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## Wf. board approves condominium projects

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WESTFIELD — A two-pronged plan that aims to add condominium units to the downtown was approved by the Planning Board Monday night.

Developer Irwin Ackerman, a principal of Westfield A&R Broad Street, intends to convert the upper floors of the PNC Bank building on North Avenue, near the intersection with East Broad Street, into luxury condominium

units. As part of a separate project across Broad Street, Ackerman will construct a three story mixed-use building that includes enclosed parking spaces, retail space and more condominiums.

Board members approved both projects unanimously and praised the developer for his willingness to adjust building and parking plans to meet the town's preferences.

Chairman Jay Boyle said the twin projects represented appro-

priate uses for the downtown sites and added the project was not likely to exacerbate the town's well-documented parking crunch.

"I don't think we're solving it, but I don't think we're creating an additional problem, either," Boyle said at the conclusion of Monday's public hearing.

The 40-foot tall mixed-use building on Broad Street will contain 11 on-site parking spaces, about 950 square feet of ground-floor retail, and eight

condominium units. The residential space will be divided evenly between one- and two-bedroom units.

Currently, a privately owned 18-space parking lot occupies the site slated for construction of the new building. The developer's planner testified that the majority of those parking spaces are likely being used by downtown residents. At the hearing, experts said most cars in the parking lot occupied spaces for three or four hours during the day — and

many remained in the lot overnight illegally. Downtown residents can purchase a \$360 annual permit to park in municipal lots overnight.

The new building will be accessible by a 10-foot wide easement running to the rear of the property from Prospect Street. The parking lot, which will be concealed behind a retractable garage door, will have a right turn-only exit onto Broad Street.

By approving the projects, the

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## Run raises funds for track, field



PHOTOS BY BROOKS CRANDALL/CORRESPONDENT  
The Community Fun Run event held Sunday at Kehler Stadium in Westfield gave local kids a chance to show off their speed and also raised more than \$1,400 in cash and pledges for the construction of a new synthetic track and artificial turf field at the facility. Pledges to Friends in Turf and Track now total \$190,000, nearly the pledge goal of \$200,000. Substantial pledges have come from local soccer, lacrosse, track and football organizations, and from the Boosters Club. Above, right, kids burst off the starting line. At left, Andrew Hay catches his breath after a race.

## Scotch Plains woman wins \$2M in lottery

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — A pile of ping-pong balls and a cardboard box were the key to two million dollars for a township woman.

Sue Lettera, who lives and works in Scotch Plains, matched all six "Pick Six" numbers to win a \$2 million jackpot last month. The assistant bank manager will now receive a \$57,000 annuity for the next 26 years.

"It's a nice boost in income," joked Lettera, who won the Oct. 19 drawing. "It's not enough to change your life or quit your job, but it's enough to make things easier."

Lettera purchased the ticket at Wallis Stationery, which receives a percentage of the

jackpot for selling the winning ticket. Lettera said the store is now displaying a yellow cardboard check; a store employee said the money and attention "means a lot for our business."

The Cranford native said she had been playing the lottery for about 10 years, and had

again, and I couldn't believe my eyeballs," Lettera said.

Three weeks prior to purchasing the winning ticket, Lettera filled a cardboard box with numbered ping-pong balls and removed balls bearing the numbers 9, 28, 42, 43, 46, and 48. Those six numbers paid a

"I couldn't believe it — I kept checking the paper again and again, and I couldn't believe my eyeballs."

— Sue Lettera

matched as many as four numbers on several occasions. She didn't find out she'd won the jackpot, however, until the night after the drawing.

"I couldn't believe it — I kept checking the paper again and

significant dividend a short time later.

Now, the box and ping-pong balls are displayed at her bank. Lettera said bank employees and customers are free to try their luck with her makeshift

crystal ball.

"It's really been like a circus — a lot of people have come in and shook my hand for luck," she said.

Lettera said winning the lottery probably won't change her life in a significant way. Still, she said the money would go a long way toward eventually paying for her 3-year-old daughter's college education.

"There won't be any new cars, or new vacations," she said. "I have a small ranch house, and my husband and I want to be able to buy a nicer house... but even that's going to wait for a year or so," she said.

The chances of winning a Pick Six ticket are one in 13,983,816, according to the New Jersey Lottery's website.

## Board outlines case for Kehler upgrade

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The upcoming public referendum over an artificial turf field and new running track at the high school was the focus of a presentation before the Board of Education on Tuesday night.

At the meeting, board member Alice Hunnicut outlined the need for the nearly \$1.4 million plan, which would be paid for by issuing a 10-year bond. If the project is approved by voters on Dec. 14, the referendum would cost the average homeowner \$18 per year.

Though board members were unanimous in their support for the undertaking at the meeting, it remains to be seen if voters have the appetite for the capital project.

The project would be financed at about 4.5 percent interest over the life of the bond, requiring annual debt service payments of \$177,000, which amounts to less than one cent per \$100 of assessed property value. But taxpayers' obligation may also be limited by the private contributions now being collected (see photo section on this page).

More than \$1 million of the total cost is expected to be incurred by installation of a new turf field at Kehler Stadium. Hunnicut said Kehler is currently under-utilized because of the delicate nature of the grass field.

A turf field, she said, would

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## Westfield dedicates memorial to Korean War vets



KEN VAN PELT/CORRESPONDENT

Eagle Scout Kevin Devaney speaks at the dedication of the Korean War memorial in Westfield.

### Project is fruition of Scout's effort

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — On a grassy hillside a stone's throw from the orange cones and ubiquitous roadside machinery that have overrun the Route 28 traffic circle, North Avenue pedestrians probably didn't notice the steady progress of a deceptively smaller project.

But in the coming years, a newly installed war memorial might become a great source of pride for a community that is already well known for its prominent World War I monument.

On Veterans Day, statewide and international leaders assembled in Westfield to officially unveil a new Korean War memorial and to honor those who have served the nation in uniform.

The memorial was planned and constructed by Westfield High School senior Kevin Devaney, who undertook the enterprise as his Eagle Scout project. Throughout 2004, Devaney worked with the town government and several local businesses on the memorial, which honors the three Westfield

soldiers who died in the Korean conflict.

At the well-attended ceremony, the 17-year-old Devaney thanked the community for supporting his plan to honor veterans of the "forgotten war." He pointed out that six million Americans served in the Korean War, which lasted between 1950 and 1953. He added that 37,000 of those soldiers were killed during the conflict and 150,000 were wounded.

"They never received the same enthusiastic welcome home as the soldiers who fought in World War II," Devaney said at the ceremony.

The stone monument memorializes three Westfield residents more than 50 years after they were killed in Korea. Speakers described the life and times of Richard R. Wilson, Charles A. Lipphardt, and Griswold M. Hill Jr. during the hour-long ceremony.

Wilson, who lived on Dorian Road, was one of three siblings killed in action. Lipphardt was married and lived on Summit

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### Soccer team wins sectional crown

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys soccer team beat Middletown South, 4-1, last week to capture their 12th sectional championship. See the story in Sports, Page C-1.

### Halloween project at School One

Students at School One in Scotch Plains recently took part in a service project in which they helped distribute Halloween goodie bags to local welfare organizations. See the picture on Page A-8.

### Gift guide inside

See the special 16-page insert in this week's paper, featuring ads from many local retailers and news about holiday events across the area.

### REMINDER

#### Donate turkeys at Franklin

Volunteers will be on hand from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday to collect frozen turkeys and other Thanksgiving food-stuffs at Westfield's Franklin School on Prospect St. The items collected will be donated to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

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# Wf. board approves condo projects

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board granted variances for rear yard setback, habitable floor area devoted to residential space and other minor non-conformities.

The PNC Bank building component will convert the second and third floors of the property — which had been zoned as office space — into eight condominium units. The developer's professionals argued that the residential use would be less intensive than an office use, thereby easing the parking demand on the central business district.

At a hearing last month, board members were troubled by a parking lot configuration that required variances for narrow and shallow parking spaces. But a revised plan submitted by the developer's engineer removed one driveway aisle from the bank building's parking

lot, allowing for a total of 33 conforming parking spaces.

"You've probably done about as good as you can with that site," said board member Bruce Long.

Board members haggled with the developer to reconfigure lighting plans for both projects. They also lobbied the developer to step the new building forward one foot in order to minimize the size of the rear yard variance the project required for approval.

The two projects were heard concurrently because the two sites were connected by a 1975 Planning Board ruling that included spaces from the Broad Street lot as part of the bank building's parking calculations. The board essentially dissolved the planning connection between the two sites, which are both owned by Westfield A&R Broad

Street, LLC.

Approval of the two projects will add 16 condominium units to the downtown. Those units will ultimately complement an adjacent age-restricted condominium project on Prospect Street to be constructed by Ward & O'Donnell Property Development.

That 35-unit project took another step forward Monday, when the board endorsed an ordinance and Master Plan amendment creating a conditional use specifically tailored toward the Ward/O'Donnell proposal.

The Town Council is expected to introduce the ordinance shortly, perhaps as soon as its next public meeting at the end of the month. Once the measure is adopted, the project will be formally submitted for consideration before one of the town's land use boards.

# Board outlines case for upgrades

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require little maintenance, be resistant to wet weather conditions, and increase safety for athletes.

While the field is a major part of the project, the running track actually drove the timing behind the bond referendum, which the board has been discussing throughout 2004. The 18-year old facility is in terrible condition and can no longer be repaired, Hunnicutt explained. She portrayed the track as a deteriorated surface that has become a safety hazard.

"It has outlived its useful life," she said. "...and replacing the track is too large a cost to be included in the annual school budget."

According to the presentation, Westfield's demand for field use is escalating. In 1983, 670 students participated in sports; in 1993, the number rose to 867; currently, 1,226 students use district-owned athletic fields. In 20 years, demand for fields has increased by 83 percent, Hunnicutt said.

Officials hope a new synthetic track field will last longer than the previous facility. Business Administrator Bob Berman said inexpensive, routine maintenance should allow the school district to get more mileage out of a new track.

"There were things that were not done over the last several years that contributed to the deterioration of the track," Berman said.

The board also outlined a marketing strategy for securing approval of the referendum that includes a letter-writing campaign, presentations before parent groups, and fundraising efforts in conjunction with town-wide athletic

clubs.

Currently, the district has secured \$190,000 in pledges for the project from local athletic organizations, approaching Superintendent William Foley's goal of reaching \$200,000 to \$250,000 in contributions. Donors may be honored on a plaque that would be installed at one of the sites to recognize their contributions.

The board may also try to partner with the Town Council on its separate turf field projects at Houlihan and Syd Faye fields, located off Lamberts Mill Road. If both projects are concurrently approved and construction on both begins next summer, the board and council may be able to save money by partnering on redundant costs. The town initiative will not be subject to a public referendum.

At the beginning of Tuesday's meeting, a group of high school athletes gave their pitch for the projects to the community. They described some of the field conditions as "embarrassing" and described facilities riddled with potholes, divots, and cumbersome sprinkler heads.

"As the season goes on, (Kehler) field gets torn up and is unsafe," said football player Mark Harbaugh.

"We ask the citizens of Westfield to take action to ensure the continued success and growth of the high school track program," said Annie Onishi, a member of the cross country team.

The polls will be open from 2-9 p.m. Dec. 14. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Dec. 7; applications for absentee ballots are available at [www.westfieldnj.com/lwv/absenteebal.html](http://www.westfieldnj.com/lwv/absenteebal.html).

This fall, the students of Maureen Willis' second grade class at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield organized a fundraiser to raise money for the American Red Cross. All profits from this event were earmarked for the victims of the recent Florida hurricanes. During their Social Studies unit, the children became aware of other children who formed the Kids Care Club. This club inspired the children to create a unique fundraising project for their school; they sold orange carnations during the annual Halloween festivities at the school. The fundraiser, named Carnations for a Cause, raised over \$600 within hours, with all profits donated to the Red Cross. The Flower Zone of Westfield aided tremendously with the event, offering the children a fair price for the 450 carnations sold on the day. At right, Willis and the children of Class 2-W pose mid-sale at the event.



# Korean War memorial dedicated

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Avenue. And Hill was described as a "fine young man" who was engaged to be married at the time of his death.

Many of the materials and design plans for the memorial were provided by local residents and professionals. A granite staircase and the base for the monument come courtesy of Weldon Concrete. The physical design was drawn by resident

Tim Doerr, and much of the logistical and design work was provided by resident Craig Stock.

Several benches surround the memorial, which includes plants native to the Korean peninsula. At a podium inside the memorial, speakers shared their sentiments about the faraway Cold War-era conflict as a brisk wind carried the last remaining leaves down the once-barren hillside.

"I would ask each person pres-

ent not to forget the many sacrifices made on the battlefield of Korea so that the American way of life could be preserved," said Richard Alexander of the Union County Korean War Veterans' Association.

Alexander described the war as a harrowing conflict that was often fought in subzero temperatures. More than 50 percent of American prisoners of war died in captivity, and more than 20,000 atrocities were reported but never documented, he said.

During a two-week period in 1950, Alexander said more than 6,000 American soldiers were killed attempting to repel a massive Chinese offensive.

"I saw mankind at its lowest state," he said.

Assemblyman John Bramnick (R-21) presented Devaney with a certificate of recognition from both houses of state government. He was joined at the podium by Sen. Tom Kean Jr. (R-21); the two legislators were flanked by a representative from the Korean Consulate General, members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Westfield Town Council and numerous municipal officials.

"I want to thank Kevin for the tireless effort he put into the project," said Mayor Greg McDermott. "It's very important that all veterans know they will not be forgotten."

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## Approvals are sought to build new homes

By BRAD BISHOP  
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Planning Boards in Scotch Plains and Fanwood will examine several large-scale residential building projects at public meetings next week.

On Cushing Road in Scotch Plains, developer Joseph Buontempo has applied to subdivide four large lots into seven new building lots. Two existing houses would be demolished, two houses would remain, and five new single family homes would be constructed if the board approves the plan, which will be heard Monday night.

The subdivision conforms to the township's land use ordinance, so no variances are acquired to secure approval. The developer would provide access to the tract of land by building a 400-foot long cul-de-sac into the property off Cushing Road.

The five newly constructed homes would stand at about two-and-a-half stories tall and would be built on lots ranging in size between 40,000 square feet and 72,000 square feet.

Much of the nearly eight acres of land now consists of forest and rolling topography, according to materials submitted as part of the application. Several areas of wetlands have been identified on the property.

Water runoff from the new development would be channeled into a swale across the street, flowing onto property that is within the border of Plainfield. The project is not expected to cause drainage problems, according to attorney Robert Kraus.

"The stormwater management plan is designed to reduce flow off the site," Kraus said. "It runs into a ditch in Plainfield, and our calculations actually show a decrease in runoff."

A memorandum submitted by Police Chief Mark Zyla says the proposal must include a traffic plan for the excavation and construction phase of the project. The memo notes that Cushing Road is narrow and also points out large construction vehicles could create safety hazards.

In Fanwood, the Planning Board will evaluate a major subdivision proposal at 7 Beverly Avenue and 33 Ginder Place. Two existing lots would be subdivided into a total of six building lots if the board approves the plan, which will be heard Tuesday night.

According to an application filed by developer Woodcliff, Inc., the surrounding area is dominated by single-family residences. The project site is partially forested and does not include wetlands.

The new development would be accessible by a newly constructed extension off Beverly Place.

Also on Tuesday, the Fanwood board will consider two minor subdivisions. On First Street, owner Stephen Guggenheim proposes to subdivide one lot into two new building lots. The project requires bulk and setback variances to secure approval.

And at Woodruff Place, Churchill Asset Management proposes to subdivide one lot into two new single-family residential lots. The subdivision requires a variance for lot width to gain the go-ahead from the borough's Planning Board.

The Scotch Plains meeting will be held at the municipal building at 8:00 p.m. Monday. In Fanwood, the board hearings will be held at Borough Hall and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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## An extremely good day for teens in Westfield



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Extreme sports enthusiasts brought a blend of punk rock, wallet chains, baggy jeans and musical and skating skills to Westfield Sunday, as the Westfield Area YMCA sponsored the sixth annual TeenXtreme event at Gumbert Park. The day featured live music and skateboarding, BMX, and roller-blading talent. Above, the Diehards bring the noise; at right, a skateboarder takes flight with the help of wooden ramp.



## A search for historical treasure at the Frazee House

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Advocates for the restoration of the Frazee House are hoping that 18th-century trash will become the 21st century's treasure.

According to Richard Bousquet, president of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, a group of archaeological experts will be examining the area around the historic property in the near future.

Portions of the Frazee House date back to 1668. The property has long been the subject of Revolutionary War lore; legends hold that the house's owner Betty Frazee encountered General Lord Cornwallis as his army marched toward the Battle of Short Hills in 1777.

When Cornwallis sought a loaf of bread from "Aunt" Betty, she reportedly assented to the request "out of fear, not out of love."

The purpose of the excavation is to unearth historical artifacts that may be present in the immediate vicinity of the site, Bousquet said. The sweep could yield

anything ranging from discarded buttons and shoe buckles to tools actively used by the Frazee family, which occupied the house during the eighteenth century.

Part of the challenge is knowing where to look. Bousquet said heavily traveled sections of the property are likely to yield artifacts, as are former privy pits, garbage areas, and composting sites.

If the archaeological dig results in the discovery of artifacts, they will be professionally cleaned and temporarily stored at the Osborne Cannonball House, the township's museum. If the Frazee House is ultimately renovated, as the Historical Society hopes, artifacts rescued from the site will likely be put on display at the house.

"Ideally we'll be able to show the areas where things were found," Bousquet said. "Sometimes that is indicative of their use... (former owner) Gershon Frazee was a master carpenter, so it's very likely that we could find some of his tools."

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club is attempting to restore the house and convert it into a museum similar to

the Miller-Cory House in Westfield or the Drake House in Plainfield. They have embarked on a fundraising drive to restore the Frazee House, which is in extremely poor condition. Repairs will carry a cost that has been estimated to run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Bousquet said any meaningful discoveries yielded in the archaeological dig would be helpful in assisting the fundraising process.

"These kinds of findings spark the public's interest, and ideally that sparks their pocketbooks, too," he said.

Dan Sivilich, an engineer and archaeologist, will be conducting the search in the coming months. He heads Battlefield Restoration and Archaeological Volunteer Organization (BRAVO), a group that has done extensive research throughout the state.

BRAVO has done excavations at the Monmouth Battlefield State Park, the Buckaloo Mansion in New Brunswick, and the Miller-Cory House in Westfield. At Miller-Cory, Sivilich said the group

unearthed shoe buckles, period coins, and buttons with high-tech remote electronic equipment.

The group will analyze aerial photographs to assess the area around the Frazee House, and will also consult old maps of the property. Sivilich said the older the maps they can find, the easier it will be to determine the most likely places where artifacts can be found.

"We try to locate pieces on the properties and measure what we find accurately," Sivilich said. "Unless you relate it to where you found it, it's just another artifact," he said.

About 15 to 20 BRAVO volunteers will participate in the Scotch Plains project. When they have finished the excavation and cleaning of any artifacts they find, the group will issue a report evaluating the history of the site.

BRAVO will be featured in an upcoming episode of Battlefield Detectives, which airs on the History Channel. The episode, which will discuss the Battle of Monmouth, will air at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26.

## Donors can drop off turkeys for the needy

WESTFIELD — It's a tradition most American families take for granted — a big turkey with all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Day. But not all families have the means to put such a feast on their holiday table.

That's why local volunteers are helping the Community FoodBank of New Jersey collect donated frozen turkeys. To help, drop off a frozen (never thawed) turkey at Franklin School, 700 Prospect St. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Volunteers will collect turkeys, as well as non-perishable foods including canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, and fruit juices (Donations should not be enclosed in glass or cellophane).

The FoodBank hopes to collect 15,000 frozen turkeys to help ensure that the less fortunate —

including the elderly, military veterans, and working poor families — in the state's communities can celebrate Thanksgiving this year.

Those who prefer to make a financial donation, allowing the food bank to buy turkeys at wholesale prices, may send a check to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, 31 Evans Terminal Road, Hillside, N.J. 07205. Donors should write "turkey drive" in the memo portion of the check.

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# Commentary

## Educate all Westfield's students

An observer at the Westfield Board of Education's recent discussion about the achievement gap between African-American students and the rest of the school population had good reason to be both discouraged and encouraged: discouraged that administrators had to admit they don't yet have enough information to fully address this long-standing problem, but encouraged that the district is now taking a methodical, analytical, targeted approach to the issue.

During the discussion, several members of the board pointed out that the small black population in the district makes worthwhile statistical analysis more challenging, and that black students in the district do better than black students statewide. These are both true statements, but they're less significant than one might think.

When a consistent, measurable discrepancy between the scores of black students and the total population exists in both math and English statewide assessments at the elementary, middle and high school levels, we can have confidence that there is a gap in achievement.

And Westfield students will *always* outperform the state average; that's why the district is one of the best-regarded in the state. The issue isn't whether black students are meeting state standards, it's whether they're meeting Westfield standards — and they're not. In fact, the gap between black students and the total population in Westfield is essentially the same as the gap statewide. By that measure, the district is doing no better than average in educating its black students.

Test scores aren't the only indicator of a racial achievement gap. In a district that sends more than 90 percent of its graduates on to higher education, only 10 of 19 African-American seniors in 2004 took the SAT. And in Westfield, as elsewhere around the nation, black students are much more likely to be classified for special education instruction (The relationship between higher levels of classification and low test scores, and which way the arrow of causality points, deserves serious attention).

It hardly needs to be said that this is unacceptable. The federal No Child Left Behind law deserves much of the criticism it has received, but it was right to inscribe the principle that school districts have a responsibility to educate each of their students. Bolstering the performance of black students will have other benefits, too — one of the best ways to counteract our society's persistent racism is to demonstrate to all our children that their peers, regardless of race, class, or any other category, are expected to excel in school.

To their credit, the school board and administrators have acknowledged the problem, and have made addressing it a priority, if only after federal legislation forced the issue. Steps have been taken to bolster programs that affect low-performing students. And while it's disheartening that the district does not have more data about the performance of its black population — it shouldn't have taken NCLB to make clear there is a performance gap — it is admirable of school officials to admit they need to know much more about their students in order to craft an effective plan. Westfield's black population is not a mirror of America's black population, and any solutions should be tailored to local circumstances. That will take detailed, longitudinal data, and it will take time.

We'll leave it to the experts at the schools to come up with pedagogical strategies for the classroom. But any successful strategy will necessarily go beyond the classroom and reach out to the community. During the board's discussion, it became clear that, for whatever reason, there is not a natural overlap between the "school community" and the "black community" within Westfield. That is, the informal networks that bind school leaders and staffers to other parents don't seem to exist in this case; more formal means of communication have also proven lacking. Both Superintendent William Foley and the black parents in attendance at the meeting — who, we can infer by their presence at a school board meeting at 10 p.m. on a Tuesday night, are more active than most — talked about the failure in communication between schools and black parents.

The connection between parental involvement, and parental knowledge about what's going on in the classroom, and student achievement is well-established. As district officials review their teaching strategies, they should also reach out to institutions in Westfield's black community, working to build relationships, encourage feedback, and learn more about their students. And it will be up to parents and community leaders to make sure this outreach is reciprocated.

The schools, and the students, have a challenging task ahead of them. But with true commitment, and the resources Westfield can bring to bear, it's one they should overcome.

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Letters to the editor

## An update on activity in the schools

### To The Record-Press:

Nov. 14-20 marks the 83rd annual observance of American Education Week. This year's theme, "Celebrating the American Dream," reflects our commitment to all students.

Education is central to the pursuit of many goals and aspirations. We encourage these pursuits in Westfield and congratulate our students on attaining so many of their goals.

A total of 94 percent of last year's graduates are continuing their higher education. Our high school guidance department has expanded the college research process for students and parents with a new software program that provides an overview of actual college admission statistics for Westfield's graduates. The first-ever Sophomore Parents Night was held last month, and this week, more than 200 colleges and universities will be represented at the high school's annual College Night. Continuing to improve guidance services is one of many important goals in the district's new strategic plan.

In Westfield, we continue to train our teachers in differentiated instruction, so that every child's potential can be reached. We are exploring ways to bring more classified special education students, who are currently in out-of-district programs, back into the district. We are also addressing the

achievement gap within the district's classified and African-American student populations. Our gifted and talented program has been restructured to provide needed services for those students identified as profoundly gifted. And, we're working hard to adhere to our five-year curriculum review cycle, to ensure that every course meets both state and Westfield standards.

Our efforts to improve learning are further strengthened through the district's new 2004-2007 Technology Plan. The plan expands the use of technology within the curriculum, provides resources and training to teachers, and improves communication with students, parents and the community. We are excited about the new district web site that is under development along with expanded plans for use of Channel 36.

Earlier this year, the district approved a new strategic plan for 2004-2008, which was developed with the participation of community members, teachers, students, administrators and board members. Through the support and energy of this partnership, the district is prepared to guide Westfield's children to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

**ANNE RIEGEL**  
President, Westfield Board of Education

## Work harder to find school savings

### To The Record-Press:

Recently there have been articles about the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education expressing displeasure with state bill S-1701. This bill acts, to some degree, to protect the taxpayers from some of the funding increases that the school board finds that they need year after year.

