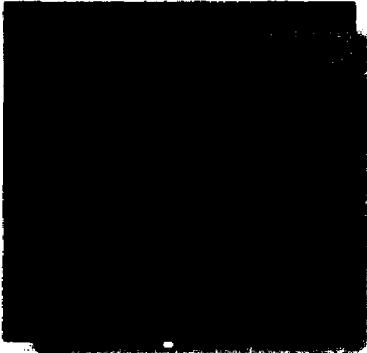


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### Big win

Westfield's Billy Schoenbach scored two goals in Westfield's 2-1 victory over Brearley in the Union County Tournament quarter finals. Westfield faces Cranford in the semis Sunday. Scotch Plains also advanced. See story on Page C-1.



### Prize winner

Sylvie Macdonald of Westfield won honorable mention for this watercolor and ink painting of a tomato in Bertolli Pasta Sauce's Art of the Tomato Contest. See Page A-3 for more details.



### Look-alike

Elvis is alive and well and performing at the Westfield costume contest Saturday. See Page B-1.

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**WESTFIELD** — Yellow banners with yield-shaped signs urging motorists to drive the speed limit for the sake of children are posted throughout residential areas in town.

The signs are one indication of the importance that the community and town officials place on the safety issue.

## Frank St. housing approved reluctantly

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — In its third hearing before the Township Planning Board, MM Real Estate was reluctantly granted approval to build Cherry Blossom Estates, a development of new single-family homes around Frank Street.

Residents in the area oppose the development, saying it will have an adverse effect on the community. Over-development and stormwater management were the main concerns of residents and board members.

"I'm not pleased with the way we crammed in as much as we possibly can on this property, but I am aware of the legal constraints on the board," said Mayor Martin Marks, a Planning Board member.

The application required a couple of lot variances, but it did conform to standards. The board was left with not much of a choice, as it approved the application, 7-2. Councilwoman Paulette Coronato, one of the two opposing votes, said that the development was poorly designed.

The developer addressed the main concern of water build up at the last hearing. John DuPont, consulting engineer for the applicant, said that the design will reduce water problems by 34 percent. Residents have a water drainage problem currently and had difficulty understanding how the new development, which will be elevated higher than the homes on Frank Street and Raritan Road, won't aggravate the problem.

DuPont said that the developer will install a water retention system that will account for water run-off in the new and existing homes. The retention system will drain water to a pro-

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## analysis

At the candidate forum earlier this month, pedestrian safety was the primary issue. In addition, it has been discussed at Town Council meetings, and found its way into almost every topic, including parking deck discussions and Tamaques Way

paving complaints.

In a municipality with a vibrant downtown and a commuter train station, pedestrian safety is not a new issue. It drove Sara Strohecker to form the BRAKES organization — Bikers, Runners And Kids are Entitled to

Safety — in 1997. The group serves as an education and awareness agency on safety. Strohecker formed the group after three children were hit by cars in her neighborhood.

"Our ultimate goal is to make the town walkable," Strohecker said. "We look at the town holistically and decide where pedestrians are most at risk."

Since 1995, there have been more than 200 pedestrian and

cycling accidents, according to the police department. In those accidents, 151 were injured and three were killed. In the first nine months of 2002, 15 people have been injured in pedestrian and cycling accidents.

Speeding is commonly considered the culprit. It is believed that few motorists obey the speed limit in 25 mph zones.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Treats patrol

Christopher Bondarowicz, 3, is dressed as a super hero as he canvasses downtown Westfield Saturday looking for treats. More pictures are on Page B-1.

## Fanwood resumes cell tower hearing

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**FANWOOD** — The borough Planning Board resumed hearing testimony last week on the Verizon Wireless' application to place cellular antennas on a PSE&G tower. The hearing had been postponed three times since June.

Verizon has proposed erecting antennas on a tower at Elm and North avenues to negate what it calls a significant coverage gap. Many residents have opposed the application because the site is in a residential area.

The hearing had been carried several times at Verizon's request, as it gathered data and explored other sites at the board's request. At the last hearing in June, the Planning Board inferred that engineers hadn't done a thorough search for potential sites in the area, suggesting they look at buildings such as The Chelsea, a tower on Front Street in Scotch Plains, the Public Works recycling center and an apartment building in Plainfield.

Dominic Villecco, president of

VComm engineering and consultant for Verizon, presented the findings from site studies at the hearing last Wednesday. Through graphs, he showed that alternate sites would not solve the coverage gap, which spans approximately 2.5 square miles, half of that in Fanwood.

Even if antennas were placed at multiple sites, it still would not cover the gap as effectively as the proposed site would, Villecco said. However, the Public Works site on North Avenue would if a structure were built, Villecco said. According to the graphs presented, the Public Works site would cover more of the gap than the proposed Elm and North avenues site.

However, Verizon attorney Richard Stanzione said that it is a municipal site and according to law a company cannot approach a municipality for wireless antennas, but rather the municipality must put it up for bids, which the borough hasn't done.

"I can't address a site that doesn't exist," Stanzione said after a board member questioned

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## Teens sentenced in sex assault case

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

**SCOTCH PLAINS** — Four teenagers who admitted sexually assaulting a 13-year-old Park Middle School girl were sentenced in Superior Court on Monday.

Mark Russell, 17, and Jesus Gonzalez, 16, were sentenced to 10 years in a youth correctional facility for their part in the crime. Manuel Batista, 16, and Bryan Soriano, 17, received five-

year sentences. A fifth teen, a 14-year-old boy whose identity was withheld, will be sentenced later this month in the Family Part of the Superior Court to an indeterminate term not to exceed four years at the Training School for Boys, according to the Prosecutor's Office.

The teenagers pleaded guilty as adults to aggravated sexual assault and must serve 85 percent of their terms before being considered for parole. They also are required to be registered as

sex offenders under terms of Megan's law.

"It is the position of this office that the full force of the law has been meted out by the court down in a manner appropriate with the harm done, the severity of the offense and the level of involvement of the defendants who admitted their guilt in this case," said Prosecutor Theodore Romankow in a released statement.

The incident occurred Jan. 2 at Park Middle School. The boys,

all Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students at the time, abducted the girl and dragged her to a wooded area during a basketball game. Russell and Gonzalez admitted to putting the girl in a headlock and forcing her to perform oral sex on the boys. Soriano acted as a lookout.

After the girl escaped, Gonzalez followed back into the school and forced her to perform further sexual acts on him in a

See **Sentencing**, page A-2

## It's the voters' turn to have their say

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

The U.S. Senate isn't the only place where party control is crucial in Tuesday's election. Locally, Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood councils could all witness major shifts in control Tuesday night.

While Scotch Plains and Fanwood are currently Republican strongholds, Democrats have a 5-3 advantage in Westfield. That advantage can fluctuate or vanish with four council seats up for grabs, and Republican Mayor Gregory McDermott being challenged by Democrat Thomas Fuccillo. Each seat has a two-year term.

On the Scotch Plains Township Council Republicans hold a 3-1 advantage, but three three-year seats are contested. In addition, the township will have a non-binding referendum on the ballot, asking residents if they

### Inside

Heated congressional campaign for District 7 winds down. See story on Page A-4.

are in favor of a constitutional convention on property taxes.

In Fanwood, two three-year seats and one partial term are up for election. Republicans now have a 4-2 advantage on the Borough Council.

With plans for parking decks under way in Westfield the main issue is pedestrian safety, as residents are fed up with motorists speeding through residential areas and endangering children walking to and from school. Traffic calming measures on Rahway Avenue have received mixed reviews, as some candi-

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## In the swing

Adlers Dance Orchestra provides the music at the Genesis Elder Care Octoberfest celebration in Westfield Saturday. Another picture appears on Page B-1.

## REMINDER

### Election is Tuesday

Election Day is Tuesday. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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## Frank St. housing

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posed cul-de-sac and have two oversized underground pipes, about 43-feet by 68-feet, DuPont said.

DuPont asserted that the system will not solve the drainage problem, but will improve it. After reviewing the plan, Planning Board Engineer Paul Ferreiro confirmed DuPont's calculations saying that the design can effectively manage increases in water run-off.

Ferreiro made a few recommendations that were conditional to the approval. They included pipes connected to the drainage system on the south part of the development and individual lot grading plans.

In addition, Robert LaCosta, township zoning officer, requested that the applicant work with residents on Raritan Road most affected by the development to work out an arrangement for better water drainage on their properties.

Two Raritan Road homeowners were present at the meeting and Charles Grant, attorney for the developer, proposed to install a surface water basin and pipe running through the property of the owner nearest the development. The residents on Raritan Road would have to change their surface grading and share the cost of the improvement.

The resident said he would consider the proposal. Ferreiro suggested running a pipe to adjacent properties on Raritan Road out to Frank Street, which he said would be cheaper and cause less impact.

No agreement was reached on the matter, yet the board wanted the discussions to start between the parties to appease the neighbors.

## Pedestrian safety is town's top issue

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"If drivers are obeying the speed limit, chances of the pedestrian surviving is infinitely greater," Strohecker said. "When drivers are going 25-35, injuries become more severe."

Town studies in two particular areas have proven speeding is a problem. At a Town Council meeting where a potential traffic light at the Central Avenue and Clover Street intersection was discussed, Chief Bernard Tracy cited a November 2000 study that concluded 70 percent of the vehicles speed at that intersection.

At a meeting exploring traffic-calming measures in the Shop Rite grid, residents said speeding

was their main problem. Statistics compiled by Wilbur Smith Associates and the police showed that the average speed exceeded the 25 mph speed limit in the three corridors studied.

Traffic calming is a technique new to Westfield. The Rahway Avenue calming measures were a pilot project and its success will determine implementation of traffic calming at other sites, town officials say. The speed humps, raised and painted crosswalks and new signs, which cost \$225,000, were implemented mainly to protect students at the three area schools.

The BRAKES group participated in the Rahway Avenue project, according to Strohecker. It

has representatives at the nine public schools and at Holy Trinity Interparochial School on First Street.

Though most parties, including the town, BRAKES and residents, are adamant about the speeding problem, disagreements arise. There was a heated public debate about the county's plan to install a traffic signal at Central Avenue and Clover Street. While BRAKES and Chief Tracy support a light to help children crossing the street, several residents oppose it and are in favor of a lesser speed deterrent measure.

Mayor Gregory McDermott, Franklin School Principal Mary Fleck and Capt. Robert Compton

of the Westfield police all support a crossing guard at Prospect Street and Stanmore Place for Franklin School children.

The town continues to investigate dangerous intersections and unsafe streets, and has asked the police to step up enforcement. Compton said that the police have conducted two enforcement programs — Safe Operating Speed (SOS) last year that stepped up radar enforcement and drastically increased traffic summonses, and a program this year that increased ticketing at crosswalks, intersections, stop signs and red lights.

Compton said he has put out a directive to officers to focus again on radar enforcement.

## Fanwood resumes cell tower hearing

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him about inquires into the site. "I'm not waiting for a municipal bid to pursue it."

In addition, Villecco said that the findings for a antenna at the Public Works site is merely hypo-

thetical data based on a 125-foot structure.

According to Stanzione, the Federal Communications Commission requires wireless companies to provide effective coverage in its service areas. The

current gap in coverage encompasses areas south of Route 22, particularly most of Fanwood and parts of Plainfield and Scotch Plains.

Villecco said that the alternate sites have a lower elevation than the proposed site, making it more difficult to pick up signals. The Plainfield site is affected by frequency clutter from trees, and it would be difficult to place antennas on the Chelsea's peak roof, Villecco said.

In addition, Fanwood has a higher elevation than surrounding municipalities, so sites outside the borough must be significantly taller, Villecco said.

Also at the request of the board, Villecco presented call failure data, confirming that customers in the area have difficulty with service. In seven days of call testing in a two-month span, Villecco said an average of 3,500

calls a day experienced service failures.

Several residents including Patricia Vitale and Lois Bradow said they have excellent coverage in Fanwood from their Verizon cell phones. Villecco retorted that he has 3,500 customers that do not.

Ronald Graiff, an independent radio consultant engineer advising the Planning Board, asked Villecco if the call failures could be a result of call volume capacity problems at existing sites. Villecco said that though in most cases it could be a factor, the sites in the area have maximum volume capacity.

Many residents questioned Villecco during the public portion of the meeting. The hearing was cut short at 10:30 p.m. after extensive questioning from board members and residents. It will continue on Nov. 26.

## Teens sentenced in assault

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stairwell. Batista and Soriano were the first to plead guilty to the crime.

The victim wrote a letter to Superior Court Judge John Malone, the sentencing judge, which was read by Casey Woodruff, assistant prosecutor at

the sentencing. It read, "Every second of my life revolves around what they did to me. All I know is, sometimes at night I can hear myself screaming. I hope they can too."

The girl's father attended the sentencing, but did not speak during the proceedings.

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## Now it's the voters' turn

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dates support the techniques while others favor further research and police enforcement.

New council members will have to address road improvements and maintain services, while trying to

keep spending down in order not to further burden taxpayers.

The battle for the 1st Ward seat is between Republican Sal Caruana and Democrat Mark Kuehn; in the 2nd Ward, it's incumbent Republican Rafael Betancourt versus Democrat David Owens; incumbent Claire Lazarowitz, a Democrat, is up against Republican Andy Skibitsky in the 3rd Ward; and Lawrence Goldman, a Democrat incumbent, is challenged by Chris Panagos, a Republican, in the 4th Ward.

In Scotch Plains, taxpayers are fed up with property taxes and candidates hope to address the issue by reaching out to state legislators and using existing funds more effectively.

The Democratic ticket is headed by incumbent Geri Samuel, who served as mayor in 1999. Samuel and running mates with Shelia Ellington and George Gowen have advocated revitalizing downtown. The three candidates say Democrats started downtown site improvements under Samuel and hope to create more substantial improvements to make it a vibrant shopping area.

Republicans are focusing on tax relief through shared services and an open government for residents. Incumbent Frank Rossi and running mates Nancy Malool and Carolyn Sorge say they have the experience to run the council effectively and hope to stabilize municipal property taxes by using some of the surplus.

In Fanwood, downtown revitalization tops everyone's agenda. Republicans Andrew Calamaras, Stuart Kline and David Trumpp face Democrats Donna Dolce, Jack Molenaar and Tom Plante.

The Republicans want to continue with the downtown redevelopment process started by the current council, saying that the initiative will stabilize property taxes.

But Democrats are wary of the current downtown proposals and say they want to hear more from residents. They also make pedestrian safety a priority, saying the town is motorist-friendly but ignores pedestrians.

In addition, county residents will elect three county freeholders to the nine-member board. Democratic incumbents Nicholas Scutari and Angel Estrada join Rick Proctor in attempts to solidify their party's dominance of the board, while Fanwood Councilman Joel Whitaker and Elyse Bochicchio and Anira Clericuzio run on the Republican side.

On the national scale, Democrat Tim Carden challenges Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-7th district, for a seat in the U.S. Congress. Republican Douglas Forrester and former Democratic Senator Frank Lautenberg face each other in Senate race with national implications, as parties duel for control on Capitol Hill.

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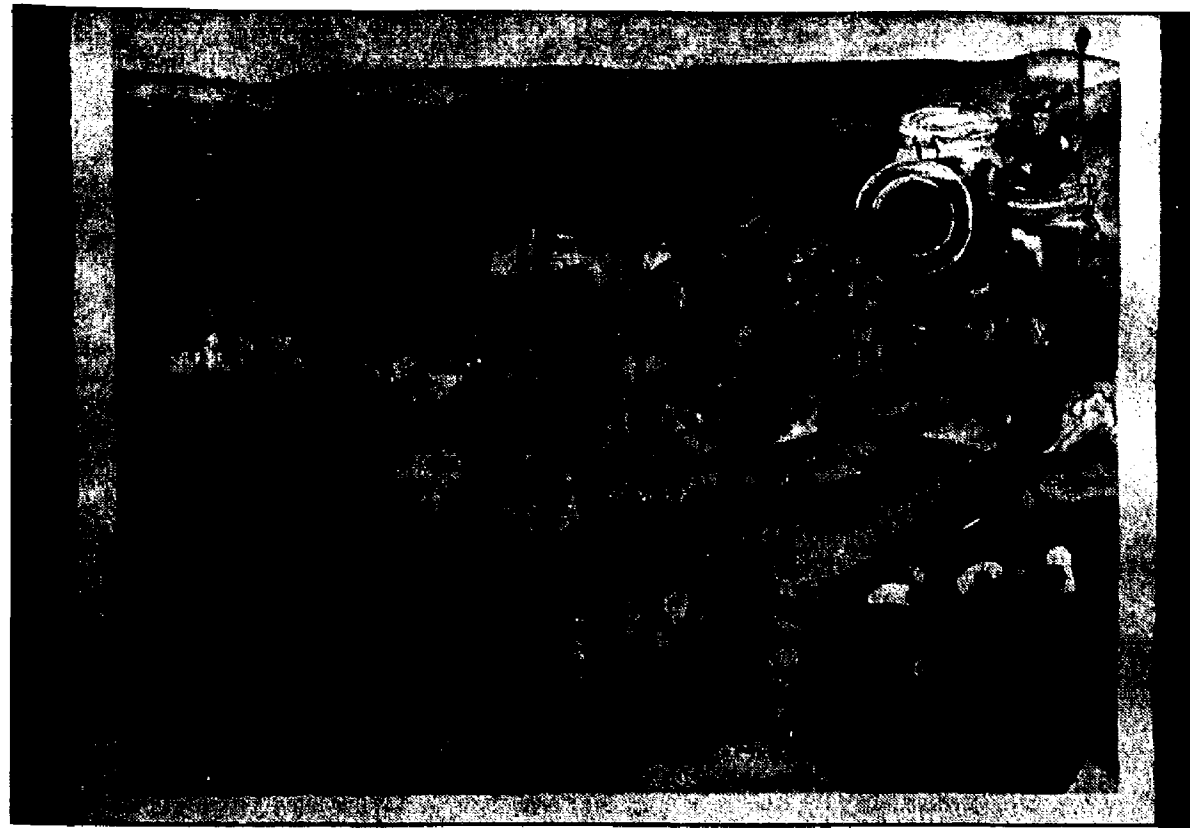
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## Prize winner

Sylvie Macdonald of Westfield won honorable mention for her watercolor and ink painting of a tomato in Bertolli Pasta Sauce's Art of the Tomato Contest. Macdonald's painting won the honor in the mixed media category and was displayed at the BGH Gallery, a contemporary art gallery in Santa Monica, Calif. "As an aspiring children's book illustrator, creating an illustrated piece using the red tomato as inspiration allowed me to expand my artistic skills and showcase something that I love to do," Macdonald said.

# Westfield man aids victims of fire

By CHERYL ORSON  
THE RECORD-PRESS

EDISON — Off-duty Westfield Rescue Squad responder and Citrone Institute instructor Joe Urso was on a cigarette break when he saw the smoke and flames coming from the Trafalgar Gardens apartments early on Oct. 25.

He didn't hesitate before dialing 911. He also ordered cars removed from a Citrone parking lot to make way for rescue vehi-

cles.

Urso, who is also a Westfield Rescue Squad responder, then ran across the street to help rescue residents.

He saw stunned residents, many barefoot and in pajamas and some quite elderly and being carried out in rescue chairs, wandering around outside in the frosty October air.

He opened Citrone's doors to the victims and established them in the school's cafeteria.

"We always try to be a good

neighbor," said Urso.

