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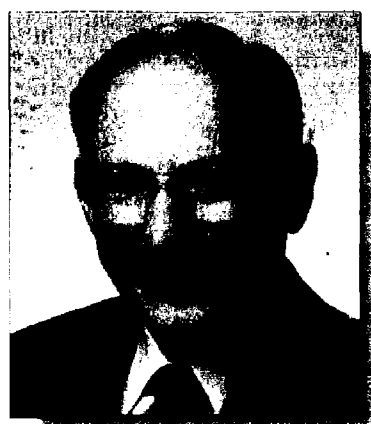
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### Rallying the troops

Raider's boys basketball coach Dan Dougherty gives his team a pep talk at halftime of the Raiders' eventual 73-48 win over Cranford Tuesday. See Story, Page B-1.



### Rabbi wins interfaith award

Irwin Fishbein of Westfield recently received an award from the Dovetail Institute for his work promoting understanding between interfaith couples. See the story on Page B-2.



### WHS Band gives boost to tree sale

Members of the Westfield High School Marching Band performed last month at the Y's Men's Club Christmas tree sale, which raised substantial funds for community organizations. See the picture on Page A-7.

## REMEMBER

### Polling Alliance to meet Jan. 13

The Fanwood Community Policing Alliance will hold its next monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13. The meeting will be held on the second floor of the Fanwood Community House at the train station. All residents are invited; for more information, visit [www.fanwoodcpa.org](http://www.fanwoodcpa.org).

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## Development, traffic safety top town's agenda

By GREG MARK  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — New curbs on development and improved traffic safety will be among the Town Council's top priorities in 2005, Mayor Greg McDermott said in his address at the town's annual reorganization meeting Tuesday night.

In a brief speech, McDermott spoke of the need to create a "controlled development plan for residential neighborhoods." Such a plan will include an examination of current limits on building height, lot coverage and floor-area ratios, McDermott said. He said the town will seek a way to curb the spread of "McMansions" without placing undue limits on property rights.

"Our goal will not be to inhibit individ-

ual homeowners' rights to build new homes or to add on or renovate existing homes but to encourage a smarter and more consistent approach to residential improvements in order to keep neighborhood character consistent," he said.

With respect to traffic safety, he spoke of plans to work with county and state officials to install a light at the clogged intersection of Central, East Broad and Mountain avenues and also at Crossway Place and North Avenue; and to create a better signal at South and Central avenues.

In addition, he said, the town will continue to pursue a "line of sight" initiative to make sure trees, bushes and other structures do not impair drivers' vision. The pending safety improvements will be

guided in part by studies conducted in 2004, he said.

McDermott also spoke of plans to improve the town's athletic fields. A project to replace the Houlihan and Sid Faye fields with synthetic turf is in the works. The town also plans to resurface the Tamaques Park tennis courts and install new lighting there, and to modernize its turf-feeding techniques.

With the recent rejection by voters of a plan to build a municipal parking deck, better management of existing spaces will be another of the town's goals, McDermott said. Parking fees will be continue to be dedicated to making system improvements such as new meters and pay stations, improved signage and landscaping and potential re-allocation of spaces.

Finally, he said, the town will undertake a modernization of its ordinances, which still include regulations about the use of horses and buggies in the downtown. Once that project is complete, all of the town's statutes will be posted online.

Also at the meeting, McDermott and the council made appointments to various boards and committees. Mark Ciarrocca will chair the council's Public Safety, Transportation and Parking Committee; Peter Echausse the Finance Committee; JoAnn Neylan the Public Works Committee; and Jim Foerst the Code Review and Town Property Committee. Rafael Betancourt will be acting mayor in McDermott's absence.

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## Westfield clerk Bernie Heeney, 56, dies

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — He was unmistakable, ambling up and down East Broad Street, Lawrence Avenue, and points beyond in his stark white sneakers.

Municipal clerk Bernard Heeney, 56, who worked for the town for more than 25 years, died suddenly in New York City on New Year's Eve of a heart attack. He was a lifelong resident of Bayonne.

Co-workers described Heeney as a hard-working, passionate, and intelligent man who was dedicated to his family. He had been contemplating retirement sometime this year or next, said former town administrator Jack Malloy, who hired Heeney in the late 1970s.

"It's a great loss," Malloy said. "He was a very memorable man."

Heeney read several newspapers every day and was an active letter-writer. His letters to the editor were published in The New Republic, The Star-Ledger, The New York Times, and numerous other publications. In 2003, he received The Star-Ledger's Silver Pen award, given annually to writers of the 10 best letters to the editor.

"Bernie had a great knowledge of local government, politics, and how governments work," said former town administrator Ed Gottko, who first met Heeney when the two worked for the city of Bayonne in the early 1970s. "I knew Bernie for 30 years. He was a colleague, a co-worker, and a friend."

The two kept in touch after Gottko's retirement in 2000. Heeney often chatted with his former boss from the municipal building, where he was known to put in extra time during the weekends.

"He was a tireless worker," Gottko said. "He was kind of a steady man — as things were

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## Boro's focus is on redevelopment, parks

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — Before a standing-room-only crowd at Borough Hall, Mayor Colleen Mahr laid out her agenda for 2005.

At the borough's annual reorganization meeting Sunday, Mahr pledged to continue progress on downtown redevelopment and to upgrade two Fanwood parks. She also announced the council's intention to pursue extraordinary state aid for a second straight year.

That historic — and ultimate-

ly successful — decision was the most contentious issue for the Borough Council in 2004. To be considered for extraordinary aid, the council will have to introduce its operating budget in February, months before other municipalities. And Fanwood's final budget will not be approved until the summer, after the state concludes its budget process.

But an undaunted Mahr said the budget process will begin shortly, as budget requests by department heads should be submitted by the end of the week. The council's special budget

meetings will get underway in a few weeks, and a preliminary budget will likely be introduced at a special meeting toward the end of February, Mahr explained.

"I am hoping that this year we can have less political drama as the borough again will seek money from Trenton to keep increases to our property taxes to a minimum," Mahr said.

In her speech, Mahr also pressed the need for downtown revitalization. Next week, the Borough Council will introduce changes to the downtown redevelopment plan. Once the

changes are formally approved in February, Mahr said downtown property owners will be free to file development applications before the Planning Board.

"When the plan was under review, any developer or property owner was in limbo," Mahr said this week. "Once we've revised and adopted (a new plan), this process as far as I'm concerned is over" and developers can start building, she said. It will be up to the council to "cultivate and promote development," Mahr added.

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## Scotch Plains hopes to build senior center

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — After reviewing the outcome of key policy debates during 2004, Mayor Martin Marks outlined the framework of the Township Council's upcoming policy discussions during his New Year's Address.

At the township's well-attended reorganization meeting Jan. 2, Marks said a proposed community and senior center — possibly at Brookside Park — will head the council's agenda in 2005. Architecture and engineering specifications for a potential recreation and senior meeting facility are being conducted for the Recreation Commission, Marks said in his address.

More immediately, the town-

ship will be contending with two public works issues in 2005 — bulky waste pickup during the spring, and leaf collection during the fall.

Because of a "financial crisis" caused by a 60 percent increase in the cost of the township's spring cleanup program, Marks said changes to the program are "almost definite." Township officials have proposed modifying the current program into a township-administered permit system akin to programs currently in place in Cranford and Westfield.

"We may ask that our residents purchase a permit, perhaps jointly with a neighbor, in order to participate in the program with a maximum allowable weight of refuse at curbside," Marks said.

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Surrounded by his family members, Mayor Martin Marks takes the oath of office from Scotch Plains municipal clerk Barbara Riepe. Marks began a new term Sunday.

## New book details history of county's black residents

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Long before Tiger Woods, Calvin Peete, Lee Elder and Charlie Sifford blazed a path for professional black golfers, John Shippen left a lasting impact on the sport.

But according to a Union County woman who has been compiling African-American historical artifacts for many years, not enough local people know about him.

Shippen, who served as head pro and greenskeeper at what was then known as Shady Rest Country Club in Scotch Plains, finished fifth in the second U.S. Open, held at Shinnecock Hills Country Club on Long Island. He

was the first black player to compete in the national championship and just one of many local African-Americans featured in a recently published book about black history in Union County.

Plainfield resident Ethel Washington, who compiled *Union County Black Americans* over the course of several years, says her book is intended to focus attention on the black experience in central Union County, a subject that has been neglected over the years.

"Black membership in most historic societies is practically nil," Washington said. "...I noticed there was nothing specifically about blacks, and I decided I could fill the void."

The 128-page volume contains

sketches, documents, and photos about the history of the county's African-American community. Images vary from sit-down portraits of the county's first black residents to pictures of evolving black neighborhoods and the people and events that shaped county history in the 20th century.

As history programs coordinator for the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Washington had the knowledge and drive to assemble the varied components into a cohesive unit. Though much of her materials ultimately came from historic societies across the county, Washington said nobody had made an effort to compile them.

"Everyone sits around waiting, but someone has to do the

work," Washington laughed. "I went around everywhere begging for pictures."

"I think I went to church more in three months than I had been in three years," Washington added, noting that a treasure trove of information still remains buried in closets and tucked under beds, just waiting to be unearthed. "We're only scratching the surface with this book," she said.

The book includes an introduction that summarizes black history before the availability of a photographic record. Much of the introduction describes the arrival of black slaves to Union County — a process that began in

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Plainfield's Ethel M. Washington is the author of the new history.

# New book details black history

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he 17th century. By 1790, more than 14,000 African-Americans lived in New Jersey, the majority of whom were slaves.

According to Washington's introduction, the local black population skyrocketed during the Great Migration period after 1870. In search of manufacturing and industrial jobs, many African-Americans from southern states moved north. Locally, many found a home in the Jerseyland Community in Scotch Plains and in Westfield's south side, from Paulstead to Downer Streets and West Broad Street to South Avenue.

Washington will appear at the Cranford Historical Society from 2-4 p.m. Sunday to discuss her research and answer questions. The Cranford chapter was one of the first to assist her with the book, she said.

"Cranford was just fabulous — they were one of the first groups I visited and they had quite a few pictures," she said.

A group of fascinating photos from the book profiles the Cranford Dixie Giants, an all-black team founded by Cranford native and professional caterer Ernest Tyree. In a worn, decades-old photo, the

team members pose on an overgrown playing field. The Dixie Giants, managed by Tyree, competed against all-white squads around the area.

"They generally won the games," Washington said.

The book also reveals that two of the 20th-century's major literary figures, Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston, lived briefly in Westfield in the late 1920s and early 1930s. A recent photo depicts the still-standing Downer Street house Hughes called home. The poet, playwright, and fiction writer wrote his first novel, *Not Without Laughter*, during his four years in town.

Unfortunately, Hughes and Hurston's days in Westfield are well-known to local historians, but probably not to the general public, Washington said.

"At a book signing, a woman told me she almost fainted because she realized she and her ex-husband had lived in the same house," Washington said.

Actor and civil rights advocate Paul Robeson also lived in Westfield in the early 1900s, after his family moved out of Princeton and before they settled in Somerville. Washington's book includes a photo of Robeson with the youth baseball team in

Westfield, a picture dating to 1908.

"Robeson was a multi-talented young man from the beginning," Washington said. "...A lot of people don't know who Paul Robeson was, but he was a giant figure."

Robeson's father, in fact, helped build the St. Luke AME Church, which still stands at the corner of Downer Street and Osborne Avenue.

Another rich location for black photographic history in Westfield is the community center, which was constructed in the late 1940s. Photographs depict visits to the facility by national celebrities like Jesse Owens and Jackie Robinson. In another lively image, Westfield children play ping-pong at the center.

As a result of the initial publicity for the book's release in October, many more photos and much more information has been made available, Washington said.

"The work I put into the book is worthwhile because of the reception not just from the black community but also from the white community," Washington said. "It's warmed my heart that people have been so interested."

The book is distributed by Arcadia Publishing, available online at [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com)

# SP hopes to build senior center

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During the fall, the impact of new stormwater regulations will inspire changes to the township's leaf collection program, Marks said, though he added the township has yet to conclude that residents will be required to bag leaves. Scotch Plains officials are exploring the possibility of entering into an agreement with Westfield that would allow residents to dispose of vegetative waste at the conservation center on Lamberts Mill Road, he added.

Other upcoming key policy debates could include the future of the township's Open Spaces Trust Fund, replacement of a communications tower at the south side firehouse, installation of a Reverse 911 system, deer management, and the 2005 municipal budget.

Marks took aim at lingering issues from 2004, including the council's decision to not create a special improvement district (SID) in the Towne Centre. Though all five members of the council were enthusiastic about establishing the downtown management entity, they voted against creating it when downtown business and property owners mobilized against the idea. Alternately describing the SID process as

"enlightening" and "frustrating," Marks said the cost of future downtown improvements should fall not on residential taxpayers but on downtown property owners.

Before he gave his speech, Marks and Councilwoman Paulette Coronato took the oath of office after winning four-year terms in last November's election.

"I'm pleased and honored by your vote," Coronato said, "...I will do everything in my power to make sure Scotch Plains is the best it can be."

Councilwoman Carolyn Sorge was unanimously elected by the council as deputy mayor, replacing Coronato for that post.

The majority of the township's administration remained in place after the reorganization meeting. Doug Hansen and Lawrence Woodruff will continue as township attorney and assistant township attorney. Michael Blacker and Randolph Brause will return as municipal prosecutor and public defender.

Joseph Doyle, Maria Sartor, Michael Michaelson, and Coronato were appointed to the Planning Board. Mary Thompson and Timothy Livolsi were appointed to serve on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

# Boro's focus is on redevelopment

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Improvements to Forest Road and LaGrande parks will also be priorities for this year, Mahr announced. Engineering specifications are currently being produced by the firm Kupper Associates, and Mahr said she hopes to break ground on the upgrades sometime in mid-2005.