The school board has indicated that this will be a loss of \$250,000 out of a budget of \$63.5 million. This leaves one with the impression of the board generating fear. It was further mentioned that this will amount to about \$20 per taxpayer and implied, was it worth it? The board has indicated this resulted in limiting the free balance from 3 percent to 2.2 percent or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater. One has to keep in mind that tax levy increases for the last four years of 7.45 percent, 8.68 percent, 8.28 percent and 8.01 percent were granted to the schools.

From my perspective, I would like to save \$20, since many of us are unable to afford things like vacations, dinner out, etc. as a result of the board's never-ending need for our money. At least the \$20 would allow me to buy a pizza!

It seems to me that this budget restriction is well timed and can be used as a negotiation topic with the education association in December. This of course assumes that the people representing us in the negotiations want to protect our interests. In looking at the Mission Statement for the school board, there are no references to taxes and/or costs — makes one

wonder if we have the "wolf guarding the chicken coop"? In fact, during the October 25, 2004 PTA meeting on this bill it was stated that the major expenses of the school system consisted of salaries and benefits. This is to be expected. In addition, several options were presented to cut costs, but none touched these two items. This is remarkable with the contract negotiations taking place in the near future.

As another option, considering that the school district's web site is updated daily, perhaps they could post the detailed budget for taxpayers' and parents' information. Along with the existing budget, the draft budget for next year could also be posted. This being the case, the public can assist in and easily participate in the budget practice and perhaps identify additional areas to pair down some costs.

Perhaps Mayor Marks, with his re-election and professed concern about taxes in our municipality, could you take the lead in this openness to the public.

It was mentioned that this bill overrules the will of the tax payers. This is true, the vote for the budget was 1,576 and against 1,153. This is a majority of those that voted, but is small in comparison to the approximately 20,000 local residents. This is a result of the vote taking place in April, in lieu of November.

**AL MULLER**  
Scotch Plains

*The statements above are personal observations and in no way reflect the views of any other individual or organization.*

## Pass on good cheer this holiday season

### To The Record-Press:

Why can't we all try to make someone else's day a bit brighter during this hectic holiday season? I am currently selling my home by myself and caring for four small children. My day is always full with unexpected surprises and consistent lateness, and absolutely nothing is ever planned. My family and I have stopped "living" in our home. The home is just a house now, and everything must be put away at all times.

We have given bags and bags to the Westfield Thrift Shop to minimize our lifestyle. This gesture has taught us a great lesson on helping others in need. The treasured items are nuisances now, and the minute someone wants to see the house, I pile the "I don't have a home stuff" into my truck in the driveway — please don't look under any of the comforters. When the phone rings, the children are silenced and I put on the gracious "phone voice," never knowing when the next buyer will ring. My weekend was filled with phone calls and visitors as

well as soccer games for two of my children. From the curious observers to the "not sure if we are moving or adding on" ones, everyone has their motives.

When it all calmed down by midweek, I received a beautiful card from one of the weekend onlookers. Her daughter lives on a busy street and she would love to see them move to my quiet street. She could tell there was good karma in my home. She also filled her note with kind words about my family.

This lovely woman made me feel so special and cared for with just a few kind words. We may have all offered to write a letter to someone thanking them but how many have we really written? Let's "pass it on." Today, go out of your way to really thank someone. Imagine if all our local citizens wrote letters or made phone calls in appreciation of someone's hard work — our quality of life would surely perk up. Please share your kindness this holiday season, and it will come back to you.

**MAUREEN B. O'CONNOR**  
Westfield

## Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

## Great moments in fashion history

About a year ago I wrote a column about the 10 stupidest things I have done in my life. On the list was the time when I spent \$72 for a pair of jeans almost 20 years ago. The money came from the first and only time I hit four numbers in the Pick-6 lottery and the pair of jeans already had multi-colored paint splattered on them. They were from France.

So it was not unusual that the other night I was tempted to add something to the stupid list. I was cruising the second floor of the Bridgewater Commons when I passed Abercrombie & Fitch and saw something that stirred the muck and mire of nostalgia. For \$79.50, you can buy a pair of jeans at Abercrombie & Fitch that already has holes. Fortunately, I had received my auto insurance bill the day before so the temptation to buy a pair just for entertainment purposes vanished as quickly as a bad dream.

The label on the jeans, which looked like they had been beaten by outsourced apes on rocks in a Kenyan stream, contained the most audacious marketing hokey I've ever read: "Inconsistently scarred to preserve true vintage nature." I have to remember that phrase the next time anybody rudely notices any one of my acne scars, the medals of those losing adolescent wars against the hormones of mass destruction. This is the same store that features an amusing, yet disturbing oxymoron — "casual luxury" — to accompany the traditional homo-erotic pictures in its Christmas ad campaign.

Another label on the jeans was equally linguistically ingenious — "inconsistent destruction on every pair." If I were ever to start a band of punk geezers, its name would be "Inconsistent Destruction." It's a great phrase applicable to many situations, including my romantic assignments since the last time I bought what I thought were sexy jeans.

But a check of the Abercrombie & Fitch website discovered the pair of Saranac jeans in the store was only the tip of this holey iceberg. For \$148, you can buy a pair of Ezra Fitch jeans made out of "Japanese salvage denim" with "handcrafted destruction details." ("Handcrafted Destruction" is a good name for a band, too.) a good Unfortunately, the largest size is 34 by 34, which means I have to practice holding my breath for hours, and they come with a button fly; a man my age needs the speed and ease of a zipper.

However, for a relatively reasonable \$59.50, you can get a pair of jeans with "inconsistent wear and tear" while for \$69.50, you can buy a pair with "blown-out" knees with "oil and bleach stains."

My first instinct was to check to see if these jeans were in the dictionary next to the word "degradation." These jeans are probably part of the uniform of our national Hell in the Handbasket flight crew.

My second instinct was to check my closet to see if I could place any of my old jeans on eBay or go to Wal-Mart, K-Mart or Kohl's, buy a \$20 pair, desecrate them myself with a pair of scissors, a bottle of Clorox and a pint of Quaker State 10-40, then sell them on eBay, size 36-32.

It's always been a source of amusement how much money people will spend to achieve the illusion of being poor. I keep on thinking about Versailles, where Marie Antoinette had a peasants' village constructed so the elite nobility could vicariously experience the life of the masses. I don't know what good it did; it didn't stop the Revolution. And I really don't see the point of spending \$148 for "handcrafted destruction," unless of course it's a radical and ironic comment on the growing division between the rich and poor in this country.

But that's hoping for too much.

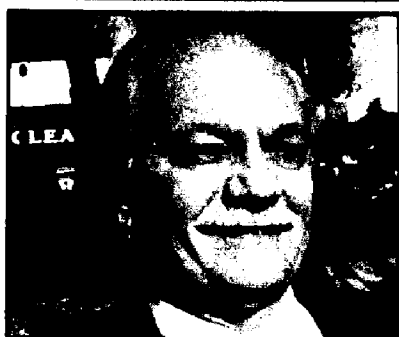


## SHOULD NEW JERSEY RAISE GAS TAXES TO CURB CONSUMPTION AND FUND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS?



**JOHN SHEEHAN**  
Cranford

The already steep prices of gas are getting out of hand for most people — I'm not opposed to (all) taxes, but I would have to see some pretty hard and fast reasons to support a gas tax.



**JAMES STIVALE**  
Cranford

I'm not very happy about it, but I don't know if another 10 or 15 cents would matter that much.



**SUSAN PETERSON**  
Cranford

The cost of gas is too high right now... We do need more types of public transportation other than people always using cars. But because of where people work, there's often no other way to get to their jobs.



**ROBERT SPRINGSTEAD**  
Cranford

If there were a new fuel tax with prices as high as they are now, I think a lot of people would be against it.



**JIM SURGENT**  
Westfield

I'm opposed to a gas tax — I just feel like we're being taxed like crazy already.



**ERIKA MCLAUGHLIN**  
works in Westfield

I think it is a good idea — gas prices are out of hand, but I would support it if the money was used to improve mass transit.

## Letters to the editor

## Give thanks this season by giving to United Way

## To The Record-Press:

Thanksgiving is a distinctively American holiday, set aside for giving thanks for the blessings of health, food, shelter, family, friends and community. During the Thanksgiving season, many Westfielders, who recognize how much they have to be grateful for, say "thank you" by giving to the United Way of Westfield, which helps maintain the quality of life for all in our community.

We are grateful to all who have generously responded to the 2004 United Way campaign, and we urge all who have not yet sent in a pledge card to do so now, as a sign of "thanks-giving." By sharing their blessings, Westfielders can extend the spirit of Thanksgiving throughout the coming year.

A past edition of the "Friendly Place," a newsletter for Westfield Community Center Senior Citizens (one of the 20 member agencies supported by our United Way), contained the following inspirational message, titled "Be Thankful," which we would like to share again this year:

"Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are those who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bed-ridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in the magazines, and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day, and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life."

On behalf of all of us at the United Way of Westfield, let me wish everyone a most happy Thanksgiving season.

**CAROLYN FLEDER**  
President, Board of Trustees  
United Way of Westfield

## Dems thank supporters

## To The Record-Press:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters and volunteers for the help, encouragement and hard work they gave us throughout the campaign.

Many of you opened up your living rooms to us, made phone calls, sent postcards or did other things that resulted in a strong showing at the polls.

Though we did not win the vote count, we won in other ways, including bringing in many new

supporters who were involved in a campaign for the first time.

We are humbled by the outpouring of support and encourage all of you to remain involved in the community.

Thank you and enjoy the holidays.

**ANDY BARON**  
**BARBARA BALDASARRE**  
Scotch Plains

*The authors, both Democrats, ran for mayor and Township Council in the November election.*

## Candidates say 'thanks'

## To The Record-Press:

The Republican candidate team for Union County Freeholder would like to thank the voters who recognized the problems with county government and went out and supported us in trying to change the system for the better.

We may not have had enough time to educate all the voters during our campaign, but we tried. Thanks for your vote.

**BRUCE PATERSON,**  
**JOE RENNA,**  
**PAT QUATTROCCHI**  
and **FRANK ARENA**



Students at Mt. St. Mary's Academy in Watchung recently sorted and packed toiletries and games for troops in the Persian Gulf. Yvonne Salavarrietta Zirrith, class of 1990, contacted the school and requested holiday decorations for her unit of 160 stationed overseas. The Senior Service Leadership Team and their moderators decided to make two shipments to Yvonne and her colleagues. Toiletries and games donated by the students, staff and faculty will be shipped along with Thanksgiving notes and cards written by students; the Christmas shipment will include small Christmas trees, lights, electrical adapters, homemade ornaments, and cards and more notes. Said Mary Jo Skutnik, one of the moderators, "Compassion and service are values we teach and live. Yvonne reached out to us and we are happy to support her and our troops. We hope to soften the impact of their spending the holidays so far from home." Shown at left are Kayla Flynn, Mary Jo Skutnik of Fanwood, Lissette Casas, Dana Cranden, and Mary Bash of Westfield.

## County clerk files complaint with Postal Service

## County news

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has filed a letter of complaint with the U.S. Postal Service calling for an investigation into why more than 40 Union County voters did not receive their absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 presidential election.

Rajoppi called the poor postal service "an appalling, inexcusable state of affairs."

The absentee ballots were sent from the clerk's office anywhere from 28 to 17 days prior to the Nov. 2 election. Many were sent to addresses within the state of New Jersey.

"It's intolerable that any voter who requests an absentee ballot cannot vote because the Postal Service fails to deliver their ballot in a timely fashion," Rajoppi said.

In all, 45 voters in Union County reported they never received their absentee ballots either through regular mail or express mail.

One voter, who is attending school out of state, requested a ballot on Sept. 10, the clerk said. Once the ballots were printed one was mailed to her on Oct. 4. She never received it.

After the voter contacted the clerk's office, a second ballot was express mailed to her on Oct. 28. She never received that ballot either, Rajoppi said. As of last Friday, the voter had yet to receive either ballot.

"The Postal Service must demonstrate a reliable and accountable commitment to the electoral process if absentee voting is to work," Rajoppi said.

This is the second complaint the clerk has lodged with postal authorities in 2004. In the primary election held in June, the Postal Service failed to deliver ballots by Global Express mail within the three to five business days it guarantees, Rajoppi said. In that election, American citizens in Switzerland, Greece and Sweden were unable to vote.

## Nominations sought for women's awards

Nominations are now available for the 13th annual "Women of Excellence" awards program sponsored by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The commission seeks outstanding women nominees from Union County who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories: arts and humanities; business/entrepreneur; community service; education; government; law; law enforcement; medicine/health care; and women's advocacy. The commission will accept nominations until Jan. 5, 2005.

The women selected from the nominees will be honored at The Westwood, 438 North Ave. in Garwood at 7 p.m. Friday, March 18.

For an official nomination form,

call Sean Faughnan at (908) 527-4107 or go to [www.ucnj.org](http://www.ucnj.org) to download the form electronically.

Once the form is completed, it should be mailed to Mrs. Joan Abitante, 322 Dietz Street, Roselle, NJ 07203.

Due to the strong interest in this annual event, the Union County Commission on the Status of Women is encouraging all nominations to be submitted as soon as possible. For additional information, call Abitante at (908) 241-4889.

## Oral history workshop upcoming at UCC

Howard L. Green, research director of the New Jersey Historical Commission and former president of the Oral History Association, will present "Setting Up An Oral History Project: A Beginner's Workshop," sponsored by the Union County Board of Freeholders.

The workshop will take place

6:30-8:45 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Executive Education Center at Union County College, Cranford.

Green, author and editor of numerous books including *Words that Make New Jersey History*, will explore the areas of planning an oral history project; educational training for staff, board members and community volunteers; selecting the interviewees; developing questions for the interview; preparing and creating transcripts and archives of tapes; special problems including legal and archival issues; and developing oral history products such as pamphlets, books and media productions. He will also discuss project funding opportunities.

The deadline for registration is Nov. 19. The registration fee is \$5. To register or to request a workshop brochure, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, by telephone at (908) 558-2550, or via e-mail at [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).



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# Guidance department to launch website

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**WESTFIELD** — The high school guidance department reviewed its procedures and vision before the Board of Education Tuesday night. Included in the presentation was a preview of the department's website, which will link students to valuable information and services.

The guidance department continues to function without a supervisor following the resignation of Cas Jakubik. Superintendent William Foley said attempts to fill the position have been unsuccessful so far, but the department will be testing the marketplace again this spring.

Earlier this year, the department was the subject of two independent reports, which found that the department is solid overall

but needs to upgrade its college selection and application process, particularly for 10th grade students. Other findings indicated the district should build a stronger relationship with elite colleges and universities.

To that end, the guidance department's new website — which should be online early next year — will include a treasure trove of information to assist students as they prepare for college. The site will provide news, a calendar of events and downloadable forms, and will increase access to staff and link users to Family Connection, a career and college planning program.

Among other functions, Family Connection compares student indicators like GPA and SAT results with past applicants to any given college, giving students and parents a realistic assessment of a student's chances of

admission.

"This gives us a base to compare with our students who are now applying," said guidance counselor Paul Smith.

Counselor Noah Tenet, who led the presentation, said upcoming visits by representatives of different colleges will be readily available on the new website.

"Many students make their ultimate connections with schools during these visits... We try to have a wide assortment of schools because we want students to find the one that fits them best," Tenet said.

The department has established goals of improving communication with students through TV-36, computer-based information and increased personnel training. Another focus area is improving access with students; each guidance counselor is responsible for 220 students.

In response to another of the internal report's criticisms, the department is developing clearer policies and procedures. A manual is under development to make all personnel aware of the department's overall vision.

"It will bring uniformity to our practices without stifling the diversity of approaches that make our department so strong," Tenet said.

Board members praised the department for implementing improvements in a short time. But they also said expressed concerns over scheduling conflicts that required some students to drop elective classes they wanted to take.

Tenet said the department wants to schedule more elective classes during the first and ninth periods of the day, so students can schedule core academic classes between those periods.

# Coles student gives boost to bobsledder's dream of Olympics

When an athlete has a dream to go to the Olympics, sometimes things just fall into place to help make it happen.

Clark resident Mariana Banic's vision to go to the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy as part of the U.S. women's bobsled team recently became a little clearer, thanks to a donation of \$4,777.50 from two sources stemming from a brainstorm from the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex in Clark.

The complex partnered with the Clark Kiwanis Club to run a helicopter "Ball Drop" at its all-community anniversary celebration in September, in which half of the prize money raised would go to the winning golf ball owner, while the other half would go to the Olympic athlete.

At the Hyatt Hills anniversary event, Scotch Plains resident Sandy Haas purchased a ticket for the "Ball Drop" at the urging of her 8-year-old son, Tyler. Her name was on the winning ball, so she was entitled to half of the \$6,370 that was raised.

But when Haas realized that Mariana Banic was a trainer at Personal Best, the gym she attends on South Avenue in

Garwood, she felt it was right to give half of her winnings to Banic. "We just thought it would be nice to give it to help her go to the Olympics," she said.

"My son was the reason we bought the ticket in the first place," said Haas, "so I agreed with him that maybe we should donate to her dream."

Len Glassman, part owner of Personal Best, was thrilled at the generosity of the Haas mom and son. "Banic is part of the family here. We want her to succeed like a daughter. We will support her all the way to the finish line!" he said of her goal.

He and the gym have been trying to raise money for their star athlete. "She's a great role model," Glassman said.

This summer, Banic and other hopefuls trained in Calgary, Canada. "We did well on ice," Banic said. Team trials took place in Lake Placid, N.Y. at the end of October.

Banic is one of the 12 women vying for the spot to be on the American team, each of whom has to fund herself.

"It's a challenge to see what your body can do. Also, it's a fear factor," she said of the sport.



PHOTO BY SUSAN DOUGHERTY  
Tyler Haas, 8, a student at Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains, donates to bobsledder Mariana Banic's training fund for the 2006 Olympics. In early fall, Tyler urged his mother to buy a \$10 ticket for the Hyatt Hills Golf Course's helicopter "Ball Drop" sponsored by the Clark Kiwanis Club. When his mother, Sandy Haas, was announced the winner of contest, she and her son decided to donate half of their winnings to Banic.

# Auditor: School district's finances in solid shape

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — An annual audit of Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools indicates the district's books are in order, according to a report submitted to the Board of Education last week.

The audit was performed by accountants Barre and Company of Springfield. The report analyzed the district's financing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

Accountants combed through the district's finances, examining tax returns, payroll accounts,

insurance, treasurer's records and other expenses. At the board's Nov. 11 meeting, accountant Rich Barre praised the management of Business Administrator Anthony Del Sordi, declaring that "internal controls were good at the administrative end."

Del Sordi said the district's free balance was now up to about 3 percent, the highest rate allowed under newly enacted state regulations.

Veteran board member Edward Saridaki said the district's financial report was vastly improved over past years, when auditors routinely issued serious

recommendations.

"It's been a combination of Rich's company and (Del Sordi's) diligence in addressing problems he found when he came in," Saridaki said. "The district is far better managed now than it was seven or eight years ago."

As formal suggestions, the auditors recommended district administrators advise banks not to impose service charges on accounts larger than \$15,000. Also, an unrelated non-profit organization was using the district's Federal Identification Number for their bank account; accountants advised the board

that only the district should use that number.

Also, in some cases checks were being issued with one signature instead of two. Auditors also found two checks improperly written for "cash," but in both cases the checks were written for under \$100.

The district's total assets were listed at \$46.5 million for 2004, nearly \$1 million higher than the year before. Liabilities were down about \$600,000, to a total of \$28.7 million. The report indicated the district's net assets were \$17.8 million, about \$1.5 million higher than in 2003.

# SP fire department may loosen residency rules

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Township officials are considering changes to the rules governing residency requirements

for volunteer firefighters.

At a conference session earlier this month, the Township Council briefly discussed the possibility of allowing non-residents from nearby communities to join the fire department, whose ranks are made up almost entirely of volunteers.

According to Chief Jonathan Ellis, the fire department currently has about 34 volunteers and is hoping to increase that number. He said during his 27 years as chief, the number of volunteers has typically ranged from 35 to 40 members.

The current residency rules require all new volunteers to be Scotch Plains residents; existing volunteer firefighters can remain in the department if

they live in a community that borders the township and live within five miles of the firehouse.

Ellis said the township could consider adopting a similar policy for new volunteers, as some fire departments around the state may be doing.

The biggest logistical problems for the change would be caused by the department's required training schedule for volunteers. Ellis said training takes place once per week, and firefighters need to live close enough to the township to attend training — and respond to emergencies.

Mayor Martin Marks said he would be meeting with the department's superior officers

in the beginning of December to discuss possible changes to the residency requirements. Any recommendations that emerge from the meeting will be discussed before the full council before a decision is made, he said.

"The bottom line is that with a volunteer fire department you can never have too many volunteers," Marks said. "We're always looking for ways to bolster our fire department."

Though he said the fire department is in need of more personnel, Ellis said residents shouldn't be worried about their safety.

"We're completely staffed, and we've never missed a call," he said.

# Pair arrested on charges of burglary

WESTFIELD

On Nov. 12, officers arrested Jennifer Melchione and Jason Lotz, both of Elizabeth, for burglarizing two homes in Westfield.

On Nov. 10, Bashira Clay, 38, of Roselle was arrested for shoplifting from a business on South Avenue. Clay was processed and released.

A Coolidge Street resident reported fraud on Nov. 12. The resident reported her ex-husband received a \$100,000 home equity

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line of credit by forging her name on bank documents.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation reported Nov. 12 that someone had vandalized three wooden planters and two park benches. The items were valued at \$3,500.

A Pierson Street resident reported a rock was thrown through the rear windshield of

his 2000 Oldsmobile on Sunday.

A Beverly Drive resident reported Sunday that the windshield of his 1996 Honda was smashed out, possibly with a baseball bat.

Officers arrested Patrick Vahey of Cranford Monday for driving while intoxicated on the 200 block of Twin Oaks Terrace. Vahey posted blood-alcohol content readings of .21 percent and .22 percent, police said; he was released to the custody of a responsible adult.

## Obituaries

### Joseph Mangan

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Joseph F. Mangan, 61, died Nov. 4, 2004 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

He was born in New York state and lived in Jersey City before moving to Scotch Plains in 1983.

Mr. Mangan was a managing editor of The Insurance Advocate, a weekly trade publication for the insurance field, and a consultant on underwriting operations. He wrote a number of textbooks on underwriting commercial property and casualty insurance.

He also worked for the A.M. Best Co. in Oldwick, the Greater New York Insurance Companies, Chase Communications Inc. and the College of Insurance at St. John's University. Mr. Mangan received a bachelor's degree in business administration from St. John's in 1974; he earned a master's degree in economics from New York University and took doctorate courses at NYU.

A member of the New York

Chapter, Charter Property Casualty Underwriters, Mr. Mangan was a lecturer at the Rutgers Graduate School of Management on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University. He was selected for the 1992-93 edition of "Who's Who in Finance and Industry."

As well he was an emergency medical technician with Monoc in Wall and with the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and spent time in the Army Reserve.

Surviving are his wife, R. Elizabeth Donaldson Mangan; a son, David Webb Mangan; a sister, Monica M. Wheaton; two brothers, Charles V. and Thomas J.; 17 nieces and nephews; and 13 great-nieces and great-nephews.

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

### Sydney P. Spence

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Sydney P. Spence, 82, died Nov. 11, 2004 at the Old Orchard Health Care Center in Palmer Township, Pa.

Born Dec. 30, 1921 in Yonkers, N.Y., he was a son of the late Payton W. and Jocelyn Stebbins Spence.

Mr. Spence had lived for many years in Scotch Plains and was a retired chemical engineer with Union Carbide Corp. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester.

A past president of the Westfield Art Association, Mr. Spence was with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys

I. Bahr Spence, with whom Mr. Spence celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May; a son, Jeffrey of Sparks, Nev.; four daughters, Nancy G.S. Breon of Bethlehem, Pa., Janet DeVau of Burlington, Mass., Kim Honig of White Plains, N.Y., and Susan Garcia of Richmond Hill, Queens; a sister, Anne O'Connor of Hellertown, Pa.; and 10 grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Connell Funeral Home in Bethlehem, Pa. Donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, 617A Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055 or the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

### Ralph J. Wojtech

**WESTFIELD** — Ralph J. Wojtech, 70, died Nov. 14, 2004 at the Veterans Affairs New Jersey Healthcare System, East Orange Campus.

He lived in his native Berkeley Heights and in Plainfield before moving to North Plainfield in 1966.

Mr. Wojtech retired after 45 years as a barber at the Towne Barber Shop in Westfield. He was in the Navy during the 1950s and a member of American Legion Post 209 in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife,

Elizabeth Aug Wojtech; two sons, Ralph W. of Bedminster and William T. and wife Lori of Green Brook; two sisters, Natalie Blazek of Conestoga, Pa., and Marilyn Ford of Whiting; and three grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to ADARF Amaranth Diabetes Fund, 1701 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311 or a charity of your choice.