In addition to keeping the fire victims warm and dry, Citrone also provided needed translators, a student who knew sign language and an instructor who spoke popular Asian Indian dialects, giving victims a way to communicate with rescuers.

About 60 residents from 16 units were displaced by the blaze.

The managers of Trafalgar

Gardens have since made arrangements for most of the victims to be housed in vacant apartments in the complex.

No injuries to residents or rescue workers were reported during the fire.

Cause of the fire has not been determined, but it is not considered suspicious. The blaze began in a bedroom in one of the 16 apartments affected.

# Politics overshadows Town Council meeting

By KEVIN HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — If people weren't aware that Election Day was a week away, they certainly were after the Town Council meeting Tuesday.

Political jarring stalled routine business including the approval of the previous meeting's minutes. The 4-4 vote was along partisan lines. Residents in the audience became impatient with the exchange, except for the campaign managers and party chairmen who joined in.

Discussion centered on a Public Safety Committee meeting held a few weeks ago, at which Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz, committee chair, invited 3rd Ward residents to discuss a possible traffic light at Central Avenue and Clover Street.

The issue dominated the last Town Council meeting. Residents mainly opposed a traffic light that they believed would route traffic through their neighborhood.

However, the light is in the plans for the county and supported by Police Chief Bernard Tracy and the BRAKES organization.

Some council members were upset that Lazarowitz held the meeting when other committee members weren't present.

One resident complained that several other signal opponents were unable to speak at the Public Safety meeting.

The resident wanted to see the names and addresses of residents who signed a petition requesting the light in 1999. That petition prompted the former town administrator to ask the county to examine the intersection. The resident said she has yet to find any residents who signed it.

The council did receive a recent petition from the BRAKES group signed by area residents and parents of Jefferson School students supporting the light.

On other matters, two residents complained about the quality of life of their neighborhoods as a result of two construction projects.

Stephen Nettler addressed the council about the ongoing dissatisfaction with paving on Tamaques Way. Nettler attended the council's conference meeting last week at which Peter King of Dosch-King, contractor for the paving, explained the job his company did.

Nettler said that King made

many contradictions during his presentations, and urged the council to withhold payment until the spring to see if the road improves as King promised. He also told the council that it should notify residents when it plans to do an experimental project like that on Tamaques Way.

David Blackford of Lamberts Mill Road said he has had an ongoing problem for the past five years with construction by his home. Blackford said he lives in a construction zone, with the creation of Clairon Street and several new homes, which the Planning Board approved in 1997.

Blackford said that he had brought his complaints to the town several times, but nothing significant has been done. James Gildea, town administrator, said that he spoke with Blackford's wife and he and the town's engineers will address their concerns.

According to Gildea, the new house construction creates a major disruption for residents and the houses don't fit the character of the neighborhood. He said the development was approved before the Planning Board drafted a "shoehorning" ordinance, which prohibits over-development.

# Huge Garwood housing plan won't fly, mayor promises

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

GARWOOD — A developer has come forward with a conceptual plan for redevelopment of the Thomas & Betts property on North Avenue, but a local official said the density of the proposed project is far beyond what the borough will allow.

At an Oct. 15 meeting of the Development Review Committee, municipal officials met with representatives of Thomas & Betts and Millennium Homes, a real estate developer.

According to documents submitted to Zoning Officer Ron Meeks, Millennium put forward a proposal for a mixed retail and residential development on the 5.5 acre property, which runs along North Avenue from Chestnut Street to Maple Street and abuts the Westfield border.

As proposed, the project would include a drug store and bank at North and Maple. Behind the retail complex, and stretching from Chestnut to Maple, would be a 100-unit apartment complex.

The computer renderings of the proposed project were accompanied by a fiscal impact statement which concluded the development would contribute \$170,000 annually to school and municipal budgets, after necessary government expenses were accounted for.

But Mayor Michael Crincoli, a member of the DRC, said the borough would not even consider the project at the proposed density.

"We're not going to have it where it impacts the surrounding area," Crincoli said. "That density is just not acceptable."

Crincoli would not say what would be a more acceptable density. A mixed retail and residential development would be appropriate, he said, though offices or senior housing would also be a good fit.

The borough has received other tentative proposals for residential development at the site, Crincoli said, which have also been deemed too dense.

The emphasis on dense residential development is consistent with current market trends. In neighboring Cranford, the downtown Cranford Crossing project grew from a retail and office development with 12 apartments to a primarily residential project, with 50 apartments above a first floor of retail space.

And a proposed 16-townhouse development in the north end of Garwood was rejected by the Planning Board earlier this year.

Development near the Thomas & Betts site has already caused controversy for the borough. After the opening of the Shop Rite across the street last year, Westfield residents complained of increased traffic on Chestnut Street, and the Town Council attempted to close the road to through traffic.

Garwood subsequently went to court and won a ruling preventing its neighbor from closing the street, except when the nearby athletic fields were in use.

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# Heated battle concludes in 7th Congressional District

By JAY MATOVSKY  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Taxes, the possibility of war with Iraq, and prescription drug benefits for seniors are among the major issues in this year's 7th Congressional District campaign, which pits freshman Republican Rep. Mike Ferguson against Democrat Tim Carden.

When Ferguson was elected two years ago, the face of the 7th District was much different than the district he currently represents. He now represents nearly 650,000 people throughout Central Jersey, including constituents in Hunterdon, Somerset, and Union counties.

Ferguson is running for re-election because he believes he has been successful in keeping promises made during his campaign two years ago, including reducing taxes, bolstering the educational system and protecting the environment. Ferguson said there is still more work to be done in Washington, including the war on terrorism and the potential for military action against

Iraq and rejuvenating the nation's struggling economy.

"Had we not cut taxes last year, the recession would be much worse," said Ferguson, who voted for President Bush's tax refund last year. "I really believe I have the right recipe for representing the people of Central Jersey in Washington."

Carden says Ferguson and other members of Congress have ceased to represent the people who elected them and are driven by special interests. He says the absence of action by Congress over the declining economy is of great concern to him and the people he seeks to represent, and discipline should be the number one agenda of all members of Congress.

If elected, Carden says he will fight to restore integrity to the nation's fiscal affairs and make

prescription drug reform his top priority. Carden also wants to reinstate the tax on polluting industries to fund the Superfund environmental cleanup program and also wants Congress to prohibit its members from receiving money from people or businesses they regulate on various committees.

"The experience I've had in the public and private sectors gives me an opportunity to set aside the ambitions of winning support from within the party and put forward ideas that will serve the long-term interests of the people of New Jersey," said Carden.

While Carden and Ferguson disagree on several issues, they both believe Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein poses a significant threat to the American people and needs to be dealt with. Carden said he would

have supported the resolution passed by Congress, which Ferguson voted for, to give President Bush the power to wage war against Iraq.

"Certainly we would like to solve this situation diplomatically if we can," said Ferguson. "I believe we need to protect the American people from attacks like 9/11."

Carden believes the failure of Congress to pass the Homeland Security Act is representative of why Congress is not working. Carden says the retention of civil service protection should be retained and both the House of Representatives and the Bush administration need to compromise on the measure, but recognizes consolidating a number of agencies is a huge undertaking.

Carden also wants to restore the Superfund program because New Jersey stands to benefit from that program. According to Carden, no resident of New Jersey lives more than 10 miles from a Superfund site, and the 7th District has several sites that would benefit from the program.

Ferguson, who boasts a strong record on the environment, says

he would also like to see the program reinstated if the money was actually being used for cleanup. According to Ferguson, more than half the money goes to pay for lawyers and bureaucracy, when all of the money should have been used to clean the Superfund sites.

Ferguson also voted against President Bush's proposal to allow oil drilling in the Arctic Wildlife Refuge and was influential in getting \$10 million to continue the creosote cleanup in Manville. Ferguson also says that while he has had the backing of influential environmental groups, his opponent has not received any environmental group endorsements.

Ferguson says the current recession is the shallowest in our nation's history, and the Sept. 11

attacks came right in the middle of it. He says the only way to keep the economy going is to lower taxes.

Carden favors targeted tax cuts and says he would not have voted for President Bush's tax cuts last year and instead would have supported a proposal in the House. He also indicated he would not vote to repeal the tax cuts and would like to examine what would provide real improvement to the economy in a bi-partisan atmosphere. Carden says the inheritance tax deserves examination in light of our current situation.

"How can we, with the best knowledge available to us, devise a plan to stimulate the economy," Carden said.

Election Day is Tuesday. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*"The experience I've had in the public and private sectors gives me an opportunity to ... put forward ideas that will serve the long-term interests of the people of New Jersey."*

**-Tim Carden  
Democratic challenger**

## Vintage hand work available at boutique

WESTFIELD — Each year, organizers for the craft and international gift sale at the Presbyterian Church, the Silver Snowflake Boutique, attempt to find something totally unique for the event.

Members of the church's sewing group literally stumbled onto such a project this year.

In the course of moving sewing supplies due to the renovation of the church campus, they discovered dozens of brightly colored "Sunbonnet Sam" figures appliqued on linen tea towel squares.

The pieces were typically worked into children's quilts earlier in the century.

Efforts to solve the mystery of where they came from and determine the exact provenance of the little figures have

proven unsuccessful, but the fabrics and the towels all date from the 1920s and 1930s.

Members of the sewing and quilting groups at the church combined to finish the wall hangings.

"Finding this long-forgotten project has been such a bonanza. We have had a wonderful time selecting fabrics and working together to finish what was started 60 or 70 years ago by the women in the church," said Anne Heinbokel, chairman of the sewing group. The finished pieces are signed and dated with a history on the back.

The wall hangings are part of the Silent Auction, which will be conducted a little differently this year.

Each item will have a "Take Away" price.

A bidder who wishes to pay the "Take Away" price can instantly own an item, rather than submitting a written bid and returning throughout the day to check if a subsequent bidder has gone higher.

The bidding will stop at 2 p.m. to inform winners by the

end of the sale.

The boutique will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Westminster Hall at the Presbyterian Church, East Broad and Mountain Avenue. There is ample parking and no admittance fee. Credit cards are accepted.

## Lenape lore at Miller-Cory museum

WESTFIELD — Lenape people were an indigenous tribe in New Jersey before the Revolutionary War.

Much of what can be known about the Lenape has been obtained from archeological digs. Sherry Lange and Janet Murphy explore "Lenape Indian Lore" 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave.

Program topics include the structure of a Lenape village; dwellings found in a Lenape village; how labor was divided

between men and women; games Lenape children played; and herb-based medicine.

As is the museum's custom, docents in period dress conduct tours of the 18th century farmhouse with the last tour leaving 4 p.m. Diane King and Jean Peters will cook food on the open hearth using recipes of colonial times.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 232-1776.



## Silver Snowflake donation

Jane Annis, noted Westfield artist and member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, has donated her original watercolor, "Westfield Steeples," to the Silent Auction at The Silver Snowflake Boutique. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, in Westminster Hall at the church. The artist says of the work, "It was conceived when I thought of all the beautiful houses of worship in our community, and that it would be nice to record them as a reminiscence of Westfield." Prints and post cards made from "Westfield Steeples" have enjoyed great popularity.

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## Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

### FOR RENT

When it comes to wanting more livable space for their dollars, renters are not much different from homeowners. According to a national survey of 2,000 renters by the National Association of Home Builders, about two-thirds of apartment residents surveyed (68 percent) say they would like bigger quarters, with 34 percent saying they would prefer 1,400 square feet or more. And it looks as though the trend is running in their favor. According to the same survey, the average size of an apartment in the U.S. swelled from 900 square feet in 1980 to 1,100 square feet in 2000. To get the living space they want, though, renters will probably have to make the switch to homeownership someday.

Renting makes sense for some people, notably people who know they won't stay in one place long; however, tax law greatly favors home ownership. Especially in these times of stock mar-

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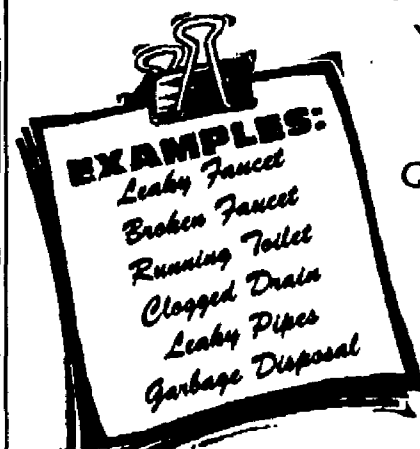
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# Westfield mailing recreation survey

By KEVIN B. HOWELL  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Recreation Department is taking the first steps in improving its services to residents by conducting a needs assessment.

The assessment, by Management Learning Laboratories, a research company in Winston-Salem, N.C., collects data from community members to determine what facilities, services and programs would best suit residents.

A survey was drafted by Ananda Mitra, president of Management Learning, and edited by the Recreation Department. It will be sent out to 3,000 randomly selected residents next week.

Survey recipients should return it as soon as possible in order for their input to be included, said Tracy Kastner, program coordinator for the Recreation Department. Mitra said that generally 12-20

percent of residents usually return the surveys, but he hopes for a larger response from Westfield.

The Recreation Department began the assessment process in February when it put out a community-wide notice of the needs assessment and hired Management Learning Laboratories. In the summer, there were eight focus groups held to discuss the community's recreation needs.

Focus groups included the recreation staff, municipal workers, police officers, school representatives, coaches, students and community organizations such as the booster club, neighborhood council and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. There was also a public meeting held for

those wanting to give their input. "We tried to get as many people involved as we could," Kastner said. "We wanted to ask to see what the public wants. The focus groups gathered the attitudes and ideas of the people involved."

Mitra composed the survey from the data collected from the focus groups. The survey includes categories assessing recreation interests, areas of need, priorities as well as surveying the usage of current facilities and programs. It also allows residents

to suggest methods of funding recreation services such as property taxes, bonds, grants or user fees. "Hopefully we'll get an idea of times that are good for recreation activities and which parks people

go to. It's definitely something we needed to do," Kastner said.

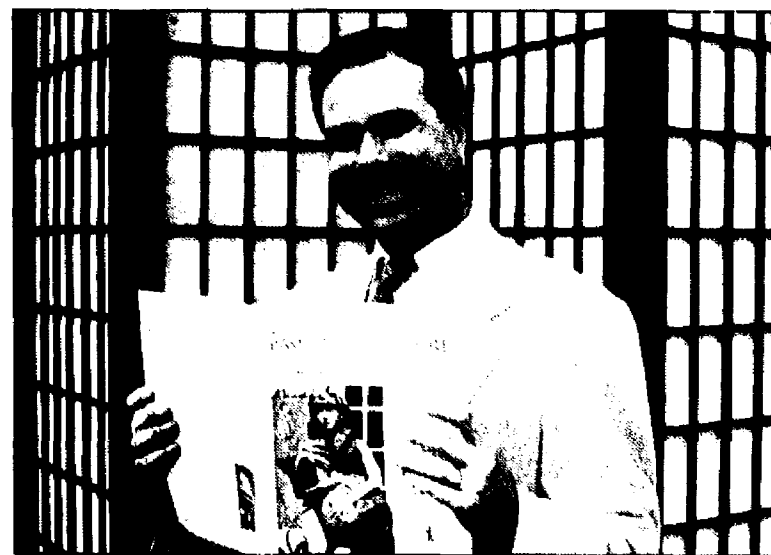
Kastner said that the department wants to explore the possibility of a recreation center that could include a gym or a hockey rink. She said many students in the focus groups said they would like a central place to hang out and play, such as a recreation center.

In addition, the department has discussed a skate park. Kastner said that only a few kids in the focus groups mentioned a skate park, but the department will look into one whether it comes out of the survey or not. In the summer, Bruce Kaufmann, recreation director, said a skate park is a necessity and two sites were being considered.

After the survey data is collected, Management Learning will analyze the data and present a final report to the Recreation Department and the Town Council. Mitra expects the assessment to be complete early next year.

"We tried to get as many people involved as we could."

-Tracy Kastner  
Recreation  
Department program  
coordinator



## Teacher's aid

Dr. Keith Mason has written a teacher's resource guide for the children's musical "Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great." The original 1972 Judy Blume book was adapted into a musical by lyricist Greg Gunning and composer Richard DeRosa and was first staged in 2000. The 1980 Scotch Plains-Fanwood graduate wrote a similar guide for "A Christmas Carol." He teaches Italian and Spanish at New Providence High School.



# Fall Home Improvement



## Household bleach will clean up those pesky toilet bowl stains

By GENE GARY  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. Our toilet bowls have ugly rust stains. I have tried many cleaning products and scouring, but with very little success. What do you recommend for cleaning toilets and keeping them clean?

A. Stains on porcelain bathroom fixtures are often caused by minerals in the local water supply. These minerals can make it a challenge to maintain a clean-looking toilet bowl. Since mineral content varies geographically, there is no single cleaning solution that will work in all cases.

However, I can recommend a few cleaning methods that could do the trick.

Water stains can be treated with household bleach. Soak paper towels in bleach and "plaster" them over the stains on the sides of the bowl. Let this soak at least one hour. You'll be amazed at how white and clean this will make a porcelain toilet bowl — or sink. If stains are below the water level in the bowl, remove the water by turning off the water supply and flushing the toilet. Sponge the toilet bowl dry before applying bleach-soaked paper towels.

Brownish scale and rust often require a stronger cleaner, such as a solution of oxalic acid or an even-stronger solution of hydrochloric acid. To be safe, mix acid solutions in equal parts, 50 percent acid and 50 percent water. Pour acid slowly into water while mixing. Never pour water into acid. Avoid splashing.

Whenever handling acid, it is best to wear protective clothing, rubber gloves and eye protection. Let the acid wash soak for several minutes before scrubbing with a stiff bristle brush. Turn on the water and flush the toilet.

Another method to remove

stubborn stains from porcelain is to use fine-grained pumice stones like the ones used on feet to remove calluses. When applied with a lot of elbow grease, you can scrub away hard-water stains and scale to make toilet bowls, bathtubs and sinks sparkle like new. This is an excellent method for porcelain that is in good condition, but pumice won't work on old and pitted porcelain.

There are some excellent commercial products marketed for cleaning stained toilet bowls. Look for one that is more than a general toilet bowl cleaner, one made to remove brownish scale and rust.

One such product is Whink Rust & Iron Stain Remover. Whink also markets a preventive product, RustGuard, an in-tank toilet bowl cleaner that prevents rust and scale. Whink RustGuard works by neutralizing rust in the water of the tank so rusty water isn't flushed into the bowl.

Each time-released RustGuard

tablet works for two weeks. Whink also protects against hard-water stains. These products are available in supermarkets, home centers, and hardware stores. Or you can call Whink Products Co. at (800) 247-5102 to learn the location of a supplier near you.

Q. I have a buildup of hair spray residue on my bathroom mirrors and counter tops. I have tried window and glass cleaners, but this residue remains. Do you have any suggestions on how to remove hair spray?

A. Rubbing alcohol effectively removes hair spray residue. You can also use ammonia on a clean rag to remove hair spray from mirrors, counter tops, painted areas and even wallpaper.

Q. My problem concerns wallpaper removal. I was actually delighted that the wallpaper put up by the previous owners of my home peeled right off. My problem is removing the adhesive residue that remains on the wall

so that I can paint afterward. Do you have any suggestions?

