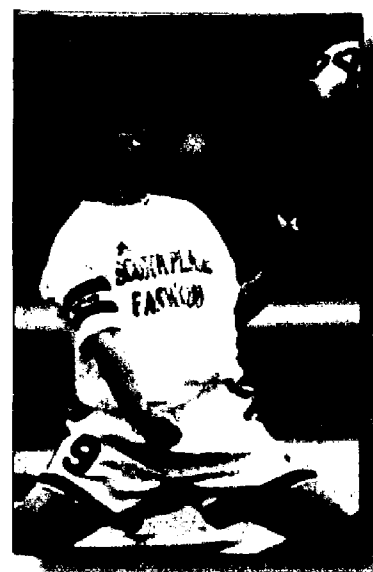


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A big day for the Republicans

Scotch Plains voters shut out the Democrats

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Democrats hoped to capture three seats on the Township Council, bringing the party back in control as it was in 1999. However, not only did they not gain control, but they lost a presence all together as the Republicans won every seat and have complete control of the council.

Councilman Frank Rossi, Nancy Malool and Carolyn Sorge defeated Councilwoman Geri Samuel and Democratic running mates Shelia Ellington and George Gowen by collecting 56 percent of the vote in Tuesday's election. The council currently has 3-1 Republican majority, with Samuel as the only Democrat.

"I'm very satisfied that the people of Scotch Plains voted on good achievements and the good progress they've seen in the leadership of the (Mayor Martin) Marks administration and our team's leadership," said Rossi.

Though not much separated the two parties on the issues, candidates took shots and criticized each other on past performances on Republican- and Democratic-controlled councils.

Aside from the normal campaign jarring, the two sides pushed different agendas, with Democrats focusing on downtown revitalization and Republicans pushing for open government and stabilized taxes.

Each side tried to poke holes in the opponent's agenda. Republicans said that Democrats

The people of Scotch Plains voted on good achievements and the good progress they've seen...

—Councilman Frank Rossi

did only site improvements for downtown but no significant revitalization, while Democrats said Republicans increased taxes.

"Our candidates ran a better race," said Samuel, who headed the Democratic ticket. "We're going to put pressure on the new administration on every issue. I don't see a lot of hope from downtown revitalization with an all-Republican administration."

Despite the perceived advantage of a single-party government, Rossi said the council will not just pedal its own agenda.

"There will be no complacency with this all-Republican council," he said. "We will challenge each other to make sure what we're doing is best for the community."

Also on the ballot for Scotch Plains voters was a non-binding question asking residents if they supported a state constitutional convention to reform property tax, a bill that fell short in the Legislature in June. More than 3,800 voters supported a convention, while 1,043 were opposed.

Planning Board. Trumpp was appointed to the council after the death of Carol Wood in the spring, and was elected to finish her term, which expires in a year.

"I would like to thank voters for electing me to a third term. It's an honor to have them pose their confidence in me once again," said Kline. "We congratulate our opponents. They put up a good campaign. We enjoyed debating with them."

According to Kline, the campaign was helpful because it revealed issues that the council hadn't dealt with such as the desire for an expanded recycling program and longer hours for the recycling center, which Plante mentioned in his cam-

township. She said she's learning the ins and outs of the process from Township Administrator Thomas E. Atkins and other municipal officials.

However, the job is not new to her. Kolaya has a diverse background with public and private libraries. Before coming to Scotch Plains she was the director of Clark's public library for five years. She was also a director in Livingston, head librarian at Wardlaw-Hartridge in Edison and an archive librarian at Yale University Sterling Library.

Kolaya also works with professional library organizations. She's a member of the Info-link regional library group made up of Union, Middlesex and Essex counties, as well as co-chair of the New Jersey Library Association.

Scotch Plains librarian likes variety in the job

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Meg Kolaya has big shoes to fill as she steps into a position Norbert Bernstein held for 30 years. Kolaya, the new library director, has been busy in only three weeks on the job, but says that Bernstein left her with a welcoming and dedicated staff.

"I enjoy the variety of things I deal with every day," said Kolaya, who grew up in New Hampshire and lives in Plainfield. "I deal with everything from the heating system, to talking with people on the floor to children's study time. It's a little microcosm of life. You should never be bored being a library director."

Kolaya's start has been anything but boring, as she was dropped into the middle of the budget planning season in the

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Westfield's Mayor Greg McDermott thanks supporters Tuesday night after his resounding re-election victory.

