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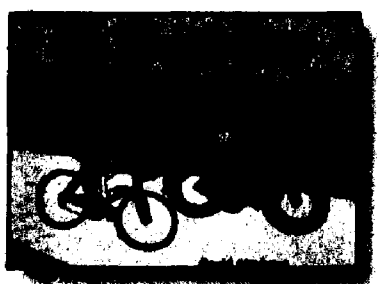
## Raiders' playoff hopes alive

Senior team captain Mike DiNizio caught two passes for 59 yards in the Raiders' 23-12 victory over Linden Saturday to keep Scotch Plains-Fanwood's playoff hopes alive. See Sports, Page C-1.



## Husband-wife team on rescue squad

How can you make sure you'll see your spouse when you both lead hectic lives? Volunteer for the local rescue squad. That's what Sean and Riva Walker of Westfield did. For their story, turn to Page A-4.



## Children's book is mighty fine

His Finest Hour is the latest work from children's book author David Neuhaus, a Fanwood resident. For the story on Neuhaus and his work, see Page B-1.

## REMINDER Celebrate Veterans Day

Veterans organization in Scotch Plains will mark the occasion with services at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Veterans Monument, Park Avenue and Front Street. In Westfield, participants will gather at 10:45 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church at East Broad Street and North Avenue; the program will include the dedication of a Korean War Memorial. The public is invited.

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## Westfield parking deck is defeated soundly

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — After years of arguments, presentations, proposals, and acrimony, more than 15,000 voters took the opportunity to weigh in on the town's proposed \$10 million redevelopment project and parking deck.

The result was startling. It wasn't even close.

By an overwhelming margin, residents voted against the Town Council's proposal to construct a 490-space parking deck and retail and residential units on municipal parking lots between Prospect and Elm streets. At the end of the night, 9,865 residents voted against the public question, compared to only 2,700 voters who cast ballots in

favor of the project.

About 79 percent of voters rejected the project and the corresponding parking plan, which would have increased the costs of parking permits and on-street parking meter rates. About 75 percent of the town's registered voters cast ballots in Tuesday's hotly anticipated election, though only about 62 percent voted on the referendum question.

Despite the fact that the referendum was legally non-binding, indications were that the overwhelming statement made by voters would effectively close the book on the council's redevelopment project and parking plan.

"That's a little shocking," Mayor Greg

McDermott said of the referendum results. "... I never expected it to be like this. I thought it would be much closer."

"I don't think anyone expected it," agreed Sherry Cronin, director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation. "We had to state our position and defend the merits of the plan, but people just didn't want it."

*"I never expected it to be like this. I thought it would be much closer."*

— Greg McDermott

Over the course of the final weeks leading up to the vote, the council endorsed a financing plan and assembled an informational brochure that was mailed out to residents; the DWC put out another glossy mailing that unequivocally supported the deck. Though there were a few vocal critics of the project on

the council, most local officials had expressed their support.

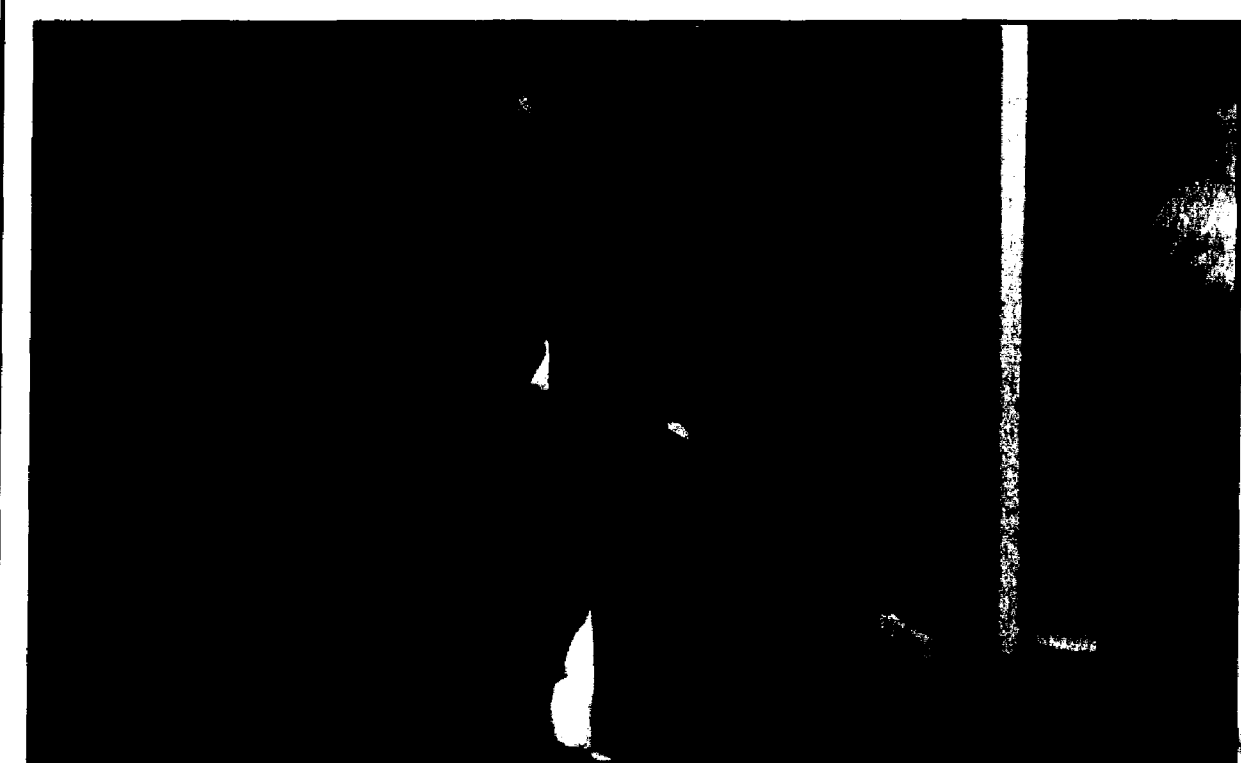
But that was no match for public opposition, spurred on by determined group of residents who challenged studies that supported the project's feasibility, canvassed neighborhoods, set up information booths at public events, and set up "vote no" signs in all four wards.

"Obviously, the people who were against it did a better job of marketing," McDermott said.

(Residents) made a statement that they are not ready for additional (parking) capacity," he added.

Opposition to the town's efforts to build parking structures has been steady, but a

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Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks accepts congratulations from a supporter after learning he had won re-election Tuesday night.

## SP Republicans retain control of mayor's seat, town council

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Republicans fought off a challenge by local Democrats in Tuesday's election, retaining the mayor's seat and full control of the Township Council.

In a community that narrowly went for John Kerry in the presidential race and has a higher number of registered Democrats than Republicans, the local GOP continued to thrive. In the mayor's race, incumbent Martin Marks claimed 55 percent of the vote, defeating Democrat Andy Baron by a count of 5,780 to 4,703.

Incumbent Paulette Coronato defeated challenger Barbara Baldassarre, taking 53 percent of the ballots cast for the council seat. Coronato received 5,428 votes and Baldassarre garnered 4,824.

The victory gives the GOP the mayor's seat for another four years, and Republicans will continue to occupy all five seats on the township council.

Tuesday night was far sweeter for Marks than last year's election, when he ran a competitive but unsuccessful campaign for the state Senate in the 22nd district. In that election he was the underdog, while this year's race carried the pressure of being the favorite.

"When you are an incumbent, the expectations are a lot greater," he said. "Running for re-election is for all intents and purposes a referendum on your record."

Marks comfortably passed that test. But after

securing a vote of confidence from residents once again, Marks announced that his coming term as mayor would be his last.

"This is my last mayoral campaign," he said. "(At the end of the term) I will have served nine years as mayor and 12 years on the council." Marks said he wants to devote more time to his family once he concludes more than a decade of stewardship over the township.

The contentious campaign was fought primarily on two fronts, as Democrats blamed an 18-point tax increase in 2003 on the Republican leadership and advocated volunteer-based programs rather than a special tax to revitalize the downtown.

Republicans said the tax increase was caused by increases in non-discretionary spending and called for broader reform in New Jersey's method of funding local government services. They also defended their decision to propose the creation of a special improvement district for the downtown. The council voted down the idea after downtown stakeholders mobilized against the assessments that would have been necessary to fund the downtown management entity.

Marks, an advocate for a state constitutional convention to reform the property tax system, said he was glad the township debated the tax issue so vigorously during the campaign.

"I hope the debate over property taxes stays right on the front burner where it belongs," he said. "The solution to our tax problems rests in Trenton

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## Democrats prevail in Fanwood race

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — For the second straight year, borough Democrats were victorious on Election Day, as incumbents Katharine Mitchell and Joe Higgins won three-year terms on the Borough Council.

By a comfortable majority, Higgins and Mitchell defeated Republican challengers Joel Stroz and Maureen Mawby. Their victory leaves the council in the control of the Democrats, who currently hold the mayor's seat and a 4-2 advantage on the council.

Mitchell led the way by receiving 2,008 votes, and Higgins nearly matched her by receiving 1,939 votes in a race for two council seats. For the Republicans, Mawby received 1,610 votes and Stroz garnered 1,582. A large number of absentee ballots remained to be counted as of Tuesday night, but not enough to potentially change the election results.

The victors nervously calculated the precinct ballot tally with Assemblywoman Linda Stender at Borough Hall Tuesday night, cheering and embracing each other when the results were announced.

"It's incredible," said Higgins, who was appointed to the council earlier this year to replace Michael Brennan, who had resigned.

"I owe it to all the people in there," he said, pointing to Stender, Mayor Colleen Mahr, and a host of volunteers who anxiously awaited the official announcement.

Higgins, who chairs the borough's Downtown Advisory Committee, attributed his success to a veteran running mate who was elected to a third term on the council.

"I can't tell you how many times I knocked on somebody's door, and before I could get a word out they said 'Don't worry, if you're with Kathy Mitchell I'll vote for you.'"

For her part, Mitchell said she was delighted to hear the news and excited to represent the residents of Fanwood for another three years.

"I would like to say thank you to the voters for have placed their trust in me," Mitchell said. "It's a great honor... I will do my best."

Mitchell said she viewed the election results as confirmation that borough residents support the Democrats' policies on taxes, redevelopment, and "having an open policy" by holding public forums to resolve contentious issues.

"I view it as a mandate on what Colleen has done in the past year with the downtown and obtaining the extraordinary aid (to balance the 2004 municipal budget)," Mitchell said.

"I had an indication that what I've been doing for the past year the voters of Fanwood agree with," said an ecstatic Mahr. "I want to thank the voters for keeping Joe and Kathy on the council and keeping our progress moving forward."

Mahr pledged to continue holding open forums on redevelopment and said she would pursue any avenue available to keep property taxes at a minimum for borough homeowners.

Redevelopment and taxes were the two most hotly-debated issues during the campaign. Democrats touted their record of passing a small tax increase on to voters during the budget process. They also said pausing the borough's downtown redevelopment process to build a broader consensus was the right decision to make before proceeding.

The Republicans argued the redevelopment process was moving too slowly, depriving the borough of needed commercial rates to offset the property tax burden. They also disagreed with the Democrat-led council's decision to balance the budget by seeking extraordinary aid from the state, arguing the council

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## Some vaccine to be available

The Scotch Plains Health Department announced the township has been allocated a very limited amount of flu vaccine for local residents. Local officials are mandated by the federal Center for Disease Control to distribute the vaccine according to strict guidelines.

The Westfield Health Department said that town is also expecting a limited supply to arrive early next week. An announcement will be made at that time about how the vaccine will be distributed.

Scotch Plains will conduct pre-registration at the following times in the council chambers of the municipal building at 430 Park Ave.

— Noon-4 p.m. Nov. 9

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## Scooby-Doo, where are you?

Among the marchers in Sunday's Halloween parade in Westfield was a group dressed as characters from a familiar cartoon show, joined for the day by a witch. See more pictures from the event in Community Life, Page B-1.

## Voters back Kerry, Ferguson

By GREG MARX  
and BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Residents across central Union County were conflicted in Tuesday's election, as many voters chose not to vote straight tickets. While Westfield, Scotch Plains, and Fanwood residents chose John Kerry for president, voters in all three communities supported Republicans for county freeholder and U.S. Congress.

In the overall Union County freeholder race, Democrats Daniel Sullivan, Bette Jane Kowalski and Adrian Mapp defeated Republican opponents Patricia Quattrocchi, Joe Renna and Frank Arena to claim three-year terms on the board.

And in the race for the one year remaining on an unexpired term, John Wohlrab, who resigned from the board recently following his arrest on domestic

violence charges, defeated Bruce Paterson. Wohlrab will not take the seat, however; Linden attorney Nancy Ward will serve in his stead.

The county Democrats won by a margin of nearly 3-to-2, but that result was driven by large victories in the county's urban communities. Locally, the Republican candidates were supported by about 55 percent of voters in Westfield and by a narrower margin in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

In the race for New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District, which includes portions of Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Union counties, incumbent Republican Mike Ferguson soundly defeated Democratic challenger Steve Brozak. Every incumbent congressman in New Jersey won re-election.

Though Ferguson was clearly favored in the GOP-leaning dis-

trict, the race had been viewed by some observers as the most likely to be competitive in the state. But Ferguson won by a 57-41 margin, essentially the same result as in 2002, when he defeated Tim Carden in his first re-election bid. Brozak was able to claim a slight victory only in Middlesex County.

Ferguson won 52 percent of the vote in Westfield, Scotch Plains, and Fanwood. He won 55 percent of all votes in Union County; the district does not include Democratic stronghold Elizabeth.

At the presidential level, the local results were opposite the national trend. In Westfield, Democratic challenger John Kerry defeated President George W. Bush by a 50-49 percent margin. Kerry won Scotch Plains by 262 votes and neighboring Fanwood by the slimmest of margins — 26 votes, unofficially.

## Lunch program at Willow Grove

SCOTCH PLAINS — In your golden years? Then don't miss a golden opportunity to attend the 12 O'Clock Club at noon Tuesday for lunch and an entertainment program at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church. Susan Dougherty will perform familiar songs.

A number of people in the community are already attend-

ing the free Stretches for Health exercise program held every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30 at Willow Grove. Residents are invited to come to the exercise session and then stay for the 12 O'Clock Club luncheon and program. The luncheon cost is \$3.50.

To make a reservation, to receive more information about

Willow Grove or if transportation is needed, call the church office at (908) 232-5678, e-mail willgrv@netzero.com or visit online at www.scotchplains.com/wgpc.

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Rd., across the street from the Scotch Plains south side firehouse.

According to CDC guidelines, the vaccine will be available to people age 65 and older. Residents should bring proof of age and residency when they come in to register.

A physician's note will be required for those under age 65 with the underlying medical conditions, pregnant women, residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, children aged 6 months-18 years who are on chronic aspirin therapy, health care workers involved in direct patient care, and out-of-home caregivers and those who have household contacts with children aged less than 6 months.

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— Noon-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Nov. 10

— Noon-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Nov. 12

Due to the extremely large number of people seeking the flu vac-

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## Westfield parking deck is defeated

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well-organized group of residents, WECARE, has been at the center of the anti-redevelopment campaign from the beginning.

At a victory celebration after the results became available, members of the group praised each other for their dedication in opposing a structure they felt would fundamentally change the character of their town.

"We really had our finger on the pulse of this town, and once we knew we had the opportunity for a referendum we knew we would win," said resident Ken Sumner.

"I think we covered every street in Westfield, every house got a flyer," said resident Robert Nehring. "We didn't have enough money for postage," he joked.

"We were a grassroots organization with a great diversity of ideas...we had leaders who took responsibility for handing out flyers, we had leaders who addressed the council, everyone had a good idea," Nehring added.

WECARE members said they believed the number of problems associated with the project — questions about the financial plan, traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, and a belief that Westfield can better manage its parking problems without a structure — brought about the referendum's lopsided defeat.

"I think when the residents were given the direct facts regarding the redevelopment project, they were able to make an educated decision as to whether this project was the appropriate next step," said resident Sharon Stockwell.