### Samuel Ciardi Jr.

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Samuel Ciardi Jr., 63, died Nov. 11, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, he lived in Bloomfield and Toms River before moving to Scotch Plains in 1999.

Mr. Ciardi was a contractor in Newark, Bloomfield and Toms River, self-employed. He was in the Army from 1957-59 and more recently a school crossing guard in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his fiancée,

Joyce Twaskas; a son, Danny; a daughter, Dana Pirrelli; two stepsons, James Twaskas and Jeffrey Twaskas; two brothers, Pasquale and Vincent; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Bloomfield, following services at the La Monica Memorial Home in Bloomfield. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

### Walter Butenas

**WESTFIELD** — Walter L. Butenas, 95, died Nov. 13, 2004 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center.

Born in Maspeth, Queens, he was a son of the late Michael and Elizabeth Butenas.

Mr. Butenas lived in Elizabeth and Union before moving to Westfield in 2002. He

retired after 30 years as a pharmacist.

A brother, Dr. Joseph, is deceased.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia; Arrangements were by the Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home in Linden.

### Fay Tessitore

**WESTFIELD** — Fay Tessitore, 90, died Nov. 9, 2004 at her home.

Mrs. Tessitore was born in Brooklyn and lived in Westfield for 45 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Hickey; a son, Joseph; six grandchildren and seven great-

grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834.

### Edna Brown

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Edna Brown, 53, died Nov. 10, 2004 at the Roosevelt Care Center in Edison.

She was born in Plainfield and lived in that city before moving to Scotch Plains in 1999.

Ms. Brown was a former insurance clerk with Chubb Corp. in Warren.

Her father, Walter Sr., died in 1998.

Surviving are her mother, Pearl of Plainfield; a son, Demetrius of Philadelphia, Pa.; her twin brother, Edward of San Bernardino, Calif.; another brother, Walter Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Brenda Hardy of Plainfield; two aunts; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held yesterday at Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

### Joseph McMahon

**WESTFIELD** — Joseph G. McMahon, 75, died Nov. 13, 2004 at the home of his daughter, Linda McMahon Egidio of Summerfield, N.C.

Mr. McMahon was born Dec. 8, 1928 in Cranford. He lived in Cranford and Westfield before moving in 1996 to Leesburg, Fla. He retired in 1992 from the Airtroon division of Litton

Industries in Morris Plains. Also surviving are a sister, Mary Kelly of Loudon, Tenn.; a grandson, Benjamin Joseph Egidio, and a granddaughter, Alexandra Lynn Egidio, both of Summerfield.

Private arrangements were by the Forbis & Dick Funeral Service, North Elm Chapel, in Greensboro, N.C.

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## LDA talk addresses planning for travel

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Learning Disabilities Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood invites parents and caregivers to attend a special Saturday program titled "Traveling with a Special Needs Child."

At 2 p.m. Dec. 4, Claudette Bardwil, a special needs travel consultant, will lead the group through the challenging aspects of traveling short or long distances with a special needs child. The program is designed to help participants:

- Learn valuable strategies to help children with en-route transitions when traveling;

- Find out how to respond to onlookers, questions or insensitive remarks;

- Learn how to handle the unexpected by packing an appropriate emergency bag;

- Hear how to assimilate assistive devices to where ever you are going;

- Learn what pre-planning should be done for hotels, restaurants, museums, pools, airlines, car rentals, trains, buses, other activities, and more to ensure your trip is smooth and enjoyable for child and family alike.

The public is welcome to attend this free program, which will be held at the Scotch Plains Library, located at 1927 Bartle Ave.

Seating is limited; participants should register to guarantee a seat and materials by calling (908) 322-4020 ext. 5. For more information about LDA or its upcoming events, go to the website at [www.ldaspf.org](http://www.ldaspf.org).



Members of Troop 384 pose with Matt Lauer of "The Today Show."

## Scouts featured on 'Today Show'

SCOTCH PLAINS — Eight girls representing Troop 384 from Park Middle School left the township at 5 a.m. Nov. 4 on a quest to earn their communications badge.

Armed with extra clothes, bagels, hot chocolate and a box of Girl Scout cookies, they headed to New York City. Accompanied by leaders Linda Grimm and Gina Fawcett and two more Troop moms, Kim Stefanik and Debbie Palozzolo, the girls — Allison Grimm, Kendall Fawcett, Katherine Fletcher, Kerri Killeen, Rebecca Maiorillo, Kristina Palozzolo, Cassandra Segulin and Emily Stefanik — arrived outside the studios for "The Today Show" at 6:15 a.m. The girls displayed their posters, telling everyone they were working on their communications badge and hoped to make it on camera.

The show's hosts, Al Roker, Ann Curry, Matt Lauer and Katie Couric, all stopped to talk with the girls. The Scouts learned that Matt loves Girl Scout cookies, especially thin mints, and has been known to eat a whole sleeve at one sitting. Katie, who was once a Girl Scout herself,

recited on-air the Scouts promise with the girls. Altogether, the girls were seen on television four times.

Afterwards, the girls toured Democracy Plaza and took turns debating with one another at the podium. They an original copy of Declaration of Independence, sat at a replica of the president's desk in the Oval Office and walked through a model of Air Force One.

Dickens Wright of WNBC's ad sales team arranged a tour of NBC studios for the troop, during which they learned everything isn't what it seems to be on television. Through the magic of wide-angle lenses, everything appears much larger on TV than it really is; the girls also learned about "green screen" technology.

The girls will now work on the final phase of earning their communications badge, for which they will design and present an advertising campaign for a product or service of their choice.

In an effort to give back to the community, Troop 384 will prepare and serve lunch to the Habitat for Humanity workers in Plainfield on Dec. 11.

## Boutique set to open at the Thrift Shop

SCOTCH PLAINS — The annual Christmas Boutique will open Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Thrift Shop, 1730 E. Second Street.

Brand-new items, including holiday decorations, toys, bric-a-brac and clothing will be on sale. The sale will continue throughout December with stock replenished daily until supplies run out.

A Christmas drawing will be held on December 14. Winners need not be present.

A three-story Victorian dollhouse, with wraparound porch and complete furnishings, will be offered as a holiday prize to the winner of our essay contest. The contest, for children only, consists of a written essay of 50 words or less on the subject "I would love to win this dollhouse because..."

Residents are invited to come in to the shop for further contest details or call the dollhouse chairman, Susan Citrano, at (908) 322-8496. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 18 and the winner will be selected the following week. The winning entrant must be available for publicity photos.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Donations are accepted during regular shop hours. All Thrift Shop profits go to local charities.

The Thrift Shop will close after 1 p.m. Dec. 18 for the remainder of 2004. The shop will re-open Jan. 4, 2005.

For more information, call the shop at (908) 322-5420.

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Mumford of Scotch Plains and Cindy McCrackin of Warren.

The sisterhood is a network of friends, and the organization is all about women helping each other. For more information, log onto [www.pcointernational.org](http://www.pcointernational.org).

### JCC offers variety of classes for seniors

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Senior Adult Program at the Jewish Community Center of Central N.J., located at 1391 Martine Ave., meets every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The JCC indoor pool is available from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for swimming and light exercise, and the fitness room is also open for supervised use at the same time. Lunch is prepared each day in the JCC kosher kitchen.

A schedule of classes follows:

**Monday:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., art with Lillie Bryen; 10:30-11:15 a.m., current events with Salo Enis; 11:15 a.m.-noon, exercise with Anne Baker; 12:30-1:15 p.m., Jewish culture with Salo Enis.

**Tuesday:** 10:30 a.m.-noon, biology with Prof. Bill Dunscombe, offered in conjunction with the Union County College L.I.F.E. program, and open to all residents of Union County over the age of 60 free of charge; 11:15 a.m.-noon, exercise with Claire Lazarowitz; 12:30-1:15 p.m., music with Rhonda Riesenber.

**Wednesday:** 10:30-11:15 a.m., therapeutic exercise with Betty Rosman, R.N.; 10:30-11:15 a.m., short stories with Barbara Buettner; 11:15 a.m.-noon, exercise with Betty Rosman, R.N.; 11:15-noon, personal histories with Barbara Buettner; 12:30-1:15 p.m., theater games with Robin Wong.

The Senior Adult Department is supported by the Union County Division on Aging. For more information call Nan Statton, Director of Adult & Senior Services at (908) 889-8800, ext. 207.

## Rev. Benton to address Westfield Rotary Club

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Rotary Club will feature the Rev. Jim E. Benton at its Nov. 23 luncheon from 12:45-1:30 p.m. Benton will speak to the 90-member club about the Goodwill Rescue Mission.

Benton, a native of Washington State, comes to Goodwill from Springfield, Mo., where he has been located for the past 15 years. His wide experience in the urban environment began at the age of 5, when his parents moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. to start the first program for girls developed by David

Wilkerson's Teen Challenge.

As an adult, Benton worked with drug addicts and alcoholics for more than 10 years through Teen Challenge. After serving as chief operations officer and then executive director of Teen Challenge programs in New York and Missouri, he was asked to serve as the Midwest representative for the National Teen Challenge office in Springfield.

In the fall of 1992, he was invited to join the ministry of Compassion International as the central regional manager of volunteers. He then served as the

central regional marketing director before becoming the national director of volunteers. Benton was responsible for overseeing all of the volunteer activity for more than 800 volunteers in the U.S.

While working with Compassion International, he traveled extensively in the United States and overseas. He has spent time in Bolivia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico, Peru and Uganda.

A graduate of Evangel University in Springfield, Mo.,

Benton holds two bachelor's degrees in business administration and Biblical studies.

The Westfield Rotary Club seeks to build a better world through service activities that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encourage high ethical standards and create greater understanding among all peoples.

The club meets every Tuesday from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in the Westfield Area YMCA at 220 Clark St. The public is invited to the \$11 weekly luncheon and weekly programs.

### YMCA volunteers are honored

Chloe Sundstrom and Joe Duff (center), the 2004 Youth and Adult Volunteers of the Year for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, are joined by Ellen Buckley, president of the YMCA's board of directors, and Karin Dreixler, executive director of the YMCA, at a recent awards dinner sponsored by the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance.



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## This week

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NOV. 18

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

**GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE-OUT DAY** — National effort to challenge smokers to cut down or quit. Sponsored locally by Prevention Links; for information on how to volunteer call (732) 381-4100 or visit [www.prevention-links.org](http://www.prevention-links.org).

**PETER GENOVESE** — the popular food columnist for The Star-Ledger will visit the Westfield Memorial Library. 7 p.m. Registration is now ongoing; call (908) 789-4090.

**VIOLET SOCIETY MEETING** — monthly gathering of the Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society. 1 p.m. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. Bob Kurzynski will give a program on "Tips on Trailers." Open to the public.

**PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP EVENT** — annual gathering hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women, Union County chapter. 7:30 p.m. Residence of Lauren Falk, in Westfield. RSVP at (908) 233-4878.

FRIDAY  
NOV. 19

**MENTAL HEALTH PLAYERS** — educational performance presented by the Youth Partnership of the Family Support

Organization of Union County. 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield. Free, but reservations preferred at (908) 789-7625.

**'THE ARAB WORLD AND THE UNITED NATIONS'** — a lecture by Dr. Hussein Hassouna, ambassador to the United Nations and the Arab League of Nations. 7:30-9 p.m. Roy Smith Theater, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

**'HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM'** — a lecture by Dr. Michael Mohar for Amateur Astronomers, Inc. Following the 8 p.m. business meeting, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Free and open to the public, followed by viewings from Sperry Observatory. (908) 276-STAR.

**COMMANDER EDWARD ELLSBERG** — part two of the program on the Westfield resident and World War II veteran, presented by former Westfield mayor Bud Boothe. Hosted by the Westfield Historical Society. 7:30 p.m. Community Room of the Westfield municipal building, 425 East Broad St. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY  
NOV. 20

**TURKEY DROP-OFF** — donate frozen turkeys and other Thanksgiving foodstuffs to the Community FoodBank for distribution to needy families. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Franklin School, 700 Prospect St., Westfield. (908) 355-3663.

**'FANWOOD: IMAGES OF**

**AMERICA'** — a presentation and signing of the new historical book by authors Barbara Cox, Joe Nagy and Carol Oakes. 2-4 p.m. Town Book Store, East Broad St. Westfield. (908) 233-3535.

SUNDAY  
NOV. 21

**BLOOD DRIVE** — hosted by FMBA Local #32 at the Cranford firehouse, across from the municipal building on Springfield Avenue. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Supplies are critically low; residents are encouraged to come out and donate.

**COLONIAL THANKSGIVING DEMONSTRATION** — presented by the Miller-Cory House Museum and featuring Ellen and Zoe Hess of Cranford. 2-4 p.m. 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. (908) 232-1776.

MONDAY  
NOV. 22

**'WEST NILE VIRUS: THE FACTS'** — a program for nurses and guests, presented by LEARN. 7:45 p.m. All Saints Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains. \$10 for non-members. (908) 272-7239.

TUESDAY  
NOV. 23

**MAKE YOUR OWN TREE DECORATIONS** — with the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. 8 p.m. Fanwood train station, North and Martine avenues. Open to the public. For more information, call (908) 232-1199.

**THE GOODWILL RESCUE MISSION** — a talk by the Rev. Jim E. Benton for the Westfield Rotary Club. 12:45-1:30 p.m. Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St. Open to the public for an \$11 fee.

**'FEED'** — a discussion of M.T. Anderson's dystopian book with the Teen Group of the Fanwood Memorial Library. 6:15-7:30 p.m. at the library. (908) 322-4377.

FRIDAY  
NOV. 26

**CAMP YACHAD EVENT** — a day of fun for camp alumni and staff. 1-4 p.m. Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. \$8 per camper, no charge for staff. Register in advance at (908) 889-8800, ext. 253.

SATURDAY  
NOV. 27

**VENDOR SALE** — sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains.

Tables available for \$35; contact [Jessi@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Jessi@worldnet.att.net) by Oct. 25.

SUNDAY  
NOV. 28

**TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY** — Santa Claus will ride in on a fire truck to join Westfield Mayor Greg McDermott in lighting the tree at the train station lot on North Avenue. 5 p.m. Residents are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the pantry at First United Methodist Church. For more information, call the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at (908) 233-3021.

**GARDEN CLUB TRIP** — Green Thumb Garden Club of Cranford sponsors a bus trip to the New York Botanical Garden. Bus leaves Orange Avenue pool 10 a.m.; return trip begins 4 p.m. \$26. To reserve a spot, call (908) 276-5077.

## COMING UP

**ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP** — hosted by Howard L. Green of the New Jersey Historical Commission and sponsored by Union County. 6:30-8:45 p.m. Nov. 30. Executive Education Center, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. \$5; register by Nov. 19 at (908) 558-2550 or [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).

**INVESTING SEMINAR** — on the topic "Using Exchange-Traded Funds to Enhance Sector Trading," hosted by the American Association of Individual Investors. 6 p.m. Nov. 30. The Westwood, North Avenue, Garwood. To register, call (908) 276-7337.

**COOKIE EXCHANGE MEETING** — swap recipes with the Union County chapter of Mothers & More. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1. Westfield Area YMCA, 220 Clark St. (908) 789-8626 or (908) 889-2286.

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** — at the Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains, with proceeds benefiting local charities. Opens 10 a.m. Nov. 30; open mid-days Tuesday-Saturday through Dec. 18. 1730 East Second St., Scotch Plains. (908) 322-5420.

**'TRAVELING WITH A SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD'** — program hosted by the Learning Disabilities Association of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. 2 p.m. Dec. 4. Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains. Register at (908) 322-4020, ext. 5.

**YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMANCE** — a Hanukkah celebration featuring youngsters from three local Jewish congregations. 2:30 p.m. Dec. 5. Temple Beth-El Mevor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford. \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. (908) 276-9231.

**TREE-LIGHTING** — holiday day event sponsored by Union County 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 5. Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside. (908) 527-4900.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT** — make a candy wreath at the Fanwood Memorial Library. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 7. \$7.50. Registration is required; call (908) 322-8113.



## Students distribute Halloween treats

The School One Service PTA Committee recently sponsored a Halloween Treat Bag Project. Students decorated brown bags and filled them with treats; the bags were then distributed to Hearts for Humanity, Union County Welfare, the NIA Community Habitat of South Plainfield, and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless. Pictured above are students from School One with the collection basket.

McTamaney will lead  
Mt. St. Mary's board

Amelia Alonso McTamaney of Scotch Plains was elected chairwoman of the board of trustees at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung at the board's October meeting. It is the first time an alumna has served in this position.

McTamaney said, "I am thrilled to be the first alumna to serve as the board's chair. It is with great honor that I assume the duties of the chair."

"Serving on the board of any institution brings with it the opportunity to share in that program's success. My responsibilities are far overshadowed by my excitement in singing the praises of this community."

McTamaney is no stranger to education. A graduate of Georgian Court University, she taught school before becoming the Head of School for Christopher Academy in Westfield and Scotch Plains nearly 30 years ago.

Christopher Academy is the oldest Montessori school in New Jersey and serves 200 children from the age of 2 to first grade. She is also a graduate of the Montessori Nicholas College in London, England. She is a certified early child and elementary teacher in New Jersey and a Montessori teacher.

McTamaney also serves on the board of the National Center for Montessori Education; she is past presi-



AMELIA MCTAMANEY

dent and board member of the International Association of Montessori Educators and the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education. She is a founding member and past officer of the New Jersey Montessori Administrator's Council and a frequent presenter at Montessori conferences.

Mount Saint Mary Academy has been an independent college preparatory day school offering education for young women for more than 95 years. The school is administered by the New Jersey Regional Community of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

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Camp Yachad  
event planned

SCOTCH PLAINS — Camp Yachad is organizing a one day event for camp alumni and staff on from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave.

Visitors can hang out with camp friends and many of the Yachad staff for movies at the JCC during the Thanksgiving break. Participants can watch a movie, play games, reminisce about last summer and get excited for camp in 2005.

Movies screened will be "Shrek 2" for Chaverim, Yeladim, Sabra campers and "Harry Potter: The Prisoner of Azkaban" for all Travel campers. Movies will be followed by a camp activity for each unit.

All campers viewing "Shrek 2" must be accompanied by a parent. Refreshments will be sold.

Advance registration is \$8 per camper, \$5 with a camp shirt. There is no charge for staff.

For more information contact Randi Zucker, Camp Yachad administrator, at (908) 889-8800, ext. 253.

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# Community Life

## Briefs

### Colonial Thanksgiving at Miller-Cory House

**WESTFIELD** — The Miller-Cory House Museum will feature its annual colonial Thanksgiving feast demonstration over the open-hearth from 2-4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave.

Visitors will experience the warmth and atmosphere of a traditional colonial Thanksgiving dinner. Ellen and Zoe Hess of Cranford and Allison Clancy of Westfield will prepare the feast using authentic recipes and cooking methods. Visitors may enjoy taste treats as prepared by the cooks.

Also, a program on colonial table customs will be presented by Kathy Dowling of Clark.

The last tour of the house is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. Visitors can begin their holiday shopping at the museum's gift shop, which is stocked with colonial reproductions, cookbooks and educational materials.

The museum will be closed on Nov. 28. The next event, "Christmas...All Through the House," is scheduled for Dec. 5.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under 6 are admitted free. For more information, call (908) 232-1776.

### Stender's office collects donations to food bank

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Assemblywoman Linda Stender has urged all residents to join the fight against hunger by donating non-perishable foods to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

"By all accounts, New Jersey is a wealthy and prosperous state. Unfortunately, many families are not able to make ends meet," said Stender. "By donating nonperishable food items from your pantry to our dropoff site, you will be helping less fortunate residents in our community."

Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, canned meats, jellies, and soups may be dropped off at Stender's office, located at 1801 East Second St., from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Financial contributions may be made payable to The Community FoodBank of New Jersey and mailed to Assemblywoman Stender, Attn: Community Food Drive, 1801 East Second St., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

All donations will be taken to the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, located in Hillsdale. The food bank is one of the largest providers of groceries to charities, soup kitchens, and thousands of food pantries throughout the state.

To learn more about the food bank, visit [www.njfoodbank.org](http://www.njfoodbank.org).

### Create tree decorations with Historical Society

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood host a "make-your-own tree decoration" session at its meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The society will provide pinecones and shells to decorate with various ribbons, flowers, fruits and birds.

The meeting will be at the Fanwood train station at North and Martine avenues. The program is open to the public, and refreshments and fellowship follow the meeting.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

### Library collecting books for children in need

**WESTFIELD** — Babies, preschoolers and children through age 14 will be able to experience the joy of reading their very own books, thanks to the generosity of Westfield Library users who donate new and "like-new" books.

Through Dec. 4, the library will collect these donations as part of a statewide program sponsored by the New Jersey Library Association. Needy children in Union County will receive these gifts in time for the holiday season.

A collection box is available at the library, located at 550 East Broad St.

## Westfield, county plan tree lighting ceremonies

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the town's annual tree lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 in the North Avenue train station lot.

"Santa" will arrive in Westfield on a fire truck to join Mayor Gregory McDermott in lighting the holiday tree.

On this evening, residents are encouraged to help neighbors in need by donating non-perishable food items to the First United Methodist Church for its food pantry. The church's Youth Group will be on hand to offer a warming cup of hot chocolate and to accept donations.

The evening festivities will include a sing-along of favorite traditional Christmas carols with the Westfield Community Band. Children young and

old are invited to meet with Santa, who will hand out candy cane treats and Christmas activity books.

The ceremony is made possible by local sponsors, including the Town Bank, Burgdorff Realtors, Haven Savings Bank, and Drug Fair. For further information about the Westfield tree lighting, call the Chamber at (908) 233-3021.

Then, on the following Sunday, Dec. 5, Union County will hold its tree lighting and nature craft show from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Watchung Stable, located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside.

"This event will offer a day filled with fun for the entire family. Santa will hear holiday wishes and the day will culminate with the lighting of Union County's holiday tree," said Freeholder Bette Jane

Kowalski, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

"At the craft show, everyone will find those special gifts to be given this holiday season. Stop by and visit the vendors to purchase handcrafted, quality gifts that are either made from natural materials or are nature-themed."

The tree lighting and craft show will be held rain or shine.

Throughout the afternoon, visitors can enjoy barn tours, a petting zoo, horseback riding demonstrations by the Watchung Mounted Drill Team and strolling holiday singers. There will also be horse rides and children's crafts. Also, the Union County Police Department will be available for children's fingerprinting throughout the

afternoon.

Santa Claus will arrive at 1 p.m., and children can visit with Santa from 1-5. The afternoon's festivities will culminate with the tree lighting at 5 p.m.

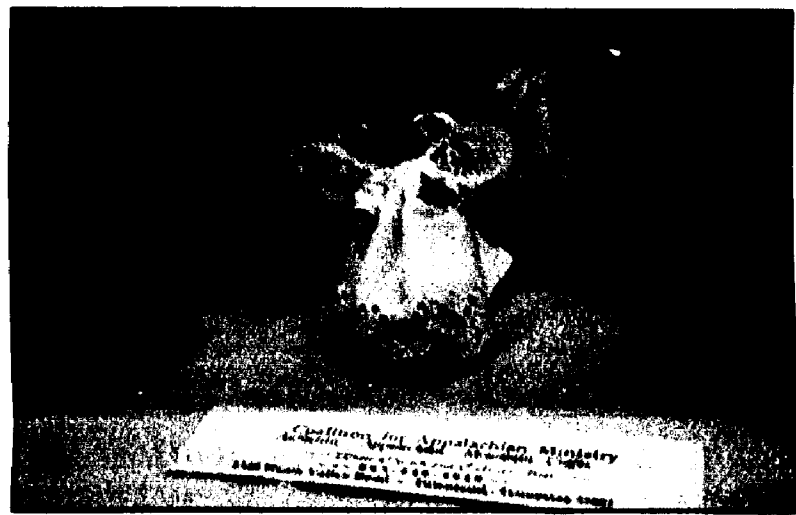
There is no admission fee; however, residents are encouraged to bring a donation of a dry or canned food item, or a new, unwrapped toy. All items collected at the event will be distributed through local charities. Refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the afternoon.

For additional information or directions, call the Trailside Nature and Science Center at (908) 789-3670; Watchung Stable at (908) 789-3665; or the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.



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Above, organizers Susan Devaney, Liz Dwyer and Ann Fontana (from left) proudly display handmade dolls for sale at the Silver Snowflake Boutique held last Saturday at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield. The Silver Snowflake sale is the annual mission sales sponsored by the church. The organizers were pleased to offer a varied selection of gifts made by members of their own congregation, while also presenting another outlet for the sale of gifts made by domestic and international artisans. These items — some of which are pictured at right — came from Appalachia, Pakistan, Mexico, India and the Philippines. The funds raised will go to support local mission projects to support people in need.

## Silver Snowflake sale at Presbyterian



## County honors Trailside director, seeks donations

Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada recently presented a resolution to Holly Hoffman, former director of Trailside Nature and Science Center, for more than 20 years of service to the county. The resolution was presented during a retirement celebration sponsored by Trailside's volunteer organization, the Trailside Museum Association.