Also at the meeting, Council President Kathy Mitchell and Joe Higgins were sworn in to new terms on the council after winning in last November's election. The two Democrats were honored by Assemblywoman

Linda Stender (D-22), who chairs the borough's Democratic committee, at the reorganization meeting.

Stender described Mitchell as an "unassuming...worker bee" who "works to build consensus and get things done."

Mitchell, elected to a third term, pledged to enhance Fanwood's recently-enacted historic district, breathe new life into cultural arts, and promote downtown revitalization.

Higgins thanked Mahr and Stender for their "faith" and "hope" in helping secure election to his first term as a councilman.

A devoted booster of athletics and recreation, Higgins promised to be directly involved with park improvements. As chairman of the borough's Downtown Advisory Committee, he will also continue to be involved with the redevelopment process.

Also at the meeting, Susan MacMullen was appointed as municipal judge, replacing Doug Hansen. Lara Katherine DiFabrizio was appointed as municipal prosecutor, replacing Andrew Baron. Kelly Waters will return as public defender, and Dennis Estis was re-appointed as borough attorney.

# Westfield clerk Bernie Heeney dies

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happening around him, he was the calm in the eye of the storm."

Mayor Greg McDermott's father, himself a politician, worked with Heeney while negotiating contracts with Bayonne and later brought Heeney to Westfield. When Greg was elected, Heeney said he'd work to return the favor.

"It's amazing how the circles of life work. He was a great friend to me, and it's very sad, very unfortunate," McDermott said.

Heeney was very knowledgeable about veterans issues, which were often the subject of his letters to the editor. He served in the Army dur-

ing the Vietnam War and read an enormous amount of literature covering the conflict during his later years. He gave lectures about the war for the Westfield Adult School.

"He read extensively about the Vietnam conflict, and was involved in prisoner of war and MIA affairs," Gottko said. Heeney was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Joyce-Herbert Post 226 in Bayonne.

But it was his mid-day walks that Heeney was best known for in Westfield, where he was a fixture on town streets. He walked to Vicky's Diner and then back to the municipal building a few times every day, and was known to cover

far greater distances.

Malloy, who lives in Clark, said he often dropped Heeney off at the Westfield-Clark border after work so Heeney could walk for a few miles before returning home at the end of the day.

"He just enjoyed it," Malloy said. "Sometimes he walked two or three miles at a time."

"I'll always remember those white sneakers and that mane of gray hair," Gottko said.

Surviving are his wife of 29 years, Maryann; two daughters, Mary Grace and Frances; a brother, Thomas, and a sister, Kathleen Murray.

Donations in his name can be sent to St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, 125 Broadway, Bayonne 07002. Services were held Wednesday in St. Andrew's Church. Arrangements were by the Levis Funeral Home, Bayonne.

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## Traffic

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Lori Duffy was appointed to the Board of Adjustment, with Dan Clifford as an alternate. Planning Board appointments included Matt Nilsen, Phil Leary, engineer Ken Marsh, Brian Power as mayor's designee, and Dave Hall and Anthony Attanasio as alternates.

On the Special Improvement District board, David Martone was appointed as a merchant and Lee Hale as a resident. Larry Goldman is the council's designee, Frank Arena is the mayor's designee, and John Morgan is the administrator's designee.

Robert Cockren was re-appointed as municipal attorney. Christine Nugent was named municipal prosecutor and Christopher Canada public defender. Canada's appointment was the only one not to receive unanimous support.

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# Commentary

## Making resolutions for other people

With the New Year upon us, many of us are making resolutions for the coming 12 months, focusing on what we can do to better ourselves. The same process is being undertaken by local officials across the area. In the spirit of the season, we offer these suggestions for municipal self-improvement.

**Westfield:** With downtown redevelopment and a parking deck off the table after years of tortuous discussions, one might think Mayor Greg McDermott and the Town Council would be casting about for a sense of purpose. But in his address at the town's reorganization meeting Tuesday, McDermott correctly highlighted a number of areas to focus on.

Perhaps foremost is the issue of increasing development in residential neighborhoods; McDermott said the town will work to formulate a "controlled development plan" to constrain the size and number of new homes. It remains to be seen whether this can be done fairly and legally. But the council has idly debated this issue for too long while development has continued apace. If the town is able to take any action in this area, it had best be done quickly.

Another top priority in Westfield is traffic flow and safety. As the council has learned through trial and error, traffic-calming measures in residential neighborhoods can be too much of a good thing. But improvements at some of the major downtown intersections are long overdue. A planned traffic light at Central, East Broad and Mountain avenues should do a great deal to relieve a chronic logjam and improve pedestrian safety.

Like every town in the area, Westfield must continue to improve its youth recreation space. The installation of turf fields at Houlihan and Sid Faye fields will mean an initial hit to taxpayers, but it's a no-brainer in terms of long-term use and savings.

**Scotch Plains:** Mayor Martin Marks started the New Year by talking about a planned senior and community center, which might be built at Brookside Park. The center would no doubt be welcome, but this still seems like a curious move for a municipality that is historically tax-allergic and is facing substantial costs for needed improvements to the library, municipal building and public works building — especially with an expansive Jewish Community Center and a growing YMCA in town. It might be wiser for the township to look into creating new community space at an expanded library.

The township's top issue in 2004 was what to do about the downtown. Unfortunately, plans to create a Special Improvement District were scuttled, and not due to lack of trying — there simply wasn't enough support among the business community to fund needed improvements. With a SID off the table, it's not clear what Marks and the Township Council should do. But the one thing they can not do is disengage. Local government should play an active role — with prudent financial commitments where necessary — to recruit businesses and strengthen the district. Regardless of competition from Westfield and Route 22, a community with so much to offer should have a better downtown.

Other items on the council's agenda should include deer management on the south side, development, and the future of the former Club Malibu property (and liquor license) on Terrill Road.

**Fanwood:** After some drift in early 2004, the borough has found a new direction for downtown redevelopment. Shortly, Landmark Communities will be officially de-designated as the developer, and amendments to the Redevelopment Plan will be approved. Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Borough Council are hoping that a decentralized approach directed by numerous existing property owners will prove effective. They may be right — the model should bring greater aesthetic diversity and a sensitivity to local needs. At the same time, without one wealthy property owner who needs to build to make money, the risk exists that little will happen. It's up to the council to make sure that redevelopment proceeds in an efficient, orderly fashion.

On the borough's budget, Mahr has already indicated Fanwood will again apply for extraordinary state aid, after asking for — and getting — it for the first time last year. With state elections on tap again in 2005 and patron Linda Stender in the Assembly, the borough stands a good chance of getting funds this year. At the same time, it runs the risk of becoming dependent on state assistance. The trends putting financial pressure on municipalities won't go away anytime soon, but state aid might. The borough would be better off learning to live within its means.



## Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

## Searching for new tunes for a new age

In 2005 I resolve to grow up. That's a momentous resolution, especially for someone who's 48 years old.

No doubt there are some people who will say it's about time.

But there are others who will be working against the successful completion of this resolution. Just as those sources of aggravation and anxiety conspire to lead us away from resolutions to stop smoking, cut down drinking, eat healthier foods and exercise more, there are a lot of factors that will keep me from growing up in 2005.

For example, there are classic rock radio stations.

At age 48, I am hopelessly (and thankfully) out of touch with the trends of contemporary music. I'm at a loss to comprehend the subtleties of the musical trend *du jour*, and just as all rock music sounded alike to my parents three decades ago, I'm afraid the nuances of today's bands escape my imagination.

And, let's face it, there's no easier target for derision than a 48-year-old man-child trying to be hip.

That means my car's radio buttons are programmed to four different classical rock stations. Where I live in the middle of the Garden State, I can listen to classic rock stations from New York, Philadelphia, Trenton and Easton. It is these stations, playing songs from two or three decades ago, that are working against my resolution.

At first I found these stations mildly diverting from the everyday stresses in my life. The songs from another time when my waist size was four inches smaller loosened me up and gave me a strange energy boost as I remembered the differences between jeans that were flared or bell-bottomed.

How refreshing it was for a song to dredge up long-forgotten memories of a time when the possibilities were endless and you have the freedom to commit random acts of stupidity and recklessness. Whatever happened to the joy of youthful exploration when every new experience led to a revelation of the world both inside and outside of us?

But then I noticed something unsettling about the radio stations.

They seemed to have very limited playlists, as if there were only about 40 songs worth remembering from a time when it was considered daring to move in with a lover who wasn't your spouse and the width of a trouser leg was a political statement.

At first whenever I heard Supertramp's "The Logical Song" or Kansas's "Carry On, Wayward Son," I remembered, with great fondness and little shame, my own valiant attempts to solve the mysteries of existence (to quote Bob Seger's "Night Moves," a song from that era, "Working on mysteries without any clues.")

However, after you've heard Boston's "More than a Feeling," The Eagles' "Hotel California," and Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" for the 46th time in a month, you begin to get a weary of songs that at the time seemed astronomically profound but are now just annoyingly superficial.

I know that statement is sacrilege, but it's the first step to growing up.

The mission now is to find new songs that reflect the new worries of middle age. And that's the search on the agenda for 2005.

## Letters to the editor

## Teen's death still under investigation

### To The Record-Press:

This week marks the one year anniversary of the death of my brother, Michael Charnatz. My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness and support over this past year.

As some of you are well aware, there are still many questions surrounding Michael's death. Contrary to what has been reported in the newspapers, private investigators are still searching for the answers that will tell us what actually happened on Jan. 5, 2004. While I hope to one day learn the truth, I also know that nothing will ever truly explain why my brother was taken from us at such a young age. No investigation, however extensive, will ever truly erase the feelings of shock and grief that so many of us experienced after hearing the horrific news.

Losing a loved one is always difficult; losing Michael in the way that we did has often been unbearable. However, it is imperative that we remember Michael not for his tragic death, but instead for his exceptional life.

And exceptional it was. In his short 19 years of life, Michael accomplished what most spend a lifetime trying to achieve. He had already become a man that people respected, admired and loved.

I suppose it's possible to describe Michael by saying that he was kind, honest, loving, compassionate, charismatic, generous, funny, smart, strong and handsome. But he was so much more than that. Michael was the guy who made you laugh when you had a bad day. He was the guy who made everything

better when things couldn't get any worse. He was the guy who extended his hand when you needed a friend.

Simply put, to know Michael was to love him. In June of 2002, Michel graduated as senior class president from Westfield High School and was given the honor of speaking at commencement. In that speech, Michael said to his classmates: "Let us always remember to live and love each day to its fullest potential."

That is exactly what he did. Michael never passed up the chance to define himself as a person with integrity, devotion and appreciation.

Michael was a classy gentleman whose thoughtful words and selfless actions touched the lives of so many. He was the kind of guy you were proud to know, and honored to call your son, your brother, your friend.

To those who knew Michael well, especially his friends, I hope each of you know how much you meant to my brother. I have a feeling he's somewhere watching over all of us.

Again, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the cards, letters, pictures and memories so many of you have shared with us over this past year. Your kind words and well wishes have meant a great deal to me and my family. Thank you for assuring us that Michael is still living in your hearts.

Perhaps what so many of us feel is best described by the inscription to Michael on his tombstone:

*We will remember you always;  
We will love you forever.*

IVY CHARNATZ  
Westfield

## A plea to keep spending caps intact

### To The Record-Press:

I could not help but notice the article in the recent edition of several local publications in which a number of people associated with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Westfield school systems were lobbying both Senator Thomas Kean Jr. and Assemblyman Jon Brannick to soften the impact of S-1701, which limited the rapid rise of school district budgets. These people included both the superintendents from Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood, along with members of the boards of education and PTAs.

Senator Kean and Assemblyman Brannick, you have heard from employees and/or people who serve to benefit from action to limit S-1701. Here is some input from someone that is paying the bill.

It should be noted that many of us are having increasing difficulties in paying the uncontrolled rise of our property taxes. Many of us do not have the income levels that these people and perhaps yourselves enjoy and can no longer afford to pay for these tax increases. Nor do we benefit financially from this revenue source. We welcome every attempt to control the runaway tax situation, which if unchecked could even jeopardize the very ownership of our homes.

Please consider our plight; do not cut back any of the statutes that S-1701 included. We simply can not afford it anymore. In the last five years, we have seen our real estate taxes in Scotch Plains increase by more

than 30 percent, far more than our incomes. The school budget in our town comprises approximately 65 percent of the overall municipal budget. It appears that this year we are in store for another increase of 5 percent or more. When will it stop?

The article failed to mention the major contributors to our budget. In particular, these are salaries and benefits. Many of us have not received any raises or just a percentage point or two in the last five years, and most of us pay for our medical benefits in part. This is on top of an average income in Scotch Plains of approximately \$40,000 per year. Why were these topics not mentioned in the article? Ask yourselves regarding those that visited you, "Are they in this situation?"

We have had to cut back on vacations, major purchases, capital improvements to our homes, and more. Did you ask those lobbying you what they were forced to cut back?

It is also interesting to note that both Scotch Plains and Fanwood are not in your district.

One can only wonder how far the pressure to maintain revenue sources will extend.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to each of your offices, along with District's 22 representatives (Senator Nick Scutari, Assemblyman Jerry Green and Assemblywoman Linda Stender).

AL MULLER  
Scotch Plains

## Knights food drive a great success

### To The Record-Press:

On behalf of our Holiday Food Basket recipients, the Garwood Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to our Holiday Food Drive. This year we provided food baskets to 23 families in November and December.