Stockwell joined many WECARE members in pledging to continue their involvement as the town pursues alternative strategies to mitigate a parking problem that won't go away with the defeat of the referendum.

"Now is the time for all of us to try to solve our parking problems without building parking decks," said resident Robert Tarte.

How the town will in fact proceed remained up in the air following the vote. Discussion about a parking deck has been a mainstay of local politics for decades, and especially in the past few years.

Numerous recent studies had led to the proposal for the Prospect and Elm project and another at the South Avenue train station. But public opposition forced the council to put off the South Avenue project and put the north side proposal to a public vote.

With that vote now very much in, the council was scheduled to meet in a public conference session Wednesday night, after press time, to discuss how to proceed. McDermott said at that meeting the council would discuss how to proceed on parking and what direction the town should take on the issue in the future.

Possible options include plans for multi-space parking stations, improving parking lot maintenance and educating downtown employees and businesses about where parking options are, Cronin said.

Despite the referendum's overwhelming defeat, she was not prepared to accept the argument that there is sufficient parking if only it were managed better. "It's difficult because there are not physically enough parking spaces for people," she said.

## Democrats prevail in Fanwood race

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didn't do enough to cut operating expenses.

After learning the results, Republicans were disappointed but remained upbeat about the party's future in Fanwood politics. Mawby and Stroz gathered at the Sun Tavern to thank volunteers for countless hours of service to bolster the GOP cause.

"We put a lot of effort into this

and we had a great time covering Fanwood," said Stroz. "We pulled out all the stops."

Stroz and Mawby said that as first-time politicians, they were fighting "an uphill battle" against anonymity and a well-organized Democratic party. They said their opponents also had strong support from the county Democratic committee.

"We fought hard and we thought we could win," Mawby said. "But we

met a lot of wonderful people — Fanwood is such a pleasant town."

Mawby and Stroz pledged to continue their civic involvement in the borough, even if they won't be serving on the council for the next three years. Both defeated candidates said they would consider another run at serving on the council in the future.

"We both have name recognition now that we didn't have in August," Stroz said.

## Scotch Plains Republicans retain control

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with the state government."

Coronato, the township's sitting deputy mayor, said she was excited to represent her constituents for four more years.

"We have some initiatives we want to get working on, and there's a lot of work we've started that we want to see through for the resi-

dents of Scotch Plains," Coronato said.

She said voters are beginning to understand that many of the property tax problems faced by communities require a statewide solution. And local officials have very little control over tax increases if the community doesn't want to lose valued services, she said.

"I think the voters understand that what happened last year was an anomaly," she said, noting that this year's tax levy only increased by about 2.4 percent.

Coronato attributed the Republicans' strong showing to tight organization, hard work by volunteers, a strong performance in a debate held by the League of Women Voters, and a better take on the key issues than their opponents. "While their hearts might have been in the right place, they were wrong on a lot of the issues," she said.

Democrats converged at the Italian-American Club in Scotch Plains on Tuesday night, hoping to celebrate in a building the county Republicans used for a pre-election

rally last week. Instead, the challengers were left wondering how they can reclaim a seat on the township's governing body.

"I was running against an entrenched incumbent that's been on the council for eight years," said Baron, who lost to Marks by 1,000 votes. "I'm proud of the showing that we made — we had over 125 people here tonight, many of which were involved in politics for the first time, and it's very humbling that all these people supported us."

Baldassarre said the campaign was a successful grassroots effort, and was proud that Democrats made the race competitive.

"We forced issues that hadn't been discussed," she said. "We decided to run as positive a campaign as possible... I have a chance to wake up in the morning and feel good about what I did. The campaign was a success from my point of view."

Baron said he was encouraged about the future of the Democratic party in Scotch Plains.

"There's another election in two years, and we'll give it another shot at that point," he said.

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## Film puts spotlight on town's 3rd Ward

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Shortly before casting their votes in this year's highly-anticipated election, residents had a chance to watch a documentary about a local political campaign from a year ago.

"The Silly Season," a documentary produced and edited by local resident Kevin Johnson, chronicles the unsuccessful Town Council campaign of Democrat Dave Haas in 2003. The 50-minute film mixes anecdotal footage of Haas' Third Ward campaign with interviews featuring local and statewide political leaders.

Johnson screened his film at Edison Intermediate School Oct. 28.

The central controversy of the film — which for once, has nothing to do with parking — is over the Cacciola Place area, where some residents complained about inferior municipal services and lamented changes to the neighborhood.

Many say gentrification is changing the neighborhood, as the area's traditional African-American population moves out and is replaced by a wealthier demographic that can afford the more expensive condominiums being built in the neighborhood.

The film follows Haas as he canvasses neighborhoods, seeking the votes of residents who are often unaware of the local political campaign or live outside the candidate's designated ward. It depicts Haas on foot and on the phone, trying to persuade undecided voters to cast ballots right up to the last moments before the polls closed.

Haas didn't focus on demographic changes to Cacciola Place during his 2003 campaign, but Johnson said he had been think-



Council candidate Dave Haas and filmmaker Kevin Johnson, pictured in 2003 as Johnson was shooting his movie on Westfield's Third Ward.

ing about the issue long before he asked Haas to participate in the film, which was shot in a variety of digital video formats.

The idea for the documentary came from a pre-production class Johnson was taking at Syracuse University, and from the filmmaker's life experiences in Westfield. Development on Cacciola Place, Johnson fears, is sending Westfield's minority population into decline.

"Residents there don't seem to be getting (the same services) that were there when it was a low-income Italian neighborhood," Johnson said.

"The apartment units being constructed are not for low-income people, and that is causing the black population of the town to go down," he continued. "It's a problem for the town — it has a responsibility to represent everyone."

Issues surrounding representation are a point of emphasis in his film, which asserts that the town's Second and Third wards have been drawn to split the neighborhood, limiting its influence on the town's governing body.

"When you have a minority whose district is cut into two voting districts it's unfair because it leaves them under-represented," he said.

One of the striking images from the film is an attempt by a frustrated resident to scrape playing lines on a Windsor Park bas-

kethall court with a piece of sheetrock. At the time, the resident said on-camera that he'd been asking the town to paint the lines on the court for more than a year.

But that resident didn't contact Haas during the year he served on the council, after he was appointed to replace Kevin Walsh. Still, Haas agreed that the condition of parks in some neighborhoods in town were in worse shape than others.

"My observations of the park were similar to the comments made in the film," Haas said this week. "I didn't think it was well-maintained... and it should be maintained as well if not better than any other park," he said.

Johnson also interviewed former resident and gubernatorial candidate Brett Schundler for the film, largely because the former Jersey City mayor has dealt with urban renewal first-hand.

According to Ezella Johnson of the Westfield Neighborhood Council, while many of the problems the young filmmaker raised are still relevant, Third Ward councilmen Andy Skibitsky and Mark Ciarrocca have been responsive to neighborhood issues.

"When a young boy was assaulted in the neighborhood, they responded very quickly by meeting with the people that were affected," she said, adding that the park's basketball court

has also been repainted.

"I don't think services from the municipal building are inequitable, underutilized, or unavailable to this area," she continued. "But some of the issues that are of major concern are the fact that rental housing rates are escalating, and a lot of people think they are going to be displaced from their homes."

"There is a need for affordable housing in this area if we are going to keep a diverse population in a town that is considered very wealthy," she explained.

For Haas, who had to relive a number of embarrassing moments in front of a crowd that watched the film last week, watching the film was "a strange experience."

"It was kind of a naked feeling — some of the moments are not what you would pick to be up there," Haas said. "But it was thought-provoking. It's his documentary and it's his point of view, and I don't agree with everything in it."

"In the grand scheme, it was as important to help some young person to start his career as it was to run for the council," Haas said.

Johnson said Haas was cooperative from the beginning of the production, which began six months before Election Day.

"Whatever I wanted to do, he was fine with that," Johnson said. "He never said no, he never said to turn off the camera."

## Twelve cell antennas sought on South Ave.

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A wireless service provider is hoping to install cell antennas atop a South Avenue building and improve service for downtown cell phone users.

AT&T Wireless proposes to install 12 cell antennas atop a 40-foot tall building at 900 South Ave., which is occupied by PNC Bank. The building is owned by local developer Joseph Buontempo.

The application will be heard by the Board of Adjustment at its regular meeting Monday.

According to the town's land use ordinance, cell antennas are a conditional use, but are permitted only on buildings standing 45 feet or higher. The application therefore requires a variance from the code.

The cell antennas would stand about 10 feet high; seven equipment cabinets necessary to make the antennas functional would be stored in the building's basement, according to the AT&T application.

The wireless service provider must prove that installation of the cell antennas is necessary to fill a gap in service. Also, AT&T must show that the antennas will have minimal visual impact on the area.

The town's ordinance indicates that wireless companies must screen the equipment and use the least visually-intrusive technology

necessary to meet needs.

A proposal submitted by AT&T states there is a "significant" wireless gap in the downtown area, and therefore a need to place cell antennas on the site. Further, the application argues that "without the proposed site, AT&T is unable to provide coverage in the area, which it is mandated to do pursuant to its FCC license."

Verizon customers have also complained of poor cell phone service in Westfield's central business district.

But an evaluation of the proposal by the Board of Architectural review — whose findings are given to board members on an advisory, non-binding basis — finds that the antennas "would make the already over-scaled and commercial appearing building even more incongruous with the neighboring structures."

The board voted 3-0 against the application at an Aug. 30 meeting.

Also at that meeting, the board considered a separate proposal to erect a flagpole structure to house cell antennas at 1400 East Broad St.

Stating the "flagpole" tower would be "greatly out of character with the neighborhood" and would be "larger than the Autoland flag presently flying on Route 22," the board voted 3-0 against the separate proposal.

Calls to AT&T attorney Judith Babinski seeking comment were not returned at press time.

## Looney Louie at JCC

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central NJ hosts a family program featuring magician Looney Louie at the campus, 1391 Martine Ave., from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 16.

Looney Louie is a professional children's entertainer whose specialties include magic, juggling, music, balloon twisting and comedy. This evening will include pizza, beverages and cupcakes.

After the magic show, kids will be invited to share the joy of giving and the power of performing *mitzvot*. Each participant will create two art projects: one to take home and one as a gift to a

resident at the New Jersey Geriatric Center of Workman's Circle in Elizabeth.

Children will have the opportunity to join other volunteers in distributing the gifts to the residents on Thursday, Nov. 18.

The family fee is \$18 and includes the performance, materials and dinner. Registration will be open through Wednesday.

For additional information, call Susan Bennett at (908) 889-8800, ext. 204.

The JCC of Central NJ is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central NJ.

## Antique appraisals at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD — Got antiques? From 2-5 p.m. Sunday, an Antiques Appraisal Affair will take place at the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Ave.

Visitors are welcome to bring hand-carried heirlooms and collectibles (textiles, china, glass, jewelry, silver, toys, dolls, trains, art work and more) to be identified and evaluated by experienced dealers.

The following dealers are donating their time, talents and expertise: Lynn Caproso and Bob Selig of Country Cottage Antiques in Scotch Plains; Karen "Reni" Heckley of Betty Gallagher Antiques, Inc. in Westfield; William Fiore of the Old Toy Shop in Westfield; and Anita L. Grashof of Gallerie Antiques in Scotch Plains.

Donations are one item for

\$4 or three items for \$10; all proceeds are used to support the education programs at the Miller-Cory House Museum.

Residents are asked not to bring any weapons, firearms or piano-sized items. Complimentary refreshments will be served. No tours of the museum will be conducted on Sunday.

On Nov. 14, the museum will feature a weaving demonstration on a counter balance loom. Admission will be \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and children under 6 are free of charge.

Call the museum office at (908) 232-1776 for more information about the museum, its fall events and volunteer opportunities.

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## College Night set for Nov. 18 in Westfield

WESTFIELD — At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, Westfield High School will host approximately 200 colleges and universities at its annual College Night. This event gives students and their parents an opportunity to gather information about colleges and universities nationwide.

College Night was initiated more than 30 years ago by the College Woman's Club of Westfield. Now hosted by the high school's guidance department, "Westfield's College Night has long been known as one of the biggest and finest in New Jersey," said Robert Petix, principal of Westfield High.

"The representatives from a host of colleges and universities

provide literature and answer questions about their schools," Petix said. "The guidance department works diligently to give students access to an array of post-secondary options."

"College Night offers a forum for all students to connect with the college or university that is right for them," noted Noah Tennant, assistant principal and director of guidance. "Our students are ambitious and diverse. We aim to provide our kids and their parents with a broad overview of schools for their consideration."

Westfield High School administrators and counselors have encouraged students and families to attend.

## Club's season continues

WESTFIELD — The second concert of the 85th season of the Musical Club of Westfield will be held 8 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. The public is invited.

Flutist Helen Bartolick, accompanied by pianist Mary Beth McFall, will perform "Sonata in E Major" by J.S. Bach, and "Sonata pour Flute" by Francis Poulenc.

Violinist Momoko Matsumura will play the unaccompanied "Partita No. 3 in E Major" by J.S. Bach.

Vocalist Elsa Gail Hahn, soprano,

no, accompanied by McFall, will sing "When We Were Very Young." The music is by H. Fraser-Simson and the lyrics by A.A. Milne.

Organist F. Allen Artz III will perform "Prelude in C Major" by J.S. Bach; Partita on "Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan" by J. Pachelbel; "Prelude and Fugue in G Major," F. Mendelssohn (Opus 37 - No. 2); and "Toccata on 'Leon' (God of Abraham Praise)" by Michael Burkhardt.

The program chairwoman is Virginia Toenes; the hospitality chairwoman is Edna Borchers.



Westfield Rescue Squad members Riva and Sean Waller with their daughter Mattie.

## Husband, wife volunteer for squad

WESTFIELD — Each year, the Westfield Rescue Squad responds to more than 2,000 calls in the community.

Volunteer members provide coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the squad building, but many members go above and beyond by waking up in the middle of the night to rush out to someone in need or by staying past their duty periods to assure coverage in the town.

In September 2003, a young couple, Sean and Riva Waller, made the decision together to commit themselves to the volunteer services as emergency medical technicians in Westfield.

The Wallers have a young daughter at home and both work full-time jobs. Sean is an elementary school teacher and Riva is a senior manager of structured products of Man Investments, an international hedge fund.

When asked what being on the Westfield Rescue Squad means to him, Sean said, "Being on the squad gives us the opportunity to give back to our community. At the same time we get personal satisfaction knowing that we make a difference in other people's lives."

Said Riva, "After 9/11, I felt that I wanted to

make a commitment to my community."

Recently the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad began its annual membership drive. A letter was sent to the homes of all community members expressing a need for more volunteers.

Asked what he thought was the best thing about joining the squad, Sean said, "The volunteers. They've created a good atmosphere, which makes it enjoyable to spend time at the squad building. At the same time it is a very professional environment you can be proud of."

*"Being on the squad gives us the opportunity to give back to our community."*

— Sean Waller

"Becoming EMTs has given us the confidence and sensitivity towards all people, and has allowed us to integrate ourselves into the community in a way we've

never done before," he continued. Said Riva, "Being an EMT is overwhelming at times, but the feeling of satisfaction at the end of the shift is worth it."

Both Sean and Riva encourage others in the community to volunteer at the Westfield Rescue squad.

The squad provides all training for new volunteers. Residents who would like more information about becoming a squad member should stop by the squad building at 335 Watterson St. or call (908) 233-2500.

## Fall hike upcoming at Trailside

The Union County Board of Freeholders invites adults ages 18 and older to take part in an autumn hike around the Watchung Reservation's Lake Surprise.

The hike will be followed by a guided meditation and will take place 2-4 p.m. Saturday. This program is part of a new series of adult workshops offered by Trailside Nature and Science Center.

Adults will meet at Trailside's TMA room, located behind the museum, for a brief introduction. Participants will then venture into the woods for a hike around Lake Surprise. Along the way, a naturalist will identify local trees and plants and pinpoint signs of wildlife.