GEORGE PACCIOLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tuesday's winners

- Frank Lautenberg, D, U.S. Senate
- Michael Ferguson, R, House
- Nicholas Scutari, D, freeholder
- Angel Estrada, D, freeholder
- Rick Proctor, D, freeholder
- WESTFIELD**
- Mayor Greg McDermott, R
- Sal Caruana, R, Ward 1
- Rafael Betancourt, R, Ward 2
- Andy Skibitsky, R, Ward 3
- Lawrence Goldman, D, Ward 4
- SCOTCH PLAINS**
- Frank Rossi, R
- Nancy Malool, R
- Carolyn Sorge, R
- FANWOOD**
- Andrew Calamaras, R
- Stuart Kline, R
- David Trumpp, R

GOP keeps mayoralty, regains control

By KEVIN HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Voters in Westfield keep party chairmen guessing, as Town Council control seasawed back to Republicans after a year in the Democrats' hands.

Residents elected Republicans in three out of the four wards Tuesday, giving the party a 5-3 advantage. The town kept Gregory McDermott as its leader; the Republican mayor will serve a second term after he collected 67 percent of the vote.

"I'm overwhelmed," said McDermott with a smile, as he was surrounded by supporters at Sweet Water restaurant election night. "As the mayor I have this role of leadership. The people obviously were happy with this, and there's a lot of pressure to be the leader of the community. I'm looking forward to that challenge."

McDermott defeated Democratic candidate Thomas Fuccillo, a four-year resident of the town who unsuccessfully ran for council last year.

"Obviously I'm disappointed with the results, but I think I highlighted some important issues facing Westfield," Fuccillo said, pointing out the poor condition of sidewalks and recreation fields. "I knew it would be a very difficult run against an incumbent who has roots in the community, being born and raised here. But I met so many wonderful people on the campaign trail, knocking on doors and talking to people. It was real grassroots politics."

It was a disappointing night for Democrats, who lost a Third Ward seat, as Andy Skibitsky defeated Councilwoman Chaire Lazarowitz with 55 percent of the vote, and Sal Caruana defeated Mark Kuehn for the First Ward seat currently held by Democrat Carl Salisbury who didn't run for re-election.

The only bright spot was the consistency of Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence Goldman, who was elected to his fourth consecutive term. Goldman defeated newcomer Chris Panagos, taking 54 percent of Fourth Ward votes.

"I have mixed feelings. I'm very pleased with my own results, but disappointed with the results of my party mates," Goldman said. "I worked hard trying to respond to problems brought to my attention, both individual problems and neighborhood problems over the past six years. For the most part people appreciate that. When they

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Meg Kolaya is the new public library director in Scotch Plains.

NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Movie gives athletes real-life experience in teamwork

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The members of the Cranford Cosmos under-13 girls' soccer team have been through a lot together over the years. But on Oct. 26, the girls shared an experience they never expected — they were cast in supporting roles in a feature film.

The Cosmos were one of several local teams to participate in the filming of "Personal

Sergeant," an independent production which concluded filming in the township Monday.

The film, said writer and director Anthony Orkin, is a family drama about parents and a grandfather who compete for the affections of a 10-year-old girl, who happens to be a soccer player.

Though Orkin and producer Chip Hourihan chose Cranford more for its accessibility and friendly suburban atmosphere

than for the local sports programs, they soon realized they had come to exactly the right place to make a movie about youth soccer.

"I knew Cranford had good soccer teams, but I didn't realize how good," Hourihan said. "I didn't realize the depth of community involvement."

The members of the Cosmos, many of whom have been playing soccer together since elementary school, demonstrated that com-

mitment two Saturdays ago when they braved the chill of an October afternoon for seven hours to stage simulated game action for the movie.

The girls soon realized that movie-making requires as much repetition and discipline as the most arduous soccer drill. "We had to be really patient, and learn not to look at the cameras," said Meredith, one Cosmos player.

"It was tiring after awhile," agreed her teammate Kelsey. "We

had to repeat the scenes a lot."

But plenty of free food made the project easier, the girls said. And despite the hard work, they agreed with fellow Cosmo Tina, who said the chance to be on camera was "a fun and cool experience." One member of the team, Abby, even got a small speaking role as a soccer bully named Gretchen who later meets her comeuppance.

And while the movie likely won't receive wide release —

Orkin said it is intended for film festivals, where he hopes to find more work as a screenwriter — each of the girls will get her own copy and a mention in the credits.

And, the girls said, the cooperation required to film the movie gave the Cosmos one more opportunity to come together as a team.

"It helped us work together," said Abby. "It taught us that we each rely on each other."

Downtown improvements are continuing in Westfield

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — As the holiday shopping season approaches, the downtown continues to be spruced up.

The Downtown Westfield Corp. along with the Department

of Public Works has been overseeing the downtown streetscape improvements, which have been under construction since April. The improvements are a part of the Downtown Improvement Plan prepared two years ago and funded mainly through a \$450,000 Union County grant.