A. In most cases, once the paper has been removed, the glue residue can be removed by scrubbing with a sponge or nylon scrub pad dipped in a wallpaper-removal solution. There are many commercial products on the market, such as DIF Wallpaper Stripper, gel or liquid, made by William Zinsser & Co. Inc.; FAST Wallpaper Remover by the Savograin Co.; and Strip-A-Wall by Inst-Products.

However, wallcoverings applied with contact cement or other pressure sensitive adhesives may require special solvents for removal, although I doubt that this is true in your case because you stripped the paper from the wall so easily. If you were not so fortunate, it would be necessary to take a sample of the adhesive residue to a paint supplier for analysis on the type of chemical agent required to dissolve the adhesive sufficiently for removal.

## Have your chimney checked once a year

(ARA) — As Americans find peace of mind at home "cocooning" with family this fall and winter, many will be enjoying the comfort of a warm fire. However, homeowners planning to make good use of their fireplaces this season should consider some simple maintenance procedures, including a chimney inspection.

"A chimney inspection is like an annual dental check-up," states Ashley Eldridge, director of education at the Chimney Safety Institute of America (CSIA). "It's preventative maintenance that helps minimize potential hazards. Sometimes, maintenance requires extra diligence. That's the case this year."

To reduce the risk of chimney fires, the CSIA cautions people that might be increasing their fireplace use in the fall and winter to put a chimney inspection at the top of their home improvement list. This caution is primarily directed at people who might increase their wood-burning fireplace usage from an occasional fire to a weekly activity. According to Eldridge, people who use fireplaces infrequently tend to be less informed about the important role that the chimney plays in exhausting the hot gases and smoke from a fire. When a chimney has creosote build-up, or is obstructed by a bird's nest or debris, it has the potential to catch fire and cause damage.

This impact is demonstrated by recent statistics from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. According to the CPSC there were 18,300 residential fires in the United States in 1998 originating in chimneys, fireplaces and solid fuel appliances. These fires resulted in 160 per-

sonal injuries, 40 deaths and \$158.2 million in property damage.

In addition to an annual inspection, the CSIA recommends these tips for reducing the threat of a chimney fire:

Add a chimney cap to the top of your chimney. A cap can keep out damaging moisture, which wears away masonry and other metal components within a chimney.

Ensure that your chimney has an appropriate liner. Chimney liners are required in new construction to separate system emissions from the structure of your home.

Have chimney flashing (the seal between the chimney and the roof) inspected and maintained. Flashing prevents rain water and snow melt from entering a house and causing costly damage to walls and ceilings.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) also recommends that all chimneys be inspected on an annual basis to prevent chimney fires. The CSIA adds that the best choice for a professional is a sweep certified by the Chimney Safety Institute of America.

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# Commentary

## Get out and vote

Because this is not a presidential election, voter turnout on Nov. 5 is expected to be lower than normal, despite a hot Senate race and several hard-fought Congressional campaigns. Nationwide, turnout is expected to be less than 50 percent though most states feature races that will determine the shape and direction of Congress for the next two years.

That's a shame.

For a country that has been the shining example of democracy for the past two centuries, such low turnout is a disgrace.

It is also a bad example to those scattered countries throughout the world where citizens do not have the right to choose who leads them. How can we expect them to embrace democracy when we take our precious rights for granted?

In a quarter century since Watergate, voter participation in elections has steadily declined as cynicism about politics has increased. The United States, the birthplace of democracy, lags behind most other democratic countries where at least three-quarters of eligible voters go to the polls. With the collapse of Communism, perhaps we may have forgotten how precious is the right to cast votes for our leaders. In the recent presidential elections, only a little over half of the registered voters went to the polls; that's not good for the continued good health of our democracy.

Every vote makes a difference. The cynical statement that it doesn't matter for whom you cast your vote just isn't true. There are huge philosophical differences between the Republicans and Democrats; the two parties have fundamentally divergent views on the role that government plays.

Every vote does count, especially in local races where the margins separating candidates are often minuscule. Polls will be open next Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; you can vote before or after you go to work. If you care about your hometown, then you should vote Tuesday.

More importantly, if you are proud to be an American and value your rights and freedoms, then you should make every patriotic effort to vote.

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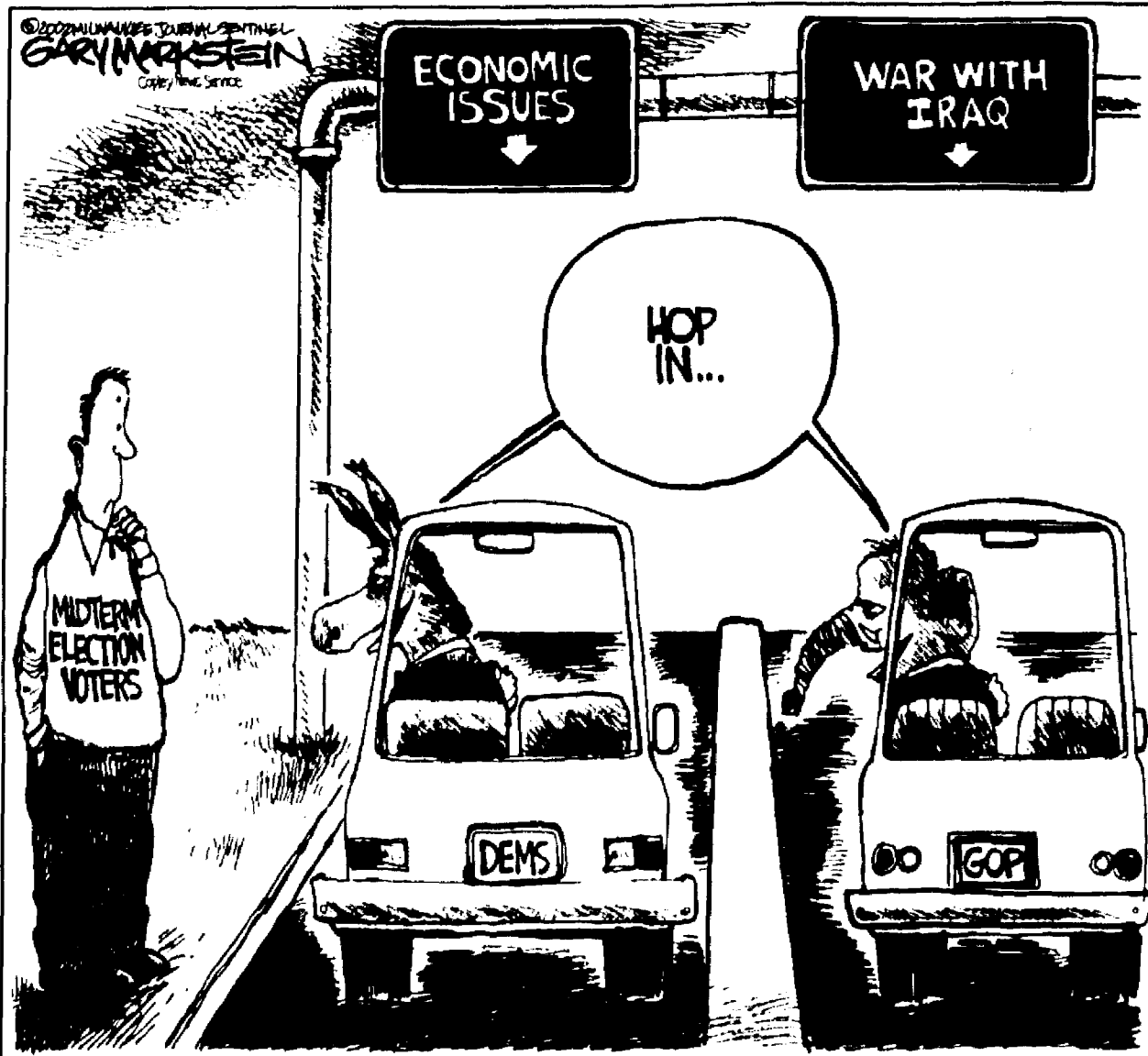
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## Letters to the editor

## Drivers: Give the deer a brake

### To The Record-Press:

Deer hunting with bow and arrow, shotgun and muzzleloader continues through Feb. 15.

Based on a self-study of comprehensive losses, Erie Insurance of Pennsylvania proves that hunting in general increases auto/deer accidents. They found that the number of auto/deer collisions rose nearly five times on the first day of buck season and doe season. The Erie Insurance Group is the 12th largest insurer of private passenger automobiles in the country.

The switch back to standard time will confuse them. Dusk and dawn is when most people are in a hurry to get to or from work and when deer are the most active. Hunters will be out during rush hour at dusk when people are still coming home from work. It is especially dangerous during hunting season, when deer tend to run out onto the road in a panic.

The deer are running for their lives, only to meet their demise with an automobile because there is no place to go for safety. The majority of the accidents between automobile and wildlife tend to occur during hunting season. Knowing this, drivers need to operate their vehicles with caution. This may mean one should not only slow down, especially off major highways, but also deliberately look for

deer. Scan the road back and forth continually, looking for movement where roads are bordered by fields or natural habitat. If you see one deer cross the road, expect to see others. Install deer whistles on your car, they work. Too often, people blame the deer for the accident.

In addition, in November, during the "rut" or breeding season, deer are extremely active and somewhat less attentive to potential hazards. They move around more, which puts the lives of the deer and the lives of the people in automobiles at risk. The combination of active deer and driving in a hurry increases the risk for fatal auto/deer accidents. Taking the time to slow down during dusk and dawn protects both the animals and the occupants of the vehicle. It is just common sense, but it can help save lives. No matter how slow we think we are driving, if we are not watching out for the deer, we will hit them.

For these reasons, there is an increase in accidents with the wildlife and many deer are killed. Once again, be more considerate; drive with caution and reduced speed.

Give all the animals a brake! Drive carefully.

ROSE REINA-ROSENBAUM  
Hillsborough

## There are ways to fight drug costs

### To The Record-Press:

There have been many mixed messages regarding the skyrocketing costs of drugs and the participation of people across New Jersey in clinical trials. A three-pronged approach is needed.

First, there should be immediate dialogue in the Senate campaign on price wars and the drug industry. New Jersey, the pharmaceutical capital of the world, is poised to address this major concern. The representative that we send to Washington should have a strong and committed voice.

Second, the exorbitant cost of prescription drugs is a national problem. The pharmaceutical industry can improve their sensitivity to community needs by providing a free lifetime supply to those involved in clinical trials.

Easing the financial burden of drug costs can be both an incentive and reward to potential participants.

Finally, grassroots outreach in urban areas about clinical trials must begin. Studies prove that this research lacks the participation of the underserved. Minorities have to be educated about the importance of their roles in research.

I am leading a new statewide effort with the 100 Black Men of New Jersey, the NJ Commission on Cancer Research and the Dean & Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center.

Our project, dubbed IMPACT, is aimed at improving access to clinical trials for minorities. Their education and commitment is essential to finding cures for all populations.

Together we can open new doors and find solutions to these complex issues.

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## Trampling rights of property owners

### To The Editor:

I have noticed an increase in the number of condemnations both in Edison and the rest of the county: Oak Tree Pond, the bus garage and the pallet factory in Edison, the Halper farm in Piscataway and Mr. Ice Bucket in New Brunswick to name a few. The supply of unused land is diminishing. The local governments with increasing frequency are bowing to political and economic expediency and are trampling the rights of property owners. They are taking properties and businesses and in some cases are putting people on the unemployment line.

Nowhere is this more egregious than in Edison. The town fathers have told the bus garage owner to negotiate with the developer concerning the sale of the bus garage. In addition they told the bus garage owner that if he couldn't agree to a price for his property, they would condemn the property.

The town fathers have effectively given the power of condemnation to the developer. If the developer doesn't like the sales price, he will ask for the property to be condemned by the town.

The Edison Township Council is not acting as the protector of the constitutionally guaranteed right of private property but instead as agents

for powerful, greedy corporate interests.

I would ask the council to do two things:  
— Remember that the subject land you condemn should have a public purpose in its ultimate use.

— Reread the oath you took when you were sworn in as a council member.

ROBERT JULIUS ENGEL  
Edison

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## Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

## Memories of a former pro moper

The one thing I miss about being young is not having permission to mope.

When you're in your late teens or early 20s, you're expected to mope. It's part of the maturation process, like acne. It's the time of your life when the chemicals secreted by the part of your brain called the Modula Seattle causes you to revel in existential disdain.

Because I fancied myself an artistic type, I was a great moper at my college, Johns Hopkins, which is known for its classic intramural mope competitions.

Unlike my classmates who feverishly competed for spots in medical or law school, I tried to restore moping to a high art form by writing lengthy essays in the college newspaper about the joys of moping. The essays were popular because they gave the so-called "throats" (what is the comparable slang these days?) the vicarious thrills into the moper culture, where you placed yourself above the rigorous demands of the academic world and instead retreated to a world of television reruns and long mournful conversations with fellow mopers.

Do not confuse moping with depression. Depression is a clinical disease; moping is a rational way of life. I was born too soon to have Ethan Hawke as a role model. People who mope do not engage in self-destructive behavior, like drinking or taking drugs; we mopers engage in self-indulgent behavior, like endless debates whether Kierkegaard would have liked Bachman-Turner Overdrive or writing *The Great American Novel* about a young college student from a small Central Jersey town who becomes the savage lover of Ayn Rand's niece.

Mopers have very little social life, except for communal whining and complaining. Sometimes mopers of the opposite sex come together in a tortured relationship marked by desultory passion and long, uncomfortable silences in which neither one dares to speak of any emotions that refused to be stirred. If you dare fantasize about the future of the relationship, your ideal is reading Kafka — in separate books of course — in a dark, damp coffeehouse on a rainy January day in Prague. The relationship lapses in and out of activity and eventually it sputters to a close with a faint and sweet trace of wistfulness that often signals the end of *The Grand Mope*.

I remember my mopes with a great deal of fondness. They were times when *The Mope Muse* guided my hand across electric typewriter keys to compose audacious sentences and sentiments I would never dare to express today. When I'm forced to confront the growing pile of papers at home, inevitably I find one of those moper essays and though I may be embarrassed by some of the content, I am impressed by the foolish courage that propelled me to reveal the withered soul of the moper.

I remember being intensely happy when I wrote the darkest passages about the minutiae of a moper's life. It was a young writer's Catch-22. I couldn't write unless I was moping, but the act of writing roused me out of the mope. To this day, I sometimes fear, the torrent of creativity still starts with just a drip of mope.

But now, more than halfway through my actuarial-predicted life, I can not afford to mope. There are responsibilities to fulfill and bills to be paid. Moping is no longer acceptable once you leave college; once you get that degree, you are not permitted to ponder the meaning of life or wonder why Europeans eat with forks in their left hands. The business of life — and, yes, it is a business — does not allow you the time and energy to uncover the secret meaning of life in "Leave it to Beaver" reruns.

That's why, on my next vacation, I'm going to Club Mope for a week. Just for old time's sake.



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# Groundwork is laid for stronger high-tech economy

BY JAMES E. MCGREEVEY

GOVERNOR

In 1861, on the way to his inauguration, Abraham Lincoln addressed the New Jersey State Senate and spoke about the Spirit of Trenton. He was referring to the Battle of Trenton, the turning point of the Revolutionary War — an event that had burned itself into his consciousness when he was a boy.

While New Jersey was once at the crossroads of the American Revolution, we are now a state at the crossroads of an innovation revolution.

For years New Jersey has been laying the groundwork to move from a manufacturing economy to a high-tech economy. Today, we have one of the world's strongest pharmaceutical and biotech clusters, some of the nation's largest telecom companies, strong universities and more than our share of groundbreaking small businesses.

However to make a successful transition to the information and innovation economy of this new

## Guest commentary

era, we need an entirely different paradigm to guide us. We must establish an innovation triangle of partnerships between the private sector, the research university community and the State of New Jersey.

We have re-configured Prosperity New Jersey with William C. Weldon, Chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson, and Dr. Shirley Tilghman, President of Princeton University, as its leaders. They will create a partnership between the private sector, the research university community and the State to leverage New Jersey's strengths and develop the Garden State as the Innovation State.

Prosperity New Jersey is working to ensure that New Jersey businesses have a corps of highly educated, highly skilled workers who can meet the demands of our new economy.

The business and university communities must identify and

address New Jersey's workforce needs by developing and supporting innovative approaches that will better educate and train the state's workers for the jobs of the future.

To meet this challenge, we must be committed to changing the structure of the university system to improve research and education, particularly in medicine and biotechnology.

New Jersey has several excellent schools and a strong research presence from pharmaceutical companies. We have the infrastructure; we should have one of the great health education centers in the United States.

With this in mind, I signed an Executive Order in March creating the Commission on Health Science, Education and Training. Working under the direction of Dr. P. Roy Vagelos, retired Chairman and CEO of Merck & Co., the commission will provide for synchronization between the education and healthcare indus-

tries.

At present, Rutgers University and New Jersey's healthcare education institutions are operating independently of one another. We must provide the necessary level of synergy to create a world class research-based university to complement the efforts of the private sector to develop intellectual property.

Most importantly, the state must undertake the necessary actions to fortify the structure of the new paradigm, namely a vibrant private sector, a research university premised upon excellence and a supportive state government.

Dr. Vagelos' commission is critical to the state's economy, particularly in terms of developing job opportunities in the information and innovation economy.

As Professor Michael Porter of Harvard Business School has stated, New Jersey has more patent development in the private sector than in the public sector. We have corporate giants within economic sectors of innovation, yet companies yearn for a

research university partner which will compliment research and development efforts.

New Jersey also is supporting the spirit of innovation through programs such as the Spirit of Trenton Council and Lecture Series, which showcases the extraordinary cultural and scientific talent that is leading the innovative spirit now evident throughout New Jersey.

As part of this program, Dr. Wise Young of Rutgers University and Dr. Dennis Choi of Merck & Co., two of the most distinguished spinal cord injury researchers in the country, spoke recently about their work in regenerating nerve tissue. Their research gives hope to those who are paralyzed by spinal injury. Dr. Young and Dr. Choi are two of a growing community of scientists who look to the state to provide for the necessary linkage between pharmaceutical and rehabilitative therapies, clinical trials and the development of marketable products which will improve human lives.

In addition, the state's biotech industry is flourishing. A

study conducted by the Rutgers University Graduate School of Management for the Biotechnology Council of New Jersey found that the industry contributed nearly \$4 billion to New Jersey's economy in 2000, employing 7,500 people in 110 companies throughout the state.

New Jersey also offers a series of incentive programs that provide financial assistance and other resources for businesses and educational institutions.

Furthermore, our state is fully committed to enhancing research and development efforts as well as securing the protection of intellectual property.

Today, through initiatives such as Prosperity New Jersey and Dr. Vagelos' commission, we are keeping alive the innovation of Edison and the idealism of Wilson (both New Jerseyans), as well as the spirit that inspired Lincoln. These programs continue to provide the foundation for innovation which will ensure the long-term competitiveness of the State of New Jersey.

## Hospital foundation to host gala Nov. 7

Join the stars on Thursday, Nov. 7, for Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation's 15th annual Umbrella Gala Ball. The black tie charitable event will be held at Schering-Plough Corp.'s world headquarters in Kenilworth and will feature celebrity look-a-likes and a premiere of the foundation's new video, "A Place for Help, A Place of Hope."

Proceeds will go toward expanding hospital services to areas that do not currently benefit from its comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation pro-

grams. The event will also honor Engelhard Corp., based in Iselin, whose support of the hospital has included important financial contributions, volunteer leadership and employee involvement in hospital programs.