"This program is an excellent chance for adults to get outdoors and enjoy the abundant colors, sights, and sounds of nature this autumn season. It is also a great opportunity to increase understanding and knowledge of the reservation's ecosystem," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski.

Participants will discover why trees drop their leaves and what causes leaves to change color. They'll also explore the wetlands for great blue herons, egrets and other interesting waterfowl; search the sky for migrating hawks and eagles; discover the interrelationships that take place in a forest and wetland ecosystem; and learn about conservation.

The hike will culminate around an open campfire, where light refreshments will be served and participants will enjoy a meditation session. Participants are encouraged to bring a soft cushion to use for this portion of the program.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is preferred. The fee for this workshop is \$10 for Union County residents and \$15 for non-county residents. The Lake Surprise Autumn Hike and Meditation is held rain or shine, so participants should dress appropriately.

For additional information about this event, other adult workshops, or upcoming events at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.



## Two join board at YFCS

Richard Rippe, president of the Youth and Family Counseling Service board of trustees, recently welcomed Frances Faltermayer (left) and Elizabeth Gillin to the board. Faltermayer has lived in Westfield for 34 years, is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and has taught art and art history in several private schools. She and her husband, the late Edmund Faltermayer, are the parents of two grown children. Gillin and her husband, Dr. Scott Gillin, are the parents of two adult sons. She is a graduate of Ithaca College and Cornell University School of Architecture. She owns a commercial and residential interior design business.

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## Scouts sponsor food drive

During November, Boy Scouts, Webelos, and Cub Scouts from communities throughout Somerset and Union Counties will be collecting food for the benefit of local food banks in Scouting's annual Good Turn called "Scouting for Food."

After 15 years, this community service by the Scouts has become an important part of the food-sup-

ply picture in many community food banks.

The dates chosen for the activity may differ between various Scout units and communities. In the Westfield-Scotch Plains area, specially-marked bags will be distributed on the weekend of Nov. 13 by parent-supervised Scouts and Cubs to homes in their assigned neighborhoods; the bags will be collected from doorsteps in the morning of the following Saturday, Nov. 20.

Homeowners are asked to fill a bag with nourishing, non-perishable food products (not stored in glass) that can be stocked at a food pantry, and to put the bags out in a visible place before 9 a.m. on the pickup Saturday (or as directed in a note with the bag).

The Scouts will return to the same homes they visited to take the bags to a local food pantry, such as a church or a community facility. The food will be used to prepare Thanksgiving baskets and to serve needy families throughout the winter.

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## Briefs

### Fall boutique upcoming at St. Paul's Church

WESTFIELD — St. Paul's Episcopal Church will host its annual Fall Boutique and Clothing Sale Friday and Saturday. The boutique will feature antiques, jewelry, china, silver and crystal, as well as nearly new and designer clothing.

General inventory includes clothing, linens and accessories. Gently used clothing items for donation may be dropped off Nov. 3 and 4 in the parish hall.

Through the sale, St. Paul's outreach program provides inexpensive clothing and goods for people in local communities. Unsold items are sorted and distributed to social service agencies and disaster relief organizations.

In an effort to instill a commitment to volunteerism in the next generation of volunteers, supervised children aged 10 and up will assist with various tasks associated with the sale.

Sale hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday's Bag Day begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at noon. St. Paul's is located at 414 E. Broad St. There is no admission fee, and all are welcome.

### Singles group meets weekly in Westfield

WESTFIELD — Those over 45 who are widowed, divorced or never married don't have to be alone — they can join others at 9 a.m. Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28 for coffee and cake and lively discussion dealing with single issues.

Activities include winter movie nights, summer picnics, holiday get-togethers and more. The group meets at First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., in the lower level meeting room.

A \$2 donation is requested, and all are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

### Junior Woman's Club seeks coat donations

WESTFIELD — The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield will hold its seventh annual coat drive at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad St., through Saturday.

The club is seeking clean, gently used or new coats. A collection bin will be available in the main lobby of the library during operating hours.

Only coats will be collected during this drive. All coats collected will be distributed to local families in need.

### Big fall sale at The Hope Chest

WESTFIELD — From now until Thanksgiving, almost everything in The Hope Chest Thrift Store is 50 percent off.

The store is located at 26 Prospect St. Proceeds will benefit to Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care. Store hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call the store at 908-233-9973.

### Blood pressure screening at YMCA

WESTFIELD — Staff from Overlook Hospital will be at the Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St., from 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday for a blood pressure screening. No appointments are necessary, and no fees are required.

For more information, call the Westfield Area YMCA at (908) 233-2700, ext. 251.

### Chelsea will host diabetes workshop

FANWOOD — The Chelsea at Fanwood will host a diabetes awareness workshop 2-3 p.m. Tuesday at 295 South Ave. Register immediately by calling Eileen Weller at (908) 654-5200, ext. 511.

Representatives from the Diabetes Center of New Jersey will teach attendees about risk factors, self-testing, meal planning, dietary information, as well as provide a thorough overview of diabetes. Diabetic refreshments will be served.



### Girl Scouts aid Fanwood Nature Center

On Oct. 24 about 30 volunteers, including members of Girl Scout Troop 547 and their families, placed wood chips on the trails of the Fanwood Nature Center. Troop Leader Julie Murphy made the arrangements to do the work through Nature Center caretaker Dean Talcott. The wood chips were donated by Schmiede Tree Expert Company. Beginning in November, bird seed will be placed in feeders at the Nature Center's wildlife observation blind.

## Class aims to improve kids' focus

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA is offering a Blue Heron program, a combination of yoga, breathing techniques and concentration exercises designed to help children who have difficulty focusing gain skills to channel their energy more productively.

The classes begin with yoga exercises to improve balance, coordination and strength. Participants then move on to guided relaxation and imagery work to help them use their imagination and relax. The class ends with an art exercise in which children draw the feeling they just experienced.

Why is the program called "Blue Heron"? The blue heron is not only one of the tallest-stand-

ing birds, but also one of the most patient. It can stand still for long periods of time and is very graceful. The class aims to enhance these traits.

The class is instructed by Karen Weinstock, a certified nutritionist and certified yoga teacher for children with special needs who has had a private practice in the Westfield area for 20 years.

Weinstock holds a degree in fine arts from Stockton State College and infuses a holistic orientation to behavior modification.

When asked what type of results parents can expect, Weinstock said, "It is subtle. One student, for example, initially wouldn't make eye contact. Over

six weeks we noticed a change in his willingness to look at other students and be more interactive."

For more information, call Dave Mueller, family life director for the Westfield Area Y, at (908) 966-9342.

## Westfield Area Y plans events to mark Nat'l Family Week

WESTFIELD — For more than 30 years, the Alliance for Children and Families has coordinated and promoted National Family Week throughout the country. This year, the Westfield Area YMCA will participate with a weeklong series of events.

Says Barbara Taylor, senior consultant for program development at the YMCA of the USA, "During this week and throughout the year, YMCAs remain a place where families can find a place to belong, people who care, a choice of programs and activities that build skills and assets, and opportunities to have fun."

The following events will be hosted by the Westfield Area YMCA, located at 220 Clark St.

— Nov. 21, Family Hoe Down, 3-6 p.m. Grab your family and head down to the Y to kick off the Week of the Family. The afternoon will include square dancing, arts and crafts, face painting, hot dogs and beans and a staff chili cook-off. The afternoon is free to full facility members, \$10/family for basic members and \$20/family for non-members.

— Nov. 24, Family Movie Night, 7-9 p.m. Bring your family for popcorn and a movie at the Y. One person must have a program or full membership to the Westfield Y. Reservations are required by 5 p.m. on Nov. 21. \$5

fee per family includes movie and refreshments.

— Nov. 26, Family Portraits. Schedule time to have your family's portrait taken for your holiday cards. Call (908) 966-9341 for packages and pricing.

— Nov. 26, Family Basketball, 6-8 p.m. Work off your Thanksgiving turkey with your family at the Y. Members are invited to bring their family for a pick-up game of basketball. \$3 per guest or \$10 per family.

Local children and adults are also invited to enter the "What is A Family?" essay writing contest.

There are three age categories and a winner from each. Everyone in attendance at the Family Hoe-Down will have the opportunity to read the final essays and vote for the one in each category they think best describes a family. All essays should be typed and double-spaced and should include a cover page with the author's name, age and phone number.

The categories are: ages 7-12, 200-400 words; ages 13-18, 400-600 words; and ages 19 and up, 600-1,000 words. Submissions are due to the front desk at the Y by Nov. 15.

For more details on the Westfield Area YMCA's celebration of the Week of the Family, call Linda Christopher at (908) 966-9341.

*"YMCAs remain a place where families can find a place to belong, people who care, a choice of programs and activities that build skills and assets, and opportunities to have fun."*

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# Commentary

## Reforms merit support

Democrats in the State Assembly unveiled an ambitious plan last week to overhaul the way elections are conducted in New Jersey. "The 'Every Voter Counts' package is the most ambitious set of proposals to change our election procedures since the movement for election reform began under Gov. Woodrow Wilson," said Assembly Majority Leader Joseph J. Roberts Jr.

Some of the suggestions make a lot of sense — like moving the state's presidential primary to the last Tuesday of February. The state's presidential primary is now held the first Tuesday in June, a few months after the nominations have been decided. That has resulted in New Jersey being ignored by presidential candidates who only come to the state to pick the deep pockets of wealthy party activists. It is time New Jersey played a bigger role in the presidential process.

The proposal also calls for election consolidation to save money and encourage more participation, including moving both fire and school elections to the nonpartisan municipal election date of the second Tuesday in May. That's a good idea, but it would be even better if the election were held on a Saturday; it's also worth thinking about having school board elections in November. That would stimulate more participation in the school election, where turnout averages a measly 15 percent.

The package also has a number of ideas which would place New Jersey among the more progressive states in the country. For example, half of all the states, including California and Florida, allow early voting. This proposal would allow each county to have no more than three locations where early voting would be allowed.

Voting by mail would be allowed in municipalities with fewer than 1,500 residents. This would save the smallest towns in the state the expense of conducting elections.

The package also includes several common-sense proposals, such as making polling places more accessible to the handicapped, extending the voter registration deadline to 15 days before an election from the current 29 days, and posting a Voter Bill of Rights at each polling place.

All these measures would have a positive impact on encouraging more citizens to participate in the democratic process. With voter turnout on the decline in the past decade, the state should do everything it can to make it easier to vote. That's why this package of bills deserves to be a top priority for the Legislature.

## Veterans Day

It is very appropriate that Veterans Day follows Election Day by only a few days.

The conjunction of these two important dates on our national calendar should be a reminder to all Americans that the rights we enjoy in this country have been defended over the centuries by men and women in uniform.

From the birth of the United States to the 21st century, citizens have served in all branches of the military to protect our precious freedom. Their contributions, however, are often overlooked, especially in a culture where cynicism had become so prevalent prior to the horrendous events of Sept. 11. That's disgraceful; too many of us have taken our freedoms for granted without remembering that thousands upon thousands of our fellow citizens have sacrificed their lives so that we can continue to live in the land of the free.

Throughout the country there will be ceremonies Thursday morning to honor those who have served our country. The ceremonies are set for the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the moment when what was supposed to be The War to End All Wars ended in Europe in 1918.

The ceremonies are solemn occasions which are, unfortunately, sparsely attended. Sometimes only a handful of people show up.

Our veterans deserve better. They deserve a demonstration of how much we are in debt to their heroic service. They deserve our respect and our thanks.

For all of us, however, next Thursday is a day to remember the heroic acts of our fellow citizens and salute what they have done for our country. Parents should consider taking their children to a local observance of Veterans Day for a moral and history lesson. The rest of us, if we cannot attend these ceremonies, should say a silent prayer of thanks for what veterans have done for us. And it is also a time when we say a prayer for the safe return of our soldiers now fighting a war literally on the other side of the world.

We must also look beyond Veterans Day for other ways to honor those who serve in the military, including pressing our elected representatives in Washington for more funding so that veterans hospitals and other health programs are adequately funded. Too many veterans hospitals throughout the United States have suffered from neglect and poor funding. Our veterans deserve better.

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## Letters to the editor

## Candidate's conduct was unseemly

### To The Record-Press:

Steve Brozak and his supporters should be ashamed of themselves. During the only debate between the candidates for office in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, Brozak and his supporters conducted themselves in a rude manner.

The League of Women Voters graciously sponsored the debate and asked for the removal of all campaign paraphernalia from the debating room. What did they do? They walked in with signs, pins, stickers, and buttons, and not one single Brozak supporter removed them. They cheered loudly and inappropriately after being informed numerous times that this was a civic function, not a partisan rally.

The debate was about the issues, and what did Lt. Col. Brozak do? He repeatedly attacked Mike Ferguson

on a personal level. He attacked Mike's beliefs and he attacked Mike's claim to New Jersey residency. Apparently Lt. Col. Brozak does not believe that Mike or the other 434 people who serve in Congress can tuck their children in at night. Having an extra residence in the D.C. area is a common and perfectly legal practice for congressmen and women who wish to be close to their families.

Make no mistake, Lt. Col. Brozak conducted his campaign in a rude and uncivilized manner, whereas Mike Ferguson never attacked his opponent, even thanking him for his military service. Let's be clear: Lt. Col. Steve Brozak — an officer, but not a gentleman.

MICHAEL CILIA  
Cranford

## Ninth grade coat drive a big success

### To The Record-Press:

The ninth grade coat drive at Westfield High School was a great success, collecting and distributing 1,015 winter coats to needy New Jersey families in just five days ending Oct. 29. Many thanks to the ninth grade class, the families who donated coats and the co-sponsoring organizations: the Optimist Club of Westfield, the Westfield High School PTO and Westfield High School.

Thanks also to Maureen Mazzaresse and Tara Giblin of Westfield High as well as the Optimists, Junior Optimists from the high school and parent volunteers who worked in the Armory and provided transportation of the coats

to designated charities.

Those who benefited include group homes in Westfield, the Westfield Neighborhood Council, families from the Westfield Armory deployed to Iraq, St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth and the Jersey Cares Annual Coat Drive.

The project was undertaken to encourage class unity, promote school spirit and create meaningful community service. It succeeded at many levels and hopefully will become a proud tradition at Westfield High School.

DON PRAY  
Optimist Club of Westfield  
Project Advisor

## Letter policy

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## HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY?



STEVE SNYDER  
Westfield

Veterans Day is very important — my father was a Marine who served at Iwo Jima. It's important to remember the people who have served in uniform, and it's also important to remember the people who died on 9/11.



MIKE KREUGER  
Scotch Plains

You can fly the flag and do everything you can to appreciate their service.



SHARI BERMAN  
Westfield

I think we should support the current troops, and all those who ever served. Schools should be focusing on current events (involving our military) and past history as well.



MIKE SMITH  
Westfield

Just support the troops in whatever way you can. Donate your time and money.



FREDERIC SHAFMAN  
Cranford

I think we should pay military families more money — people who have been in the service shouldn't have to be on food stamps.

## Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

## Taking stock

Human resource specialists say employees deserve an evaluation once a year. You need to know what you're doing right, what you're doing wrong and how you can improve your performance as an employee. Sometimes more money is the reward; sometimes you get a tongue lashing and sometimes you just get an "attaboy." But at least you know where you stand on the job.

But few of us — if any — receive an annual evaluation of our lives. Another year passes and we have no idea where we stand in the overall scheme of the universe and how we're doing as a person. We just complete another revolution around the sun without knowing how we are really doing on the job as a human being.

That's why every birthday, in the last week of October, I undertake a self-evaluation. I judge myself in four areas — personal, physical, occupational and community. The first three are obvious. Am I happier than I was 12 months ago? Am I in better shape than I was 12 months ago? Am I earning more money and doing the best I can on the job? The fourth deserves explanation because I believe we all have a constructive role to play in our slice of the universe. Have I been a good citizen? What have I contributed to society? Have I performed my good deed of the year? Do I come to a full stop before making a right turn on red? Do I always return the toilet seat back to its original position?