The Trailside Museum Association dedicated a holly tree and stone plaque to recognize Hoffman's 25 years serving as director of Trailside Nature and Science Center, located in Mountainside. Co-workers, former staff members and long-time friends gathered in front of Trailside's backyard wildlife habitat to highlight memories and achievements of her career. Appropriately enough, a holly tree was planted, and said to symbolize the giving nature that Holly Hoffman has demonstrated over her many years of service.

Formed in 1956, the Trailside Museum Association has provided funding for the construction of the classroom below the museum and donated money towards displays, classroom furnishings and equipment for the center. The most recent pur-

chases include a spotting scope for nature programs, two computerized kiosks in the museum and funding for an assessment of Trailside's extensive taxidermy collection.

The Trailside Museum Association is also working in anticipation of the new Trailside Visitors Center, currently under construction. Under the guidance of co-presidents Margaret Heisey (Scotch Plains) and Anne Dyjak (Warren), Vice President Nelson Dittmar (Cranford), Treasurer Dorothea Hoffman (Westfield), Secretary Joyce Laudise (Berkeley Heights), board members Betty Ann Kelly (Cranford), Mary Sudiak (Cranford), Kay Miller (Fanwood), and Patricia Bertsch, current Director of Trailside, the association has been pursuing new members and financial support with enthusiasm and success.

"The TMA Board would like the public to be aware it is conducting a fundraiser through Parker Gardens of Scotch Plains. If you mention the TMA when you check out at Parker Gardens from now through Dec. 30, 10 percent of your sale will be credited to TMA," said Heisey. "Your purchase of mums, trees, shrubs or yard



Former Trailside director Holly Hoffman was recently recognized for her many years of service to the nature center.

accessories can help Trailside."

"A similar fundraiser held during the spring raised over \$400 for Trailside," said Dyjak. "The public can help us to raise funds for the exciting, new interactive exhibits currently being created for the new Trailside Visitors Center that will provide numerous environmental education opportunities for our community."

To join the association or to make a donation, contact Trailside at (908) 789-3670, ext. 221.

## Film show, storytimes on tap at the library

**WESTFIELD** — The Westfield Memorial Library is hosting several programs for children and adults during the week of November 22.

The events include the "TGIF" movie screening. At 1:30 p.m. Nov. 26, the library will screen the classic movie *It Happened in Brooklyn*, starring Frank Sinatra and Jimmy Durante. Light refreshments will be served.

Also on tap are storytimes for children. All storytimes are drop-in, but attendance is limited, so families should arrive early and sign in at the Children's Desk. Children must have a valid Westfield Library card to participate. Storytimes include:

**Little Listeners**, ages 2-3½. From 10:30-11 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, children must be accompanied by an adult to attend this program. Infants will be permitted, but older siblings will not due to size limitations of the group. The library requests that children attend this program only once per week so that as many children can participate as possible.

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

To mark the holiday, the library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, and remain closed all day on Thanksgiving, Nov. 25. It will resume normal hours on Nov. 26 (9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday).

For more information about the library's programs, call (908) 789-4000, 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.

## Teddy bears on balance beams

Young gymnasts at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA brought their Teddy bears to class recently to share the fun with new friends. The Y's progressive preschool gymnastics program focuses on age-appropriate activities using the vault, uneven bars and balance beams, as well as special mats and equipment to help refine gross motor skills. The Y also offers parent/toddler and kindergarten classes, a progressive program for girls in Grades 1-12, and competitive teams for girls. For more information about gymnastics at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, call (908) 889-8880.





### Cindy Smith students take part in Six Flags' Dance Fest

Each autumn, dancers from the Cindy Smith Dance Studio of Garwood and Kenilworth participate in Six Flags' Fall Dance Fest. On Oct. 17, 25 young ladies from ages 5-15 performed in Great Adventure's Showcase theater. Grace Aronds, Jane Aronds, Taylor Cummings, Morgan Maloney, Stephanie Oliveira, Kayleigh Pender, Katie Piscitelli, Samantha Ronan, Sarah Russo, and Katherine Seery performed a jazz dance to "Double Dutch Bus"; Alina Chabus, Rita DellaValle, Jenna Lloyd, and Jessica Oliveira also performed a jazz routine to "Lovesick." Tap dancing to "Sea Cruise" were Kathryn Ahern, Stephanie Bagliewski, Amber Chabus, Jackie Close, Devin Loh, Kira Loh, and Mave Maloney. The girls received a Participation Ribbon for their hard work and great job. For information on the studio's fall 2005 classes in tap, jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, Pointe, competition, pre-school, and adult classes, call (908) 789-9123.

## 'Conscience' series double bill includes Wyers and Lamotte

The Coffee with Conscience Concert Series of Westfield will present a double bill featuring Juliet Wyers of Portland, Ore. and David LaMotte of Asheville, N.C. Saturday night at the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. All net proceeds from the evening's concert will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Wyers brings a voice to her songwriting that is at once unique, quirky, flirty and brave. Lyrically driven, her songs shine with melodies that reflect the words' meanings, and hop with rhythmic life, reflecting her roots in soul music, 1960s folk, and Broadway musicals.

Part Shawn Colvin, part Bruce Cockburn, Wyers blends science and spirit together in pieces about honeybees and a metal detector man, then puts her guitar down to breathe and belt out a sexy, silly cover of Billy Jonas' song "Late."

Though she is relatively new on the singer/songwriter scene, Wyers has received quite a bit of attention. Several national songwriting competitions, all based at major music festivals, invited her to perform on their main stages or in songwriter showcases — among the 2003 Kerrville New Folk Songwriter Competition, the 2003 Falcon Ridge Emerging Artist Showcase, and the 2003 Telluride Troubadour Songwriter Competition.

LaMotte was born in Norfolk, Va. He is the son, grandson and brother of Presbyterian ministers, and the fourth of four children.

It's been over 13 years since LaMotte has had a "real job" or a real haircut. In that time he has released eight albums and performed more than 1,600 shows in 45 states and 10 countries, sharing stages along the way with artists like Arlo Guthrie, Shawn Mullins, Buddy Miles, Gillian Welch, John Gorka, Jez Lowe and David Wilcox.



A relative newcomer to the singer/songwriter scene, Juliet Wyers has already been featured at major songwriting festivals and competitions.



David LaMotte has shared the stage with the likes of Arlo Guthrie and Gillian Welch.

A typical evening of performance with LaMotte includes everything from lyrically challenging, high-energy percussive songs in strange alternate tunings to more traditional songs of home, hope and inspiration. He weaves the evening together in a fabric of vivid stories and throws in an occasional instrumental piece.

LaMotte was also featured along with Bruce Springsteen, Aimee Mann, Ray Manzarek,

Grace Slick and Suzanne Vega on "Songs Inspired by Literature, Vol. 1," a project to benefit adult literacy campaigns.

For more information about Wyers and LaMotte, visit <http://www.julietwyers.com> or <http://www.davidlamotte.com>.

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

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

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

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## Yarrow brings 'deep folk' to WAC

An eclectic mix of traditional American folk and blues, with an occasional influx of dulcimers and slide guitars, has become the trademark of Bethany Yarrow, who will bring her melodies to the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. Dec. 4.

In her debut album, "Rock Island," Yarrow borrows from the deep river of American song and creates a contemporary sonic landscape with her haunting voice at the forefront.

The daughter of Peter, of the legendary folk trio Peter, Paul & Mary, Yarrow spent plenty of time trying to escape her folk background before embracing the music with a new enthusiasm.

"Folk music may be in my blood, but I spent a lot of time running away from it," she said. "By the time I was 14, I had green hair, 11 piercings, was listening to hardcore, and spent my weekends at Danceteria and my Sundays down at CBGBs... Singing these old tunes was the last thing I



BETHANY YARROW

thought I'd end up doing."

But folk music is in her blood indeed, and sometimes there is no escaping it. So Yarrow decided to return to her roots and the music she grew up with by recording an album of traditional American songs.

"I guess you can run, but you can't hide," she said. "So, I've been

re-recording traditional slave lullabies, prison songs, and murder ballads, turning them into a kind of grooving electronic pop that I call 'deep folk' music, as in 'deep house' or 'deep soul'.

"These may be old songs, but this CD doesn't really sound at all like folk music, and that was kind of the point."

Yarrow's brand of folk has certainly struck a chord across the country. Reviewers have been knocked out by her "fascinating" and "dramatic" interpretations. Her voice has been called, "mesmerizing," "intense," "powerful," "spell-binding" — "A cross between PJ Harvey and Annie Lennox... Dido and Grace Slick."

In a year of great political activity, Yarrow has emerged as a powerful musical voice. As a performer who has spent a lifetime with these songs, she literally stopped the crowd in their tracks when she sang at the March for Women's lives in April 2004 for more than one million people. She also sang at the Million Mom March, the Take Back America Conference in Washington, D.C. and the World Peace Music Awards in Vietnam, and she will appear on VH1 Classic this summer with her father talking about her musical and political heritage.

Tickets for the Dec. 4 show are \$15. Reservations can be made by calling (908) 753-0190. The Watchung Arts Center is located on the circle at 18 Stirling Rd., Watchung.

## Get Jewtopia tickets at JCC of Central NJ

Jewtopia, one of the hot hits in the theater scene, is now on stage in New York City. Residents can buy tickets for the Nov. 20 performance at New York's Westside Theatre now through the JCC of Central NJ, located at 1391 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains.

The New York Times hailed the play as "One of the biggest theatrical hits in Los Angeles" and Joel Hirschhorn from Variety magazine described the play as "entertaining, wild, and raucous."

Tickets are \$60 per person though the JCC, which includes an opportunity to meet the actors. Registration is required. To purchase tickets, contact Susan Lemerman at (908) 889-8800, ext. 205.

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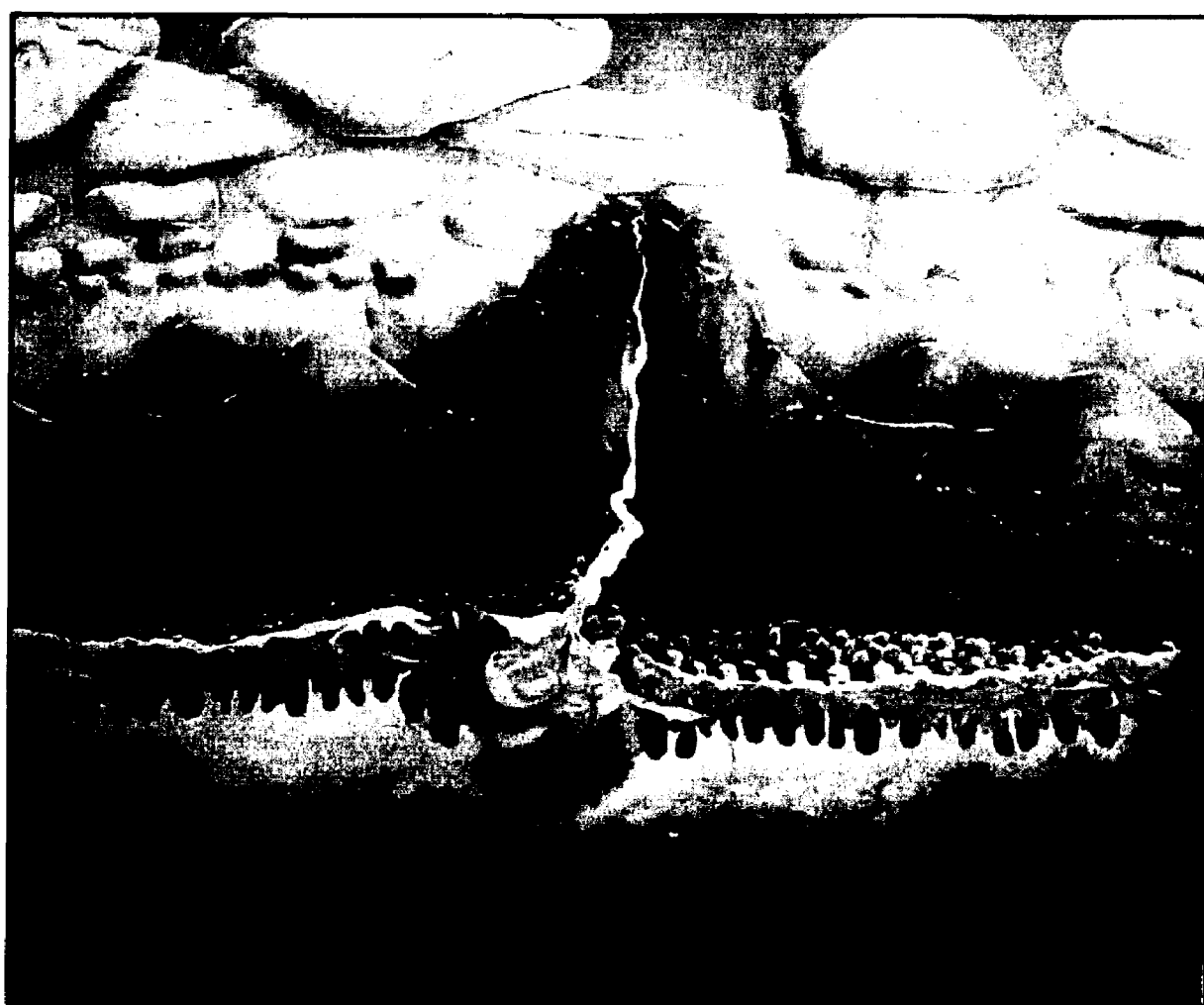
## Exhibit of Murphy's paintings upcoming at UCC

From Dec. 2 through March 17 Union County College will be host to artist Tim Murphy's exhibition, "Paintings," a solo show of large-scale, semi-abstract, wall-mounted paintings, which will be hung in the Commons on the college's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave.

Due to extensive renovations being made to the Mackay Library, the next several shows will move from the gallery space to various venues on the Cranford campus.

The exhibition is a collection of paintings of landscapes, figures, creatures, and events. Murphy describes them as semi-abstract and psychedelic. The paintings are made of poured paint on aluminum; some of the works took more than 50 gallons of paint to complete.

In explaining how he came to create these pieces, Murphy said, "For years I've been experimenting around with paint. I have thrown it, poured it, spit it, crawled in it, and rolled in it — all to just figure out a different way to make a picture. I began to move in a linear direction from the abstract, towards representation. It started with three blobs of paint becoming a snowman. Then more blobs became an igloo. I started to embed bristles and hair into the paint. Character and narrative crept in. As I started to plot my way towards narrative, portrait, and landscape, I created forms that



"Panorama" by Tim Murphy is among the paintings to be featured in a new exhibit in the Commons at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.

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— Tim Murphy

resembled places and beings. Some are grotesque and some are beautiful. Most are both."

Murphy holds a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a M.F.A. from the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He has taught at the Museum of Modern Art, been a visiting artist at the University of Iowa and was part of the design/installation team for

Planet Hollywood in London, Prague, Amsterdam, and Vancouver.

He has exhibited regularly in the past 10 years in New York and Jersey City. Murphy is a Montclair resident and recently relocated his studio to Montclair from Jersey City.

In addition to being a painter, sculptor and teacher, Murphy is also a 19-year veteran and cur-

rently serves as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He is a marine infantry officer and currently commands a weapons platoon consisting of machine gunners, mortarmen, and assault teams. He also serves as the company fire support coordinator. He is a member of the G Company in Dover.

The exhibit will debut on Dec. 2 with a reception from 6-8 p.m. in the Commons. Official gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

For more information, call (908) 709-7155.

## Busy schedule ahead at county arts center

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway has a busy schedule planned heading into the holiday season.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Asbury Park's John Eddie, Glen Burtnik, and Vini "Maddog" Lopez come together at the center.

John Eddie is one of Asbury Park's most famous adopted working class heroes. Although he has been compared to Bruce Springsteen, his approach to music has always been more Memphis than Asbury Park. His music features strong country influences, plus elements of soul, folk, and rockabilly.

Glen Burtnik, born and raised in New Jersey, became a regular part of the Asbury Park music scene during the early 1980s. Burtnik is a master of the Asbury Park sound, telling a story and capturing the listener with memorable hooks and melodies. In the 1990s he joined the multi-platinum rock group Styx as a singer, writer, and guitarist. Today Burtnik tours in support of his solo album, *Welcome to Hollywood*.

Vini Lopez, the original drummer for Springsteen's E Street Band, was born in Neptune. He has continued to play a major role in the Asbury Park music scene for over three decades. Now touring with his band, Steel Mill Retro, Lopez performs unreleased Bruce Springsteen material from the early days, taking audiences back to Asbury Park.

Tickets for the show are \$30.

At 3 p.m. Nov. 28, the center will present Gregory Popovich's Comedy & Pet Theatre. The show follows a 12 p.m. holiday pet adoption program, sponsored by Friends of Linden Animal Shelter along with other local shelters.

A star of the Moscow Circus and a world-class master of juggling, Popovich has created a remarkable show in which animals he rescued from shelters become the performers.

A strong advocate for pet adoption, Popovich has a compelling theory through which he develops "the natural traits" of each animal according to what they like to do best. Popovich has rescued all of the animals in his show from Las Vegas animal shelters, and the furry co-stars have been featured on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and the Late Show with David Letterman.

Tickets for the show are available for \$20 or \$15.

Then, at 8 p.m. Dec. 3, the center presents Bobby Vinton, whom Billboard Magazine has called "the most successful love singer of the rock era."

Vinton has been a top-rated performer for much of the last 20 years and continues to enjoy success today, performing his classic hits "Roses Are Red," "Blue Velvet," and "Mr. Lonely."

Tickets for this show are available \$65 or \$50.

Then, at 3 p.m. Dec. 5, the center will present a production of the Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

This version follows closely to the original, complete with the four spirits — Marley's ghost and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. British comedic actor Micky O'Donoghue joins the production as Scrooge, with local theatre students appearing in various roles.

Tickets for this show are \$15.

Tickets for all three shows may be purchased by calling (732) 499-8266, online by visiting [www.UCAC.org](http://www.UCAC.org) or at the box office at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. Group discounts and handicapped-accessible seating are available.

The theater is located within walking distance of the NJ Transit station in Rahway and can be accessed from Exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway and Exit 12 off the NJ Turnpike.



The paintings of Westfield resident Bernice Shah will be on view at Union County's gallery space at Pearl St. in Elizabeth.

## Pearl Street features work of Bernice Shah

The Union County Board of Freeholders will present an exhibit of paintings by Bernice Shah of Westfield in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl St. in Elizabeth.

"The new exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery features the work of award-winning painter Bernice Shah," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Ms. Shah has titled her exhibit 'A Poucos Passos' (A Step from Here). She lived and worked in Brazil for many years, and that experience continues to inform her paintings. We are honored to display her inspiring artwork."

Shah earned her B.F.A. from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. She also studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology, the Art Students League, the New School, the School of Visual Arts in New York City, and the Summit Art Center for Visual Arts. Her paintings have been exhibited extensively throughout New Jersey and have won numerous awards in juried exhibits. Her work is held in many private collections.

"My recent work has dealt with formal issues of color, composition and space within the framework of the canvas. I enjoy working with oils for their intensity and richness, but also like to vary my work with mixed media, which allows for endless exploration," said Shah.

"The non-representational larger oils are examples of problem solving on the canvas. Rather than calling them a series, a better description would be to call them sets, whereby one painting will generate a response from the next painting."

"The smaller mixed-media paintings on paper exhibited here are explorations in form, color and texture with the final varnish layer giving an enamel-like sheen to the surface."

Shah's paintings will be on display at the Pearl Street Gallery through January 14, 2005. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We are proud to see the work of one of Westfield's talented artists shown in the beautiful and historic St. John's Parsonage on Pearl Street," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, via telephone at (908) 558-2550, or via e-mail at [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).

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## Local drama instructor to join Klugman in professional production

Megan Muckelmann, drama director of Stars of Tomorrow and program director of Encore in Cranford, will appear in the Helen Hayes Theatre Company's production of *The Value of Names*, by Jeffery Sweet.

Muckelmann is playing the part of Norma, daughter of Benny, played by Jack Klugman. Also performing in the production is Louis Zorich. Opening night is March 4 in White Plains, New York.

The cast of three will then be performing in Queens beginning March 18, and will conclude the show at the Helen Hayes Theatre in Nyack, N.Y. in April. The show is directed by James Glossman.

Klugman appeared on Broadway and in television from the 1950s through the 1990s and is best known for playing sportswriter Oscar Madison in the TV comedy series "The Odd Couple" and a crime-fighting medical examiner on "Quincy, M.E."

Zorich, a familiar presence in feature films, television, and theater spanning five decades is perhaps best recognized for his recurring role as Paul Reiser's father on the television series "Mad About You."

A resident of Roselle Park, Muckelmann has appeared in various independent films and off-Broadway productions, and her voice has been featured in radio commercials, video games, and an audio series.

Muckelmann has studied voice with Sharon Reynolds, dance with Cindy Smith, and Shakespeare at The National Shakespeare Conservatory. She is a member of Actor's Equity Association.

Muckelmann has been a member of the drama department at Stars of Tomorrow for five years, just completing her third as drama director for the main camp. She was the director for the Encore program for the last four



MEGAN MUCKELMANN

summers. Some of the elective classes that Muckelmann teaches are acting/scenes, Shakespeare, dialects, yoga, and voiceovers.

Stars of Tomorrow, located in Cranford, is summer theater program for campers ages 3 through high school. The first open house for the summer of 2005 is on Jan. 16 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church, Lincoln and Walnut avenues. In case of inclement weather, call (908) 276-5053 or visit [www.StarsofTomorrow.com](http://www.StarsofTomorrow.com) for additional information.

## NJWA's Cabrera, Pineda perform this week at NYC's Lincoln Center

Two vocal music teachers on the staff of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Music Studio will perform on separate occasions at Lincoln Center this week.

Luis Cabrera will appear at 8 p.m. Saturday at Alice Tully Hall in the role of Lapo in the Teatro Grattaciolo's production of Umberto Giordano's *La Cena delle Beffe*. The Teatro Grattaciolo Orchestra will be conducted by Maestro Alfredo Silipigni, principal conductor and Artistic Director of the New Jersey State Opera.

Cabrera, who studied at the Boston Conservatory of Music and is a graduate of Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts, has performed professionally with the Cosmopolitan Symphony Orchestra of NYC, The American Chamber Opera Company, the Little Opera

Company of New Jersey, Opera at Rutgers, the American Chamber Opera, the Paper Mill Playhouse, Carnegie Hall and the PNC Bank Arts Center.

Juan Pineda will perform in the Fourth Annual Concert of Excellence at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Frederick P. Rose Hall.

Pineda will be singing several numbers including "One Day More," "Putting It Together," and "Aquarius/Let the Sun Shine In." This will be Pineda's third appearance in The Concert of Excellence, which recognizes Asian American artists who have made an impact in America.

At the NJWA Music Studio, Pineda is a vocal music instructor, co-founder of the Little Opera Company of New Jersey, director of the Musical Theater Workshop

and director of the Westfield Summer Workshop theater productions.

He was a long time member of the Broadway cast of *Miss Saigon* and has extensive opera, film and recording experience.

Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, founder and executive director of NJWA, remarked that "We are so proud to have faculty members with this type of experience guiding our students at the Music Studio. Both men are outstanding performers, creative teachers and true professionals in their field."

The Music Studio offers private vocal and instrumental music lessons for children and adults at 150-151 East Broad St. and 361 South Ave. East, both in Westfield. For additional information on any of the NJWA programs, call (908) 789-9696.

## Foundation launches piano contest

The Union-based Andrew De Grado Foundation, Inc. has launched a new contest for piano soloists and piano accompanists, ages 23 and over. The competition seeks to challenge, recognize and promote adult pianists who are U.S.-born or naturalized citizens residing in one of 15 states on the Eastern seaboard.

The semifinals and finals will be held at Kean University in June 2005, and the two winners — one piano soloist and one piano accompanist — will have the opportunity to perform in a New York City debut concert in the prestigious Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

The foundation was established in 1998 by Libby De Grado-Condo

in the memory of her son, Andrew De Grado.

May 9, 2005, is the entry deadline. Applicants are advised to obtain official rules and applications as soon as possible from the foundation website at [www.andrewdegrado.org](http://www.andrewdegrado.org).

For further information, call (973) 467-1348.

## Pianist Spassov joins teaching staff

Among the new staff members at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Music Studio in Westfield is pianist Michael Spassov.

Spassov holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in music from the Juilliard School in New York. While studying there, he was the recipient of the school's Richard Rodgers, Piser and Henry Mancini Scholarships. He was also a teaching assistant at Juilliard, as well as at the Royal Conservatory Summer School in Ottawa, Canada.

A composer who has premiered his work at the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, Alice Tully Hall and Murray Hall, Spassov has written commissioned works for Toronto's Continuum Ensemble and Ottawa's Espace Musique.

The multi-talented musician is also a conductor who has experience in both the United States and Canada. In addition, he is an accomplished

organist who studied at Canada's McGill University and holds a certificate from the Royal Canadian College of Organists. He is the organist and choir director at All Saints Church in Scotch Plains.

The Music Studio instructs approximately 470 students, from ages pre-school through adult, in 30-, 45- or 60- minute private instrumental and vocal lessons. It also offers group lessons and provides opportunities for musicians to perform in several ensemble, band and orchestra venues.

