech he gave when he finished third in the Iowa caucuses. But what riled them up most of all were his plugs for Kerry and his calls for unity among Democrats.

"We don't have to apologize for who we are, we have to stand up for who we are — that's how we win elections," Dean said to the cheering crowd.

"I've been a Kerry fan," said Catherine Wolf. "I went to high school in Massachusetts when Kerry first ran for office — I have a lot of respect for him that goes way back."

The Bridgewater resident has made marketing phone calls and has participated in trips to register voters in Pennsylvania. Wolf said Monday's program was just another activity on her already packed political agenda.

"This has politicized me since the whole thing started," she said.

Katherine Healey drove up to Cranford from the College of New Jersey with her friends, and was impressed by the variety of age groups represented among the crowd.

"I think it's important, because I think a lot of the Republican

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## Council hopefuls face off in debate

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — In a heated debate last week, Democratic and Republican candidates for mayor and Township Council made their pitch for four-year terms.

In their search for seats on the five-member governing body, currently dominated by the GOP, Democratic mayoral candidate Andy Baron and council candidate Barbara Baldaarre blamed Republican incumbents Martin Marks and Paulette Coronato for a record 18-point tax increase in 2003.

The Republicans countered that Democrats' attacks were transparently political, and accused the challengers of failing to volunteer their ideas during the budget process.

The Oct. 20 debate was sponsored by the League of Women Voters and moderated by Scotch Plains/Fanwood Times reporter Fred Rossi.

Marks, the current mayor, said the 2003 tax hike was "an anomaly" and pointed to smaller property tax increases seen during the rest of his tenure as mayor or councilman, including a four-point increase in 2004. Though he said the township's financial position was now "robust," he said property taxes are largely attributable to education costs and will continue to rise.

"Unless there is actually reform of the property tax system, there is a real danger and a real likelihood that property taxes will continue to go up, just as education expenses continue to go up," said Marks, known statewide for his advocacy of property tax reform.

Baron countered that a possible constitutional convention to reform the property tax system is at least two years away, and said residents' high property tax bills can be solved by better local management of the township's operating budget. He said he convened a "nonpartisan" citizens advisory committee over the summer to identify \$200,000 in potential budget cuts.

"We have to get our own house in order," Baron said, pointing out that the council failed to make an application for extraordinary aid in 2003. Fanwood, he noted, obtained \$250,000 in 2004 to offset the property tax burden for borough residents.

"We should have made the application, and we didn't," Baron said. "We didn't even try."

Marks cautioned voters that last year's extraordinary aid will leave a \$1 million hole in Fanwood's upcoming budget, and said the township's professionals and consultants didn't think Scotch Plains would have gotten the state money anyway. The process, Marks said, is political and benefits Democrat-led communities.

"Extraordinary aid is typically given to urban areas which tend to be Democrat-controlled towns," Marks said, warning residents that extra state aid comes with "strings attached," such as

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## Control of Fanwood council hangs in balance

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — On Tuesday, voters will determine the balance of power on the Borough Council, as Democrats Kathy Mitchell and Joe Higgins face a challenge by Republicans Joel Stroz and Maureen Mawby.

Democrats currently occupy the mayor's seat and hold a 4-2 advantage on the six-member council. They won control of the governing body during municipal elections last November, when Colleen Mahr defeated then-mayor Lou Jung and Democrats Jack Molenaar and Donna Dolce defeated Republicans Joel Whitaker and David Trumm.

Throughout the campaign and at a debate held last week,

Democrats highlighted the small 2004 municipal property tax increase they secured for homeowners. The average increase of \$15 per household was made possible by a \$250,000 extraordinary state aid grant the council received in June.

Republicans have countered that the aid process was driven by the machinations of state politics, and point out that the extraordinary aid will probably not be available in 2005, leaving a hole in the budget. The GOP challenges have said Democrats didn't do enough to cut expenses, and they pledged to pare the borough's operating budget down to the essentials.

The Democrats have also touted their decision to take a step

back and build consensus for the potential redevelopment of downtown. They hired a redevelopment consultant with a \$50,000 Smart Growth grant. And Higgins, appointed to the council upon the resignation of Michael Brennan, is chairman of an advisory group that has been holding public forums to solicit residents' views on downtown revitalization.

Their opponents have said a redevelopment plan negotiated by the previous administration should have been pursued and lamented the lack of movement on a project during the past year. They urged a faster pace on redevelopment.

Both parties support redevelopment conceptually, arguing that the borough needs commercial

retailers to offset the property tax burden on residents.

The Republicans have also accused Democrats of moving too slowly to administer improvements to LaGrande Park, arguing that funds have long been in place for the project. Democrats have said the project will require more money than is available in the current budget, and have applied for additional grant money to repair tennis courts and reconfigure the park's ball field.

A Republican sweep would put the council back in GOP control, while a Democratic sweep would retain the status quo. A split ticket would yield a 3-3 council tie, with Democrats retaining a tiebreaking vote in the mayor's seat.

## Dean rallies supporters

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veterans and senior citizens are coming out against Bush, that says a lot."

Others were more enamored with Dean's rock star status within the Democratic Party, clamoring for autographs and posing for pictures after he spoke, as U2's "Beautiful Day" and Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger" blared through the college commons.

"I wanted to definitely get (his autograph) and I wanted Dean to shake my hand," said Elliott Johnson, a student from Westfield. "He gave me a high five."

"Dean is handed to me on a silver platter, and I just want the opportunity to see him," said Mike Preziosi, a student from Union. "Anyone who supports Kerry, I'll support them. I'm looking forward to having a leader who can form full and concise sentences."

Emily Taylor of Westfield agreed that the appearance was more akin to a celebrity sighting than a serious political event.

"I'm following this campaign and this election pretty closely, so everything he said I was pretty much aware of," she said. "... There needs to be some changes made in local government and the federal government as well."

Even people who don't think about politics every day stopped by to hear Dean's message.

"I really don't care who wins, it doesn't affect me," said Mohin Patel, a Union County College student from Roselle Park. "I just want to see Howard Dean, that's all."

"I'm mainly curious. I've never been to anything like this before," said Vincent Wrice, a professor of computer science and business law. "I'm interest-

ed to see what he might say that I haven't heard from him already."

Dean challenged the crowd to ponder their own political priorities. "To those of you who are 25, who are students here — what kind of country do you want?" he asked as he slammed many of Bush's policies, including the president's tax cuts, No Child Left Behind, and his lack of leadership on health care reform. Dean also encouraged civic involvement among the gathered supporters.

"If all we do is elect John Kerry, we only get an eight-year vacation," he said, as he encouraged audience members to run for their local school boards, freeholder boards, and local committees. "Politics is too important to be left to the politicians — we need regular people to run for office, too."

He plugged Democratic candidates from the local to the congressional levels. "Election by election, office by office, state by state," he said. "We're going to take this country back."

Some attendees said that Dean's appearance seemed to more effectively rally confirmed Democrats than recruit new ones. Eighteen-year-old Jaquon Larkin said he was disappointed he didn't learn more from the event.

"It was nice for him to come by, but I wasn't really inspired, though I do agree with some of the things he was saying," he said. "I always watch the news, so I already knew about most of the stuff he was talking about."

Still, nobody doubted that Dean himself seemed inspired. "I'd vote for anyone in this room before I'd vote for George W. Bush," Dean yelled to a roomful of applause.

The feeling wasn't shared by everyone. Maryanne Montage, a student from Summit, had been attracted to the event by the sizeable crowd and the brightly-colored balloons.

"Class just finished," she said. "I don't even know who he is."

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## Kerik visits Scotch Plains to stump for Bush

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"Who do you feel better with (as your president) when you go to sleep?" Kerik asked.

He ridiculed Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry for voting to cut intelligence spending in 1994, and for voting against an \$87 billion supplemental defense budget for missions in Afghanistan

and Iraq. Kerry backed the spending plan in committee, but withdrew his support when Senate Republicans refused to roll back tax cuts to pay for it.

"I commanded 55,000 men and women, and I should have been fired if I put those men and women in harm's way and then didn't give them what they needed," said Kerik.

He said Bush "understands the mission and understands the threat," and left the stage to a lengthy ovation after taking a few questions from those in attendance.

Union County GOP Chairman Phil Morin and Sen. Tom Kean Jr. (R-21) addressed the crowd at the beginning of the event, declaring their support for both the president

and Republican candidates for county freeholder and other municipal offices.

"Ronald Reagan taught us the greatness of America is what we're for, not what we're against," Kean said. Despite the ominous tone sounded by Kerik, he added the presidential debates revealed Bush as the optimist, and challenger John Kerry the pessimist.

## Deck opponents harangue council one last time

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thought it was in the best interests of the town to move forward with the show."

McDermott likened the televised program to Board of Education budget presentations, which are used to explain the details of that governing body's spending plan to voters before annual school district elections.

"I think the mayor has an obligation to put forth the plan to the people," agreed Councilman Mark Ciarrocca, who pointed out that many project opponents have criticized the mayor for not providing enough information about the project.

That explanation did not mollify incensed resident Alan Solomon, who accused the mayor of "hijacking" the station to air an "infomercial." Resident Ken Sumner said the mayor "owed an apology" to voters for running a "political program."

Residents also sparred over the

project itself. Sharon Stockwell presented a list of 10 reasons to oppose the project, including public safety and traffic concerns, questionable financing, and the council's failure to pursue other parking management strategies. She noted that the project will create a net increase of only 244 spaces.

Councilman Larry Goldman countered that the project is based on "conservative assumptions," and said the project's effect on safety couldn't be quantified. And "we've been talking about alternative solutions for eight years," Goldman said.

Another contentious issue was the potential contribution of \$50,000 by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) to back up the project's financing. In a statement released last week, the DWC pointedly did not announce its willingness to contribute the sum, which was included in a financial model endorsed by the council. The DWC statement said the financial model indicated a

viable plan, and a \$50,000 contribution would just add to the project's surplus.

The organization's statement ranked Councilman Peter Echausse, who had requested the DWC to declare in simple terms whether it would contribute the \$50,000. He said the town was asking the DWC for a contribution of only 6 percent of the project's total cost.

Calling the DWC statement "vague" and "nebulous," Echausse, who has announced his opposition to the deck, said, "everybody's got to put up a little skin in this process...where is the skin from the DWC?"

Thirty-seven year resident May Furstner said the project was "on the wrong course," and politely implored the council to abandon the project.

"There's nothing wrong with admitting you might have made an error in judgment," she said to raucous, extended applause.

Wearing a sling to protect her

broken wrist, resident Patricia Dazzo said she was struck by a car in an area where traffic would be worsened by construction of a parking deck.

"To add a parking deck to (an area) we already know is a problem just doesn't make sense to me," she said.

While most of those in attendance spoke against the plan, Richard Fromkin and Courtney Nemec declared themselves in favor of the proposal, arguing that adding the parking capacity would be relatively inexpensive and would ensure the long-term vitality of the central business district. Fromkin said in a worst case scenario, the project would cost the average homeowner only about \$20.

"Things cost money," Fromkin said. "I don't think there's a free lunch anywhere."

Residents will vote Tuesday in a non-binding referendum on the project; the results are expected to go a long way toward determining the project's fate.

## Council hopefuls face off in debate

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less local control over allowable surpluses.

Downtown revitalization was also a contentious topic on the dais, as Baron accused Marks of poor leadership during the public debate over creating a special improvement district (SID) to manage the downtown. Opposing the additional assessments that would be levied in a SID, Baron recommended improving the marketing of the central business district by involving the township in a graduate program offered by Rutgers.

"It's creative because it's thinking outside the box, and it costs less than what this administration was proposing," Baron explained. He also advocated selling the municipal building to a developer as part of an overall revitalization plan.

Marks said revitalization must be a "joint effort" between downtown stakeholders and township government, but said "the ball is in the (stakeholders') court." He accused Democrats of scaring down-

town property owners into mobilizing against the SID, and dismissed Baron's strategy of assembling volunteers as quixotic.

"Sometimes you need to make the investment," Marks said of the downtown's need for a professional manager. "I think (Baron's idea) is a little dreamy, a little pie-in-the-sky, a little high hopes that some of this can be achieved by volunteerism."

Marks defended his administration's record, pointing to refurbished and new parks and athletic fields. He drew attention to the township's senior busing program, and advocated the construction of a new community center to increase recreational opportunities.

Baron said he would support the creation of a volunteer citizen's advocate to better direct residents toward municipal services. He also suggested the township consider combining the township's fire department with Fanwood, and had reservations about building a proposed community center when the YMCA and JCC provide similar services.

Earlier in the evening, Coronato and Baldassarre tackled the same contentious issues, contrasting their viewpoints in front of a large crowd that chose local politics over Game 7 of the American League Championship Series.

Coronato said the 2003 tax increase was caused by a decline in revenue attributable to the after-effects of 9/11, a nationwide economic recession and flat state aid. She noted that a similar tax increase was being borne by Westfield property owners this year, and said the same phenomenon is happening all across New Jersey.

Baldassarre said she would have gone "line by line" through the 2003 budget had she been on the council then. She said the council should have made the extraordinary aid application when it became evident homeowners could face a double-digit increase on the municipal portion of their property tax bill.

"We cannot afford another four years of this administration," Baldassarre said during her closing remarks.

"Scotch Plains is not the type of community that qualifies for this type of aid," Coronato said. If faced with another tax increase, Coronato said, cuts to law enforcement, the fire department, and rescue squad would be off-limits.

Though she didn't identify budget cuts she would make in the event of a possible tax hike, Baldassarre pledged to combat tax increases by increasing funds on the revenue side of the ledger. She suggested creating a new funding organization to support the library, and advocated reducing curbside recycling costs by partnering with communities like Linden and Rahway.

Coronato defended the council's decision to reject the SID, but said professional management was needed for the downtown. She advo-

cated forming a Chamber of Commerce or hiring a downtown manager in some form, but reiterated the impetus must come from the downtown community.

"It's not up to government alone or property taxpayers to vitalize the downtown area; this is something that has to be done by business leaders," Coronato said.

Baldassarre said property owners want to see improvement downtown, but said the SID failed because the cost of hiring a manager would have been onerous. She said foot traffic must increase for downtown businesses to succeed. Seniors, she said, have been moved to the outskirts of town, limiting the number of pedestrians downtown.

"If you come to Scotch Plains, you don't see seniors walking around the town," Baldassarre lamented. "I would like to see seniors brought back to town, not to Blue Star."

She echoed Baron's thoughts about the municipal building and other downtown municipal property, viewing them as an opportunity to revitalize the central business district.

Coronato declared her support for the community center, suggesting it could be partially funded by corporate sponsorship. She also pointed to improvements in recreational opportunities created by the council during her four years of service.

And Coronato said the township was improving communications on the south side by constructing a new communications tower, which could also bring in revenue from cell phone service providers.

Baldassarre pressed for increases in senior programs downtown, and said integration between youth programs and senior programs would provide enrichment for residents of all generations. She also pointed to her experience managing budgets as an administrator at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

The debate was broadcast live on TV-34.

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# Brozak, Ferguson square off in debate and on television

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**NORTH BRANCH** — Before a raucous, partisan crowd, Republican incumbent Mike Ferguson and Democratic challenger Steve Brozak debated the issues facing voters in the race for New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District.

Without the benefit of microphones, the candidates were forced to raise their voices above the din created by the considerable crowd in attendance at Raritan Valley Community College Sunday. Brozak and Ferguson fielded questions submitted by the audience and members of the media.

Ferguson, a two-term incumbent seeking re-election in a Republican-leaning district that includes portions of Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Hunterdon counties, touted his record of supporting the military and first responders, and said federal tax cuts are "keeping the economy growing" and "creating jobs."

Brozak likened Ferguson to conservative House Majority Leader Tom Delay on social issues and accused his opponent of underfunding the military during the Iraq campaign. He emphasized his own service in the military and promised to fast-track federal funds for stem cell research.

Ferguson defended his vote to authorize President George W. Bush to invade Iraq, asserting that his vote was based on the belief Iraq had stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction and the possibility that Saddam Hussein would collaborate with terrorists.

Though he acknowledged he would have voted in favor of the war authorization, Brozak said he would have demanded better planning to justify and facilitate the military action. He said his military experience as a U.S. Marine would have been a vital contribution to prewar planning.

Brozak also highlighted national security issues, arguing that overseas National Guard deployments have made the Seventh District less safe. He blamed Ferguson for cutting Veterans Administration benefits and for voting against a \$3.6 billion appropriation for troop supplies and Iraq reconstruction.

Ferguson countered that he supported an \$87 billion supplemental budget for Iraq and Afghanistan, and voted to increase soldiers' pay by an average of \$2,700. He defended his position on national security, noting that he co-founded the Port Security Caucus.

On tax policy, Ferguson said tax cuts are strengthening the economy and called for "fiscal restraint" in Washington. He attempted to dispel the notion that tax cuts are leading to record deficits.

"The deficit as a percentage of the economy is smaller than it was in the 1980s," Ferguson explained. "We're not going to tax our way to a balanced budget."

Brozak said tax cuts have been heavily weighted toward corporations and the wealthiest Americans, instead of "working Americans" who need tax relief the most.

"(Ferguson) believes that the wealthiest 1 percent of the country should pay the smallest share of taxes," Brozak said. He later accused Ferguson of accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from oil, pharmaceutical, and energy companies.

Brozak did not outline his own tax proposal, but has previously said he would roll back the cuts recently given to households earning more than \$500,000, while retaining other cuts targeted at families.

On Social Security, the chal-

lenger described the program as a "contract with Americans" and said partial-privatization proposals are "a gimmick."

Ferguson, meanwhile, said the program is headed toward crisis and advocated redirecting a portion of Social Security to private savings accounts.

Ferguson blamed rising health care costs on an overzealous regulatory structure and costs associated with frivolous lawsuits. He proposed creating health savings accounts to ease health care costs for taxpayers and association health plans to encourage small businesses to provide health care for employees.

Brozak, by contrast, said the increasing costs are partially attributable to money the industry spends to prevent unfavorable laws from getting passed. He dismissed the prescription drug benefit that Ferguson supported, suggesting it was a giveaway to the pharmaceutical industry.

An independent candidate, Matthew Williams, advocated a platform of direct democracy at the debate. He proposed the establishment of a web-based or 1-800 phone interactive system in which the will of constituents would determine his vote on any given piece of legislation.

Earlier on Sunday, NJN television broadcast a joint appearance by the two major party candidates on "On the Record," a weekly show hosted by Michael Aron.

The candidates' voices reached a lower decibel level during the televised debate, though the heated forum was anything but a staid exchange of ideas.

On the show, Brozak assailed Ferguson for receiving a \$210,000 fine from the Federal Election Commission over a loan he received from his parents, arguing the sitting congressman doesn't "play by the rules."

Ferguson attributed the fine to a disagreement between attorneys; he said his legal representatives had a different interpretation of the law than did the FEC's lawyers.

Brozak also revived an April 2003 incident in which Ferguson was accused of inappropriate conduct by a 21-year-old Georgetown University student at a Washington, D.C. bar. And repeating an accusation his campaign has been making for weeks, Brozak claimed Ferguson shouldn't be considered a resident of Union County because he also classifies a house in Maryland as a permanent residence.

Ferguson said most congressmen maintain two residences for convenience, and said he keeps his family in the Washington area so he can be closer to his children. He decried Brozak's personal attacks as "silly," "lame," and "desperate."

More substantively, the two candidates sparred over stem cell research. Brozak attacked Ferguson's opposition to embryonic stem cell research and criticized his opponent's conservative positions on social issues such as abortion as "extreme."

Ferguson dismissed the potential of the controversial research while also declaring himself "a champion for biomedical research."

"I oppose using taxpayer money to finance what I consider to be unethical research," Ferguson said.

The debate and television show are likely to be the only head-to-head encounters between the two candidates. For more information on the candidates, visit their websites at [www.stevebrozakforcongress.com](http://www.stevebrozakforcongress.com) and [www.fergusonforcongress.com](http://www.fergusonforcongress.com).



## A wish come true

Earlier this month, a wish came true when the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile came to Westfield thanks to the efforts of second-grader Alex Fromm of Washington School. Alex was one of 50 winners nationwide in the "Oh I wish I could win the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile for a day" contest. His "wish" was selected from 70,000 entries throughout the country. Alex, pictured here with his best friend, Patrick, wants to help Patrick, who suffers from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Hundreds of people came to Westfield to visit the unique vehicle, receive a souvenir and make a voluntary contribution to Spinal Muscular Atrophy. The donations raised came to \$4,990. Every donation will be earmarked for SMA research for the NJ Chapter of Patrick's Buddies/FightSMA. Tax deductible donations can still be made to: Patrick's Buddies/FightSMA, P.O. Box 2995, Westfield, NJ 07090. Oscar Meyer has donated \$5,000 to FightSMA as a result of Alex's efforts.

## Musical Club plans auditions

**WESTFIELD** — The Junior Musical Club of Westfield will hold auditions for membership on Nov. 3 at the home of Jason Tammam, 1168 Prospect St.

Anyone from Grades 8-12 who is studying music is invited to apply. Two pieces must be performed from memory, one from the periods up to and including Beethoven, the other from the Romantic or Modern periods. Performers needing accompaniment should provide their own. If interested in auditioning, call Jean Namkung at (908) 771-9555.

The Junior Musical Club, a division of The Musical Club of Westfield, is a performing group of high school instrumentalists and vocalists from Westfield and the surrounding area. This year's officers are Henry Namkung, president; Kathy Yang, vice president of programs; Jean Namkung, vice president of auditions; Tess Ferrin, treasurer; Rachel Louie, secretary; Kirsten Mandala, hospitality; and Rachel Kang, publicity.

The club's next meeting will take place 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Namkung home, 148 Gallison Drive, Murray Hill.

## WHS administrators try to combat drug use

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**WESTFIELD** — Violence and vandalism increased at the high school during the past year, but the statistics don't tell the whole story, according to Principal Robert Petix.

In a report before the Board of Education last week, Superintendent William Foley said the district recorded 42 incidents of violence and vandalism during the 2003-04 school year. Thirty-eight of those incidents took place at the high school, he said.

That number is significantly higher than the previous year, nearly double the 23 incidents seen in the district in 2002-2003. The violence and vandalism report is a study required by all New Jersey public schools each year.

But Petix attributed the higher number from this year's report to stepped-up diligence by school administration.

"We had an (official) that felt every one of the issues had to be reported when they didn't have to be," Petix said. In one incident,

a student wrote graffiti on a paper advertisement in the cafeteria, which resulted in a report of vandalism. In another case, one student called another student an offensive name in the classroom; that incident was reported as a sex offense, he said.

Petix did latch onto the increasing incidence of substance abuse at the school, however. There were 11 cases of substance

abuse at the high school during the last year, though two were reported at an athletic event and one case involved the possession of a drug facsimile.

Of the remaining eight cases, seven involved possession of marijuana in small quantities, and in one case a student was caught with a hallucinogen. Petix said he was concerned about the possibility of drug trafficking and use of drugs by students during school hours.

prevalence of drugs) — they were there then and they haven't left."

In addition to fears about the presence of illegal drugs, Petix said school officials are also worried about the exchange of prescription drugs such as Ritalin.

While the report indicated a higher incidence of drugs at the school than he would have liked, Petix said his decision to focus on the issue was equally prompted by anecdotal observations and conversations with recent school graduates.

graduates.

He said his decision to bring drug-sniffing dogs into the school was not prompted by a desire to punish students, but was instead motivated by his desire to keep the school drug-free.