The self-evaluation is a daunting challenge. It demands fearless honesty and guileless courage to confront the ugly facts of life. It's not easy to acknowledge to yourself that you haven't resolved troubled relationships, gained a few pounds and procrastinated on projects. And, of course, you have to anesthetize your modesty long enough to remember how you made others happy, performed 23 push-ups on May 20 and completed the project for the manager known as Muscatel Breath two days ahead of schedule.

Though you have the temptation to mark yourself on a curve, you know you have to stick to an absolute scale because that's the only way you can really tell how you're doing. And, like an evaluation on the job, you have to create goals for the next 12 months. I'm going to ask Lindsay Lohan to the First-United Methodist Church of Somerville's Holly Time Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon so she too can experience the thrill of a homemade luncheon of ham loaf, scalloped potatoes and green beans, join a gym so I too can take off my shirt in public without embarrassment like Harrison Ford and perform so well on the job that I will catch the boss's eye and refuse the 10 percent raise because I like the job so much I would do it for free — but because I don't want to insult him I'll accept the raise after all.

The evaluation is not complete until I perform a unique and strange ritual. Every morning on my birthday I visit Neshanic Cemetery, the place where my moral compass always points. For that spiritual side of myself that is trapped in the attic of my consciousness like a crazy aunt, I visit the cemetery as a reminder that I am part of a frustrating continuum I will never comprehend; my life is reduced in proportion to the worries of the universe. To paraphrase a famous line from *Casablanca*, I am reminded my problems don't amount to a hill of beans in the universe. On a more practical point, I visit the cemetery because it is where the dead in their quiet repose pass judgment on my life. It is their souls — my father, grandparents and other relatives — who taught me the difference between right and wrong and taught the lessons of life that can never be captured in words.

Somehow, after all these years, I still feel an obligation to live up to their expectations. They made me what I am today, and I still feel an irrational obligation to honor their memories not simply by words or simple deeds but by living a life in accord with their standards and values.

By the last week of October the trees in the cemetery are beginning to lose their colors, the last flash of bright life against a crisp fall sky. A long winter is ahead when life seems to vanish from the landscape, yet all hope is not lost. New life will return with another tilt of the Earth's axis. And new opportunities will return every time the sun rises in the promising eastern sky.



## Donations sought for US troops

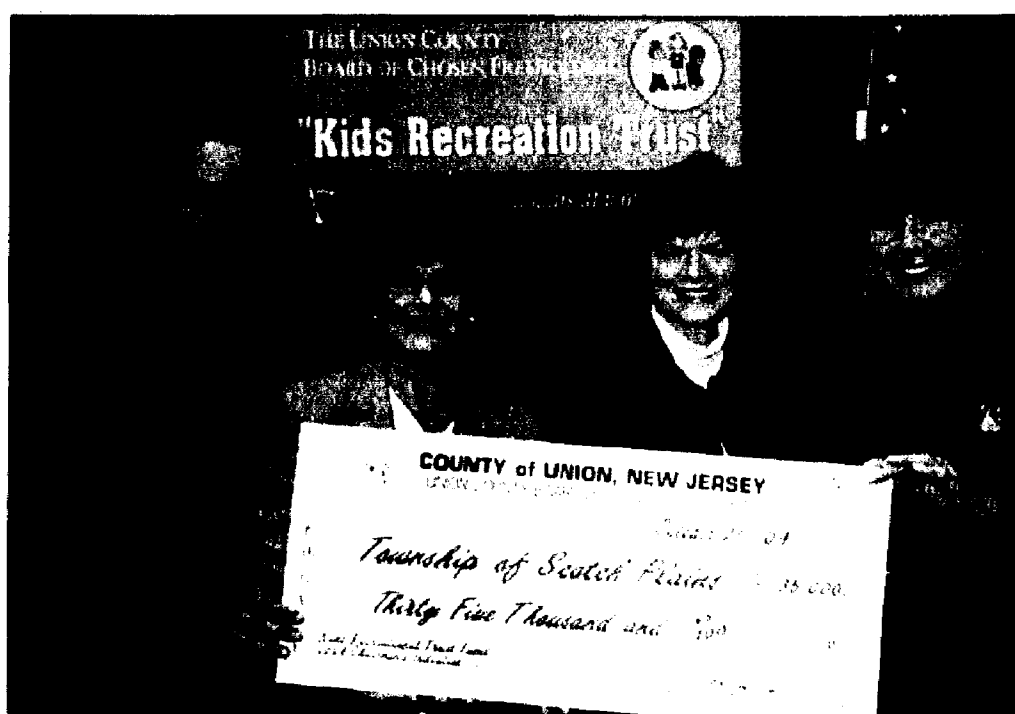
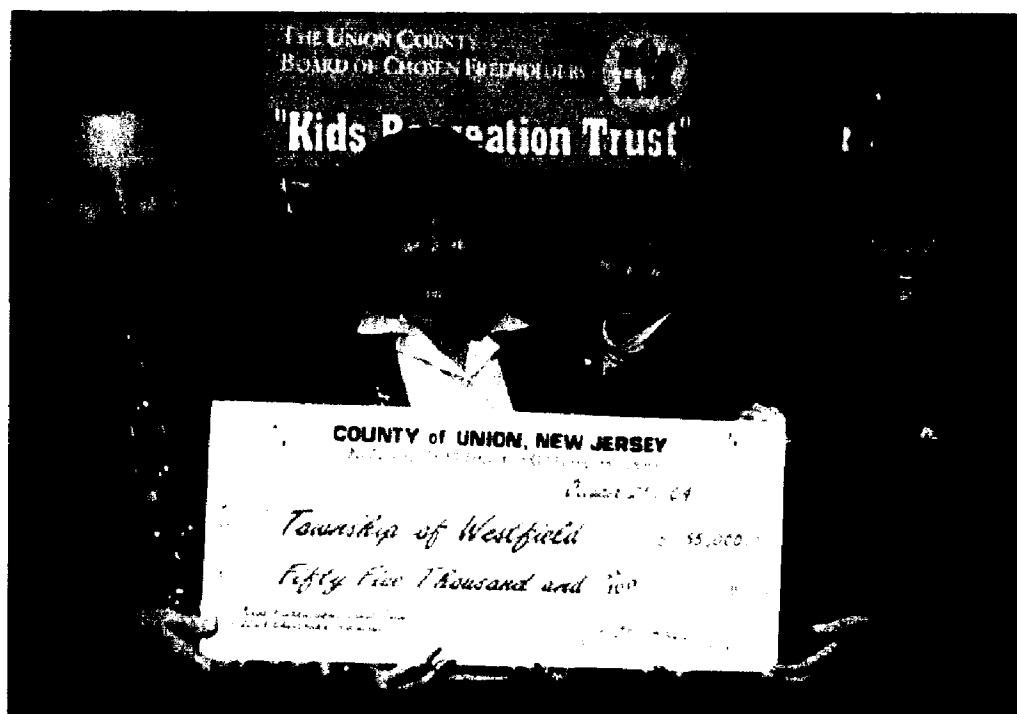
**SCOTCH PLAINS** — The 821st Junior ROTC program at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, in cooperation with the Family Support Group, is collecting personal items for New Jersey National Guardsmen and women deployed to the conflict in Iraq.

The service project, Treasures for Troops, is seeking donations of the following items: microwavable foods including popcorn, Pringles, beef jerky, breakfast bars (no chocolate), nuts, protein shakes, noodle packets, candy, sunscreen, hand lotion, foot powder, baby wipes, lip balm, black wool socks, sports bras, large zip lock bags, music CDs, movie CDs, and books.

The project runs through Nov. 15. Items may be dropped off at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School or at the Scotch Plains municipal building.

For more information about the collection, call Maj. Pearson or Chief Terry at (908) 889-8600, ext. 351.

## Towns receive money from recreation fund



Union County Freeholders recently awarded approximately \$972,000 to all 21 municipalities in the county from The Kids Recreation Trust Fund. At left, Deborah Scanlon (right) and Bette Kowalski (second from right) present Westfield Recreation Director Bruce Kauffman and Assistant Director Dee Mackay with a check for \$55,000 from the fund during a ceremony at the Rahway Recreation Center. At right, Scanlon and Kowalski present Scotch Plains Deputy Mayor Paulette Coronato and Recreation Director Ray Puerio with a check for \$35,000. The program funds scholarship, equipment, and field/recreation center improvements for children. Approximately \$30,000 in scholarships was provided to about 190 children, \$870,000 was allocated for field improvements, and the remainder was allocated for equipment for children.

## County officials unveil latest addition to the vo-tech campus

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Union County Freeholders, Vo-Tech administrators and students recently cut the ribbon on the \$14 million Academic Services building for the Vocational-Technical School District's new full-time high school.

The new academic building is home to the district's four-year, full-time Union County Vocational-Technical High School.

Students in the new academic services building are studying language arts, physics, chemistry, social studies, world language and health, all in a technology-enriched environment.

According to a statement released by the county, the new school has a multi-purpose auditorium, 14 classroom spaces, a sky-lit media center, multiple science labs, computer labs, and a fitness center. There is also a gymnasium that can seat up to 800 people; it accommodates a regulation basketball court and a portable stage for theatrical productions.

The building is approximately 70,000 square feet and is located in the center of the campus.

The new school has a multi-purpose auditorium, 14 classroom spaces, a sky-lit media center, multiple science labs, computer labs, and a fitness center.

The 47-acre campus is home to four schools:

— The Union County Technical School houses both share-time and full-time students studying and training in more than 20 occupational programs.

— The Union County Academy for Information Technology, a full-time four-year high school, meets the needs of students interested in studying information technology/computer science. The Academy is currently in its third year of operation and is housed exclusively in the new building.

— The Union County Magnet High School, a full-time, four-year high school, specializes in engineering technologies coupled with intensive study in science, math and technology.

— The Adult Vocational Technical High School provides an opportunity for recent high school dropouts to return to school, complete their education, and learn an employable skill. This program serves nearly 500 students annually in Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains.

Last year, the Magnet High School received the three most prestigious awards that a New Jersey High School can achieve: the Governor's School of Excellence Awards, one of only five high schools statewide receiving that award; the New Jersey Star School

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Award, the only high school to be named; and the national Blue Ribbon Designation, which will be presented to the school's administration in Washington, D.C. Nov. 4.

The Magnet School's graduates attend college at a 100 percent rate, achieve an SAT score in excess of 1300 and received, on an average, \$43,000 in scholarship aid per student in last year's graduating class.

Last year's UC Tech graduates had a job placement rate of 96 percent.

The district also has the largest apprenticeship program in the state of New Jersey, with more than 2,100 apprentices registered.

### Veterans' cards available from clerk

As Veterans Day approaches, Union County Clerk Joanne

Rajoppi issued a reminder that veterans can receive their free military discharge identification cards at the County Clerk's Office.

The wallet-size card is honored as proof of service in the U.S. Armed Forces. It can assist in receiving educational, death benefits, licenses and the property tax rebate.

"On Veterans Day we rightfully honor the men and women who selflessly served in our Armed Forces," Rajoppi said. "This ID card service is just one way to say thank you and make veterans' lives a little easier."

The ID cards are available to veterans whose Certificate of Honorable Discharge and DD 214 Forms are recorded at the Union County Clerk's office. Benefits from honorable military service are limited to the veteran and his or her spouse, parents, children, heir or personal representative.

"The distinctive red, white and blue cards have a raised

seal certifying proof of recording from the clerk's office," Rajoppi added.

If a veteran's discharge papers have never been recorded, the original document may be presented at the Union County Clerk's Office. Documents will be recorded in the Union County Veterans' Index and the original will be returned to the veteran.

Photocopies of Honorable Discharge or DD 214 documents cannot be accepted for recording. Those who have already recorded their documents in the clerk's office can call the office and have the card mailed to them.

"All veterans can be assured," Rajoppi said, "that access to their discharge papers is limited and available only to the veter-

an, his or her mother, father, wife or husband, brother, sister, child, heir or personal representative."

Veterans' documents are archived in a secure area and they are not accessible to the public, she added.

The County Clerk's Office is located in the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad St., Elizabeth. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If any additional information is needed please call (908) 527-4787.

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## Post Office embraces automation

WESTFIELD — As part of an on-going effort to provide better service, the Postal Service is introducing a self-service kiosk that provides access to postal products and services just as automated teller machines (ATMs) have provided easy access to banking services.

Unlike most ATMs, though, Automated Postal Centers (APCs) don't charge a service fee.

"APCs provide a simple way for customers to weigh, calculate, and apply exact postage for mailing Express Mail and Priority Mail items, packages, and first-class letters," said Westfield Postmaster Kenneth A. Brown.

*"APCs provide a simple way for customers to weigh, calculate, and apply exact postage."*

— Postmaster  
Kenneth A. Brown

"And they will help provide quicker service during busy periods. Making our services available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and til 5 p.m. on Saturdays will make it easier than ever for customers to do business with us at their convenience. Now that's a real benefit."

The APCs only accept debit and credit cards and cannot at this time be used for insuring packages or for international packages.

The machine can be used though for Delivery Confirmation services as well as Certified Mail services. It is also able to dispense booklets of stamps as well.

APCs will allow Postal Retail Associates to assist customers with more complex, face-to-face transactions such as mailing packages to international locations, conducting Registered Mail services, and money order transactions.

Like ATMs, APCs will eventually be located in high-traffic public access areas.

For now, though, the Postal Service is following the banking industry's strategy by having employees assist customers with their transactions when they first use the newly-installed APCs.



## Holiday boutique to benefit Westfield High Marching Band

Meaghan Fitzpatrick, Julia Nelson and Anne Sinisi are surrounded by examples of products that will be available at this year's holiday boutique sponsored by the Westfield High School Marching Band. The event will be held 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Annmarie Puleio and Joe Sinisi, 630 Kimball Ave., Westfield. This year's boutique will feature, PartyLite, Longaberger baskets, The Pampered Chef, floral designs and gifts by Pamela Newell, Partners in Paper, monogrammed silver jewelry, Carolina Quilts, handbags, wallets, Berebi picture frames and more. All local residents are invited for an evening of coffee, cookies, and holiday shopping. All proceeds from the sale go to support the WHS Marching Band and the WHS Marching Band Scholarship Fund.

## YMCA's Wasiak takes new position

### Will be next CEO of Camp Ockanickon

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA announced this week that Fred Wasiak, assistant executive director of the Y, has officially accepted the position of CEO of the YMCA Camp Ockanickon in Medford.

Said Mark Elsasser, CEO of the Westfield Area YMCA, "Fred has done an outstanding job for the Westfield Area Y. In his position as assistant executive director, he has been involved in budgeting, program and fund development, operations, facility improvement, staff and volunteer development and supervision."

"He now joins the ranks of the 42 YMCA CEOs in the state of

New Jersey."

In his new position, Wasiak will be responsible for overall YMCA operations, focusing on board development, fund development and long-range planning.

YMCA Camp Ockanickon is coming upon its centennial celebration. The goal will be to provide vision as well as maintain the traditional values the camp has provided to generations of members and participants.

Previously, Wasiak served as Family Conference Director for the Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, N.Y. from 1993-1999 and prior to that as program director for the White Plains YMCA. All together, Wasiak has worked for 16 years for the YMCA.

Fred holds a degree in physical education from Niagara University. He serves as a national YMCA trainer on the subjects of volunteers, family programs and staff development.

He has been actively involved with the Westfield Area Y's Men's Club and served as a board member of the Education Fund of Westfield.

For the foreseeable future, Wasiak, his wife Betsy and their three children will continue to reside in Westfield. His last day at the Westfield Area Y will be Nov. 12, and he will begin his tenure as CEO of Camp Ockanickon on Nov. 15.



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## SATURDAY NOV. 13

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**GRANDMA'S ATTIC PLUS** — thrift shop sale at Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 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. 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. For more information, (908) 377-2755.

**SILVER SNOWFLAKE SALE** — hand-crafted, "fair trade" gifts for the holiday season. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave.