For more information on the Music Studio, call (908) 789-9696.

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## Club hosts holiday sale

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club will host a holiday shopping-extravaganza 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 27 at the Scotch Hills Country Club, on the corner of Westfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road.

There will be more than 25 crafters and vendors with a variety of products including brands such as Home Party Products, Creative Memories, Pampered Chef and Usborne Books, as well as women's purses, jewelry, knit baby items, personal trainers and organizers and more.

For a full list of vendors, send an e-mail to jessi@world-net.att.net.

In addition to the sale, there will be a bake table, product raffles and a 50/50 raffle.

Purchases will help support local charities in the community. In the past, charities that have benefited include Heart for Humanity, Tiny Tim Fund, Interfaith Council for the Homeless, Learning Disabilities Association, Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains, local fire, rescue squad and police force.

## Augustyn enters Coast Guard

Coast Guard Reserve Seaman Apprentice Edward M. Augustyn III, son of Kathy A. Motzaka of Garwood and Edward M. Augustyn of Westfield, graduated the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May over the summer.

During his eight-week training program, Augustyn completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military cus-

tom and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, firefighting and marksmanship.

Augustyn and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect and devotion to duty and how to apply them in military performance and personal conduct. The recruits also received training in sexual harassment prevention, drug and alcohol awareness and civil rights.



David Christopher Schaller and Megan Diane Weiss

## Weiss, Schaller to wed

Irene and William Weiss of Cranford announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Diane, to David Christopher Schaller, son of Peg and Gary Schaller of Westfield.

The bride-to-be is a third grade teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District. A graduate of Cranford High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. She is now pursuing a master's degree in education at California State University-Long Beach.

Her fiancé is the head men's lacrosse and soccer coach at Whittier College in Whittier, Calif. A graduate of Westfield High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at Rutgers University.

An August 2005 wedding is planned.

## Nurses' group to hold program on West Nile

SCOTCH PLAINS — LEARN, the League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses is offering an educational program for registered nurses and interested guests titled, "West Nile Virus (WNV): Current Facts."

The two hour program will begin 7:45 p.m. Monday at the parish house, All Saints Church, 559 Park Ave. The speaker will be Marie Kassai.

Kassai, a graduate of Jersey City Hospital School of Nursing, received her bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and her MPH from Columbia University.

Kassai is certified in infection control, as well as an HIV counselor, by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services. She has worked as an infection control professional since 1961. Currently she is consulting for several agencies and institutions.

Upon completion of the presentation, participants will be able to define West Nile Virus. The history of the disease prior to 1996 and since will be reviewed.

Treatment modalities will be discussed, as will prevention techniques.

Each LEARN program offers continuing education contact hours through the New Jersey State Nurses Association, accredited as an approver of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This program has been approved for 2.4 contact hours.

In addition, for school nurses, the New Jersey Department of Education, Professional Standards Board, has granted this program professional development hours.

Annual membership for registered nurses is \$40. Interested parties are welcome to attend at a guest fee of \$10 per program.

The next program, on Jan. 24, is titled "Differential Diagnosis: Depression vs. Dementia in the Elderly Population." For membership application and/or information about upcoming programs, call (908) 272-7239 or (908) 754-9499.

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## Typing skills now introduced at early age

By BRAD BISHOP  
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SCOTCH PLAINS — At its open agenda meeting last week, the Board of Education was given a demonstration of a pilot program designed to teach district students typing skills at an earlier age.

Fourth grade students from Brunner and McGinn schools demonstrated the Alpha Smarts program before the board at the Nov. 11 meeting.

The students are learning to type with the Alpha Smarts keyboards, which are small, portable keyboards containing miniature 6-inch by 4-inch monitors. Over the course of 12 weeks, fourth grade students are given a crash-course in typing, honing their skills about three days per week.

It's an accelerated strategy, given that in the third grade, students learn to write in cursive.

According to Merrie Snow, math and science supervisor for Grades K-5, district administrators expect to train all fourth graders on the equipment by February. And for the rest of the year, students will reinforce those skills on classroom desktop and laptop computers, she explained.

In the fifth grade, students will continue to develop computer skills, which are heavily emphasized beginning in the sixth and seventh grades.

Snow said numerous studies have shown that students can be successfully introduced to computers as early as the third grade. And newly released state guidelines recommend that students learn to type during the fourth grade. Scotch Plains-Fanwood school officials believe the Alpha Smarts program will move the district ahead of the statewide curve.

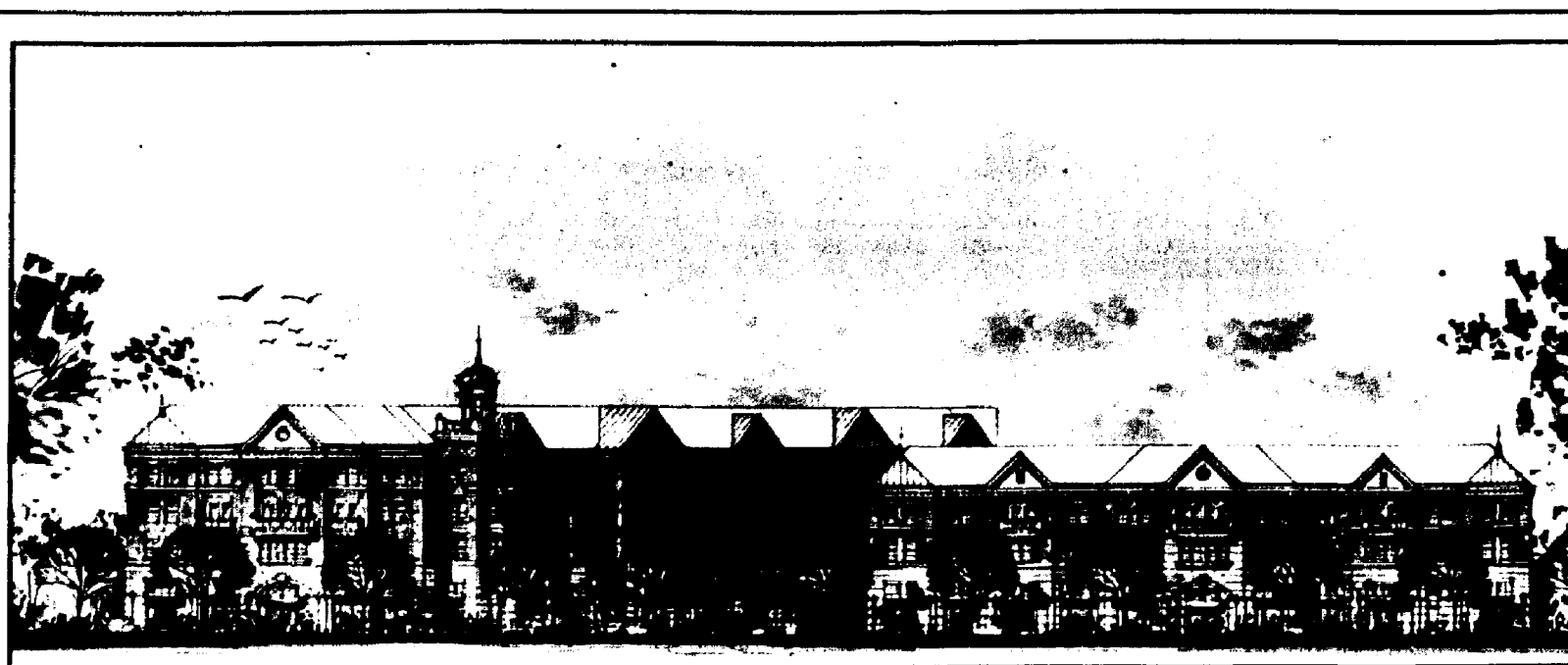
At the board meeting, Superintendent Carol Choye said school officials were interested to see if the program would improve students' writing skills.

"One of the issues we were discussing with instructors... was 'Would writing come more fluently because the students are no longer hunting and pecking?'" Choye said.

Teachers said students are experiencing the typical struggles most people experience when learning keyboard fundamentals. Students have to learn to reach for unfamiliar keys, memorize positions and, of course, to sit up straight.

But the initial reports from the classroom appear to indicate that fourth grade keyboarding may become a mainstay in elementary school education.

"It's a pilot program, so when we finish this year, we'll evaluate how well it works. But my informal assessment is that so far it's being greeted with enthusiasm by the students -- they're taking it seriously and demonstrating more proficiency," Snow said.



The Cranford Crossing project will consist of two buildings in South Avenue, in the heart of downtown.

## Work gets underway on Cranford Crossing

Construction got underway Monday on Cranford Crossing, a new transit-oriented development in downtown Cranford, at the intersection of South, South Union and Walnut avenues.

The project will be the largest redevelopment project undertaken in the township's downtown business district in a century, said Sam M. Gershwin, president of Westminster Communities, the property-management arm of developer Kushner Companies.

Located one block from the train station, the \$16 million project will feature approximately 22,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space and 50 luxury condominiums in two buildings. In addition, the company will build Cranford's first municipally-owned parking garage, providing 310 spaces to be shared by commuters, shoppers, retailers and residents.

The buildings' traditional brick facades will highlight a neo-classical clock tower and faux stone accents. The 50 condominium

homes will cater to commuters and are expected to be priced from about \$250,000-300,000. Of the units, 46 will be two-bedroom, while four will be one-bedroom.

Completion of the garage is expected in about 18 months, with the full project expected to be completed within 24 months.

According to Gershwin, Cranford Crossing will showcase the 'transit village' model that New Jersey Transit and the State Department of Transportation promote. "Transit villages incorporate passenger rail stations as a focal point," he said. "The goal is to return the stations to their historical stature as places where growth, recreation, opportunity and access convene to foster commerce and economic redevelopment."

The East Building, located at the corner of South Avenue East and Walnut Avenue, will offer 10,595 square feet of retail space; the West Building, which adjoins the new municipal parking deck, will include

10,525 square feet of retail space fronting on South Avenue West and South Union Avenue.

Each building will feature wide archways providing pedestrian access to a covered walkway, all-glass storefronts and storefront canopies with facade signage. Available retail units will be offered from 800 to 8,700 square feet.

Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa recently signed a long-term lease to anchor the retail portion. The spa will occupy more than 7,000 square feet at the East Building. No other companies have yet signed on, but the developers have discussed gourmet coffee shops and national fashion retailers as desirable tenants.

"Our goal at Cranford Crossing is to augment the established retailers and create a tenant mix that will attract even more shoppers to the downtown area," said Brian Silbert, real estate broker from the project.

## Local residents can claim undelivered tax refunds

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for New Jersey taxpayers who can claim their share of 2,955 undeliverable refund checks totaling nearly \$2.6 million. The IRS can reissue the checks, which average \$873, after taxpayers correct or update their addresses with the IRS.

The names of local residents who can claim refund checks are listed below.

Nationally, there are 87,485 undeliverable refund checks, totaling more than \$73 million with an average refund amount of \$836.

"If we owe you money, we'd like to get it to you," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "All you have to do is tell us where you are. Our Web site makes it easy for taxpayers to track their undelivered refund checks."

"Where's My Refund?" on IRS.gov provides information about refunds and is available

on the IRS home page. To use it, taxpayers enter information that includes their Social Security number, filing status (such as single or married filing jointly) and the refund amount shown on their 2003 tax return. When the information is submitted online, taxpayers see Web pages that show the status of their refund and, in some cases, instructions to resolve potential account issues.

"Where's My Refund?" was developed through the IRS Business Systems Modernization program and delivered in the summer of 2002. Taxpayers used the online tool nearly 24 million times to track their refunds in 2004.

In New Jersey, the number of undeliverable checks decreased this year by 181, but the average refund, \$873, increased compared with last year's average of \$825. Nationally, the number of undeliverable checks decreased this year by 5,325,

but the average refund, \$836, increased compared with last year's average of \$722.

Taxpayers can avoid undelivered refund checks by having their refunds directly deposited into a personal checking or savings account. Direct deposit also guards against theft or lost refund checks. The option is available for both paper and electronically filed returns. More than 49 million taxpayers chose to direct deposit almost \$120 billion in refunds during 2004. The number of direct deposit refunds was up 10.8 percent from last year.

Refund checks go astray for reasons that can vary with each taxpayer. Often, it's because a life change causes an address change. If taxpayers move or change their address and fail to notify the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to the IRS.

Taxpayers who have moved

since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing Form 8822, Change of Address, with the IRS. Download the form or request it by calling (800) TAX-FORM.

Taxpayers without access to the Internet who think they may be missing a refund should first check their records or contact their tax preparer before calling the IRS toll-free assistance line at (800) 829-1040 to update their address.

Local residents who can claim undelivered checks include:

Westfield — Desmond and Amy Myers O'Brien, Jeffrey Green, Raymond Craft, Therese Druckrey and William Daly.

Scotch Plains — Mohamed Elawdi, Erica Robinson and Taffarie Lang.

Fanwood — Kristen Wuest. Altogether, 202 Union County residents can claim 215 checks totaling \$199,743.

## Bud Boothe will discuss legacy of Edward Ellsberg

WESTFIELD — Garland (Bud) Boothe, former mayor of Westfield, will present the second part of his program on Commander Edward Ellsberg to the Westfield Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Community Room of the Westfield municipal building, 425 E. Broad St.

In the first part of his pro-

gram, which was presented Sept. 17, Boothe discussed Commander Ellsberg's important role on D-Day. He showed how Ellsberg's knowledge of salvage techniques led to the construction of the Mulberry Harbors, which made it possible to effectively land the troops, supplies and equipment of the Allied Forces.

In Friday's program, Boothe will discuss Ellsberg's importance to the Town of Westfield while serving on the Board of Education from 1935-39. Although he says he couldn't find any discussion of what Ellsberg did on the board during that period, Boothe said that during the Depression the school board was struggling over many problems

including whether to replace, expand or keep the Westfield High School in the Elm Street building.

Boothe believes current residents will be amazed at some of the alternatives and sites that were considered. He will discuss Ellsberg's fight with the board on a site that finally went to the voters, who sided with him 4-1.

Using slides and visual aids, Boothe will show some of the sites discussed by the board. As it finally turned out, none of the sites discussed were where Westfield High School is now located.

He will also talk of the educational system that was used in that period as compared with the system in use today.

The program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the program.

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## Campus notes

Several area residents received degrees from Bucknell University earlier this year.

They include: Jacqueline Klock, daughter of John and Colbie Klock of Scotch Plains, chemistry, cum laude; Karli Perrine, daughter of Daniel and Juliet Perrine of Scotch Plains, management; Joseph Potian, son of Marcelino and Amalia Potian of Fanwood, biology; Sean Joffe, son of Edward and Patricia Joffe of Westfield, civil engineering; and Judy Mathew, daughter of Annie and Joseph Mathew of Westfield, management.

Sarah Round, a junior at Colgate University, is spending her fall semester in Wollongong, Australia on a geography program.

Round, whose main course of studies is in neuroscience, is the daughter of Dr. Philip and Dr. Elizabeth Round of Westfield.

Steve Krakauer of Westfield, a junior majoring in broadcast journalism at Syracuse University, was inducted into the "University 100" at a September ceremony.

University 100 is a selective group of student volunteers who work with the Chancellor's Office and the Office of Admissions and serve as ambassadors for the university.

Amanda Marie Genovoa, a resident of Westfield, was among the more than 150 student in the Class of 2008 at Providence College who spent their first days at the college participating in the Urban Action program.

The first-year students and 25 upperclassmen leaders volunteered more than 3,000 hours to improve the aesthetics and safety of the East Bay Bike Path and the Woonasquackett River in Providence.

Tracey Ryan of Westfield has been designated a Clare Booth Luce scholar at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

Ryan was one of two Stevens students to win the merit-based scholarships, which are awarded to engineering majors interested in academic careers. Now in her junior year, she has a 3.66 grade-point average while studying biomedical engineering. She is on track to receive both a bachelor's and master's degree from Stevens within four years.

The scholarship provides a \$3,500 stipend and on-campus housing should Ryan choose to participate in the Technogenesis Summer Scholars Program during the summer of 2005.

Lilya Shuster of Westfield qualified for the dean's list during the spring 2004 semester at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass.

Matthew Fenichel, the son of Isabel Fenichel of Scotch Plains, is the recipient of a Rush Rhees Scholarship at the University of Rochester in New York. Fenichel entered the university this fall.

The scholarship is given to students who scored at least 1350 on the SAT. Fenichel is a graduate of Solomon Schechter Day School in West Orange.

Christine Milazzo of Westfield is a recipient of a Dean's Scholarship at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa.

Milazzo is one of more than 400 incoming first-year students to receive the merit scholarship, which can be up to \$9,000.

Larissa Curlick of Westfield has been named a Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

To win the designation, students must be in the top 20 percent of their class for the previous academic year. Curlick is a member of the Class of 2007.

Westfield residents Cristina Nodar and Craig L. Woehr matriculated at Fordham University in New York City this fall as members of the Class of 2008.

Nodar is a member of the Fordham College at Rose Hill, while Woehr is a member of the university's College of Business Administration.

Another Westfield resident, Jeremy Mackechnie, also matriculated at Fordham's College of Business Administration. Mackechnie is the recipient of a Dean's Scholarship at the university.

Westfield resident Mei Chin, daughter of Fung Chin and Christina Neff, recently graduated cum laude from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

Several Westfield residents are members of the Class of 2008 at Colgate University in New York. They are Sagiv Edelman, Jourdan Loffredo, Michael Shefflin and Benjamin Bogen.



# Real Estate

## Internet can be a great way to find product information

(ARA) — We've all heard the tips on how to decorate to sell your house — keep colors neutral, get rid of clutter, and arrange furniture to make rooms appear more spacious. But what if you don't want to sell your home — you want to stay? How do you decorate with that in mind? Luckily, there are no rules when it comes to decorating your own home. Here, find advice and resources that will help you add your own personal touches to your decorating endeavors.

**Do Your Homework**  
The first step to successful design is figuring out what you like in décor. Flip through design books and magazines and pay attention to which types of styles you enjoy, cutting out pictures of things you like. Watch the wide variety of design shows on television and visit model homes. Jot down lots of descriptive notes to help you capture everything you like. Ask yourself questions like: "Is this room too formal or casual for me? Are the colors too light or too dark? Is it too busy or is there too much empty space?" These are great ways to figure out what

sorts of design elements you enjoy.

"You always hear about creating a 'need versus want' list when looking to buy a home," says Patricia Olson, president of Patricia Group, Inc., a design firm based in the Chicago area. "The same rings true when decorating a home you plan on living in for years. If you've decided you want to live in your home for years to come, do you want to spend your budget on new furniture or flooring? Do you need to spend that money elsewhere on decorative items? What items do you want, but aren't necessary? Making these decisions will help you move forward with your design plans."

**Use the Web for Resources**  
The Internet has made research and planning easier than ever. If you're not sure whether you are more casual or formal in your decorating tastes, you can take quizzes online to find out. Visit "Better Homes and Gardens" online at [www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com) to take their decorating attitude quiz and hone in on your personal style. Also, check out their

"Arrange-a-Room" page to use their home designer software. This program allows you to redecorate without ever leaving your chair. You can lay out rooms and decide how many pieces of furniture you can fit and try different ways of arranging them.

There are lots of ways to find out what you like in a product by using the Internet, too. Glidden Paints, on the web at [www.glidden.com](http://www.glidden.com), offers a Color@Home Paint Visualizer feature. And the Lowe's "How To Library" at [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) offers project ideas and strategies.

If you're looking to make product choices, turn to the online world and spend your time making decisions from the comfort of your own couch instead of spending hours debating in the aisles. Many manufacturers have put their entire product offerings online for customer viewing. For instance, Creative Specialties International, a division of Moen Incorporated that makes accessories for the bath, recently launched a web site at [www.csi.moen.com](http://www.csi.moen.com) where consumers can browse all of their

styles in different finishes and learn where they can purchase these items.

**Designer Tips**  
When you want to live in your home for years, the design options seem to expand exponentially. Here are some additional tips from Olson on decorating to stay and giving your home a dose of personality.

"A great way to personalize a space is to design around a theme. Whether it's a sports theme for the den, Tuscan luxury for the living room, or Asian simplicity in the bath, choosing a theme and sticking with it helps personalize the decorating process," says Olson.

Don't overlook the details when decorating to stay — it can be the little touches that make a house your home. To make the space your own, look into accents like crown molding, wainscoting/beam board, tiling and stenciling. Even small touches like installing a deco-

orative tank lever in the bath to match your accessories can make a big difference. Hanging more items on the walls also makes a room cozier. Mirrors are an excellent way to open up a small space and lengthen a room.

Take a look at your flooring options as well. When you're only concerned about what will suit you, you can make a jovial kitchen or bath by featuring bright tiles and unique color pairings. Don't be afraid to make a fun statement in black and white or purple and yellow. If you're replacing carpeting, skip the neutral browns and beiges and find your favorite color on

the palette.

And don't forget about windows and fixtures. You can skip basic blinds and layer fabrics in your favorite hues for personalized window treatments. Also consider replacing basic lighting fixtures with dangling chandeliers in striking finishes.

Whatever your choices, don't be concerned with what's trendy at the moment or what seems to please others. If you're planning to live there for a good amount of time, make decorating choices that will make you happy for years to come.

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## New technology offers security, style

(ARA) — Those concerned with home security will be intrigued by new door and glass technology that can help make homes safer without the "iron bar" look.

Combining several design innovations and a remarkable new glass similar to the security glass being used in U.S. government buildings, Larson Manufacturing has developed what may be the world's toughest and most beautiful storm door. Marketed under the name SecureElegance, this door just became available to consumers this year.

SecureElegance doors are made with a special type of security glass that is reinforced with a KeepSafe plastic interlayer, which is invisible to the eye. The tough plastic interlayer is produced using heat and pressure to bond a polyvinyl butyral (PVB) plastic interlayer between two panes of tem-

pered glass thereby creating a glass sandwich.

Similar to the glass found in front windshields in cars, the glass doors may crack upon impact, but the glass tends to remain in its frame continuing to offer protection even after repeated blows from an intruder. This strong glass can withstand repeated blows from blunt objects such as crowbars, baseball bats and sledgehammers.

In addition to incorporating a tough plastic interlayer, SecureElegance doors utilize a tough metal frame, hidden hinges and a triple locking system that is unique to the industry. Combined, they are as good for security as the traditional "barred" storm doors but infinitely more attractive.

Jeff Rief of Larson Manufacturing explains that the company's objective was to make these doors look like con-

ventional full glass models, so they don't appear to be an obvious barrier from inside out. According to Rief, "We wanted people to be able to open their homes and let in light without compromising their safety, or the look of their home."

The glass used in the design of the SecureElegance doors provides additional benefits, including helping to significantly reduce exterior sound, blocking 99 percent of UV rays and improving insulating qualities.

Larson moved quickly to perfect this line of doors, which is currently available at Lowe's stores nationwide. As the concept continues to catch on, Larson intends to broaden the line. For more information about SecureElegance doors, visit [www.lowes.com/larson](http://www.lowes.com/larson).

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## Podence off to good start

SCOTCH PLAINS — After obtaining her real estate license in October, Jacqueline Podence is already aiming to set some records. After only about a month, clients are complimenting Podence on her dedication to her work.

Company President Donald Lamastra said, "It's as if she's a natural. Jackie's professionalism will award her much success. The enthusiasm she displays will be a key factor and she's set on educating herself with any and all information needed to satisfy her clients."

Podence was born and raised in Allentown, Pa. She holds a B.F.A. degree from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University, where she was awarded the University Dance Works scholarship and the Dance Express Choreographers Prize for her talent in dance and choreography.

Podence was a solo performer with the Dodge Dance Company in New York City and has worked with the Julia

Ritter Performance Group and John Evans and Dancers.

Podence has always had a strong interest in real estate, which finally lead her to make the strategic move to becoming a real estate sales representative. She will use her work ethic, ability to communicate professionally, and desire to assist her clients to help in locating and marketing single family and investment properties.

Now residing in Scotch Plains with her husband Jay and their chocolate lab, "Mocha" and cat "Ghira," Podence looks forward to becoming involved with her community, along with her involvement as an active member of the Metropolitan Real Estate Investors Association and the National Association of Realtors.

Podence can be reached at (908) 322-4434, ext. 143. ERA Suburb Realty Agency is located at 1773 East Second St. in Scotch Plains and on the web at <http://www.erasuburb.com/>.



JACQUELINE PODOENCE

## Craco is again named the region's top agent

Stefan Oppermann, CEO of Real Estate Consultants, LLC, announced that for the fourth consecutive month, Marisa Craco has been named the Top Listing Agent for October in the Cranford region.

Craco has over a decade of real estate experience in the local market. She is a Montclair State University graduate.

With state-of-the-art technology, including virtual tours of all homes listed with the company, and centralized services, Real Estate Consultants is able to offer options and flexibility with commission as low as 2 percent. The agency currently serves 13 counties in Northern and Central New Jersey.

To learn more about Real Estate Consultants, contact Craco at 908-276-3331 or 908-464-5590 or log on to its web site at [www.recnj.com](http://www.recnj.com).