Our special thanks go out to the Garwood Public School students, who collected 586 pounds, and their advisor, teacher Tamara Benz; the Garwood Boy Scout Troop 75; Cub Scout Pack 75; Scoutmaster Mark Koch, assistant Scoutmaster Dan Flynn and the Garwood Girl Scouts. It was their dedication and hard work in collecting the food that helped provide a happy holiday season for the less fortunate.

In addition, we appreciate the following for their generous donations as well: Kings store manager

Steve Yaskowitz and bakery manager Dora Michael; PathMark store manager Tom Cocuzzo; ShopRite store manager Joe Barbato and assistant store manager Stuart Morgan; the members of the Garwood Senior Citizen Club and their president, Ann Romano.

We purchased items such as potatoes, fruit, eggs, butter, bread, and turkeys, but it is your donations that make up the bulk of the baskets. Because of this, your generosity makes our food drive a great success.

Our recipients are very grateful, and we couldn't do it without your help.

Thank you again, and our best wishes to everyone for a healthy and happy New Year.

KEITH M. GALLAGHER  
Garwood

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## WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?



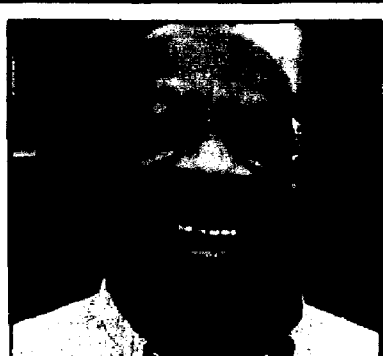
**MARY CABRERA**  
Elizabeth

I want to lose a little weight, which is my annual resolution — other than that, just to go to church.



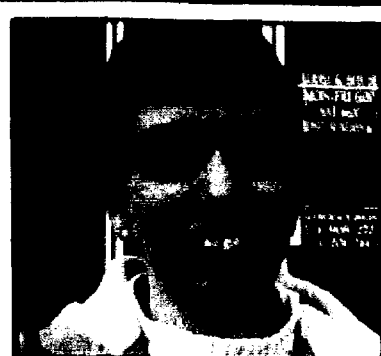
**JENNIFER SWEETAY**  
works in Cranford

To get on the treadmill more.



**ALFRED PATTERSON**  
Cranford

I stopped making New Year's resolutions decades ago because it's become a ritual that's lost meaning...at this point it's almost like going to confession.



**BARBARA DOUGLAS**  
visiting Cranford

To be more organized, and also to exercise.



**JERMAINE SPEARMAN**  
visiting Westfield

To survive the streets of Newark for another year. A lot of people don't know how hard it is to survive in Newark.



**GREG CUOCO**  
Westfield

Mine is to finish another year of school — my last year of school. Also, I want to stick to the Weight Watchers diet my girlfriend and I joined.

## Users will likely bear cleanup program cost

By BRAD BISHOP  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — With changes to the township's spring bulky-waste cleanup program a virtual certainty, Township Administrator Tom Atkins gave the council a brief sketch of the cost of an alternative program Tuesday night.

The current program, somewhat rare in central Union County, is run by township government and built into the tax base. Because of the program's skyrocketing costs, officials are considering shifting spring cleanup to a user-based system, in which individual homeowners would purchase permits to dispose of a specific amount of bulky waste, likely around 750 pounds per household.

Residents would have to pay extra for the service if they exceed the weight limit. But neighbors could share a permit to save costs in the user-based system, versions of which are in place in nearby Cranford and Westfield.

At the council's conference meeting Tuesday, Atkins said Midco Waste Systems officials quoted a likely permit cost of at least \$85 for a 750-pound limit. Depending on the types of material homeowners leave for pickup, the cost could climb as high as \$100 or \$110, Atkins said.

Another major service provider, Waste Management Inc., has yet to provide township officials with a quote for a user-based system. Cranford residents paid \$90 for the service last year, which was substantially higher than the program cost a few years earlier.

At a meeting last month, officials said the program's cost is rising because of illegal dumping and county-wide increases in tipping fees. Rather than pass the costs onto taxpayers who don't use the service anyway, the council is warning to the user-based system, though no formal action has been taken yet.

## Freeholders set their agenda for the new year

### County news

**ELIZABETH** — Union County government held its 148th reorganization meeting on Sunday, Jan. 2 at the Union County Courthouse. At the ceremony, five county officials elected in November were sworn in to their terms in office.

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich was sworn-in for his 10th three-year term, and Surrogate James S. LaCorte was sworn-in for a second term. He was first elected in 1999 after the death of former Surrogate Ann Conti and has served in the position since then. He will serve a five-year term.

Three members were sworn-in to three-year terms on the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the legislative body that sets the policies and direction of county government. Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth was sworn-in for his fourth term on the board, Bette Jane Kowalski of Cranford was sworn-in for her first full term, and Adrian Mapp of Plainfield was also sworn-in for a three-year term.

County officials also said Nancy Ward was sworn in to take the place of John Wohlrab, who resigned after he was arrested.

Members of the freeholder board elected Rick Proctor of Rahway as chairman and Alexander Mirabella of Fanwood as vice chairman. Proctor had served as vice chairman in 2004.

In the annual Chairman's Address, Proctor set a theme of 'Safety, Services and Results' for the Freeholder Board in 2005. He then set out five top priorities for the coming year:

**Boundless Playgrounds** — In this \$500,000 initiative, Proctor pledged matching funds to support Boundless playgrounds for children with disabilities. These playgrounds have equipment and activities that children with and without disabilities can use.

**Expansion of the Kids Recreation Trust initiative** — The freeholder board plans to develop a Kids in Motion initiative to provide vehicles to municipalities to transport kids to recreation venues. County officials said the initiative will also provide municipalities with \$500,000 in matching funds for lighting for athletic fields.

**Reserve Medical Corps/CERT** — The board plans to develop a corps of volunteers from the health care field and develop a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) utilizing county personnel to help respond to an emergency or natural disaster. The county hopes volun-

teers will provide an extra layer of emergency preparedness and response and the nucleus of CERT teams in their hometowns.

**Traveling Trailside** — "Mobile Eco Labs" will bring the displays, exhibits and natural history background of Trailside Nature and Science Center to the schools and community centers. The vehicles will contain computers, microscopes, binoculars, and

audio-visual aids.

**Senior Citizen Home Improvement** — This initiative is designed to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to income-eligible seniors to fix a roof or upgrade plumbing or electrical systems. The county will allocate \$500,000 toward this initiative through the Community Development Block Grant program.

## Film screening, lectures set at Westfield library

**WESTFIELD** — The Westfield Memorial Library is hosting several adult programs during the coming week.

On Tuesday, Westfield cardholders are invited to enjoy a viewing of *Bloody Sunday* at 7 p.m. This British film based on Don Mullen's book, *Eyewitness Bloody Sunday*, recreates Ireland's tragic day of Jan. 30, 1972. Parliament member Ivan Cooper leads a peaceful civil rights march through Derry's Catholic neighborhoods to protest Britain's practice of internment without trial. During the march, the British military arrive, setting up barricades to block entry to Protestant neighborhoods. Without warning, the military opens fire on the unarmed protestors, killing 13 and creating chaos. The film is rated R and is 107 minutes long.

On Jan. 14, cardholders can discuss the life and works of the Norman Rockwell, the artist who sought to capture the heart and spirit of everyday life in America. This program will be held at 1:30 p.m.; light refreshments will be served.

In addition, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, the Friends of the Library will sponsor an educational presentation of the Jersey Devil given by Angus Kross Gillespie, Ph.D.

Gillespie is a Rutgers University

professor who specializes in the folklore of New Jersey and who has done extensive fieldwork and research in the Pine Barrens. His program on the Jersey Devil is supplemented with some 80 slides in full color.

The public is invited; free tickets are available at the library. The presentation will take place in the library's conference room.

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

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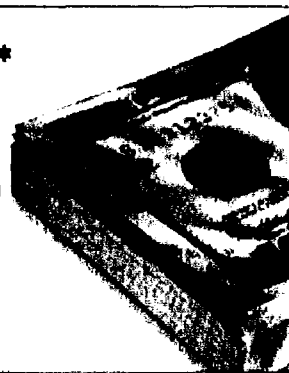
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## Registration to begin soon for Y child care

WESTFIELD — Child care registration for Westfield Area YMCA 2005-2006 programs begins later this month. Full day child care registration begins Wednesday, while half-day preschool and school-age child care registration begins Jan. 22.

Westfield Area Y full day child care programs are available for children ages 12 months to 5 years. The program offers a blend of supervised social interaction and self-discovery. Gym, music and art are incorporated into each classroom's daily schedule. The program runs year-round at the Children's Center behind the First Baptist Church on Elm Street from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Westfield Area Y's half-day preschool program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This accreditation means that the Westfield Area Y has voluntarily undergone a process of internal self-study and has sought external professional review. The program runs from September-June for children 2½ to 5 years old.

In September this program will be held at the new East Broad Street Family Branch at 422 East Broad St. This new branch will contain an outside playground, indoor gym and large classrooms. Additional programming for preschoolers will be offered.

Westfield Area Y after-school programs provide children from K-Grade 5 with fun, safe and supervised activities 2-5 days per week during the after-school hours. Programs are available at the main YMCA facility as well as in the Tamaques, McKinley, Jefferson and Washington schools. Before-school care and kindergarten wraparound classes are also available, as are the Y's after-school programs at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate schools.

For more information on full-day child care, call Shannon Cleveland at (908) 654-8460. For more information on preschool child care, call Eileen Rooney at (908) 233-2700, ext. 230. For more information on after school care, call Leah Schneider at (908) 233-2700, ext. 273.

## Genealogy group to host talk on passenger lists

WESTFIELD — The first meeting of the new year of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St.

The speaker will be Larry Fermi, whose program will cover the subject of passenger lists and the arrivals of ships bringing European immigrants to the United States during the peak periods of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Fermi has been a member and officer of the Monmouth County Genealogical Society and its Educational Committee for several years.

Fermi is a popular speaker on basic genealogy and advanced genealogy on related subjects in the greater metropolitan area of New York City. He concentrates on in-depth family history research. His credentials include membership in the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, the Genealogist Speaker's Guild and the Genealogist Society of New Jersey.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. There is no admission fee. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (908) 233-8545.

### West Fields group to hear talk on Burr

WESTFIELD — The West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the Community Room of the Westfield Community Room. The meeting will feature Ron Goldberg of the New Jersey Historical Society.

Continuing the subject of Alexander

### Club news

Hamilton initiated in the chapter's previous meeting in November, Goldberg's presentation will focus on Aaron Burr. Although Burr is remembered in history primarily for fatally wounding Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel, his accomplishments are less known. In the Revolutionary War, he advanced from private to lieutenant colonel and distinguished himself in the battle of Monmouth. He served as vice-president under President Jefferson, but his political career was controversial.

The meeting is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

### Lunch and Learn with Hadassah

WESTFIELD — The local chapter of Hadassah will have a Lunch and Learn meeting at noon Jan. 24 at Temple Emanu-El, East Broad Street.

Emily Topolosky, currently AIPAC's director for Northern New Jersey, will speak about President Bush, the 109th Congress and Israel. The American Israel Political Action Committee is a non-partisan American membership organization that has for more than 50 years been working with Congress to build a strong relationship between the U.S. and Israel.

Hadassah, the Women Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization whose members work to strengthen their partnership with Israel and ensure Jewish continuity.

In Israel, Hadassah initiates and sup-

ports health care, education and youth institutions and land development to meet the country's changing needs. In the United States, Hadassah seeks to boost the quality of American and Jewish life through its education and Zionist youth programs, promote health awareness, and provide personal enrichment and growth for its members.

### Hoffman to talk about life in early America

WESTFIELD — Hollace Hoffman of Plainfield, a naturalist and teacher, will present a slide-lecture program to the members of the Woman's Club of Westfield Monday afternoon at the Masonic Lodge on Central Avenue.

Hoffman will explore the Quiet Valley American History Farm in Pennsylvania and explain what early life was like in America.

Hoffman holds a bachelor's degree in biology/sociology from Albion College in Michigan and a master's degree in plant ecology from Rutgers University.

She has served as director of Trailside Nature and Science Center, as a teacher/naturalist with Somerset County Park Commission and taught biology and ecology at Metuchen High School. She also served as a botany teaching assistant at Albion and research assistant at Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston.

Guests are welcome to attend the lecture following the club's business meeting at 1 p.m. Refreshments will follow the lecture under the direction of Vice President Delores Geisow. For information call (908) 654-3946.