## SUNDAY NOV. 14

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

## COMING UP

**OPEN HOUSE** — for the JCC of Central NJ Nursery School. 9:30 a.m. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. To register, call (908) 889-8800, ext. 204.

**BLOOD DRIVE** — at Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains. 5-9 p.m. Nov. 15. 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.

**HOLIDAY GIFT SALE** — presented by Congregation Beth Israel. 6:30-10:30 p.m. At the temple, 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains.

**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@worldnet.att.net by Oct. 25.

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# Community Life

## Briefs

### Women's Club to hear program on herbs

WESTFIELD — Cheryl A. Wiley of the Herb & Flower farm in South Plainfield, will give a lecture titled "Herb, Spice, Everything Nice," and demonstrate how to entertain with herbs for the holidays for the members of the Woman's Club of Westfield Monday at their new location, the Masonic Lodge, 1011 Central Ave.

The business meeting will be at 1 p.m., with the program to follow at 1:30. Wiley will offer simple ideas to spruce up the home for the holidays.

Wiley started the herb and flower farm over 20 years ago, but her recent focus has been to bring herbs out of the kitchen and into ornamental use. She is a lecturer for numerous organizations including the NJ Flower Show, Garden Clubs of NJ and holds a certification in greenhouse management from Rutgers University.

The public is invited to attend this program and the reception that follows. For further information, call (908) 233-0532.

### Program offers tips on living the simple life

FANWOOD — Area women are invited to attend the Woman's Club of Fanwood meeting to be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the dining room of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, Marian Avenue.

After refreshments and a brief business meeting, Dr. Karen Enslie will present a program entitled "Simply Beautiful" which offer advice on finding simplicity and enrichment among a hectic modern life. Dr. Enslie is a motivational speaker and educator from the Union County Rutgers Extension Service.

Club members and guests are asked to bring several non-perishable food items to replenish the Food Pantry at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Plans will be finalized regarding the Woman's Club's annual Benefit Dessert and Card Party to be held at Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains, at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 17. All funds resulting from selling the \$5 tickets will go toward a scholarship awarded to a Fanwood graduate of Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School.

For further information about the club or its activities, call Shirley McGuinness, president, at (908) 754-9122.

### Holiday gift sale planned at temple

SCOTCH PLAINS — Congregation Beth Israel will hold its annual holiday gift sale 6:30-10:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the temple, located at 18 Shalom Way.

At this year's holiday boutique and gift sale, shoppers can find a wide variety of vendors offering the gifts and presents including jewelry, giftware, clothing, games, toys, candles, household goods, stationary and more.

### JCC Nursery School to hold an open house

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central NJ Nursery School will host an open house at 1391 Martine Ave., for new families at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 15. Parents interested in the accredited nursery school and full-day kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year are encouraged to attend this program.

Guests will have an opportunity to learn all about the school as they visit the classrooms. Susan Bennett, early childhood director, will answer questions about the nursery school and early childhood programs. Children and parents in attendance will be able to participate in a sample class and tour the facility.

Registration for the 2005-06 year begins Jan. 4, 2005. Children who will be turning 2, 3, 4 or 5 years old before Oct. 1 are eligible for enrollment. Families expecting to enroll their children in the JCC nursery school or kindergarten must be members of the JCC. Membership information will be available at the time of the visit.

Call Bennett at (908) 889-8800, ext. 204 to register for the open house. Those interested but unable to attend on Nov. 15 are urged to call and schedule a day-time tour.

## This children's author may be at *His Finest Hour*

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD PRESS

FANWOOD — David Neuhaus is getting a second chance to make a first impression.

The illustrator and author of children's books recently published *His Finest Hour*, a story about a child's first bike race. It is an updated version of a book he published more than 20 years ago, and Neuhaus says he remains the only author to publish a children's book about bicycles.

"I used to be excited to see my pictures in magazines and newspapers, but with book publishing, that's a special feeling," Neuhaus said.

*His Finest Hour* was originally published in three colors by Viking Press. When the book went out of print several years later, Neuhaus re-acquired the rights and is now publishing the book through Velo Press, a company that publishes bi-weekly magazines about bike racing.

It's the company's first foray into children's literature, and Neuhaus said he hopes to capitalize on the renewed national interest in cycling after Lance Armstrong's historic Tour De France victories.

Neuhaus chose the sport as a subject for his book after an

advisor recommended he write about what he knows. Since the young writer was a competitive cyclist and even worked as a bike mechanic, mixing children's literature and bicycles was an easy fit.

"I still collect bikes, and I do a lot of riding," he said, noting that he owns more than 40 different bicycles.

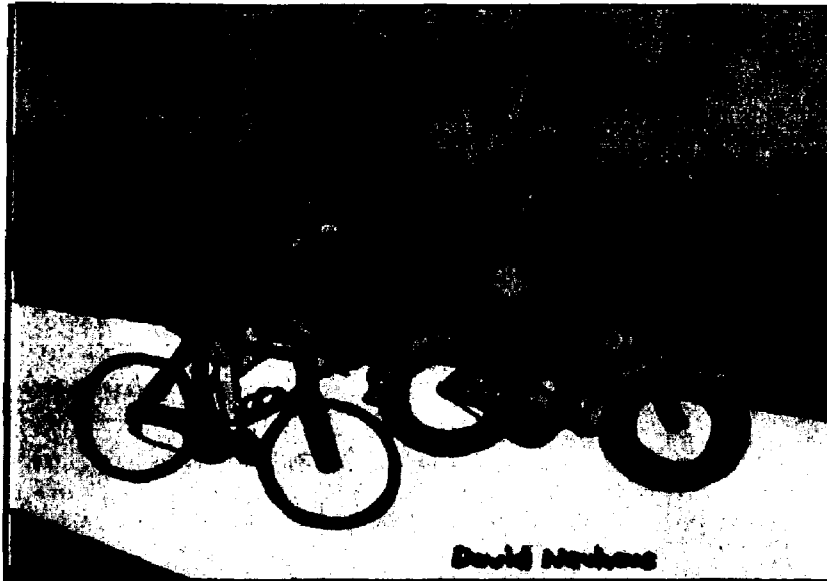
Because the book was two decades old, Neuhaus had to update a number of details, such as revising bike equipment and sketching modern-looking bicycles.

"I added helmets for the bike racers, and updated descriptions of some of the equipment in the text — there have been a lot of changes in 20 years," said Neuhaus.

Revisiting his earlier work gave Neuhaus the opportunity to improve the depth and detail of the illustrations.

"I updated the art, and decided it should be done in full color," he explained. "I kept the drawings, but I made them larger. There were things in the first version I always wanted to change."

Neuhaus currently works three days a week for Scholastic publishing on a freelance basis. He also lists publishers Lee and Lowe, Harper-Collins, and Simon and Schuster as clients.



*His Finest Hour* is the latest work by Fanwood resident Dave Neuhaus.

Most of his work is done illustrating children's books written by other authors.

He compares his illustration style to his mentor James Marshall, who wrote well-known children's stories such as *The Cut-Ups*, the *Miss Nelson* books, and *George and Martha*. Both artists place their characters in panoramic, distorted landscapes and enjoy infusing their stories with humor.

Early in his career, Neuhaus

worked for Pennywhistle Press while living in Virginia, creating illustrations for the Sunday newspaper supplement. Later he worked for Publisher's Weekly, the Washington Post, and National Geographic World magazine.

When he made the jump into children's books, Neuhaus illustrated amusing, clever books like *The Camp Survival Handbook*, a guide for summer campers that includes postcards

to send home to parents. He also sketched books like *I Can Save the Earth* and *Sherman is a Sloupoke*.

Later, Neuhaus worked on an anti-drug collection called the *Drug Alert* series. The informational books teach kids about the dangers of illegal drugs, and Neuhaus contributed three-color drawings to enhance the series.

"It was such a heavy topic, so they wanted to keep the art somewhat lighthearted," he said.

When he finishes publicity for *His Finest Hour*, Neuhaus said he would like to create a series of books retelling famous Greek myths. He said his mother often read mythology, and she made an effort to pique his interest in myths, legends, and epics.

"It's one of those projects I have in the back drawer," Neuhaus said. "Maybe someday I'll pull it out again."

Neuhaus will attend a book signing Tuesday at the Barnes and Noble in Clark from 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 13, he will sign copies of *His Finest Hour* from noon-4 p.m. at The Bike Stand in Scotch Plains. At both public appearances, Neuhaus will draw nursery rhymes for children to demonstrate how an illustrator creates his artwork.

## Scary, spooky, just plain fun



Sunday was a glorious early fall day — just right for all of Westfield's ghouls and goblins to come out and be seen in their Halloween best. Costumed marchers gathered on Elm Street and then headed over to Mindowaskin Park. Among those who turned out to celebrate were Conner, Dylan and Debby Burslem of Westfield, pictured at top left — Debby appears to have slightly different taste in Halloween costumes than Conner and Dylan. Also on hand was a familiar-looking contingent from the "Westfield Academy," all decked out in spectacles and cloaks. Bottom left, Logan Calder of Mountainside took a moment to get away from the crowd by Mindowaskin Park and enjoy some of his Halloween candy. And of course, no self-respecting parade would be complete without an appearance by a high school marching band.



Photos by Brooks Crandall

## Westfield library offers programs for adults, kids

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library is hosting several programs for children and adults next week. The library will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans' Day.

On Monday, the library will screen *The Barbarian Invasions*, hailed as one of the best Canadian films in history; showings are at 1 and 7 p.m. Winner of Best Screenplay at the 2003 Cannes Film Festival, the 2004 Oscar Award for Best Foreign Language Film, and the 2004 Cesar Award for Best Film, it is the story of a history professor and renowned womanizer dying of cancer who wrestles with the reali-

ties of his death, the regrets of his past, and the hope for reconciliation. No tickets required.

Also on Monday, a resume-writing workshop will be offered from 7-8:15 p.m. Participants should bring their completed resumes to be discussed. The basics of posting a resume online will also be demonstrated.

A hands-on Internet beginner's class will cover basic skills such as how to use a web browser, access websites, select a search engine, and print from the Internet. The class will be taught in two sessions, Nov. 9 and 16, from 10-11:30 a.m.

On Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a video, talk and discussion about Beat poets Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac and others.

Also on tap is "Mommies at the Movies." Moms can head to the library with their babies at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and enjoy a free showing of *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*. A valid Westfield Library card gains admittance; pre-registration is not required.

And children are invited to the library at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13 for a variety show with Will Shaw. Shaw's unique blend of physical comedy, verbal wit, and dazzling skill has taken him across the country and around

the world. He'll display his juggling, spinning and clowning skills.

Shaw is the winner of the Bistro Award from Backstage Magazine as one of New York City's top cabaret performers. This is a family program: children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Adults and children must both have valid Westfield Memorial Library cards to attend.

The library will also hold its regular story hours for children.

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.

## Russian organist V. Koshuba will perform at First United

The noted Russian-born organist Volodymyr Koshuba, now residing in Kiev, Ukraine, will perform works of Scheidt, Buxtehude, Bach, Mussorgsky, Bortniansky, Tchaikovsky and Vierne in concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Koshuba will play both the large 1959 Aeolian-Skinner organ and the 1974 Möller antiphonal organ located, respectively, in the chancel and gallery of the sanctuary.

Born in 1948, Koshuba is earning a growing international reputation for his musical and artistic performances as a concert organist. He graduated originally as a pianist at the age of 24 when he was a student of Prof. T. Kravchenko at the Kiev State Conservatory. After graduation he was appointed pianist of the Kiev State Philharmonic Orchestra.

From 1975 to 1980, Koshuba studied organ with Prof. A. Kotliarevsky at the Kiev Conservatory. Following that, in 1981, he was appointed as concert organist of the Kiev State Organ Concert Hall. Further study was in Tallinn, Estonia, with Professor Hugo Lepnurm, who was a pupil of the renowned French organist Marcel Dupré.

In 1988, Mr. Koshuba was awarded the title of "Honored Artist of the Ukraine." Following that, in 1989, he participated in the International Organist Seminar in Munich, Germany.

**Koshuba's repertoire is wide and varied. In addition to the standard organ repertoire, he plays many works of Ukrainian composers, many of whom are hardly known to the rest of the world.**

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As a concert organist, he has performed in most major countries including Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Finland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Austria, Spain, France, Canada, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Japan and the United States. In 1995, Mr. Koshuba was

elected a member of the Italian Music Academy and in 1996, was awarded the title "Honored Citizen of Kyoto, Japan."

Having played and recorded many times for radio and television, Koshuba is also an active CD recording artist. His first North American CD was completed in 1998 when he was featured at the large Rieger-Kloss organ of Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle, Illinois. Other CD recordings include performances in the Ukraine, Zurich, Switzerland, and Rochester, N.Y.

No tickets or reservations are required. A donation of \$5 per person will be requested at the door. The church is handicapped-accessible from both the street and parking lot, where there will be ample free parking.

For further concert information, call the church office at (908) 233-4211 daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Volodymyr Koshuba will perform in a Nov. 12 concert in Westfield.

## Borough eateries put on a show on Nov. 9

**KENILWORTH** — Although Kenilworth has long been known as a great restaurant town to those who live or work in the area, the many eateries in the small Union County community have generally kept a low profile.

However, that may change when the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce and Schering-Plough Corporation join forces to present "A Taste of Kenilworth" from 6-8:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at Schering-Plough's Kenilworth facility on Galloping Hill Road.

Advance tickets are now on sale for \$10 and can be ordered by calling the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce at (908) 352-0900. Tickets sold at the door on the night of the event will be \$20.

Admission to this event will provide the opportunity to sample the food from a variety of local establishments. A preliminary list of participants includes La Griglia, Le Rendezvous, Roberto's, Star of India, Blackthorn Pub, The Greek Store, Per Q Up, Cluck U Chicken, The Food Factory, Martha's Kettle, Michigan Deli and Nick's Luncheonette, with more to come.

Entertainment will be provided by the Kean University Performers, an award-winning vocal group.

This event marks a renewed commitment on the part of the Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce to bring together its business and residential communities for the enrichment of both. For more information call the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce at (908) 352-0900.

## NJWA Concert Band to perform Sunday

The NJWA Concert Band will perform a multifaceted concert 2 p.m. Sunday at the YM-YWHA of Union at 501 Green Lane, Union.

This autumn concert is the second in a series sponsored by the YM-YWHA of Union. Tickets are \$8 per person or \$6 for seniors and members of the YM-YWHA.

Comprised of students and adults, the band recently played a benefit concert in Kenilworth. "We will be performing new selections and I am particularly pleased to be featuring Russell Jackson on bassoon and Dave Dilzell on clarinet," said director Howard Toplansky. "A freshman at the Magnet High School,

Jackson is also proficient on piano and flute. His mother has been exceptionally supportive of the band; we appreciate her efforts."

Dilzell is an information systems manager for Merck. He plays saxophone and clarinet with the Westfield Dixieland Band as well as the Full Count Jazz Band. Dilzell will perform the clarinet solo "Interlude" by John Morrissey.

The band will play the "Transit of Venus" march by John Philip Sousa.

"It is the first 'transit of Venus' since Dec. 6, 1882," Toplansky said. "This means that the disk of Venus passed in front of the Sun and looked as

little more than a black dot silhouetted against the glow. The Library of Congress joined with NASA in celebration of this event, and Sousa's march, first published in 1896, is now being reintroduced to the public."

Another selection will be the "Light Cavalry" overture by Franz von Suppe. Written in 1866, this operetta was considered among the best by Viennese composers. Suppe also wrote musical comedies, of which "Poet and Peasant" is the best known.

In another musical vein, the NJWA Band also will play highlights from the popular *Man of La Mancha*, the third longest running musical of the 1960s,

which went from off-Broadway to Broadway and finally to film. Michael Legrand's haunting "Windmills of Your Mind" won the 1967 Oscar and will be part of the second half of the NJWA Band program for the afternoon.

The two-hour concert will feature marches, overtures, waltzes, ragtime, and show music including George Gershwin selections. "We offer an elaborate musical smorgasbord to fit every musical interest," said Toplansky.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Refreshments will be available during intermission. For further information, call (908) 289-8112 and inquire about the autumn concert.