The firm is an active member of the New Jersey Garden



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# Sports

## CHAMPIONS!

### SP-F wins section title; group finals today

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Last year Middletown South took Scotch Plains-Fanwood to penalty kicks before losing in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group III championship match to the Raiders.

Saturday, the Raiders never

let Middletown South think about revenge.

Senior Greg Leischner and junior Matt Fleissner scored once each off Jeff Bell assists for and junior Sean Young knocked in a goal in the first and second half to earn the Raiders the 4-1 victory and the state sectional championship.

"They never get bad," Scotch

Plains' head coach Tom Breznitsky said of the school's 12th sectional title. "This one is rewarding. We thought last year was a fluke."

Monday Scotch Plains avenged a loss last year by defeating Ramapo Raiders 1-0 in the Group III semifinals. The Raiders lost a shootout to Ramapo in the same game in 2003.

Throw-in specialist Jeff Bell threw a ball toward the net with about 13 minutes remaining in the game and Sean McNelis kicked it in to ensure there would be no shootout this year.

Scotch Plains (23-3), ranked No. 5 in the state's Top 20, will meet Wall at 6 p.m. at The College of New Jersey tonight for the Group III championship. Wall was a 2-1 winner over Ocean City Saturday.

"We've been waiting for Ramapo," said Breznitsky after the match against Middletown South. "We've been thinking about how we lost to them last year all this year."

The trip to the group finals is the Raiders' 11th, of which they have won seven. Scotch Plains last won the crown in 1998.

On Saturday the scoring began with another Bell throw-in with just five minutes into the match. Bell's throw reached the front of the net and Leischner



Senior Jeff Bell (#4) heads the ball across the net off a corner kick from senior Billy Albizati. The ball was subsequently headed in for a goal by junior Matt Fleissner during the Raiders' 4-1 North Jersey, Section 2, Group III championship match.

sent it in for a quick 1-0 lead.

"That has worked for us all year," Leischner said of Bell's throws. "There was a scramble in the box and I just hit it in. That's how it happens."

Middletown South scored the equalizer about 13 minutes later but at 15:54 Bell again was

involved in setting up another Raiders goal. Off Billy Albizati's corner kick, Bell went up in the box and headed the ball to the left side of the net, where Matt Fleissner was waiting to head the ball in himself for a 2-1 lead.

"I think the first goal was huge but getting the second one

right after they tied it really seemed to take a lot out of them," said Sean McNelis. "They started to get really frustrated after that. We got in their heads."

At about 10:30 Scotch Plains was again applying pressure as

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Scotch Plains warms up on cold, windy day Saturday by celebrating their 4-1 victory over Middletown South to give the Raiders its 12th sectional title.

## Raiders shutout Streaks to reach semifinals

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — It didn't look good after last week's 27-20 uninspired loss to Union.

But the Raiders (5-4) snuck onto the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 football playoffs brackets with the last remaining seed and went to work developing a game plan against Warren Hills (7-3), the second seed.

What a difference a week makes.

Saturday in Washington, Scotch Plains came out of the gate with a fire

that had been lacking in previous contests and proceeded to shut out a Warren Hills offense that had scored over 200 points this year, 21-0, to earn a place in the sectional semifinals tonight at 7 p.m. against sixth-seeded West Morris (5-5) in Chester.

"Everyone knows we haven't quite been consistent this year but what impressed me during this game is how hard we played for all 48 minutes," said Scotch Plains head coach Steve Ciccotelli.

"I wasn't happy with our performance against Union and Warren Hills is a

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good team," Ciccotelli continued. "They are their conference champs. We needed a great defensive effort to shut them out and that's what we got. I think it says a lot about our team and hopefully we carry the lessons we learned on to West Morris."

The defense limited Warren Hills' star runner, Dexter Bullard, to just 50 yards on 16 carries and limited the Blue Streaks' offense to less than 150 total yards. Defensive back Colin Weber intercepted two passes. It was the second

time in a row the Raiders have shut out Warren Hills in the playoffs.

The Raiders got a boost from running back, junior Rashawn Strong, who scored three touchdowns of nine, three and six yards while churning out 144 yards on 26 carries filling in for Lakiem Lockery.

"It seems every year we have a kid that steps up," Ciccotelli said. "Last year it was Lakiem. This year it's Rashawn. The thing that impressed me was his on almost every run he found a way to get us positive yards. I like that."

The effort will need to be on the field

once more against West Morris tonight. The Wolfpack is coming off a 13-7 win over third seeded Shabazz — a team Scotch Plains lost to 31-20.

"They are a good football team — a good program," said Ciccotelli. "We're going to have to stop the run and control the ball."

"The big thing is I don't know the outcome of the game. That's what keeps coaches up at night. But if you can walk off the field even in defeat and say we played our best, then that's fine with me. I think that attitude leads to more wins."

## Lady Blue Devils drop section finals

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**WESTFIELD** — Last Thursday the Westfield Lady Blue Devils had their season ended in the North Jersey Section 2, Group IV tournament final to Watchung Hills, 3-0, at Kehler Stadium in Westfield.

It was Watchung's third sectional title in four years.

"We were excited to be in this position," said first-year head coach Katie Egan after the match. "This was similar to the Gov. Livingston game (a 3-0 loss in the Union County Tournament final). We dug ourselves a hole early."

Westfield finished the year with an impressive record of 13-6-3, with appearances in the Union County and state sectional finals.

Last Thursday Watchung Hills got off to a fast start by luring goalie Lauren Sinnenberg out of the net and scoring at 5:16. Controlling much of the first half action with physical, aggressive play,

Watchung converted their second goal at 18:04 for a 2-0 half-time lead.

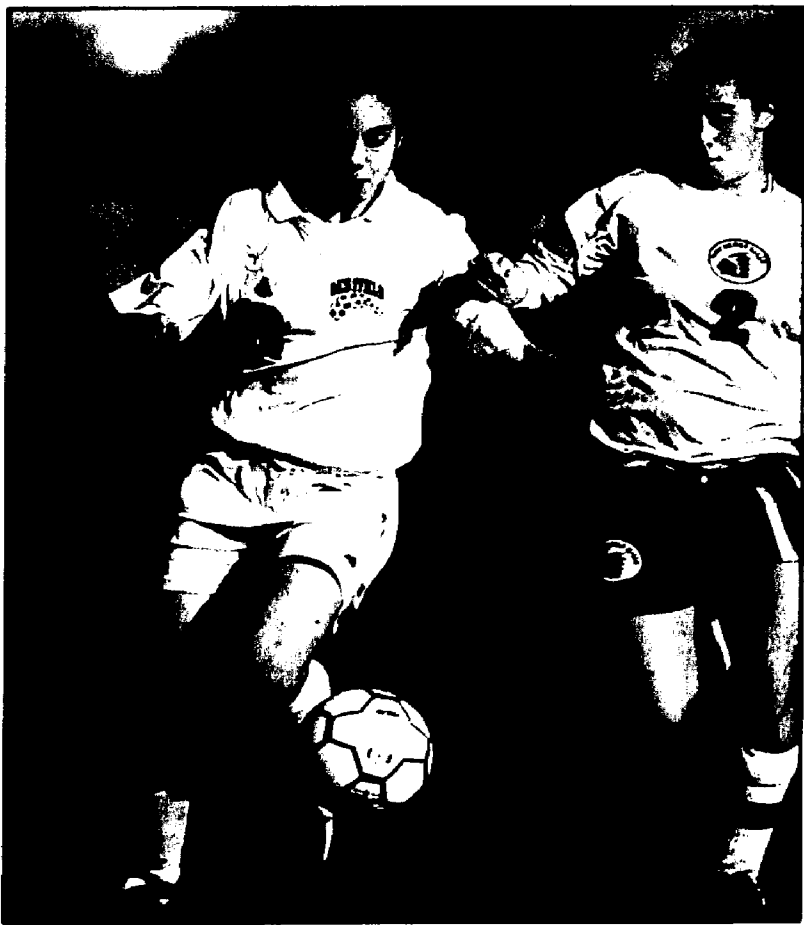
"They were physically bigger than us," Egan said, "but we have a lot of scrappy, tough girls that did their best today."

Westfield took control of the second half pace and worked some very good scoring opportunities. Emily MacNeil passed the ball up to Erin McCarthy in the corner to force a corner kick. Watchung cleared the kick but Westfield came right back to get off an excellent shot by Aly Ludmer, which hit the cross bar and bounced to Stephanie Bridgman. Bridgman attempted a shot that was saved by Watchung's goalkeeper.

"This is an emotional team," said senior forward Danni Fried. "If we could have gotten a little luckier and got that goal, things might have been different. But everyone tried as hard as they could."

Just minutes later the Blue Devils earned another corner kick taken by senior Gio

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Junior Abby Chazanow of the Lady Blue Devils attempts to take the ball away from Watchung Hills' Jackie Byrnes in the state section finals Nov. 4. Westfield lost 3-0.

## SP-F girls lose to Ridge in finals, 3-1

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**BASKING RIDGE** — The Scotch Plains Lady Raiders' soccer season ended last week after a 3-1 loss in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group III finals to Ridge.

Coming off a crushing upset loss in the Union County Tournament, Scotch Plains impressively regrouped to make a run at the sectional finals but fell short to Ridge (21-1), the state's second-ranked team last Thursday.

Scotch Plains finishes the season with a very respectable (17-3-2) and was ranked No. 19 in the state's Top 20 coming into the match against Ridge.

Ridge went on to beat Ramapo 2-1 in a Group III semifinal match Tuesday and was to have played Moorestown for the overall title yesterday at The College of New Jersey. Ridge has lost just one game over the last two years.

Scotch Plains got off to a good start against Ridge when

Jessie Sapienza tied the match 1-1 in the first half of play but just 40 seconds later Ridge countered with the go-ahead score by Nicole Longosz in the 43rd minute to give Ridge a 2-1 advantage.

The insurance goal was scored midway through the second half as Abbey Sumas scored her second goal by chipping a shot over Raiders goalie Lauren Mains' head in the top left.

Head coach Kevin Ewing and assistant coach Michelle Tobier guided the girls through a successful winning season.

The goaltending of Mains and the defense of Lauren Perrotta, Allie Zazalli, Bridget Cornwell, Allie Hambleton and Kristen Zyla were forces that many opponents had a tough time with this year.

Up front and in the middle, Jenna Balestriere, Alana Bencivengo, Hallie Mintz, Kelly Rigano, Jessie Sapienza, Carly Wells, Kim Appezato and Carlene Bronikowski provided many exciting moments during the 2004 campaign.

## Wildcard Westfield boys run to get in Meet of Champions

By DAVID LAZARUS  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Two seconds between five runners is an incredibly minute difference, but that is what enabled the Westfield boys cross country team to continue their season tomorrow at the Meet of Champions.

Saturday at Holmdel Park, the Blue Devils edged section rival Bridgewater-Raritan at the boys' Group IV championship meet for the coveted final wild card spot.

Led by junior Jeffrey Perrella and senior Rob Broadbent, the Blue Devils

averaged a season best 17:12.24 per runner to finish fifth in Group IV behind top ten state powers Old Bridge, Toms River North, Cherokee and Ridgewood.

"We ran well but I believe we have the potential for a faster team average," said veteran coach Jack Martin. "Rob (Broadbent) was huge. Michael Gorski continues to be a very consistent performer. Kagan ran well early but twisted his ankle."

Perrella overcame physical problems to finish ninth in 16:36.87, one of his slower times this fall.

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"It just seemed like my legs were tired for the whole race," said Perrella. "Then, to make matters worse, I cramped up in the middle of the second mile. I wasn't about to let everyone down and give up," said Perrella.

The star of the day was Broadbent, who has been setting one personal best after another and was only two places behind Perrella in an astonishing 16:40.93.

"Rob's time and place speak for themselves," said Martin.

Gorski followed in 46th in 17:21.13 and Kagan 63rd in 17:37.58. Although the fifth and sixth Westfield runners Jay Huban and Amcer Rodgers were three places apart, they were separated by .76 of a second meaning either time would have been good enough to edge Bridgewater. The difference between exhilaration and frustration was that close.

And though Perrella would have qualified for the Meet of Champions as an individual (the top ten runners in each group make it), he is happier to have his whole team there.

"It also motivates me to run faster because I'm not just running for me, I'm running for my teammates too, and I have no intention of letting them down again," said Perrella.

Adding to the Blue Devils' incentive is one last chance to beat their rivals, Cranford. The Blue Devils actually ran faster than the Group II champion Cougars.

"We have wanted to beat them for a few years now," said Martin. "Hopefully in next week's head to head we can turn the tide. They are a good team so it won't be easy."

## Klimowicz signs letter of intent with St. Joe's U.

SCOTCH PLAINS — All-State center Hillary Klimowicz has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend St. Joseph's University and join its basketball team beginning in the fall of 2005.

Scotch Plains' all-time leading scorer, Klimowicz chose St. Joe's over Lehigh, Dartmouth, Boston University and William & Mary.

She is the first girls' basketball player from Scotch Plains to sign a national letter of intent and the first athlete since Ray Williams signed on to play football at Purdue in 2001 to receive a full, athletic scholarship.

Last season, Klimowicz, an All-State selection by the *Star Ledger* and Associated Press as a junior in 2003-2004, led the Raiders to its first ever Union County Championship and to the NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 title game for the third straight year.

She averaged 17.1 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks per game during a 22-6 season in 2003.

In the state tournament last year, Klimowicz elevated her play, averaging 19.5 points and 13.5 rebounds per game in four contests.

"(SJU head coach Cindy Griffin) is very down to earth, and willing to help in any way possible to make me the best ath-



Scotch Plains' Hillary Klimowicz (seated) signs a letter of intent Nov. 10 to attend St. Joseph's University on a full scholarship. By her side is her mother, Judith, and Raiders head coach Lori McBride.

lete and the best person I can be," said Klimowicz. "She has a very family-like atmosphere surrounding her and the rest of the team. I like the size of the school and the programs it offers."

"It's an A-10 school, which is a very good conference," Klimowicz added. "Compared with other schools I visited officially, St. Joe's offered me the most challenging competition during open gyms, so I know in a competitive field, I can only get better."

A four-year varsity starter, Klimowicz was a preseason All-America selection (honorable

mention) by Street and Smith's and will enter her senior year with 1,451 career points. Klimowicz also participates in the highly-acclaimed Moonglowers Jazz Band at SPJHS, serving as the second chair trombone.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood, ranked eighth in the state at the end of the 2003-2004 campaign, returns four starters under new head coach Lori Gear McBride and will begin its season on Dec. 17, when it hosts defending state champion Malcolm X. Shabazz at 4:00 p.m.

## Blue Sharks beat Cosmos, 3-0

Only three weeks after they had won their most significant game of the season, the Scotch Plains Blue Sharks U12 Girls intercounty team returned to the scene of that triumph to play an even bigger game Saturday.

In a near instant replay of the 4-0 triumph of October 23, the Sharks once again used two first half goals and sparkling defense and goal keeping to shutout the Mountainside Cosmos 3-0 on a cold blustery

day at Sheffield School in Mountainside. The victory moves Scotch Plains into the championship game Nov. 20 against the winner of Rahway and Clark.

Jessica DiGiacomo, elusive again with her dribbling and passing, gave the Sharks the only goal they would need when her hard shot over a maze of players was deflected into the goal. Alyssa Young added some insurance with a hard shot from short range and in the second

half, Erin Brown provided the clincher with a thundering blast from ten yards.

Melissa McKenna was once again brilliant in goal, making several diving stops and vocally leading the defense. Other contributors included Lauren Berk, Amanda Rodriguez, Jessica Feeley, Kara Gaynor, Sarah Weber, Toni Ann Capece, Lauren Buckley, Emily Cohen, Rebecca DiGiacomo, Annie Rubin, Sarah Lazarus and Desli DeMarsico.

## Westfield, SP-F girls miss MOC

By DAVID LAZARUS  
THE CHRONICLE

In the first few strides of the girls Group III state championship race, Scotch Plains' chances for extending their magical season took a nasty spill as star runner Mary Shashaty lost her footing and rolled her ankle.

She bravely got to her feet and limped through the race in 21:11, well over a minute slower than expected. The Raiders wound up eighth out of 20 teams and missed the coveted first three places that would have enabled them to run in tomorrow's Meet of Champions.

The area's other cross-country power, Westfield also finished their season with a 13th

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place finish in a loaded Group IV meet.

"We were expecting to have (Shashaty) place very low in the race, and at the very worst, qualify individually as a wild card for the Meet Of Champions (MOC) if she didn't qualify automatically by finishing in the top ten," said Raiders' head coach Jeff Koegel.

Shashaty has been on crutches since the race to keep her weight off and accelerate the healing. X-rays were negative, so she should be ready for the indoor season.

Westfield assistant coach Jen Buccino was satisfied with the teams' efforts.

"Five of our seven girls ran their personal bests so overall

we're pretty pleased," said Buccino.

Senior Annie Onishi led the team, followed closely by rising sophomore Kim Legones in 21:08.

Junior Rachel Barret, senior Anne Sivulec were next followed by freshman Rose Driscoll and two sophomores, Jen Danielsson and Ayn Wisler, all in personal bests.

Scotch Plains senior Laura Harrison ran 20:52.35, which puts her second on the all-time performance list. Sophomore Sam Gates ran 21:11.51, which is third all-time and a sophomore class record.

Scotch Plains freshman Cathy Harley and sophomore Allie Hoynes-O'Connor both ran with injuries, which hampered their performances.

## SP-F wins section title

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freshman Brian Hessemer lofted a ball toward the net. Middletown's goalie came out to catch it but the ball was mis-played. Young took the loose ball and punched it in for the easy goal and a 3-1 halftime advantage.

In a second half that saw many yellow cards and even a red card, Scotch Plains settled in to protect the lead with defense from Terrence Charles, Joe Jacobi, Albizati, Leischner and Bell.

"We were still about last year," said Charles. "I don't

think they got off a quality shot and that took them out of the game."

Breznitsky said he and the team were able to scout Middletown South during the Eagles' semifinal match against Montgomery since Scotch Plains was awarded a free shot into the finals when their opponent, Colonia, forfeited due to allegations of hazing within their soccer team.

"We knew how to shut them down," Breznitsky said. "We used the flanks and changed direction. Our kids really did a great job carrying out the game plan."

## Devils drop section finals

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Palatucci. But the curving kick skimmed on top of the cross bar and out of bounds.

"I'm proud of the way we kept on fighting," Egan said. "This match was a tale of two halves."

After the match, Egan separated the seniors for what was an emotional post game talk for both.

"I was a brand new coach this year and I asked a lot from them but they gave me everything they had to make this year really memorable," Egan said. "The seniors were awesome and supplied a lot of leadership for the rest of the team."

Seniors Bridgman, Fried, Ludmer, MacNeil, Palatucci, Justine Palme, Lauren Campo, Megan Kealy and Tara O'Donahue gathered behind

the team's bench to reflect on a fine season.

"We were just joking about continuing to have captains' practices even though the season is over," said Fried. "It's hard to believe. But this was an awesome year and I think we'll all remember it that way."

It could have been easy for Egan to make excuses this year. Palme and junior Alison Bridgman suffered season-ending knee injuries at the beginning of the year. Both premier players needed surgery. The Lady Blue Devils got off to a 2-4-2 start.

"We basically could have packed it in right there and I don't think anyone would have blamed us with the injuries we had," Egan said. "But we knew we could win and continued to work hard. I'm happy with our effort all year."

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Hillside Suzuki's rapid growth since 1991 helped Liebler decide to build Suzuki its own 3,600-square-foot showroom. When asked why, Liebler stated the following: Since 1991 we have been selling Suzukis out of our other showrooms, but now with all of the products that Suzuki has coming out it was time for us to treat Suzuki as a major fran-

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The new Suzuki Showroom was designed by Architect Alan Feld from Jersey City and the General Contractor will be Brian Goldstien from Goldstien and Sons Contractors, also from Jersey.



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## To Remain 'Merry' This Holiday Season, AAA Urges Motorists Not To Become Another Breakdown Statistic

AAA, North America's largest motor club is forecasting nearly five million motorists will require some form of emergency road service during this year's holiday travel season. During the months of November and December, the most common roadside problems will involve a tow, a flat tire change, a battery jump-start replacement, lockout service or fuel delivery.

While AAA believes most types of breakdowns will increase this winter, its innovative approach to assisting motorists with battery related problems will help reduce the number of jump starts needed. This trend should keep the total number of road service problems approxi-

mately the same as last November and December, when AAA handled 4.9 million calls for assistance.

In 1998, AAA began deploying a mobile battery service using specifically equipped vans and light trucks. Last year, the service — which augments the organization's well-known fleet of tow vehicles in most metropolitan areas of the United States (including New Jersey) and Canada — helped reduce the number of requests for battery related calls from 923,000 to 879,000 last year.

"This decrease," said Marilyn Milstein, vice president of automotive services for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, "is due to AAA's unique ability to diagnose the reason

for battery failure at the roadside, and get motorists on the go by installing a new battery, if needed and requested."

Of the 879,000 battery related calls AAA handled last year, the AAA Battery Service replaced more than 36,000 batteries during the months of November and December. In the upcoming November and December holiday season, AAA anticipates the growing availability of its Battery Service will result in a 60 percent increase (to 50,000) in the number of batteries replaced.

In November and December 2003, AAA affiliated service personnel in the U.S. towed 2.1 million cars and trucks; serviced 879,000 battery

calls; unlocked 830,000 doors; changed 660,000 flat tires; provided fuel to 71,000 motorists that had run out of gas; and extracted 96,000 stuck vehicles. Another 197,000 motorists required miscellaneous roadside assistance from AAA.

In Essex, Morris and Union Counties alone, 42,203 of the 297,644 emergency road service calls were taken during November and December 2003. Of these calls, 7,194 were for flat tires, 9,374 were battery related problems with 63 batteries needing replacement; 466 were fuel related calls, 19,013 members needed vehicle towing; 3,949 needed lockout service; 439 calls were for extrication, and 1,768 were miscellaneous


problem calls.

To avoid becoming a road service statistic this holiday season, AAA recommends consumers have their vehicles inspected and maintained by a qualified automotive technician.