"Part of this is a deterrent," Petix said. "I don't want to catch kids selling, using or possessing drugs, I just want to keep them out of school."

Anyone caught with drugs will be arrested on the spot and taken out of the school in handcuffs, Petix said. When they return to school, violators will have access to student assistance counselors, professionals working with students that have drug problems.

So far, the deterrent seems to be working.

"Students have been asking me, 'When are the dogs coming?'" Petix said. "I've told them it's not going to happen just once."

"Schools like (Westfield High School) and others in our socioeconomic group have as much drug involvement as other kinds of towns," Petix continued. "People want to believe that the issue is someone else's."

## Book sale at the JCC

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — The JCC of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Ave., will be celebrating Jewish Book Month with a festival and book sale.

The annual Book Festival opens Nov. 13 during an open house and runs through Nov. 17.

Visitors will be able to find books ranging from those suited to the youngest of readers to adult titles, including biographies, best sellers and cookbooks, as well as books on the Holocaust. Health and wellness texts, including those focused on diet and exercise, will also be available. The sale is timed to allow residents to shop early for Hanukkah gifts and supplies. Gelt, candles, dreidels and more will be available.

The festival runs 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 14, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 15, 8:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 16 and 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17.

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## Winning ticket sold in township

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — A Pick 6 Lotto ticket sold in the township has won the top prize of \$2 million for the drawing held on Monday, Oct. 18.

William Jourdain, the lottery's acting executive director, announced that one of the approximately 1 million tickets sold for the drawing matched all six numbers drawn.

The winning ticket was purchased at Wallis Stationery on Park Avenue — and according to a resident who came to the Township Council's Tuesday meeting, no one has yet claimed it.

The winning numbers were 9, 28, 42, 43, 46 and 48.

Officials from the New Jersey Lottery and management at the local store did not return calls seeking comment at press time.

## Development forums continue

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**FANWOOD** — In the second forum to solicit public input on the borough's redevelopment plan, residents continued to voice concerns, criticisms, and accolades about the concept.

At the beginning of the Oct. 20 meeting, consultant Dave Roberts presented information about the existing redevelopment plan, which was adopted in 2002. He also offered portraits of potential redevelopment concepts to those in attendance, duplicating his presentation at the first forum in September.

A 6.5-acre tract of land in the heart of the borough has been designated as an area in need of redevelopment since 2001, but some say the need for downtown revitalization dates back decades.

Earlier this year, the borough received a \$50,000 Smart Growth grant, which the Borough Council is using to fund the public process and pay a consultant. The public process is being driven by a

Downtown Advisory Committee, chaired by Councilman Joe Higgins.

At the meeting, many residents thanked Mayor Colleen Mahr for reopening the redevelopment process to public input. Others indicated opposition to redevelopment due to traffic, density, and tax concerns, and some residents pushed for a quicker process.

Referring to an unrelated mixed-use building on South Avenue that was approved by the Planning Board over the summer, resident Hillary Kaluski said three-story buildings "change the character of what a small town should look like."

"If this is what's going to be there, Fanwood is going to look a lot different," she said.

Resident Eric Wandell advocated creating an attractive place for pedestrians in the redevelopment process, even indicating support for a parking structure if it would allow for more open space downtown.

"I would support (a project) if it would increase the green space

and create park-like areas in the interior of the redevelopment area," he said.

Residents Marshall Krugman and Dale Flowers pressed for a varied overall appearance in the downtown, to preserve the continuity of the central business district.

Joel Stroz and Maureen Mawby, Republican candidates for Borough Council, urged the council to move forward on the process, pointing to the need for additional commercial ratables.

Downtown property owner Joe Ponzio, however, lauded the decision to build consensus on an overall redevelopment plan. "I'm very positive about the whole project moving forward," he said.

Answering concerns about the possibility of increasing property taxes and impact on the school district, resident Russ Wells said, "Children add vitality to the town, and all of us benefit from the school system."

A third forum on redevelopment will be held sometime in December.

## District is receiving pledges for turf field

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**WESTFIELD** — The school district has received \$165,000 in financial pledges from local athletic organizations that support the proposed turf field and new track at Kehler Stadium, Superintendent William Foley said last week.

The financial contribution will be used to offset the property tax burden on homeowners, a concern sure to be voters' minds when they decide the fate of the project at the polls Dec. 14.

The \$1.4 million project would result in the installation of a synthetic track to replace the current surface, which is nearly 20 years old and has fallen into disrepair. But more than \$1 million of the project's costs are attributable to the artificial turf field component, which school officials say would create nearly 600 two-hour time slots for athletic use at Kehler Stadium between April and November.

Much of the potential new use would be available to community athletic organizations. For that reason, the Westfield Soccer Association and Westfield Lacrosse Association have each pledged \$50,000 for the project. Other pledges have been received from the Friends of Girls Lacrosse (\$30,000), The Police Athletic League (\$25,000), and the Friends of Westfield Track (\$10,000).

Foley said he was encouraged by the financial commitments the district has received to this point, and said he expects to receive \$200,000 in pledges by the time voters cast their ballots.

"This sends a strong message to the community that this is a project (athletic organizations) believe in strongly enough that they're willing to support it financially," Foley said. "It shows a willingness to make an extra effort."

Other pledges may come from the Westfield Boosters, and Foley plans to speak about the subject before the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 19. Also, Holy Trinity and the Westfield Flyers will be holding a fundraiser at Kehler Stadium in mid-November.

Pledges from community organizations will be paid over the course of five years, Foley said. The project is expected to be paid for by issuing 10-year bonds, and the project will have a useful life of 12-15 years.

The Town Council is also exploring the possibility of converting two small fields on Lamberts Mill Road to artificial surface, though that measure would be funded separately and will not be subjected to voter approval.

## Candidates trade barbs in county debate

By LAUREN TRAMOR  
THE CHRONICLE

**CRANFORD** — The Republican challengers for positions on the Union County Board of Freeholders called for change at a debate last week, saying that the county Democrats have mismanaged county-run programs, have mishandled finances, and have not been honest in awarding contracts.

Democrats, in turn, claimed that the Republicans are not qualified to hold freeholder seats and that continued progress would be best achieved through the re-election of the incumbents.

Republicans Frank Arena from Westfield, Bruce Paterson and Pat Quattrocchi of Garwood, and Joe Renna of Cranford faced off against Democrats Bette Jane Kowalski of Cranford, Adrian Mapp of Plainfield and incumbent Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth

at the Oct. 20 debate, sponsored by the Union County League of Women Voters and held at the Cranford municipal building.

Alexander Savin of Union, who is running as an independent, also participated in the forum.

Most of the candidates are competing for the three three-year terms on the board, while Paterson is seeking a one-year unexpired term created by the resignation of Nicholas Scutari. His opponent for that seat is John Wohrab, who had been serving in Scutari's stead but recently resigned from the board after he was allegedly involved in a domestic violence incident.

Wohrab did not participate in the debate. But because of election deadlines, his name will remain on the ballot; if elected, he will hand the seat to Nancy Ward, a Linden attorney and the Democrat chosen to replace

Wohrab.

At the debate, Republicans accused the freeholders of hiking taxes gratuitously and spending too much on personnel and freeholder benefits while not offering explanations to the public.

The Democrats, in turn, blamed an increasing tax rate on cutbacks at the state and federal levels, and pointed to the necessary costs of Union County's Open Space Trust Fund, which was passed by public referendum four years ago.

"At the county level, we have had to pick up the slack," said Kowalski. "To provide the kinds of services the people expect, there is a cost."

And while the Democrats touted the fund as an antidote to suburban and urban sprawl, Republicans called for a stricter interpretation of qualifying projects.

"The problem with the county

is mismanagement," said Renna. "They are using funds to build and renovate on open space — it's not what the voters voted for."

The prescription drug program for seniors the county has implemented also came under fire, with Republicans Paterson and Renna calling it a "farce," saying the program actually costs more money than it saves. Arena said the program is an example of redundant services offered by the county.

The Democrats, however, said they view the program as a success and are hoping to expand it to benefit all residents of Union County.

"People need to be more responsive to the needs of the elderly, and improve their quality of life," said Savin, who was prompted to run for freeholder when his wife entered a county-run facility that he found alarming.

County funded arts programs further divided the panel, with Democrats praising the success of their current programs, and Republicans saying that more could be done with less redundancy, lower administrative costs, and more accountability.

## Police Log

### WESTFIELD

Officers arrested Thomas Dunn of Fords for theft by deception Oct. 20. He was held in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Officers arrested Danny Robinson of Westfield on charges of "criminal attempt" on Oct. 22.

A Winyah Avenue resident filed a report of theft Saturday.

A Stanmore Place resident filed a report of criminal mischief Saturday.

Officers arrested William Vandenschoten of Cranford for driving while intoxicated Saturday.

A resident of Prospect Street reported Monday that someone wrote graffiti with lipstick on her car.

A resident of Ludlow Place reported her son's bicycle was stolen while it was left unlocked at Roosevelt Intermediate School Monday.

Perello Construction reported the theft of metal fencing from a construction site Tuesday.

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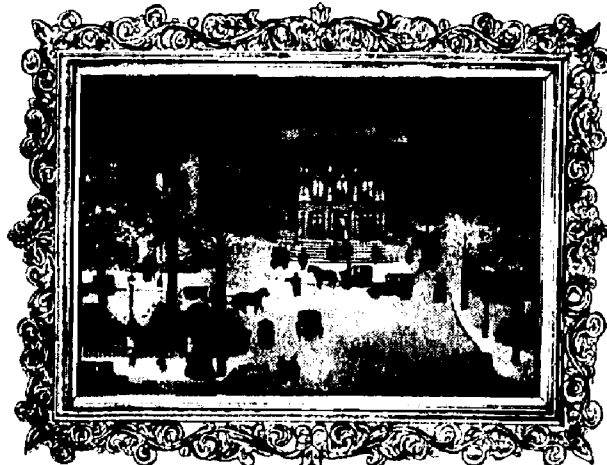
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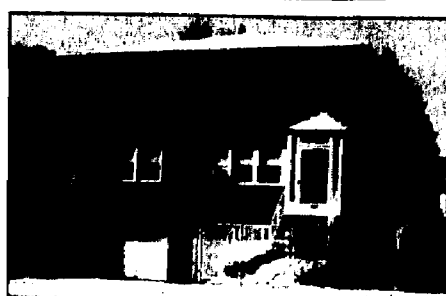
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## Briefs

### Superintendent's Coffee scheduled for Tuesday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The first Superintendent's Coffee of the school year will be held 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the media center at Terrill Middle School.

This is an opportunity for parents to share with Dr. Carol Choye their questions, concerns and compliments about the schools and to hear more about what is happening in the district.

Refreshments will be served for this informal gathering, which is hosted by the SPF PTA Council.

For more information, contact Margaret Ames, PTA Council vice president, at Ameseast@comcast.net or (908) 322-5805.

### Parent/teacher sessions planned in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Public school students in the elementary grades will attend a reduced session Tuesday to allow for parent/teacher conferences.

Grades 1-5 will attend class from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Morning kindergarten students will attend from 8:30-10:15 a.m., while afternoon kindergarten sessions will be held 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Westfield Public Schools will be closed for all students and teachers on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 4 and 5, to permit teachers to attend the NJEA Convention.

Business can be transacted with school offices and the Administration Building from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

### College Woman host fall fundraiser Nov. 13

WESTFIELD — On Saturday, Nov. 13, the College Woman's Club of Westfield will team up for its fall fundraiser with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

The public is invited to attend the pre-concert wine and cheese party at 6 p.m. at the home of Jennifer and Barry Jaruzelski, 210 South Euclid Ave. Party admission and a concert ticket is \$40 per person. Those who would like to attend just the party may do so for \$20.

The concert will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Broad Street and Mountain Avenue at 8 p.m. The evening program features "Prague," Mozart's Symphony No. 38 in D, "Serenade in E for strings," by Dvorak, and "Serenade for Violin, Strings, Harp and Percussion" by Bernstein.

Those interested may send a check made out to "College Woman's Club" to Mrs. Lynn Adams, 218 Canterbury Rd., Westfield, NJ 07090.

The College Woman's Club gives scholarships each year to outstanding and deserving young women from Westfield. Fundraising events such as this one are a source of income for the club's scholarship fund.

### Costume contest at Westfield nursery

WESTFIELD — Williams Nursery at 524 Springfield Ave. will host its 12th annual Halloween costume contest at 2 p.m. Saturday. Participants are encouraged to arrive early.

There will be three age categories: 5 years and under, 6-12 years, and adults.

First place winners for both the 5 and under and the 6-12 contests will receive \$50 cash, and the second place prize will be \$25 cash. Third place is a beanie baby.

First place prize for the adults will be a \$50 nursery gift certificate, and second place will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate.

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Surrounded by her one-of-a-kind hand-crafted dolls, Margo Seaman has a hard time choosing two of her creations to donate to the silent auction portion of the Silver Snowflake, the Presbyterian Church in Westfield mission gift sale to be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 13, in the Assembly Hall, 140 Mountain Ave. in Westfield. All proceeds go to mission projects, locally and around the world.

## A wide variety of products on sale at Silver Snowflake

WESTFIELD — "We are fortunate to have so many talented and generous church members," said Margo Seaman, chairperson of the Time and Talent silent auction department of the upcoming Silver Snowflake sale at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue.

Besides Seaman's own dolls, the items for this year's sale include several paintings by well-known local artists, sculpture, a prize-winning hooked wool wall hanging, a large stained glass piece, hand-made tables, antique school chairs, piano music for a party of the bidder's choice, a cellist, three landscape consultations and a meeting with a design consultant, with more pouring in each day as the Nov. 13 sale approaches.

Originally started in 1960 as The International Gift Sale and featuring only international artisans, the sale evolved nine years ago with a different thrust.

Taking the lead in the change, the Presbyterian Women renamed the sale and incorporated a fresh approach by requesting talent from within the church and adding a gourmet section with baked goods and specialties.

Additionally this year, they have concentrated on finding several new sources of goods created around the country, including Navajo jewelry and Appalachian Cabin Crafts.

Individually crafted, the products all reflect a unique quality. With the wide range of goods featuring toys, glassware, holiday decorations, eyelash yarn scarves, Oriental rugs and furniture, there sale is designed to have a universal appeal.

All of the items sold at the Silver Snowflake sale are "fair trade" items, meaning that the artisans have received a fair wage for their work. Many of them are cottage industries, seeking an outlet for their goods.

The benefit of the sale is two-fold, providing a market for the artisans and earning funds for mission projects supported by the Presbyterian Women.

## Children's author will visit library

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library is hosting several programs for children and adults during the coming week.

A workshop titled "Computer Talk & Discussion: Job Searching on the Internet" will be held 7-8:15 p.m. Monday; the program will explore the possibilities of combining traditional job search methods with the Internet. Participants will look at full-service job sites, New Jersey jobs, civil service, federal job opportunities and employment services. The basics of posting a resume online will be demonstrated.

The hands-on class "Steps around the Stacks" to be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, will cover basic library skills such as using the online catalog from inside the library and from

home, navigating the library's web page, using e-books and placing inter-library loans from inside the library and from home.

The video, talk and discussion session "Why We Loved Lucille Ball" will give visitors a chance to listen and laugh at America's leading lady of comedy from 1:30 p.m. Nov. 5.

Children are invited for a presentation, question and answer session and book signing with Jim Murphy, Newbery-honor author, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 6. Murphy chronicles the story of how one tiny mosquito to forever changed history and science in *An American Plague*, Newbery Honor book of 2004. Students in Grade 4 and up are invited; children must have a valid Westfield Memorial Library

card to attend.

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

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

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

## Friday Film series resumes at library

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library's Friday Film Festival resumes in November with three movies. The series remains completely free, and all films start at 7:30 at the library.

The library also announced that thanks to the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library, all films will now be viewed on the library's big-screen, home theater surround-sound system, making the Friday Night Film Festival all the more exciting.

On Nov. 5, the month begins with *The Day After Tomorrow* (PG-13, 124 min.), a big-budget, special effects-filled look at what the world would look like if the greenhouse effect and global warming continued at such levels that they resulted in worldwide catastrophe and disaster, including multiple hurricanes, tornadoes, tidal waves, floods and the beginning of the next Ice Age.

At the center of the story is a paleoclimatologist, Professor Adrian Hall (Dennis Quaid), who tries to save the world from the effects of global warming while also trying to get to his son, Sam (Jake Gyllenhaal), who was in New York City when the city was overwhelmed by the chilling beginnings of the new Ice Age.

The series continues Nov. 12 with *Casablanca* (not rated, 102 min.) In 1942, Michael Curtiz produced this film, a Hollywood classic, with renowned performances by Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. In *World War II Casablanca*, Rick Blaine (Bogart), exiled American and former freedom fighter, runs the most popular nightclub in town.

The cynical lone wolf Blaine comes into the possession of two valuable letters of transit.

When Nazi Major Strasser arrives in Casablanca, the sycophantic police Captain Renault does what he can to please him, including detaining Czech underground leader Victor Laszlo. Much to Rick's surprise, Laszlo arrives with Ilsa (Bergman), Rick's one-time love. Rick is very bitter towards Ilsa, who ran out on him in Paris, but when he learns she had good reason to, they plan to run off together again using the letters of transit.

The month's offerings conclude on Nov. 19 with *Shrek 2* (PG-13, 92 min.) With an all-star cast of celebrity voices including Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Julie Andrews, John Cleese and Antonio Banderas, this movie picks up where *Shrek* left off. Viewers find the newlywed couple right after their honeymoon going to Princess Fiona's parents for dinner. When a Fairy Godmother discovers Fiona and Shrek are married, she reminds the king about a deal they agreed on years ago that Fiona should have married Prince Charming, her son. The king then hires a cat named Puss-in-Boots, a sword-fighting cat and ogre slayer to kill Shrek.

The series is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library with the cooperation of Palmer Video in Scotch Plains. For more information, call the library at (908) 322-6400.

## TV program highlights one school each month

WESTFIELD — A new program will be seen on TV-36 beginning Tuesday. "Focus on Our Schools" will spotlight one Westfield Public School each month.

In November, McKinley Elementary School will be featured. The show can be seen 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 2 and 10 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays and 4 p.m. Sundays at 4 pm through Nov. 21.

"So many good things are happening in your schools everyday in every classroom," said Superintendent William J. Foley. "We invite our Westfield community to tune in to 'Focus on Our Schools' to experience some of the everyday learning as well as unique events in each school."

McKinley Principal Claudia Andreski added, "I am thrilled that McKinley School will be

featured in the debut of 'Focus on Our Schools.' Our students and teachers are happy to share a glimpse of life at McKinley with the public."

John Burns, TV teacher at Westfield High School, and Peter Basler, TV technician, directed and produced the show. "Basically, it's a 20-minute visit to a school through the eyes of the TV camera," said Burns. "We're excited to bring the information and the enthusiasm of the school children and staff into Westfield homes."

Immediately following the "Focus on Our Schools" program in November will be a segment featuring Washington School second grader Alex Fromm and the visit by the Wiernmobile to Westfield, made possible by Alex's contest entry and his interest in helping his friend, who suffers from Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

### Chemidlin supports club's calendar

Ginger Rachko (right) and Mari McDavitt (left) of The College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains recently presented Fred Chemidlin, CEO of Family Investors of Fanwood, with a plaque recognizing his 40th year as an advertiser in their Community Date Calendar. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of this calendar goes towards scholarships for young women in Scotch Plains or Fanwood who are pursuing a four-year degree at an accredited college.



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# Commentary

## It's our responsibility to get out and vote

Nobody knows how many will go to the polls next Tuesday.

In the years since Watergate, voter participation in elections has steadily declined as cynicism about politics has increased. The United States, the birthplace of democracy, lags behind most other democratic countries, where at least three-quarters of eligible voters go to the polls.

In the last presidential election, only a little over half of the registered voters went to the polls; that's not good for the continued health of our democracy.

Every vote makes a difference. Remember the nip and tuck battle in Florida four years ago? The cynical statement that it doesn't matter for whom you cast your vote just isn't true. There are huge philosophical differences between the Republicans and Democrats at the national level; the two parties have fundamentally divergent views on the role that government plays. The platforms put forward will have a serious impact on all of our lives.

As citizens, we all have the responsibility to research where each candidate stands on the issues, and what each is likely to do if elected. Character is important, too — not because we need a president who is always upright in his personal conduct, but because we must be comfortable that when presented with situations no one can anticipate, he will be up to the challenge.

And your vote also makes a difference in your hometown. Frequently, elections on the local level come down to a handful of votes, often requiring recounts themselves. County and especially local electoral campaigns may not be shaped by grand differences in political philosophy — a savvy voter will not vote for the same party down the ballot under the assumption that the political dynamics at the national level also exist in local races.

But both sides in local races often hold divergent views on the issues and bring varying skills — differences of emphasis, priority and decision-making style that will have a real impact in your community. These issues will affect your pocketbook, once the quarterly property tax bill arrives in the mail, and your quality of life.

Polls will be open next Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; you can vote before or after you go to work. If you care about your hometown, you should vote Tuesday.

More importantly, if you are proud to be an American and value your rights and freedoms, then you should vote on Tuesday. That's the single best way we can strengthen our democracy and make clear that we cherish and celebrate our liberty.

## The Record-Press is here for you

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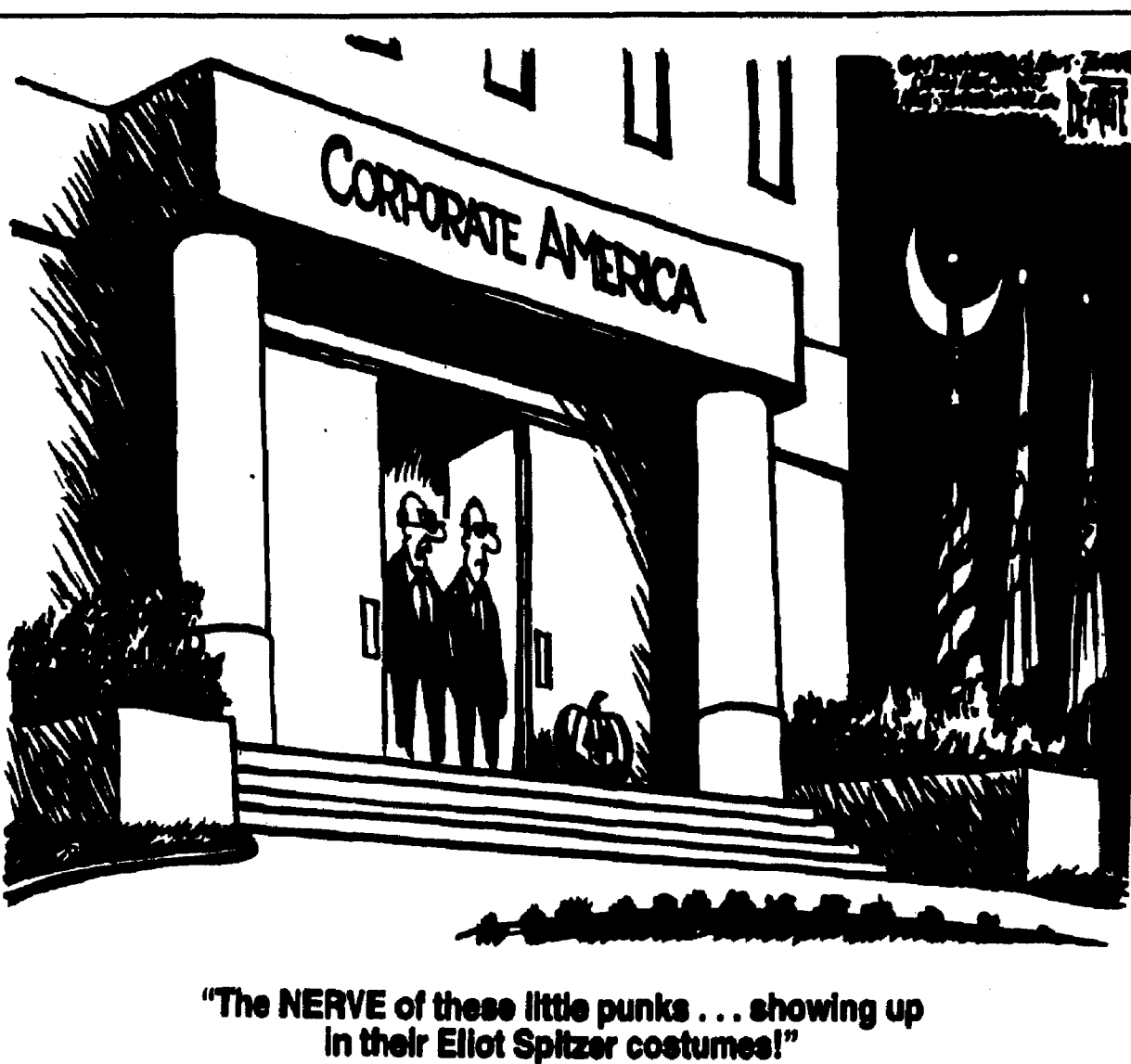
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Letters to the editor

## One-party rule should be prevented

To The Record-Press:

About 10 years ago I became an American citizen. I gave up the citizenship of the country I was born and grew up in — Germany — because I had lived in the U.S. too long to still qualify for voting in my former hometown, Hamburg. For me the right to vote is important enough to justify a change of citizenship.