So far, seven of 15 projects have been completed or are in progress. They include sidewalk improvements on Central Avenue, a theater walk between the Rialto and Windmill restaurant, new bicycle racks with the Westfield "W", and landscape improvements and ornamental lighting.

Four new brick-paved crosswalks were scheduled to be put at North and Central avenues, South and Central avenues, South Avenue and Boulevard, and Elm and East Broad streets. However, the county wouldn't allow the brick surface on its roads, according to Sherry Cronin, executive director of the Downtown Westfield Corp.

The town re-bid the crosswalks, changing to a street print rather than a brick surface, similar to the crosswalk surfaces on



The distinctive Westfield W adorns the arch over the Theater Walk in downtown.

Rahway Avenue. Della Pello Contracting Co. won the \$125,000 bid and will begin work

soon. Cronin said it must be complete before the holiday season. Other additions still to be

made include lamps at Rialto Park, new receptacles, benches and trees.

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vote for their council people, they cross party lines."

The Second Ward had the closest race with incumbent Rafael Betancourt winning by about 3 percentage points over David Owens. Owens had been active in the Second Ward spearheading the "Save the Rialto" campaign and pushing for traffic calming in the Shop Rite grid. Betancourt has been elected to his second term.

"What won this campaign was ethics," Betancourt said. "I think that the Republicans showed the

town that ethics are important in Westfield and we need to preserve the process. By fighting to preserve the process we energized the voting public to come out and support us."

McDermott said that the newly elected Republicans will attend council meetings the rest of the year so the transition will be smooth and all projects will move forward. As for the shift in power, McDermott said that he has worked with both Republican and Democratic majority councils as mayor and he wants to maintain a climate of respect on the council.

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Kolaya says she has big plans for the library, and one of her main goals is publicizing its benefits. She said public libraries are notorious for poorly publicizing their news. She said that most of the public is unaware of the free resources available, especially the expanding technology where books and other resources can be reserved and ordered online.

"Libraries have changed dramatically in the last 10 years. Those changes are nothing compared to what will happen in the next five years," Kolaya said.

Kolaya talked about the cooperative efforts of public libraries that will soon result in state library cards that can be used at all public libraries. She also said that libraries in the region save money by cooperatively ordering resources and sharing books.

For Scotch Plains, Kolaya wants to do long-range planning with the Board of Trustees and even hold focus groups of residents to find out the needs and desires of the community. She also wants to work with the business community by assisting small business owners in research.

Though she hasn't had much time to interact with the public, the Friends of the Library will have a meet-and-greet reception on Dec. 7. She said getting to know the public is an important part of being director.

"I lived in the area a long time. It's a nice community. It's the ideal size for a public library. It's a manageable size to make an impact without losing the ability to work with individuals," Kolaya said.

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Grants could help pay for toxin cleanup at Crossing

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — With a potentially hefty bill for cleaning up the Cranford Crossing site looming, township officials have begun exploring new state and federal grant programs that could provide crucial financial support.

First on the agenda, said Township Administrator Marlena Schmid, is a program operated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency under the

Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act.

The program, which offers grants of \$200,000 or more to public agencies, can be used to pay for remediation of environmentally contaminated sites. Schmid said the township will probably seek assistance with the application process from a firm that helped Cranford win grant funds for improvements on Jackson Drive.

Because the EPA program has

a Dec. 16 deadline, the township is focusing on it first, and Schmid said the Township Committee will discuss the grant application at its Nov. 12 meeting.

But Joseph Baumann, the township's lawyer for the Crossing project, said the township is "absolutely" interested in a new state law that provides incentives to developers who build residential units on brown-field sites.

The law, signed by Gov. James E. McGreevey Oct. 22 and spon-

sored by local Assemblyman Tom Kean Jr., expands the existing state incentives for brownfield redevelopment to include residential projects. The incentives program allows the state to reimburse developers for up to 75 percent of remediation costs, as long as that reimbursement does not exceed the new state taxes that will be generated by the project.

Because that program is designed for developers, not municipalities, the township would need the assistance of First

States Properties, the original developer for the Crossing project and still owner of much of the property. But Baumann said the company had indicated it would cooperate with efforts to obtain funding for cleanup.

At present, it is still unclear how much remediation will cost, and who will pay for it. Baumann said the township hopes to have a draft version of a Remedial Action Plan completed by Dec. 1, and to submit the plan for Department of Environmental Protection

approval by the end of the year. The Township Committee recently agreed to pay for an environmental investigation at the site, but officials hope to eventually recoup some of that money.