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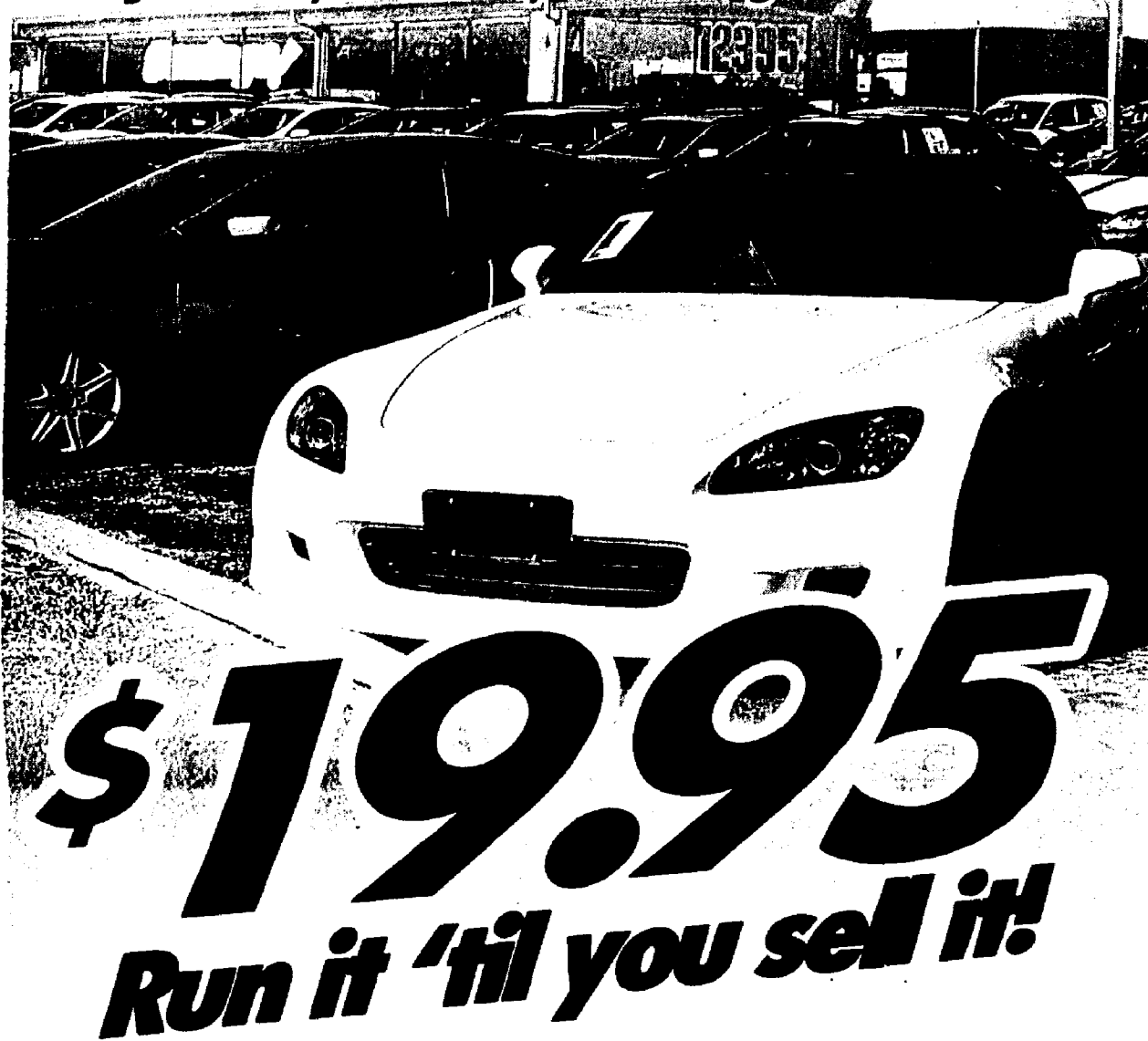
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Date Sun 11/21)

**MOVING**

**SCOTCH PLAINS - 4** Pastime  
Pl. (In Stearns Furni-  
ture 11, 21 9am-3pm) Sum-  
mer dishes, curtains, toys,  
beachbar. Rain or Shine

**SPRINGFIELD - Saturday/**  
Sunday 9am-3pm, 22  
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clothes

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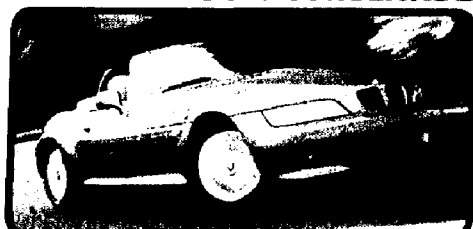
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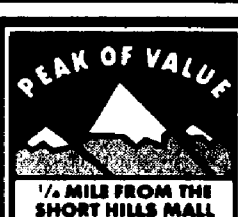
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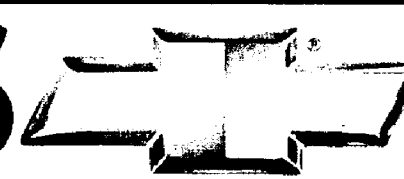
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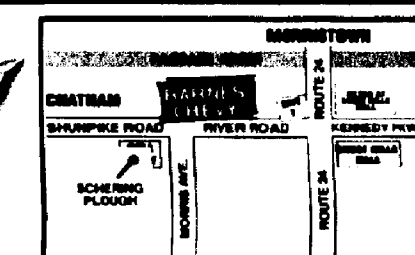
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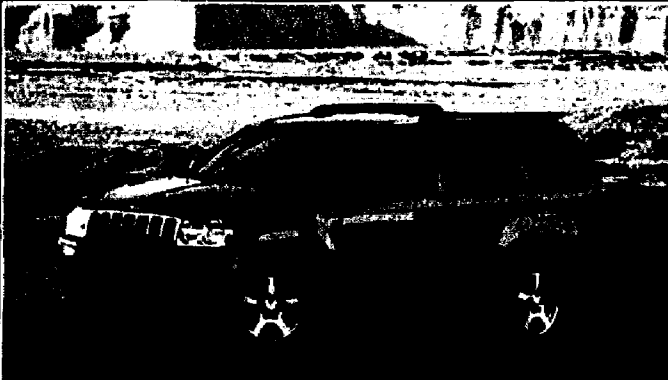
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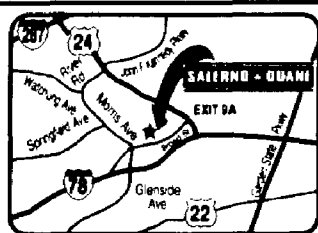
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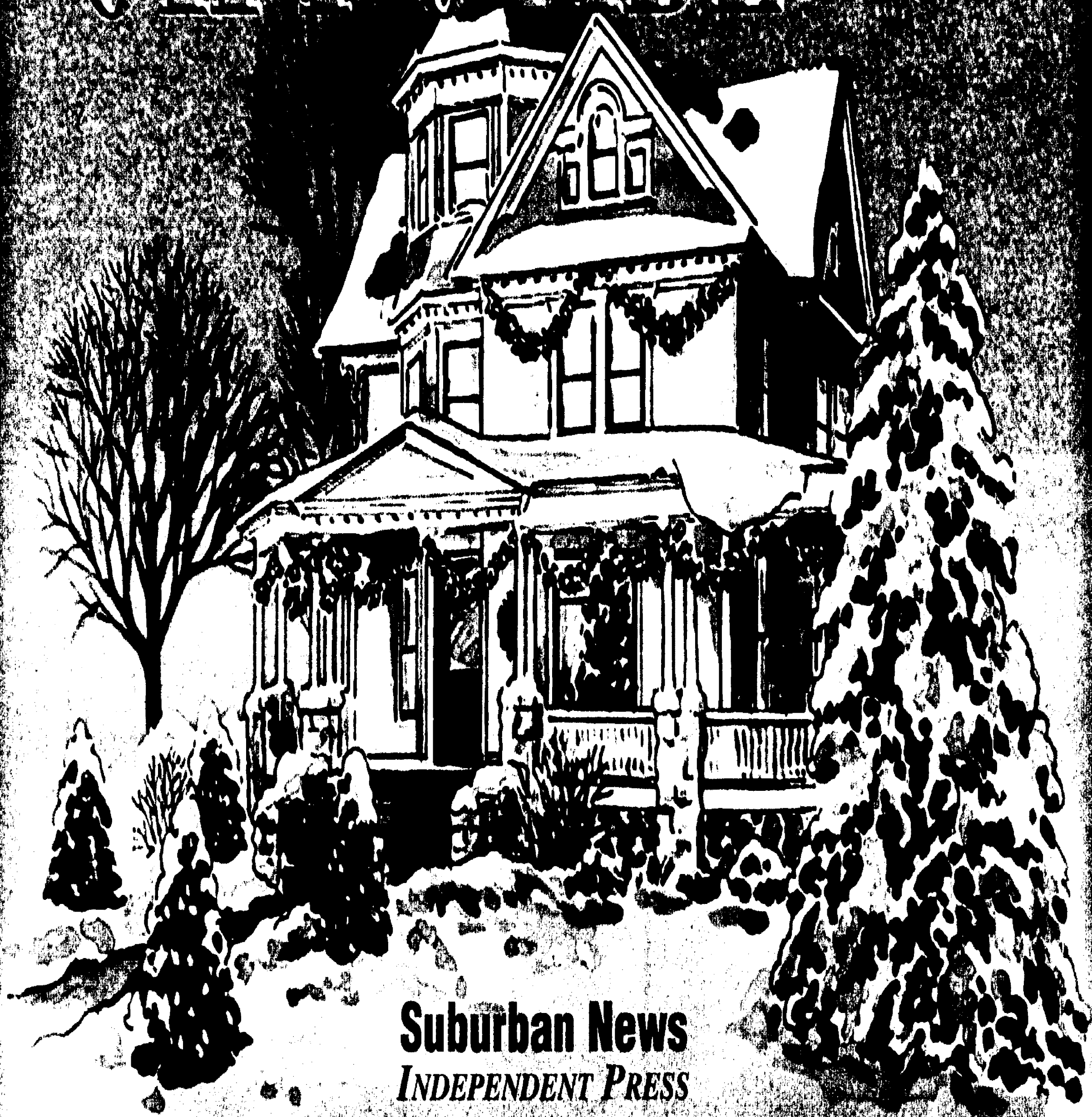
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# Morris Museum Lights Up With Annual Holiday Tree Festival

AREA — The Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, will hold its annual Holiday Tree Festival from Friday, Dec. 3 through Saturday, Dec. 11.

As a gift to the community, admission to the museum is free during this week-long event.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4; noon to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6; Tuesday, Dec. 7; Wednesday,

Dec. 8; Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9.

For information, call 973-971-3700, or visit [www.morrismuseum.org](http://www.morrismuseum.org).

Held in the Morris Museum's main gallery, the Holiday Tree Festival will showcase wreaths, garlands, table centerpieces, gift items and themed seven-foot community trees, which are sponsored by local corporations and donated to charities at the end of the festival. Original hol-

iday items are designed by members of the Friends of the Morris Museum or donated by local designer businesses.

Museum visitors can not only admire these one-of-a-kind creations, but also purchase them as gifts or for their own homes.

This year's Holiday Tree Festival at the Morris Museum is one of several historic stops on the annual Holly Walk Tour organized by the participating historic sites and the Morris County Visitors Center. Throughout the week, local community and school music groups will perform for visitors, and a Tea Room will offer patrons soup, sandwiches and desserts.

During the week, there will be several special events. These include a "Northern Lights," Holiday Tree Festival Party, 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, where guests will be able to purchase original, hand-made holiday items including trees, wreaths, garlands and centerpieces. The evening's festivities include cocktails and a buffet dinner featuring specialties from Poland, Russia and Ukraine. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, a raffle and a live auction.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, the museum will provides three seatings for its Teddy Bear Tea — at 10 a.m., noon and 2:30 p.m. The Tea is for families with children ages three to eight. The Teddy Bear Tea provides an opportunity for a family holiday photo. Entertainment includes a magic show by Dikki Ellis The Magician and a special visit by Santa, who brings a gift for each child. Tickets are \$18 per person. Reservations are required. Call 973-971-3706.



**TREE FESTIVAL** — The Friends of the Morris Museum have been busy creating beautiful decorations for the museum's upcoming Holiday Tree Festival, Dec. 3 to 11. All handmade items created by the Friends will be sold during the Festival. From left are Museum Friends, LaVerne Washburne and Simone Shelby, both of Chatham. Call the Morris Museum at 973-971-3700.

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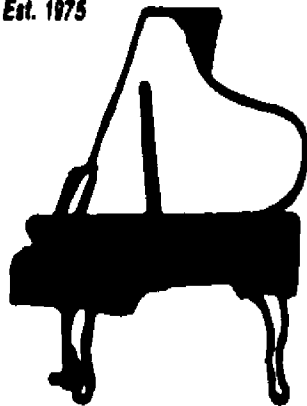
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# 'Pipes Of Christmas' Schedules Three Holiday Performances

**SUMMIT** — The Pipes of Christmas, Clan Currie's holiday concert returns to Summit for three performances on Friday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2 and at 8 p.m.

Performances will be held at Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., Summit.

The program will feature the music of Christmas accompanied by a selection of readings taken

from Celtic literature and scripture.

Since making its debut in 1999, Pipes of Christmas has played to standing room only audiences. Given the popularity of the program, a second concert was added in 2001 to accommodate the high-demand for tickets.

That same year, Clan Currie began an award-winning partnership with TV-36, Communities On Cable, broadcasting concert highlights on Christmas Eve.

The last two productions were both recipients of the prestigious Telly Award for production excellence.

The 2003 concert was broadcast live on TV-36 as a fundraiser for the community access station.

Something of a holiday institution in Summit, the concert has provided audiences with a celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit.

Audiences return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert is kept fresh each year with new selections and performances. While steeped in Christmas tradition, the program also strives to remain relevant to the contemporary world. The 2001 edition was dedicated to the memory of all who perished in the attacks on Sept. 11. A new pipe selection, "Lament for the

Lost" was composed and performed especially for the concert.

The 2002 concert was designated an official Golden Jubilee event by Buckingham Palace to commemorate the 50th anniversary of HRH Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.

That same year, Pipe Major Blandford also premiered a pipe solo commissioned by Clan Currie in memory of the late Queen Mother who had died earlier that year. The 2003 concert was dedicated to Blandford, who died

earlier that year of brain cancer.

Tickets will only be sold in advance of the concert. No tickets will be sold at the door.

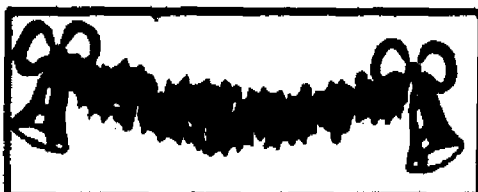
Clan Currie has also set the date for its fourth annual Burns Supper. The dinner-dance commemorating the life and contributions of Scotland's bard will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005 at the Grand Summit Hotel.


For further information on these events, visit the Society's website at [www.clancurrie.com](http://www.clancurrie.com) or call 908-273-3509.

## Carolers Sought For Tiny Tim Carol Night

**FANWOOD** — The Tiny Tim Fund, a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to children in Fanwood and Scotch Plains who are in need of medical care and cannot afford it, is seeking carol groups to participate in the annual Tiny Tim carol night, to be held on Dec. 9.

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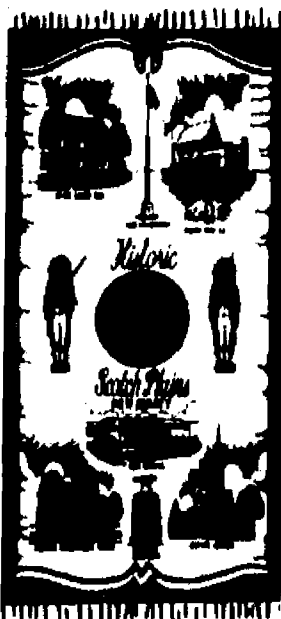
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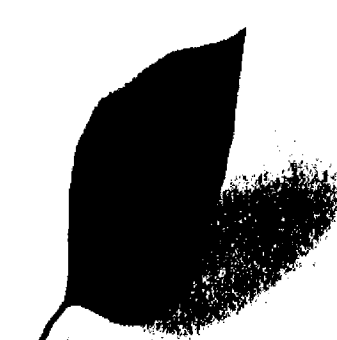
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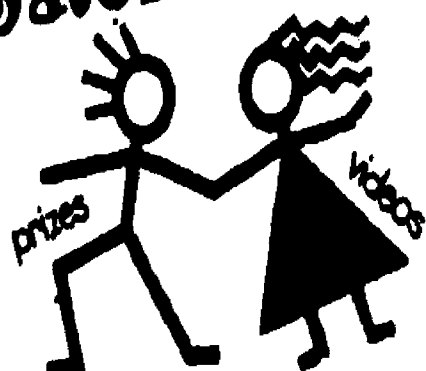


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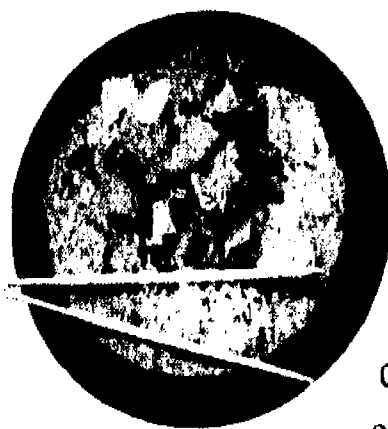
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The Muddy Boot, Inc., Antiques and Objects, owned and operated by long-time Summit resident Lorie A. Combias, contains many wonderful and unusual treasures. The shop is open only on Mondays and Tuesday so Ms. Combias can spend the rest of the week hunting for antique art, light fixtures, mirrors, small occasional furniture and much more.

As you walk from room to room you think you are in someone's home, so a shopper can easily imagine how something would look in their own home.

Ms. Combias said that, for as long as she can remember, she has been trekking through flea markets, (in her muddy boots, of course), buying and collecting anything and everything that caught her keen eye. After spending many years working for Polo Ralph Lauren Home Collection in New York City, Ms. Combias said she learned that customers wanted more than just sheets and towels, fabric and furniture. The wanted all of the things and decorations that make a house a home.

Ms. Combias invited interested shoppers to visit The Muddy Boot, open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, or by appointment. Phone 908-598-0990.

## Make A Candy Wreath

FANWOOD—The Fanwood Memorial Library will host a holiday craft night on Dec. 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. making a candy wreath. There is a materials fee of \$7.50 and everyone will go home with a beautiful five-inch candy wreath to celebrate the holidays.

Registration is required and seating is limited. Call Nancy at the library at (908) 322-6400 for more information.





# Residents Reminded To Avoid Holiday Rush And Get Passports Early

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

"Families and individuals who plan to travel over the December holidays and New Year should apply for, or, if necessary, renew their passports before the Thanksgiving rush," Rajoppi said. "We experience a crush of applications in late

November and don't want to disappoint anyone planning on traveling in December."

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

An original birth certificate issued by Vital Statistics/city hall with a raised seal and date of issue; a naturalization of citizenship certificate, if applicable; an old U.S. Passport, if any, is preferred over any of the above;

Two recent professional 2" x 2" photographs, front facial pose (available at office for \$7); Total fee is \$85, of which \$55 must be by check or money order payable to U.S. Department of State, and a \$30 execution fee payable by cash, check, or money order to the County Clerk.

For parents, a new federal law applies for children under 14, call for requirements; For children under the age of 16, the fee is \$40 plus \$30 execution fee; A valid driver's license or three types of identification and a wit-

ness.

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

The Westfield office has convenient night hours and an experienced, helpful staff members ready to assist customers in any way they can. The Elizabeth office opens at 7:30 a.m. and is fully staffed also.

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Elizabeth is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The passport office in Westfield is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Westfield office is open from 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information about obtaining a U.S. passport, call (908) 527-4966 or visit [www.uci.org/cityclerk/passport.html](http://www.uci.org/cityclerk/passport.html) on the internet.

All passport applications are available for download online.

## Crafts '04 Opens Dec. 2 At Fellowship

AREA — Crafts '04, the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship's 39th annual juried exhibit and sale of fine crafts, opens at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2. The show, which features 100 artists, will run through to Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, at the Fellowship's home, the historic Thorne Mansion, at 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown.

While all exhibitors have been chosen for the high caliber of their artwork, the variety of items accommodates all budgets. Items starting at under \$20 make appealing presents for the holidays. Works of beaded, gold and silver jewelry, stained and blown glass, pottery, inlaid and carved wood, carved wood spoons, ceramics, leather, hand-woven fiber, toys, Christmas decorations, Hanukkah gifts, hand-painted silk scarves, candles, baskets and dried flower wreaths will be displayed.

The museum-style ambiance of the Thorne Mansion and the ongoing tradition of the Fellowship attracting the most outstanding artists have earned this annual craft show a superb reputation.

Another unique feature of the Show is the Crafts Café. Home-made soup, bread, quiche, chili and dessert are served in the dining room. Also, on Thursday evening, the wine and cheese reception is a warm and pleasant opening to the Crafts '04 weekend.

Show hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5.

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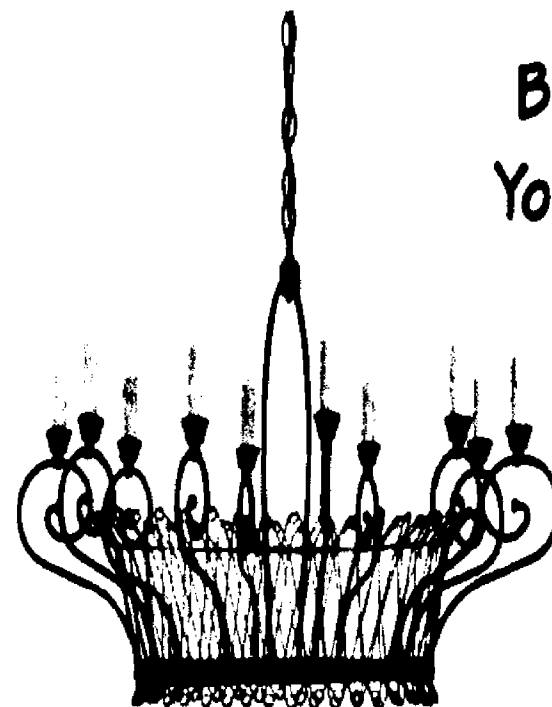
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# Madison YMCA Holds Holiday Craft Fair

MADISON — The Madison Area YMCA will hold a Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the YMCA Family Center, 111 Kings Road.

Featured will be a wide variety of lovely handmade crafts, gifts, holiday decorations, scented candles, Longaberger baskets & pottery, handcrafted jewelry, wrapping paper, homemade jams and jellies and wreaths.

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## FMBA #30 To Hold Holiday Food Drive

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) Local No. 30 will conduct its ninth annual holiday food drive for needy area residents throughout November and December. Non-perishable food items will be accepted at Fire Headquarters, 405 North Ave., West, concluding at 9 p.m., Dec. 17, and will be distributed the morning of Dec. 18.

The food baskets will be distributed to those in need through local churches and civic organizations in time for the holiday season.

In its first food drive in 1996, FMBA Local 30 distributed meals to approximately 75 families in Westfield, with the number increasing to 135 families in 2003. Contributions from local citizens make up approximately 50 food baskets with FMBA Local 30 making up the additional baskets required. Local No. 30 also completes every food basket by donating one turkey to each meal distributed; one smoke alarm detector is also placed in each basket.



**SPELLBOUND BY THE SNOW QUEEN** — The Hudson Vagabond Puppets perform "The Snow Queen," for children ages three to 12, Wednesday, Dec. 29, as part of the Bayer Children's Theatre series at the Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown. Performances are at 11 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. Through narration, dance and puppetry, performers interpret the classic tale of two friends who look into a demon's magic mirror, and meet the beautiful Snow Queen. She teaches them a valuable lesson about holding onto their beliefs. Tickets are \$8.50 and include admission to the Morris Museum's galleries. Call the box office at 973-971-3706.

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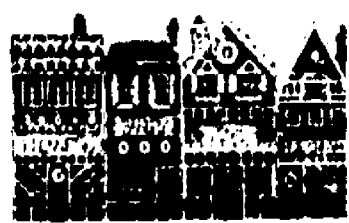
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## Paper Mill Playhouse Opens Box Office For Fall Season

MILLBURN — The Paper Mill Playhouse winter season features "She Loves Me," through Dec. 7, and continues with "Harold & Maude: The Musical," "The Drawer Boy," "The Baker's Wife," and "Ragtime."

Tickets to all productions are \$31 to \$68, \$15 student rush. The Paper Mill has subscription packages. Call 973-376-4343; visit the Paper Mill Box office on Brookside Drive in Millburn, or [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org).

The Paper Mill schedules per-

formances Wednesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.; and Saturday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Song and dance man James Brennan directs the musical "She Loves Me," a romance about two 1930s shop clerks who seem to dislike each other, and don't realize they are actually pen pals.

The book is by Joe Masteroff, who also wrote "Cabaret." The music and lyrics are by Jerry

Bock and Sheldon Harnick, who also wrote "Fiorello!," "The Apple Tree," "The Rothschilds," and "Fiddler on the Roof."

"Harold & Maude" is the story of an unlikely romance between an eccentric young man morbidly obsessed with suicides and an equally eccentric old woman who is as much in love with life as he is death. Based on the 1971 cult film, this world premiere musical at Paper Mill which will run Jan. 5 through Feb. 6, is the collaboration of veteran writer Tom Jones of "The Fantasticks," "I Do!, I Do!" and "110 in the Shade" and composer Joseph Thalken.

John Mahoney, best known for his work as Martin Crane on the television series "Frasier," makes his Paper Mill debut in Michael Healey's "The Drawer Boy," running Feb. 23 through April 3. Two Canadian farmers, boyhood friends and WWII veterans share a mysterious secret.

Their lives are comically interrupted when a young actor asks to live and work with them as research for a play about farming. As he becomes part of their lives, their fascinating story becomes a part of his play and the lines blur between theater and life, memory and reality.

"The Baker's Wife," is a fable about life, love and bread by Joseph Stein of "Fiddler on the Roof" and Stephen Schwartz of "Wicked," "Godspell," "Children of Eden," and "Pippin". It runs April 13 through May 22. The bickering residents of a small Provencal town find peace and contentment in the heavenly bread of the newly arrived baker and his attractive young wife, but when she is lured away by the attentions of a handsome

young gigolo, the middle-aged baker loses all zest for life and baking, throwing the community into chaos.

The 1998 Tony Award-winning "Ragtime," based on the novel by E. L. Doctorow, is the story of three American families at the beginning of the 20th century — one upper middle class, white Anglo-Saxon Protestant; one socialist immigrant Jewish; and one Harlem black, whose lives become intertwined as they are caught up in the events of a young, turbulent country. Interwoven with the three fictitious families are such historic figures as Harry Houdini, Henry Ford, J.P. Morgan, Emma Goldman, and Evelyn Nesbit. "Ragtime" runs seven weeks from June 8 through July 17.

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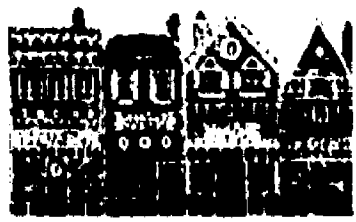
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## Newark Museum Exhibit Offers Glimpse Into Russian Imperial Family

AREA — The traveling exhibit, "Nicholas and Alexandra: At Home with the Last Tsar and His Family," displays the Romanov family's personal belongings at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., Newark, through Jan. 9. The 250 precious objects in this exhibit are from the Romanov family's living quarters in the Alexander Palace at St. Petersburg.

Most of them, never before seen outside of Russia, are presented at the museum in a series of vignettes that depict the private life of Tsar Nicholas II, Tsarina Alexandra and their five children.

Porcelain, tapestry, paintings and portraits, uniforms and dresses, icons, decorative arts, textiles, books, photographs and letters are

some of the items from the royal couple's personal collection that are on display.

Visitors will view the small throne chair and table, the young Tsarevich Alexis' own sentry box, toy soldiers and a rare model of the Trinity-St. Sergius monastery with all its churches, bell tower and walls carved of wood and painted in realistic colors.