Otherwise, the change of passports didn't change much in my life. Even before my (American-born) wife and I moved from Germany to the U.S. in 1987, I had visited the U.S. more than 30 times, so I had no difficulty adjusting. And after our two kids were born here, my ties to the United States became even closer.

However, around election time something becomes evident that always bothers me. I have to overcome my inner feelings, which try to tell me that here, in a country which is among the oldest democracies, we don't take our democratic responsibilities seriously enough.

In Germany, for instance, following democratic principles which the U.S. had re-invented there after the Second World War, elections guarantee both a diversity of opinions and a majority to enable responsible government. A government by members of one party alone was only known in the neighboring socialist countries, not in democratic West Germany — neither at local, state nor federal levels.

However, here in the U.S., we seem to copy some ingredients of communist realities: In many organizations we elect members to leadership positions after having been presented with exactly the same number of candidates as we have slots to fill. In many towns, we have elected councils consisting of members all representing one political party. Counties have freeholders who are all Democrats or all Republicans —

the Union County Freeholder board is entirely Democratic.

These people have been voted into their positions, no doubt about it. But the results of our voting habits are not as good as they could be, because these public officials are not confronted with real alternatives before they decide — and as a consequence one of the most important advantages of our democracy is wasted.

Admittedly, we Americans have the right to vote personalities into offices, irrespective of whether they are Democrats, Republicans or independents running against the candidates nominated by the two big parties. But I wish the average American voter would more often look at the big picture before making her or his choice in the voting booth: If, as the saying goes, "all politics is local," we better eliminate all one-party government on both local and county levels in order to make our democracy work at grass root levels.

I live and vote in Scotch Plains. It's a town where almost everything is being taken care of in a way decent people can agree with (although, I believe, an integration of Fanwood could save the taxpayers in both entities quite some money). But I have to use the word "almost," because in Scotch Plains all elected members of the local council — including the mayor, who has a vote, too — are members of one political party. We have the possibility to change this — and not only in Scotch Plains — on Nov. 2. I think we should. For the sake of democracy, not because we are being ruled by incompetence.

We deserve serious discussions and choices at local and regional levels.

DR. FRITZ BAUER  
Scotch Plains

## GOP clarifies claims on spending

To The Record-Press:

The current Fanwood Borough Council has increased spending in this year's budget by 6.2 percent over the budget passed in 2003. You wouldn't know that, however, if you were listening to the borough's newly-appointed chief financial officer. When questioned on the increase, the CFO chose to lump in flow through grant funds from last year to obscure the increase in budget expenditures. Fanwood residents should be aware of what is going on at Borough Hall.

In 2003, the Borough Council passed a budget of approximately \$6.5 million; in 2004, the current council increased budget expenditures to more than \$6.9 million. These expenditure figures are important because they determine what Fanwood's tax burden will be for each budget year.

They should not be confused with the fact that the prior administration was able to secure additional funds after passing the 2003 budget, in the form of grants to do things like repair the storm sewers and realign the ball field at LaGrande park, which had no impact on the expenditures slated in that year's budget.

In contrast, the current council's decision to rely upon a discretionary aid package from Trenton to make ends meet means that they have merely punted the hard work on the budget to 2005. In February

of this year, the current Fanwood Borough Council approved an 11.3 percent tax increase and, for the first time in memory, petitioned Trenton for an extraordinary aid package to avoid the double-digit municipal property tax hike rather than trying to cut spending in other areas.

As a result, taxes went up even with the extraordinary aid and the 2005 budget will face the same serious problems.

The flaw in the council's approach surfaced when the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that Trenton's gimmick of borrowing \$2 billion of future tax revenue to close this year's state budget gap was unconstitutional and could not be repeated next year, making a repeat of the 2004 extraordinary aid package to Fanwood unlikely in 2005. Fanwood may now have to go through an immediate cold turkey withdrawal from the extraordinary aid dependency created by the current council.

We, Maureen Mawby and Joel Stroz, pledge to bring true financial responsibility to the Fanwood Borough Council. To preserve Fanwood's future, however, we first need your vote on Nov. 2 — Column B.

JOEL STROZ  
MAUREEN MAWBY  
Fanwood

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

## No perfect solution for Wf. parking

To The Record-Press:

General George S. Patton once said that "A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow."

Those words are especially true in our present parking debate. For 40 years, Westfielders have been discussing parking and waiting for the perfect plan to emerge which will solve all our parking woes. But only one thing has become clear . . . there is no perfect solution.

Many disagree on this issue, but rest assured of one thing — the Westfield Town Council has the best interest of this town at heart. While members of the council may want to proceed in different directions, we all agree on the ultimate goal of making Westfield a better place to live and raise a family.

Your Town Council has volunteered countless hours and has put forth to you a parking system

plan which satisfies many of the needs of our various constituency groups by providing additional parking.

In fairness, the critics will be the first to tell you that the plan is less than perfect, and that is correct. We all have concerns, but in truth, there is no perfect plan. However, I feel that we have done our job. Now it is your turn.

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, you will go to the polls and decide the future of our wonderful town. Your Town Council, having set forth a plan as a potential solution, is now asking for your input.

At the end of the day, the simple question which I ask you is this — Is this a "good plan" or is there more work to be done? I am listening.

JAMES FOERST  
Westfield

## Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

## The value of loyalty is fading

This column has previously run in this space.

When I was coming of age in the 1970s, there was no greater insult than being accused of "selling out." Yes, it was a silly and — from the perspective of the new century — relatively innocent time when allegiance to principle still mattered. Materialism was the opiate of The Establishment; if you did your own thing, it was cool.

Now, three decades later, you don't hear the phrase "selling out" anymore. It's a phrase as quaint and meaningless as "groovy" or "jeepers." Not only is the phrase out of fashion but, sadly, so is the concept.

The generation incubated in the Reagan nursery sees life as an exercise in evolutionary commerce. Members of this generation see themselves primarily as economic entities. You do what you like, but if a better offer comes along, you snatch it like a vulture swooping down on road kill.

Baby Boomers like myself are caught in the middle. My parents' generation believed in loyalty to an employer and it was not unusual for a person to remain with the same firm for all of a working life. If you switched jobs every three or four years, which seems to be the norm now, you got branded as someone who could not keep a job. People began wondering about your character.

It is ironic that at a time when cultural critics from the right, left and center bemoan the loss of traditional values, the American workplace encourages occupational promiscuity. Gone are the days when a traditional value such as loyalty was valued and rewarded by loyalty. Workers who devoted themselves to the service of a single employer now find themselves offering embarrassing apologies why they remained in the same job for so long. There was a time — the post-World War II boom — when worker pride and loyalty fueled the American economy; now even the most secure and staunch worker is not protected from the gales of change and the ruthless pursuit of insatiable profits.

In an economic culture such as this, the worker who refuses to "sell out" is an oddity, a creature seen with a mixture of respect, puzzlement and pity. These workers see a job more than just a way to climb the stairway to riches; they're proud of what they do and they probably pour too much of their heart and soul into a task. Their reward is more than just a paycheck; they find pleasure in the work itself and satisfaction in the end result. If it weren't for the economic necessity, they would probably do the job for free. They are a vanishing breed.

Life is much more expensive than it was a quarter century ago. In the 1970s we didn't have to pay for such technological necessities as videotapes, pages, cell phones, CDs, Internet access and the monthly cable television bill. Medical and auto insurance premiums gouged a smaller hole out of your pocketbook. By all accounts you have to work harder today just to keep your head above the red ink; that's the primary reason why the workplace is a wicked breeding ground of stress. The safety net that loyalty used to provide no longer exists.

Some of that is due to the diminishing power of unions. Worker solidarity is another quaint trait relegated to the nostalgia of *The Nation* and the *Village Voice*. Contemporary workers, because of their belief in evolutionary commerce, are only concerned with their own economic survival. While unions abused their influence in many cases — notably in government — the partnership between unions and employers was a key ingredient the post World War II consumer spending boom that has sustained our economy ever since then.

At a time when we wring our hands about the erosion of traditional values from our culture, we should turn our attention to the workplace. As long as the workplace is bereft of those values, our culture will be too.



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## WHICH ISSUE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

**JOHN BRONSKI**

Scotch Plains

The fact that Mr. Bush is a liar. He has no intelligence and he is surrounded by people who have their own agendas to meet, and what that is I have no idea.

**ALLISON LOWENSTEIN**

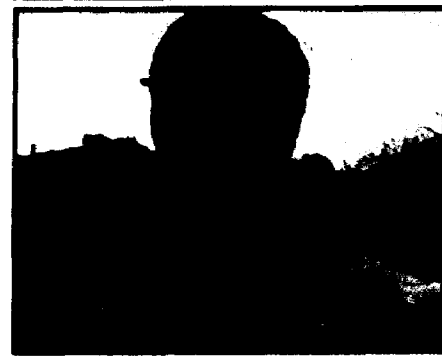
Westfield

The appointment of Supreme Court justices.

**JOHN MCLAUGHLIN**

Roselle Park

The economy, and the high price of petroleum. As a matter of fact, that's one of the reasons I'm not voting for Bush.

**JONETTE BOYD**

South Orange

Health care. I just lost my insurance because I can't pay my premium on it.

**HEATHER ELLIOTT**

Bedminster

I guess it would be the war in Iraq — I have a daughter in the Air Force.

## Letters to the editor

## Councilman: Deck proposal is plagued by flaws

## To The Record-Press:

On Nov. 2, Westfield residents will head to the polls to cast their votes for our national and local leaders and to give critical input to a long-standing issue: whether the town's parking problem should be solved through the construction of a \$10 million garage at Prospect and Elm.

During my four years on the Town Council, I have worked hard to keep open and honest communications with my constituents on topics ranging from rising property taxes, public safety initiatives, road repaving projects and what services need to be prioritized in our community. To that end, I also believe it is just as important for elected officials to show leadership when you believe something is not good for our community and to back your beliefs with facts. To me, it is the first rule of good government, and Westfield residents deserve nothing less.

With that in mind, I ask all Westfield residents to consider the following weaknesses and shortcomings for the garage proposal at Prospect and Elm:

**Inefficient design.** The town's engineering consultant has opined that the irregular shape of the Elm and Prospect lots has resulted in a design with excessively wide turning lanes. As a result, the average cost per space

in the garage has risen from \$16,000 per space to \$18,000 per space, or a 13 percent penalty for inefficiency.

**Expensive price for only 244 new spaces.** Although the town is proposing a garage with 493 spaces, it must be emphasized that 210 of those spaces already exist today and another 39 must be reserved for the developers' private retail and residential needs. At \$10 million of principal, the average cost for each new space added is \$40,900; when you include interest over the life of the bond, it may exceed \$75,000 per space.

**Poor traffic conditions.** The town's traffic engineer measured existing traffic movements around the Prospect and Elm site. These 16 movements were graded alphabetically (A-F), and this site received the lowest score in all of downtown: 2 D's, 3 E's and 6 F's. The traffic study also measured 151 additional turning movements in 26 other intersections in downtown, and these movements yielded a grand total of only 5 F's. If public safety is one of our major concerns as residents and elected officials, why are we proposing putting more traffic into one of the most congested intersections in town?

**Parking rates have risen sharply and will continue to rise.**

More than four years ago, the council doubled all parking meters to 50 cents an hour and doubled long-term permit rates (via two rate increases) for commuters and downtown employees, just to study the situation. Under the proposed parking plan, all on-street meters will rise to 75 cents and long-term permits will initially rise 11 percent to \$780 per year. On top of that, both on-street meters and long-term parking permits will increase by 10 percent every three years to pay the debt on 244 net new spaces. Say hello to \$1 per hour on-street meter parking and annual commuter permits approaching \$935 by 2010.

**Debt burden is unfairly assessed.** The cash flow model estimates that these user groups will repay the following percentage of debt if the garage moves forward: shoppers (46 percent), commuters (31 percent), downtown employees (17 percent) and the Downtown Westfield Corporation (6 percent).

Revenues from the proposed redevelopment (approximately \$175,000) are about equal to the operating costs of the deck. Ask yourself, who is receiving the benefit of this proposed structure and who is really paying for it?

The waiting list for a long-term parking permit for down-

town employees is only about 80 people. We are building 244 net spaces to accommodate only 80 downtown employees on a waiting list?

Finally, I would ask Westfield voters and taxpayers, who are ultimately guaranteeing this bond, to reflect on whether this project is the biggest priority in terms of our town's infrastructure. Are you satisfied with the conditions of our roads, sidewalks, storm drainage and athletic fields?

On Election Day, Westfield citizens are being asked to support the town's largest "investment" of all time by supporting a \$10 million bond proposal. I ask you, does an expensive and inefficiently-designed garage for only 244 spaces, that is located in the most congested area of downtown, and supported primarily by shoppers and commuters with the highest parking rates in Central New Jersey sound like a good investment decision?

I think not, and I am convinced that there is a better solution to our parking issue.

I look forward to hearing from the voters on Nov. 2.

**PETER ECHAUSSE**

Westfield

The author is a member of the Town Council representing the First Ward.

## Prosecutor: County takes steps against bullying

## To The Record-Press:

All across our nation this month, Americans will participate in programs that aim to prevent domestic violence, child abuse and bullying. When I was growing up, society accepted bullying as a normal part of growing up, and that sometimes a life lesson could be learned by standing up to the person who was bullying you. But the world is a different place today, and the tragic events on April 20, 1999 at Columbine High School called us to attention.

As Union County's chief law enforcement officer, I have jurisdiction over all crimes committed in the county, and our staff works

each day to investigate, arrest and prosecute criminals. We also dedicate many resources toward preventing crime and intervening before situations get out of hand.

The Prosecutor's Office has taken a leadership role in the county's anti-bullying, anti-violence, anti-drug and anti-gang educational efforts. We are trying to protect our youth, our most valuable resource.

In every criminal act, there are perpetrators and victims, who both suffer short- and long-term consequences. The physical and emotional scars of the victims are real, and we work with those who are scarred, battered

or emotionally traumatized each day, whether in our Victim/Witness Advocacy, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence or Juvenile Justice Units.

On Sept. 6, 2001, New Jersey became one of 15 states to pass legislation addressing bullying, harassment and intimidation. The law requires every school district to have a policy in place to address prevention strategies and stop this negative behavior, thereby making school personnel accountable for intervention at the earliest detection. But schools are not solely responsible for combating bullying, drugs and violence. Adult intervention is required no matter where chil-

dren, youth or young adults chat or congregate.

Bullying, harassment, and intimidation are common antisocial and aggressive behaviors, and pervasive forms of violence which should not and cannot be accepted as "a normal rite of passage."

I urge you to join us in proactive work to help stop the pain that bullying causes and to intervene for the sake of our children and all youth who are affected by the ravages of drugs, violence and gang activity. They are our future, and they deserve our help and protection.

**THEODORE J. ROMANKOW**

Union County Prosecutor

## Resident refutes claims on Fanwood's budget

## To The Record-Press:

As a longtime Fanwood resident and observer of local politics, I am writing in response to the letter by Donna Zucker published in last week's edition.

The fact is that the Borough

Council passed a \$6.9 million budget in 2004, roughly \$400,000, or 6.2 percent, more than the preceding year's \$6.5 million budget. CFO Fred Tomkins is simply wrong, as he was when he insisted the

library could make a loan to the borough without council approval. Like many residents, I am dismayed that our new mayor had to go begging to Trenton without first trying to reduce our spending as much as possible.

Ms. Zucker also stated that the two Republicans on council did not make any suggestions to reduce the budget. Yet, I recall that in 2003 Councilwoman Kathleen Mitchell voted against that year's budget, without presenting a single idea as to how to reduce expenses or enhance revenues.

With respect to downtown redevelopment, the current council has taken us completely

back to square one. Instead of meetings throughout the year, as promised by Mayor Colleen Mahr, we have had two hastily-arranged pre-election day meetings (one on back-to-school night when many residents with school-aged children could not attend).

There has been a lot of complaining about what we do not want, but no substantive discussion as to what to do. The previous administration not only had public meetings but also advanced beyond the talking stage, selecting a developer and proposing an actual plan for discussion.

**SOPHIE KAUCHAK**

Fanwood

## Resident makes plea for greater tolerance

## To The Record-Press:

Being a graduate of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Class of 1972, it's not an uncommon occurrence to deal with such issues as discrimination.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of exposure to cultural differences people begin to underestimate the humanitarian aspect of the individual person. When people are not informed about people from a human perspective and more in tune to relationships of color awareness, one loses the whole concept of the personal human being.

So, it's an unfortunate situation that is taking place at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, but I hope that everyone realizes that we all bleed the wonderful color of red.

Please learn to accept and respect diversity, because we are all from a different place and time hoping for the American Dream.

**MARILYN L. MASON**

Scotch Plains

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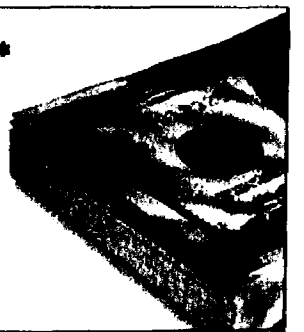
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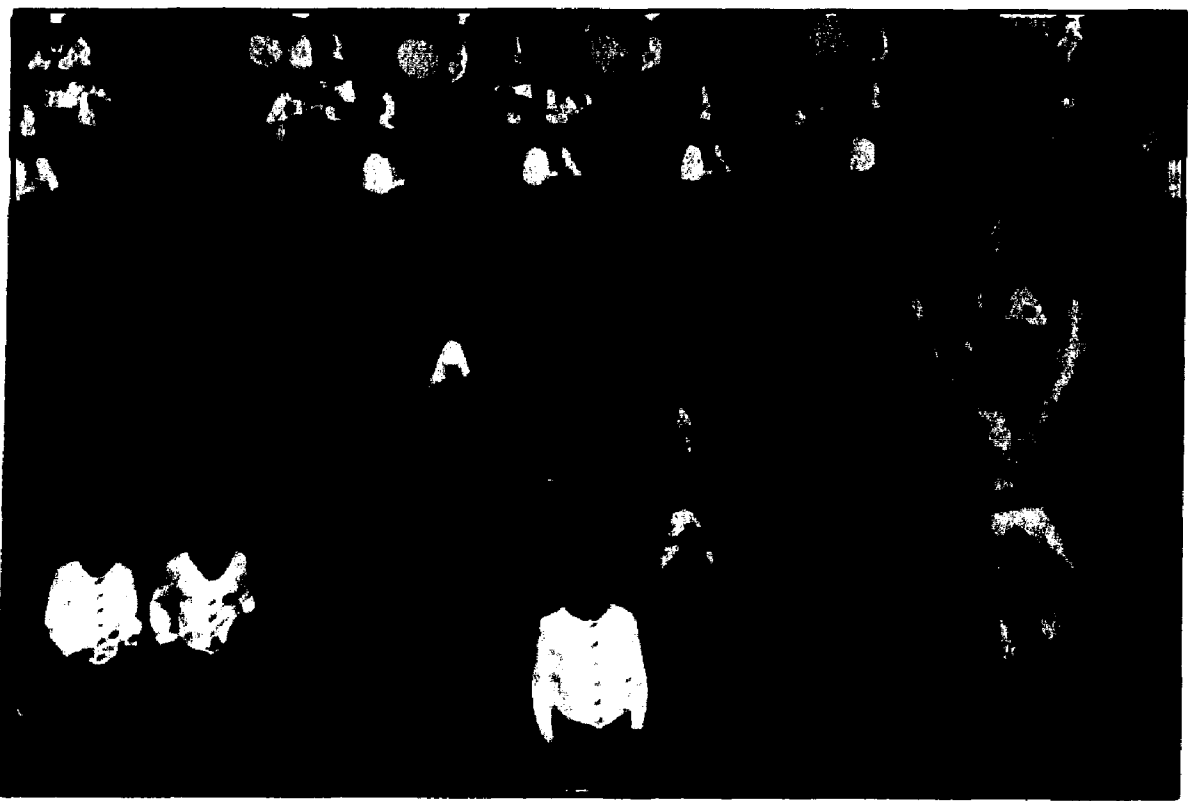
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## Cream of the crop

Westfield High School Marching Band won first place in its group at two USSBA competitions held at North Brunswick High School on Oct. 9 and at Sayreville High School, Oct. 16. The band also won awards for Best Color Guard, Best Percussion and Best Music at Sayreville. The band is under the direction of Michael Fackelman. This year's production is titled "Locomotion" and features train-inspired music, marching and choreography. The band will be competing for the NJ State championship at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands on Oct. 31. Above from left are Color Guard members Cara Paulin, Julia Nelson and Amy Bourke. At right, the band at work.



## Program offers tips on mental health issues

**WESTFIELD** — From 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 4, a special informational event will be held at the Family Support Organization of Union County, located at 137 Elmer St. The guest facilitator will be Richard Hlavacek, executive director of Families and Communities Together (FACT).

The program is designed to provide an opportunity for parents and other caregivers to hear a knowledgeable professional discuss how children become psychologically "labeled," and how to understand what can look like

confusing medical jargon.

Popular with parents, Hlavacek is the director of FACT, a Union County organization that helps families who have children with behavioral and emotional challenges find the resources they need.

Hlavacek is a school psychologist who has worked for over 25 years developing services for adults and children with serious mental illness. He recently appeared on television's "Caucus New Jersey" with Steve Aduato, addressing issues of mental health and disadvantaged chil-

dren, and he is a member of the New Jersey Division of Child Behavioral Health Services Advisory Committee.

Hlavacek will address the topic of mental health diagnosis and children's behaviors. He will explain the language of mental health professionals, how to access and understand information about a child's diagnosis, and how parents can develop helpful strategies responding to "labels."