The controversial Cranford Crossing project, a mix of residential and retail development, was put on hold again this summer when contaminants from a former dry cleaning business were found in Municipal Lot 2, proposed site of one of the buildings in the project.

Possible gang graffiti found at David Brearley High School

By NICK D'AMORE
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — Possible gang graffiti was spotted on David Brearley High School property the morning of Oct. 29. Police said they do not know who was responsible for the graf-

fiti, and have no evidence any borough residents are affiliated with gangs. The rival Mexican gangs Niños sin Amore and Cafateros are believed to have members in Roselle Park and Linden who pass through the borough.

A crown, representative of the

Latin Kings gang, and other symbols that may represent unknown Mexican gangs were drawn on the ground near the school, police said.

Superintendent Dr. Lloyd Leschuk said the graffiti was cleaned away quickly and the police department had been

called immediately.

"We have had graffiti at times. We always clean it right away and have the police automatically check it out," said Leschuk.

He said the high school is open to the public almost every night.

Leschuk said he did not think

the graffiti was related to students, and said there has been no signs of gang-related activity inside the school.

"We have a very stable community and our district has the lowest transient rate in the state. It's not like we have a lot of in and out," he said.

Police said graffiti of the Latin Kings gang had been seen

at the school about two years ago.

For the most part, gang-related activity in the borough is non-violent and limited to graffiti markings, police said. But a brawl and shooting during a teenager's birthday party at the veterans hall last year is believed to have been caused by a gang rivalry.

Registration is under way for Y's late autumn session

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is holding registration for its late fall session that begins Monday, Nov. 18.

In addition to a Wellness Center that offers cardio and strength training machines, adult fitness classes are offered at a variety of times for all levels. Seniors may participate in classes and programs designed for exercise and fun. Adult aquatics classes allow participants to improve their fitness level while reducing stress on joints.

As basketball season approaches, the YMCA is offering a youth league for kindergarten-Grade 2 and a travel team for Grades 3-6. Youth and teen classes also include tae kwon do, pee-wee basketball and roller hockey.

Cheerleading is open to girls in kindergarten-Grade 5.

Parent-toddler gymnastics classes are open to parents whose children are up to 3 years old. The progressive preschool program uses gymnastics and a positive attitude to promote self-esteem in boys and girls 3-5 years old.

Gymnastics kindergarten includes "KinderGym" for girls and "KinderBoys" for males. Youth gymnastics classes are open to girls in Grades 1-12.

The YMCA swimming program offers water orientation to boys and girls 6 months-14 years old.

For a complete schedule, registration and membership, phone (908) 889-8880 or visit the YMCA at 1340 Martine Ave.

New surface considered near Brearley ballfield

By NICK D'AMORE
THE RECORD-PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Board of Education will be reviewing whether the installation of a polyurethane surface around the end zone will delay the construction of the \$1.2 million football field and track at David Brearley High School.

Business administrator Vincent Gonnella said he had heard concerns about the asphalt track that would be located between the back of the end zone and the high-jump pit, known as the d-zone.

"If a kid were to catch a pass in the end zone and fall, he would land on the asphalt," he said.

Gonnella said to reduce the chances of serious injury, a polyurethane surface could be placed there to "add to the safety

nature for that particular part of the field in the d-zone."

He said, however, that that particular area is "no more dangerous than any other area on the football field. Football fields are inherently dangerous places."

At the board meeting Monday, board President George Schlenker said he did not think the board should have to put up the money for the surface because, without it, the field would not be usable. He said he was concerned about the board not being able to come up with the \$190,000 cost.

"Why was this not in the architect's and engineer's contract? Someone should tell them that the project is incomplete," he said.

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The Very Rev. Sean Cunneen of our Lady of Peace officiated and Joe Schurtz, president of the Principal's Advisory Board was the guest speaker.

Sister Catherine organized the event and music was provided by Sister Irma Gazzillo and students from the choir, as well as Robin Brumbaugh '05 on the flute with her mother, Donna Brumbaugh on piano.

A "ceremonial" brick was installed and the other engraved

bricks were on display during the reception.

Engraved pavers on the Memorial Walkway will help "pave the way to the future" for the next generation of students attending Union Catholic. The bricks can be used to memorialize the memory of

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South Avenue businesses smarting after roadwork

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — When a portion of one of the busiest roads in town was shut down for hours a couple days last week, drivers weren't the only ones frustrated.

"It was a pain in the butt," said one business owner on South Avenue, adding that customers had to park on side streets to get to the store.

The section of South Avenue between Westfield Avenue and West Street in Garwood was resurfaced Oct. 29-31. The area was closed between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Though the area

includes the train station, Summit Avenue, which intersects South Avenue and runs into the train station parking lot, was not paved and remained open for train commuters.