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# FCC to honor Sunshine volunteers

WESTFIELD — The response to the question, "What did you do over your summer vacation?" might surprise you if you ask one of the Camp Sunshine youth mission volunteers from the First Congregational Church. Being a volunteer at Camp Sunshine was the most moving, intense experience of my life; it made me feel good to be a member of the human race," said one participant. I helped kids with life-threatening illnesses; I made a difference in someone's life," replied another. On Sunday, Jan. 9, the First Congregational Church will celebrate the ministry of its Camp Sunshine ambassadors at a special 10 a.m. worship service. The church's youth and Camp Sunshine staff will take part in the service. An after-church forum will be offered to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Camp Sunshine in 2005. Participants include camp doctor Andy McNeil, Program Director Tracy Cincotta, and Tracie Moore of the Brain Tumor Foundation. Located in Casco, Maine, Camp Sunshine supports children with threatening illnesses and their families. The camp has the distinction of being the only program in the nation whose mission is to address the impact of a life-threatening illness on every member of the immediate family: the child, parents, and siblings. Since its inception, Camp Sunshine has provided a haven for more than 16,000 families from diverse cultural back-

grounds. Families of a child diagnosed with illnesses such as cancer, kidney disease, lupus, or diabetes attend one of the week-long camps. The camp's focus is on alleviating the strain that a life-threatening illness takes not only on the sick child but also on other family members. Families have an opportunity to rebuild their relationships together and meet other families facing similar challenges. Camp Sunshine is staffed almost entirely by volunteers, many of whom return year after year. The volunteers reflect the diversity of the families and help with recreational leadership, childcare and food service. FCC volunteers for 2004 were Matt Bierman, Emily Ortuso, Christine Wicks, Emma Laird, Annie Yingling, Paul Clark, Eric Linger, Cri Cri Henry, Sara Woods, Dan Kelman, Jess Dawe, and Paul and Anthony Johnson. The advisors were Tom and Jen Cotter, Lyn Kelman, Carol Devine and Pam Gilchrist. Volunteers, except for those who live nearby, also stay on the property. Another distinctive component of the program is the medical facilities and professional staff that are available to address the taxing physical needs of children with intrusive diseases. A physician is located at the camp for the entire session so that families can be secure in the knowledge that the camp offers 24-hour onsite medical support. In addition, a hospital with full-time emergency room physicians and pediatri-

cians is only 25 minutes from the camp. Recreational hours allow children to relax and enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood while their parents find quiet moments to walk by the lake and reaffirm their support for one another. In addition, games and events are designed to foster family involvement, encouraging families to laugh and play as a unit. This approach builds a new foundation the family can take with them when the camp is over to unite them during the darker times they will face. Each family is sponsored by an individual, civic group, corporation, or foundation, which enables a family to spend a week at Camp Sunshine free of charge. A sponsorship for one family to participate in the week-long program is \$1,500. The Family Sponsorship Program provides a way for donors to sponsor a family or families from their geographic area. Last year, the church youth raised nearly \$1,000 for their expenses. In addition, they donated \$2,000 to Camp Sunshine. A corporate gift of \$1,000 was solicited by a church member who is employed by Sanofi-Synthelabo, Inc. Church members and friends interested in supporting this effort financially may make their contributions payable to First Congregational Church and write "CE Youth Fund" on the memo line. For additional information on Camp Sunshine, contact the church office at (908) 233-2494 or visit the camp's web site, www.campsunshine.org.



## Marching band gives boost to tree sale

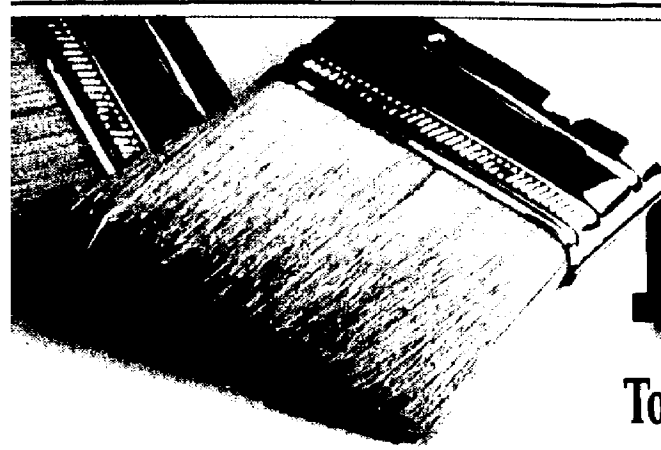
Members of the Westfield High School Marching Band performed holiday songs at the Y's Men's Club Tree Lot Dec. 19. The annual tree sale had raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support community organizations, including the WHS Marching Band. Men's Club members Mark Ciarrocca, Drew Heys, and Eric Leuthold offered thanks to the band members, who performed under the direction of Mike Fackelman. Band members included Greg Ryan Jr., Ryan Reber, Brett Paulan, Nick Malaspina, Joe Steinfeld Ben Klofta, Sam Johnson, and Ted Vincett.

## Another flu clinic on tap in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Regional Health Department has a very limited supply of flu vaccine still available. An additional flu inoculation program has been scheduled for Jan. 6, between the hours of 10-11:30 a.m., in the Community

Room, located on the first floor of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., Westfield. The program will be open to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield that

meet CDC guidelines. Proof of residence will be required. Registration and vaccination will be held at the clinic on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent upon vaccine supply. Strict adherence to the eligibility requirements will be enforced.



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## Alfred Richardson

WESTFIELD — Alfred J. Richardson, 81, died Dec. 25, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in East Orange, he was a son of the late Duncan and Katherine Geare Richardson.

Mr. Richardson had lived in Westfield since 1954 and also had a summer home in Breton Woods. He was with Merck & Co. in Rahway for more than 35 years and helped install its first computer systems. He began his Merck career as a cost accountant and retired in 1985 as an associate director of the company.

The Merck director received a degree in economics and finance from Bucknell University in 1947.

Mr. Richardson was a member of the 25-Year Club at Merck; the National Association of Cost Accountants; PT Boats Inc.; the American Association of Retired Persons; and Kappa Sigma fraternity at Bucknell.

In the Navy he was the captain of PT 327 in the Philippines during

World War II and the executive officer on a minesweeper after the war.

A brother, Douglas, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Jean Hubert Richardson; two sons, Randall A. and wife Rae of Toms River and Scott H. and wife Dawn of Somerset; a daughter, Terry J. Jacklin and husband James of Coopersburg, Pa.; two sisters, Ruth Bullock and husband George of Pennsylvania and Grace Roberts and husband Ralph of Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Dec. 30 at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Burial was in the First Presbyterian Church cemetery, Woodbridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Overlook Hospital Foundation, 36 Upper Overlook Road, P.O. Box 220, Summit, NJ 07902 or Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson St., P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091.

## Salvatore Severini

WESTFIELD — Salvatore N. "Bubby" Severini, 74, died Dec. 28, 2004 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Newark, he lived in Westfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1962.

Mr. Severini owned the Mountainside Disposal Co. for more than 30 years until 1980. He was a past president of the South Plainfield Italian-American Club and more recently the manager of Sal's Spirit Shoppe in South Plainfield.

For more than 30 years Mr. Severini coached the Eagles, a Pop Warner football team in South Plainfield. He also was a C League coach in the South Plainfield Little League.

He was an Army veteran of

the Korean War and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Mountainside. Mr. Severini was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield.

A brother, Joseph, died in 2000.

Surviving are his wife of more than 49 years, Lois Egidio Severini; two sons, Sal and Steven; a daughter, Luanne; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the McCriscin Home for Funerals, South Plainfield, followed by a funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles.

## Eugenia Smillie

FANWOOD — Eugenia Cogan Smillie, 84, died Jan. 2, 2005 at her home.

She was born in Staten Island and lived in that borough before moving to Fanwood in 1975.

Mrs. Smillie retired in 1985 after 20 years as an executive secretary with Merck & Co. in Rahway. She earlier was the head of the filing department at the Manhattan office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Her husband, Thomas, died in 2003.

Surviving are a brother-in-law, John Palys; three nieces and two grandnieces.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church in Martinsville. Entombment was in the St. Bernard Mausoleum, Bridgewater.

Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home.

## Ronald Geores

WESTFIELD — Ronald Joseph Geores, 65, died Dec. 22, 2004 at his home.

He was born in South Amboy and lived in Glastonbury, Conn., before moving to Westfield in 1967.

Mr. Geores retired in 1999 as the owner of Dancemakers International, a dance studio in Summit. He worked in the performing arts for more than 40

years.

Surviving are his wife, Clementine Monti Geores; two daughters, Heidi Maria and Heather L.; two sisters, Beverly Moench and Vivian Tucker; and a brother, Franklin.

Services were held Dec. 27 at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

## Obituaries

### Horace Jack Charles; a lifelong aviator

WESTFIELD — Horace Jack Charles, an aviator who worked on the first airplane to break the speed of sound, died Dec. 26 in Danbury, Conn., at age 85.

He prepared instructions for the X-1 and X-2 while working for the Bell Aircraft Co. after World War II. The X-1 became famous in 1947 as the jet airplane in which Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier.

Mr. Charles took his first flight at age 12, eventually earning an aircraft and engine mechanic's license from the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics in Newark. As a college undergraduate he earned his private pilot's license while working for the Curtiss Airplane and Motor Co. in Buffalo, N.Y. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in industrial education from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

In World War II Mr. Charles was an Army Air Forces pilot who trained British crews of the Royal Air Force. He flew in Europe and the Pacific during World War II, then in Korea with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. After leaving the Air Force he built and restored aircraft for judging as a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Mr. Charles spent 33 years with Union Carbide Corp., retiring in 1990 as manager of technical publications for its Linde Division. As a Mason for 50 years he was a member of Masonic lodges in Akron, N.Y., and Danbury. He was a 32nd-degree member of the Scottish Rite Masons in the Buffalo Consistory. He also was a committeeman and board member of Unitarian churches.

Born June 8, 1919 in Buffalo, he was a son of the late Frederic Henry and Pearl Marie Benedict Charles. Mr. Charles lived in New York state and Westfield before moving to Danbury.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Katherine Mackey Charles; two sons, Robert and wife Kathleen of Madison and David and wife Elena of Cedar Knolls; two daughters, Deborah Charles Dreher and husband Richard of Westfield and Judith Charles Alexander and husband Andrew of Williamsburg, Va.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday in Alumni Hall at Western Connecticut State University, Danbury. Arrangements were by the Hull Funeral Service in Danbury.

### Amelia Stiffler

Venneri and Esther, are deceased.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Masi, Deborah LaMorticella and Janet; two sons, Gary and Kevin; a sister, Antoinette Ziolkowski; and six grandchildren.

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

Donations may be sent to St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Building and Maintenance Fund, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 or the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Amelia M. "Millie" Stiffler, 85, died Jan. 1, 2005 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Stiffler was a lifelong Scotch Plains resident and the secretary-treasurer for Stiffler Mason Contractor Inc. in Scotch Plains until her retirement in 1990. The firm was owned by her late husband, Troy B., who died in 1999.

She also was a part-time cafeteria assistant in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system. Mrs. Stiffler was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Two brothers, Nicholas and Joseph, and two sisters, Clara

### Katherine 'Kay' Boyne

FANWOOD — Katherine Anna "Kay" Boyne, 86, died Dec. 28, 2004 at the Massachusetts home of a daughter, Mary Schlaff.

Born July 22, 1918 in Bound Brook, she lived in Somerville before moving to Fanwood in 1951.

Mrs. Boyne retired in 1978 as a registered nurse at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She graduated in 1939 from the nursing school at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

She was a volunteer at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains. Mrs. Boyne was a mem-

ber of the Fanwood Senior Citizens Club and the Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, also in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, Frank E., died in 1993.

Also surviving are two other daughters, Kathy Swenson and Nora Bechold; a son, David; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Burial was in Bound Brook Cemetery.

### John P. Matonis Sr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — John P. Matonis Sr., 86, died Dec. 29, 2004 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

Mr. Matonis was born in Plymouth, Pa. He lived in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Elizabeth before moving to Scotch Plains in 1953.

He was with Merck & Co. in Rahway for 42 years and retired in 1984 as a supervisor of maintenance. Mr. Matonis more recently was a truck driver with a Branchburg company.

He earned a degree in business management from University College of Rutgers University in

1967. Mr. Matonis was a Navy veteran of World War II.

A son, Robert Zlobeck, died in 2000.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Teresa A. Bellisano; two sons, Stanley J. Zlobeck and John P. Jr.; two sisters, Margaret Alaszuk and Rose McFall; a brother, William; and six grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834-1365.

## Jose O. Valdes

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jose O. Valdes, 83, died Dec. 28, 2004 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Camaguey, Cuba, he lived in Scotch Plains and Bridgewater before moving to Bedminster in 2000.

Mr. Valdes retired in 1985 after 20 years as a machinist with the Hago Manufacturing Co. in Mountainside.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine Sureda Valdes; two sons, Michael H. of Gladstone

and John J. of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Josephine T. Zappia of Freehold; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his dog, Boomer.

Services were held Friday in the chapel at St. Bernard Mausoleum, Bridgewater.

Arrangements were by the Layton Funeral Home in Bedminster. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to American Heart Association, 2550 Route 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

## Blanche Russell

SCOTCH PLAINS — Blanche Russell, 87, died Dec. 30, 2004 at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook.

She was born in New York City and had lived for over 80 years in Green Brook.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the AARP and a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Frank J., died in 1991.

Surviving are a daughter,

Frances "Chickie" Sincavage, a grandson, Brian Sincavage, and a granddaughter, Amy Sincavage, all of Scotch Plains; a nephew, Joseph Masperi of Colonia; and two nieces, Jane Cavnagaro and husband Ernie of Piscataway and Charlotte Sorf of Lake Mary, Fla.

Services were held Monday at the Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

## Esther Mary Ekstrom

WESTFIELD — Esther Mary Goodwin Ekstrom, 77, died Dec. 28, 2004 at her home.

Born in Fitchburg, Mass., she lived in Lake Hiawatha before moving to Westfield in 2000.

Mrs. Ekstrom retired in 1987 after 20 years as a packer with the Dell Printing Co. in Pine Brook. She was a member of the Deaf Club in Elmwood Park.

Surviving are her husband, Carl Philip; three daughters, Carol Liscinsky, with whom Mrs.

Ekstrom lived, Karen Callahan of Westfield and Susan of Sebring, Fla.; a son, Gerhard of Tennessee; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Burial was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to W.I.S.E. Adult Day Care, 973A Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083.

## Anna Sensbach

WESTFIELD — Anna M. Clymont Sensbach, 91, died Dec. 30, 2004 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Westfield in 1931.

Mrs. Sensbach catered luncheons and other events for clubs and civic organizations that met at the Westfield Y. She was on the Westfield Y staff for 20 years and retired in the early 1980s.