The Family Support Organization (FSO) supports Union County families who are raising a child with special emo-

tional or behavioral needs by offering support groups, educational forums, and phone assistance at (908) 789-7625.

The FSO, along with FACT, Youth Case Management, and the Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization System, are partners in Child Behavioral Health Services under the state Department of Human Services.

The event is offered free of charge, but reservations are suggested. To reserve, be placed on a mailing list for future events, or for further information, call Gail or Kathy at (908) 789-7625.

## Program is quite a 'Stretch'

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Free and open to everyone, the fall session of Stretches For Health begins Tuesday at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

Classes will continue through the fall on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the lounge at Willow Grove.

Connie DiDario, a certified yoga instructor, will teach participants many different techniques and aspects of exercise, all of which are done while sitting in chairs.

Although the main thrust of the program has been to help seniors get and stay in shape, this class is suitable to anyone interested in maintaining and improving health.

DiDario stated that the enthusiastic responses she had received during her 30 years of teaching yoga prompted her to make available the same kinds of invigorating and enjoyable exercises to people in her own church, Willow Grove, and in the surrounding communities.

She said, "This kind of exercise promotes excellent circulation of your blood and limbers up your muscles and joints, it fosters youthfulness, it's a nice way to meet other people, and best of all, it's fun!"

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

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Rd.

## This week

### THURSDAY OCT. 28

**NETWORKING BREAKFAST** — hosted by the United Way of Greater Union County's Women's Leadership Initiative. 8-10 a.m. Galloping Hill Inn, Union. \$30. (908) 353-7171, ext. 117.

**'BUILDING STRONG CHARACTER TRAITS IN CHILDREN'** — a presentation by Dr. Anthony Coletta. 7:30-9 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran School, 229 Cowperthwaite Place, Westfield. Free and open to the public. (908) 232-1592.

### FRIDAY

#### OCT. 29

**CUT-A-THON** — to benefit Community FoodBank of New Jersey. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Haircut Beach, 1985 Route 22 West, Scotch Plains. All haircuts \$2.

### SATURDAY

#### OCT. 30

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

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST** — 12th annual event hosted by Williams Nursery. 2 p.m. 524 Springfield Ave., Westfield. (908) 232-4076.

**YOUTH BAND NIGHT** — presented by Westfield High students at First Baptist Church 6-10 p.m. 170 Elm St., Westfield. (908) 233-2278.

### SUNDAY

#### OCT. 31

**FALL FEST** — free family fun at Terrill Road Baptist Church. 3-6 p.m. 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. 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. 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.

**COVENANT PLAYERS** — a performance by the Christian drama group at First Baptist Church during morning services. 170 Elm St., Westfield. (908) 233-2278.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** — hosted by the Scotch Plains Lions Club. 8 a.m.-noon. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains. \$5. (908) 753-8218.

**GIANT BOOK SALE** — annual event held by the Friends of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. 1-5 p.m., continues 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 1, 414 East Broad St., Westfield. (908) 232-8506, ext. 10.

**BLOOD DRIVE** — at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment needed.

### MONDAY

#### NOV. 1

**FAITH IN WESTFIELD AWARDS DINNER** — annual event presented by the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, (908) 233-3021.

### TUESDAY

#### NOV. 2

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COFFEE** — parents in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district can meet with Superintendent Carol Choye. 9:30 a.m. Media center at Terrill Middle School. (908) 322-5805.

### WEDNESDAY

#### NOV. 3

**REAL ESTATE TIPS** — pre-

sented by Mothers & More. 7:30 p.m. Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St. (908) 789-8626.

**'OLD-TIME ELIZABETH'** — a talk by historian Jean-Rae Turner at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society. Noon. B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. (908) 233-2930.

### THURSDAY

#### NOV. 4

**UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH JARGON** — a guide for parents, presented by facilitator Richard Hlavacek and the Family Support Organization of Union County. 6:30-8:30 p.m., 137 Elmer St., Westfield. Free, but register at (908) 789-7625.

### SUNDAY

#### NOV. 7

**ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR** — free program presented by the Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation. 1-3 p.m. At the hospital, 150 New Providence Rd., Mountainside. To register, (908) 301-5410.

**'LET'S SHOP ISRAEL'** — JCC of Central NJ hosts craft fair, with all merchandise made in Israel. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-8800, ext. 205.

### COMING UP

**MARLENE ROTH YOUNG CAMPAIGN DINNER** — hosted by the Roselle-Cranford Chapter of Hadassah. 6:15 p.m. Nov. 9. Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford. \$40.

**UMBRELLA GALA** — black-tie event to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital. Nov. 13. Pier 60, Chelsea Piers, New York City. Sponsorships and tickets available, call (908) 301-5463.

**GRANDMA'S ATTIC PLUS** — thrift shop sale at Scotch Plains Baptist Church. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 13. 333 Park Ave., two blocks south of Route 22. (908) 322-5487.

**WINE AND CHEESE FUNDRAISER** — presented by the College Woman's Club of Westfield prior to a concert by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. 6 p.m. Jaruzelski residence, 210 South Euclid Ave., Westfield. \$40 for party and concert, party only \$20. If interested, send check made out to "College Woman's Club" to Mrs. Lynn Adams, 218 Canterbury Road, Westfield 07090.

**'JEWISH PRESENCE ON BROADWAY'** — a program led by Herbert Golub about some of Broadway's great composers. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. \$10, \$5 over age 60. Register by Nov. 5 at (908) 889-8800, ext. 207.

**BOOK FESTIVAL** — week-long program begins at the JCC of Central NJ. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 13, runs through Nov. 17. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-8800, ext. 205.

**MERRILL CREEK RESERVOIR** — a trip led by the Greater Watchung Nature Club. Carpool will leave from the south side of the Fanwood train station 8 a.m. Nov. 13. For more information, (908) 377-2755.

**CAMP YACHAD OPEN HOUSE** — learn about the programs offered next summer. 1-3 p.m. Nov. 14. JCC of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-8800, ext. 253.

**BLOOD DRIVE** — at Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains. 5-9 p.m. No appointment needed to donate whole blood; to donate platelets, call (908) 889-1891.

**'THE JEWS OF IRAQ'** — a presentation for Congregation Beth Israel's HAZAK group by Tamara Ruben, who was born in Iraq and was raised in Israel. 1 p.m. Nov. 17. 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains. Register at (908) 889-1830.

**MENTAL HEALTH PLAYERS** — educational performance presented by the Youth Partnership of the Family Support Organization of Union County. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield. Free, but reservations preferred at (908) 789-7625.

**VENDOR SALE** — sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 27. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. Tables available for \$35; contact Jessi@world-net.att.net by Oct. 25.

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# Community Life

## Briefs

### YMCA offers dance classes for youngsters

FANWOOD — Kids from ages 3 to 7 can enjoy morning, afternoon, after-school or weekend dance classes at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA.

Ballet, jazz, tap and a combination class for 3-year-olds, which are offered at the Y's main facility on Martine Avenue, are housed in a studio with dance barres, mirrors, and a professional dance floor.

While not a performing studio, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA dance program finishes each year with an in-house dance that features minimal costuming and upbeat themes such as "Disney" and "Americana." Students also perform in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day parade.

Since beginning in April 2001 with 25 students, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Dance Program has grown to include 80 dancers. Coordinator Jenny Logus, best known for directing the Broadway Dance Center in New York City from 1985 to 1989, is responsible for co-founding the children's program.

From 1991 to 1998, Logus was owner and artistic director of the Westfield School of Dance and the Westfield Dance Company. She also served as co-founder and choreographer for the Westfield Young Artist's Cooperative Theatre until 1998.

In addition to the dance classes, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA offers a variety of youth programs that include swimming, gymnastics, basketball, roller hockey, and Tae Kwon Do. Open registration for the late fall session begins Nov. 6. For further details, call (908) 889-8880.

### Tips on estate planning offered at Children's

MOUNTAINSIDE — Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation is hosting a free estate planning seminar 1-3 p.m. Nov. 7.

The featured speakers for the seminar are Anita J. Siegel, Michael O'Brien, and Sal LaGreca.

Topics to be covered include general estate planning, retirement benefits, lifetime gifting, use of powers of attorney, living wills, healthcare proxies, living trusts and charitable planning.

The seminar will be held at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Rd. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to reserve a space, call (908) 301-5410.

### Real estate agent at 'Mothers' meeting

WESTFIELD — Planning to sell or buy a home in the near future? Plan to attend the Mothers & More meeting Wednesday, where a real estate agent will be on hand to answer questions. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St.

This meeting will also be an opportunity for mothers in the area to find out more about the Chapter's activities, which include mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, book club and more.

Mothers & More is a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for mothers to connect and learn from one another on issues related to family, work and life.

The Union County Chapter holds meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Y.

For more information, call K.C. at (908) 789-8626 or Kim at (908) 889-2286, or log on to [www.geocities.com/mothersandmore10](http://www.geocities.com/mothersandmore10).

### Mental health group offers free performance

WESTFIELD — The Youth Partnership of the Family Support Organization of Union County of Westfield invites Union County youth between the ages of 13 and 21 with behavioral and mental health challenges to attend an interactive education performance by the Union County Mental Health Players.

The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield. It is free and open to the public, but reservations are preferred; call (908) 789-7625.

## Designing women call Scotch Plains home

### Emmanuel, Swanson each offer unique styles

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Though the fashion-literate are probably more likely to flock to Fifth Avenue than Hunter or Mountain avenues, they might be surprised to learn that two talented clothing designers call the township home.

Designer Ann-Marie Emmanuel moved to Scotch Plains in 1991 and launched her DeCher Collection line five years later. Emmanuel, a native of Trinidad, says she has a love of designing clothing that dates back to her childhood. Her Caribbean heritage is evident in her contemporary designs, which range from the austere to the extravagant.

"In my family, my mother sewed clothes, and when I was a little girl I was always making doll clothes," she said. "I've always had a love for fashion."

A lifelong artist, Emmanuel

spent much of her life working on watercolor paintings and other art forms. She is also a musician and plays the steel drum, an object that appears in some of her designs.

Emmanuel began modeling at age 18, an experience that aroused her interest in fashion design. As she learned more about the industry, however, she developed a preference for working independently.

"It's a very difficult and competitive field," Emmanuel said. "I stayed away from the industry because I realized I would work as a designer and not get credit for it... I don't want to lose my passion for it — when you go into the industry, you lose that."

In 1996, Emmanuel unveiled what she calls INVESTments — a line of upscale pieces for both men and women featuring air-brushed and handpainted designs on vests. Some pieces from the line feature images of New York and the World Trade

Center. Others were inspired by summer jazz fests and include outlines of instruments and silhouettes of musicians like Miles Davis.

"Sometimes musicians buy them as a uniform to enhance their stage presence," she said.

Other vests are reclamation projects or use found materials which are then redirected into an unusual new design. One vest, for example, consists of a series of neckties sewn into a horizontal pattern.

Emmanuel calls another of her clothing lines "Serendipity," since many of the designs came from unintended but fortuitous circumstances. The line was created exclusively for women, and features silky gowns adorned with mellifluous, vibrant designs.

*"Something interesting happens to women when they put on one of the jackets — they suddenly blossom."*

— Sandy Swanson

"I don't strive for perfection," Emmanuel explained. "If something doesn't turn out the way I wanted it to, I just continue. Every mistake becomes part of the line."

Perhaps her most popular clothing series is the Denim Reconstruction line, built around her ideas about the conservation of resources, practicality, and comfort. Emmanuel takes abandoned jeans and denim jackets and converts them into pants, skirts, sweaters, and shirts.

"Everyone loves wearing jeans and denim anyway," Emmanuel said, noting that her clothes are made for women of all sizes. "And usually jeans fit, so I just design from that."

About a mile to the east of Emmanuel's studio, designer Sandy Swanson plies her own unique trade, which she describes as "city chic."

The Vermont native and 37-year-Scotch Plains resident said she was taught to sew by her grandmother at age 5. After many years of working full-time in the corporate world to support her passion, Swanson began to sell her own clothing lines.

"I was able to focus in on design, do some shows, and listen to women to see what they need," Swanson said.

Swanson's clothing is designed exclusively for women, and consists of jackets, robes,



Sandy Swanson's clothes are tailored with the women who wear them in mind.

and dusters that range from casual to dressy. She uses vintage and imported fabrics for her creations, which are often embellished with beads, ribbons, and braiding.

"Something interesting happens to women when they put on one of the jackets — they suddenly blossom," she said.

Because her clothes are hand-stitched and not mass-produced, Swanson said each piece can take as long as two full days to complete. That's quite a contrast, she said, to mainstream clothing items, which are often produced offshore in large quantities.

"I only buy enough fabric for 10 jackets," she said, proudly displaying one of her reversible coats. "Women know they're getting something nobody else has."

Much of today's fashion is very boxy, Swanson explained. So her creations are form-fitting, a feature she says is attractive to larger women. And many of the colors, tapestries, and other features she infuses into her clothes work together to create a

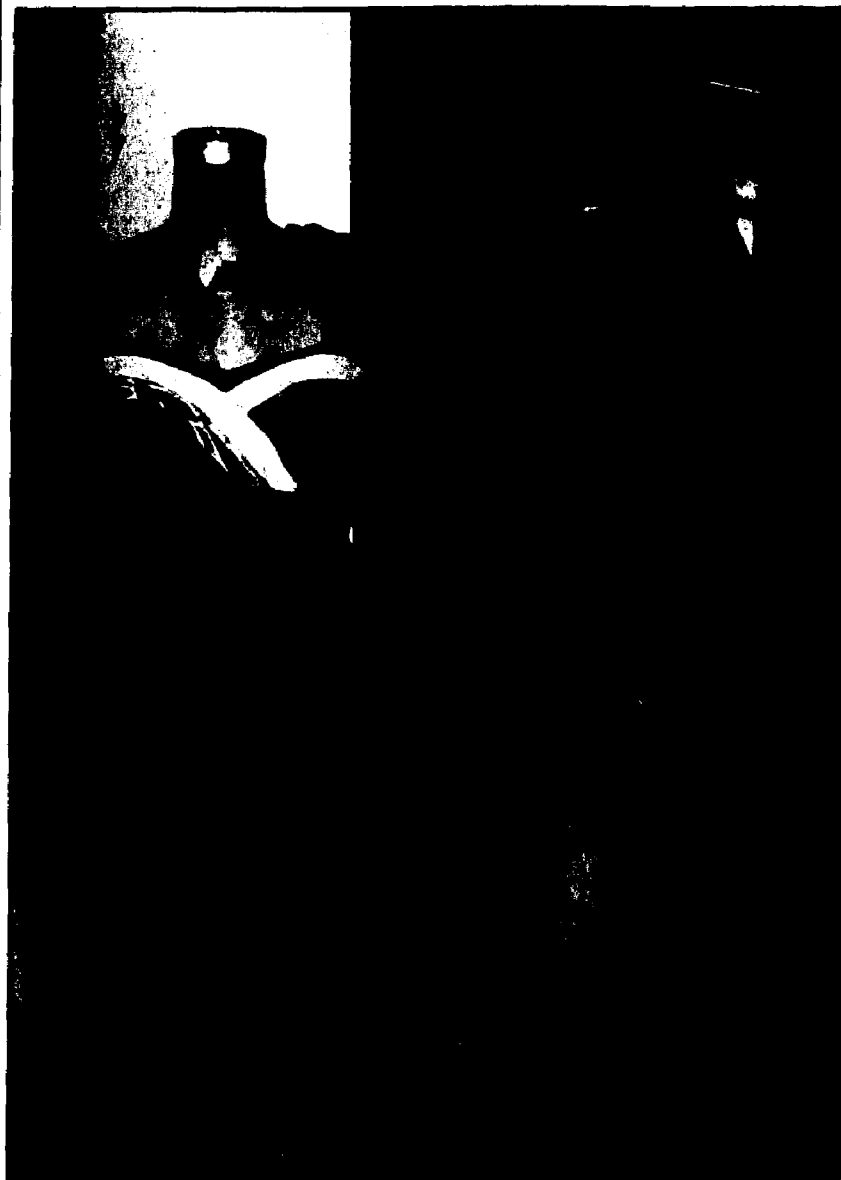
slimmer appearance, she said.

Swanson has participated in fine arts shows both locally and across the country. Most recently, her work has been on display in Boston, Pittsburgh, and Fort Lauderdale — both exposing her work to a wider audience and inspiring brisk sales. Swanson's clothes typically sell for about \$150 and up.

But she remains inspired by her art form, and says she is committed to making women feel beautiful.

"Women want to be remembered for what they were," she said, wistfully. "They want to feel good about themselves."

Emmanuel is hoping to open a retail location by next summer, but to see her work now, visit [www.decher.biz](http://www.decher.biz) or call (908) 322-1371. Swanson will display her work at the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival in Somerset this weekend. For more information about the show, call (800) 210-9900. For more on her clothes, visit Swanson's website at [www.liliesbysandy.org](http://www.liliesbysandy.org) or call (908) 233-7119.



Ann-Marie Emmanuel stands beside one of her creations.

## Union Catholic to host Casino Night November 12

CLARK — On Friday, Nov. 12, Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains will host a Casino Night at the Gran Centurions, located at 440 Madison Hill Rd.

Union Catholic has contracted with Tumbling Dice Entertainment, licensed by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and the Casino Control Commission of New Jersey, to run the event. A leader in the production

of Casino Night theme parties for non-profit, private and corporate sectors, the professional staff of Tumbling Dice will make both the novice and the experienced player feel right at home.

The environment will be similar to a real casino, and the majority of the croupiers currently work as dealers in one or more of the casinos in Atlantic City.

Guests at Casino Night will purchase

a "money card", which will be exchanged for chips at the gaming tables. A variety of games, including poker, carib poker, blackjack, roulette and a big six wheel will be open to players.

The ticket price of \$35 per person covers admission, hot hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert. A cash bar will be available for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

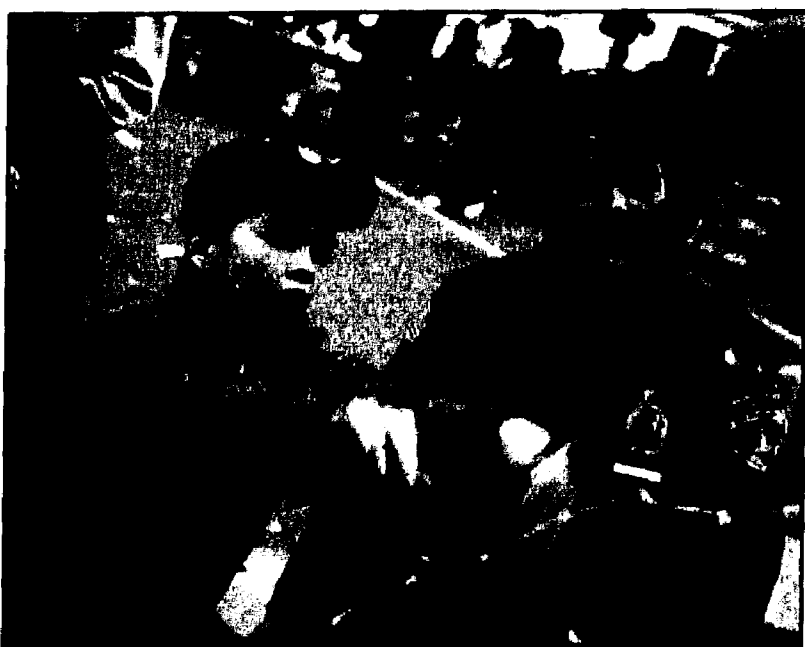
The evening begins at 7 p.m., and

guests will have a chance to learn how to play the various games during the first half hour. At 7:30, the games will officially begin.

At the conclusion of the evening, guests can exchange chips for raffle tickets to be used towards a variety of prizes.

For additional information or to purchase tickets for Casino Night, contact Betsy Thornton at (908) 889-1600, ext. 302.

### Celebrating a drug-free life



BROOKS CRANDALL/CORRESPONDENT  
Union County youth were treated to a host of healthy activities in Nomahegan Park Saturday as part of Red Ribbon Day, an event that promotes a drug-free lifestyle and remembers those who have given their lives to fight the drug trade. At right, kids scaled a climbing wall; above, Andrew Castellone of Westfield takes a shot as Sandi Kneipner of the Union County Department of Corrections looks on.



# 'Illusions' puts work by three women on display at Guild

The next art exhibit at The Arts Guild of Rahway, "Illusions: Collisions/Collisions," features new works by Patricia Cudd, Anuradha Das and Erena Rae.

The exhibit runs from Nov. 17 through Dec. 10; an opening reception will be held 1-4 p.m. Nov. 21. Admission is free.

This exhibit is curated by Cudd, a former assistant curator for prints and works on paper at The Zimmerli Museum, New Brunswick.

The exhibit brings together three printmakers, Das, Rae and Cudd, who use a variety of printmaking processes to explore ways in which women try to conform to the norms of society, and the way these efforts nonetheless cause conflict for them.

Using visual images, text or combina-

tions of both, along with handwork, fabric and sewing, these works explore conflicts within women's lives that stem from their actions adhering to or avoiding society's expectations.

Das confronts some of the issues faced by women in her native country, India. She focuses on how women are affected by war and on the resurgence in the use of veils. While tradition holds that veils are used to protect women, they can also obscure and keep from mind and sight women and their issues.

Her print, "Chilman: Relegated Behind The veil," is not framed, but hung loose, emphasizing that a chilman is a curtain and so is the veil. "Living in Their Shadow" includes fabric and beading, feminine attributes which are a delicate contrast to the strong images of linocut and

wood relief.

Rae, with a background in drawing, printmaking, graphic design and typography, has a strong interest in language. Always alert to what is written or said, she presents in her works the dichotomies inherent in words or statement.

Typography is a strong element in the design of her work. "Happy Secretary's Day" addresses conflicts inherent gifts of flowers and candy — these items are intended as recognition for service, yet they are hardly professional. "Portrait of the Artist as a Woman" addresses how women are reared to place the needs and wants of others before their own, and to accept direction and decisions from others.

Cudd explores the intersection of text and image. She often works by combining

words or short phrases with images. In her aprons, the symbol of motherhood and home, she expresses some of the conflicts in women's lives.

"Sweet Sour" and "Mirror" are made of small intaglio prints cross-stitched together, making a feminine art (embroidery) an integral part of the work.

Her "Game 1," a monoprint with photopolymer intaglio and collage, has images of young girls being overwhelmed by text.

Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Appointments are available for school visits and groups.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit center for the arts, located at 1670 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. The Guild presents an ongoing series of art

exhibits featuring a broad range of artistic styles and mediums and primarily showcases the works of emerging New Jersey artists.

The Guild also presents jazz and classical music performances and multi-weekly session of art classes and workshops for adults and children at all levels of experience.

This program is made possible in part by a grant from the NJ State Council in the Arts, Department of State a sister agency of The National Endowment for the Arts. The art exhibits series at The Arts Guild of Rahway is sponsored by Merck & Co., Inc. For information about this exhibit or other programs, contact The Arts Guild of Rahway by phone at (732) 381-7511 or by email at artsguild1670@aathlink.net. Or, visit online at [www.rahwayartsguild.org](http://www.rahwayartsguild.org).

## Teatro Si presents flamenco artists in Fuego!

The Latin dance group Teatro Si will present *Fuego!*, a new dance presentation with special guest Nelida Tirado, at 8 p.m. Nov. 6 and 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

Tirado's dance roots lie deep in the world of flamenco, classical Spanish dance and Latin rhythms. At the age of 6, she began her training at Ballet Hispanico in New York, where she was also schooled in ballet and the technique of Martha Graham.