South Avenue is a county road and business owners were notified by mail about the scheduled resurfacing project. Approximately two inches of pavement was milled last Tuesday and paved over on Thursday. Because of rain no work was done Wednesday.

"It killed us. Nobody came in," said Bob Uhlme of the Westfield Sleep Center on South Avenue. "Unless you

knew the back roads, you couldn't get here."

Though frustrated with the work, business owners understood there was nothing they could do about it. One owner suggested that the county should have paved the road at night, even if it had cost more.

Duke's Deli, at Summit and South avenues, should not have had problems since its parking lot is behind the business on Summit Avenue. However, Owner Rich Kattan said that signs incorrectly stated that Summit Avenue was closed to through traffic so customers didn't think they could access the parking lot.



Virtual tour

A new art room, student center and food lab, shown above, are open for business at Westfield High School. Residents can take a virtual tour of progress in the renovations by visiting westfieldnj.com and using the link at the top of the page called Tour of WHS — A Work in Progress. The website will be updated regularly through September.

Garwood gives go-ahead to new community center

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

GARWOOD — The proposed community center on Rankin Avenue received the blessing of the Planning Board last week,

and construction could begin on the site by early spring, borough officials said.

At an Oct. 30 meeting, the Planning Board gave its support for the project in a 6-1 vote, board chairman Richard Polidore said. The board also approved a related subdivision of property on New Street and Myrtle Avenue.

The Borough Council was not seeking a variance from the board and did not have to file a formal application, but did have to make an informal presentation for the board's consideration.

With board approval in hand, Mayor Michael Crincoli said the borough plans to put the construction project up for bid by December or early 2003, "as soon as we get things in order." Groundbreaking should follow sometime in early spring, he said.

The need for the center, which will provide indoor recreational opportunities for students and seniors in a borough that does not have a comparable facility, has been widely agreed on. But the details of the project have caused some controversy.

The location of the proposed center, near the athletic fields on the southeast side of the borough, has been criticized in some quarters. Former borough planner Bill Nierstedt, a candidate in Tuesday's election, was

among those who called for a downtown location.

The funding mechanism for the project was the source of another dispute. The two-story building is projected to cost about \$700,000; the borough plans to pay for a large portion of that cost through the sale of the subdivided lots on New Street.

The first subdivision proposal, which was rejected by the Planning Board, would have created three lots at the vacant, wooded site. The proposal approved Oct. 30 is for just two lots, but Crincoli has said the adjustment should not result in a loss of revenue.

But by last week's board meeting, Polidore said, those issues had subsided. "It really wasn't that controversial," he said.

Crincoli said the borough was prepared to make some concessions in response to concerns from residents and police.

The borough will install adequate lighting to make sure the building is safe, he said, and will explore the feasibility of video cameras mounted on the building to provide extra security.

And regarding the subdivision, he said the borough is agreeable to a deed restriction on the property so that any future residential development on the site must be reviewed by the borough engineer.

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Briefs

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WESTFIELD — The Newcomers Club of Westfield is helping to provide Thanksgiving dinner for needy people in the town.

Donations are being accepted through Monday, Nov. 25. For full details, phone Alicia Weaver at (908) 654-5373 or Genevieve Davy at (908) 789-4842.

The project is sponsored by the club's Community Service Committee in association with the Westfield Department of Human Services.

Library Friends seek books, videos

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library have scheduled a pre-Christmas sale for Saturday, Dec. 14.

Bring your unwanted books, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio tapes, compact discs and Books on Tape to the Bartle Avenue library. All donations must be in good condition.

Programs taped off the air will not be accepted. Home videos are not wanted.

For more information, phone (908) 322-5007. The library will be closed Monday, Veterans Day.

St. Paul's holds rummage sale

WESTFIELD — St. Paul's Episcopal Church holds its Fall Boutique and Rummage Sale this weekend.

Sale hours are 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. today and 9:30-11 a.m. tomorrow. Enter via the alcove on St. Paul Street, off East Broad Street.

Antiques, jewelry, china, silver, glassware, designer fashions, other clothes, linens, accessories, lamps, kitchenware, toys, children's clothes and children's furniture are available.

Volunteer are wanted; phone (908) 232-8506, Ext. 10. Proceeds benefit parish programs.

Church honors senior members

SCOTCH PLAINS — Nearly 150 members of St. John's Baptist Church are being honored on its annual Senior Citizens Day.

The program is part of services 10 a.m. Sunday in the church at 2387 Morse Ave. A dinner for the seniors at the Westwood in Garwood follows services.