Surviving are three sons,

Ronald F., Daniel I. and John L.D.; two daughters, Sally A. Bodiford and Sandra L. Barker; a sister, Gertrude Michelson; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

## Thomas F. Conway

Thomas F. Conway, 81, died Jan. 2, 2005 at his home in Cranford.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he lived in Elizabeth before moving to Cranford 47 years ago.

Mr. Conway was with Exxon Corp. for 37 years, retiring in 1983 as an accounting analyst at the Bayway Refinery in Linden. He received a bachelor of science in accounting degree from Seton Hall University in 1950.

As an Army corporal in World War II he was assigned to the 141st Infantry of the 36th Division in Europe. Mr. Conway was held prisoner in Germany for 14 months after he was captured at the Rapido River in Italy. He transferred to the Army Reserve after the war and retired from the military in 1948.

He was awarded the American Theater Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, a Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

Mr. Conway was the treasurer and finance officer of Bayway

Post 260, American Legion, in Elizabeth; he was a member of that Legion post for over 50 years. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans as well as a member of the 36th Division Association and the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

He was a parishioner of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

A daughter, Elaine Hilton, died in 2001.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Agnes M. Dewar Conway; two daughters, Carolyn Anne Taylor of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jean E. Stives of Bethlehem, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. today at St. Michael's Church, 40 Alden St. Burial will be in the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown.

Arrangements were by the Gray Memorial Funeral Home, 12 Springfield Ave. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Bayway Post 260, American Legion, c/o Peter Beal, Commander, 519 Spruce Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027.

## Madeline Gormanly

Madeline P. Mullins Gormanly, a former circulation manager for The Cranford Chronicle, died Dec. 28 at Union Hospital at age 61.

She was The Chronicle's circulation manager from 1985 until 1988, when Mrs. Gormanly

became the clerk of the Cranford Municipal Court. She retired in 1990.

Mrs. Gormanly was born in New York City and had lived in Cranford since 1970.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Thomas; two sons, Kevin and John; three daughters, Mary DeLair, Kathleen Boscia and Tricia; a brother, Lawrence Mullins; two sisters, Maureen Curtin and Irene Krankel; and eight grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield, under the direction of the Donley Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

## LEGALS

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# Madrigal Singers offer 'second chance at Christmas' Jan. 9

The Madrigal Singers, directed by Elaine Fiorino, will present "Star of Wonder," a program of words and music for the season at 4 p.m. Jan. 9 at First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St. in Westfield.

The concert offers a "second chance at Christmas" on the Sunday after Epiphany, according to Christian tradition on the date when the wise men, following the star, arrived in Bethlehem and presented their gifts to the newborn babe. Selections from the Bible and Shakespeare read by the Rev. Edward Carll will tell the Christmas story and introduce groups of carols and motets spanning seven centuries, sung a cappella or with flute accompaniment by Jenny Cline and Susan

Graham.

The program features the premiere of four carol arrangements for flutes by Mountainside composer John Sichel, a bass in the ensemble.

The program will open with a processional with plainchant variations on "Resonet in laudibus." "Hodie Christus natus est" follows, featuring a six-part contrapuntal setting by Sweelinck. As the Christmas story unfolds, Luke's account of the annunciation introduces three Renaissance hymns to Mary: Dunstable's "Alma redemptoris mater," Monteverdi's "Ave Maria," and Victoria's "Ne timeas Maria."

The angel's good news to the shepherds is proclaimed in two settings of "Angelus ad pastores" by Renaissance

composer Juan Blas de Castro and contemporary composer Kenneth Mahy. As the shepherds arrive at the stable in Bethlehem, their awe and excitement are portrayed in Palestrina's six-part contrapuntal arrangement of "O magnum mysterium." Praetorius' carol setting of "Es ist ein Ros" connects the old prophecies with Christ's birth, while Holst's "Lullaby my liking" is a soft lullaby for mother and child.

The star which led the wise men to Bethlehem is celebrated in two contemporary pieces: "The linden tree," an arrangement of a traditional German carol by Jeremy Dale Roberts, and "Star of Wonder" by Terre Roche. "Omnes de Saba," Jacob Handl's five-part contrapuntal celebration of the wise men's journey to honor the newborn child, will follow.

Two modern meditations on Jesus's role as Savior draw on older sources — verses from an old English manuscript inspired by Bainton's carol setting of "A babe is born I wys," and hearing a performance of a Bach piece led Elliot Levine to write his evocative "Jesus, gentle Savior." The program will end with the Christmas Eve scene from Hamlet, followed by three musical celebrations of Christmas: Robert Wetzler's "Rejoice! The savior is born," the Austrian carol "Still, still, still," and Elizabeth Poston's modern arrangement of the traditional English "Boar's Head Carol."

Founded in 1948, The Madrigal Singers are dedicated to exploring the a cappella traditions that grew out of the musical flowering of the European Renaissance.

The Madrigal Singers have a long tradition of caroling to shut-ins, and in December they visited Canterbury Village in West Orange. Singing this season are Mary Arnold, Martha Desmond, Richard DeVany, Healf Goguen, David Lawrence, Roberta Lichtenberg, Jennifer Melick, Pamela Newell, Sarah Riffel, Kirk Robbins, John Sichel, Lynn Sichel, George Stralkus and Margaret Thompson.

Admission is by donation at the door. For further information, call (908) 233-1570.



The Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre performs at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway Feb. 5.

## Dance troupe plans an evening of Pasion

At 8 p.m. Feb. 5, the Union County Arts Center presents *Pasion* with the Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre.

A steamy Havana nightclub in the 1950s is the setting for this exotic blend of tango and flamenco dances driven by the powerful Cuban rhythms of guest musicians, Pancho Navarro and Tito Castron. The Alborada troupe tango, rumba, and waltz their way through this cross-cultural event. Special guest artist, Peter Suarez of the New York Metropolitan Opera will join the company for this evening of Spanish dance.

Under the direction of Eva Lucena, Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre is focused on the education and cultural enrichment of young audiences. The dedicated performers will conduct an afternoon workshop for students of the Union County Arts Center's mentoring program.

Tickets for the evening performances are \$25, \$18 for students, and may be purchased by calling at (732) 499-8226, online by visiting the website at [www.UCAC.org](http://www.UCAC.org) or in person at the box office located at 1601 Irving Street, Rahway.

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

## New show set to open at Community Players

*There Goes the Bride*, a British farce by the prolific British team of Ray Cooney and John Chapman, is set to open 8 p.m. Saturday at the Westfield Community Players Theater at 300 North Ave. West in Westfield. The show continues Friday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 14, 15, 21 and 22 with single tickets at \$15 available from the box office at (908) 232-1221.

In the production directed by current president Naomi Yablonsky, a society wedding is threatened by the romantic halicinations of Timothy Westerby, who believes he is in love with a character he created for an advertising campaign.

Polly Perkins (Valerie Mickle) Cranford) is the flapper who appears with every knock on the end that sends Timothy back to 1920s London at the same Savoy hotel where his daughter is to be married. Will he snap out of it in time to walk his daughter down the aisle, or will the room's family abandon the wedding entirely?

Husband and wife team John and Linda Correll play the Westerbys, who are driving their daughter Judy (Vikki Masulli) to distraction on her wedding day.

Timothy McGovern (Cranford) is the ad man's partner who desperately tries to keep the groom's father (Chuck Zen) occupied before he enters the wedding. Also featured are the bride's befuddled grandparents, Gerald and Daphne, played

## Diversity set to launch a new quilting show

Diversity Art Gallery in Clark will soon hold its 13th exhibition, a display of quilts and fabric art. This is the gallery's second quilt/fabric show, which was conceived to recognize the creativity of artists who sew, glue and paint diverse fabrics. The public is invited to attend an artists' reception from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 16.

The making of a quilt is a labor of love that requires an enormous amount of time, patience and labor. Early 19th-century quilts were made entirely by hand, requiring incredible patience and skill. Although quilts were made by individuals, the final joining together of the quilt was done with the family or community. Known as "quiltings," these community meetings of kin and friends were an important part of the social fabric of 19th-century life. One of the few occasions when women could meet publicly, a quilting was an opportunity to share patterns or traditions for a special wedding quilt, while discussing current issues. Susan B. Anthony gave one of her first speeches defending the equal rights of women at a quilting.

As a unique and personal way of expressing love or thanks, quilts were always popular choices for gifts and commemorations. By the middle of the 19th-century

a new form of quilt, the "album quilt," began to appear with increasing frequency. The romantic desire to commemorate and memorialize major events influenced the popularity of quilts. Each block of this quilt type is like a page in an album, often initialed or signed by one or more people. Another type of quilt, the "crazy quilt," became popular in the early 1880s. This new craze, inspired by Japanese textiles and design as part of the Aesthetic Movement, offered an opportunity for individuality and originality in an era of rigid Victorian social rules.

Area quilting and fabric artists such as The Nubian Heritage Quilters Guild of Irvington and the Heritage Quilters of Scotch Plains will be providing numerous works for gallery display and sale. New Jersey's fiber artist Glendora Simonson and quilt enthusiast Carolyn Davis founded The Nubian Heritage Quilters in 1995 to promote, preserve and document the importance of African-American quilting. Adopting the African Adinkra symbol, Sankofa, the group took the message, "Learning from the past in building for the future," as its mission statement. The quilters celebrate and expand upon the legacy of African-American

quilting through mutual quilting experiences and by incorporating ethnic patterns and fabric, thereby preserving their heritage and nurturing future creativity.

The Guild's quilts have been exhibited at the Newark Museum and the Newark Aljira Gallery among other places. Members donate their time, talent and crafts to create baby quilts for boarder babies at local hospitals and donate lap quilts to the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Artists Glendora Simonson, Catherine Sheffield, and Carolyn Davis will display six quilts, plus two team effort art works by the Guild's membership. In addition, creations by artists Judy Covington of Princeton, Linda Bhan of Woodcliff Lakes and others will be on display throughout the months of January and February.

Debbie Lee of Springfield has conducted quilt workshops with many schools and institutions, including The Newark Museum, the Abigail Adams Smith Museum and the N.Y. Women's Center. She has been making quilts for 17 years and has taught the art to both children and adults. Through her residen-

cy at the Newark Museum's educational programs, she has shared her technical expertise with children, but also enabled teachers to incorporate what works best with students into future curriculum. She is well versed in many different techniques and has been awarded in various categories.

Carpet designers Kennedy and Silvia Reyna of Rahway will display creative wool fabrics from their Rahway business, Alpha Custom Rugs and Design. They reproduce other designer works for corporations, as well as create art works for homes, matching home decor needs with traditional or modern pieces of any size or color with computer graphic color schemes.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 1-3 p.m. Sundays Jan. 16 through April 3 and by appointment. The gallery is located in the historic 1840s chapel building of Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark, on the Clark circle, adjacent to the Garden State Parkway, Exit 135. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (732) 574-1479 or visit [www.diversityart.com](http://www.diversityart.com).

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# Westfield High announces honor roll

**WESTFIELD** — Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert Petix recently announced the first marking period honor roll for the 2004-2005 school year.

For the classes of 2005 (currently in 12th grade), 2006 (11th-graders) and 2007 (10th-graders), a student must attain all A's in major subjects and no grade below B in any minor subject for inclusion on the Distinguished Honor Roll or a grade of A or B in all subjects, major or minor, for inclusion on the Honor Roll.

Beginning with the class of 2008, determination of inclusion on the Honor Roll will be based on all-subject grade-point average, with no grade lower than B (3.75-4.0) for Distinguished Honor Roll and no grade lower than B (3.50-3.74) for Honor Roll.

## Distinguished Honor Roll

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# Sports

## Raiders shut down Cranford, 73-48

### Use 53-23 second half to roll

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Tuesday afternoon's Cranford versus Scotch Plains-Fanwood game in Scotch Plains was proof that when two Watchung Conference opponents meet, one can never predict the outcome.

Supposedly down and out because the team lost two high-caliber players to transfer, the Raiders outplayed the Cougars to the tune of a 73-48 shellacking thanks to a 53-point second half while limiting the effectiveness of Cranford's star guard, Terence Grier.

"That's just the way conference games are most of the time

— you never know," said Scotch Plains head coach Dan Dougherty. "I'm very proud of the way we played. I knew we had it in us."

"People keep saying we have a good team — we fight, without they guys we lost, and it gets



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patronizing after a while," he said. "Today we proved it to ourselves."

Considered the favorite, Cranford (4-2) looked as if it were in control of the game

when they were ahead 31-24 with about five minutes left in the third quarter.