Puerto Rican by birth, Tirado's continued exposure to the rhythms of salsa and rumba only enhanced and enriched her style of flamenco. This was the foundation on which she built her own unique, fiery style of flamenco dance.

Tirado continued with Ballet Hispanico, where her talent was immediately noticed and she was awarded the Tito Puente scholarship. Barely out of her teens, she was invited to join Jose Molina Bailes Espanoles and toured within the United States for the next several years. Already a skilled performer, she joined Corlota Santana's "Flamenco Vivo" company and was the soloist dancer for several national tours. In 1997, she received the prestigious artist in residence grant from the New York Foundation for the Arts.

Tirado's desire to learn and experience the cultural heritage of flamenco led her to Spain in 1997. She first went to Madrid and then Seville, only to return that winter to perform at the Palacio de Los Congresos in Granada with Juan Andres Maya. Following that performance, Tirado was inundated with offers, including the opportunity to dance in La Compania Maria Pages, one of the most renowned and innovative flamenco companies in Spain.

After working with La Compania Maria Pages, Tirado returned to work and tour with the New York Metropolitan Opera's "Carmen." She was also a



Nelida Tirado performs in *Fuego!* Nov. 6-7 at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

key dancer in the mBroadway production of "Riverdance." And most recently, Tirado performed in New York City with the Madrid-based company, "Noche Flamenca."

She has made a name for herself by adding her Latin roots to traditional flamenco. Her outstanding footwork and her expres-

sive arms further add to her presence.

She is joined in *Fuego!* by special guest dance artist Edwin Aparicio, who began his dance career studying ballet and modern dance in the Washington, D.C. area. His introduction to flamenco led him directly to intensive studies with La Tati and Tomas de Madrid in Spain and where he returns annually to study and perform. In the U.S., he studied with Goyo Montero and Ana Martinez. Aparicio made his flamenco debut in Madrid in 2001 at the legendary Casa Patas.

Aparicio has performed with the Washington Opera in *El Gato Montez* in 1997, and in the 2003 production of *Don Giovanni* directed by Placido Domingo. He toured the United States with Reynaldo Rincon's *Romeria Flamenca* and

was a guest artist at the first annual Chicago Flamenco Festival in 2002. He has been associated with the Washington, D.C.-based company Arte Flamenco as a dancer, choreographer, and teacher for five years, and has performed in venues across the U.S., including the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Together, Tirado and Aparicio bring their illustrious professional backgrounds to join with Lisa Botallo, Peter Suarez and the dancers, musicians and singers of the Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre Company in celebration of the flamenco.

Tickets are priced at \$30 and can be purchased at the State Theatre box office, located at 15 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick, or by phone at (732) 246-7469 or toll-free at (877) STATE-11. Tickets are also available online at [www.StateTheatreNJ.org](http://www.StateTheatreNJ.org). Group discounts are available.

For more information, call Teatro Si at (908) 301-9496 or visit at [www.teatro-si.com](http://www.teatro-si.com).

## Ori's photographs on display at Union's Les Malamut Gallery

Nancy Ori, an award-winning photographer and teacher, will hold her second show of photographs, "A Garden Journal," in the Les Malamut Gallery in the Union Public Library on Morris Avenue.

The exhibit will include photos of Union County public and private gardens. A public reception will be held in the gallery from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 6.

Ori has received a number of Union County HEART grants for photographic and video projects during her worldwide travels with her camera over the last six years, but has discovered that there are wonderful sites and images to share in her own backyard. The previous subjects covered by the Union County grants included an exhibit of the Union County Park System, a historic book of Union County, an exhibit of historic photographs of Union County, an exhibit of women in history of Union County, and now Union County gardens.

Ansel Adams was Ori's long-time mentor and teacher. Now she expertly expresses her own interpretation of landscape and architecture. Her newer photos include historical sites in Europe; Frederick Law Olmstead's park designs in New Jersey; black and white panoramic photos of landscapes and architecture in the Southwest; and scenes of Cape May, using various innovative photographic techniques in black and white and color.

She is a video producer for the New Jersey Media Center in Berkeley Heights and teaches workshops each year throughout the U.S. and Europe. She is also on the faculty of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Peters Valley Craft Education Center, The Morris Museum, and the Watchung Adult School. Each spring she holds photography workshops in Cape May.

Ori has published and exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the United States and Europe. Some of her many exhibits include: Palmer Museum, Springfield; Westminster Art Gallery, Bloomfield; Paper Mill Playhouse Gallery; Trenton City Museum; Newark Museum; Monmouth Museum; Bergen Museum of Art & Science; Liberty Science Center; Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, N.Y.; Salmagundi, New York City; Southern Light Gallery, Amarillo, Texas; Photo Gallery 2D, Chicago Heights, Ill.; and the Sacramento Valley Photographic Art Center, Sacramento. She is also in many permanent art collections.

The gallery is open during regular library hours, Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the library at (908) 851-5450.



NANCY ORI

## 'Movie Palace' series continues at the UCAC

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, the Union County Arts Center will present, for the first time in 62 years, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra in their motion picture debut, *Sun Valley Serenade*.

Shown in 1942 at the Union County Arts Center, then known as the Rahway Theatre, *Sun Valley Serenade* is one of only two films that Miller and the band filmed before his disappearance in December of 1944.

At 8 p.m. Nov. 26, the audience can celebrate the arrival of the holiday season at the UCAC with *Home Alone*, starring Macaulay Culkin. Santa will be on hand at the Arts Center at 7:30, before the film and immediately following the tree lighting at Rahway's town hall. As a thank you to the community for all its support, admission price is \$1.

At 8 p.m. Nov. 27, the UCAC and the Garden State Theatre Organ Society present Buster Keaton in *The General*. The original musical score will be performed live by Bernie Anderson Jr. at the Arts Center's restored Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ.

One of only three original theatre pipe organs still playing in New Jersey, the Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ, known as "The Biggest Little Wurlitzer," was instrumental in the success for the theatre's survival.

These films are all part of The Union County Arts Center's Movie Palace Experience Film Series; a recreation of the moviegoing experience that America grew up with in the 1920s through the 1950s.

From the restored auditorium to the restored Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ played before each movie, the Union County Arts Center is the only theatre in New Jersey that recreates every detail of a bygone era. Included in each program are vintage movie trailers and short subjects, some that audiences haven't seen in 50 to 60 years. All films are 35-mm and are presented in their original aspect ratio.

Ticket prices are \$1 for *Home Alone* and \$5 for *Sun Valley Serenade* and *The General* for all seats and may be purchased by phone at (732) 499-8226, online at [www.UCAC.org/MoviePalace](http://www.UCAC.org/MoviePalace), or in person at the Union County Arts Center box office, located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. Group discounts and handicapped accessible seating are available.

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# Little Opera Company brings latest show to David Brearley

The cast of *The Little Opera Company* of New Jersey will present two performances of Giuseppe Verdi's opera, *Un Ballo in Maschera*, 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at David Brearley Middle/High School, Monroe Avenue in Kenilworth.

Soprano Tiffany CasaSante, who made her debut with the Caramoor International Music Festival, will star in the role of Amelia. She has appeared at Carnegie Hall, with the Washington Symphony Orchestra, the Israel Vocal Arts Institute, the New York Opera Festival, Lyric Opera Cleveland, Opera Columbus, Columbus Light Opera and the Ohio Opera Theater.

In the role of Ulrica will be mezzo-soprano Elizabeth M. Mouton, whose credits include performances at Carnegie Hall and with the New Jersey Concert Opera, Stony Hill Players, American Singers Opera Project, Utah Festival Opera Company, Sarasota Opera and the Surrey Opera.

Tenor Juan Pineda will play the part of Riccardo. He has been in the Broadway cast of *Miss Saigon* and internationally in *The King and I*, and has appeared in various opera, film, stage, cabaret and recording projects in the U.S. and abroad. Pineda will be performing for the Concert of Excellence in Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center this November.

Kevin Pruner, bass, will portray the character of Tommaso. His experience includes performances with the Zwolle Opera, the New York Opera Forum, the Oratorio Society of New Jersey, the Brooklyn

Philharmonic and the Rotterdam Symphony.

Soprano Nadine Robinson has the role of Oscar. Her background experience includes performances with the Rutgers Opera Company, Berkshire Opera Festival, Spoleto Festival dei due Mondi, Spoleto Festival USA, Dicapo Opera Seminar and the East Coast Opera Society. This is Robinson's third appearance with the Little Opera Company.

Baritone Don Sheasley, who has appeared in many operas in the metropolitan area including Lincoln Center and Cami Hall, will perform the lead role of Renato. Sheasley is a lead baritone of Opera International and has recorded *Warm as Autumn Light*, a collection of arias, arts songs and Broadway classics.

The roles of both Samuele and Silvano will be sung by DeAndre E. L. Simmons. His career includes appearances with The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Company of Philadelphia, San Diego Opera, San Diego Symphony, the Columbia Pro Contare and the Starlight Civic Light Opera. Simmons has also done various television commercials for national chains.

The orchestra of professional musicians and community players will be conducted by Robert W. Butts, who made his operatic conducting debut with the Little Opera Company in Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, with international star Celeste Holm as narrator. Butts made his European conducting debut in 1999 with

Philharmonica de Stat Botosani in Romania and returned in 2002 for two additional performances. This spring, Butts was a guest conductor for the Philharmonic Society of St. Petersburg, Russia. In addition to conducting, Butts is a composer who has twice won awards at the Leo Traynor competitions.

Joining the professional cast are 35 teens from throughout Union County who will perform in ensemble roles. They have received training in language, musicianship, acting, stage movement, set design and dance.

According to Valerie Pineda, general manager of the company, these students are "getting a chance to work side by side with professionals in the field. For this performance of *Un Ballo in Maschera*, they will have rehearsed over 100 hours for the production, giving up Friday evenings and weekends."

The young performers include Kyle Aslin, Maevie Brady, Daniella Ciampa, Jessica Ciampa, Cara Costa, Stephanie Christiano, Connor Davis, Christina DeCristofaro, Joseph DeCristofaro, Kristen Dilzell, Jennifer Dilzell, Kelly Dohm, Jackie Douglas, Felicia Erlich, Maria Gabrewzewska, Catalina Gaglioti, Jennifer Gerken, Augustine Glazov, Rachel Hawkins, Katie Lauricella, Stephanie Louis, Pamela Marks, Michael Mielicki, Aleta Nadolny, Natalie Narotzky, Melissa Pantojan, Daniella Regencia, Willa Schaefer, William Shore, Amy Suznovich, Steven Teitjen, Sarah Queller, Julia Zappi, Christian Woo,

and Brian Woo.

Established in 2000, the Little Opera Company of New Jersey has set as its mission to promote the art of opera by bringing outstanding opera performances into local communities. The LOC "hires outstanding professional opera singers, directors and musicians and brings them to this community because they believe in the mission of LOC to create new artists and new audiences for opera," said Pineda. "This is our fifth year performing opera in Union County. Our audience has grown tremendously because of the positive feedback provided by audiences and critics alike."

Pineda continued, "The story of *Un Ballo in Maschera* is a perfect production for Halloween weekend. This mystical masquerade ball tells a tale of witchcraft, greed, love and honor. It is a challenge to present because of the quick scene and costume changes. This is a grand period piece."

This production is appropriate for audience members age 12 and older. Students at Brearley have been invited to attend the show free; interested students must call the NJWA office to reserve tickets for the performance. Admission prices are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$15 for those under age 18.

For ticket and reservation information on *Un Ballo in Maschera*, call (908) 789-9696. The Little Opera Company of New Jersey is a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, 150-152 East Broad St., Westfield.



Budding opera diva Catalina Gaglioti, a sixth-grader at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, will play the part of America's servant, a role usually performed by professional opera singers, in the production of *Un Ballo in Maschera* this weekend in Kenilworth. Catalina was the 2004 winner of the Young Artists Vocal Excellence Competition.



Tom Vella, Lucas Richardson and Eric Amadeo make up the Buster Cox Band.

## This local band is really bustin' out

The Buster Cox Band, comprised of Tom Vella, Lucas Richardson and Eric Amadeo, is making waves in the music world with its own brand of homegrown music. With Vella on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Richardson on lead guitar/backing vocals, and Amadeo on percussion/backing vocals, the trio performs a series of catchy original acoustic rock songs; their next appearance will be 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Lion's Den, 214 Sullivan St., between Bleecker and West Third streets in the heart of Manhattan's West Village. For tickets, visit [www.cegmusic.com](http://www.cegmusic.com).

Vella and Richardson, both Westfield High School graduates, began playing music together almost two years ago. Amadeo joined the two just months ago.

According to Vella, "Luke and I began performing together locally as a duo in October

2002, just for fun. Then things started to change about a year after that. We started getting some local press and we developed a bit of a following. That led us to be booked at some high profile shows at some great venues with some amazing musicians. With that momentum behind us, we decided to take the whole music thing way more seriously. We met Eric Amadeo at an open mic night at the Crossroads in Garwood in August and he just fit."

Since October 2003, they have had the privilege of sharing the stage with national headlining acts such as Tim Reynolds, Richie Havens, The Verve Pipe, The Wailers and Rusty Root.

For more information on the band and to hear what the buzz is all about visit, [www.BusterCoxBand.com](http://www.BusterCoxBand.com) or e-mail the band at [BusterCoxBand@aol.com](mailto:BusterCoxBand@aol.com).

## Artists Market is headed back to the Armory

The 21st annual Westfield Artists Market will take place Nov. 12-14 at the National Guard Armory on Rahway Avenue in Westfield. This juried fine art and fine craft show will present the works of more than 100 American artists.

The artwork featured will include fine art and fine craft in wood, jewelry, glass, leather, fiber, ceramics, oil painting and acrylics, mixed media, furniture, paper and metal and more.

The Westfield Artists Market is organized by husband and wife team Richard and Joanna Rothbard, who have launched other art and craft fairs including the Rockefeller Center Arts Festival in New York City. Richard Rothbard is an exhibiting artist in the Westfield Artists Market and will show his wooden puzzle box creations, called Boxology.

Show hours are 5-8:30 p.m. Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 13 and 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

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## WCP receives RECT Perry Award

Westfield Community Players (WCP) President Naomi Yablonsky recently announced that WCP is the recipient of a special Perry Award as an "outstanding community theater" in New Jersey.

The non-profit RECT (Recognition of Excellence in Community Theater) organization distributes the annual Perry Awards to spotlight achievements by artists of all disciplines involved in the performance and production of community theater.

Open to any community theater in New Jersey, the RECT organization sends reviewers to productions to nominate various shows and actors. RECT then hosts a season-ending awards gala to announce

the Perry Award winners and distribute other special awards.

Yablonsky said, "WCP is very honored to receive this award, which is a testament to the talent and dedication of cast and crew which graces our stage. The entire board of directors is very pleased to accept this award that recognizes and honors excellence in community theater productions."

She added that WCP is also a past recipient of a Perry Award; Lynn Langone was recognized for her portrayal of Maggie in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* during the 2002 season.

The Perry Awards are named in honor of William Perry Morgan, a gifted director, actor, composer and

musician who was a driving force in New Jersey community theater for many years.

Theatergoers are invited to the current production of Lillian Hellman's drama *The Little Foxes*, which concludes with shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, to see firsthand this award winning troupe. Call the box office at (908) 232-1221 for reserved seating at \$15.

Funding for the show was been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

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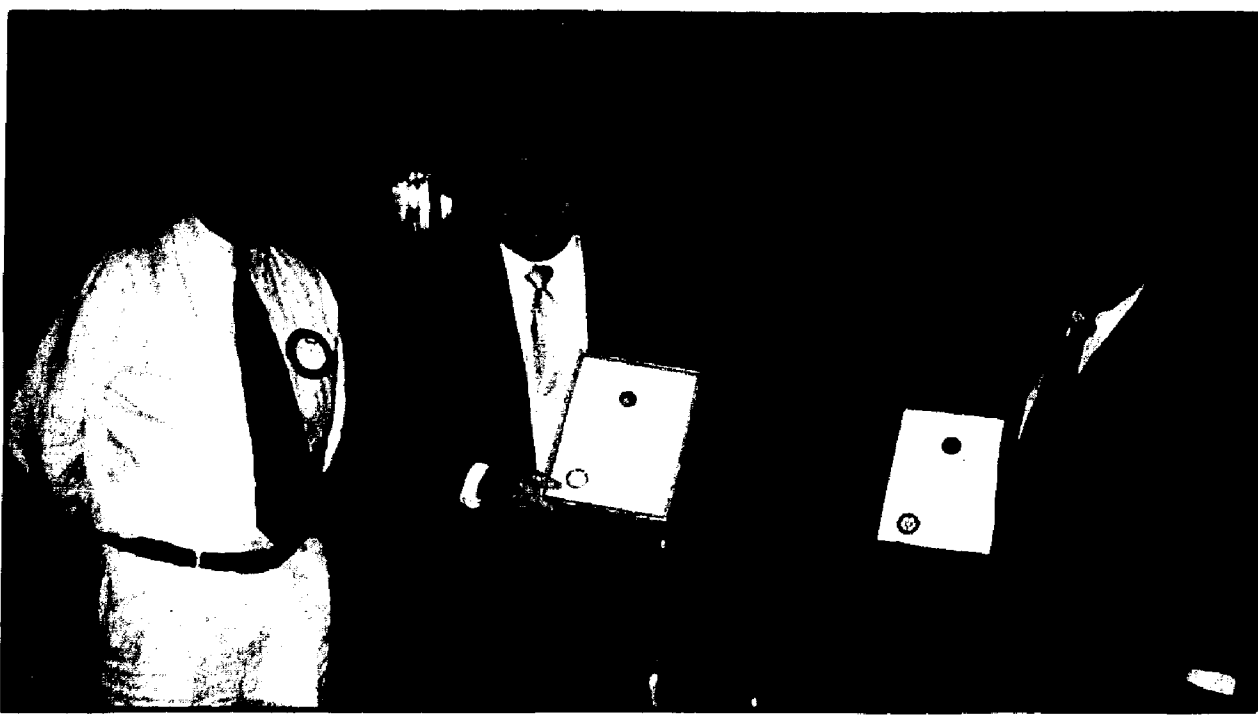
## Sean Duffy, Ray Pardon join F-SP Rotary Club

SCOTCH PLAINS — At a recent meeting of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, President Dwight Leeper assisted in the induction of two new members, Sean Duffy and Ray Pardon.

Duffy is a CPA and certified financial planner and has been in business for 15 years in the area. He specializes in taxes and financial planning. He is married and the father of two children. Originally from Long Island, he resides in Garwood and works in Scotch Plains.

Pardon has lived in Scotch Plains for 20 years with his wife and two children. For the past 10 years, he owned and operated Nuts 'N' Plenty, a retail business in Scotch Plains. He is a full-time sales associate for ERA Suburban Realty in Scotch Plains.

Pardon was founder and president for eight years of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association and was chosen as the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Volunteer of the Year in 2002.



Two new members of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary were recently inducted. From left are Rotary President Dwight Leeper with the new members, Sean Duffy and Ray Pardon.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains at noon at Pantagis Restaurant ship information, call (908) 322-5986. Rotary meets every Wednesday in Scotch Plains. For member-

## Field of Dreams effort completed at Park M.S.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Shared Services Coordinating Council for the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education, the Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood announced the completion of the long-awaited "Fields of Dreams" endeavor.

The Park Middle School project consisted of the re-design of the property to provide two additional Little League/softball fields, as well as new backstops, player benches, irrigation, drainage and stream stabilization.

The Scotch Plains Recreation Department, in conjunction with the three aforementioned entities, as well as the Union County Freeholders, initiated this project under the Field of Dreams grant program.

The Board of Freeholders awarded a \$300,000 grant in matching funds for this project.

It is expected that this facility will be ready for play in the spring of 2005.

The Township of Scotch Plains has also partnered with the county freeholders and Union County Vo-Tech School for the redevelopment of two additional recreation facilities. Groundbreaking is hoped for in 2005.

Monies from the township's Open Space Trust Fund, approved by voters in 1999, was also used for the project. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Park Middle School on Oct. 25.

## Book Festival at the JCC

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jewish Book Month will soon be celebrated at the JCC of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave. The annual Book Festival opens Nov. 13 during an Open House and runs through Nov. 17.

Visitors will find books for the youngest of readers to adult titles, including biographies, best sellers, cookbooks, the Holocaust, and health and wellness, including diet

and exercise.

The sale is timed to allow shoppers to make some selections for Hanukkah gifts. Gelt, candles, dreidels and more will be available.

The annual Book Festival opens from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 13. The festival continues through the week and will be open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 14, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 15, 8:45 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 16, and 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 17.

## Grandma's Attic sale returns to Baptist church

SCOTCH PLAINS — It's that time of year again, when Scotch Plains Baptist Church holds its annual Grandma's Attic Plus bazaar, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13.

The sale is a chance to find one-of-a-kind items, brand-new and used; Christmas and gift items; toys; jewelry; children's clothing;

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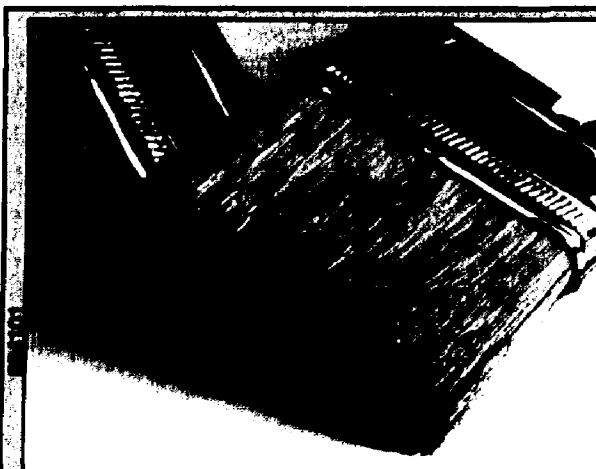
Fresh-baked goodies are also on sale, plus hot and cold refreshments from the café, and more.

Proceeds from Grandma's Attic Plus will be used for special mission projects, including

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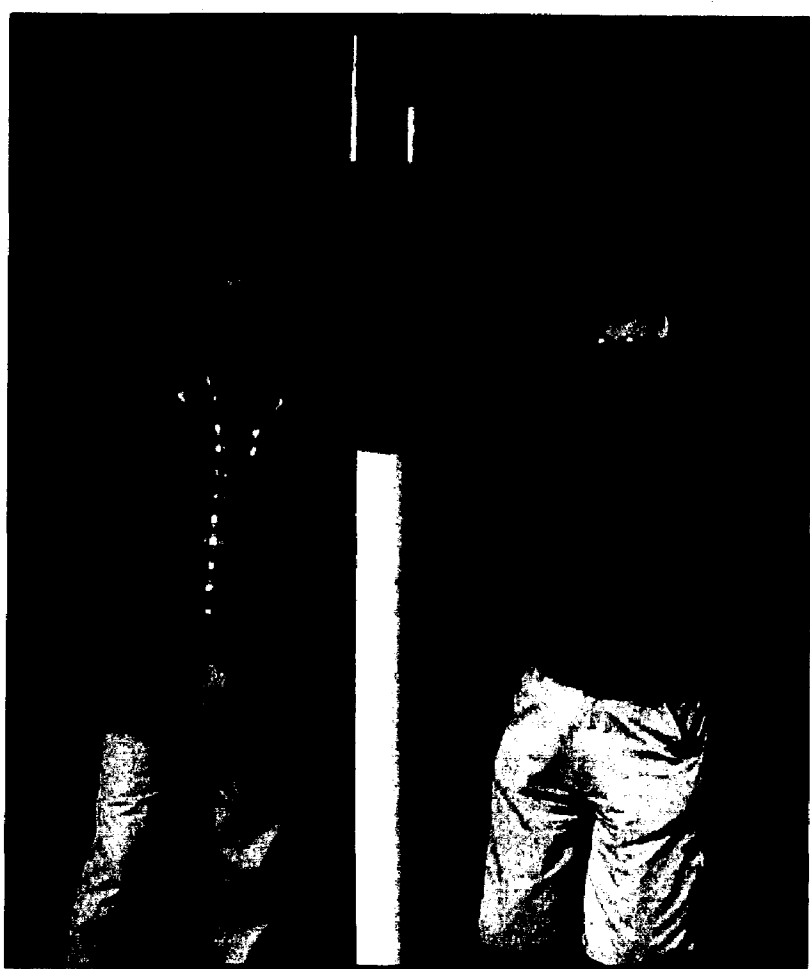
For sale will be thousands of books including paperback and hardback fiction, nonfiction, audio books, videos, software, compact discs and children's books. The proceeds from the sale will support the musical programs, concerts, and activities offered at St. Paul's.