"It is an honor to be involved at the hospital and to help in its mission of serving children in need," said gala chairwoman Suzanne Korn. The Scotch Plains resident leads this year's planning committee, which includes co-chair Gemma Lyons, of Mountainside;

Westfield residents Charlotte Clevenger, Kara Korn, Barbara Rothman, and Anita Siegel; Francine Leddy of Cranford; Pat Maurer of Warren; and ex-officio Dr. Alexander Giannino, Ph.D., chairman of the foundation Board of Trustees.

The evening will include a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction of luxury items donated by area businesses. Raffle winners need not be present. For information and gala or raffle tickets, contact Theresa Leinker at Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, (908) 301-5463.

Children's Specialized

Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. Children's treats infants, children, and young adults from birth to 21 years of age, through a network of services including outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long-term care at sites throughout New Jersey. Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation is the only organization of its kind where every contribution has a direct impact on the future of special-needs children.

## Campus notes

Seven area students have enrolled at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. They are:

**Matthew Chazanow** of 217 Edgewood Ave., Westfield, majoring in arts and sciences.

**Daniel Churgin** of 1915 Lake Ave., Scotch Plains, majoring in arts and sciences.

**Robert Daurio** of 222 Midwood Place, Westfield, majoring in architecture.

**Brendan Fleming** of 14 Heritage Lane, Scotch Plains, majoring in civil engineering.

**Eric Hollander** of 322 Lawrence Ave., Westfield, majoring in finance.

**Steven Krakauer** of 506 Clifton St., Westfield, majoring in public communications at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

**Timothy Ryan** of 1303 Hotfield Ave., Scotch Plains, majoring in broadcast journalism at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

**Erin Elizabeth Cockren** of Westfield has enrolled at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. The Westfield High School alumna is a freshman in Georgetown College.

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools to their open doors for tours

SCOTCH PLAINS — In celebration of American Education Week, Nov. 11-15, residents are invited to visit all of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools this year.

As in previous years, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will be open to the community while classes are in session. The tour will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

While everyone is welcome, the tour should be of particular interest to parents of eighth-graders.

The high school has something for every student, including a TV production studio, studios for art and music, an auto shop, computer labs, as well as several levels of academic instruction.

High school administrators and faculty will be available to answer questions.

An extensive packet of information is prepared for tour participants. To ensure sufficient materials are available, please call the school's Main Office (908) 889-8600, Ext. 406, by Wednesday. Parking is limited due to ongoing construction at

## Varsity fields are dedicated to alumnus, former governor

SCOTCH PLAINS — Former governor and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School alumnus Donald DiFrancesco was honored at half-time of the Raiders football game Saturday.

DiFrancesco, class of 1962, is a Scotch Plains resident and was celebrating his 40th class reunion. In recognition of his efforts in securing a legislative grant for refurbishing of ball fields at the high school, the school district dedicated the fields as DiFrancesco Varsity Field Complex.

The high school. Tour participants may park on an adjacent side street, where permitted.

The week will culminate in a Community Thank You Tour of elementary and middle schools to be held on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Sponsored by the Board of Education, the tour is planned as a way to give thanks to area residents for supporting the \$35.7 million bond referendum for renovations and additions at all the

The grant was for \$500,000 to improve fields and add seating for baseball and softball games. DiFrancesco played baseball while he attended the high school. Superintendent Carol Choye, Principal David Heisey and Athletic Director Erik Rosenmeier presented a plaque to the former governor.

The Perry Tyson football field and Shimmie Wexler soccer field will remain the same. Signs are expected to be erected bearing DiFrancesco's name.

Tours at the elementary schools will be between 9 and 11 a.m. Park and Torritt Middle Schools will be open from 10 a.m. to noon.

The public is also invited to enjoy the annual exhibit of student work on display at the Fanwood and Scotch Plains public libraries. For more information, contact Heidi Sweeney, PTA Council, at (908) 322-6772.



### Good Scouts

Westfield Boy Scout Troop 72, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, will be holding a gala on Feb. 7, 2003 at the Westwood restaurant to celebrate the 80th anniversary of their charter. The troop is looking for anyone who has historical information, anecdotes about the troop or items of interest. Call Diana Kazakis at (908) 6754-8783 with the details.

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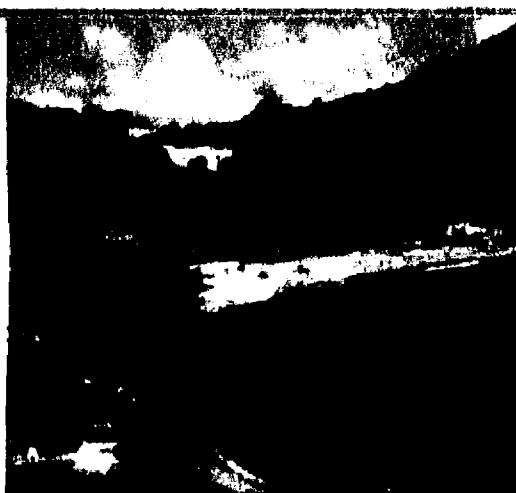
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# Community Life

## Briefs

### Rotary selling raffle tickets

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club has kicked off its annual fund-raiser "Share-in-Youth."

No more than 2,000 raffle tickets are sold at \$10 each. The first-prize winner will collect 30 percent of the total, second-place winner gets 15 percent, and the third-place prize is 5 percent. Winners will be chosen at the Rotary meeting at the Westwood in Garwood on Thursday, Dec. 5.

Beneficiaries of the sale include the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, Contact We Care, Rotary Foundation (Polio Plus), the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Student Leadership, Fanwood Community Foundation, Resolve and the David Ringle Scholarship Fund.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Co-chairpersons Janet Strunk at (908) 322-6627 or Andy Calamaras at (908) 322-2350.

### Giant book sale at St. Paul's

WESTFIELD — The Friends of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold its annual giant book sale from Sunday through Tuesday in the Parish Hall.

Thousands of paperback and hardback fiction, nonfiction, audio books, videos, software, compact discs and children's books will be on sale.

The proceeds support the musical programs, concerts, and activities offered at St. Paul's 414 E. Broad St. Book donations are being accepted through Saturday.

The book sale hours will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday. Bag Day will be 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday.

For more information, call (908) 232-8506, ext. 17.

Members of St. Paul's Junior Choir are setting up the sale.

### Superintendent to attend coffees

Residents are invited to attend a coffee with Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye.

The morning coffee will take place at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the media center at Park Middle School, Park Avenue.

The evening coffee will be held in the media center of Terrill Middle School, Terrill Road, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18.

These forums, hosted by the PTA Council, provide an opportunity to meet with Choye in an informal setting.

For more information, contact Heidi Sweeney, PTA Council, at (908) 322-6772.

### 'Grandma's Attic' open on Saturday

SCOTCH PLAINS — "Grandma's Attic" is open to all 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave.

The annual bazaar has Christmas goods, jewelry, gifts, toys, clothes, china, glassware and kitchenware. Baked goods and soft drinks are available for purchase.

A portion of the proceeds will help finance trips to summer camp for local children.

For more information, phone (908) 322-5487.

### Tiny Tim Fund plans Carol Night

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Tiny Tim Fund helps poorer children in Scotch Plains and Fanwood who need medical or dental care.

Funds come through donations from individuals, clubs and service groups. The fund is also financed through proceeds of a "Carol Night" in December when groups go door to door singing Christmas carols.

For more information, phone Helen Piasecki at (908) 233-2257 or Mari McDevitt at (908) 233-6513.



Elvis is alive and well and performing at the Westfield costume contest Saturday.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## It's show time



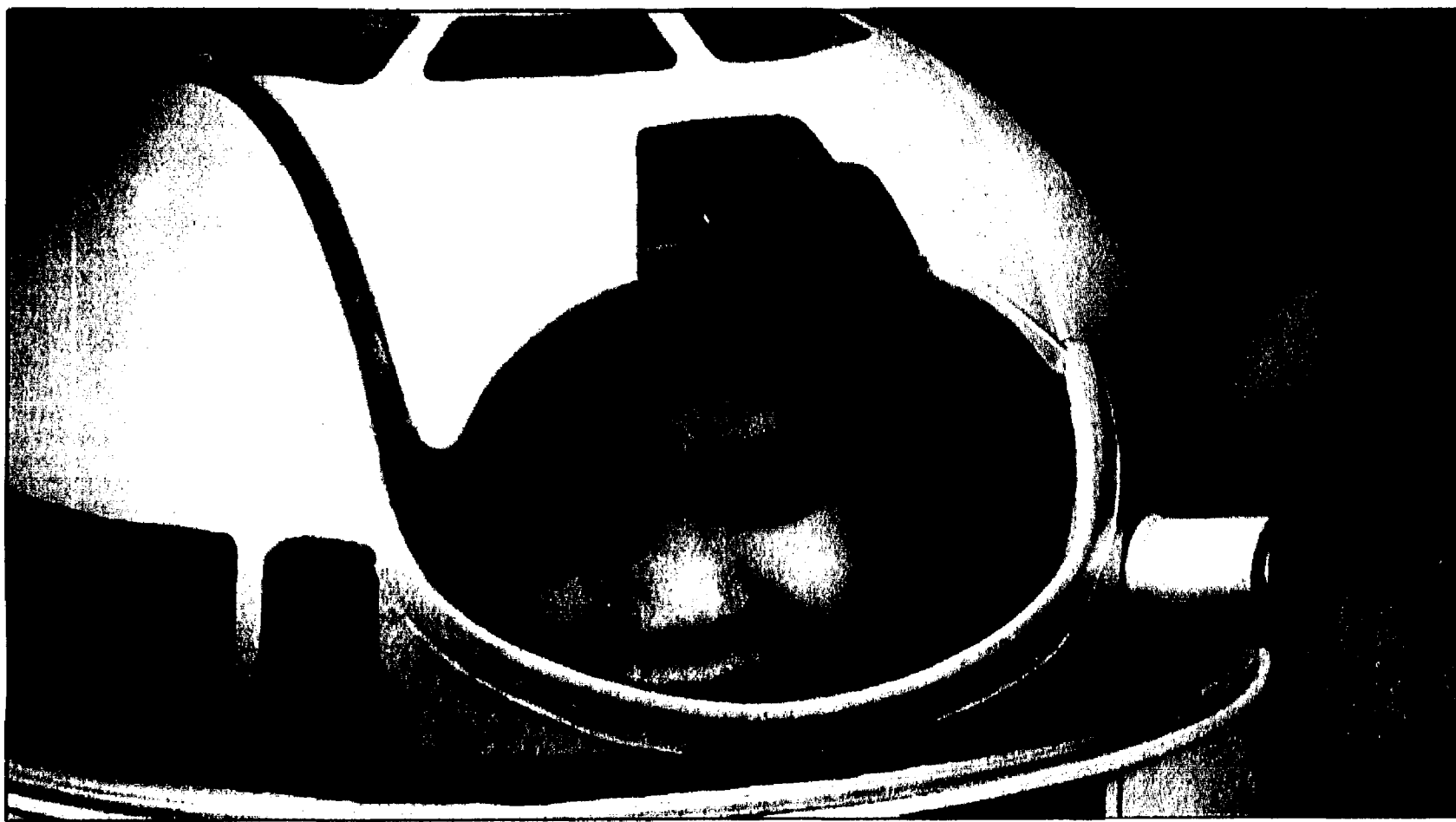
Christine Curia of Westfield hands out treats to a youngster who participated in the downtown's annual Halloween celebration.

GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Ready for the big night

Wesley Whitlock, 4, peeks out from inside his R2D2 costume in the Cranford Halloween Parade on Sunday.

NICOLE DIMELLA/  
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## Plaza planned in Cranford

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Township Committee recently authorized local officials to continue planning for improvements at Post Office Plaza.

A renovation of the plaza, at North Avenue and Eastman Street, has been the subject of discussion since at least last year, when the Green Thumb Garden Club offered to make a donation.

The committee had earlier given tentative approval for the improvements. But at its Oct. 22 meeting, the committee for the first time told Downtown Management Corp. Director

Kathleen Miller Prunty and Township Engineer Jeff Sias money for the improvements would be in place, and they should proceed.

At this point, only a conceptual plan for the improvements is available. But the project will likely involve replacing the current shrubbery at the site with shade trees, to make it more aesthetically appealing and improve the visibility of surrounding storefronts. The finished project will also include a small fountain, officials said.

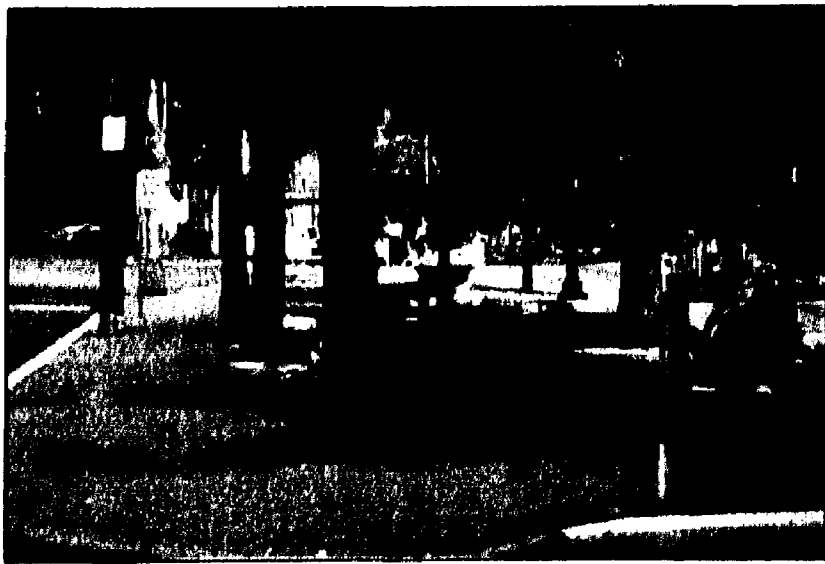
The finished project will also include the existing memorial stones at the site.

The township has applied for grants from the state Department

of Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation to fund the work. If grant awards are insufficient to pay for the project, the township will use money from an old bond ordinance passed to fund downtown improvements. The "Streetscape 7" ordinance has \$122,000 in unspent funds.

The township will also receive at least one private contribution, and will allocate new funds if necessary.

According to the Downtown Vision Plan, improved plazas at the post office and train station could "become the anchors for an impressive pedestrian boulevard with an already successful clock plaza at the center of town."



Although not an exact rendering, the post office plaza in Cranford could look something like this airy, pedestrian-friendly picture.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CRANFORD VISION PLAN



## Autumnal festivities in Westfield

GEORGE PACCIELLO/  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Faithe Bland hands out mugs to Mille Boguski and Irene Doslik at the Octoberfest celebration at Genesis Elder Care in Westfield. Free food, drinks and entertainment were available to guests on Saturday.

## Marie Guarino

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marie J. Cangiano Guarino, 70, died Oct. 22, 2002 at her home in Martinsville.

Mrs. Guarino, who was born in Brooklyn, lived in Scotch Plains from 1973 until she moved to Martinsville in 1998.

She was a host mother and fund-raiser for Healing the Children, a Butler-based organization. Mrs. Guarino was a member of the Women's Auxiliary at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Dr. Lawrence A.; a son, Lawrence Jr. of South Plainfield; four daughters, Lisa Bonaccorso of Clark, Maria Mineo of

Branchburg, Teresa Ray of Warren and Tina of New York state; three brothers, Gennaro Cangiano and Salvatore Cangiano, both of Virginia, and Carmen Cangiano of Florida; and seven grandchildren.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Clark, following services at Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial donations may be sent to Healing the Children, P.O. Box 420, Butler, NJ 07405 or National MS Society, 1 Kalisa Way, Suite 205, Paramus, NJ 07652.

## Dorothy Gutierrez

SCOTCH PLAINS — Dorothy Santo Salvo Gutierrez, 71, died Oct. 21, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Gutierrez was born in Scotch Plains and lived in the township all her life. She also had a home in North Beach.

She once was the executive secretary to the president of National Starch & Chemical Co. Mrs. Gutierrez retired in 2000 after 35 years with National Starch in Bridgewater.

Her husband, Michael L., died

in 1993. A brother, Thomas J. Santo Salvo, died in 1999.

Surviving are her mother, Josephine DeFrancesco Santo Salvo of Scotch Plains; a niece and two nephews.

Mass was offered Friday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

Memorial donations may be sent to Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

## Martha Patterson

SCOTCH PLAINS — Martha C. Patterson, 79, died Oct. 21, 2002 at her home.

She was born in Bracey, Va., and lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1967.

Mrs. Patterson was an inspector for 10 years at the Bridgewater plant of the former RCA Corp. She was a past-president of the Women's Fellowship at Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield.

Her husband, Lee, died in 1988. A daughter, Lorraine, died in 1998.

Surviving are four sisters, Virginia Scott of Scotch Plains, Eleanor Bryant of Vallejo, Calif., Isabelle Tisdale of Richmond, Va., and Carrie Mae Hudgins of South Hill, Va.

Services were held Oct. 31 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Arrangements were by Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

## Helen Arbes

WESTFIELD — Helen Arbes, 83, died Oct. 24, 2002 at Western Wake Medical Center in Cary, N.C.

A native of Elizabeth, she lived in Westfield from 1919 until she moved to Cary in 1984.

Miss Arbes worked for L'Oreal Corp. in Clark prior to her retirement. She earlier was a secretary

with E.F. Hutton in Manhattan.

Surviving are three brothers, Stephen, Samuel and Spero.

A Divine Liturgy was celebrated Wednesday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home.

## Robert A. Stalknecht

WESTFIELD — Robert Allan Stalknecht, 79, died Oct. 27, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A native of Oak Park, Ill., he lived in Westfield before moving to Plainfield in 1950.

Mr. Stalknecht was an accountant and for 15 years an insurance recruiter with Travelers Insurance Co. He attended Westfield public schools and Drew University before receiving a bachelor's degree in business from Columbia University.

For more than 50 years Mr. Stalknecht sang with the Westfield Colonial Chorus and the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires. A

coach and umpire for Little League baseball in Plainfield, he was a former member of Toastmasters.

He was a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy during World War II.

His wife of 41 years, Charlotte Everett Stalknecht, died in 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Robert E. of Massachusetts and Donald of Plainfield; a brother, David of Willow Street, Pa.; two nieces and a nephew.

Private arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to the Plainfield Rescue Squad.

## Obituaries

### Ruth Holloway Lester

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ruth Holloway Lester, 71, died Oct. 20, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Newark and lived in that city before moving to Scotch Plains in 1963.

Mrs. Lester was a registered nurse at Overlook Hospital in Summit and a private duty nurse with the Summit Nurses Registry. She graduated from North Carolina A&T College and the nursing school at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

She was a facilitator for a Christian education course at the Faith Tabernacle Church in Plainfield, where Mrs. Lester was a deaconess, trustee and pastor's aide. She also served on the

Mothers Board of the Faith Tabernacle Church and formerly was a member of St. John's Baptist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Caryl Ann Smith, Helynn T. Smith and Leslie, all of Scotch Plains; two brothers, Donald Holloway of Raleigh, N.C., and George Holloway of Irvington; a sister, Jewrena Earles of Newark; a granddaughter, Natasha Smith of Scotch Plains; and a grandson, Andrae Smith of Tampa, Fla.

Services were held Friday at Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Brown's Funeral Home in Plainfield.