For more information, phone (908) 232-6972.



Down on the farm

Brunner Pre-K Title I student Jake Mruczkowski rests as he wait for his classmates to pick their pumpkins at Aisteed Farm in Chester. The children, who attend Brunner Elementary School and School One in Scotch Plains, experienced the sights, sounds and scents of a farm during a hayride tour.

John Fiorino benefit scheduled on Nov. 23

WESTFIELD — Proceeds from the fourth Fiorino benefit will go toward scholarships to three Westfield High School students who have lost a parent.

The event from 7:30 p.m. to midnight Nov. 23 at Temple Emanuel-El honors John Fiorino, a lifelong town resident, who prided himself on his work with many town associations dedicated to the development of youth. For example, the week-end before he died, Fiorino joined other fathers to lay sod on the Gumbert park fields.

This year's benefit will be similar to events in the past and includes dinner, beer, wine, dancing and a silent auction.

By NICK D'AMORE
THE RECORD PRESS

KENILWORTH — The Block Schedule Committee recommended to the Board of Education Monday that David Brearley High School remain on the four-by-four block and that students take four years of math.

Brearley Principal Nancy Baton said most of the problems associated with the four-by-four schedule have been fixed since the schedule was adopted.

"We've worked out most of the kinks and the students and staff are happy with it," she said.

The committee have been meeting since June 2001, weighing the benefits of the four-by-four schedule and the A/B schedule.

In the four-by-four schedule students take four classes one semester and then four different classes in the second semester. The A/B schedule would have students taking each of their classes every other day for the whole year. Class periods in the four-by-four schedule are almost twice as long as periods in the traditional high school schedule.

In their report, the committee said it favored the four-by-four schedule over the A/B schedule because teachers can devote more

time to students teaching three classes and students will achieve more taking only four subjects, as opposed to students having eight classes in the A/B schedule.

The committee also said since the classes meet daily in the four-by-four schedule, teachers can provide greater continuity in their lessons.

In their visits to other schools that incorporated either the four-by-four block or A/B block, the committee concluded that "there is no perfect schedule," that students were still unable in some cases to get their first choice of classes under either schedule.

The committee also said that either the four-by-four or A/B schedule offers advantages over the traditional seven or eight period school day. They cited better teacher-student relationships because of extended class time, the ability for teachers to go more in

depth with the material, students learning better time management and improved school attendance.

The committee also responded to criticisms of the four-by-four schedule, particularly long gaps in subjects like math and foreign language.

In its report, the committee said it tried to reduce some of the gaps by changing when classes were offered so that whole semesters did not go by between math and foreign language courses.

However, Marisa Foelt, an Italian teacher at the high school, said she did not think retention was a major problem.

She said the work was so extensive in the classroom because of the extended periods that students have the material "drilled into them" and can often remember concepts learned as a freshman throughout their high school career.

Another criticism of the four-by-four schedule is that students who take advanced placement classes in the fall have forgotten what they need to know for the AP tests in the spring.

Baton said a project period was instituted two years ago to alleviate that problem with students in AP biology.

Those students in the AP biology who wished to take the test were able to work with their teacher during the project period. The rest of the class was able to make use of the period in other ways.

Baton said the committee would also recommend that students take four years of math and have music classes throughout the year.

The state mandates students take three years of math, but Superintendent Lloyd Leschuk agreed that students would have an advantage if they take math for four years.



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Commentary

Do not forget Veterans Day

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

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

From the birth of the United States to the 21st century, citizens have selflessly served in all branches of the military to protect our precious freedom. They have been willing to place their lives on the line so that democracy can flourish.

Their contributions, however, are often overlooked, especially in a culture where cynicism had become so prevalent prior to the horrendous events of Sept. 11. That's disgraceful; too many of us have taken our freedoms for granted without remembering that thousands upon thousands of our fellow citizens have sacrificed their lives so that they we can continue to live in the land of the free.

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

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

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

For all of us, however, Sunday is a day to remember the heroic acts of our fellow citizens and salute what they have done for our country. Parents should consider taking their children to a local observance of Veterans Day for an indelible moral and history lesson. The rest of us, if we can not attend these ceremonies, should say a silent prayer of thanks at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month for what veterans have done for us. And it is also a time when we say a prayer for the safe return of our soldiers now fighting a war literally on the other side of the world.

We must also look beyond Veterans Day for other ways in which we can honor those who served in the military. We must press our elected representatives in Washington for more funding so that veterans hospitals and other health programs are adequately funded; too many veterans hospitals throughout the United States have suffered from neglect and poor funding. Our veterans deserve no less.

Take down those darn signs

Every year candidates throughout New Jersey promise they will do whatever they can to preserve our environment.