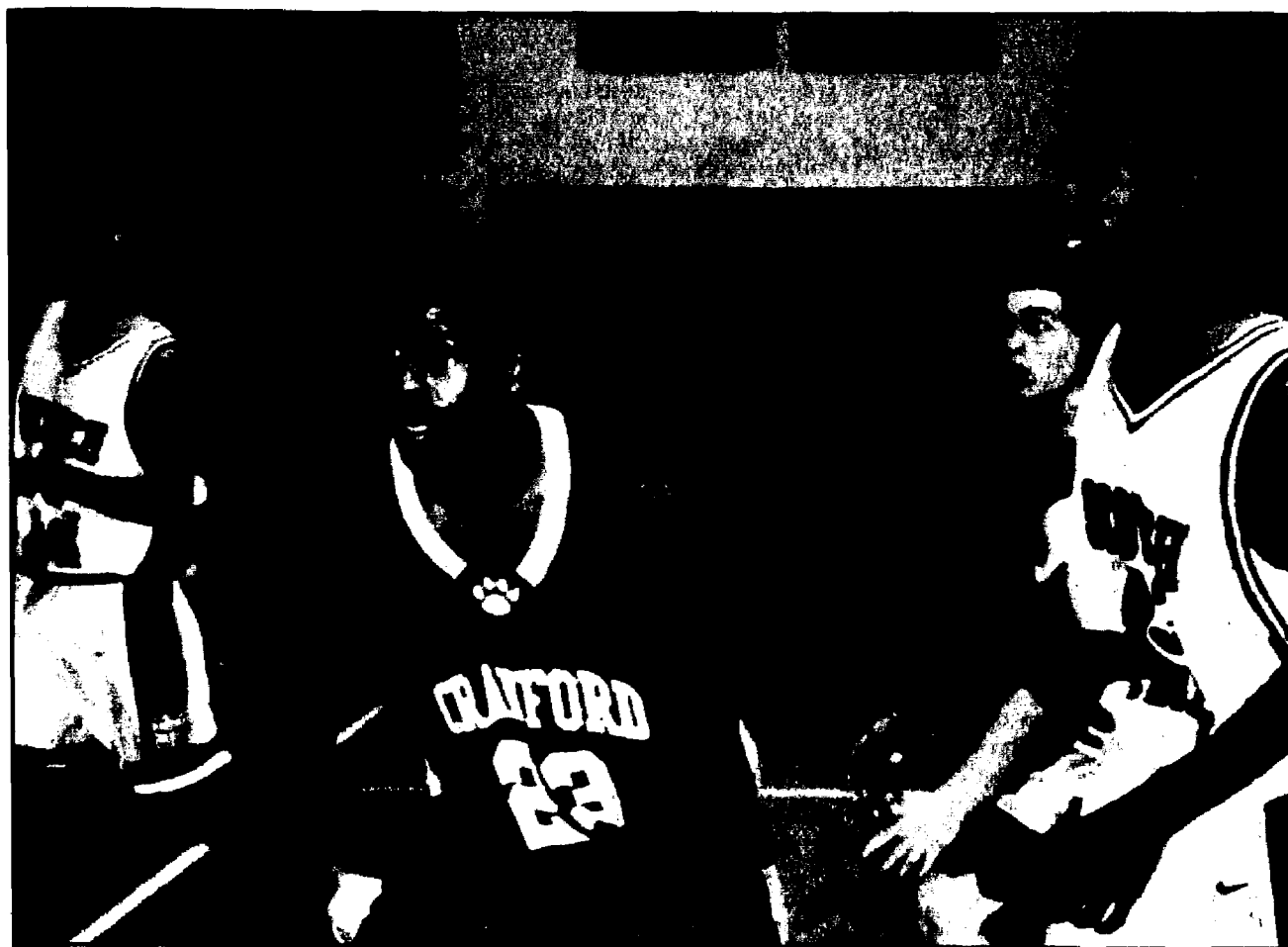
But Scotch Plains (2-4) saved its best for last, hitting three consecutive three-pointers in the third quarter — the first by Greg Bayard and two from D.J. Garret — to tie the game, 33-33, and gained momentum before the start of the fourth quarter with a steal and dunk by Gavin Ford to earn the Raiders its first lead, 37-35, since early in the first quarter. Cranford held a 15-13 advantage after the first quarter and 25-20 at halftime.

Cranford was just down 41-39 at the end of the third but was held scoreless until Steve Caprio hit a lay-up late in the last stanza to finally stop a 17-0 run by Scotch Plains that put the Raiders ahead, 58-39. Scotch Plains outscored Cranford 32-9 in the fourth quarter, allowing two late baskets by Grier to up his point total to a game-high 22. Fourteen of Grier's points came in the first quarter.

"We're at a crossroads right now after a game like this," said Cranford head coach Tom Johnstone. "Obviously, we didn't come to play today. Take nothing away from Scotch Plains — they shot the ball well and had a few guys step up."

Garret stepped up for Scotch Plains, scoring 12 points when he was inserted into the lineup in the second half to boost his team. Greg Bayard led the Raiders with 16 points. Gavin Ford contributed 12 points and Sean Young chipped in nine.

"We distributed the ball very well," said Dougherty. "We wanted to throw some things at them and I think we beat them at their own game — the press and shooting threes."



Cranford's Chris Brown attempts to defend against the Raiders' Gavin Ford during Scotch Plains' 73-48 victory Tuesday. Ford scored 12 points in the game.

Cranford's Chris Brown (eight points) started his team's scoring with a shot in from beyond the arch and Greg Van Horn bucketed another in the first quarter but Cranford would not hit another three-pointer Dave Snyder finally connected very late in the fourth quarter. It was his only succeeded shot from the field. Meanwhile, Scotch Plains drained seven threes in the game.

"We could not do anything to break and run and get the looks we usually aim to get," said

Johnstone. "We're going to have to find a way to regroup."

The Cougars don't have much time to regroup. They face off against Linden, ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the state's Top 20, Dec. 6 in Cranford at 4 p.m.

Scotch Plains faces Westfield at home Dec. 6 at 4 p.m.

Most impressive was Scotch Plains' defense, especially against Grier, who didn't enter the game until about halfway through the first quarter. After Grier sunk seven quick points in the third quarter, he was held

scoreless in the fourth quarter during the Raiders' big run mostly due to the being blanketed by either Rob Lewis or Jeff Marable.

"They might have been the MVPs of this game," said Dougherty. "(Lewis) isn't afraid of anybody. He's faced some of the best talent in the state already this year and has done an outstanding job against them."

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Scotch Plains-Fanwood head coach Dan Dougherty rallies the troops with a halftime strategy session.

## Klimowicz scores 17 in win over Cranford

By CHAD HEMENWAY  
THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD — Scotch Plains-Fanwood's Hillary Klimowicz collected 17 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks to help hand the Cranford Cougars a convincing 56-28 defeat Tuesday night in Cranford.

Most of the Lady Raiders' starters sat out for the length of the fourth quarter since the team held a 30-point lead, 46-16 at the end of the third stanza.

Senior point guard Jenny

Burke contributed 10 points and led on defense, limiting Cranford's shooting options by pressuring the ball.

Burke said the team needed a win after their recent return from the Surf and Slam Classic tournament in San Diego, CA. The Raiders went 2-1 in California, losing the first game against Oakland Catholic (PA) 56-73 and then beating Enid (OK), 73-50, and Vacaville (CA), 74-52.

Klimowicz had point totals

of 20, 24 and 35 in the three games. Maura Gillooly had nine, 24, and 14 in the contests



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and Burke recorded a double-double against Vacaville with 10 assists and 12 points.

"We had one bad game in San Diego and blew a lead so

we knew we wanted to come out strong tonight to get back on track," said Burke after the Cranford game. "Our mindset is that we simply can't lose anymore. We're better than we had been playing."

Burke continued to say the team watched tapes of the games in California and it is becoming more evident that the team is working more and more together under new head coach Lori Gear McBride.

"Our team was just used to

one thing and we had to learn something else," Burke said. "There's nothing wrong with that — it's just new and I think we had trouble with it at first. But now we're getting it."

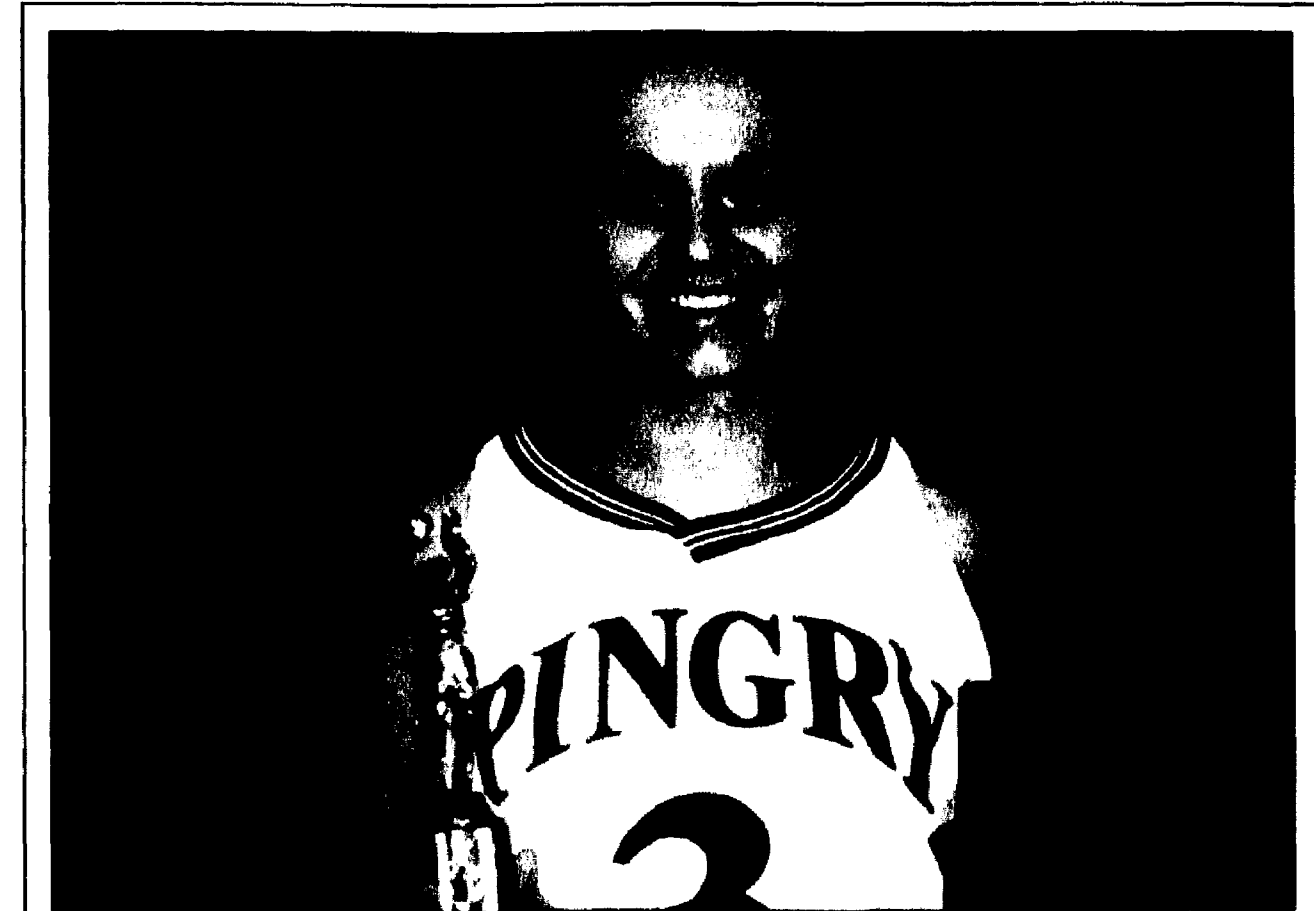
Against Cranford, Burke began the game by hitting a jumper. After the team forced two Cranford turnovers, Klimowicz got her first block and followed it up with her first basket of the night and hit another after Cranford's third quick turnover. Scotch Plains

forced seven turnovers in the first quarter.

Lisa Levonas hit Cranford's only points of the opening frame to make it 6-2 before Klimowicz and Maura Gillooly collected four more points apiece to jump out to a 15-2 lead. Scotch Plains allowed just eight points in the second quarter and headed to the locker room up 33-10.

Gillooly finished with seven points and sophomore Allie Zazzali hit a set of three-pointers for nine points.

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### Westfield resident shines for Pingry

Julianne DiLeo, a Westfield resident playing as a junior for the Pingry School in Martinsville, NJ, was recently selected as to the All-Tournament Team at the Big Blue Holiday Tournament. The team is comprised of the most valuable player from each team participating in the tournament. Here she is pictured holding the team's championship trophy and All-Tournament team plaque. Pingry won the tournament, outscoring Morristown-Beard in the finals, 56-27. DiLeo scored a team high 20 points in the contest and led in team scoring for the tournament. DiLeo was also named to the National All-Star Basketball Team of the Youth Basketball of America league, for her performance on a regional travel team — The New Jersey Shining Stars. That squad went undefeated and won the National Title after winning the state A.A.U. championship for the second year in a row.

## Onishi and MacNeil anchor Westfield to UC relay crown

### WESTFIELD Winter track

Annie Onishi and Emily MacNeil guided the girls track team to a Union County Girls Relay championship Monday at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth. The team came in first with 44 points.

Onishi and MacNeil ran the final legs of the sprint and one-mile relays to earn help earn victories in each event and propel the team to the overall title.

Miriam Becker-Cohen and Gillian Kape make up the rest of the one mile squad. Erica Ammermueller and Kape form the four girl team in the sprint relay.

Lauren Campo, Stephanie Cortinhal, Catherine Cognetti and Meg Driscoll won the two mile relay with a time of 10:56.2.

Westfield also took third in the team high jump and sixth in the team shot put.

### Boys basketball

Shabazz 78, Westfield 65 — Tuesday in Westfield Eric Hayes scored 24 for the Blue Devils (2-3). Tom Buonard had 18 and Mike Venezia scored 12.

### Girls basketball

Shabazz 70, Westfield 32 — Freshman Erin Miller scored 15 points and Anna McGinter had 10 for Westfield (3-2) Tuesday in Newark.

### SCOTCH PLAINS Winter track

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls took third place at the Union County Girls Relay at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth Monday.

The Raiders came in third in the one-mile relay, fourth in the two-mile relay, fourth in the sprint medley relay, fourth in the distance medley relay and third in the shuttle hurdles.

### Boys swimming

Scotch Plains 112, Gov. Livingston 51 — Dave

Hauptman won the 50-yard free in 23.52 and 500-yard free in 5:44.08 Monday. He was also part of a team with Jon Feely, Mike Miller and Alan Neuhouser that won the 200 yard free relay.