See the christening gown of Tsarevich Alexis; architectural drawings and watercolor design for the family rooms in the Alexander Palace; furniture and clothing from the rooms of the grand duchesses; watercolors of their rooms; dolls and art supplies owned by the girls, as well as their flower studies in watercolors;

icons, including a recently discovered Romanov family icon; family photo albums and rare film footage from home movies taken by the Tsar; place settings from the Tsarskoye-Selo porcelain service; and the Marie Antoinette Gobelin tapestry presented by the president of France to Nicholas and Alexandra.

Many of the artifacts had been evacuated to safety and preserved from destruction by loyal staff before the German invasion of Russia in 1941; they have not been together since and have come to light only recently in the wake of political changes in Russia.

Organized by the American-Russian Cultural Cooperation Foundation in Washington, D.C.,

"Nicholas and Alexandra: At Home with the Last Tsar and His Family" will also be shown at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe from May 29 until Sept. 5, 2004 and at the Cincinnati Museum from Jan. 29 until May 1, 2005.

For the duration of this exhibit,

the Newark Museum, in the Downtown Arts District of Newark, is open Mondays, and Wednesdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 973-596-6550 or visit

[www.NewarkMuseum.org](http://www.NewarkMuseum.org).

## Fireside Book Discussions, Film Screenings At Millburn Library

MILLBURN — The Friends of the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Ave., offer a season of Fireside Book Discussions and film screenings. For information, call the library at 973-376-1006.

The Fireside Book Discussion Group features a book review and audience discussion at 1 p.m. on Mondays, once each month. On Monday, Dec. 6, library director Bill Swinson leads a discussion about "Gone For Soldiers," by Jeff Shaara.

The Friends Film Series offers an eclectic mix of classic and new titles, both American and for-

eign. Join the group in the auditorium on the second floor of the library at 1 p.m. on two Wednesdays a month for these free presentations.

See "The Thin Man," on Nov. 24; "La Strada," on Dec. 1; and "Casablanca," on Dec. 22; "Whale Rider," on Jan. 5; and "Mon Oncle," on Jan. 19.



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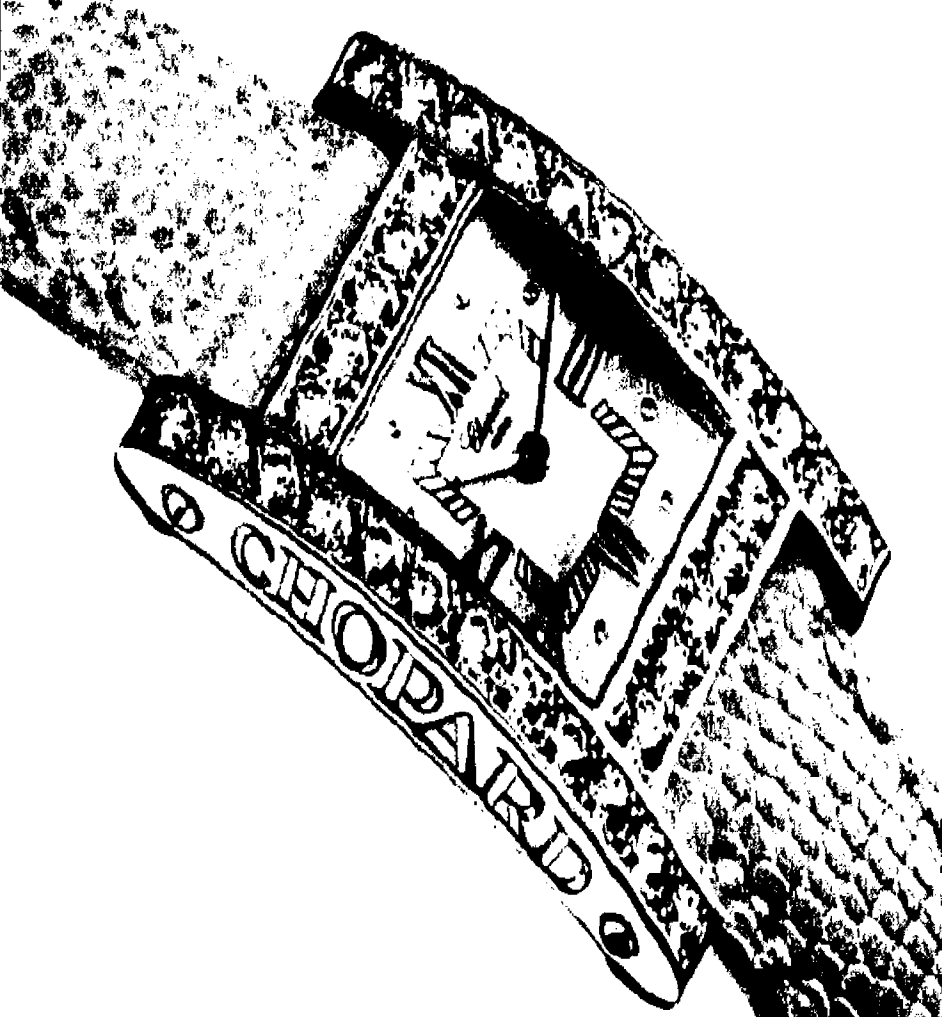
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# Model Railroad Club Announces Annual Light And Sound Show

UNION — The Model Railroad Club, Inc., an activity of the Union County Park System, announced the dates for its annual light and sound show. The show will run Nov. 26 – 28, Dec. 3 – 5 and Dec. 10 – 12 at the club building, located on Jefferson Avenue off Route 22 east in Union, behind The Home Depot.

The show times are Fridays, 5 – 7 p.m., Saturdays noon to 9 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m.

Ticket prices at the door on show dates are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children aged 12 and under and \$4 for seniors aged 60 and over.

As in past years, a discount advance sale program is available, as well as a special group rate for civic and other organizations.

The show features the Club's 1,600 square foot HO Scale layout. A 30-by-72 foot, double decked N Scale layout is also featured, as well as outdoor and

indoor garden display loops. Visitors will also be able to view the progress that has been made on the 60-by-80 foot addition to the HO Scale layout and enjoy displays in the gallery area. There will also be a hospitality booth, a gift shop and a snack shop.

The Model Railroad Club, Inc. was founded in 1949 in the basement of Paul Mallory, a pioneer of the hobby of model railroading. The Club occupies a building on Union County park-

land designed, built and maintained entirely by the members under a unique arrangement with the Union County Park System. Free parking is available on site and the building is wheelchair accessible.

For further information, contact the Club at (908) 964-9724 on Saturdays between 1 and 5 p.m., or (908) 964-8808 for a recorded message, or visit on the web at the Club's website at: [www.tmrcl.com](http://www.tmrcl.com).

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Nov. 26, Pavan String Quartet and the Marion Pana Quartet.

Nov. 27, Gerard Tioli Trio and the Woodhaven String Trio.

Nov. 28, John Bicknell, pianist, and the Vivian Penham Trio.

Dec. 4, Kiroka Estava Quartet and the David Latulippe Trio.

Dec. 5, Clem Moormann, pianist, and the New York String Quartet.

Dec. 11, Newark Boys Choir, 2 to 2:30 p.m., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., near Bloomingdale's, and the Pavan String Quartet.

Dec. 12, Claremont String Trio, and the Kiroka Estava Trio.

Dec. 18, John Bicknell, Pianist, and the Joann Brennen Trio.

Dec. 19, Newark Boys Choir, 2 to 2:30 p.m., 3:15 to 3:45 p.m., near Bloomingdale's, and the Gerard Tioli Trio.

Dec. 23, Clem Moormann, pianist.

Dec. 24, Phil Della Penna,

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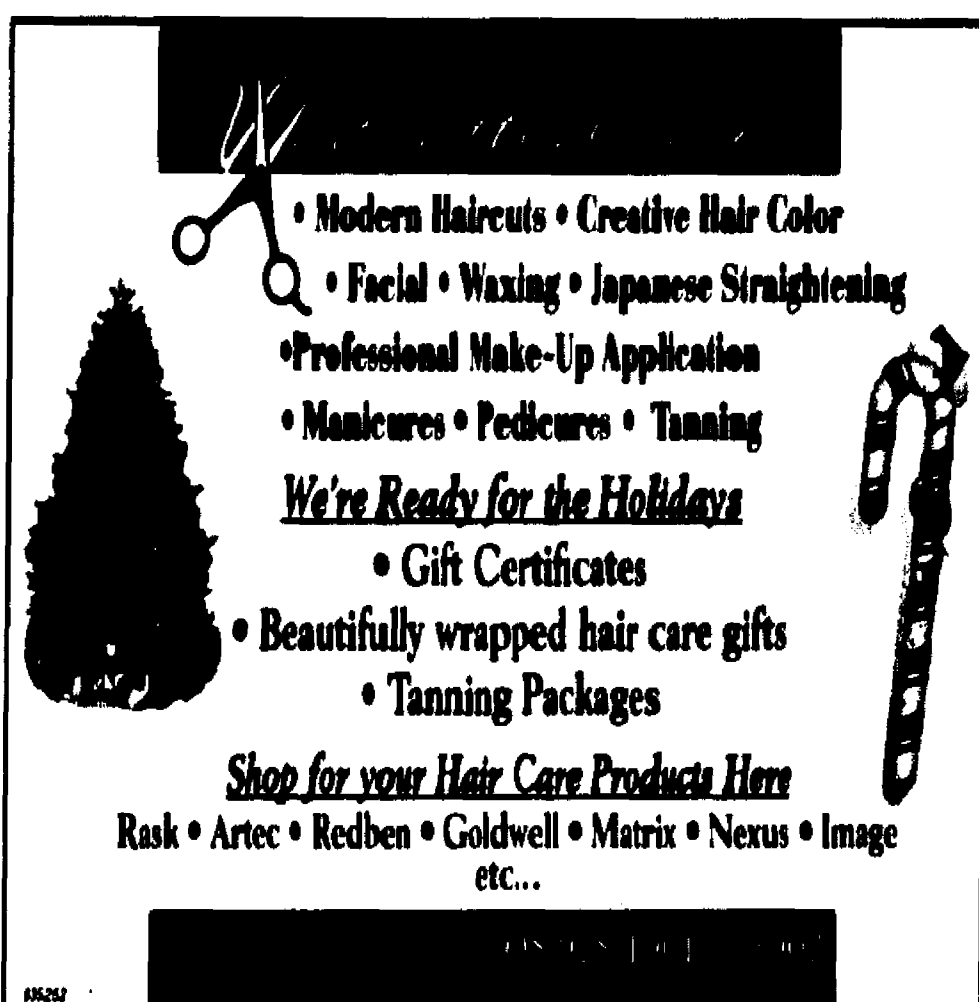
Special holiday shopping hours will be in effect for the holiday season.

## The Salvation Army Needs Holiday Volunteers


UNION — The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign begins mid-November. Volunteers are desperately needed for four-hour shifts at numerous locations throughout New Jersey. This year, with the loss of a national retailer location, it is more important than ever to have red kettles manned by volunteers.

Kettle donations are used not only during the holidays providing hot meals, warm clothing and small toys for children but also throughout the year. Salvation Army programs and services that depend on kettle funds include shelters, soup kitchens, food pantries, emergency disaster services, youth and senior programs as well as emergency assistance for prescriptions and housing.

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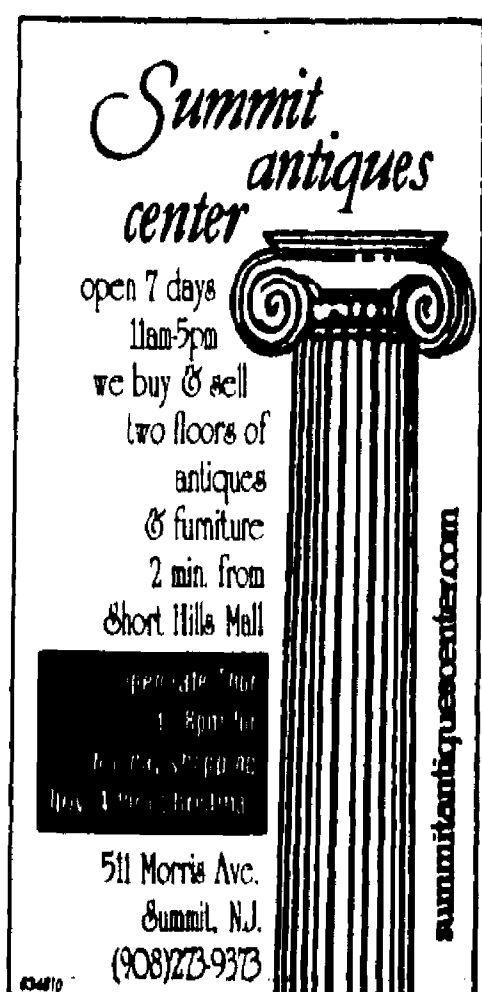


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# Family Hanukkah Concert At Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim

CRANFORD—On Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m., including Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim's Koleinu Youth Choir in

Cranford led by Hazzan Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo will be joined by Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains, led by Hazzan Matthew Axelrod and Congregation Agudath Israel of Caldwell, led by Hazzan Joel Caplan.

Beautiful Israeli and Hanukkah music is planned including the Koleinu Youth choir singing a three-part round called "Candles Burning," Avinu

Shebashamayim (Prayer for Israel) with all of the choirs, performing Haneirot Halalalu (Hanukkah song), a Shalom Haverim/Heveinu Shalom medley. Hazzan Frank comments, "Youth choirs provide a way to get children to build an appreciation for choirs and Jewish music...I envision the concert to have a lot of audience participation." Also, Hazzan Frank says, "the Hazzanim and I will sing

some spirited songs that the audience will sing along to, including Yism'chu V'malchut'cha, Rom'mu, Shomer Yisrael, and an Argentinian L'cha Dodi."

Hazzan Joel Caplan's youth choir is rehearsing several light-hearted tunes including a funny story about the poor latke, named "I am a Latke" and Oy Hanukkah, a Yiddish version of O Hanukkah. All of the choirs will sing Mah Tov, Halleluyah, and Avinu Shebashamayim (a prayer for Israel) together. All those who play or enjoy listening to beautiful music are encouraged to come and enjoy a joyous afternoon. Delicious holiday desserts are included. A Tzedakah donation will be made to One Family Fund of Israel. "We're leaning toward the One Family Fund, which gives financial and emotional aid to the families of victims of terror in Israel," said Hazzan Matt Axelrod of Congregation Beth Israel.

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E., and is also known as the festival of lights. This eight day festival begins on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. According to tradition as recorded in the Talmud, at the time of the rededication, there was very little oil left that had not been defiled by the Greeks. Oil was needed for the menorah in the Temple, which was supposed to burn throughout the night every night. There was only enough oil to burn for one day, yet miraculously, it burned for eight days. The Hanukkah festival was declared to commemorate this miracle.

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim is located at 338 Walnut Ave. in Cranford and tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, or \$25 for the whole family. Sponsors are \$18 and receive a preferred show seat with a listing in the program book. For more information call 908-276-9231 or visit us at [www.tbemc.org](http://www.tbemc.org).

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# Lodge Linne Sale Brings Scandinavian Arts To Local Shoppers

NEW PROVIDENCE — The 26<sup>th</sup> annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale sponsored by Lodge Linne No. 429, Vasa Order of America, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St.

The sale will be open to the public between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Merchandise hand-crafted and manufactured in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will feature a wide variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items of silver, pewter, linen, wood, paper, wool, straw and other materials.

"The fact that this sale represents one of only a few remaining sources for traditional Scandinavian goods explains why it is patronized by people traveling from all over New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut to begin their holiday shopping and enjoy the annual celebration of the Scandinavian culture," a Lodge Linne spokesperson said.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf-like tomten, Jul Bock or straw goats in all sizes, painted Dala horses, Danish mobiles and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of Advent calendars, Christmas cards, stationery and prints suitable for framing.

An assortment of table linens will be available, including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and year round use. For the home one will find Danish stainless steel items, baking needs, aprons, knives, a large variety of Danish wrought iron candleholders, wooden candleholders and decorative crystal pieces for Christmas and every-



**SANTA LUCIA CANDLE** — Karen Jenshoej, chairman, and Carol Germansky, both of New Providence and Joanne Douda of South Orange admire a wooden Santa Lucia candleholder and Danish wrought iron candleholders, part of the display at the Lodge Linne Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale. Doors open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Salt Brook School in New Providence.

day use.

Personal items will include sweaters from Dale of Norway, for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department has been expanded to include Norwegian silver solje, pewter and amber pieces designed as necklaces, earrings and pins. This year the sale also will have a selection of Swedish clogs.

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods such as limpa bread, coffee braids and pastries. Imported foods that will be sold are cheeses, including authentic farmers cheese; several types of herring and mackerel; lingonberries and cloudbberries; and vari-

ous chocolates and marzipan.

Coffee and Danish pastries will be served beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a light lunch of Scandinavian open-faced sandwiches and pastries from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

At 2 p.m. children ages three to 14 dressed in traditional Scandinavian costumes will perform a selection of Scandinavian folk dances. These young members of the Dalarna-Blaklockari Chil-

dren's Scandinavian Dance Club are supported in their cultural studies by Lodge Linne No. 429. Vasastjarnan, a teenage folk dance group will also perform at the sale.

Salt Brook School on Maple Street is located one block off Springfield Avenue.

Lodge Linne No. 429, Vasa Order of America, is a nonprofit organization of individuals of Scandinavian descent. The Lodge meets on the third Friday of each month at the Long Hill Township Senior Center on Valley Road in

Gillette.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many local organizations and charities such as the First Aid Squads, Volunteer Fire Departments, local libraries, high school scholarships and the Greater Newark Fresh-Air and Christmas Funds. A portion is also donated to the local Vasa Order to be used for Scandinavian cultural programs and scholarships.

For more information, call Karen Jenshoej at 908-665-1292.

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# The Mall At Short Hills Shines This Holiday Season

**SHORT HILLS** — The holiday season at The Mall at Short Hills begins with the arrival of Santa in his winter wonderland to officially kick off another festive holiday season.

Santa will arrive on the lower level of the Grand Court, at 10 a.m. on Nov. 19, and will remain during all mall hours through Dec. 24.

Children can have state-of-the-art digital photos taken with Santa, surrounded by a holiday tree and festive holiday snowscape. Parents can choose from seven photo packages or can purchase a floppy disk of their child's photo which enables parents and children to create fun screen savers, send and receive letters to Santa and e-mail the pictures to family and friends. All children who have their photo taken with Santa will receive a complimentary gift from Santa.

On Nov. 26, at Guest Services on the lower level, customers can enjoy complimentary coffee, hot chocolate, confections and more, courtesy of Godiva Chocolatier from 7 a.m. to noon. In addition, customers will receive a special offer from Godiva Chocolatier to be redeemed on Nov. 26, a listing of "Holiday Specials" at The Mall at Short Hills and can enter to win a bountiful Godiva Holiday Gift Basket.

The first 50 customers will receive one *Christmas With The Kranks* movie ticket, in the form of movie cash, and one *Skipping Christmas* book by John Grisham. The first 50 customers can enter a sweepstake drawing for one lucky winner to win a Sony Digital Camera, which will be given away during the Early Bird event.

Early bird customers should enter The Mall at Short Hills near Johnny



**SANTA PAWS** — The holiday season at The Mall at Short Hills begins with the arrival of Santa to officially kick off another festive holiday season. Have pet's photo taken with Santa in the Grand Court on Nov. 21, 28 and Dec. 5. Santa will arrive on the lower level of the Grand Court, at 10 a.m. on Nov. 19, and will remain during all mall hours through Dec. 24.

Rockets on the JFK Parkway side of the shopping center and proceed to Guest Services, lower level.

As a special gift, all parents of children photographed with Santa

will receive The Mall at Short Hills' Holiday Special Offers booklet, filled with special offers, savings and gifts-with-purchase to over 50 boutiques in the shopping center.

For the fourth consecutive year, the New York City Ballet is offering the chance to win four orchestra tickets to a New York City Ballet 2005 Winter or Spring Repertory Season performance, a NYC Ballet Poster signed by the Company and a NYC Ballet Dancer Headshot Book.

These booklets will be distributed to parents at Santa's Winter Wonderland and additional booklets will be available for customers at Guest Services while supplies last, from Nov. 19 to Dec. 24.

Wish your trusted companion could be part of the holiday festivities? For the third consecutive year, The Mall at Short Hills will host "Santa Paws," where customers can have their cat or dog's holiday picture taken with Santa. Santa Paws will be held in Grand Court, lower level, from 7 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 21, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5.

All Santa Paws customers will have the opportunity to enter-to-win pet themed gifts from The Mall at Short Hills, including a Leather Collar and Leash from Polo Ralph Lauren, Silver Dog Bone and Silver Paw Identification Tag from Tiffany & Co., matching Small and Large Food and Water Bowls from Burberry and Coach logo'd matching collar and leash.

All pets photographed will receive a special gift bag, filled with gifts, toys and treats, courtesy of Petland Discounts. The net proceeds from Santa Paws will help support the homeless animals cared for at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center of Madison. All pets must be up to date on their shots and either be on a leash or carried in a portable pet container with harness.

Customers who wish to attend Santa Paws should enter The Mall at Short Hills near Johnny Rockets, on the JFK Parkway side of the shopping center.

The Mall at Short Hills holiday décor will feature pine cones scattered in water fountains, as if scattered in a lake. Ice-light curtains will hang throughout the shopping center, accented with holiday stars, ornaments, bells and horns. Oversized gold stars set by twinkling ice-lights will suspend from the ceiling.

The 32-foot Holiday Tree, the focal point of Grand Court, will be adorned with unique ornaments and lighting, while smaller holiday trees and snow will further landscape the area. Smaller holiday trees with sparkling white lights will be positioned throughout the center, fully conveying the feeling of strolling through a winter wonderland.

The Mall at Short Hills also extends the holiday spirit outdoors, providing customers a grand entrance to The Mall. Trees lining the entranceway linking The Mall at Short Hills to JFK Parkway will be illuminated with sparkling white lights, while the exterior entrances to the mall will be decorated with a large holiday wreath, garland and sparkling white lights.

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Handmade holiday crafts, wooden ornaments and garden decorations, many made by the Sisters at the Mount will be available. A number of theme baskets will be raffled. There will be hourly 50/50s and a Super 50/50 at the end of the day.

The Mercy Associates will run the Food Court throughout the day. Come for breakfast, shop and stay for lunch. The menu will feature meatball and sausage and pepper sandwiches, hot-dogs, chili and soup. Homemade desserts will also be served as well as soft drinks, coffee and tea.

Gifts for Thanksgiving, Christmas, the winter season, birthdays and anniversaries may be purchased. Come and enjoy the company of many of the Sisters at the Mount who have been working for six months preparing for the Christmas Bazaar.

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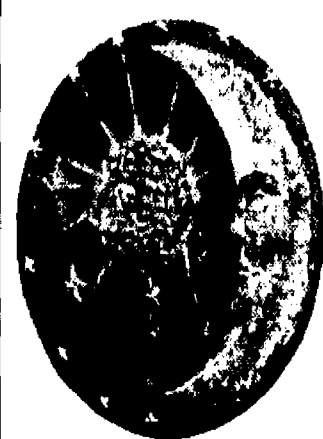
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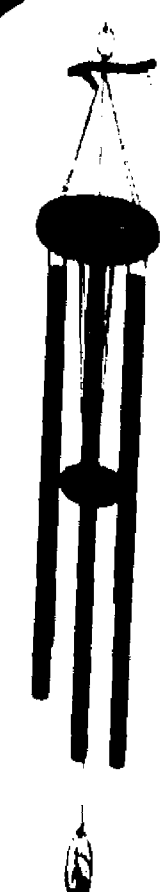
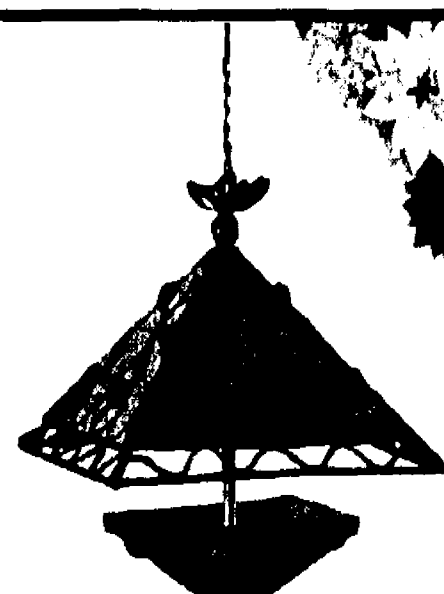
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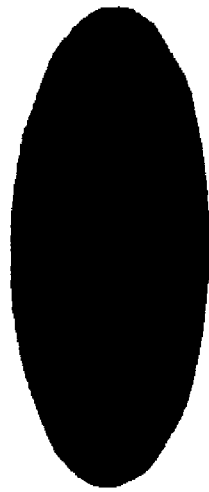
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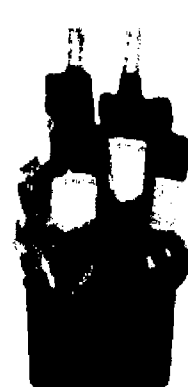
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