### Eugene J. McCloskey

SCOTCH PLAINS — Eugene J. McCloskey, 81, died Oct. 21, 2002 in Davis, Calif.

A native of Newark, Mr. McCloskey lived in Scotch Plains from 1952 until he moved to Basking Ridge in 1982. He had resided in Davis since 2000.

He retired in 1988 after 46 years as a postal worker in Newark. Mr. McCloskey served in the Army during World War II and enjoyed playing the piano.

Surviving are two sons, Eugene D. and John; two daughters, Laura Reese and Peggy Appezzato; two brothers, John and Thomas; a sister, Mary McGovern; and eight grandchildren.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

### Shane Gannon

SCOTCH PLAINS — Shane M. Gannon, 25, died Oct. 23, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Brooklyn and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1981.

Mr. Gannon was an installer with The Closet Factory in Fanwood and more recently a serviceman with Greco Steam Carpet Cleaning in Scotch Plains. He graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1995.

He was a member of the J&J Billiard League in Scotch Plains and other billiards leagues in the area.

His father, Kevin, died in 1991.

Surviving are his mother, Maureen E. McLean Gannon; two brothers, Deryk and Devin; his maternal grandparents, Doris and William McLean; his paternal grandmother, Muriel Altman; three nieces and a nephew.

Mass was offered Monday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations in Mr. Gannon's name will be accepted at the funeral home.

### Jack Nanfria

WESTFIELD — Jack Nanfria, 58, died Oct. 28, 2002 at Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark, a son of the late Joseph and Mary Carolla Nanfria, he lived in Colonia before moving to Westfield in 1997.

Mr. Nanfria owned *That Girl* salon in Edison for 18 years.

Surviving are two sisters, Frances Carbone of Rahway and

Maria Tkacz of Edison; and two nephews.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rahway, following services at Gosselin Funeral Home in Edison. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations may be sent to JFK Neuroscience Center, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

### Miriam Little

FANWOOD — Miriam A. Little, 91, died Oct. 24, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mrs. Little was born in Mount Airy. She lived in Pennington and Marshalls Creek, Pa., before moving to Fanwood in 2000.

She was a cashier at the Pennington Market prior to her 1977 retirement. Mrs. Little earlier was a cafeteria manager in the Hopewell Township school system.

She was the oldest living member of the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside.

Her husband, Clayton K., died in 1965.

Surviving are two daughters, Dolores M. Weber and Vivian E. Perkins; three sons, Clayton K. Jr., Samuel R. Sr. and James S.; 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 10 a.m. tomorrow at Community Presbyterian Church, Meeting House Lane, Mountainside.

Arrangements are by Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to the Community Presbyterian Church.

## Lorraine Colehamer

WESTFIELD — Lorraine Hazel Ludlow Colehamer, 79, died Oct. 26, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Holly Manor Center in Mendham.

Mrs. Colehamer was born in Newark. She lived in Westfield, Morris Township and Livingston before moving to Chatham in 1990.

She retired in 1988 after 25 years teaching home economics and family living at Theodore Roosevelt Middle School in West Orange. Mrs. Colehamer was honored by the West Orange Board of Education as its Outstanding Teacher for 1987.

She earned a bachelor's degree in home economics in 1943 from Beaver College in Glenside, Pa.

Mrs. Colehamer was an ordained deacon at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, where she served on the board of the Presbyterian Church Women. She also was an

officer with Chapter H of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was active in the Livingston Parent-Teacher Association and Woman's Club of Livingston.

Her husband, W. Merritt, and a sister, Bernice L. Alpert, are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane L. Anderson and husband Dr. John J. of Morris Township; a son, Glenn L. and wife Jennifer Coleen of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a granddaughter, Kierstin, and a grandson, Travis, both of Huntington Beach.

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

Arrangements were by Dangler Funeral Home in Morris Plains. Donations may be sent to the Commemorative Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, 65 South St., Morristown, NJ 07960.

### Nicola DiFiore

SCOTCH PLAINS — Nicola DiFiore, 78, died Oct. 27, 2002 at his home.

He was born in Montazzoli, Chieti province, Italy, and settled in Scotch Plains when he came to the United States in 1956.

Mr. DiFiore was a mason with Checchio Contractors in Scotch Plains prior to his 1994 retirement. He was a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Italian-American Club.

His wife, Filomena, and a sister, Filomena DiNizo, are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Gus and Mario; two sisters, Maria

DiNizo and Giuseppina Franceschelli; and two grandchildren.

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

Donations may be sent to Atlantic Home Care & Hospice, 33 Bleeker St., Millburn, NJ 07041 or St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Attn: Father Hummel, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

### Jean M. Garis

WESTFIELD — Jean M. Garis, 76, died Oct. 24, 2002 at the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

She was born in Perth Amboy and had lived in Westfield since 1968.

A licensed practical nurse, Miss Garis retired in 1991 after 17 years on the staff of the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center. She was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons in Westfield and the Women's Association at the

Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Barbara Echtermann and Dorothy; two nieces, a nephew, a great-niece and two great-nephews.

Services were held Saturday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to the Memorial Fund at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

## Planet Smoothie arrives in Westfield

WESTFIELD — One of today's hottest business concepts is a cool, refreshing fruit shake called a smoothie.

Leading the way is Planet Smoothie, a 5-year old New Orleans-based chain that opened a location at 23 Elm St., Westfield Oct. 11.

Newsweek said the smoothie industry will be to the 2000s what specialty coffee chains were to the mid-1990s.

Consumer cravings for a healthier fast food have fueled the industry to a \$1 billion-a-year business.

Planet Smoothie has been named the fastest-growing smoothie franchise. It has doubled its number of stores in each year of its operation with 120 stores now open in 22 states. Another 10, including the Westfield store, were to open this year.

The smoothie sensation started in California about six years ago. Customers enjoy the nutrition-fortified drinks as low-fat meal replacements for breakfast, lunch or dinner or as healthy in-between meal snacks. "The product is some-

thing that appeals to everyone of every age group," said John Mousseau, owner of the Westfield store. "From fitness enthusiasts of all ages to students, moms looking for a healthy treat for kids and people in a hurry for a quick meal or snack, we have something for everyone's taste."

Planet Smoothie has focused the company's energies on two aspects of growth — selecting prime real estate for new locations and differentiating the chain's products and service from the competition.

"Many people in Westfield are very health-conscious, and we recognize excellent growth potential for the Planet Smoothie lifestyle," Mousseau said.

"The smoothies are convenient, taste great and the stores are fun and hip. And with a major focus on customer service, we want our customers to have a great experience in our store!"

For more information about Planet Smoothie, visit the company's website at [www.planetsmoothie.com](http://www.planetsmoothie.com).

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# Thieves get cash from 3 businesses

## Briefs

### SCOTCH PLAINS

The theft of \$300 from a residence on Carol Place was reported Oct. 22. No forced entry to the residence was reported.

A 37-year-old man from Northfield was robbed on Myrtle Avenue about 11:50 p.m. Oct. 22. The victim was approached by a man who demanded money. He escaped with \$17 from the victim. No weapons or injuries were reported.

Early morning burglaries of two businesses in the 2000 block of Route 22 were reported Oct. 23. Entry was gained by breaking out windows. An undetermined amount of cash was taken.

The theft of \$250 was reported by a business on Terrill Road during the morning of Oct. 24. No forced entry was used.

John J. Bartkiewicz, 47, of Warren, was charged with committing a disorderly persons offense Oct. 26. Bartkiewicz dialed 911 and hung up. The

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police arrived to question him and determined he was intoxicated and was a danger to himself and the public.

The manager of CVS Pharmacy reported a shoplifting incident Oct. 27 after a male entered the store and removed 123 bottles of vitamins and numerous bottles of fever medication. The suspect left the store before police arrived.

A Front Street resident reported having a 2002 Honda Accord stolen. The owner said the vehicle was parked on Front Street about 1:15 a.m. Oct. 28 and 10 minutes later the vehicle was gone.

### WESTFIELD

A North Avenue resident reported an attempted theft of his motor vehicle Oct. 21.

Deborah Nardi, 46, of Westfield, was picked up on two contempt of court warrants from Long Beach Township Oct. 21.

Sarit Egenblat, 22, of Staten Island, was picked up on a warrant out of Scotch Plains and released after posting bail Oct. 21.

A Westfield Post Office employee reported that the two driver's side tires on his motor vehicle were slashed while it was parked behind the post office Oct. 22.

Randall Wiley of Plainfield was picked up on a traffic warrant for \$530 Oct. 22.

There was a report of a theft of a motor vehicle from the 600 block of Arlington Avenue Oct. 22.

## Westfield kicks off United Fund campaign

WESTFIELD — The United Fund of Westfield began its 2002-03 fund-raising campaign with a Sept. 14 reception at the home of Lisa and John Ripberger.

"We believe in the important work that our 22 funded human care agencies do every day," said Frank Isoldi, the campaign chairman.

"People often say Westfield is different — and they're right," he said. "We are different because we care about our community."

A fund-raising goal of \$673,000 for 2002-03 has been set by the United Fund, according to a press release about the reception.

Participating agencies include the American Red Cross; Arc of



United Fund President Matt Forstenhauser and guests recently kicked off the United Fund of Westfield's annual fund-raising campaign.

Union County, based in Plainfield; the Center for Women and Families, located in Scotch Plains; Mobile Meals of Westfield; the Westfield Community Center; the Westfield

Y; and the Youth and Family Counseling Service.

Volunteers are especially needed. For full information, e-mail [unitedfund@westfieldnj.com](mailto:unitedfund@westfieldnj.com) or phone (908) 233-2113.

## Union Catholic plans Hollywood fete

SCOTCH PLAINS — The 40th Anniversary Committee of Union Catholic High School is hosting The Hollywood Night Gala at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16. The event will be held at Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave.

The event is one of several activities celebrating Union Catholic's 40th Anniversary. Proceeds from the event will benefit anniversary activities and the school's Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Guests attending The Hollywood Night Gala will enjoy an elegant evening beginning with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, followed by an entertaining comedy and cabaret show.

During the cocktail reception, The Celebration Singers, a popular local community chorus based in Cranford, will perform songs from the show "American Fare" featuring Broadway, Gospel, spiritual and patriotic songs.

Following the cocktail reception, Richie Byrne, recently seen on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and on VH1's "Stand-up Spotlight" will entertain guests with a comedy show.

The cabaret show will feature Diane Foster performing Hollywood Through the Ages. Foster, a native of Union, has extensive theater credits including performances at New Jersey's premiere theater, the Paper Mill Playhouse, in Follies and the American Premiere of Children of Eden. Diane has also performed off-Broadway at the award-winning Six Gumbas and A Wannabe.

The evening's performance will be followed by dessert and

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A business owner on New Street reported a forcible unlawful entry into his business Oct. 23. Nothing was reported missing at this time.

A Grant Avenue resident reported a burglary and theft to his motor vehicle Oct. 23. A cell phone and golf equipment were stolen.

Darrell Brown of Cranford was charged with burglary to a dwelling and a motor vehicle, as well as auto theft Oct. 24. He was held in lieu of \$75,000 bail.

Dean Insanally of Garwood was picked up on a warrant out of Cranford Oct. 28.

Richard Thomas of Westfield was picked up on a warrant out of Cranford and Westfield Oct. 26. He was processed and sent to the county jail.

An employee of the Gulf Station at 800 Central Ave. reported the theft of gas in the amount of \$12 Oct. 27.

## 5 are chosen for state chorus

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Choral Music Department of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, under the direction of Laurie Wellman, announces the selection of five students for the 2002 New Jersey All-State Mixed Chorus.

Through rigorous auditions held last June, the following students were chosen: seniors Katie Downey, Emily O'Connor and Nisha Tamhankar; junior Adam Corbin; and sophomore Abe Hiatt.

The chorus is performing, in conjunction with the All-State Orchestra, in two concerts. The first will be held at the culmination of the NJEA convention on at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Atlantic City High School Indoor Sports complex.

This event is open to the public and the tickets are free. The second concert will take place on at 3 p.m. Nov. 17 at NJPAC. There is a charge for this concert. Reservations can be made by calling (888) GO NJPAC.

For further information, contact the choral music department of the high school at (908) 889-8600.

## Israeli vendors coming to area

SCOTCH PLAINS — JCC of Central NJ, Congregation Beth-Israel, Temple Beth Or/Beth Torah and the Jewish Federation of Central NJ are combining efforts to bring Israeli shopping to the Wilf Jewish Community Center Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

Shop from more than two dozen Israeli vendors supplying jewelry, Judaica of all kinds, cosmetics, clothing, toys, art, crafts and more.

Admission is free. Vendors receive all proceeds.

For more information and directions, contact Susan Lemerman, JCC, at (908) 889-8800 ext. 205 or Sapi Ziv at (908) 789-2104.

## Bank foundation gives college grant

CRANFORD — The Union County College Foundation has received a grant for \$5,000 from the S1 Bank & Trust Foundation to support the Union County College Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education program called College for Teens. This is the second year in a row that S1 Bank & Trust Foundation supported the program.

The College for Teens program offers summer and year-round courses in subjects such as science, math, life skills and computer technology to high school students, preparing them for higher education or skilled jobs in the fields of technology and office management.

Offered for the first time in

the summer of 2001, the College for Teens program is extremely successful, serving more than 150 13-18 year olds from throughout Union County.

For more information, or to receive a brochure about the College for Teens program, contact Dale Munn, director of life-long learning, at (908) 709-7048.

## Local 30 mailing contains errors

WESTFIELD — A mailing soliciting donations for Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 30 contains some errors.

Lt. Scott Miller, association secretary, said the mailing, which was done by an outside company, reported erroneously that the department is volunteer. The funds raised by the drive will go to Local 30, the fraternal organization that the paid members belong to.

In addition, the mailing gives imprecise instructions on accessing the local's website. The address must be typed with all capital letters.

## Rosary Society meets on Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., has a Mass and monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4.

Adele Kenny speaks on the Third Order of Franciscans. The society's Christmas program also will be discussed.

All women in St. Bartholomew the Apostle parish are invited.

## Fibromyalgia?

Clark, NJ - A new, free 16 page report has been published that reveals the "Untold Story" behind Fibromyalgia pain. Fibromyalgia misdiagnosis and mistreatment is rampant and may lead to countless years of unnecessary suffering. This free report reveals a natural, drugless procedure that is giving new hope to these patients with miraculous results for many. If you suffer from fibromyalgia you need this no B.S., no gimmicks free report that is giving hope to fibromyalgia sufferers everywhere. To order your copy of this free report, call toll free 1-800-278-5388 (24 hr. recorded message)

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## Presbyterian Church members make housing project donation

WESTFIELD — The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, as part of its mission outreach program, has contributed financially to Brand New Day, a nonprofit corporation whose mission is "to provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families and individuals" in the Elizabethport section of Elizabeth.

A check was presented recently in a ceremony held in the parking lot near a group of townhouses under construction.

Participating from the church were the Rev. Wendy W. Thode, associate pastor for Christian education; Elizabeth McDiarmid, associate for mission; Kathy Moore, outgoing co-moderator of the Mission Commission; Eleanor Smith, commission co-moderator; and Glen DuMont, incoming co-moderator.

Brand New Day was represented by Krishna Garlic, executive director, and Vera Atkinson, assistant director.

The organization, founded in 1985, rehabilitates existing



The Presbyterian Church in Westfield has contributed financially to Brand New Day, a nonprofit housing development corporation in the Elizabethport area. Members of the congregation were given a tour of the homes site following the check presentation.

structures and buys land for construction of apartments and townhouses.

In its annual report, Garlic said, "As a neighborhood revitalization organization, Brand New Day has led the way in

transforming the lives of residents of Elizabethport." In a letter from the church announcing the donation, McDiarmid praised the work being done by Brand New Day at Marina Village.

## Women's golf outing raises \$11G for Children's Specialized Hospital

MOUNTAINSIDE — More than 90 women participated in Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation's first women's golf outing held Sept. 30 at Fairmount Country Club in Chatham.

More than \$11,000 was raised through the efforts of the planning committee and support from key sponsors including Deloitte & Touche, Johnson Controls, Merrill Lynch, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Salomon Smith Barney, and Valley National Bank.

JoEllen Jewelers, of Mendham, sponsored a hole-in-one contest.

Proceeds from the outing will support efforts to expand and modernize facilities and purchase patient-care equipment at the Mountainside-based pediatric

rehabilitation hospital.

"We were so pleased at the interest shown by the participants and sponsors. Their support will help the hospital serve more children throughout New Jersey," noted Mildred Orlando, Westfield resident and event committee chair. "Special thanks goes to the planning committee. We couldn't have done it without them!"

Planning committee members for the Women's Golf Outing included committee Co-chair Barbara Rothman of Westfield, Frances Bocella of Morristown, Lorraine Cierniecki of Westfield, and Susan Gross of Chatham.

The foundation will also host a co-ed golf outing in June at Canoe Brook Country Club in

Summit. For more information, call (908) 301-5410.

Children's Specialized Hospital, an affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. Based in Mountainside, the hospital provides comprehensive outpatient services, inpatient rehabilitation and long-term care to children, from birth through 21 years of age, at sites in Fanwood, Newark, Toms River and Union.

The hospital's foundation is the only organization of its kind where every contribution has a direct impact on the future of special-needs children. For more information or to make a gift, call (908) 301-5410.

## 8 area groups win Union County arts grants

Eight area organizations have been named recipients of Union County Arts Grants.

The organizations were among 46 honored in a reception as part of National Arts and Humanities Month. The reception was Tuesday at Schering-Plough Corp. in Kenilworth.

A troupe from the Westfield Community Players helped provide entertainment.

Grant recipients include:

Arbor Chamber Music Society, Westfield — \$3,000 for five chamber music concerts and lectures.

Children's Specialized Hospital, Fanwood — \$1,700 for an instrumental program for disabled preschool children.

Chinese American Cultural Association, Westfield — \$1,600 for performance and classes in Chinese and Western choral music.

Choral Art Society of New Jersey, Westfield — \$2,300 for a

concert series.

First Congregational Church, Westfield — \$1,800 for "Mid-Day Musicales" concert series.

Garden State Cultural Association, Scotch Plains — \$800 for a weekend-long Asian-Indian culture festival.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA — \$800 for "Young People's Theater."

Westfield Community Players — \$3,200 for an annual theater series.

# Senior Focus

## How to determine care for Alzheimer's

(ARA) - Many people in the early stages of Alzheimer's live safely at home, even though they may need plenty of memory cues like lists and notes. Over time, though, Alzheimer's causes memory loss and thinking problems that could make living at home dangerous. For example, Alzheimer's patients who are in the mid- to late-stages of the disease have been known to leave appliances such as the stove or the coffee pot on, and wander to unsafe places such as a busy intersection or unfamiliar part of town.

When this happens, Alzheimer's experts at Beverly Healthcare, a leading provider of eldercare services including Alzheimer's care, advise that families look for a nursing home with a program or unit designed specifically for people with Alzheimer's. "People in the mid-stages of Alzheimer's need 24-hour supervision and care. A setting like Alzheimer's Care at Beverly with specially designed programming provides the care they need, and also gives them

a chance to live in a place where they can enjoy life and remember happier times," said Ed McMahon, director of Alzheimer's care and quality of life for Beverly Healthcare.

Making the decision to look for long-term care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease is rarely easy. However, when families find the right nursing home — where they know that their loved one will be happy and safe — the transition can be smoother for everyone.