Books and other donations are being accepted at St. Paul's through Friday, Oct. 29. The church is unable to accept donations of textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, records or Reader's Digest condensed books.

For more information, call (908) 232-8506, ext. 10 or e-mail parishoffice@stpaulswestfield.org. St. Paul's Church is located at 414 East Broad St.

## Two birdhouses are donated to Nature Center

John Burr (right), owner of Wild Birds Unlimited on Route 22, recently donated two birdhouses and a winter roost to the Fanwood Nature Center. Nature Center caretaker Dean Talcott made the installations. The winter roost will provide shelter for different types of birds during cold weather. Beginning in November, bird seed will be placed in feeders at the Nature Center's wildlife observation blind.



## New hair salon to raise funds for food pantry

SCOTCH PLAINS — Haircut Beach, a new beach themed hair salon catering to men located on Route 22, is having a cut-a-thon to raise money for the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

The cut-a-thon will take place 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, and haircuts will only cost \$2. All the proceeds raised from the haircuts will be donated to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

Patrons will also be encouraged to drop off non-perishable foods that will be collected as well.

Rich Heller, president of Brainmade Enterprises, the parent company of Haircut Beach said, "We wanted to do a special event for our grand opening that gives back to the community. We are very happy to donate 100 percent of the proceeds raised that day to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey."

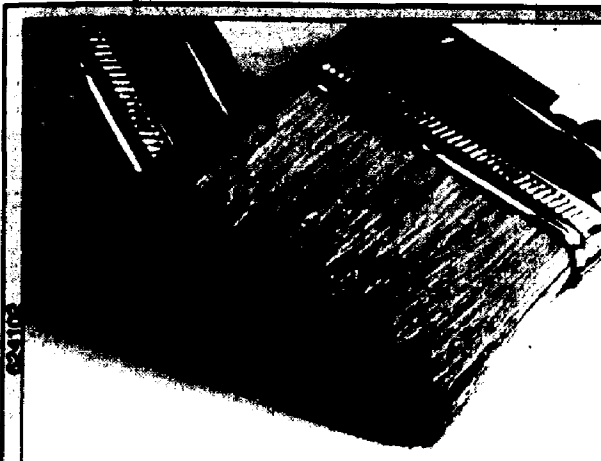
"This will be one promotion where everybody wins... We are raising money for a great cause, and our customers get a great haircut and can discover the uniqueness of Haircut Beach for only \$2."

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey reports that the number of people needing food assistance from local emergency pantries has increased, despite the fact that the national economy has shown statistical signs of recovery.

These people need assistance to get them over the rough spots when the rent and utility bills are due. The problem is exacerbated by the high cost of living in the area — by some measures, New Jersey is among the three most expensive states in the nation. Most of those who need emergency food are the working poor and seniors living on very limited incomes.

"Most people don't realize that more than 40 percent of the emergency food recipients have to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage," said Meara Nigro, director of communications at the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "The suburbs are not immune from hunger."

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## William Nelson

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — William Nelson, 74, died Oct. 15, 2004 at his home in Virginia Beach, Va.

Mr. Nelson was born in Camden, S.C. He lived in Scotch Plains, New York state, Plainfield and Somerset before moving to Virginia Beach in 1999.

He retired in 1999 after 25 years as a truck driver with Carderilli Furniture in New York City. Mr. Nelson was a member of the Redeemed Tabernacle Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith in Norfolk, Va.

Surviving are his wife, Annie L.; five daughters, Arlene Garnett of Mount Vernon, N.Y., Williamae Brokenbough of Jamaica, Queens,

Sharon D. Bostwick of St. Louis, Mo., Angela L. Harris of Willingham and Tracy L. Gordon of Eastampton; four sons, Billy of Pittsburgh, Pa., David of Plainfield, Robert Lamb of Orlando, Fla., and Donald Gordon of Long Branch; a sister, Mary Jane Livingston of Plainfield; 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at the Greater Refuge Church of Christ, Plainfield, of which Mr. Nelson formerly was a member. Burial was in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

Arrangements were by the Anderson Funeral Service in New Brunswick.

## Octavius De Moll

**FANWOOD** — Octavius N. De Moll, 79, died Oct. 20, 2004 at his home in San Diego, Calif.

Born in Newark, he lived in Fanwood for 20 years before moving to San Diego in 1992.

Mr. De Moll retired in 1988 after 26 years as a court clerk with the New Jersey Superior Court in Elizabeth. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and awarded a Purple Heart.

He was a member of Elks Lodge 1812 in El Cajon, Calif.; American Legion Post 149 in Escondido, Calif.; Kearny-Mesa Lodge 1852, Loyal Order of Moose, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11388, both in San Diego; the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Kearny; Marine Corps League Detachment 196; and the Men of the Blue Ghost. Mr. De Moll was a

parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

His wife, Dorothy Ruth De Moll, died in 1995.

Surviving are a son, Robert and wife Caroline of San Diego; two sisters, Margaret Alonzo of Irvington and Antoinette Frese of Nutley; a brother, Vincent Naumowicz of Chesterfield, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be 9 a.m. today at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave. A funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

## Elizabeth Donnelly

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Elizabeth Timko Donnelly, 72, died Oct. 21, 2004 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Bayonne, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Edison in 1980.

Mrs. Donnelly retired in 2001 after 18 years as a paralegal with the Township of Edison. She was a lector for Masses at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield and sang in the church choir.

Her husband, John, died in

1991. Surviving are three sons, Jack Timko of Scotch Plains, James Timko of New York state and Thomas Timko of Sea Girt; a daughter, Susan Hadley of Madison; a sister, Frances Grapski of Winter Haven, Fla.; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, Metuchen, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

## Carl Richard Rehm

**FANWOOD** — Carl Richard Rehm, 76, died Oct. 22, 2004 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Austin, Texas, he lived in Fanwood before moving to Bridgewater in 1966.

Dr. Rehm was a pharmaceutical researcher for nearly 30 years; he was associated with Ciba-Geigy Corp. in Summit, the Bristol-Myers Co. in Syracuse, N.Y., and Revlon Inc. in Tuckahoe, N.Y. He later was a consultant to the Rohrer Group in Pennsylvania and the Quantic Group in Livingston. He remained a consultant in private practice until 2002.

The researcher held a master's degree in pharmaceutical chemistry and a doctorate in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He received a bachelor of pharmacy degree from Purdue

University in 1951. Dr. Rehm was a past president of the Martinsville Rescue Squad and a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He was attached to the medical unit of the Army Reserve with the rank of colonel.

His wife, Dorothy Guthrie Rehm, died March 4, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Dawn Elizabeth of Washington, D.C., and Mongolia; a son, Eric C. of Bainbridge Island, Wash.; two sisters, Emily Rehm Landis of Arlington, Texas, and Matilda Jane of South Bend, Ind.; and a granddaughter, Jora Rehm-Lorber of Bolinas, Calif.

Services were held Monday at the Layton Funeral Home in Bedminster. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to a charity of your choice.

## Betty L. Rice

**WESTFIELD** — Betty L. Rice, 76, died Oct. 20, 2004 at her home. She was born in Newark and had lived in Westfield since 1954.

Mrs. Rice retired in 1997 as a cashier with Drug Fair in Westfield. She was a Girl Scout volunteer and a past worthy matron of Nutley Chapter 121, Order of the Eastern Star.

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church.

Her husband, Elmer J. Jr., died in 1969.

Surviving are a daughter, Robin R. Landau, and a son, Elmer J. III, both of Westfield; a sister, Bernice Leitschuh of Lakeland, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Gray Funeral Home. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association.

## Iva Brown Flay

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Iva D. Brown Flay, 77, died Oct. 19, 2004 at her home.

She was born in Roselle and lived in that borough before moving to Scotch Plains in 1955.

Mrs. Flay retired in 1965 after 20 years as a secretary with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Elizabeth. She was the former Sunday school superintendent at the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond F.; a sister, Louise Romanowich of Union; and two nieces.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Autism Society of Delaware, 5572 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808.

## Obituaries

### Lynda Ann Blackman

**WESTFIELD** — Lynda Ann Blackman, 49, died Oct. 23, 2004 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Summit, she lived in Westfield before moving to East Amwell in 1984.

Ms. Blackman worked at the Center for Educational Advancement in Raritan Township.

Surviving are her parents, Fred and Helma; and a brother, William.

Services were held Wednesday at the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington. Burial was in Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

Donations may be sent to Center for Educational Advancement, 11 Minneakoning Road, Flemington, NJ 08822.

### Edith Ann Sturcke

**WESTFIELD** — Edith Ann Sturcke, 54, died Oct. 20, 2004 at Columbus Hospital in Newark.

Born in Plainfield, she lived in Westfield before moving to Newark in 2002.

Miss Sturcke was an accountant for five years with H&R Block in Scotch Plains. She graduated from Westfield High School and from Ellen Cushing Junior College in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

She sang in the choir at the First Baptist Church and performed in its bell choir.

Her father, Charles H., died in

2000.

Surviving are her mother, Marjorie G. of Whiting; two brothers, Henry of Switzerland and Kenneth of Beachwood; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Elevator Fund of the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

### Veneree Fryer

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Veneree Fryer, 83, died Oct. 15, 2004 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Woodruff, S.C., she lived in Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1962.

Mrs. Fryer was a housekeeper in Scotch Plains and an assembler with Hoffman LaRoche Inc. in Nutley. She was a member of the Mother's Club and Bible study group at the Shiloh Baptist Church in South Plainfield.

Her husband, David, died in August 2003.

Surviving are five sons, William L. Martin and Larry, both of Woodruff, David of San Diego, Calif., Frank of Fanwood and Bernard of Long Branch; a sister, Frances Gibbs of Ohio; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield. Arrangements were by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

### Ruth Louis Mann

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Ruth Louis Mann, 80, died Oct. 24, 2004 at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Newark, she lived in Scotch Plains for 63 years before moving to Cranford.

Mrs. Mann was a school crossing guard in the 1960s and a distributor for Vanda beauty products. The 1943 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School was a New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. operator during World War II.

She was a life member of the Deutscher Club in Clark.

Her husband of 45 years, Edward, died in 1992.

Surviving are four sons, Thomas S. of Westfield, Dennis E. of Scotch Plains, Brian G. of Stevens, Pa., and William E. of Whiting; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater North Jersey Chapter, at www.njbmss.org or 1 Kalisa Way, Suite 205, Paramus, NJ 07652.

### Ella Pethick Milius

Ella Bushnell Dohrman Pethick Milius, 91, died Sept. 15, 2004 at Menno-Haven in Chambersburg, Pa.

Born July 8, 1913 in Cranford, she was a daughter of the late Austin F. and Lottie Sperry Dohrman.

Mrs. Milius lived in Cranford before moving to Chambersburg. Before World War II she was a French teacher at Wilson College in Chambersburg, of which she was a trustee from 1979-84 and treasurer of the board of trustees in 1979-80. She graduated from Wilson College and attended the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

She was a translator with the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the war and a stockbroker with E.F. Hutton & Co. in Manhattan after the war. Mrs. Milius was a member of the Cranford Historical Society and First Presbyterian Church.

Her first husband, Ford C. Pethick, died in 1977 after nine

years of marriage. Her second husband, Howard Milius, to whom she was married 13 years, died in June 2003. Two brothers, Austin F. Dohrman Jr. and Purvis Dohrman, are deceased.

Surviving are two stepsons, Larry Pethick and John Pethick; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Austin F. Dohrman Jr.; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, five nieces and a nephew.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. A memorial service will follow 1 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Springfield Avenue with Rev. Gregory Horn, the senior pastor, officiating.

Arrangements are by the Robert G. Sellers Funeral Home in Chambersburg and, locally, by the Gray Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Wilson College, 1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201.

### Adele Lombardo

Adele J. Labanowsky Lombardo, a composer and longtime Cranford school nurse, died Oct. 21, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit at age 70.

She wrote the narration to "Drakestail," a symphonic tale for children adapted from a French fairy tale. "Drakestail" featured music by her husband, Mario D., and had its first public performance in 1976. The Lombardos were married for 44 years.

Mrs. Lombardo was a nurse at Walnut Avenue School until 1984 and at Livingston Avenue School from 1984 until her retirement in 2001. She received her training as a

registered nurse at Jersey City Medical Center and held a bachelor's degree in general nursing from Seton Hall University.

A member of ASCAP, Mrs. Lombardo was born in Elizabeth and had lived in Cranford since 1964.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karen Hoppe and Laura Szpir.

Services were held Monday at the Dooley Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Alliance for Lung Cancer (ALCASE), Unit 78, P.O. Box 4800, Portland, OR 97208-4800.

### Eleanor Eilenberg

Eleanor M. "Pat" Eilenberg, 91, died Oct. 21, 2004 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division.

Born in Irvington, she lived in Union and Cranford before moving to Old Bridge in 2003.

Mrs. Eilenberg was a valuation and statement approver

with the Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark. She retired in 1973 after 41 years with Prudential.

Services were held Monday at the Union Funeral Home-Lytwyn & Lytwyn. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.



Poses like this one helped Ed Sweeney become named one of Cosmopolitan's "50 Hunkiest Hunks."

## Area native named one of Cosmo's 'hunkiest'

By LAUREN TRAMOR  
STAFF WRITER

Cosmopolitan magazine's "hunkiest hunk" from Massachusetts isn't a member of the Kennedy clan, nor is he a professional model. Instead, the magazine's representative from the Bay State is none other than Cranford's own Ed Sweeney.

Sweeney, who joins a group of men described by the magazine as "mouthwatering" and "grade-A" in a catalogue of eligible bachelors from each state, said that he agreed to enter the contest only after a friend from college asked him if she could send in his picture. Although there was no swimsuit or eveningwear competition, Sweeney said he had to write a personal profile and submit pictures to the magazine.

"This is totally not my style," said the marine geologist, who works for the U.S. Geological Survey in Woods Hole. But he agreed, and the rest is history.

The results of the nationwide contest, complete with photos and fun facts, is included in the fashion magazine's November issue, which hit the racks this month. Sweeney has been enjoying his 15 minutes, making appearances on "The Today

Show" and "Good Day Live."

During the two days he met up with his comely counterparts in New York, Sweeney said that he was treated like a celebrity and made some new friends along the way. And with a link to email him through the Cosmopolitan website, Sweeney may have the opportunity to make even more friendly acquaintances.

Though the online edition includes a disclaimer saying that the magazine "takes no responsibility for the outcome of any meeting or contact with or by our bachelors," the self-described shy dater is not worried.

The 23-year-old Delbarton High graduate, who is currently unspoken for, said that he wouldn't discount a potential match from the Internet, as long as "she seemed cool and interesting" when they met.

So far, he said, he has received email from a range of women, both younger and older than him, as well as a few around the same age, and but he's taking it all in stride.

"It was definitely a lot of fun — it was kind of like fame for a day," he said. "Two months from now, I'm sure no one will remember who I am, but for now it feels like I'm a celebrity."

## Public invited to attend Veterans Day ceremony

**WESTFIELD** — This year as in the past Martin Wallberg Post #3, American Legion and The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Westfield will gather at the parking lot of the First Methodist Church at 10:45 a.m. Nov. 11 to celebrate Veterans Day. They will then proceed across the street to the WWI Memorial at North Avenue and East Broad Street.

American Legion Commander Peter Hogaboom will pay tribute to veterans both alive and deceased and to the present active service members at home and overseas. Ceremonies will include the singing of "God Bless America" by Kerry Stubs and Ted Schlossberg's performance of "Taps."

Wreaths will be placed at the monument in tribute to those who gave their lives serving their country. At the conclusion, Master Bell Ringer Jack Panosh, will ring the town bells 11 times, in memory of

the armistice that started on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to end WWI in 1918.

The public is invited to participate in the memorial service.

At noon Nov. 11, across the street, the new Korean War Memorial will be dedicated. The memorial is an Eagle Scout project of Keven Devaney of Troop 72 of Westfield.

It is dedicated to the men and women of Westfield who fought in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. The memorial is inscribed with the names of three members of the military, from Westfield, who were killed in action. They are Richard Wilson, Griswold M. Hill and Charles A. Lipphardt.

After the ceremonies all are invited back to the American Legion, on the corner of North Avenue and Cross Place, for coffee and donuts.

## First Baptist Church to host youth band night

**WESTFIELD** — First Baptist Church will host a youth band night 6-10 p.m. Saturday; doors will open at 5:45. Admission will be granted to youth under age 18 and is \$5 at the door for those wearing a Halloween costume or \$10 at the door without a costume.

Local youth bands will be showcased and provided a safe place to test their musical skills before their peers. The bands include Yet Another Day, Scars On Society, Gut Check, Mafia, From Day One, the Interceptors, Patent Pending, and Tya.

This band night was coordinated by Westfield High School students who are not normally affiliated with the church, with the oversight of the Rev. Jeremy Montgomery, minister of local out-

reach at First Baptist. They are Natasha Carlos, Kevin Johnson, Willa Schaefer, and Drew Skibsky. These students chose to direct the evening's proceeds to benefit local charities, such as the Union County ARC, and also to compensate the youth bands for their performances.

"Normally, these youth bands struggle to find venues to play, and in most cases they are forced to pay out of their own pockets for facility rental," said Montgomery. "We want to support our local talent by actually paying them for their performances."

First Baptist is located on 170 Elm St., across from Trader Joe's. For more information, call (908) 233-2278 or e-mail firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

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## County college registers hundreds of voters, unveils political exhibit

In conjunction with MTV's nationwide Rock the Vote initiative and the New Jersey's Division of Elections Help America Vote Act, Union County College faculty and Student Government Association (SGA) conducted voter registration drives on campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, and Plainfield.

In a few short weeks during September and October, almost 600 new voters were registered to vote through this endeavor.

At the same time, in an effort to increase interest in the registration drive and in the importance of both new and existing voters exercising their right to vote, UCC President Dr. Thomas H. Brown, donated his collection of 126 historical buttons to the college library.

Almost immediately, the library staff got to work on an

installation of the buttons and other education memorabilia, which will remain prominently displayed in the main hall of the Nomahegan Building on the Cranford campus through Election Day.

As a condition of the donation, the library has agreed to mount a similar display every four years during the run-up to the Presidential election.

Brown, a historian with particular expertise in the Civil War, has been collecting political buttons for 35 years. The collection includes a button from the LBJ/Goldwater campaigns of 1964, FDR/Wendell Wilkie campaigns in 1940, and from the campaigns of Calvin Coolidge and Theodore Roosevelt.

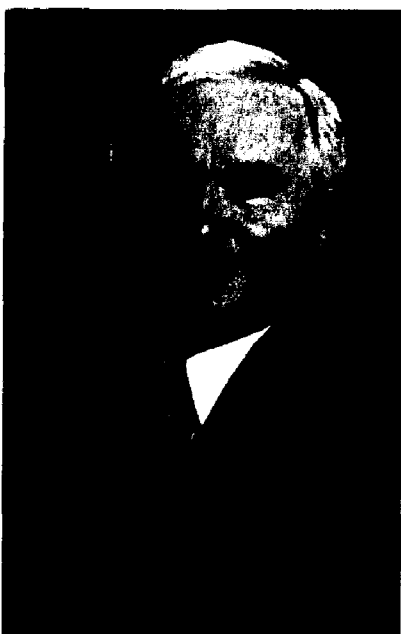
Andrea MacRitchie, UCC's director of libraries, was thrilled to receive such a wonderful collec-

tion. "Thanks to Dr. Brown's donation, we were able to mount a great display," said MacRitchie.

"There is no doubt that this visual reinforcement of one's civic responsibility to vote served as a catalyst to the impressive number of new registrations that were collected on campus," she added.

The display is open to the public during the college's regular hours of operation. It is located in the Nomahegan Building of the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

Union County College is a public comprehensive college and is a member of New Jersey's system of nineteen county colleges. The college operates major campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains, New Jersey and enrolls almost 35,000 full and part-time credit and non-credit students.



THOMAS BROWN

Governing Board of the Alliance for Minority Participation, Union County Relations Committee, Union County Workforce Investment Board and the Executive Board of the Presidents' Council of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

He has received many honors and awards in his career, including being named Northeast Regional Chief Executive of the Year by the Association of Community College Trustees and one of the "100 Most Influential People in New Jersey" by City News.

Brown is a resident of Plainfield where he resides with his wife, Dr. Tressa Brown.

## Hadassah's Marlene Roth Young campaign dinner scheduled Nov. 9

The Roselle-Cranford Chapter of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, will hold its annual Marlene Roth Young Campaign Dinner Nov. 9 at Temple Beth-El Mekoy Chayim in Cranford.

The youth campaign and dinner were renamed seven years ago in memory of Marlene Roth, a past co-chairwoman and past president of the chapter. The dinner marks the culmination of a six month effort and a three-month fund-raising campaign to provide assistance to children from prenatal care through college and career choices.

This year's theme is "Hadassah and You — Changing Peoples Lives." The individual projects include The Mother and Child Center, a part of Hadassah's Medical Complex, which provides maternity and pediatric care in the Middle East; Hadassah College Jerusalem and Career Counseling Institute, which trains the youth of Israel, keeping pace with the move toward a global economy; Youth Aliyan, residential villages and day centers that rescue and rehabilitate youth; and Young Judea, a program for American youth that provides clubs and camps to create a Zionist identity.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:15 p.m. followed by a kosher dinner prepared and served by chapter members. The various committees for the evening are chaired by Sofia Parish, Gail Solomon, and Adele Shafman, all of Cranford. The Chapter president is Shelly Marsh, Susan Laibow is vice president for fundraising and Linda Samolsky is financial chairwoman of the project. A minimum contribution of \$40 is requested.

### Seasons don't stop club's aid for homeless

All summer long, when schools, church groups and clubs closed for vacation, volunteers in the Woman's Club of Westfield, along with other Woman's Clubs, continued to make lunches for the homeless of New York, Newark and other locations in New Jersey.

The service is called "Bridges," because many of these homeless people live under bridges.

In addition to providing a range of other services, the Woman's Club of Westfield packed 200 lunches at each bi-monthly session. Now that other groups are back from vacation, the local group makes lunches once a month.

Those who would like to know more about the Woman's Club of Westfield may call (908) 389-0513.

### Cranford VIA plans 'Skip a Meal' program

The Cranford Village Improvement Association held its second general meeting Oct. 12 at B.G. Fields in Westfield. President Marjorie Bowman presided. The program was arranged by Sybil Limon. The guest speaker, Ina of Ina's Antiques, offered appraisals.