### Girls swimming

Scotch Plains 111, Gov. Livingston 59 — Melissa

Helock won the 200 yard free in 2:02.87 and 500 yard free in 5:34.31 on Monday. She was also part of a team with Brittany Larkin, Kate Kosencuk and Becca Fox that won the 400 yard free relay.

### Union County Rugby Recruiting

The Union County Rugby Football Club is currently recruiting players for both their boy's high school teams and newly formed girl's rugby team.

The UCRFC's boy's team enters its second year after going undefeated last year and winning the New York Met Union II Division. The team is comprised of 30 high school-age players from Middlesex and Union counties. The season will begin in March and run until June. An under 15-year-old team to facilitate the huge interest of younger players will also be formed. Chris Clark, Lex MacCubbin and Simon Hooks coach the teams.

Over 20 girls from both A.L. Johnson and Westfield high schools have signed up to play for the first ever Union high school girls team.

An informational meeting for all those interested will be held in January. All games are played at Unani field in Cranford. For more information about the various clubs' activities contact Chris Clark, the director of recruitment, at (201) 243-1952. You can also email him at rugby0306@yahoo.com or visit the website at www.mediterranrally.com.

### K of C Free Throw Championship

The Local Knights of Columbus will sponsor its 29th Annual Free Throw Championship for all boys and girls ages 10-14 at 1 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the St. Bartholomew's Auditorium located at 2032 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains.

# Community Life

## Briefs

### La Befana visits Miller-Cory House

WESTFIELD — From 2-4 p.m. Sunday, the Miller-Cory House Museum will present the "Legend of La Befana," a children's fable about the good Italian Christmas witch. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave.

According to the tale, every year La Befana arrives on Epiphany Eve, the 12th night of Christmas, searching for the Christ Child. She magically flies high among the clouds on her faithful broomstick, Saggina, and goes from house to house. She rewards the well-behaved children with small gifts and leaves coal and stones for the naughty ones.

Museum volunteers Vera Lough and Patricia D'Angelo of Westfield, John Mills of Fanwood, and Marissa, Rosella and Carmelo Morabito will perform a skit bringing the legend to life.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and children under 6 years of age are free. For information about the museum's upcoming winter events or volunteer opportunities, call (908) 232-1776.

### Bridge class offered at the Westfield Y

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area YMCA will offer a daytime beginning bridge class starting today and running for eight weeks. Instruction will be provided by a master bridge instructor. Learn all the skills needed to play and enjoy bridge. There is a fee for this program.

Also, from 12:15-2 p.m. Jan. 19 the Y will hold a "Lunch and Learn" knitting session. Participants will learn new skills or share and polish existing skills. Directions will be provided. A shopping list will be supplied for new knitters. This session is free.

For additional information on these classes, call Mary Ann at (908) 966-9344. All classes are held at the Westfield Area Y, 220 Clark St.

### WSL soliciting grant applications

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League (WSL) is currently accepting requests for applications for grants for 2005. This past year the WSL donated \$75,000 to local agencies and organizations. The grant funds result from the profits of the WSL Thrift and Consignment Shops located at 114 Elmer St.

The WSL has provided service to the Westfield area for over 70 years. During this time, the WSL has donated over \$1.9 million to various agencies.

To be considered for funding, each agency or organization must submit a written request for an application to Colleen Schmidt, Donations Chairperson, 669 Boulevard, Westfield, NJ 07090. All applications must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2005.

### Diabetes screening scheduled Tuesday

WESTFIELD — Overlook Hospital will be at the Westfield Area YMCA from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday for a free diabetes screening.

No registration is required. This is a non-fasting finger-stick procedure.

A complimentary lecture titled "Power Snacks for Your Workouts" will also be offered from 11 a.m.-noon.

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

### Roosevelt featured in 'Focus' episode

WESTFIELD — Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield will be featured on cable TV, channel 36 throughout the month of January in the "Focus on Our Schools" show produced by Westfield High School Television.

The 25-minute program includes visits to the school's math, science, gifted and talented, and computer classrooms, as well as Guidance Department programs, the school's newspaper and extra-curricular activities. The program will be broadcast through Jan. 27 on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 and 10 p.m.; Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m.

## Moonglowers will help family of ALS victim

By DAVID LAZARUS  
CORRESPONDENT

At Belleville High School, they were inseparable. Vincent Turturiello, Phil Cuzzi and Robert Luongo played sports together, chased girls and did all the other things young, exuberant teenagers do.

Later, they went their separate ways. The band room at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School where Turturiello now toils seems quite distant from the Major League baseball diamonds where Cuzzi spends his springs and summers as an umpire — but the two old friends are teaming up to help out the family of their childhood friend.

Robert Luongo was the type of guy everybody looked up to. He was an all-state football player and an academic scholar, played college football at Harvard and later made his mark as a business entrepreneur.

His friends remember the shock they felt in 2000 upon hearing that Luongo was paralyzed, stricken with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Suffering from the debilitating disease, Luongo died in March 2004 at the age of 49, leaving behind a wife and young daughter. Once a powerful 240-pound college lineman, Luongo's weight plummeted to 120 pounds, and in the last year of his life he was unable to speak.

After seeing what the disease had done to his best friend, Cuzzi became involved with the ALS Association, originally focusing on the Florida chapter. He started the Robert Luongo ALS Fund, an educational trust

fund for Luongo's daughter Dominique, now 9.

Cuzzi runs fundraisers in New Jersey and Florida, raffling baseball memorabilia or running golf tournaments, whatever he can do to help raise money and awareness.

Cuzzi will be hosting a fundraiser Jan. 19 at Nanina's in the Park restaurant in Belleville. To help his friend, Turturiello will bring his talented group of jazz musicians under his direction at the high school, known as the Moonglowers, to perform at the dinner dance.

"Phil is just a great guy; he has taken this cause upon himself. He needs the help to make this happen," said Turturiello.

The Moonglowers is the oldest jazz band in New Jersey, having started in 1936. For many years, the group played high school proms and during lunch breaks in the cafeteria.

They practice every morning from 6:45 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and have consistently ranked among the top bands in New Jersey for more than two decades, receiving numerous awards in recent years.

Featured musicians at the benefit will be Steven Voelker on tenor saxophone, Casey Hoynes-O'Connor on alto saxophone, Justin Rowinski on trombone and Michael Sheffield on percussion. Featured vocalists will be Nick Mondt and Lauren Perrotta.

"This is a great cause. I talked to the Moonglowers about how nice it is that we are doing something good for people. Music is not just about trophies," said Turturiello.

"They understood and will become better people for it."

Although Luongo and Cuzzi weren't truly cousins, they might as well have been. Luongo's aunt married Cuzzi's uncle, so the two were always at family functions together.

Luongo started out at Harvard as a pre-law student before switching to anthropology. After graduation, he spent five years working in sales with the 3M Company, then was involved in several entrepreneurial projects.

He was the agent for James Bond's car, which he restored. Later, he brought it to car shows around the United States. He also represented Earl Ruby — brother of Jack — on the Larry King show, with the gun that was used to kill Lee Harvey Oswald.

After his friend fell ill, Cuzzi knew he couldn't do anything about Luongo's physical condition, but decided to help in other ways. He wanted to help his friend communicate, and he had heard of computer technology that essentially allows a person to type using only his or her eyes.

Cuzzi knew the computer would be expensive, but he also knew there were many friends who would be willing to pitch in. He decided to sell cruise raffle tickets to pay for the computer, and enlisted Yankee manager Joe Torre to pull out the winning ticket at a Yankees spring training game.

He said he feels very strongly about helping out with the ALS Association

because many people are unaware of the effects of the disease.

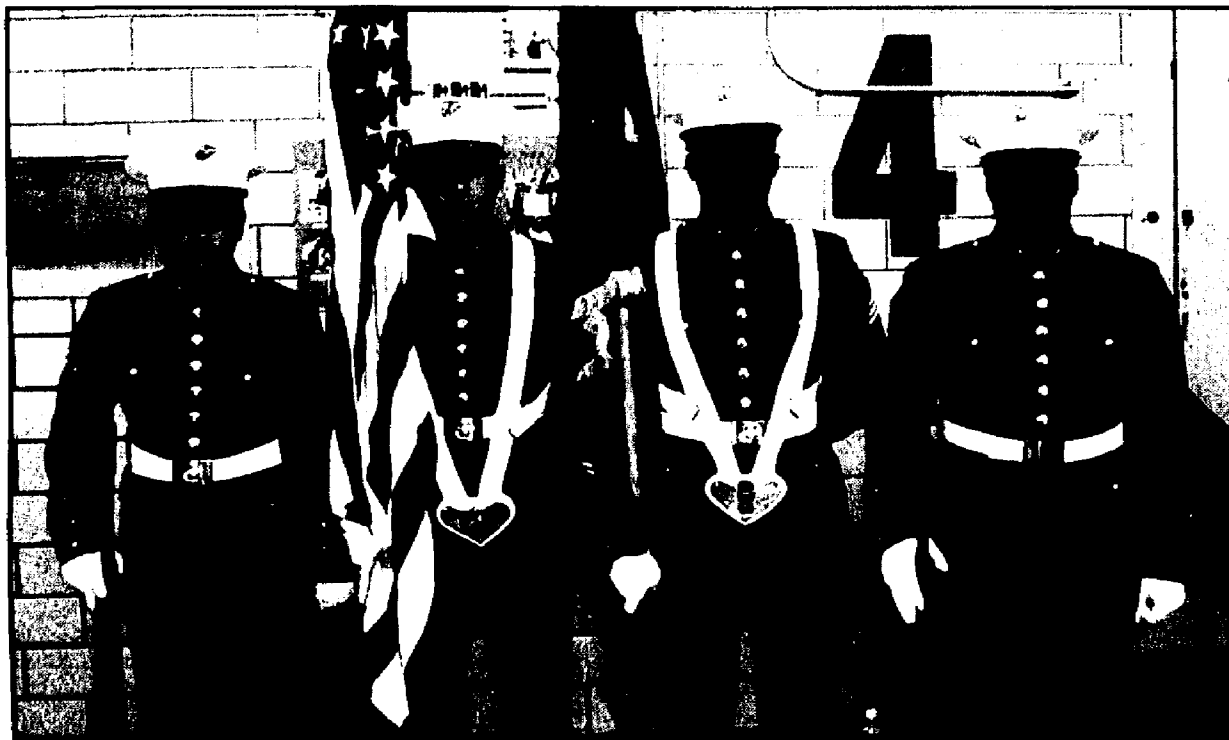
"I just think it's important because it affects so many more people than what anybody realizes," Cuzzi said. "It's such a devastating disease because it can come to anybody, and they don't know anything about it. They don't know why, and the life expectancy is under five years."

The evening will feature a dinner dance with live entertainment, as well as music from DJ Mike Chiefo. As a special attraction, there will be a silent auction of sports memorabilia.

Some of the highlighted items include an autographed jersey and bat from Derek Jeter, the pitching rubber from Yankee Stadium autographed by Mariano Rivera, an autographed bat from Mike Piazza, an autographed jersey from Boston pitcher Curt Schilling, and an autographed Penn State football helmet from legendary coach Joe Paterno.

Veteran Major League umpire Bruce Froemming will also be on hand to share some of the funnier stories that may or may not have occurred over his 30-year career in the big leagues.

Tickets can be purchased for \$60 by emailing Phil Cuzzi at [pcuz@optonline.net](mailto:pcuz@optonline.net). Or, call Joe Zarra at Nutley High School at (973) 661-8832 or Danny Vitello at Printing Techniques at (973) 667-2606. Make checks payable to "Robert Luongo ALS Fund" and mail to 32 Mapes Ave., Nutley, NJ 07110.



### Edison students say thanks to veterans

Before departing school for the holidays, Edison Intermediate School in Westfield held an assembly for all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students to learn more about and honor local veterans. Kevin Dowling (at left in the picture to the right), a former Edison student who served in Afghanistan, and Mary Jo Rice, a second lieutenant with the Armed Nurse Corps, were welcomed by Interim Assistant Principal Robert Sanders. Social Studies teachers Elizabeth Hansen and John Stasi coordinated the assembly, which included patriotic songs by the school chorus and band as well as the presentation of colors by the Marine Corps.



## Scouts, others helped Mobile Meals provide for clients over the holidays

WESTFIELD — Mobile Meals, a non-profit, private meal delivery service, witnessed an outpouring of giving this Christmas season, thanks to a wealth of spirit exhibited by individuals, groups and clubs, who worked together to make this holiday a special one for the elderly and disabled in Westfield, Cranford, Clark, Garwood, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

This year, clients received several beautiful and tasty treats with their holiday meals. Second Grade Cub Scout troop of the Jefferson school, led by Lori Felter and delivered by Catherine Clifford, made and donated chocolate chip cookies.

The Clark/Winfield Girl Scouts in grades K-12, led by Service Unit Manager Martha Kamflehoff, made and donated decorated Christmas candy favors.

The Jefferson first grade Brownie Troop 946, led by Sue Sullivan and Jocelyn Ritter, baked more than 200 cookies, insuring that all Mobile Meals clients received special treats.

And the Garden Club of Cranford made and delivered beautiful Christmas floral arrangements, which were delivered to Cranford clients.

"We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the groups who gave their time to make such wonderful treats and

decorations to brighten the holidays for our clients, insuring that were not forgotten during the holidays," said Sharon Goldner, executive director.

The organization also expressed thanks to local media organizations for their assistance. A call of volunteers published before the holidays led to an outpouring of community support and ensured a happy holiday for the organization's clients, many of whom are alone on the holidays.