Beverly Healthcare suggests that families ask the following questions when looking for expert Alzheimer's care for a loved one.

What do you do to make sure the nursing home feels like the patient's own home?

An important feature to look

for when visiting an Alzheimer's care unit is the feeling of home. If the unit doesn't smell or sound like what you'd expect in a regular home, it may not be the right place. Since people with

*"People in the mid-stages of Alzheimer's need 24-hour supervision."*

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Beverly Healthcare  
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quality of life

Alzheimer's need the comfort of feeling like they're at home, many Alzheimer's units offer the little details that make a big difference, for example, hanging quilts on the walls for a homey feeling or offering meals family-style in a dining room or kitchen.

What opportunities do you provide for my loved one to participate in meaningful activities?

Many Alzheimer's programs provide scheduled activities, but some go a bit further and

offer residents a chance to engage in meaningful activities throughout the entire day, including the evening hours. Some companies, such as Beverly Healthcare, have designed rooms to resemble soda shops, libraries, boutiques, sunrooms and front porches that residents have access to 24 hours a day. While Alzheimer's patients may have trouble remembering the recent past and the present, many remember the days when they were younger. Rooms like those mentioned above can help residents remember those happier times from many years ago.

How will you keep my loved one safe?

Since many people with Alzheimer's are continually looking for "home," they tend to wander without regard for their own personal safety, so it's important to ask about the program's safety measures. Consider asking if your loved one will be living in an area that is secure 24 hours a day. If residents have access to the outdoors, such as a courtyard, you will also want to ask how that area is secured.

How is your staff trained to handle the complex issues of caring for a person with Alzheimer's?

Ask the program director if the staff has had special training to understand the effects of Alzheimer's and if they promote ongoing education. In addition to asking the staff questions about the program, ask residents and visitors how they feel about the program and its staff. You may want to consider spending some time in the unit so you can see firsthand the interaction between the residents and staff.

"We've worked with many nursing home staffs to help them understand how Alzheimer's can affect the way a person behaves. The advice and training that we offer makes the caregivers more aware of how they can help Alzheimer's patients and their families face the daily challenges of the disease," said McMahon.

How will we pay for Alzheimer's care?

One of the most difficult issues families face is how to pay for Alzheimer's care. Nursing home business office managers are familiar with the various ways to finance this care, and they are available to offer their expertise to families. Keep in mind there is a range of benefits available including Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance policies, retirement plans such as IRAs, Social Security and annuities, as well as personal savings and investments. The options available are dependent on specific circumstances and in some instances, such as Medicare, are very limited.

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# Sports

## Devils, Raiders all advance to UCT Final Four

### Sapienza lifts Raiders past UC, Williams scores two for Devils

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

ROSELLE PARK — Both the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls soccer teams received clutch goals from their top offensive players to advance to the Union County Tournament semifinals.

Westfield, the top seed in the tournament, used Danni Fried-to-Susan Williams goals to defeat eighth seeded Linden 2-0 Sunday. Scotch Plains upended third-seeded Union Catholic 2-1, and is the highest seeded team remaining in the tournament.

Westfield will look to continue its six game UCT winning streak when it faces fourth seeded Summit 7 p.m. Saturday at Union High School. Scotch Plains will face second seeded Oak Knoll, who advanced with a 3-1 win over Governor Livingston, at 5 p.m.

Cranford all but dominated Summit in the quarterfinal round, registering a 22-12 shot advantage and spent most of the second half on Summit's side of the field. But Summit's goaltender Beth Dickey was more than up to the challenge, making 15 saves and stopping a penalty kick with 10 minutes remaining and her team hanging on to a one-goal lead.

Westfield defeated Summit 2-1 Oct. 21 on first half goals by Aly

### Girls Soccer



Ludmer and Williams, but Westfield Head Coach Pete Giordano doesn't believe that gives his squad any sort of edge.

"We know we can play with them and they know they can play with us," said Giordano. "It's going to be a good game. They have a very good goalkeeper, a strong stopper, and a strong sweeper. They have a good team."

After a scoreless first half the Raiders quickly found themselves trailing when Union Catholic's Rebecca Babicz set up Amanda Pitts on a breakaway for a 1-0 lead two minutes into the second half.

But eight minutes later Scotch Plains was able to draw even when Michelle Fischer headed in a corner kick by Jenna Ballestriere.

With 13:32 remaining Stephanie Heath sent a through ball from 20 yards out to Jesse Sapienza, who one-timed the pass into the lower-left corner for a 2-1 lead.

Oak Knoll used a hat trick from Elisabeth Redmond to rally past Governor Livingston.



LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT  
Westfield's Billy Schoenbach struck for two quick goals to lift the Devils to a 2-1 win over Brearley in the UCT quarterfinals Sunday.

### Schoenbach ignites Westfield, Scotch Plains cruises past GL

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

UNION — The Westfield High boys soccer team fell behind early but received a quick scoring spurt from its sophomore striker while Scotch Plains used goals from five different players to advance to the semifinals of the Union County Tournament.

The top-seeded Raiders will face 12th-seeded Roselle Catholic in the first semifinal match up 12 p.m. Sunday at Kean University, while the Blue Devils will battle sixth-seeded Cranford at 2 p.m.

Westfield fell behind Brearley 1-0 just seven minutes into its quarterfinal round match up but took back the lead by the 27th minute.

Brearley's Chris McCarthy made a diving stop on a shot by Andrew Tucker, but Tucker recovered the rebound and slipped a pass to sophomore Billy Schoenbach, who fired home the goal from the left side of the box at the 24:08 mark.

Just 2:22 later Schoenbach scored his second goal on a breakaway to give Westfield a 2-1 lead. The win sets up the Blue Devils third meeting of the season with Cranford, a team they've had little success against this season.

Westfield tied the Cougars in their first meeting of the season Oct. 4, then fell 2-1 Oct. 18. Cranford is one of the hottest

### Boys Soccer



teams in the county, with a 10-0-2 record in its last 12 games.

"We played well and they played well," said Westfield Head Coach George Kapner of the first two meetings with Cranford. "They put in more goals. It's hard to be confident against a team you have yet to beat, by the same token I don't think we're not confident. We're not afraid of anybody."

In both matches the Blue Devils had opportunities to win, but were unable to capitalize. Billy Schultz, the Blue Devils leading scorer, was held scoreless in both matches by Cranford's Pat Muha, who will mark him again Sunday.

"Somebody has to step up," said Kapner. "Either Billy has to elevate his play, or Schoenbach or Lee (Tomasso), Tommy Taylor — somebody has to step up. I have great confidence in the competitive spirit of Billy Schultz."

Scotch Plains had little trouble dispatching Governor Livingston 5-0. Ryan Breznitsky, Taylor Cole and Joao Gobbo scored first half goals for the Raiders (12-0-2), with Mike Hessemer and Ed Zazzali scoring in the second half.

## Osborn, Skolnick lead Devils to title

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

Dethroning a champion is never easy — a lesson the Westfield High gymnastics team proved again Friday night.

After winning the Cougar Invitational Oct. 11 and defeating the Blue Devils head-to-head in a dual meet Cranford was the favorite to win the Union County title, but Westfield responded with its best performance of the season to win its ninth straight county title with a score of 101.1. Cranford was second with 99.975, edging Scotch Plains who took third with a score of 99.95.

Cranford's Bridget Murphy turned in a dominating performance to win the all-around title, taking first in all four events for a 36.675 score. Murphy scored 9.1 on vault, 9.45 on the uneven bars, 9.1 on the balance beam and 9.025 on the floor exercise.

But it was the overall team

effort by Westfield that took the crown. Stacy Osborn was fifth on vault (8.425), second on the uneven bars (8.95) and third on floor (8.525) to finish second overall with a 33.65 total score. Rachel Skolnick took third on vault (8.525), fourth on beam (8.35), and second on floor (8.875) on her way to tying for third overall with a 33.4.

Kathryn Brucia took fourth on vault (8.45) and sixth on floor (8.35). Jessica Sussman was fifth on bars (8.55) and Ally Psychojos was sixth on beam (8.25).

Scotch Plains 99.95 score was led by Jackie Tumulo's tie for third all-around (33.4) and Tayler Montagna's fifth place all-around finish (33.25). Tumulo's top finishes were sixth on vault (8.35), second on beam (8.5) and fifth on floor (8.4). Montagna was fourth on bars (8.6) and floor (8.5).

Kate Breuninger was second on vault (8.55) and Katie Zaleski was third on beam (8.45).

## Salmon sparks Devils to conference crown

### Cranford edges Raiders for boys title

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

ROSELLE — Both the Westfield High girls cross country team and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys squad turned in their best performances of the season at the Watchung Conference Championship Oct. 24.

It was enough for the Blue Devils to take home the title, but for the third straight year the Raiders were edged by Cranford in a hotly contested and very close race.

Westfield powered to its eighth straight National Division title behind a first place finish from Kathleen Salmon to top second place Cranford 19-50. It was a dominating day for Westfield as it won both the team and individual title in the varsity, junior varsity and freshman races with every runner that competed setting personal bests.

"Our kids ran one helluva of a race," said Westfield Head Coach Tom Hornish. "It was one of the finest efforts on the part of one of our girls cross country teams ever. No disrespect to any of the teams we've had in the past, but this was a great performance."

Westfield had a 20:36 team average on the Warinanco dual meet course, led by Kathleen Salmon's victory in 19:43, third fastest in team history. Deenie Quinn was third overall in 20:40, followed closely by Carolyn Harbaugh in fourth (20:45), Michele Madorma in fifth (20:54), and Melissa Richey in sixth (20:56). Freshman Meg Driscoll finished in 21:40 and Sara Ackerman was ran a 21:48.

Scotch Plains finished third with 63 points, led by Laura Harrison's seventh place finish in 21:11.

"Everything is coming together at the right time," said Hornish. "Everyone stepped up to the plate."

Scotch Plains turned in five personal bests and led for most of the boys race, but in the end Cranford had just enough to hold off the Raiders for a 27-32 win. Westfield took third with 77 points.

The Raiders were in the lead at the two-mile mark, with Zack McGuire right on the shoulder of Cranford's Ed Clinton, and a pack of teammates behind him holding down the 3-4-5 positions.

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# Big plays burn Blue Devils

## Morristown scores 33 unanswered to drop Westfield

**WESTFIELD** — One of Head Coach Ed Tranchesi's main concerns heading into the Westfield High football team's meeting with Morristown Saturday was the Colonial's ability to score at any time.

His worries proved to be well founded as Morristown used three scoring runs of over 50 yards to send the Blue Devils to their second loss of the season, 33-8.

After Westfield opened up an 8-0 lead early in the first quarter Morristown's Javar Parks answered with a 55 yard touchdown, then added a 65 yard scoring run in the third quarter. Gary Thomas exploded for an 80 yard rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter to cement the victory.

Morristown rushed for 366 yards and compiled 417 yards in total offense. But it wasn't just their offense that was impressive, the Colonial's defense was nearly as dominating. After Westfield marched 49 yards to take an 8-0 lead with 4:40 left in the first quarter, Morristown limited Westfield to just 106 yards in total offense.

Part of Westfield's inability to move the ball offensively was that it had more running backs packed with ice than in the

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buddle. With Ty-shon Blackman already lost with a broken leg, Mike DeFazio, Tom DelDuca and Brad Trzesniewski all went down with injuries.

Luckily for the Devils the best week to get healthy is this week, when they travel to Newark to take on 0-5 East Side 2 p.m. tomorrow. Brian Butts, who's already switched from tight end to running back due to injuries and junior Bart Walsh will shoulder even more of the running responsibilities.

Westfield now ranks sixth in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 power point standings with 40 points. Following tomorrow's game with East Side, Westfield will host Union Nov. 9, the final weekend for playoff qualifying.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

After defeating Linden 2-0 in the Union County Tournament quarterfinals Sunday Westfield handed the Tigers a 1-0 setback Monday.

Ali Weinstein scored off a

pass from Staci Spass for the lone goal of the match and Megan Connors made two saves for her 12th shutout of the season for Westfield (15-1-1).

**Westfield 1, Scotch Plains 0** — Danni Fried scored from six yards out to lift Westfield to a 1-0 win over Scotch Plains Oct. 23. Megan Connors made eight saves for Westfield's 10th shutout of the season.

#### BOYS SOCCER

Billy Schultz scored two goals as Westfield built a 3-1 halftime lead on Linden, but the Tigers roared back with two second half goals to force a 3-3 tie Monday.

**Westfield 2, Scotch Plains 2** — Lee Tomasso had a goal and an assist as Westfield battled Scotch Plains to a 2-2 draw Oct. 23. Brendan Egan had Westfield's second goal. Jeff Hensal and Terrance Charles scored for Scotch Plains.

#### FIELD HOCKEY

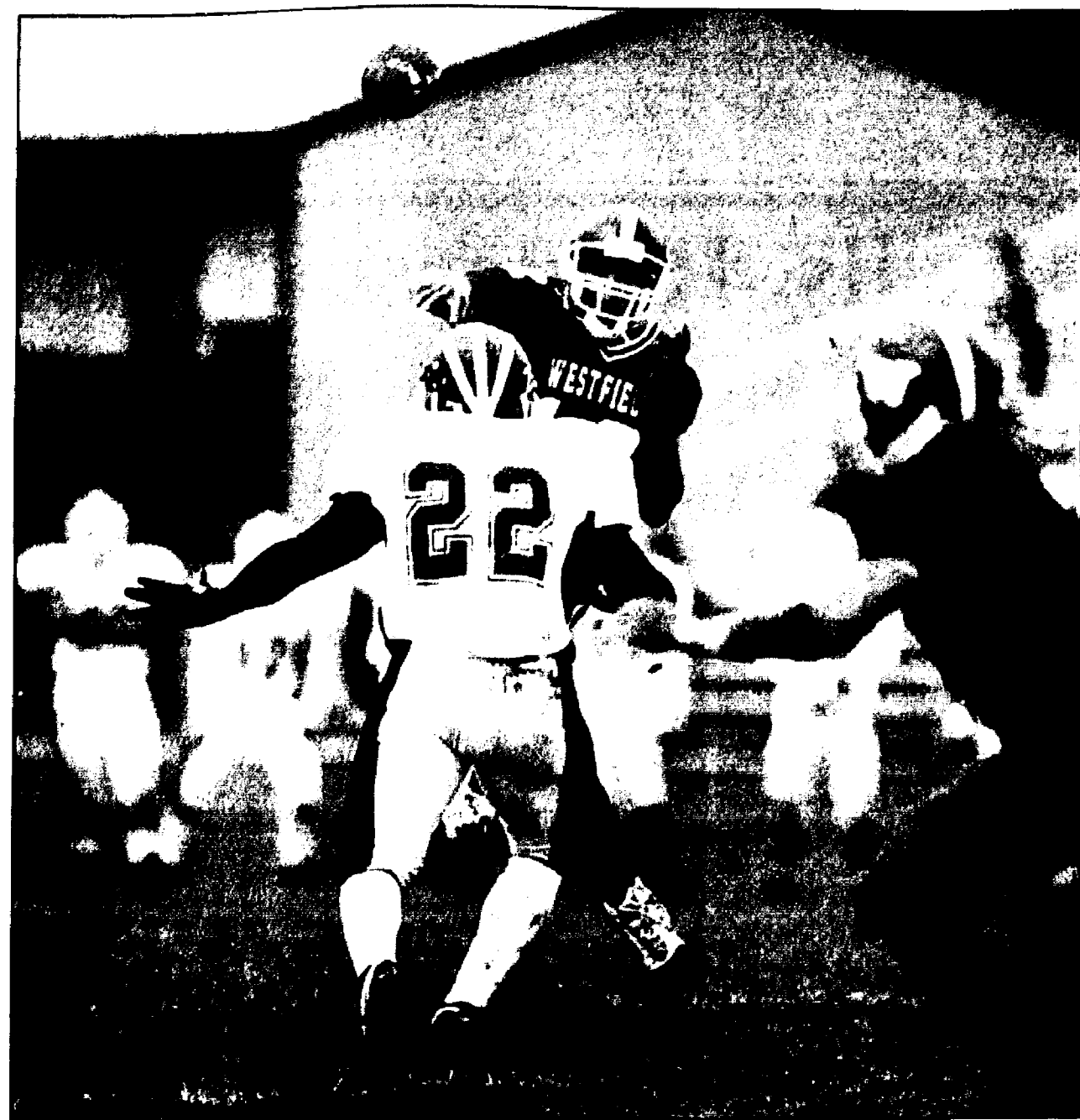
With just over two minutes remaining in the second half Friday South Plainfield ended Westfield's hopes for a state tournament berth when Meaghan Schweers scored unassisted with 2:08 remaining in the game for a 1-0 South Plainfield win. A victory would have given Westfield a 500 record on the final day for state qualifying.

Mollie Gibbons made 22 saves for the Devils (5-7-3).

#### VOLLEYBALL

Jackie LeBlanc had seven kills, Christinn Jensen had six kills and Jill Woodbury handed out 10 assists as Westfield defeated Scotch Plains 15-2, 15-11 Friday.

Westfield faced Union Catholic in the Union County



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Jan Coccoziello completed his first four passes to guide Westfield to an early touchdown, but the Devils offense sputtered the rest of the way.

Tournament semifinals yesterday. The final will be Saturday at Roselle Catholic High School.

#### TENNIS

Westfield won both doubles matches to secure a 3-2 victory over Plainfield Monday.

Kahleem Kielar and Michelle Morawski won 6-0, 6-0

at first doubles and Kim Lamb and Emily Sharpe won 6-0, 6-0 at second doubles. Liz Alliche had a 6-4, 6-1 win at third singles to clinch the victory.

# Raiders 'D' shuts down Linden

Needing a win to remain in the hunt for a strong playoff seed the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team

used another dominating defensive performance and an opportunistic offense to defeat Linden 14-6 Saturday.

The Raiders improved to 4-2 and moved up into a three-way tie for the second slot in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 power point standings. Scotch Plains, West Morris Central and Shabazz all have 42 points. Mount Olive leads the section with 47 points. Jefferson is fifth with 38. Orange sixth with 35 and Cranford seventh with 31. Warren Hills (3-4) is eighth with 30 and Phillipsburg (3-3) is ninth with 37.

Scotch Plains hosts 3-4 Kearny 1 p.m. tomorrow with a chance to further solidify home field in the first round of the playoffs.

The Raiders defense dominated Linden for the first three quarters, limiting the Tigers to just 37 yards and one first down while also setting up Scotch Plains' two scoring drives. Christian Gray blocked a punt in the first quarter to give the Raiders possession at the Linden 11-yard line. Five plays later Travis Boff rumbled into the end zone for a 6-0 lead with 7:02 left in the quarter.

Late in the first half Marc Fabiano sacked Linden's Trent Givins, forcing a fumble which was recovered by Tim Karis at the Linden 17. Kyle Baker capitalized three plays later, racing in from 10 yards out with 1:40 remaining in the second quarter. Boff ran in the conversion for a 14-0 lead.

Linden's offense finally was able to move the ball in the fourth quarter, but the Raiders defense came up big again, stopping a 52 yard Linden march at the 2-yard line. But the Tigers got on the board with a one yard touchdown run by Antonio Wilson with 3:54 left in the game.

The Raiders responded with two first downs on its next drive, including a 36 yard run by Boff, and was able to run out the clock.