This year, after Election Day, candidates can put their promises into action by removing their annoying political signs as soon as possible.

These signs sprout like weeds after Labor Day and they continue to multiply until Election Day.

We know of no scientific study of how effective these signs are. But we do know these signs are a blight on our landscape.

And the sooner they are gone, the better we will be.



Letters to the editor

Democrats: Self-perpetuating machine

To The Record-Press:

As a lifelong resident of New Jersey, I think it is a travesty that the Democratic Party has created such a machine that they now control New Jersey and specifically Union County.

I believe their initial idealism of helping the common man was eroded and complements the Republican Party's ideals of stimulating business. However, the Democratic Party in their quest to control levels of government has corrupted its idealism. They now believe that the only way to help the public is to give everybody everything. That creates so many levels of administration that a bloated government arises. They claim that to get good people for the jobs, they have to pay salaries and benefits that rival or surpass the private sector. Then they end up giving out many of the jobs as patronage to their friends and relatives. In Union County, the freeholders are spending tax money like drunken sailors. Close to \$2 billion in five years.

One may ask, then how do Democrats stay in power? They, the Democrats, chuckle to themselves each November as they get re-elected, since they have created the perfect machine.

Based on the bloated government at the municipal, county, state and federal levels along with the educational system workers, roughly one out of seven households depend on receiving your tax dollars. Remember, these are good-paying jobs with fantastic benefits.

That means 15 percent of households depend on the government dole. If there are two voters per household, and they make sure they are registered to vote to preserve their salaries and benefits, then the 15 percent is doubled. This is the dreadnought that will continually suck up more and more of your tax money. This 30 percent voting bloc guarantees this direction will continue. Remember, at least 50 percent of the people don't vote, so 30 percent is some voting bloc. I'm sure there are nonrelated government workers who are extremely competent and caring. However, they will still vote with the idea to preserve their jobs in the government.

What can we do about it? Everyone must register to vote. We must keep a two-party government. The Republicans are trying to decrease the government payroll and taxes and return money to you. Be wary of what the Democrats say or promise. It's amazing how nasty the Democrats can be just to maintain or gain more power. Remember the hanging chads of Florida?

Bottom line is we must all register to vote. We must all weigh the issues. There are Democrats who are still decent. But I feel sorry for those in the public who are hoodwinked into voting Democratic, thinking it will make a better world, but instead it only makes a bigger, more expensive government.

BRUCE PATERSON
Garwood

The writer is a Republican Party committeeman in Garwood.

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Will it be a jolly holiday?

On Election Day, it was beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

On Tuesday, I did my patriotic duty — I voted, then I went to the mall to do Christmas shopping.

I didn't buy anything. This was a pre-shopping trip where I wandered the stores with the highest gift potential searching for ideas. And if I found something, then the real game is on. Do you buy it now to erase the anxiety of the last-minute hordes and fickle inventory controls? Or do you wait until the inevitable sales kick in with savings of 20 or 30 percent? Like most things in life, it's a matter of timing.

I feel badly that I didn't buy anything at the mall. As an American consumer, I am expected to fulfill my patriotic duty to stir the economy out of its doldrums by spending, spending and spending. Even when corporations tighten their belts, we are expected to spend, spend and spend and go deeper, deeper and deeper into debt. That's the true American way, especially during the holiday season.

But I wasn't in the mood for shopping on Election Day.

Though the first Christmas decorations were hung and Christmas music was playing, the holiday spirit wasn't with me.

Perhaps it was because Election Day was so uninspired, with the majority of my fellow citizens not bothering to vote.

Maybe, with the stock market only attractive to bottom feeders, I did not feel the urge to use my own dollars to stimulate the economy. At my age, saving for a comfortable retirement is more important than spending extravagantly to impress someone with a gift.

Or perhaps it was that nagging background buzz that maybe some time after Jan. 1, we may be fighting a war for an uncertain cause with an uncertain outcome.

We are living in uncertain times. We are all experiencing a dread of which we do not want to speak. Is there another terrorist attack in our future? Will we go to war for reasons we do not understand, except that we're the good guys and the Iraqis are the bad guys? What calamity is waiting to unfold?

I remember the gray Christmas of 1973 when there were gas lines and President Nixon suggested a ban on outdoor Christmas lights to save energy. Are circumstances going to force us to abandon the jolly and festive atmosphere for the somber realization that after all the presents have been unwrapped and all the champagne has been consumed on New Year's Eve, there may be American soldiers fighting and dying in a desolate nation on the other side of the world?