For information about Mobile Meals, or if you know of someone who could benefit from the service, call (908) 233-6146, or visit our website at [westfieldnj.com/mobilemeals](http://westfieldnj.com/mobilemeals).

## Rabbi is honored for work assisting interfaith couples

WESTFIELD — The Dovetail Institute for Interfaith Family Resources has bestowed the Father Dan Mantalano Award for Promoting Interfaith Understanding on Rabbi Irwin H. Fishbein, founder and director of the Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling in Westfield. The award was presented during Dovetail's fourth national conference in Berkeley, Calif.

Rabbi Allen Secher, Dovetail Institute vice president and member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, lauded Rabbi Fishbein as "the great pioneer" who established an organization to serve the needs of interfaith couples when no other resources were available to them.

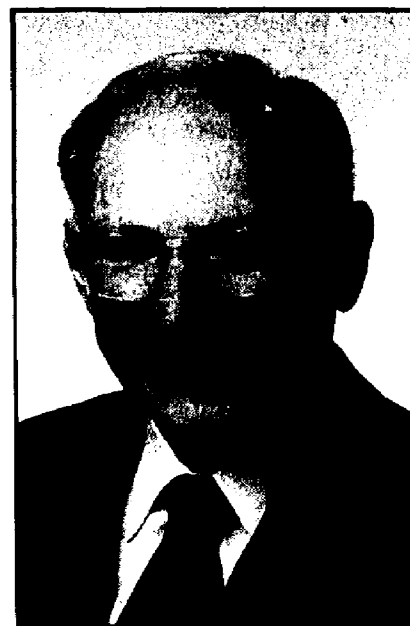
"Pioneers like Irwin Fishbein," said Secher, "showed a lot of courage in reaching out to intermarried couples before most of the Jewish community was ready to do that. His contribution to the current relatively open communication with interfaith families has been truly exemplary. Father Dan Mantalano, the late advisor to the Chicago Catholic-Jewish Couples Dialogue Group, would have been proud to recognize Rabbi Fishbein's extraordinary achievements."

Established in 1970, the Rabbinic Center is the first and only national Jewish organization to encourage and advocate rabbinic officiators at interfaith ceremonies. Toward this end it disseminates and updates monthly a widely-known resource list of Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis who officiate at interfaith marriages, together with the conditions under which they officiate.

Beginning with 61 rabbis, the list has grown both numerically and geographically so that it now embraces almost 350 rabbis, four of whom live outside the United States. Information about this list and other services provided by the Rabbinic Center is available online at [www.rcconline.org](http://www.rcconline.org).

The Rabbinic Center is also the first national Jewish organization to encourage the integration of interfaith couples into the Jewish community by providing programs and services specifically geared to their needs and by advocating the removal of barriers in matters of membership, governance and ritual.

"When I teach a class in Judaism for interfaith couples," said Fishbein, "my purpose is not to convert non-Jews but to introduce them to Jewish ideas, values and experiences, and to spark their interest in Judaism. The problem with most programs for interfaith couples in



IRWIN FISHBEIN

most religious organizations is that there is always a hidden agenda where conversion or raising children in that religion is the goal that is sought."

Fishbein, a licensed marriage and family therapist and a diplomate in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, conducts workshops on Raising Children in the Intermarried Home for couples at any stage of an interfaith relationship.

"The primary purpose of the workshop," said Fishbein, "is to equip couples with the tools for finding their own answers. No attempt is ever made to impose values or beliefs. While as a rabbi I would like couples to opt for Judaism, I recognize that this may not always be the best decision for the couple."

"I see my goal as helping them go, not from where they are to where I want them to be, but from where they are to where they want to be. I do not push a couple in a direction of my choosing. I take my cues from the couple and help them with their next step, whatever that next step may be."

In accepting the Father Dan Mantalano Award, Fishbein expressed appreciation to his board of trustees for its support and guidance, to the colleagues who have supported his work, to the thousands of interfaith couples who have used the services of the Rabbinic Center, to the many couples who have participated in its research projects, to his wife Barbara for her "unwavering support and priceless judgment," and to the Dovetail Institute "for honoring my life's work as a rabbi struggling to preserve a precious tradition, as a marital therapist helping couples negotiate difficult and, sometimes, painful feelings and as a human being responding to the needs of those I have had the privilege of serving."



# Real Estate

## These tips can help you sell a home, even in winter

Winter months may not be the traditional time to list a house, but it is a great time to sell it quickly and get a great price, according to Stefan Oppermann, CEO of Real Estate Consultants, LLC.

"Although the quantity of buyers is much lower than at other times of the year, the quality of buyers during the winter tends to be much higher. The type of buyer who is willing to search for a home in frigid and possibly snowy weather is a serious buyer! In addition, the

number of homes on the market is much lower than in the spring, so the competition the seller will experience will be considerably less," said Oppermann.

There are several items that should be taken into consideration when marketing your home during the winter months. "Safety is of the utmost importance," said Oppermann. All snow and ice should be removed from the walkways and driveways and any other outside areas where potential buyers might want to walk.

He further suggests that a generous

amount of protective covering should be placed over the carpeting or hardwood flooring in the entryway. This will prevent any damage as Realtors and their clients walk in and out.

During the winter, when homes are closed up tight, it's important to check for unpleasant smells such as cigarette smoke, pets, diapers or residual odors from cooking. Plug-in scents or cinnamon simmering in a pot of water on the stove can quickly eliminate offensive odors.

Buyers are looking for a warm and cozy environment for their families. Be sure that the temperature of the house is comfortable and have handy copies of the previous year's heating bills to reassure the buyer.

Most importantly, make a comfortable presentation, especially in the living areas. Use colorful throws tossed over the sofa and chairs to present an inviting appearance. Soggy boots with puddles of water and mittens and gloves draped everywhere will diminish the appear-

ance of a friendly living arrangement.

Take a step back and look at your living/family/great room and see if it appears to have that "I'd like to live here" ambience.

For more tips on selling your home, log on to Real Estate Consultants' web site at [www.reenj.com](http://www.reenj.com) and click on "Seller Advice." Real Estate Consultants, LLC currently serves 13 Counties in Northern and Central New Jersey and can be reached at (908) 276-3331 or (908) 464-7190.

## A timeline to take stress out of moving

(ARA) — A move generally takes 8 to 10 weeks in all, and with so many details to keep in mind — packing, cleaning, setting up utilities — it can be an overwhelming experience. But thorough planning is the key to an easy move.

The following week-by-week checklist, found on a new website from The Home Depot, [www.homedepotmoving.com](http://www.homedepotmoving.com), will guide movers through the entire process, helping them stay organized and on schedule for a successful moving day.

### Week #8

— Call for estimates from three professional movers.

— Draw a floor plan of your new home.

— Call the Chamber of Commerce in your new town for its residential information packet.

### Week #6

— Inventory all possessions now. Decide what to move, sell, replace or donate to charity.

— Complete U.S. Postal change of address forms, and mail to media, stores and organizations.

— Obtain copies of all of your medical, dental, legal, accounting and veterinarian records.

— Make arrangements for record transfers between schools on both ends of the move.

— Ask a tax advisor to review your potential moving-related tax deductions and potential tax liability.

— Itemize moving-related costs with your mover, including packing, loading, special charges and insurance.

### Week #4

— Repair, send out for re-upholstery, or clean furniture, drapes and carpeting as necessary.

— Advertise a garage/yard/tag sale to dispose of unneeded furniture, accessories and clothes.

### Week #2

— If a professional mover is pack-



Moving to a new home is a big task, but it doesn't have to be overwhelming.

ing your goods, schedule packing days 1 or 2 days before the move.

— If you move yourself, order adequate boxes, packing materials and tape.

— Arrange for short-term storage if you will need it.

— Make travel arrangements for pets, including necessary medical records and immunizations.

### Week #3

— Assemble a sufficient supply of packing materials and equipment.

— Pack items you won't use immediately or that will go into storage.

— Contact utilities on both ends of the move, and order termination or turn-on for your occupancy date.

— Confirm final travel arrangements for family and pets.

### Week #2

— Prepare auto(s) for the trip to your new home. Check tires and have car(s) serviced before the move.

— Terminate newspaper and other delivery services.

— Confirm new bank accounts by phone and fax.

— Schedule an appliance service firm for moving day to prepare major appliances for the move.

### Week #1

— Gather important papers,

records and valuables for protected shipment to your new home or safe deposit.

— Notify friends and neighbors of new address (and phone number if possible).

— Make plans for young children to be cared for on moving day.

— Fill any necessary prescriptions and medications needed for the next two weeks.

— Defrost refrigerator and freezer. Give away all food in both units.

— Plan simple meals for moving day (or take out food) to avoid using the refrigerator.

— Pick up cash for your trip and a certified check for mover's invoice.

— Pack items you need to take with you including valuables, financial records and personal papers.

— Pack signed bill of lading and inventory where they can easily be located at your destination.

— Carefully mark LAST BOX PACKED-FIRST BOX UNPACKED containing items you'll need right away, like tools and window shades.

— Give the mover a telephone number and address where you can be reached in your new town.

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## Programmable thermostats can help reduce energy costs

(ARA) — During the frigid winter months, heating bills in many homes go through the roof. This winter will be no exception, as the U.S. Department of Energy predicts increases in energy prices. Luckily, there are ways homeowners can rein in heating costs.

By properly setting a programmable thermostat, homeowners can reap significant energy savings. However, recent Honeywell research indicates nearly 70 percent of homeowners who own programmable thermostats find them too difficult to operate, and they lose out on energy-saving benefits.

To eliminate this challenge and enhance homeowners' opportunities for lower energy bills, Honeywell has developed a programmable thermostat called Vision that uses touch-screen technology — similar to the technology used in ATMs — to prompt homeowners through the programming process, making programming easier.

To take full advantage of the energy-saving benefits of programmable thermostats, homeowners should turn their thermostats back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours, while away at work or sleeping at night. This can result in savings of up to 10 percent on annual energy bills.

"Our customers love the Vision series of thermostats — they are easy to use and can be removed from the wall for convenient programming," says David Kahn of Kahn Air Conditioning, a California-based company that provides heating and cooling solutions to homeowners. "Our customers really appreciate that the Vision thermostats automatically adjust for daylight savings."

In addition, follow these U.S. Department of Energy tips for saving energy dollars during the cold winter months:

— Use a programmable thermostat to pre-set lower temperatures when you're sleeping or at work.

— Keep your window coverings open during the day and closed at night.

— Test your home for air leaks, particularly at doors and windows to prevent heated air from escaping. Weatherize those that are leaky.

— Install tight-fitting, insulating window shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.

For more energy saving ideas, visit [www.honeywell.com/yourhome](http://www.honeywell.com/yourhome) or call (800)328-5111.

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## Classes in real estate will be offered at UCC

CRANFORD — The Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at Union County College is once again offering courses for those in the real estate industry.

For those interested in learning about the many aspects of the real estate industry, Principles of Real Estate is being offered. Topics covered in this course include property interests, mortgages, deeds, title closing, liens, real estate law and ethics, agency relationships and real estate calculations. This course meets the Real Estate Commission requirements for the New Jersey Sales Licensing Examination. It will be offered during

the spring 2005 semester beginning on Jan. 31 on the college's Scotch Plains campus at 1700 Raritan Road. The cost of the course is \$350.

The New Jersey State Board of Real Estate Appraisers has also approved Union County College to offer the following courses to satisfy the requirements for licensed, residential and general appraisers. Introduction to Real Estate Appraisal covers the appraisal profession, real estate and its appraisal, the real estate marketplace, the appraisal process, building

course begins on Feb. 1, and will also be held on the college's Scotch Plains campus. The course cost \$325.

How to Complete the Uniform Residential Appraisal Form covers site valuation, purpose of separate site value, sources and collection of data, income and expense data, and applying data. This course begins on March 1 and costs \$325.

For more information, call the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education at (908) 709-7600.

## Weber named top sales, listing agent at Burgdorff

WESTFIELD — Anne Weber, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA, Westfield office, has been honored as Sales and Listing Agent of the Month for November 2004 with three listings and eight sales, a total of 11 transactions.

Weber has been consistently recognized as one of the top Realtors serving the area. In addition, Anne is in the top 10 percent of Burgdorff in sales and volume production for the current year. Her marketing and negotiating skills, along with her extensive real estate experience and first-hand knowledge of the community, separate Weber from the rest.

Weber appreciates the value and emotional attachment a family feels for their home. Her generous personality and dedication to high ideals and principals ensures that she will provide effective, sensitive, and knowledgeable service.

George Kraus, vice president/manager of the Westfield office, stated, "Anne's outstanding efforts in service to her clients' needs are what distinguishes her as a top agent in our industry. Anne has a vast knowledge of Union County and a comprehensive understanding of the area." Contact Weber at her direct line (908) 518-5285 or e-mail her at [Anne.Weber@burgdorff.com](mailto:Anne.Weber@burgdorff.com).



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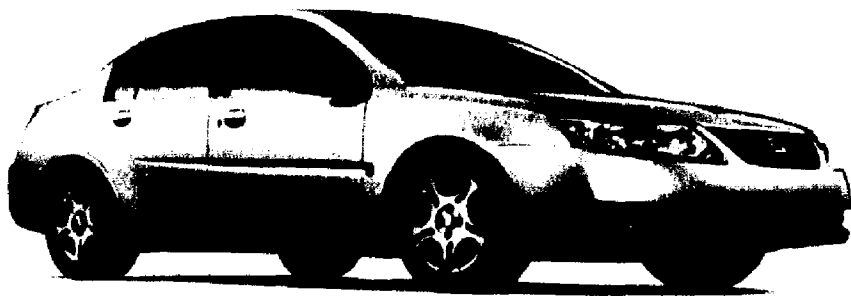
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