Roland Adeyemo led the defensive effort with 19 tackles, five for a loss and one sack. Fabiano added 11 tackles.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Danni Fried scored from six yards out to lift Westfield to a 1-0 win over Scotch Plains Oct. 23.

#### BOYS SOCCER

Jeff Hensal and Terrance Charles scored for Scotch Plains in a 2-2 tie with Westfield Oct. 23. Lee Tomasso had a goal and an assist and Brendan Egan had a goal for Westfield.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Scotch Plains rolled past Linden 15-1, 15-10 Monday for their seventh victory of the season.

Kelli Kaskiw and Laura Manzi each served six points to lead the Raiders 7-13.

**Scotch Plains def. Shabazz 15-4, 15-2** — Kelli Kaskiw had three aces for Scotch Plains in a 15-4, 15-2 victory Oct. 23.

#### GYMNASTICS

Scotch Plains was edged by Cranford in a dual meet Oct. 22 101.9-100.4. Katie Zaleski finished second all-around with a 34.0 and Tayler Montagna tied for third all-around with a 32.9. Zaleski was third on vault (8.2), second on bars (8.75) and first on beam (8.5). Montagna was third on bars (8.4) and third on floor (8.6). Kate Breuninger was second (8.8) and Jackie Tumolo tied for third (8.2) on vault.

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## SPORTSCENE

## YOUTH SPORTS

The result of the Scotch Plains Lightning U13 Girls Soccer team was waiting for about 10 minutes after the game last Sunday, with the Central Jersey Fall Wave had ended. Although the Lightning lost the battle for first place 3-1 at Wardlaw-Hartree School, their main concern was for star defender Brittany Bondi, who taken off the field early in the second half by ambulance after getting hit hard by a ball in the jaw.

Bondi's injury didn't turn out to be serious and she should be able to play this week but her loss was definitely felt by the Lightning who faded down the stretch in the second half.

"They deserved to win it," said Coach Luis Rodriguez, who was returning after missing last week's game after undergoing minor surgery. "We missed Brittany. Our minds may have been more on her than the game."

When Bondi was injured the Lightning trailed 1-0 on a goal one minute before the end of the first half. After play was delayed for almost 30 minutes, the Lightning broke their huddle to return to the field by yelling "Brittany!" On the ensuing drop ball, Katie Cornacchia won the loose ball and sent a perfect lead pass to Angelica Glover who exploded past three defenders and beat the goalie with a perfect shot to the opposite left post.

After the game had it appeared that the momentum had swung to the Lightning but the Tidal Wave showed why they are the league's only unbeaten team by scoring two minutes later. They added a third goal on a perfectly executed corner kick and were able to hold off several attacks by the Lightning to beat Scotch Plains for the second time this fall.

The first half was a nip and tuck battle.

Jaclyn Lazarus, playing her best game of the year in goal, was effective with some excellent punts and was aggressive in cutting off some long passes. The defense of Kristen Thompson, Maria Rivera, Alyssa Straniero, and Javonn Costello was solid along with the midfield of Bondi, Cathy Harley, Heather Rodriguez, Nina Brownstone, and Glover.

Joanna Naugle was dangerous and creative on left forward, coming close to scoring several times. Rachel Kreyer, Cheryl Montero, and Cornacchia were effective on the line. The Lightning face another difficult game this Sunday when they travel to Montgomery to meet the Charge who are tied with them for second place.

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## WINTER GOLF

The change in the seasons brings about a change in the schedule of the three Union County golf courses. Eighteen regulation holes will continue to be available throughout the winter at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark, and 18 holes at Gallop Hill Golf Course will be operational weather permitting. Determination of play will be made by the Supervising Greenkeeper of the course in question. Winter hours of operation at both courses from Nov. 30 through March 1 will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours of operation during the month of Nov. will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains and the front nine at Gallop Hill in Kenton will be closed for the winter season, according to Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. The closure for both will begin Dec. 23 and continue until March 1.



Westfield's Kathleen Salmon pulled away from Cranford's Mallory Harlin in the final mile to win the conference title in 19:43, the third fastest time in school history.

# Salmon leads Devils to conference crown

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But the Cougars pack caught up and Clinton pulled away from McGuire, winning the race by six seconds in 16:14.

Brian Kopnicki was third (16:36), Walter Biner fourth (17:01) but Pete Bassman slipped to ninth (17:18) and Rocco Aloe finished 14th.

"Our top-five all had personal bests so I can't be upset," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Jeff Koegel. "We threw everything we had at this, we're just not as strong. I'll never be happy with losing, but we ran well."

"It's not winning wasn't because of a lack of effort. We threw everything we had, it just wasn't enough."

The Cranford and Scotch Plains boys squads went head-to-head again yesterday at the Union County Championships and will mix it up at least once more at the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 Championships Nov. 9 at Warinanco Park.

The Westfield girls squad was after its 12th straight county title yesterday, trying to fend off a serious challenge for Oak Knoll.

Irina Sheremeteyeva won the junior varsity race for Westfield in 22:13 and Jayne Rutolo won the freshman race in 15:41. Westfield also completed their eighth straight undefeated dual meet season, and have now won 89 consecutive dual meets.

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## This week

### FRIDAY

NOV. 1

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK** — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

### SATURDAY

NOV. 2

**GRANDMA'S ATTIC** — annual bazaar of Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (908) 322-5487.

**BOOK SIGNING** — "Vengeance Beyond Reason" by Joani Aacher. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

### SUNDAY

NOV. 3

**JEW & GENTILE** — "The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Life" for mixed-religion couples. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11:15 a.m. Nov. 3, Dec. 15. (908) 232-6770.

**'MAKING SENSE** — of Your Drawing" with Carl Burger. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Free. (908) 687-2945.

**MOURNING ATTIRE** — of the 19th and 20th centuries. Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 Front St., Scotch Plains, 2-4 p.m. Free. (908) 889-4137.

**LENAPE LORE** — with Sherry Lange and Janet Murphy. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

**BENEFIT CONCERT** — Concert Band from New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (Westfield). Burnet Middle School, Caldwell Ave., Union, 3 p.m. \$5. (908) 851-6500.

**GUEST LECTURER** — Susan Doubilet on the U.S. Holocaust Museum. Temple Emanu-El, 756 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7 p.m. Free. (908) 232-6770.

### WEDNESDAY

NOV. 6

**OPEN HOUSE** — for Grades 7-8 pupils interested in Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 6:45 p.m. (908) 889-1600 or www.union-catholic.org.

### FRIDAY

NOV. 8

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK** — "Fried Green Tomatoes." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave.,

Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

### SATURDAY

NOV. 9

**GIFT MARKET** — annual event for Parent Guild of Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Vendors wanted: (908) 889-9475.

**BOOK SIGNING** — "The Collie of Castle Hill" by Christine Reilly Carter. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

**BOOK SIGNING** — "Foster Care People" by Lauretta Ali. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

**BEER TASTING** — for Newcomers Club of Westfield and Welcome Club of Westfield, 8 p.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

**HOLIDAY CRAFTS** — St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1407 St. George Ave., Rahway, is holding its annual show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kitchen is open for breakfast

and lunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (732) 382-2417.

### SUNDAY

NOV. 10

**VOLUNTEER** — Recognition Celebration from People for Animals. Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, 2 p.m. Registration required: (908) 889-5438.

**'A DANDY** — of a Yankee Doodle Sunday." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

### COMING UP

**BLOOD DRIVE** — at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Ave., Plainfield, 4-8 p.m. Nov. 11. Donor requirements: (800) NJ BLOOD.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK** — "Dead Poets Society." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15. Free.

(908) 322-6400.  
**YULETIDE FAIR** — annual event of All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 16. (908) 322-8047.

**FAMILY TIES** — Donald Kiddoo on his own family tree. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10 a.m. Nov. 16. (908) 232-4159.

**SUPPORT GROUP** — for caregivers of Alzheimer's disease patients. Sunrise at Westfield, 240 Springfield Ave., Westfield, 7 p.m. Nov. 18. (800) 833-1180.

**IEPs** — Penny Dragonetti on "individual education plans" for disabled children. School No. 1, 563 Willow Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Nov. 21. (908) 889-6853.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK** — "A League of Their Own." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 22. Free. (908) 322-6400.

**MAYOR'S CHARITY** — Gala, honoring volunteers of the year for Scotch Plains. Pantages Renaissance, Route 22, Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Dec. 6. \$50. Tickets: (908) 322-6700, Ext. 221.

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## BEST BETS THIS WEEK

### Irish play at Circle Players

**PISCATAWAY** — The Circle Players continues its 2002-03 season with "Dancing at Lughnasa," a 1991 play by Brian Friel that was later turned into a Meryl Streep movie.

Showtimes at the Piscataway playhouse are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1-23 with a matinee 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

Performers are Jim Boyd as Michael, Pat Carpenter as Gerry, Colleen Cohan as Agnes, Phil Hochman as Father Jack, Catherine Rowe as Maggie, Gina Voegelé of Highland Park as Rose, Laura Carey as Chris and Ellen Cusick of South Plainfield as Kate. The show is directed by Amy Levine, produced by Jesse and Bernice Woldman.

Admission is \$13 for opening night; \$12 for other evening performances; \$11 for one or \$20 for two at the matinee. Seniors and students receive \$1 off at all shows with proper ID. Group rates are available.

For reservations and directions, phone (732) 968-7555.

### Sanders' works at the library

**BEDMINSTER** — Sally Sanders has shown her watercolors and oil paintings mostly in and near Sussex County, where she lives.

She brings her art down to the Somerset Hills for an exhibit at the Clarence Dillon Public Library in Bedminster. The exhibit opens Saturday, Nov. 2 and may be seen during library hours until Dec. 21; a reception is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6.

A trustee of the Sussex County Art Society, Sanders holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from William Paterson University. She is a member of the Bedminster-based Somerset Art Association, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and the Sussex County Art and Heritage Council.

For more information, visit [www.clarencedillonpl.org](http://www.clarencedillonpl.org) or phone (908) 234-2325.

The Clarence Dillon Public Library is on Lamington Road (County Road 523) at Route 206, one-half mile north of Interstate 287.

### Terra Cotta series at museum

**PISCATAWAY** — "Uncommon Clay: New Jersey's Architectural Terra Cotta Industry" is the theme of the current exhibition at the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum, Piscataway.

Related to this exhibit is a five-part lecture series about how and where terra cotta was created in the Garden State. The schedule:

Sunday, Nov. 10 — Susan Tunick on "New Jersey Terra Cotta: Its Impact on the New York Skyline." She is president of the national group Friends of Terra Cotta.

Sunday, Dec. 1 — Abby Hoffman on "The Art of Tile Making." The speaker will show how raw clay is turned into nice-looking tiles.

Jan. 19 — Helen Henderson on "New Jersey's Tile Making History" with special emphasis on Middlesex and Monmouth counties.

Feb. 23 — "Don't Take it for Granite: New Jersey's Terra Cotta Industry" with Richard Viet of Monmouth University.

March 30 — "Salvaging the Past" with Mark Nonestied of the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Most of the lectures are at East Jersey Olde Towne Village in Piscataway, off River Road at Hoes Lane West. The Dec. 1 lecture is at the Cornelius Low House/Middlesex County Museum, about 1 mile south on River Road near of the John A. Lynch Bridge. All lectures are free and begin 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required for each lecture; phone (732) 745-4177 or (732) 745-4489.



Folk legends Peter, Paul and Mary will be performing in November at the State Theatre.

## Peter, Paul and Mary celebrate 42 years at State

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Celebrating their 42nd anniversary together, singer-songwriters Peter, Paul, and Mary will appear in New Brunswick at the State Theatre on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.

Peter, Paul, and Mary are set to perform exciting new material, as well as an assemblage of their most timeless classics, which span the trio's illustrious career as one of the most politically active and socially conscious groups in music.

It was more than 40 years ago when the three folk singers combined talents and made their debut at Greenwich Village's Bitter End coffeehouse in New York City. What began there has become a legacy, shared by people all over the world now on a first-name basis with Peter Yarrow, Noel "Paul" Stookey, and Mary Travers. With many albums, Grammy awards, and esteemed television shows behind them, they continue to embrace the family of folk music, singing new songs written by the "old soul" poets of today as well as traditional ballads drawn from the great

folk heritage they still honor and enjoy.

With such timeless recordings as "Leaving On A Jet Plane" and "Puff the Magic Dragon," this Grammy Award-winning trio continues to proudly embrace their folk music roots. Their last CD, *Songs of Conscience & Concern*, was released in 1999 and featured an unusual collection of 15 of their most powerful and evocative songs, culled from nine different albums of the 20 they have released over their 40-year association. Peter, Paul, and Mary are currently at work on a new album to be released in early 2003.

Tickets for this performance are on sale now for \$55 (Premium Orchestra/Loge), \$50 (Orchestra/Front Balcony), \$45 (Rear Orchestra/Balcony), or \$25 (Gallery). The State Theatre box office is located at 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901.

For telephone ticket orders or information call (732) 246-7469 or toll free (877) STATE-11 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Bus tours will explore history of the county

**BRIDGEWATER** — Two bus tours this weekend allow you to explore historic sites within Somerset County.

Both tours leave from the Van Horne House on East Main Street, Bridgewater, between the Bridgewater Promenade and Interstate 287.

"Legends and Lore of the Somerset Hills" runs 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Emphasis is on early settlements, Revolutionary War battles, the Industrial Age and the arrival of the railroad. The first stop is Hamilton Farms in Bedminster, home to the United States Equestrian Team and before that the Brady estate. The second stop is Golf House in Far Hills, where the United States Golf Association has its offices and museum; Golf House once was the Sloane estate. A guided tour of each facility is included.

"Tales of the South County" runs 2 p.m. Nov. 2 and 10 a.m. Nov. 3. Stories of "The Middlebush

Giant" and life along the Delaware & Raritan Canal are retold. The first stop is the Abraham Staats House in South Bound Brook, built in 1740 and home to Maj. Gen. Baron von Steuben in the second Middlebrook encampment (1778-79). The second stop is the Dirk Gulick house in Montgomery, a one-story Dutch-style dwelling built in stone in 1752 and named for a family that acted as a local militia in the War of Independence. Also included is a video about a Revolutionary War spy.

Cost for each tour is \$20. A box lunch is available for an additional fee. Parking is available behind the Van Horne House. By local ordinance, all-day parking is not allowed at the Bridgewater Promenade.

Reservations are required; visit [www.heritagetrail.org](http://www.heritagetrail.org) or phone (732) 356-8856. The bus tours are sponsored by the Heritage Trail Association.

## Performance of 'Fosse' will benefit Red Cross

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The American Red Cross of Central New Jersey will host its 2nd annual *Evening at the Theatre* benefit at 8 p.m. Nov. 23 at the State Theatre.

Three non-profit organizations have collaborated with the Red Cross to make this event a success — the State Theatre, Promise Catering, and the Jazz Institute of New Jersey. Each will play a part to contribute services in a meaningful way.

In the opulent setting of the historic State Theatre, this year's *Evening at the Theatre* will include a ticket to the Broadway hit *Fosse* — the brilliant retrospective on legendary choreographer Bob Fosse's most memorable work — and an invitation to the post-show champagne & dessert reception. To receive an invitation to the *Evening at the Theatre* benefit call (732) 418-0800 or visit their website at [www.njredcross.org](http://www.njredcross.org).

The State Theatre has contributed a subsidized ticket price to *Fosse* and made arrangements for the post-event reception to be held in their ornate lobby. The State Theatre has played host to world-class events including international orchestras,

Broadway musicals, jazz productions, dance ensembles, touring operas, and more. This 1800-seat concert hall attracts over 300,000 patrons each year from all 21 New Jersey counties, contributing to a vital urban environment.

The Jazz Institute of New Jersey will perform at the reception during this elegant evening. The Jazz Institute of New Jersey is a non-profit community based organization dedicated to improving the lives of under privileged youth through the discipline of jazz music. The Jazz Institute focuses on cultivating the social development and musical education of underprivileged youth throughout the community.

Proceeds from the *Evening at the Theatre* benefit help to support local Red Cross programs and services. Serving Mercer and Middlesex counties, the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey is a volunteer led humanitarian organization providing Disaster Relief, Disaster and Emergency Preparedness courses, Elderly Services, Youth Services, Health & Safety courses, and blood services.

## 'All That's Jazz' set for Sunday

**PLAINFIELD** — Joe Cohn comes from a musical family: His mother, Marilyn Moore, was a singer and his father, Al, was a jazzman.

The son became a jazz guitarist who played early in his career with Artie Shaw and more recently with Wynton Marsalis.

Cohn promotes "All That's Jazz" 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 at the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield. Jill McCarron, piano, and Tom

Pietrycha, upright bass, accompany the guitarist for standards and other tunes in a setting that's up close.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, \$25 for families of three or more. A reception follows the concert. For more information, phone (908) 756-0750.

The First Unitarian Society is at 724 Park Ave., about one block south of Seventh Street.



"The Chase" by Elena Mitchell will be on display at the Watchung Arts Center.

## Photography Forum at Arts Center

**WATCHUNG** — The New Jersey Photography Forum began in the mid-1990s to help professional and art photographers throughout the Garden State.

Nancy Ori and Michael Creem are curators of the Forum's eighth annual juried photography exhibit at the Watchung Arts Center, located on the Watchung Circle. The exhibit runs Oct. 31-Nov. 29; awards will be presented at a reception 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

After its run in Watchung the exhibit moves to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside for a two-month run in the hospital gallery.

Watchung Arts Center hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 1-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The center will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day.

For more information, visit [www.watchungarts.org](http://www.watchungarts.org) or phone (908) 753-0190.

## Former mayor writes book about publishing a book

BY TIMOTHY BOND  
NJN PUBLISHING

For Manny Luftglass of Alexandria Township, success as a writer has come by taking the road less traveled. While many writers wait years to have their work accepted by an established publishing house, Luftglass, a former mayor of Somerville, decided it wasn't worth the wait.

Out of the 11 books he has written, nine of them are self-published. His most recent work is *So You Want to Write a Book: How to Write, Self-Publish and Sell Your Own Non-fiction Book* published in 2002 by Gone Fishin' Enterprises of Annandale. This book gives aspiring writers a step-by-step primer on how to self-publish their own non-fiction books.

On Saturday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m., Luftglass will be at Clinton Book Shop to sign copies of the book.

Luftglass has written more than 1,500 articles and columns for a wide variety of magazines and newspapers since 1971, and is now writing a fishing column for NJN Publishing. He had his own radio show for two years and has appeared often on local television. He also lectures on fishing in four eastern states.

It was through his lecture tour that he first came up with the idea for the book. Luftglass's first love is fishing, and all 10 of his previous books have explored this area of interest. Following his talks on fishing, people would often come up to him and ask him questions about self-publishing. The trickle of queries soon became a steady stream. He said, "I heard it so many times that I decided to write a book about it."

For Luftglass the big advantage of self-publishing is "that

you can make a lot more money." While self-publishers need to put up an initial \$10,000 to cover the expenses, Luftglass said that "if you sell 20 percent of your inventory you're already in the black. From there on it's free money."

Another advantage of self-publishing is "that no one's going to tell you what to do or how to do it. You're much more free to be."