Dave Dilzell plays clarinet for the Concert Band.

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## Twelfth Night matinee will benefit Sue Novak Nursing Scholarships

On Nov. 21, a matinee performance of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* by the Circle Players in Piscataway will benefit the Sue Novak Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Novak was a Union County College alumna and registered nurse. With guidance from the Union County College Foundation, her family established the scholarship in her memory to ensure that her love of nursing is carried on for generations to come. The scholarship is awarded to residents of Plainfield or graduates of Plainfield High School.

A long-time Scotch Plains resident, Novak was a 1991 graduate of Union County College and Muhlenberg School of Nursing. She served as a hospice nurse at Haven Hospice. She lost her brief battle with lung cancer in November 2003.

Novak's many volunteer activities included parish nursing at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, 15 years as a Girl Scout leader, and many leadership roles at Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

The Novak family includes husband Jim Novak, four daughters, and a grandson. Jim and daughter Jamie are also alumni of Union County College.

Prior to the 3 p.m. performance, there will be a reception that will begin at 2 p.m. The ticket price of \$20 includes an \$8 tax-deductible contribution to the Sue Novak Nursing Scholarship Fund through the Union County College Foundation.



SUE NOVAK

**A long-time Scotch Plains resident, Novak was a 1991 graduate of Union County College and Muhlenberg School of Nursing.**

Tickets may be reserved by calling (908) 889-5836. The deadline for ordering tickets is Nov. 15. Contributions for the scholarship in memory of Sue Novak may also be made directly to the UCC Foundation, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016, or at [www.uccfoundation.org](http://www.uccfoundation.org).

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## Teresa Kyle

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Teresa M. Kyle, 81, died Oct. 27, 2004 at Runkle's Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. Born in Plainfield, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Watchung.

Mrs. Kyle retired in 1990 after 25 years with Meany Insurance Services in Bridgewater. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield.

Her husband, James J., died in 1982.

## Fannie Cirincione

**WESTFIELD** — Fannie Barca Cirincione, 84, died Oct. 26, 2004 at her home in Garwood.

Mrs. Cirincione was born in Gratteri, Sicily, and settled in Westfield when she came to the United States in 1929. She had lived in Garwood since 1949.

She was a past president and life member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Mrs. Cirincione also was a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary to Monsignor Walsh Council 5437, Knights of Columbus in Garwood.

A 1939 graduate of the Drake Business College in Plainfield, Mrs. Cirincione was a Twig volunteer at Rahway Hospital. She was

Surviving are a son, James J. of Berkeley Heights; three daughters, Susan K. Panzarella of South Plainfield, Teresa Rosser of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Maureen Dyer of West Caldwell; and 11 grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Higgins Home for Funerals, Plainfield, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Mary's Church. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield. To send a condolence, visit [www.higginsfuneral-home.com](http://www.higginsfuneral-home.com).

a member of the Garwood Senior Citizens Club and the Grand Centurions in Clark.

Her husband, Samuel Frank Cirincione, died in 2001.

Surviving are a daughter, Annette Naik and husband Chittaranjan of Garwood; a brother, Frank Barca and wife Rosemarie of Garwood; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday at St. Anne's Church, following services at the Dooley Colonial Home. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Elizabeth.

## Earl Nehemiah

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Earl Irvin Nehemiah, 79, died Oct. 24, 2004 in Clark.

He was born in Baltimore, Md., and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1949.

Mr. Nehemiah worked for the Economy Book Bindery and the Williams Limousine Co., both in Scotch Plains. He later worked part-time at Caldor in West Orange.

He was a deacon of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains and the Metropolitan Baptist

Church in Newark. Mr. Nehemiah was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Sheila; his stepmother, Mary; two sons, Renaldo and Dion; two daughters, Delethia McIntire and Latasha Whitmore; a stepdaughter, Latasha Felder; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held Friday at St. John's Baptist Church. Arrangements were by the Perry Funeral Home in Newark.

## Martha Burns

**WESTFIELD** — Martha Raub Burns, 84, died Nov. 1, 2004 at her home.

She was born in Lafayette, Ind., and had lived in Westfield since 1947.

Mrs. Burns graduated from Purdue University, where she was active in Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She was a member of the Echo Lake Country Club and a lifelong member of the Twig organization.

Her husband, Jerome R., is deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth and wife Patricia of Scotch Plains and Philip and wife Diane of Rhinelander, Wis.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Atlantic Hospice, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ 07041.

## Henry Brown

**WESTFIELD** — Henry Brown, 56, died Oct. 22, 2004 at his home.

He was born in Jersey City and lived in Newark before moving to Westfield.

Mr. Brown was a laboratory technician with the Warner-Lambert Co., Ciba-Geigy and Pfizer Inc. He received his certification in laboratory technology

from the Newark Laboratory and Technical Training Institute.

Surviving are his twin sister, Brenda Brown Robinson; two brothers, Frederick and Steven; two nieces and a nephew.

Services were held Saturday at the Nesbitt Funeral Home in Elizabeth. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside.

## Jonas Juraitis

**FANWOOD** — Jonas Juraitis, 95, died Nov. 1, 2004 at his home.

He was born in Marianpole, Lithuania, and had lived for more than 50 years in Fanwood.

Mr. Juraitis was a forester in Lithuania and employed by the Fanwood Presbyterian Church until his retirement.

His wife, Eugenia, and a son,

Vytas, are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Antanas V. "Anthony" of Freehold; two grandsons, Christopher of Freehold and William Ely of Sea Girt; and many nieces and nephews.

Private arrangements were by the Neary-Quinn Funeral Home in Manasquan.

## LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**  
**UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following:

Leasing of Space  
At Southside Firehouse on New Tower and at New Addition

For lease of space for the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment on a new replacement municipal communications tower to be built on the Township of Scotch Plains at the Scotch Plains Southside Firehouse and for the lease of interior and exterior space for related support facilities at 1910 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. The lease will allow for the location of wireless equipment on a new 150-foot replacement communications tower and the installation of related support facilities as detailed in the Specifications and Contract documents.

Copies of the separate Specifications and Bid Documents for the construction of the communications tower and building addition for which the Township is seeking bids separately from this one may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, beginning on November 12, 2004, at the offices of the Township Engineer at 430 Park Avenue, Second Floor, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

Bids will be accepted only by mail or in person to the Office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (ATTN: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until 10:30 a.m. on December 3, 2004. The Township of Scotch Plains (hereinafter "Township") shall not be responsible for any bid sent by mail which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service or other delivery service. At the above time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "Bid for LEASING OF SPACE AT SOUTHSIDE FIREHOUSE ON NEW TOWER AND AT NEW ADDITION, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076." No bid will be received after the time and date specified.

After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn except if provided for herein. The bid of any Bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between Bidder and the Township. All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Bid Package. Specifications for this lease may be examined at the Office of the Township Building Department, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, during business hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning November 12, 2004, and purchased for a \$25.00 non-refundable fee.

Bid proposals and all required documents must be completed and submitted by the date as set forth above. All documents in the enclosed Bid Package must accompany the bid proposal. Additionally, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond issued by a responsible bank, trust company or insurance company, payable to the Township of Scotch Plains shall be submitted with each bid as a guarantee that if a contract is awarded the Bidder shall execute said Contract. The Bid Security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of

the bid or Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower. All bid Security, except the Bid Security of the three (3) apparent lowest responsible Bidders shall, if requested in writing, be returned after ten (10) days from the opening of the bids (Sundays and holiday excepted) and the bids of such Bidders shall be considered withdrawn. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial informality, or to accept any bid, in the opinion of the Township of Scotch Plains, which will be in the best interest of the Township and in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 17:27 et seq. In the event of an equal or tie bid, the Township shall award the bid to the Bidder which, in the Township's sole discretion, best serves the interest of the Township. The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids if sufficient funds are not available and/or appropriated. The selected Bidder will, within seven (7) days of award of the bid, enter into an appropriate contract with the Township. All Bidders must comply with P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the Law Against Discrimination," approved April 16, 1945 (P.L. 1945, Chapter 159), N.J.A.C. 17:27, as amended from time to time, and the Americans With Disability Act. All Bidders must comply with P.L. 2004, c. 57 and be registered with the N.J. Division of Revenue. All Bidders must enclose a copy of said Business Registration Certificate with the bid. Where applicable, prevailing wage rate shall be paid to all workers on the job as per N.J.A.C. 34:11-56, 25 et seq. BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY: Thomas Atkins, Municipal Manager \$49.35

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**  
**UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following Project:  
Construction of Southside Firehouse Addition and Replacement Tower Contract SP2004-1. Bids will be accepted only by mail or in person to the Office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (ATTN: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until 10:30 a.m. on December 3, 2004. The Township of Scotch Plains (hereinafter "Township") shall not be responsible for any bid mailed which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service or other delivery service. At the above time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes, clearly marked "Bid for CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTHSIDE FIREHOUSE ADDITION AND REPLACEMENT TOWER, CONTRACT SP2004-1, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076." No bid will be received after the time and date specified. After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn except if provided for herein. The bid of any Bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between Bidder and the Township. All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Bid Package. Plans and specifications for this work may be examined at the Office of the Township Building Department, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, during business hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning November 12, 2004, and purchased for a \$25.00 non-refundable fee.

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## Obituaries

### Bertram Tepper; scion of department store family

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Bertram K. Tepper, scion of a family that owned a Central New Jersey department store, died Oct. 25, 2004 at the Franklin Care Center in Franklin Park at age 87.

He was the retired vice president and secretary of Tepper's store on West Front Street in Plainfield. Mr. Tepper was a son of Max Tepper, who with a brother purchased the Plainfield shop of I.H. Boehm in 1907. Tepper's operated until the 1970s.

The younger Mr. Tepper also was president of the Plainfield Rotary Club in 1967-68 and a golfer at the Raritan Valley Country Club in Bridgewater. As

a fly fisherman he won the 1960 and 1961 International Bonefish Tournaments in Marathon, Fla.

He was an Army officer in the South Pacific during World War II after his graduation from Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga.

Mr. Tepper was born in Plainfield, the son of Max and Bertha Tepper, and lived in Scotch Plains for 30 years before moving to Edison in 1985. He had resided in Somerset since 1997.

His wife, Ellen, died in 2002. Private arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

### Jessie Southwick-Cox

Jessie J. Shea Southwick-Cox, 84, died Oct. 30, 2004 at Union Hospital.

She was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Cranford since 1960.

Mrs. Southwick-Cox was the former Union County commander of the Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion. She was a past president, former vice president and former treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary to Legion Post 328 in Clark.

Her husband, William J. Cox, died in 1997.

Surviving are three daughters, Gloria Wygand, Katherine Miller and Eileen Wyss; three sons, Glen Southwick, Edward Southwick and Paul Southwick; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Thursday at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion in Clark.

### Shirley Mae Raftery

Shirley Mae Raftery, 85, died Oct. 30, 2004 at the Bradley Beach home of a daughter, Shirley Raftery-Triolo.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in Cranford for most of her life.

Mrs. Raftery was a legal secretary from 1939-44 with American Telephone & Telegraph Co. in Manhattan. She graduated from Beaver College (now Arcadia University) in Glenside, Pa., and also from the Katharine Gibbs School.

She was a member of the Wednesday Morning Club, the

Friends of the Cranford Library and a senior citizens club in the township.

Her husband, William Joseph, died in 1977.

Also surviving are a son, William Joseph II of Southampton; two daughters, Margaret Ann Rodel of New Canaan, Conn., and Katherine Gertrude Julia Raftery of Rockville Centre, N.Y.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Gray Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Cranford Family Care.

### Vito Capobianco

Vito B. "Sonny" Capobianco, 69, died Oct. 30, 2004 at his home in Green Brook.

Born in Newark, he lived in Kenilworth and Cranford before moving to Green Brook in 2003.

Mr. Capobianco retired after 36 years with Ange & Mins, his family's restaurant in Kenilworth. He was a member of Father McVeigh Council 4186, Knights of Columbus, in Kenilworth.

His father, Angelo, is deceased. Surviving are his wife, Audrey J. Van Allen Capobianco; his mother, Filomena Radice Capobianco; three sons, Robert

Kelley, Angelo and Anthony; three daughters, Phyllis Smith, Noreen Kelley Molinaro and Patricia Lynch; a sister, Ann Marie Vaz; 15 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Kenilworth, following services at the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Atlantic Home Care and Hospice, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ 07041.

### Genevieve Roselli

Genevieve Cilia Roselli, 80, died Nov. 1, 2004 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Mrs. Roselli was born in Elizabeth and lived in that city before moving to Kenilworth in 2001.

Her husband, Nicholas, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret Collins of Kenilworth

and Mary Ann Hrubic of Roselle Park; a brother, Joseph Cilia of Cranford; and two grandchildren.

Services will be 9 a.m. tomorrow at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Ave., Westfield. A funeral Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, 541 Washington Ave. Entombment will be in the Graceland Memorial Park mausoleum.

Visitation was offered yesterday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 120 Albany St., Tower 2, Fifth Floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

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### In the pumpkin patch

Students in the Jumpstart classes at Brunner and Evergreen Schools in Scotch Plains recently took a trip to Aistede Farm in Chester. The children experienced the sights, sounds and scents of a farm in the fall during a hayride through the fields. During a stop at the Harvest Adventure Area, the children met baby farm animals, learned about the work of honey bees and beekeepers and climbed into the driver's seat of a tractor. The highlight of the trip was a stop in the pumpkin patch where each child picked a pumpkin. Above, Brunner student Alex Manfra looks quite pleased with his pumpkin as the haywagon leaves the pumpkin patch.

## DB community pays tribute to Carbone

By LAUREN TRAIOR  
STAFF WRITER

**KENILWORTH** — A bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace" played as students, staff, and community members gathered in the auditorium of David Brearley High School/Middle School Friday to commemorate the life of groundskeeper Tim Carbone and to dedicate a garden in his name.

The room was packed as a list of speakers recalled the prominent place Carbone, who passed away in middle age earlier this year, held in their hearts and lives and a slide show showcased some of his life's happy moments.

"Tears are sometimes an inappropriate response to death.

When a life has been lived completely and honestly, the correct response to death's perfect punctuation is a smile. Tim was a familiar face around the

Brearley campus, always greeting students, staff, and friends with his warm smile," said Principal Charles Cappello.

Carbone's friend Dave Curtin recalled how enjoying Tim's antics one day in English class earned him detention.

"I got detention for laughing at Tim's joke, but I would pay a king's ransom for one more day in that English class," Curtin told the students. "Enjoy your friends. Treasure your friendships, because they don't last long."

Tim's wife Lynn spoke about his commitment to his own family, as well as his Brearley family.

"If Tim had an umbrella big enough to cover the entire field, he would have stood out there and held it up," she said.

She also recounted how he had his watch set every day to make sure his daughter and her friends always had a lunch to eat.

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# Sports

## Raiders, LaForge keep hope alive, 23-12

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Coming into the game against the 4-2 Linden Tigers Saturday afternoon, the Raiders knew one thing: Lose and miss the playoffs.

"The coaches kept telling us in practice that our playoff hopes were on the line," said defensive back LaMont Hunt. "Last year when we made the (state sectional) finals we raised expectations and we were not going to let (Linden) end our season."

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (4-3)

came back from a 12-10 halftime deficit to outplay the Linden, 23-12, holding the Tigers scoreless in the second half and keeping their playoff hopes alive.

Hunt and the rest of the secondary stepped it up in the second half.



### FOOTBALL

Linden's quarterback Rooks Crawford, who had a very successful first half racking up over 100 yards and two touchdowns passing, was limited to just one completion in the sec-

ond half — a 15-yard pass during the Tiger's last offensive possession.

Appropriately, Hunt intercepted Crawford to end the last Linden possession and seal the game. Hunt also came up fast to put a hit on a Tigers receiver during a bubble pass, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Colin Weber.