The Home Life Department made and donated 18 comfort pillows for breast cancer patients in local hospitals. The group has

### Club news

started a walking club on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in Nomahegan Park. Mary Stine is the organizer and can be reached at (908) 276-8294.

In November, members will "Skip a Meal" and donate the cost of the dinner to the Community FoodBank in Hillside. This is the fourth year this project has been undertaken by the club. This food bank supplies food to food pantries, child care and senior centers, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and shelters for battered women. It serves 18 counties.

The McGreevey Reading Program has restarted in the Hillside Avenue School. Two new readers have volunteered but more are needed since other schools are interested in this program. Andi Augustyn is the scheduler.

Marie Leakey was presented with a certificate for 50 years of loyal membership to the Cranford Village Improvement Association.

President Marjorie Bowman has been honored by the Union County Freeholders as a Volunteer of the Year. She initiated the Cranford Healthy Bones program at the Cranford Community Center for the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

New members are welcome. The association meets on the second Tuesday of each month, and the Evening Department meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For information on daytime meetings call Andi Augustyn at (908) 276-6920; for evening meetings call Elaine Hamilton at (908) 272-1022.

### Garden Club beautifies town's 9/11 memorial

The Green Thumb Garden Club of Cranford held its October meeting at the home of Barbara Wheatley. Wheatley gave a workshop in the making of a swag of dried fall flowers. Members discussed the new budget and placed orders for Christmas wreaths.

The Post Office Plaza project was discussed. Green Thumb has contributed the fountain for the proposed triangle and therefore is concerned about the delay in starting the renovation.

The upcoming bus tour to Wavehill was a topic along with the November bus trip to the New York Botanical Gardens.

The Cranford Post Office has been started as the Christmas offering of the Landmark Series.

Members planted yellow mums at Cranford Memorial Park and white mums and ornamental cabbages at the Sept. 11 Memorial site on Oct. 16.

### Nature Club plans trip to Merrill Creek

On Nov. 13, the Greater Watching Nature Club will hold a trip to Merrill Creek Reservoir led by Andy Lamy, who can be reached at (908) 377-2755.

Merrill Creek Reservoir is located in Harmony Township, Warren County, at Exit 4 from I-

78, just the other side of Stewartville. Those interested should call either Andy or Pete Axelrod, (908) 464-3933 for directions. To carpool, meet at the south side of the Fanwood train station at 8 a.m.

Merrill Creek has developed into a major migration spot for waterfowl. From there the group will travel to Alpha for its viewing of endangered grassland birds.

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Watching Nature Club will be Nov. 13 instead of the regular first Tuesday, because Nov. 2 is Election Day. The group meets in the Mountinside Municipal Building off New Providence Road.

The program will be given by Mary Hand, who will chairwoman a party in celebration of the club's 80th year of watching birds. A short history and slides will be given, long-time members will be honored and participants will enjoy cake and punch.

Members may bring photos and recall memories for all to enjoy. Guests are welcome on meetings and trips.

### Women's study group will meet on Wednesday

On Nov. 3, the Wednesday Morning Club of Cranford, a woman's study group, will hold its business meeting at 10 a.m. at the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

President Sandi Pells will preside. Peg Ruff of the Antiques Department will report on Vintage Hats. Members of the club are encouraged to join in by wearing vintage hats to this meeting.

Dot Baldwin will be the hostess for the Public Affairs group at her home on Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. A representative from AARP will speak to members on senior driving.

Eileen Williams of the Music/Drama Department will give a talk on Debbie Reynolds at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 10, at the home of Peg Ruff.

At 1 p.m. Nov. 11, the Literature Department will meet at the home of Fran Huckel, who will lead a review of the book *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.

Music boxes will be the subject discussed by Charlotte Swinton when the Antiques Department meets at the home of Irene Kowalski at 1 p.m. Nov. 15.

Local women interested in pursuing topics of cultural interest with the Wednesday Morning Club should contact Marie Mastorakis at (908) 272-6243 for information.

### Hiking club offers variety of programs

The Union County Hiking Club offers a varied program of outdoor activities, providing wholesome recreation while contributing to physical fitness. Hiking and biking activities are scheduled throughout the week. Most events take place in central and northern New Jersey.

Membership dues are \$10 per year. To request a complimentary six month schedule, call (908) 527-4900. For more information, visit <http://www.nynjc.org/clubpages/uc.html>.

## Brown picked to lead state's confederation of community colleges

CRANFORD — New Jersey's community college presidents have elected Union County College President Dr. Thomas Brown as their chairman for the 2004-2005 academic year.

As chairman, Brown will oversee all monthly community college presidents meetings until his term expires in September 2005. In addition to his duties as chairman of the Community College Presidents, Dr. Brown serves on the New Jersey Council of County Colleges Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consists of four community college trustees and three community college presidents. It meets every other month throughout the academic year and serves as the leadership body of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey's 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state Legislature and other branches of government.

Brown has served as president of Union County College for 14 years. He was appointed in 1990

and, under his leadership, the College has grown to include four campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield, and Scotch Plains serving over 35,000 credit and non-credit students.

Brown came to Central Jersey in 1990 from Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, N.Y., where he had served as acting president and vice president for instruction.

Prior to his New York experience, he was dean of instruction and department chairman at Cumberland County College in the southern part of the Garden State. He has also served on the faculties of Seton Hall University, Hunter College of the City University of New York, Glassboro State College, and William Paterson College Graduate School.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland and earned both an master's and a doctorate from New York University.

Brown has been active on many professional, civic, and community boards and organizations. He was recently re-elected chairman of the New Jersey Historic Trust. He currently serves or has served on the Northeast-Midwest Congressional Coalition, the

## Overseas travel in your holiday plans? To be safe, renew your passport now

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has urged county residents planning on traveling abroad this holiday season to apply for their passports as early as possible to avoid any complications that may disrupt travel plans.

"Families and individuals who plan to travel over the December holidays and New Year should apply for, or, if necessary, renew their passports before the Thanksgiving rush," Rajoppi said. "We experience a crush of applications in late November and don't want to disappoint anyone planning on traveling in December."

Union County residents interested in obtaining a U.S. Passport for foreign travel are required to complete an application form and provide the following items:

- An original birth certificate issued by a Department of Vital Statistics/City Hall with a raised seal and date of issue;
- A naturalization or citizenship certificate, if applicable;

— An old U.S. Passport, if any, is preferred over any of the above;

— A valid driver's license or three types of identification and a witness;

— Two recent, professional 2-in. by 2-in. photographs, front facial pose (available at office for \$7);

The total fee is \$85, or which \$55 must be by check or money order payable to U.S. Department of State, and a \$30 execution fee payable by cash, check, or money order to the County Clerk.

A new federal law applies for children under 14. Parents should call the clerk for information.

For children under the age of 16, the fee is \$40 plus \$30 execution fee;

Passport applications may be submitted in person at the County Clerk's office in the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad St. in Elizabeth or at the satellite office in the Veneri Building at 300 North Ave. East

in Westfield.

"Our Westfield office has convenient night hours and an experienced, helpful staff ready to assist you in any way we can," Rajoppi said. "Our Elizabeth office opens at 7:30 a.m. and is also fully staffed."

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# Senior CITIZEN

## AARP to meet Monday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area AARP Chapter No. 4137 will hold its next general meeting Monday. This meeting will take place in the newly renovated Presbyterian Church Assembly Hall on the corner of Broad Street and Mountain Avenue. Ample parking spaces are in the rear of the building. Guest and potential members are invited.

The social period with refreshments will begin at 1 p.m., and a brief business meeting will be held later.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bernard Heeney, Westfield township clerk.

Heeney will talk about his responsibilities regarding the operating procedures of Westfield, which are also applicable to all other municipalities in New Jersey. He will discuss and answer questions about the various documents and records that he oversees and that are used by most citizens of Westfield and other communities.

Community Service Chairman Skeets Kuzmuk has requested members to donate canned and boxed grocery items to benefit homeless and needy adults and children. Costume jewelry in good condition is wanted to donate to patients at Runnells' Hospital.

On Nov. 16, a day trip is scheduled to the Brownstone for a Hawaiian feast plus an all-star revue, The Road to Waikiki. Uncle Floyd Vivino with his ukulele will lead a cast of dancers, vocalists and comics supported by a live band. There will be music and dancing, with male dance hosts available for the single ladies.

The luncheon menu includes a one-hour free open bar for wine and mixed drinks. The cost is \$56 per person for the entire day, including gratuities.

Reservations and details may be made by calling (908) 232-1632. The bus will leave Lord & Taylor parking lot at 10 a.m.

Tickets will also be on sale for the Dec. 7 holiday luncheon at the Westwood Restaurant in Garwood. There will be an international buffet including entrees with beef, chicken and fish, appetizers, salads, desserts, pitchers of wine and soda on each table, and coffee and tea. Music will be provided by Union Township's Harmonica Group, who will feature a medley of "golden oldies," popular tunes and holiday music. The cost is \$20. Luncheon chairperson Marie Stock will take reservations at the Monday meeting and by telephone at (908) 925-2536.

## Smart design makes life easier for roommates

(ARA) — Who would have thought that the retirement antics of TV's "Golden Girls" would predict an upcoming demographic trend? It seems Rose, Blanche, Dorothy and her feisty mom Sophia had the right idea. As baby boomers head into retirement in record numbers, older women are choosing roommates to address the challenges of living comfortably and economically secure in their later years.

Though many boomers born between 1946 and 1964 are still a few years away from retirement, older women, either widowed, divorced or never married, are beginning to look at the advantages of finding compatible roommates to not only share living expenses and household responsibilities, but to help them meet the physical and emotional challenges that come with aging.

Since women often outlive their husbands by years, the emergence of this trend, in many ways, is a demographic "no-brainer," according to Dr. F. Jeri Carter, department head of professional psychology at Argosy University/Seattle. However, she cautions, just because women

choosing to share a home may be older, it doesn't necessarily make the roommate process any easier to handle.

"While some people 'mellow' as they age, becoming more accepting of others and able to compromise, others may become more rigid, more insistent on their way being the 'only' way," says Carter.

Often the ways in which people manage and resolve conflict in late life is generally determined by how they've done so in the past, explains Carter, and by their style of communication, problem-solving skills, flexibility and willingness to accept compromise, and — perhaps most importantly — their ability to remain engaged and open with the other while working through conflict.

Cindy Stedman, an instructor in the interior design department of The Art Institute of Phoenix, lives with her 80-year-old widowed mother, and says, "The decision for women to team up is very do-able if they take the time to discuss important issues, and resolve potential areas of conflict before they decide to live in the same household."

From a design standpoint, "uni-

versal design" considerations are particularly important to making a house accessible for all. Joanne Kravets, the department chairwoman of interior design with The Art Institute of California-Los Angeles, says some of those design considerations include "lowering the height of kitchen and bathroom countertops to accommodate wheel chairs, removing the curb at the shower stall so a wheel chair can roll directly into the shower, providing lights that indicate a telephone is ringing to aid the hearing impaired, creating ramps instead of stairs as well as installing low pile carpeting to reduce tripping."

According to Kravets, "Rheese and other changes are easy, inexpensive and greatly improve living conditions for individuals with any physical limitations."

William Kobrynich, program chairman for interior Design of The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, says paint color that helps eliminate glare, properly positioned lighting, and furniture design are extremely important to making a communal living arrangement a success. However,

says Kobrynich, "it's also the knick-knacks and memorabilia that are important to people, especially older adults," that must be thrown into the mix of considerations.

Kobrynich recommends arranging family photos or mementos mostly in an individual's private room, and selecting just a few pieces reflecting the person's personality, family, hobbies or interests for display in the common rooms. That way, "no one feels like the home is too much one person's and not another's," he says.

There is plenty of information on universal design available on the Internet. Some useful sites include [www.aarp.org/life/home-design/](http://www.aarp.org/life/home-design/), <http://americans-with-disabilities-act.com/>, and [www.design.ncsu.edu/cud/](http://www.design.ncsu.edu/cud/).

Check with local senior service organizations or state Department of Aging offices for additional information. A brief visit to a home, followed by a few design recommendations, may be all that's needed to help make a comfortable, safe and accessible home for all who live there.

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## 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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## Surrogate: Beware of living trust solicitors

The Union County Surrogate James LaCorte is cautioning senior citizens to beware of solicitors

offering unnecessary living trust and estate plans at greatly inflated prices.

"People should be very careful that they do not pay exorbitant and excessive fees for estate documents they do not need," Surrogate LaCorte said.

An unsolicited sales pitch to a county woman, recently brought to the Surrogate's attention, highlighted the misrepresentation sometimes used to sell unnecessary estate plans at high prices.

Using a complicated probate matter as an example, a salesman contacted the senior citizen and suggested she set up a living trust to avoid "costly probate," he said could cost as much as \$25,000.

The \$25,000 figure was presented as the normal price of admitting a will into probate. The salesman then suggested that the cost can be avoided by setting up a living trust through his company for about \$2,000.

While it is true that a complicated and complex probate situation concerning an estate worth \$250,000 could produce \$25,000 in legal fees, it is the exception rather than the rule.

"Of all the wills my office handles, 99 percent are neither contested nor complicated," Surrogate LaCorte said.

He suggested people exercise caution when offered an unsolicited deal on a living trust.

"Some companies are misrepresenting the need of a living trust," Surrogate LaCorte said. "Most people do not have the assets or lifestyle needs to justify the need for such a document."

The Surrogate recommends shopping for a lawyer to have a last will and testament properly drawn up to avoid any complications when entering a will into probate.

For more information, call the Union County Surrogate's office at (908) 527-4280 or visit [www.ucnj.org/surrogate/index.htm](http://www.ucnj.org/surrogate/index.htm) on the Internet.



## Senior prom for Runnells residents

Happy seniors at their prom, posing for photos to recall the event by in the future — that was a common sight at the Caribbean-themed annual Senior Prom at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County. Portia Checchio, a physical medicine and rehabilitation patient, posed under an arch of flowers with her husband Mauro Checchio, assistant to the Union County manager for public affairs. "It was much like a traditional senior prom at the Long Term Care courtyard at Runnells," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada, "with seniors listening to lively music, enjoying good food and taking to the dance floor. The difference was that these seniors were not teenagers, they were not high school seniors... They were senior citizens and some younger adults. It's been said that senior citizens are just teenagers who have a lot of experience at the job. Maybe that's why they know how to party!"

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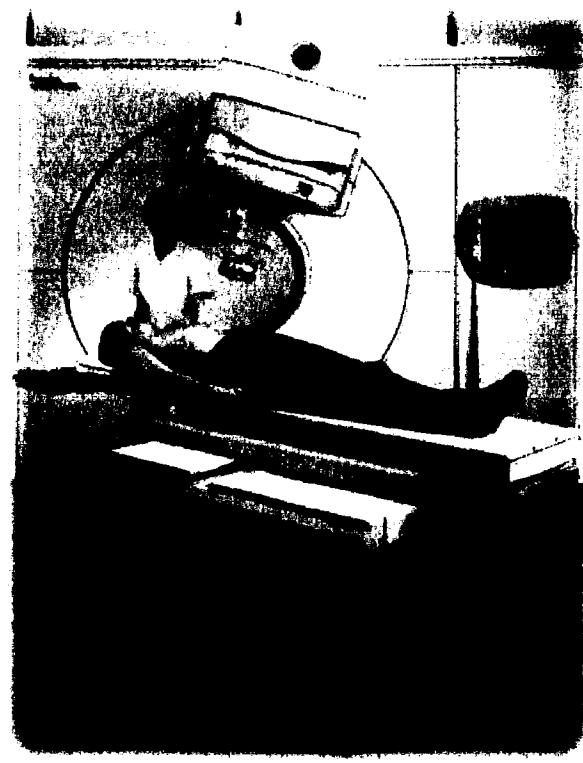
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# Sports

## Rahway shocks Scotch Plains girls in OT

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**ROSELLE** — As unseeded Rahway kicked in the winning goal in double overtime against the heavily favored Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls' soccer team Saturday, half the field went numb.

The Scotch Plains girls wearing white at the Union County Tournament at Roselle Catholic momentarily froze in a state of shock. Then came the uncontrollable emotion symbolized by defenseman Lauren Perrotta who knelt down just outside her own goal with her head down,

crying as Rahway's team celebrated around her. Soon her team would join in her emotions.

It wasn't supposed to happen this way. The tears were being saved as tears of joy when top-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood, ranked No. 10 in the state's Top 20, won the UCT. But that's why the game is played and although the Lady Raiders controlled the tempo of the entire contest, they couldn't control the outcome.

Saturday, Rahway's young team comprised of a majority of freshman starters, pulled out a 2-1 win that transcended 'upset.'

"That's soccer," said Raiders

head coach Kevin Ewing. "We totally outplayed them but we didn't score."

Indeed, the Lady Raiders seemed to have a strangle hold on every facet of the match except the score. Repeatedly, the offensive dribbled into Rahway's zone, earning corner kicks and shots on goal by Kelly Rigano, Jenna Balestriere and Jessie Sapienza.

Scotch Plains would net only one of 18 shots toward Rahway's goalie. Rigano sent in a corner kick that was kept in the zone. Rigano put herself back in the mix, finding the ball and lofting

a cross toward the goal from the left side. In the middle Kristen Zyla was waiting and headed the ball in for a goal and 1-0 lead in the 29th minute.

The score would remain that way until there was about six minutes left in regulation. Just after Sapienza had bounced a shot on goal off the post, Rahway brought the ball back in Scotch Plains' territory and earned a direct kick. Freshman Taylor Wilson launched a high shot that glanced off the hands of Scotch Plains goalie Lauren Mains (10 saves) and into the net for the equalizer.

The Raiders attempted to end the game in regulation and got two good scoring chances from Balestriere that didn't go in.

Again, with seconds remaining in the first overtime, Scotch Plains worked another scoring opportunity. Balestriere lofted a perfect cross to Sapienza right in front of the goal but Sapienza's shot went right at the goalie for a save.

Rahway dashed the Raiders' hopes of a UCT championship a half-minute into the second OT. Indian's Wilson sent in a cross that was knocked away by Mains but the rebound was knocked

home by Rahway's Amanda Casares.

"There are other games and other goals," Ewing told his team after the game.

"We still have the Watchung Conference. We still have the states coming up," he said. "It's just that we had this one as a goal too and it's disappointed but I think we'll bounce back."

Scotch Plains (14-2-1) came to play Monday in Linden and shutout the Tigers 3-0. Balestriere, Allie Hambleton and Laura Weisbrod scored goals off assists by Sapienza, Allie Zazalli and Lisa Camarda.

## Raiders crush Johnson

SP-F advances in UCT and blanks Linden, 3-0

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE CHRONICLE

**ELIZABETH** — True, Scotch Plains-Fanwood has developed a long traditional in boy's soccer but maybe there were a few teams out there who thought the Raiders, the third seed in the Union County Tournament, were having a down year compared to past Raiders runs.

Think again.

The Scotch Plains Raiders made two loud statements this past week — beating up on 11th-seeded Johnson, 4-0, in the quarterfinal round of the UCT Saturday on the turf in Elizabeth and then knocking off Linden, ranked No. 20 in the state, 3-0, Monday in Scotch Plains.

Linden had beaten Scotch Plains earlier in the year and it was obvious the Raiders were



intent on retribution.

"It was good to get revenge," said Casey Hoynes-O'Connor, who assisted on a goal by Chris Heuther against Linden. "We don't like to lose to anybody. This was our last chance to play them since they are out of the counties and we wanted to send them a message."

Linden was upset in the first round of the UCT by Summit, 2-1.

"Our strategy was to take advantage of some weaknesses we had seen in our scouting," said head coach Tom Breznitsky after Monday's match.

"It's good to pay them back," he said. "They had our number the last couple of times but we though we outplayed them both times."

Though the Scotch Plains Raiders are used to holding the top seed in the UCT, it hasn't stopped them from playing the aggressive, possession-style Scotch Plains game. From the first whistle, the Raiders put pressure on Johnson's defense, getting off shots on goal by Terrence Charles, Sean Young and Sean McNelis.

The Raiders defense of Charles, Jeff Bell, Robert Cunningham and Greg Leischner limited Johnson to a mere two shots on goal, saved by goalkeeper Bryan Meredith for his 10th shutout.

"We just went out there and did what we had to do," Breznitsky said after Saturday's game. "We dominated. I'm extremely pleased."

With about 21:10 left in the first half of play, Charles dribbled the ball up field and sent a pass to Young. Young got the ball under control and proceeded toward the net, drawing Johnson's goalie to him. Young then smartly passed the ball to Hoynes-O'Connor who, because he was facing a wide open goal, had enough time to set and kick a grounder into the right side of the net.

Scotch Plains continued the pressure, resulting in a throw-in on the Johnson side by Jeff Bell. Bell heaved a long throw in front of the net where 6-foot-3-inch, 195-pound Young was waiting to simply head the ball in the net to make the score 2-0 at half-time.

In the second half Greg Leischner got into the action, scoring an unassisted goal with about 13 minutes to play and about a minute later, McNelis put the ball on goal. That shot was saved but the rebound was slammed home by a charging Charles to put the game clearly out of reach.

"I think we're getting better every day," Hoynes-O'Connor said. "This tournament is wide



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT

Scotch Plains sophomore Sean Young (6-3, 195) was a dominating force as he has been all year against Johnson and Linden this week. Young headed in a goal in each game to help the Raiders to victory.

open and we expect to win it."

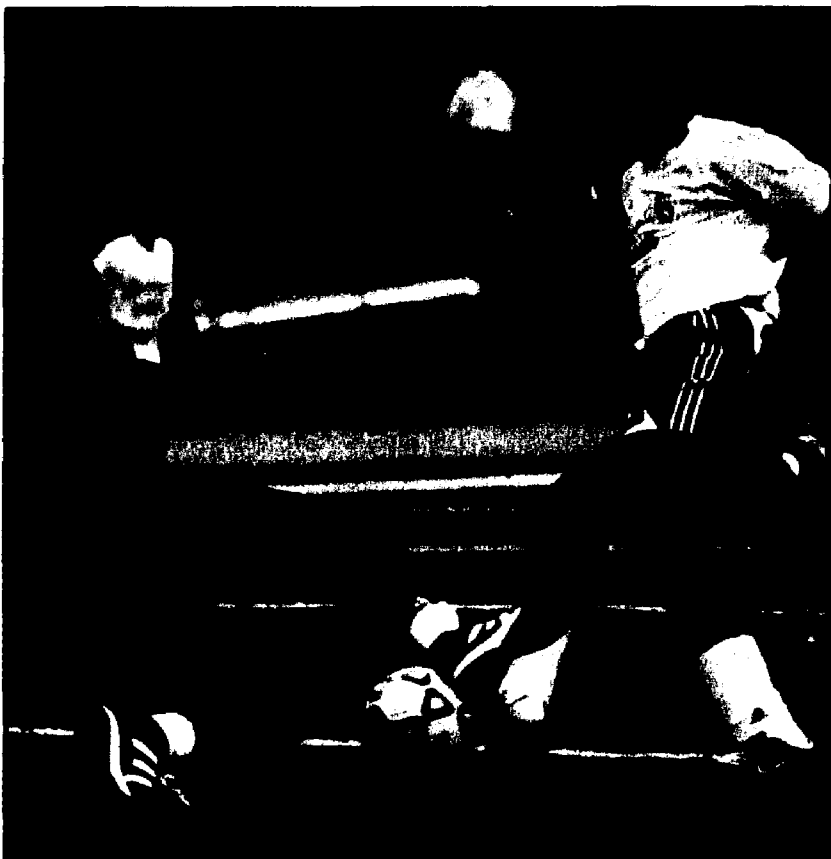
Monday Scotch Plains (16-3), ranked No. 16 in the state's Top 20, took on Linden and exploded for three goals within a seven minute era in the first half to give the Raiders and insurmountable lead.