Luftglass referred to a recent New York Times article stating that 81 percent of Americans want to write a book. Of these three-quarters of them want to write a nonfiction book. Luftglass said that the biggest problem for people is actually sitting down and writing. In the first section of his book he describes how a book is constructed, who the audience is going to be, and design and typesetting. He also gives tips on how writers can build up their skills and establish credibility. The second section deals with how to get the book published. It explains how to find a printer, how many books to print, setting a cover price and copyright information. The third section deals with selling the book: how to market the book and who to sell it to. There is also a chapter on forming business partnerships, which Luftglass said is key to successfully publishing a book. He also discusses insurance, electronic book publishing and creating your own Web site.

Currently, *So You Want to Write a Book* is available at many Borders and Barnes & Noble stores, as well as every Walden store in New Jersey. Autographed copies can be purchased directly from the author by sending \$13.95 plus 84 cents tax (\$14.79) to Manny Luftglass, Box 556, Annandale 08801.

## Theater

## NOW PLAYING

## CIRCLE PLAYERS

416 Victoria Ave.,  
Piscataway  
(732) 968-7555  
• "Dancing at Lughnasa," local production of stage play/Meryl Streep movie. 8 p.m. Nov. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23; 3 p.m. Nov. 17. Admission \$13 opening night, \$12 other evenings, \$11 matinee. Discounts available.

## CROSSROADS

## THEATRE COMPANY

7 Livingston Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(732) 645-8100  
• "An Evening of Comedy with Moms Mabley," tribute show. To Nov. 3. Admission \$45-\$32; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

## GEORGE STREET

## PLAYHOUSE

9 Livingston Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(732) 246-7717;  
www.georgestplayhouse.org  
• "Dirty Blonde," docu-comedy about Mae West. To Nov. 24. Admission \$50-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

## THE NEW THEATER

Rutgers University  
George St., New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7511;  
mgsa.rutgers.edu  
• "Tartuffe," Moliere comic-tragedy in English translation. 8 p.m. Nov. 1, 2, 6-9, 13-16; 2 p.m. Nov. 3, 10. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$17; students \$9.

## PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

Brookside Dr., Millburn  
(973) 376-4343;  
www.papermill.org  
• "Annie," revival of Broadway/movie musical. To Dec. 8. Admission \$67-\$30; discounts available. Call for show schedule.

## SOMERSET VALLEY

## PLAYHOUSE

Route 514, Hillsborough  
(908) 369-SHOW;

www.svptheatre.org  
• "Inspecting Carol," comedy by Daniel Sullivan, 8 p.m. Nov. 1, 2, 8, 9; 3 p.m. Nov. 3, 10. Admission \$13, \$11.  
**UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER**  
1601 Irving St., Rahway  
(732) 499-8226;  
www.ucac.org  
• "Same Time, Next Year," revival of 70's Broadway/movie romance. 8 p.m. Nov. 1. Admission \$32-\$20.  
• "Dracula, or How's Your Blood Count?" 8 p.m. Nov. 2. Admission \$25-\$15.  
**VILLAGERS THEATRE**  
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset  
(732) 873-2710  
• "Sweet Charity," local production of Broadway/movie musical. 8 p.m. Nov. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23; 2 p.m. Nov. 3, 10, 17. Adults \$16; seniors, students \$14.

## COMING UP

## JAMESON THEATER

Rutgers University  
George St., New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7511;  
mgsa.rutgers.edu  
• "Possible Worlds," drama by John Mighton. 8 p.m. Nov. 6-8; 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 9; 2 p.m. Nov. 10. Adults \$6; students \$5.

## Sky Shows

## RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Route 28, Branchburg  
(908) 231-8805;  
www.raritanval.edu/plane-tarium  
• "Autumn Skies," 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$4.50.  
• "Laser Lite," 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23. Admission \$5.  
• "Beatles/Sgt. Pepper" (laser show), 9 p.m. Nov. 2. Admission \$5.

## Concerts

## ALL THAT'S JAZZ

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3  
First Unitarian Society  
724 Park Ave., Plainfield  
(908) 756-0750  
• Joe Cohn, guitar; Jill

McCarraon, piano; and Tom Pietrycha, bass. Adults \$12; students, seniors \$10; families of 3 or more \$25.

## TAMAMI ABURAKAWA/ERIC OLSEN

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10  
Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill  
(908) 790-0700;  
www.scmcmusic.org  
• Pianists play their own works plus classical and jazz. Adults \$12; students, seniors \$6.

## AZTEC TWO-STEP

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190;  
www.watchungarts.org  
• New England-based band marking its 30th anniversary this year. Admission \$20.

## DEBBIE BREWIN-WILSON

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3  
Old Dutch Parsonage/Wallace House, 38 Washington Pl., Somerville  
(908) 725-1015  
• Harpist plays early Celtic music. Free admission; reservations recommended.

## JIM BRICKMAN

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatrenj.org  
• CD 101.9-type pianist. Admission \$38-\$20.

## ANTON DEL FORNO

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3  
Clarence Dillon Public Library  
Route 523, Bedminster  
(908) 234-2325;  
www.clarence Dillon Pl. org  
• Guitarist performs his works and those of three other composers with Melanie Wesley, flute. Free admission; reservations recommended.

## EDDIE LANG TRIBUTE

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190;  
www.watchungarts.org  
• Marking the 100th anniversary of the jazz guitarist. Admission \$12.

## GOVT MULE

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatrenj.org  
• Jam/roots-style band. Admission \$28, \$25.

## HELIXI

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10  
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7511;  
mgsa.rutgers.edu  
• "New music" ensemble. Free admission.

## IN THE MOOD

7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2  
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College  
Route 28, Branchburg  
(908) 725-3420;  
www.raritanval.edu/theatre  
• Re-creation of a World War II-era big band show. Admission \$28, \$23.

## LA BOHEME

8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;

www.statetheatrenj.org  
• Verdi opera, sung in Italian (with English supertitles) by the Western Opera Theatre. Admission \$45-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

## NEW JERSEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3  
Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church  
716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield  
(908) 771-5544;  
www.njys.org  
• Performing works of Haydn, Dvorak and other composers. Adults \$5; children free.

## NEWMAN &amp; OLTMAN

8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1  
Bridgewater  
(908) 226-7300;  
www.ponj.org  
• Michael Newman and Laura Oltman, guitarists. Adults \$50; students (10-18) \$25.

## OPERA SCENES

2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3  
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7511;  
mgsa.rutgers.edu  
• Performed by Rutgers-based singers. Adults \$15; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$13; students \$10.

## ORQUESTRA de SAO PAULO

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatrenj.org  
• Brazilian symphony performs works of Edino Krieger, Carmago Guarneri and others with Sergio & Odair Assad, guitar. Admission \$50-\$25. Related lecture 7 p.m.; admission \$6.

## RUTGERS BRASS

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9  
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7511;  
mgsa.rutgers.edu  
• Directed by Scott Whitener. Free admission.

## RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1  
Nicholas Music Center  
George St., New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7511;  
mgsa.rutgers.edu  
• Piano Concerto No. 1 by Stanley Cowell (solo); Symphony No. 3 by Aaron Copland; the overture to "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein. Adults \$18; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$16; students \$10.

## NEIL SEDAKA

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9  
Union County Arts Center  
1601 Irving St., Rahway  
(732) 499-8226;  
www.ucac.org  
• Songwriter who had two careers as a singer — before the Beatles (first) and in the 70's (second). Admission \$50-\$30.

## SHAN-SHAN SUN

Noon Friday, Nov. 8  
Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
(732) 932-7511;  
mgsa.rutgers.edu  
• Pianist in a solo recital. Free admission.

## Events

## LEGENDS AND LORE OF SOMERSET HILLS

(732) 356-8856;  
www.heritagetrail.org  
• Historic tour of northern Somerset County, 10 a.m. Nov. 2, 2 p.m. Nov. 3. Tour leaves from Van Horne House, Bridgewater. Cost \$20; reservations required.

## MINERAL SHOW

Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside  
(908) 789-3670  
• Rocks, minerals and other fossils, noon-5 p.m. Nov. 3. Adults \$1; ages 6-under free.

## SUGARLOAF CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Garden State Exhibit Center  
1-287 Exit 10, Somerset  
(800) 210-9900;  
www.sugarloafcrafter.com  
• Fall edition of touring craft show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 1-3. Adults \$6 per day; under 12 free (no strollers).

## TALES OF THE SOUTH COUNTY

(732) 356-8856;  
www.heritagetrail.org  
• Historic tour of southern Somerset County, 2 p.m. Nov. 2, 10 a.m. Nov. 3. Tour leaves from Van Horne House, Bridgewater. Cost \$20; reservations required.

## TASTE OF THE HILLS

Olde Mill Inn  
1-287 Exit 30B, Basking Ridge  
(908) 647-5377, (908) 766-3919  
• Sample cuisine from Somerset Hills restaurants, 6-9 p.m. Nov. 3. Cost \$60 in advance, \$70 at the door.

## WESTFIELD ARTISTS MARKET

National Guard armory  
500 Rahway Ave., Westfield  
(800) 834-9437; www.americancraftmarketing.com  
• Fall edition of semiannual craft show, 5-8:30 p.m. Nov. 1; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 2; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 3. Adults \$6/weekend; under 10 free.

## For Kids

## JUST SO STORIES

1 and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 3  
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College  
Route 28, Branchburg  
(908) 725-3420;  
www.raritanval.edu/theatre  
• Written by Rudyard Kipling, told live and local with music. Admission \$9.

## MEET WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3  
Somerset Hills YMCA  
Route 525, Basking Ridge  
(908) 226-7300;  
www.ponj.org  
• The 18th century composer, his life and music, re-created by Dennis Kobray. YMCA members \$5; non-members \$10.

## Dance

## BALLET ARGENTINO

8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7  
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
www.statetheatrenj.org  
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# Real Estate

## Process makes VA loans look good

BY JAMES M. WOODARD  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Financing the purchase of a home or refinancing an existing loan with a Veterans Affairs mortgage has become more appealing since the VA streamlined its mortgage financing system.

Veterans who qualify for a certificate of eligibility can refinance their homes using a VA-guaranteed mortgage. There is no appraisal fee, credit check or income verification. And recent improvements in the system make the process even faster.

VA mortgages for home buyers are particularly appealing. They often come with no down payment and frequently offer interest rates lower than are available with other mortgages.

Veterans can choose from the many lenders who offer VA-approved automatic loan processing. A loan application submitted to a VA-approved lender can be processed and closed without waiting for the VA to approve the potential home buyer's credit application.

Lenders approved under the VA's Lender Appraisal Processing Program can review the appraisal completed by a VA-assigned appraiser and close the loan on the basis of that review. This can speed the loan-closing process substantially.

Interest rates on VA loans are competitive with conventional mortgages. In October, the VA rates were 6.3 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate loan and 5.5 percent for a 15-year fixed-rate loan.

Veterans can get a certificate of eligibility by completing VA "Form 26-1880 - Request for a Certificate of Eligibility for VA Home Loan Benefits." Submit it to a local VA office along with copies of your most recent discharge papers.

A recent VA report describes its home financing program in basic terms:

"To get a VA loan, a veteran must apply to a lender. If the loan is approved, VA will guarantee a portion of it to the lender. This guarantee protects the lender against loss up to the amount guaranteed, thereby allowing the veteran to obtain favorable financing terms.

"There are no maximum VA loan limits, but lenders generally limit VA loans to \$240,000. This is because lenders sell VA loans in the secondary market, and that (market) currently places a \$240,000 limit on the loans."

For information on VA mortgage loans, call toll-free (877) 832-9347.

Attractive alternatives to VA loans in some states are mortgage loans for veterans funded by state allocations. Several states have such programs, including California, Texas, Oregon and Wisconsin.

In California, veterans can apply for a Cal-Vet home loan of up to \$300,700 after Jan. 1, 2003. That's an increase from the current \$250,000. Interest rates for new Cal-Vet loans range from 5.8 to 6 percent.

Cal-Vet regional offices periodically hold seminars and workshops for real estate professionals. Other sessions are planned for veterans only.

Q. What is a home-asset management account mortgage?

A. This is a new kind of home mortgage emerging around the country. Called a home-asset management account mortgage, it couples a growing equity line of credit with a conventional home mortgage.

The initial line of credit covers all or

most of the home's equity — the portion for which a cash down payment was paid when the purchase transaction closed. As the mortgage balance is amortized down, and the property's market value increases, so too does the equity. Correspondingly, the line of credit grows. The cash drawn from the account is usually tax-deductible, and, of course, interest payments only accrue if and when an amount is drawn from the credit line.

This can be a very risky situation for borrowers who lack self-discipline. It's only too easy to draw funds from the account. After a few withdrawals, the homeowner might find that his income is not sufficient to handle the mounting payments, and he could lose his home in a foreclosure sale.

Q. What is a bridge loan in real estate?

A. Many corporate employees who get transferred to another city face a problem in their destination community. They want to buy a home and move in as quickly as possible, but it takes time for the sale of their previous home to close and generate the cash needed for a down payment on a new home.

More and more corporate employers provide bridge loans to such employees. The loan is to be paid back by the employee as soon as the sale of their previous home closes. Sixty-nine percent of corporate relocation administrators offer no-interest or low-interest short-term bridge loans to their employees, according to a study by the management consulting firm Runzheimer Int. Bridge loans, which help speed and smooth the way for relocating employees, are usually secured by the equity in the employee's former residence, the study reported.

### Abeel is a 'Super Seller'

SCOTCH PLAINS — ERA Suburb Realty Agency announced a "Super Seller" for the summer. Michele Abeel has been a licensed real estate professional for more than 13 years and has been a member of the ERA Suburb Team for approximately five of those years.


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Black River Mortgage Co. 908-679-6000						Investors Savings Bank 908-582-0000						Pac. Am. Mortgage 908-582-0000					
30 YR FIXED	6.375	0.00	6.440	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.250	0.00	6.330	5%	90 DAY	30 YR FIXED	5.500	2.50	5.980	5%	45 DAY
15 YR FIXED	5.875	0.00	5.980	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.625	0.00	5.750	5%	90 DAY	15 YR FIXED	4.750	2.50	5.380	5%	45 DAY
1 YR JUMBO	2.750	0.00	4.320	20%	60 DAY	5/1-30 YR	5.500	0.00	4.780	5%	90 DAY	OPTION ARM	2.450	0.00	4.170	10%	60 DAY
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15 YR FIXED	5.750	0.00	5.791	20%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.750	0.00	5.880	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.125	0.00	5.170	5%	60 DAY
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15 YR FIXED	5.750	0.00	5.771	5%	90 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.375	0.00	5.480	5%	60 DAY	1 YR ADJ.	4.000	0.00	3.555	5%	40 DAY
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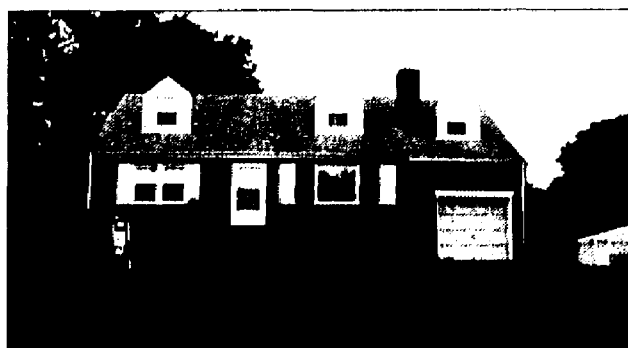
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## The Acura CL coupe has improved on perfection

BY JERRY GARRETT  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

There's big news for fans of the Acura CL coupe: For the 2003 model year, the grille, headlights and taillights have been slightly redesigned. Yes, and there are new exhaust pipe tips!

For the uninitiated, that news might merit an underwhelming "Yippee skippy." But for those who love this relatively large Acura luxury liner, those new features are akin to improving upon perfection, and that's enough to drive more eager hordes into the nearest dealer showroom.

But wait, there is one more thing on the list of new stuff for the CL: a six-speed manual transmission option on the hot Type S package.

Acura dealers have probably taken precautionary measures to brace themselves for the stampede.

Honda's luxury line has a hot commodity in the TL and CL siblings, and the powers-that-be know it. Why else would Acura introduce the new CL to the media at a combined drive with the flashy \$90,000 NSX (also redesigned in ways so subtle that only Braille readers can detect)?

Most coupes would be embarrassed in such company, but the CL more than held its own.

Sadly (to sport-minded auto journalists), we probably are kidding ourselves about any "stampede" to dealers. Not that many CL buyers are likely to experience the joys of rowing through the now close-ratio, short throw box.

Typically, the "take rate" for any manual transmission option is barely 15 percent. If that holds true in this instance, some 16,000 of the expected 18,000 CL buyers for '03 will choose the five-speed Sequential SportShift automatic transmission.

Hey, guys (and gals), you'll really be missing something.

For starters, the new six-speed, combined with the 260-horsepower 3.2-liter V-6, produces 0-60 times in the low six-second realm — on a par with the perennial fire-bleach burnout king in this class, the BMW



For the 2003 model year, the Acura CL coupe's grille, headlights and taillights have been slightly redesigned.

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Also, the CL Type-S six-speed, at \$31,030, is priced about four grand lower than the Beemer.

And we haven't even mentioned the handling yet. Six-speed equipped models also benefit from a stout Torsen limited-slip differential, which redirects torque to the front wheel with the most grip — a real facilitator for maintaining control under hard cornering and aggressive power transfer.

That was an especially notable feature on the CL that stood out when we switched back and forth between it and the NSX on our preview drive.

The automatic transmission CL was a distant third place in this dynamic, with a comparatively noticeable amount of torque steer.

Each CL model, however, benefits from tremendous road manners, thanks to very precise rack-and-pinion steering and sophisticated four-wheel, independent, double-wishbone

suspensions (the Type S suspension is also "sport-tuned" and has upgraded 17-inch wheels and tires.)

The automatic model, however, includes traction and stability control, plus four-channel (rather than three-channel) ABS.

Honda engineers have also found a way to trim 60 pounds off the curb weight of the manual transmission package, compared to the automatic-equipped version. Quite an accomplishment, considering all that comes

with the manual setup, such as a self-adjusting clutch, heavy-gauge cable linkage and multicone synchros.

Like all other Acuras, most everything comes standard for the base price: niceties such as a six-CD changer, heated leather seating and a sunroof. For '03, there's also OnStar that's included with models equipped with the \$2,000 navigation system, one of the few options.

With all the upgrades for '03, pricing is up 0.7 percent across the line, Acura says. That amounts to about a \$2,000 premium over the base price of a CL to get all that's offered in the Type S six-speed package. We think that's a screaming deal.

### PRICE

Pricing for 2003 Acura 3.2 CL  
— 3.2 CL \$28,680  
— CL Type-S with 5-speed SportShift transmission \$31,030  
— CL Type-S with 6-speed manual transmission \$31,030  
— Acura Satellite-Linked Navigation System with OnStar Service \$2,150  
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### SPECS

2003 Acura CL  
Body style: Entry-level luxury coupe  
Drive system: Front wheel  
Engine size and type: Aluminum 3.2-liter SOHC 24-valve V-6 with variable valve timing, or VTEC; meets ULEV emissions standards in California  
Horsepower: 225 at 5,600 rpm (260 at 6,100 rpm, Type S)  
Torque: 216 foot-pounds at 4,700 rpm (232 at 3,500 rpm, Type S)  
Transmission: Five-speed Sequential SportShift automatic (Optional: six-speed manual)  
Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, 6.9 seconds (manual, 6.3)  
EPA fuel economy estimates: 19 mpg city, 29 highway (manual, 19/28)  
Fuel capacity: 17.2 gallons  
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