"At halftime we knew we had this game because we were playing better than them even though they were ahead," said Hunt. "The coaches challenged the whole secondary and told us it was our time to shine. We got fired up. It was all about heart today."

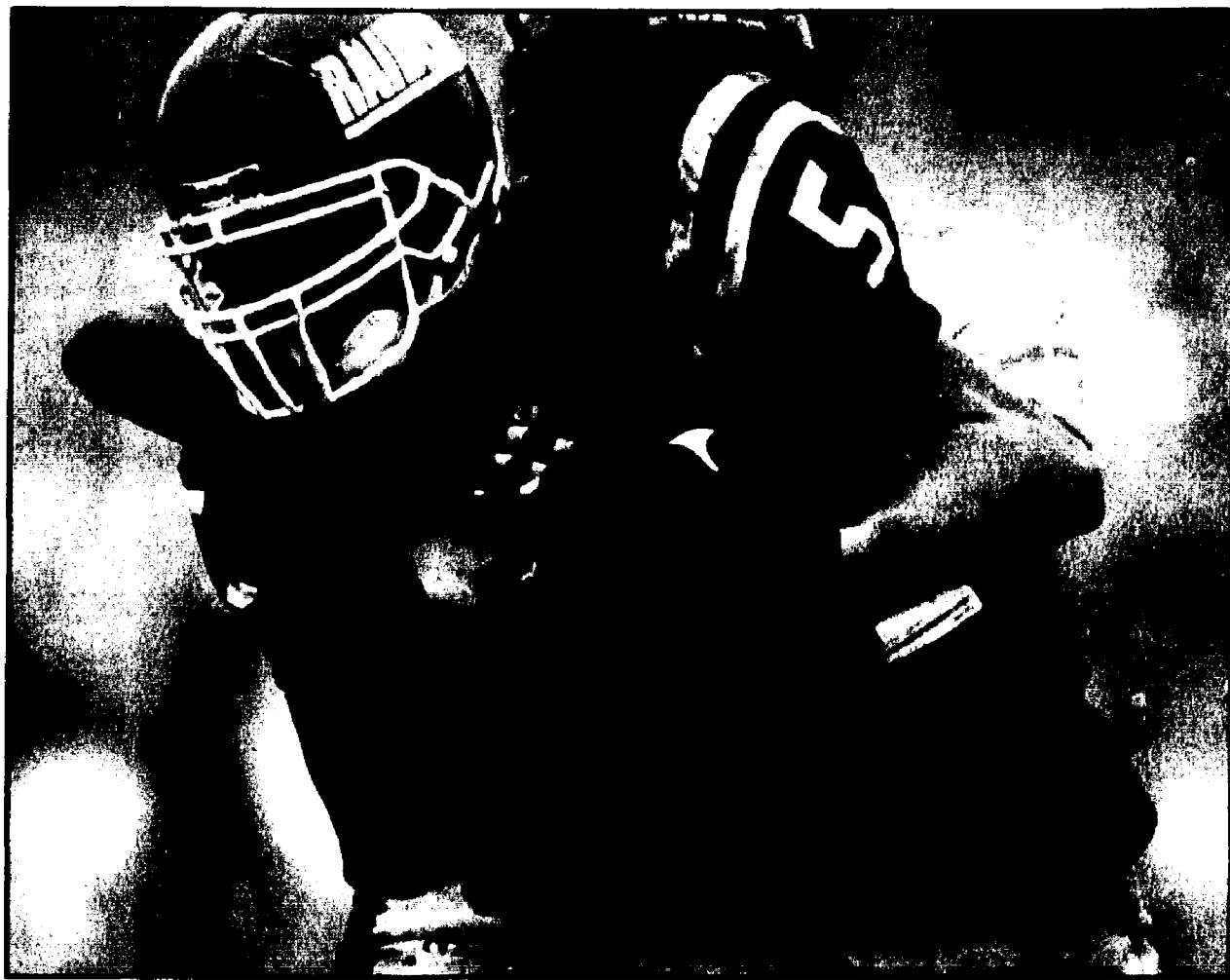
"The coaches were behind us, pushing us," said offensive/defensive lineman Marc Fabiano. Fabiano had seven tackles and a forced fumble in the game to lead a defensive line that put more pressure on Linden's passing attack in the second half. The Tigers accumulated a paltry 17 yards of offense in the second half.

"We knew we had to win," Fabiano said. "We picked each other up and played like a team. Our spirits were high and we pounded them in the second half."

But the entire Raiders' squad had a second-half resurgence, playing likely the best football they have all year.

Quarterback Dan LaForge took a lot of punishment from Linden's defense in the first half. LaForge was sacked five times in the first half in the first half and completed just three passes. The offense was stagnant. But for a drive that ended in a 27-yard field goal by Mike Baumwoll as well as an 85-yard kickoff return by Sean Smith, the Raiders could have faced a much bigger hill to climb at the start of the third quarter.

After forcing Linden to punt to start the second half, Scotch Plains took over at their 43 yard line. LaForge gained confidence after finding running back Lakiem Lockery on a screen pass for 12 yards and on the sev-



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT  
Raiders senior captain, wide receiver Mike DiNizio, fights off a Linden tackler Saturday during Scotch Plains-Fanwood's 23-13 win over the Tigers. DiNizio caught two passes for 59 yards.

enth play of the drive, LaForge hit Smith (two catches, 38 yards) wide open on a seam pass for a 27-yard touchdown to put the Raiders up for good, 16-12.

"I thought this was out game to win," LaForge said. "We knew we had that seam pass open all game and we were holding onto it for the right time."

LaForge, protected well by his offensive line, was not sacked in the second half. LaForge finished with seven completions on 12 tries for 126 yards and two touchdowns.

"We were opportunistic today and I think we're starting to believe," said Raiders head coach Steve Cicciotelli.

"Hopefully we're coming together as a team at the right time. We're playing much better football. Our philosophy has been: it doesn't matter what our scheme or plans are entering a game if we're not blocking and tackling. This team did both very well in the second half today."

Scotch Plains got the ball back on Linden's 46 yard line to start the fourth quarter and handed the ball to Lockery (21 carries, 67 yards). On fourth down and two from Linden's 37, the Raiders called a pass play to Mike DiNizio for a 25-yard gain, giving Scotch Plains the ball at the Tigers' 8. After another Lockery run for two yards,

LaForge found Anthony Curry for a six-yard touchdown completion to increase the lead, 23-12.

**LINDEN** 12 0 0 0 - 12  
**SCOTCH PLAINS** 0 0 6 7 - 23  
L. Michael Henderson 54 pass from Rooks Crawford (kicked failed)  
S. Sean Smith 85 kickoff return (Mike Baumwoll kick)  
L. Henderson 20 pass from Crawford (pass failed)  
S. Baumwoll 27 FG  
S. Smith 27 pass from LaForge  
S. Curry 6 pass from LaForge

**POWER POINTS**  
North Jersey, Section 2, Group III  
Mendham (6-0) 58; Warren Hills (6-2) 51; Shabazz (5-3) 45; Emerson (Union City) (5-2) 44; South Plainfield (5-3) 38; West Morris Central (4-4) 36; Scotch Plains (4-3) 33; Union Hill (4-3) 32; North Hunterdon (3-4) 25; Franklin (2-5) 22; Ferris (3-5) 21; North Brunswick (2-5) 20; Colonia (2-5) 17



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT  
LaMont Hunt, at right, comes up from his defensive back position to make a hit and force a key third quarter fumble of Linden's receiver in the Raiders' win on Saturday. Hunt also had an interception in the game.

## Perrella leads Westfield to first title in 8 years

By DAVID LAZARUS  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**ELIZABETH** — The Westfield boys cross country team ended one of the longest droughts in their storied history, winning the North Jersey Section 2, Group IV meet held Saturday at Warinanco Park.

The Blue Devils last won in 1996 en-route to winning the Group IV championship and a number two ranking in the state. The latest victory gives the Blue Devils fifteen sectional crowns and seven for veteran coach Jack Martin.

Junior Jeffrey Perrella contin-

ued his outstanding season with a powerful triumph over Josh Davis of Phillipsburg, running 16:34 and finishing 17 seconds ahead.

"I wasn't so much concerned with any one runner on the course," said Perrella. "I was running against an unfamiliar field, as usual, and I wasn't sure what anyone had to offer. So, I figured I would just get out there, run my race, and see if anyone could stick with me, but it didn't happen like that at all."

It was another junior, Ameer Rogers, who provided the difference in the tight seven-point victory over defending champion

### BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

Bridgewater-Raritan, finishing seven places ahead of Jay Hoban, who has usually been the number five runner.

"That's the beauty of having a big team and a team that believes in itself," said coach Martin.

Rogers' effort helped break open a tight duel that was 25-27 Westfield after four runners. Robert Broadbent continued his late season surge by finishing fourth with a time of 16:59. Kris Kagan and Michael Gorski each finished one place behind the third

and fourth Bridgewater runners. Raymond Chen (23<sup>rd</sup>) and Hoban (25<sup>th</sup>), both juniors, sandwiched the fifth and final scoring Bridgewater runner to give the team an impressive 17:14.20 average.

The result bodes well for Westfield's following test, Wednesday's Union county meet against Cranford and the Group IV championships on November 13. The group is loaded with top teams including Old Bridge, Hillsborough, Tom River North,

Cherokee and Mainland among those that ran faster than Westfield Saturday.

"All courses are different so all you can do is compare the times of those you ran against on the same course on the same day," said Martin. "Our goal throughout the season is to make it to the meet of champions," said Martin.

"Jeffrey is a winner and a great team member and leader," Martin added. "The rest of our top seven are ready to turn it up a notch as well."

Perrella was modest about his team leading performance.

"It feels great, but honestly, Mr.

Martin has led the team to the title. Words can't describe the kind of coaching and inspiration he gives to the team," Perrella said.

**NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2, GROUP 4 BOYS TEAMS**  
1-Westfield 43 2-Bridgewater-Raritan 50 3-Phillipsburg 57 4-Columbia 120 5-Pacataway 148 6-Hunterdon Central 161 7-Edison 205 8-J.P. Stevens 250 9-Elizabeth 279 10-Irvington 280 11-Watchung Hills 317 12-Dickinson 345 13-Bayonne 361 14-Union 362 15-Perth Amboy 436 16-Woodbridge 445

**INDIVIDUALS**  
1-Jeff Perrella, Westfield, 16:34 2-Josh Davis, Phillipsburg, 16:51 3-Ryan Diorio, Bridgewater-Raritan, 16:57 4-Robert Broadbent, Westfield, 16:59 5-Jeremy Ambruster, Phillipsburg, 17:10 6-Adam Gruchacz, Bridgewater-Raritan, 17:15 7-Shamarie James, Irvington, 17:15 8-Jeff Ruggini, Bridgewater-Raritan, 17:19 9-Kris Kagan, Westfield, 17:24 10-Mike Atamanchuk, Bridgewater-Raritan, 17:24

## UCT title match set, Raiders vs. Farmers

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**ELIZABETH** — At 6-feet-3-inches tall, Scotch Plains boys soccer leading scorer Sean Young usually has his head as the Raiders' top offensive weapon.

Saturday in Scotch Plains' Union County tournament semifinal match against Elizabeth, Young, a junior, out-leaped the Minutemen's defenders to head in a corner kick from Billy Albizati with about 13



### SOCCER

minutes to go in the first half and the Raiders defense made it stick for a 1-0 victory.

"Well, that's what has worked a lot for us this year," said head coach Tom Breznitsky. "It was a pretty good match. (Elizabeth) has a lot of talent."

Goalie Brian Meredith stopped seven shots to earn his 13th shutout of the year.

Scotch Plains (18-3), ranked No. 16 in the state's Top 20, faces Union (13-4-2) Saturday at 8 p.m. on the FieldTurf at Williams

Field in Elizabeth. Union defeated Summit, 1-0, in the other semifinal.

"A lot of people talk about Sean and he deserves it but the rest of the team has been playing very well," said Tom Breznitsky. "I think our defense is our strong point all year. Guys like Meredith and Terrence (Charles) have been outstanding."

The win was Scotch Plains' 12th in a row, including nine shutouts. Breznitsky said during that period, the defense has allowed only three goals.

The Raiders appearance in the UCT finals is their ninth in a row. Last year they were beaten by Linden, 1-0. A win over Union would give Scotch Plains their 10th UCT title.

"We're looking to get that title back in Scotch Plains," Breznitsky said. "We seem to play very well on turf and we'll be coming to play. I think we've come together really well lately to play some solid soccer."

Today at 2 p.m. Scotch Plains will begin their run at the state sectional championship at home

(Continued on page C-2)



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT  
Westfield forward Danni Fried attempts to penetrate Gov. Livingston's defenses, but G.L. came out on top, 3-0, Saturday in UCT action. See story page C-3.

## Westfield girls are sectional champs

By DAVID LAZARUS  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Facing vastly different levels of competition Saturday at the North Jersey, Section 2 girls' cross country championships at Warinanco Park left the county's top two girls' teams with diverse goals.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood, which was twice defeated by its rival Westfield, found itself in what arguably was the toughest and deepest section of all 16 girls'

### GIRLS X-COUNTRY

sections and responded with the fastest team performance in school history to capture one of the coveted first five places and qualification into the state finals.

A very young Blue Devil team ran 20 seconds lower per girls than the Raiders but used several tremendous finishing kicks to nip Hunterdon Central 53-58 and defend its sectional title.

Both Scotch Plains-Fanwood head coach Jeff Koegel and Westfield assistant coach Jen Buccino were ecstatic with the

results.

"We really stepped it up from our lackluster effort in the conference meet," said Koegel. "I had a long talk with the girls, and I really think the message that I was sending got across to them."

"The pack was tight and it was the kick to the finish that put them over the top," said Buccino. "(Rachel) Barrett, (Kim) Legones and (Anne) Siwulec entered the track together but behind Hunterdon Central's 3rd and 4th runners. Barrett and Legones out-kicked both of them, and Siwulec caught one, all in the final 200 meters of the race."

The teams met for the third and final time at the Union County championships at Warinanco Park.

"We will need a similar effort on Wednesday to beat them," said Koegel.

As she has so often in her brilliant career, Senior Mary Shashaty led the Raider effort, finishing seventh in a school record of 19:59.28, obliterating her previous best by 28 seconds. Senior Laura Harrison also ran a

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# Westfield girls are sectional champs

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personal best of 20:40.04, for 18th place, which was also the second fastest time in Raider history.

Sophomore Samantha Gates, the surprise of the year, established a sophomore record with her personal best 21:01, good for 25th.

Sophomore Allie Hoynes-O'Connor ran 21:11.30, senior Liz Elko finished with a time of 21:34.06, sophomore Samantha Carow ran had a 21:56 time and Stephanie Ricca ran 21:56.

Westfield was led by senior Annie Onishi in sixth place with a time of 20:52, followed by sophomore Jennifer Danielsson. Barret, Legones and Siwulec finished just six seconds apart intertwined with three Hunterdon Central runners. Freshman Rose Driscoll and

sophomore Ayn Wisler were also within ten seconds of the Westfield pack.

"The rookies have really stepped up this year," said Buccino. "Danielsson dropped her time 40 seconds and for the season she has made our all-time list for every course. Legones improved her time by nearly 2 minutes.

For Westfield the big challenge is in the Group IV championships where the state's top team, Roxbury, awaits.

## NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2, GROUP 4 GIRLS TEAMS

1-Westfield 53 2-Hunterdon Central 58 3-Columbia 76 4-Bridgewater-Raritan 102 5-Walton Hills 129 6-Edison 145 7-J.P. Stevens 208 8-Union 215 9-Piscataway 246 10-Panther 280 11-Woodbridge 350

## INDIVIDUALS

1-Jahisa Smith, Plainfield, 20:17 2-Ashley Davis, Hunterdon Central, 20:30 3-Rachel Mangano, Bridgewater-Raritan, 20:33 4-Sophia Chok, Edison, 20:41 5-Colleen MacPhee, Columbia, 20:51 6-Annie Onishi, Westfield, 20:52 7-Ashley Good, Columbia, 20:52 8-Kristen Cupido, Bridgewater-Raritan, 21:03 9-Jennifer Danielsson, Westfield, 21:07 10-Christina

Knoll, Edison, 21:16

## GROUP 5 GIRLS TEAMS

1-Voorhees 60 2-Ridge 108 3-Mendham 116 4-Scotch Plains-Fanwood 116 5-North Hunterdon 120 6-Montgomery 129 7-Middletown South 152 8-Ho-Ho-Kandahar 167 9-Rose Bank 202 10-Milburn 317 11-Livingston 331 12-Union Hill 333 13-South Plainfield 416 14-Warren Hills 422 15-Colonia 440

## INDIVIDUALS

1-Kathleen Henry, Ridge, 19:28 2-Emily Dai, North Hunterdon, 19:46 3-Karen Guthrie, Mendham, 19:48 4-Eleanora Spinazzi, Montgomery, 19:52 5-Arriana Hermann, Montgomery, 19:54 6-Christina Nelson, Rose Bank, 19:57 7-Mary Shashaty, Scotch Plains, 20:00 8-Julie Stansfield, Voorhees, 20:04 9-Karina Spraford, Voorhees, 20:16 10-Rachel Taylor, Ridge, 20:25

# UCT title match set, Raiders vs. Farmers

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against the winner of Mendham and North Hunterdon. The Raiders are seeded third in the section.

"It's a little uncharacteristic for us," said Breznitsky. "I think the last 12 years we've been the number one seed which guaranteed everything

up to the sectional finals at home."

"This year will be a little different," he said, "but I think you can throw seeds out the window anyway when it's time to play. Anything can happen. Every team comes to win and teams are less familiar with each other. That's what makes it exciting."

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# Real Estate

## Want a safe bathroom? It can be a stylish one, too

(ARA) — Before you know it, your house will be filled with friends and family who've come over to help you celebrate the holidays. You've probably already given some thought to cleaning the place up to get ready, but that may not be all you need to do.

Ask yourself, "Will all of my guests be safe in the bathroom?" Approximately 70 percent of all accidents occurring in the home happen in the bathroom — which equals nearly 200,000 accidents each year. The bathroom can certainly be a dangerous place, but if you take a few simple steps, it doesn't have to be. Below, find ways to increase the safety of your bathroom with ease and minimal expense — and without detracting from the beauty of your bath's décor.

**Slips:** To fight slick surfaces, place a nonskid bathmat inside the tub or shower stall. This will increase the friction between wet feet and the floor or the inside of the tub or shower. Also put nonskid rugs on tile floors to minimize slips.

**Falls:** Grab bars should be installed near the tub or shower and next to the toilet for a universally-safe bath. Whether it's for young children just starting to shower on their own, the elderly, or someone suffering from a sports injury or recovering from surgery, grab bars are items that are easy to install and a huge helping hand. And if you have a senior in your life, this is the best safety device you can install for the elderly — falling is the leading cause of injury resulting in death among people 65 years and older, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

**Kid-proof:** If you've got youngsters in the house, label all cleaning agents and lock them away. All medicines, even aspirin, should be put out of children's reach. Make sure hot and cold taps are easily identified and put soft covers on tub taps and spouts. You might also want to consider plugging in a night-light in the bath for safer late-night visits by little ones.

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**Bathtub:** For anyone who has problems getting into and out of the tub (think little kids, seniors, even weekend warriors with a pulled muscle), you may want to install a grip on the side of the tub wall for easy bath tub "hurdling." One to try is the ADA-compliant Dual Tub Grip from Creative Specialties International's Home Care line of bath safety items, which features a sturdy, no-wobble design and two different handle heights for grasping — so anyone can easily enter and exit the tub. Designed with textured grab areas shaped flat for better gripping, it clamps easily onto the tub wall for a quick, tool-free installation and removal without using any difficult or twisting motions. It also features nonskid pads to prevent scratches on the tub surface.

**Temperature:** We all enjoy a hot, steamy shower, but it's important to ensure that no one using the shower or sink will be scalded. The American

Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to set their household water heater no higher than 120°F. For children's baths, there are a number of bath thermometers available in the form of bath toys, to help determine when the water is safe for a child to enter.

One thing we all want to avoid is "shower shock" — that quick change in water temperature due to a change in water pressure, brought about by flushing the toilet, turning on a dishwasher, starting a washing machine, or any other immediate household water usage. Many older shower systems do not have the technology to fight shower shock. If your shower valves are old, consider installing a pressure-balancing shower valve. It has a unique pressure-balancing spool to regulate water delivery and keep shower temperature consistent, comfortable and safe. The water remains a constant temperature (plus or minus 2 degrees) despite demand.

**Electricity:** One thing is for sure —

water and electricity don't mix. Never install a light switch in or near the shower, and don't keep appliances plugged in with cords long enough to reach the sink. Another quick and inexpensive safety precaution is to install ground fault circuit interrupters to prevent electrical shock. These outlets cut off electricity if water does get into an appliance. Also ensure that you have childproof covers over all electrical outlets.

For more information on Creative Specialties International's Home Care line of bath safety products, write 25300 Al Moen Drive, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070-8022, call toll free (800) 882-0116, or visit the Web site at [www.csi.moen.com](http://www.csi.moen.com).

All items from the Home Care line of bath safety products are available nationwide at Lowe's and at your local home health and medical supplier.

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## Kathleen Gwaldis is among honorees at Weichert office

UNION — Robert Spillane, branch manager of Weichert, Realtors Union Office, announced that several sales associates were honored for their outstanding achievements in September.

Kathleen Gwaldis was honored for earning top listings and listings sold in the office for the month. She also shared the office's award for top dollar volume with Milly Reguera.

Gwaldis also received a

regional award for top resale listings in September. A consistent top producer, Gwaldis is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs as well as Weichert's President's Club, a prestigious honor that places her in the top one percent of the company's 12,800 sales associates.

In addition, Gwaldis is a 2003 member of New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Circle of Excellence at the gold

level.

Angie Gonzalez, Sharonda Lane and Sherry Blake shared the office's award for top sales.

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## Goal-setting event planned for agents

CRANFORD — Real Estate Consultants, a full-service real estate agency offering options and flexibility, supports its agents' quest for sales success with various training and educational opportunities. A goal-setting seminar is currently scheduled for its agents who serve 13 counties in Northern and Central New Jersey.

"Goal-setting," explains CEO Stefan Oppermann, "is the first step in achieving success. By establishing specific goals, accountability is also established and areas that need improvement become obvious. The firm's success is directly linked to our agents' individual successes, and we offer these business learning opportunities to assist agents in realizing these goals."

Prior to attending the upcoming seminar, agents have been asked to do some preliminary thinking about their professional goals and a time line to achieve both short and long-term goals. In addition to career/financial goals, agents have been asked to concentrate on the external influences in their lives, i.e., family, home, health, and more.

"The real estate business is very much a people business," noted Oppermann "and when

our agents have their non-working lives in balance, they are enthusiastic, energized, efficient and effective."

In addition to goal setting, the seminar will focus on developing a plan to achieve the goals. "In this highly competitive industry we only employ full time sales associates."

Oppermann adds, "We have a sales force made up of entrepreneurs who manage their respective businesses within our company and they feel a well-organized business plan is critical."

"With a 97 percent 'sold' rate on homes listed by the firm over the last four years, we already have a proven track record," claimed Oppermann. "However, by investing and re-investing in our agents, we feel confident that success will continue."

A professional business planner will present the goal setting seminar Nov. 17 at the Board of Realtors office in Morristown. A scheduled follow-up program will include one-on-one phone conversations weekly between the business planner and individual agents for five weeks after the seminar to reinforce the plans established at the seminar.

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## Shari Effman joins ERA Suburb Realty

SCOTCH PLAINS — Long-time Union County resident Shari Effman has completed her NJ Real Estate training and has joined the ERA Suburb Realty Team.

Effman, who grew up in Scotch Plains and now resides in Plainfield, has an extensive knowledge of the area. As a Realtor she is very self-motivated, detail-oriented, and determined when it comes to opening, traveling with, and closing a real estate transaction.

Effman has 15 years of marketing, sales and engineering experience, along with a strict training in today's real estate market. Effman is knowledgeable about all the new codes, classes, and seminars that the real estate business offers.

Company President Donald Lamastra said, "The business skills, extensive training, and the dedication to her clients will certainly make Shari a success in the real estate business. She



SHARI EFFMAN

has the professionalism, organizational skills and enthusiasm needed to advance. We are honored to have her as a part of the ERA Suburb Realty Team."

Shari Effman can be reached at (908) 322-4434 ext. 132. ERA Suburb Realty Agency is located at 1773 East Second St. in Scotch Plains and online at [www.erasuburb.com](http://www.erasuburb.com).

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30-yr. Fixed	4.875	2.00	5%	30	5.030	30-yr. Fixed	5.750	0.00	5%	90	5.751	30-yr. Jumbo	5.500	0.00	30%	30	5.560	30-yr. Fixed	5.625	0.00	5%	60	5.680
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15-yr. Fixed	4.875	0.00	5%	60	4.890	15-yr. Fixed	4.750	0.00	5%	30	4.838	15-yr. Fixed	5.000	0.00	5%	30	5.040	30-yr. Fixed	4.750	0.00	20%	75	4.809
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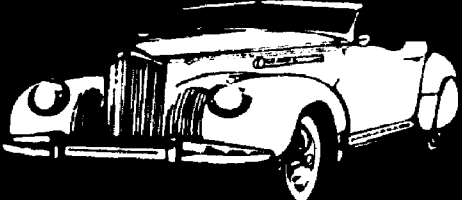
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## Fallen Leaves And Wet Roadways Equals Danger

Wet roadways make for hazardous driving, but conditions worsen when leaves are added to the mix, says the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club. With autumn upon us, AAA reminds motorists to slow down and proceed with caution when driving on wet, leafy roadways.

"Leaf-covered roads are dangerous even in dry conditions," said Pam Fischer, the Club's vice president of public affairs. Leaves prevent a vehicle's tires from maintaining a firm grip on the pavement by coming between the tire and the road surface. Wet leaves also increase the danger of hydroplaning and loss of vehicle control.

"Leaves often stay wet after the road has dried off, fooling motorists into thinking that conditions are safer than they actually are," Fischer added.

To assist motorists in navigating wet, leaf-covered roads, AAA provides these tips:

**Slow down.** Many crashes associated with wet weather occur at speeds of less than 35 mph, especially on curves. Remember that speed limits are set for ideal conditions.

**Use a light touch on the pedals and wheels.** Make all your adjustments gradually, preventing any sudden changes in speed or direction.

**Allow a greater following distance**

than usual. Under good conditions, the rule of thumb is to maintain a following distance of two seconds. In wet conditions, increase that distance to six seconds. Pick a stationary object down the road in front of you (such as a lamp post or road sign), and make certain that six full seconds have passed from the time the car in front of you passes the object until you do. If you reach the object before you've counted to "one-thousand six," you're too close to the vehicle in front of you.

**Regularly check the condition of your tires.** Make sure they're properly inflated and have sufficient tread.

**"If you find yourself in a skid or**

hydroplaning, ease off the gas and shift into neutral," Fischer advised. "Shifting into neutral de-powers the drive wheels so that the turning force is stopped and the brakes can affect all four wheels equally."

**"If you have anti-lock brakes, put your foot on the pedal and hold it down — don't pump the pedal,"** she continued. "You'll feel a pulse, which means the system is doing the pumping for you. With conventional brakes, you should gradually squeeze the pedal with your toes until you can feel the wheels begin to lock. Let up at that instant, then resume squeezing to the threshold of lock-up."

**"Look and steer in the direction**

you want your car to go," Fischer added.

Fischer also stressed that motorists should not park on a pile of leaves. "Not only do you not know what may be in the pile, such as broken branches and other debris, but your car's catalytic converter, located underneath the vehicle, may be hot enough to start a fire on dry leaves."

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## Deer Mating Season Can Be Tricky

While antlered animals need no reminders, motorists are cautioned that through December is deer mating season. When deer begin the "rut," they often lose inhibitions, resulting in vehicle-deer collisions. More than 200 human fatalities and 1.4 million deer deaths are attributed to auto-wildlife collisions in the U.S., says the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

"Deer are most active during dawn and dusk, looking for food, shelter, and especially a mate," said Pam Fischer, the Club's vice president of public affairs. "Unfortunately, this is also when drivers are on their way to and from work."

AAA offers these tips to help you avoid a deer-vehicle collision.

**Drive slowly during low-light situations, especially at dawn and dusk and morning and evening rush hours.** About 20 percent of deer related accidents occur early in the morning and 58 percent happen between 5

p.m. and midnight.

**If a deer crosses the road, look for more to follow.** Deer usually travel in groups of two or more.

**Scan the sides of the road for deer.** Be especially cautious where yellow deer crossing signs are posted. The signs are placed in areas where it is known that deer congregate.

**Deer fixate on headlights.** If you see a deer ahead of you, flashing your lights and honking your horn may startle them out of their trance and prevent a collision.

**Unfortunately, sometimes it's impossible to avoid a collision with a deer.** When this does happen, motorists are advised to pull over to the side of the road and put their emergency flashers on. Call the First Aid Squad immediately if anyone is injured. Next, call the police department in the jurisdiction where you're traveling and let them know about the incident. Most police departments are trained in dealing with animals and prepare for

these situations. Additionally, if there is damage to your vehicle, the police can verify that a deer was involved, which is important when filing an insurance claim.

**After filing a report with the police, contact your insurance company.** Deer accidents can result in thousands of dollars in damage to your vehicle. From an insurance standpoint, deer-vehicle collisions fall under your comprehensive insurance. Comprehensive insurance typically covers damage caused by vandalism, floods, hurricane or theft. This ensures that most drivers are covered, subject to a deductible, for damage resulting from animal-vehicle collisions.

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## Be Alert To Effects Of The End Of Daylight Saving On Daily Commute

**AREA —** This year daylight saving time ended on Oct. 31, bringing dramatic changes to the quality of light during the daily commute. The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club urges motorists to pay special attention when driving early morning and evening hours.

To assist motorists in making the transition, AAA offers these tips:

**Always use your vehicle's headlights during dawn and dusk hours.** Don't rely on your parking lights, which provide little illumination and can confuse other drivers.

**Use your lights courteously.** If your car has fog lamps, use them only when there's fog. Avoid using your high beams when you see oncoming vehicles.

**Be especially cautious when traveling east-west routes.** Driving into the sun impairs your vision, but driving east in the evening puts a reflection of the setting sun in your rearview mirror, hampering visibility.

**Keep headlights, windows, windshields and wipers clean and functioning well.** Pay special attention to the inside of your windshield — it may be coated with a film

that clouds vision and creates haze at dusk.

**Good visibility is always an important safety issue, but it's especially necessary when driving in darker conditions, where contrast and headlight glare can become an issue,** said Pam Fischer, the Club's vice president of public affairs. "Contrast between the brightness of the sky and the dark pavement makes seeing other vehicles and pedestrians — and being seen by them — more difficult," she explained.

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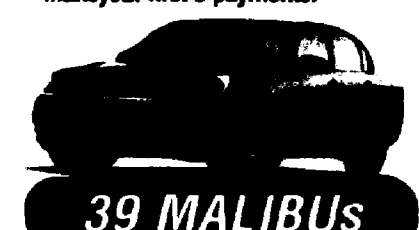
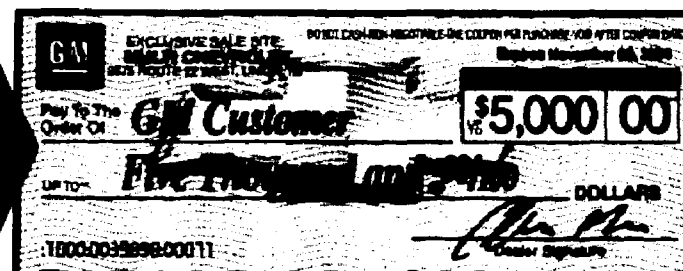
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