Jarek Cohen, Huether and

Young scored for the Raiders and Meredith notch four saves for his 11th shutout of the season. Once again, Young scored a header from a throw in by Bell. "All I have to do is throw the ball in the air to him and it's a goal," Bell said Monday. "Nobody can jump with Sean."

Goalkeeper Meredith spoke Monday about earning the shutout against Linden.

"(Linden) put on a little more pressure (in the second half) but it wasn't anything we couldn't deal with," Meredith said. "It was important for us to hold on to the shutout."



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT

Senior Terrence Charles is all over the field for Scotch Plains-Fanwood as a defender and goal scorer. Saturday Charles kicked in a rebound for a goal against Johnson in the UCT.

## Westfield downs Cougars, looks for UCT crown

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**CRANFORD** — Put the match Monday in the 'a-win-is-a-win' category.

The Westfield girl's soccer squad got a goal from a shot by senior team captain Stephanie Bridgman in the game's fourth minute and the Lady Blue Devils made it stick for the remaining 76 minutes to earn a 1-0 victory over Cranford Monday afternoon.

Goalkeeper Tara O'Donahue recorded five saves to earn the shutout.

"I think neither team played their best today but we held it together and got the win," said head coach Katie Egan. "We'll take it."

Both the Westfield and Cranford girl's soccer teams were coming off emotional wins in the Union County Tournament and Monday they squared off against each other in what might have been a prelude to their champi-

### GIRLS SOCCER

onship match in the tournament. Favorite Scotch Plains-Fanwood, the No. 1 seed, lost in double overtime to Rahway, leaving the tournament wide open.

Sixth-seeded Westfield will now take on Governor Livingston Saturday at 5 p.m. in Union.

"These teams know each other very well," Egan said. "Hopefully we'll see each other again in the UCT."

Governor Livingston is cur-

rently undefeated and un-scored upon this year and recently broke into the state's Top 20 at No. 20.

"We're looking to change both of those things," Egan said of Gov. Livingston's impressive season statistics.

Bridgman said although the team did not play up to par Monday, they have bonded as the season has gone on and are prepared for the county and state tournaments.

"We had an amazingly diffi-

cult schedule at the beginning of the year playing teams like Ridge and Pingry and not many teams have that kind of schedule," Bridgman said. "So I think we're ready for anything."

Bridgman, Danni Fried, Erin McCarthy and Gio Palatucci have led the offense this season but the defense has been efficient as well, guided by Emily MacNeil, Miriam Becker-Cohen, Julie Shelman and goaltender O'Donahue.

Westfield also substitutes

freely with players such as Mary-Kate Luker, Gillian Kape and Andrea Hollander.

"This team is so balanced," Bridgman said. "I feel like if anyone on the bench is in the game, we'll be fine."

The point was proven at the UCT Saturday in Governor Livingston against Union Catholic, the third seed. Luker and Kape scored goals and Palatucci had an assist to give the Lady Blue Devils a 2-1 victory to advance.

## Devils' Perrella focused on Union County meet

By DAVID LAZARUS  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**ELIZABETH** — Junior cross country star Jeffrey Perrella has a single minded attitude of racing that permits him to only worry about running his best race, not who the opposition is.

So when Perrella is asked if the addition of Andrew Catalano of Roselle Catholic changes his strategy for Wednesday's Union

County Championships at Warinanco Park, his answer is predictable.

"The addition of Andrew Catalano won't change my race strategy, because I usually don't have one," Perrella said. "I just plan on going out there and running as fast as I can on that given day, and hopefully, it will be faster than everyone else's best."

Last Thursday in the

### CROSS COUNTRY

Watchung Conference Meet at Warinanco Park in Elizabeth, Perrella was edged in a classic duel with sophomore Joe McKenney of Cranford, who ran 16:04 to Perrella's 16:05. McKenney took a small lead in the final 400 meters and held on.

The front pack on Wednesday should include McKenney and

Kevin Brown of Cranford, Catalano and Perrella.

Before Perrella tackles revenging his loss to McKenney, he and Westfield have the more important task of trying to win the state sectional meet at Warinanco Park tomorrow.

"We would also like to gain some momentum and confidence so we can enter the states with a realistic expectation of advancing to the Meet of Champions."

said Martin.

Martin said he is hoping for another fine effort from Rob Broadbent, who had a breakout race at the conference meet, finishing fourth in 16:50.

Defeating Cranford in the race next Wednesday could be a tough challenge. The Cougars have outrun the Blue Devils in a dual meet in addition to handily winning the conference meet 22-37.

"We need for our 3-4-5 runners

to move up, run faster and beat their 3-4-5," said Martin.

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# Scotch Plains-Westfield rivalry showcased in Union meet

By DAVID LAZARUS  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**ELIZABETH** — The Raiders Blue Devils cross country battles are starting to gain in stature as each recent meeting has been close, unpredictable and usually decides a title.

The latest installment came at last Thursday's Watchung Conference Championship race at Warinanco Park, when the team race came down to a sixth runner. SP-F sophomore Samantha Carow's 14th place

finish turned out to be the difference as the Raiders defended their title.

The Raiders, who have also defeated the Blue Devils two straight years in dual meets, hope that history does not repeat itself when the teams meet for the third and final time this fall in the Union County Championships, Wednesday at Warinanco Park. In 2003, the Blue Devils gained revenge on the Raiders, who had earlier ended their 83 meet winning streak, by edging them in the



County meet.

"We squeaked it out by the slimmest of all margins," said Scotch Plains head coach Jeff Koegel. "We really didn't run all that well and we gave Westfield a chance to beat us. Luckily for

us, we have the depth that we lacked last year, so we were able to displace their fifth runner with our sixth."

"We have several rookies in our line up this year. Their times have been dropping consistently, and their confidence is building along with it. The dual meet was a turning point for them and their performances at the conference meet proves how much they have learned about themselves and their abilities this season," said Westfield assistant coach Jennifer Buccino.

Before they compete in the county meet the teams have far different challenges awaiting them in the section meet tomorrow. While Westfield goes in as the favorite in North Jersey, Section 1, Group IV, Scotch Plains will have to run its best just to make it to the group championship on November 13.

"We can't run like (we did in the conference meet) in the sectional meet or the county meet," said Koegel.

Koegel is anxious to finally add a county championship to

six runner-up finishes. "I've come as close as two points. It would be extra special to do it this year, knowing how far we have come since two falls ago, when we didn't even get a mention."

Keying the conference triumph for the Raiders was a crucial third place finish by senior Laura Harrison, who outran top Westfield runner Annie Onishi. Three Westfield runners — Jennifer Danielson, Rachel Barret and Anne Siwulec followed behind.

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## DeJohn wins floor exercise, SP-F edged

**GYMNASTICS**  
Scotch Plains' Jacqueline DeJohn won the floor exercise competition with a 9.250 score at the Union County Championships in Cranford Friday night but the Dayton/Breary team edged Scotch Plains 102.850-101.525 to capture the title with Westfield placing third with 101.025.

SP-F's Katie Zaleski finished sixth in the all-around, sixth in the vault, second in the uneven bars and fifth in the balance beam. Westfield's Claire MacDonald placed fifth in the all-around, third in the vault, sixth in the uneven bars, fourth on the balance beam and fifth in the floor exercise.

**SCOTCH PLAINS**  
**Girls soccer**  
Scotch Plains 5, Elizabeth 0 — Hallie Mintz, Kelly Rigano, Allie Zazzali, Colleen LaForge and Alana Bencivengo guided the Raiders last Thursday in Scotch Plains. Jenna Balesniere, Jessie Sapientza and Lauren Weisbrod had an assist each.

Scotch Plains 3, Cranford 0 — Mintz

assisted on a Rigano goal just five minutes into the match last Wednesday in Scotch Plains. Rigano assisted on one of Allie Hambleton's two second half goals.

Balesniere had an assist and goalkeeper Lauren Mains had seven saves.

**Girls tennis**  
Scotch Plains 5, Elizabeth 0 — Carly Heins defeated Carmela Lopez, 8-1, and Shannon Gomes won by the same score Monday.

**WESTFIELD**  
**Football**  
Union 24, Westfield 3 — Union (2-4) went 74 yards in just two plays during their opening possession of the game to take a 7-0 lead. The Blue Devils (0-6) got within 7-3 on a 29-yard field goal by Paul Goldweitz.

**Boys soccer**  
Cranford 2, Westfield 1 — Michael Feniger scored for the Blue Devils (2-10-3) Monday in Westfield.

Linden 3, Westfield 0 — Linden, ranked No. 20 in the state's Top 20, beat the Blue

Devils last Wednesday in Linden after scoring three first-half goals.

**Girls soccer**  
Westfield 5, Linden 0 — Erin McCarthy scored a hat trick, two in the first half and Aly Ludmer scored once to give the Lady Blue Devils a 3-0 lead heading into halftime last Wednesday in Westfield. Gio Palatucci added a goal and an assist.

**Field hockey**  
Columbia 2, Westfield 1 — The Blue Devils (4-10-4) got a goal from Kristan Materik in the second half Monday in Westfield.

**Volleyball**  
Westfield def. Scotch Plains, 25-14, 25-21 — Olena Borkowsky recorded five aces and Jillian Olsen added three kills to lead Westfield (14-5) Monday in Westfield.

**Westfield def. Cranford, 25-20, 25-10** — Lizzy Myers served 11 straight points with five aces in the second game last Wednesday in Westfield. Erin Roubush had 11 kills.



Scotch Plains-Fanwood's Matt Fleissner attempts a shot against Johnson during Union County Tournament action Saturday in Elizabeth.

## SPORTSCENE

**Blue Sharks U12 girls**  
Two early goals set the tone and two late ones provided the exclamation points as the Scotch Plains Blue Sharks U12 Girls inter-county team played its finest game of the year in winning its most significant game, a 4-0 victor over previously undefeated Mountside Cosmos Saturday at Sheffield School in Mountainside. Both teams are now 6-12-1 and could meet again next Saturday at Soccerfest at St. Joseph's, Metuchen.

The Sharks came out of the gate quickly. Their persistence was rewarded when Amanda Rodriguez picked up a loose ball and adeptly fired in a low shot from 10 yards. Minutes later Erin Brown converted on a high hard direct kick over the defensive wall. The goalie was unable to hold onto the wet ball to make it 2-0.

Goalie Melissa McKenna was generally untested but came up big by batting away a Mountside shot mid-way through the second half. Jessica DiGiacomo, brilliant all day with her dribbling and passing, was nearly rewarded but her breakthrough shot was saved. Two minutes later she would not be denied, converting another breakthrough. Jessica Feeley, in just her third game back from injuries scored her third goal to complete the victory.

Other contributors included Alyssa Young, Kara Gaynor, Sarah Weber, Toni Ann Capece, Lauren Buckley, Emily Cohen, Rebecca DiGiacomo, Annie Rubin, Sarah Lazarus and Desli

**DeMarsico, Westfield PAL wrestling**  
The Westfield PAL teams are preparing for the season, returning all but three wrestlers from last year's team. The team competes in two leagues and has an independent schedule for the first-year wrestlers.

The boys were recognized for the achievements last year at a banquet held in April. Overall, the team had one first place champion, three second place finishers and one third place winner in the Central Jersey League Tournament. Six wrestlers qualified for the state tournament.

Winning the Coach's Excellence Award were: Matt Albano, league champion; Christian Barber, Adam Laird and Phil Reynolds. Colin Barber was recognized for his second place finish in the state tournament and Jay Vingling for his second place finish in the Central Jersey Tournament.

Andy Castorano and Tony Pafumi received the Most Improved Wrestler Award. Joe Panarese received the Most Dedicated Wrestler Award.

Troy Skibitsky, a fourth-grader, took home the Outstanding Wrestler Award. He was second in the Central Jersey League and qualified for the state tournament.

Registration is now open. Forms can be obtained by emailing WestfieldPALWrestling@comcast.net. Practices start Nov. 1 with free clinics to be held in October on Thursday night at Roosevelt.

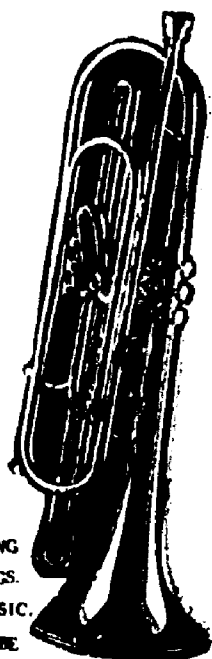
**Westfield Area Y Synchronized Swimmers**  
Fresh from the US Nationals, where members of the Westfield Area Y placed as high as third, the synchronized swim team will stage its annual performance for the public November 21st and 22nd at the Westfield Area Y, located at 220 Clark Street.

This year's show, entitled, "Just Add Water," includes team routines as well as duets and trios, all of which present the grace and athleticism of the sport. The team, known as the Aquaducks, attracts girls from all over Central New Jersey, including Hoboken, West New York, Bridgewater, Holmdel, Scotch Plains, Summit, Piscataway, Princeton, and Westfield, as well as Staten Island, New York. The team is one of only two competitive synchronized swim teams in the entire state.

The show raises money to help defray travel costs to regional and national competitions. This season the team has meets in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Ohio, Long Island and Florida. The 2005 US Age Group Nationals will be held in Buffalo, New York.

Tickets are available at the door. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. There are two shows on Saturday, at 1 and 7 p.m. Sunday's performance is at 1 p.m. For more information, please call (908) 233-2700.

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30-yr. Fixed	5.250	0.50	5%	30	5.350	30-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	20%	90	5.751	15-yr. Jumbo	4.875	0.00	30%	30	4.910	30-yr. Jumbo	5.750	0.00	10%	60	5.770
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30-yr. Fixed	5.375	0.00	5%	60	5.390	30-yr. Fixed	5.375	0.00	5%	30	5.588	30-yr. Fixed	5.500	0.00	5%	30	5.530	30-yr. Fixed	6.000	0.00	20%	75	6.046
15-yr. Fixed	4.875	0.00	5%	60	4.890	15-yr. Fixed	4.875	0.00	5%	30	4.963	15-yr. Fixed	5.000	0.00	5%	30	5.040	15-yr. Fixed	5.000	0.00	20%	75	5.062
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# Real Estate

## Officials urge contractors: Register now, beat the deadline

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

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

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

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

also can be obtained at Consumer Affairs' website or by calling the agency.

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

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

"Here's a note of caution for procrastinators: This is not one of those things you want to wait until the last minute to do," Erdos said. "We anticipate that the registration process will take several weeks and any hesitation on the part of contractors to register only stands to delay the process and affect their ability to work."

To ensure that contractors are aware of the registration requirements, Consumer Affairs will soon be sending letters — along with the application and instruction sheet — to individuals who may be work-

ing as home improvement contractors in New Jersey. Consumer Affairs also has sent letters and application packets to municipal construction code officials encouraging them to make the packets available to contractors.

The Contractors' Registration Act establishes the following provisions:

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

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

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

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

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

crime.

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

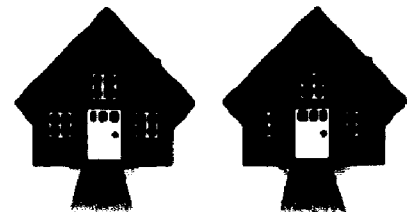
— Provides that anyone who knowingly violates the act is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. In addition, anyone who violates the act is also subject to civil monetary penalties under the Consumer Fraud Act of up to \$10,000 for the first offense and up to \$20,000 for

each subsequent offense.

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

— Requires contractors to

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



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## Murphy is top sales agent at Burgdorff ERA

**WESTFIELD** — Julie Murphy, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA, Westfield office, has been honored as Sales Agent of the Month for September 2004.

Murphy has received many distinguished awards and has been a recipient of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award 2003.

She has been a New Jersey real estate professional for 14 years and resides in Cranford. Murphy is an active member of the Cranford Junior Woman's Club, the Garden Club of Cranford, the Crane-Phillips House Restoration Committee, and a trustee of the Cranford Historical Society. She completed the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Historic Real Estate Program in 2001 and is a certified historic home specialist.

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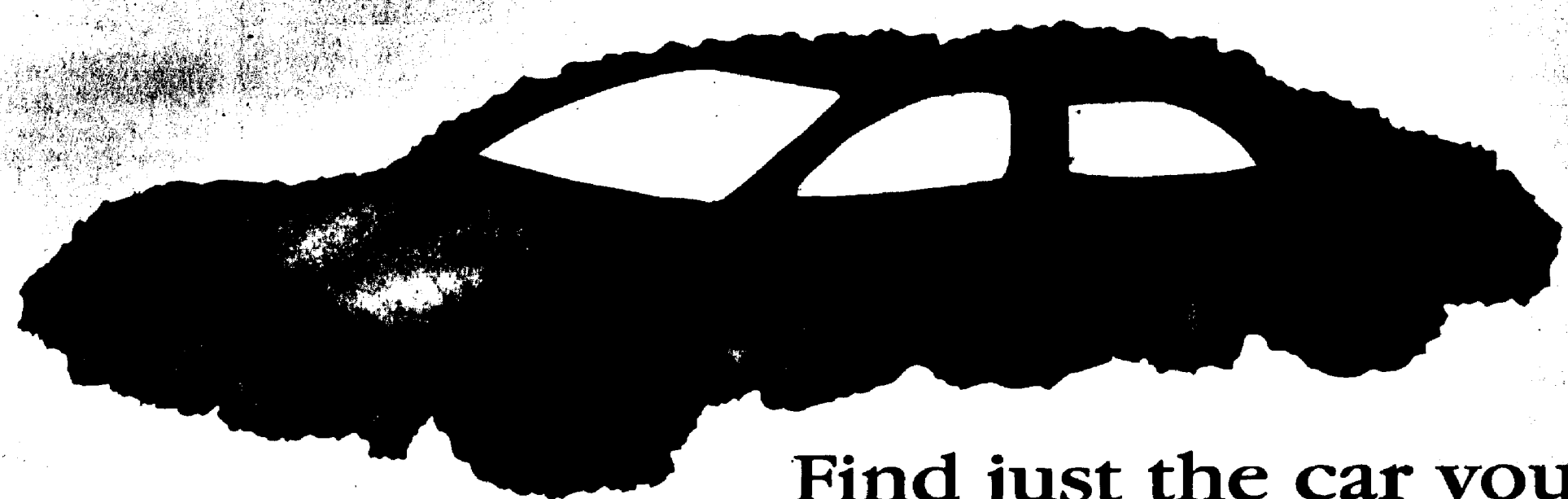
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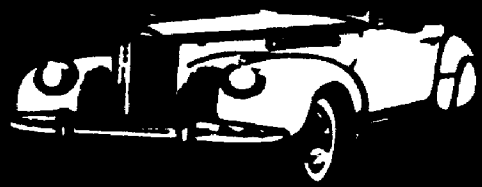
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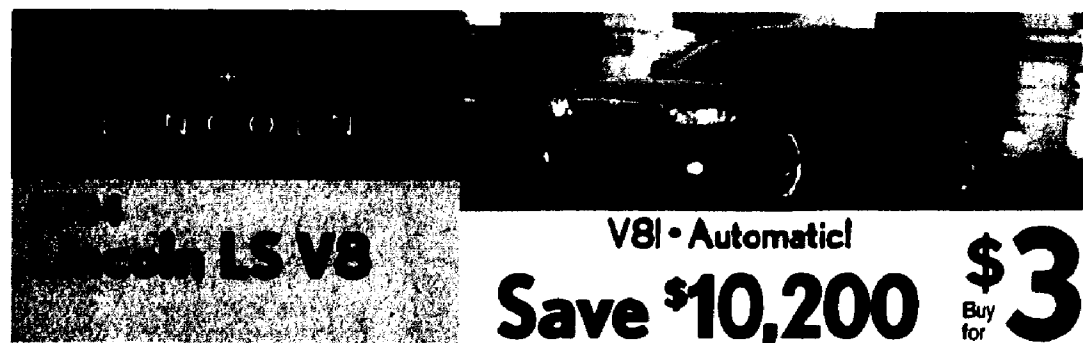


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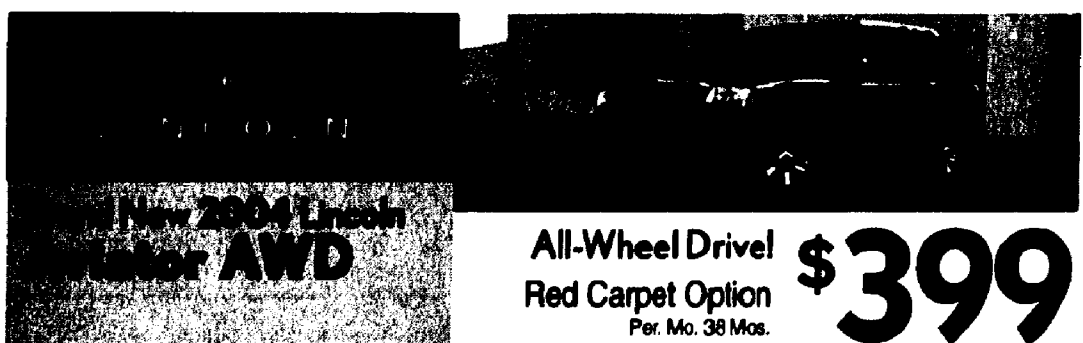


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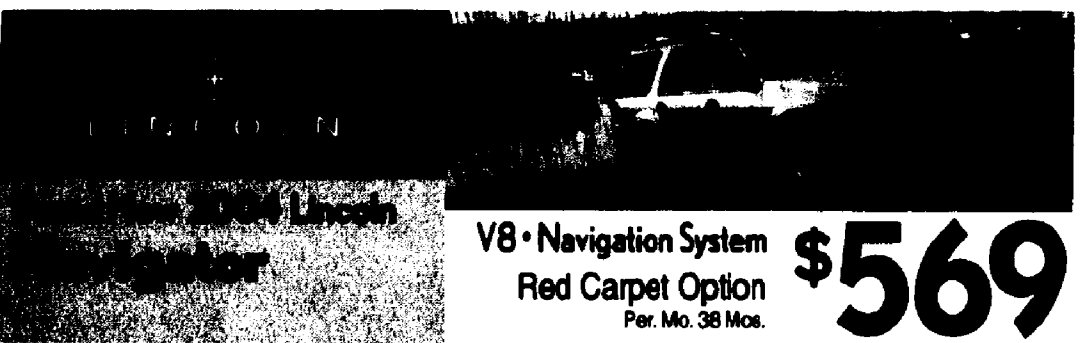
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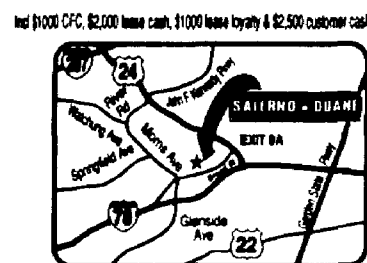
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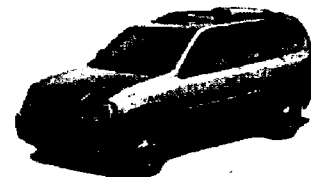
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