Such thoughts are not depressing; they're sobering. There are real issues and real dangers lurking in the world that we blithely choose to ignore every day. It's easier to go about our everyday business without pausing to confront these issues and dangers. We revel in the shallow and we fear the unknown depths. But we must have the gumption to at least ponder what is happening in the world outside the mall. Sooner or later, our lives will be affected — either for the good or the bad — and we should be prepared for every possibility. We must not be afraid to recognize that unspoken dread; we must not be afraid to speak about it.

Christmas generally washes away the angst in my life. In all of the holiday's rituals of faith there really is comfort and joy to be found, on both the individual and collective levels. But I do not know if that will happen this year: like an ancient aunt with premonitions of every prom date ending with a car in a ditch, I can't banish the dread.

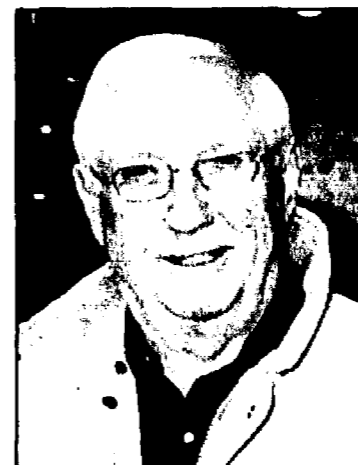
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Are you hoping for a white winter?



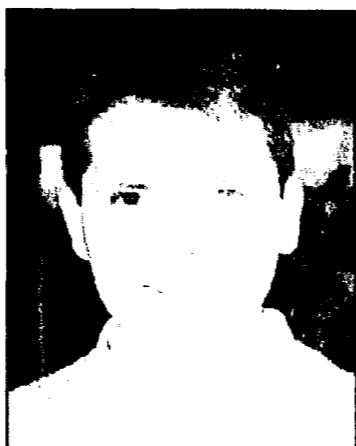
"I'm hoping for a mild winter. Snow is nice on the ski slopes, but not on the sidewalks."

Susan Jacobsen
Westfield



"A white winter always helps, but not too much of it. As a kid, I had a lot of fun with the snow."

Bud Haroski
Westfield



"I'm wishing for a white winter. I have a 16-month old daughter, and I'd like her to have a white Christmas."

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Flood prevention plan upsets Watchung

By JENNIFER McCANDLESS
THE RECORD-PRESS

WATCHUNG — Mayor Anthony Addario said he plans to ask state senators to pass legislation prohibiting the possible development of a flood detention basin at the Weldon Quarry.

During the Borough Council meeting Oct. 24, Addario said he wants to prevent the Green Brook Flood Control Commission from using nearly 50 acres of land on the quarry to create a detention basin "to prevent flooding in Union County communities."

"For years I have been telling the commission that I do not think

it is fair that Watchung should carry the burden of flood control for Union County communities," Addario said. "There are no requirements for any kind of basin in Berkeley Heights or on the Watchung Reservation. Watchung would not gain anything from a detention basin being placed at the quarry. I plan to speak with our senators and ask that some sort of legislation be passed to prevent the quarry from becoming a detention basin that prevents the borough from using that land as it pleases."

Councilman Steve Black, who is a liaison to the commission, agreed that the quarry is not a good location for a flood control basin aimed

to prevent flooding in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Plainfield and portions of North Plainfield.

"That site could be developed someday," Black said. "It is unfair to put the entire burden to prevent flooding on Watchung."

Addario said the Planning Board is currently rezoning the quarry. According to Addario, a detention basin cannot be developed at the quarry unless the borough's interests are protected. According to the commission's Oct. 2 meeting minutes, Dr. Robert Hlavasek, chairman of the Upper Basin Task Force, said since a detention basin in the northern portion of the quarry involves the

potential loss of future tax revenues for the borough, Watchung would be compensated for that loss.

The minutes also show that Hlavasek said the task force concluded that the detention of flood waters from the Watchung Mountains is necessary to protect Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood from future flooding.

Addario presented his opposition to the proposed detention basin to the commission during its last meeting. Addario said he wants to meet with freeholders in Somerset and Union counties to discuss other locations for a detention basin.

Newcomers planning a busy month

WESTFIELD — Events planned for the Newcomers Club of Westfield:

Tomorrow — Beer tasting, 8 p.m. This program is a joint event with the Welcome Club of Westfield.

Wednesday — "Ladies Dinner Out" at Café Paris, Cranford, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday — Playtime for children in Mindwaskin Park, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 — "Kids Eat Free" at Rainforest Café, Menlo Park, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 2 — Book Group discussion of "Snapshots" by William Norris.

Friday, Dec. 6 — Holiday craft party at Municipal Building.

Membership is open to women who are new to the area and have had a major lifestyle change.

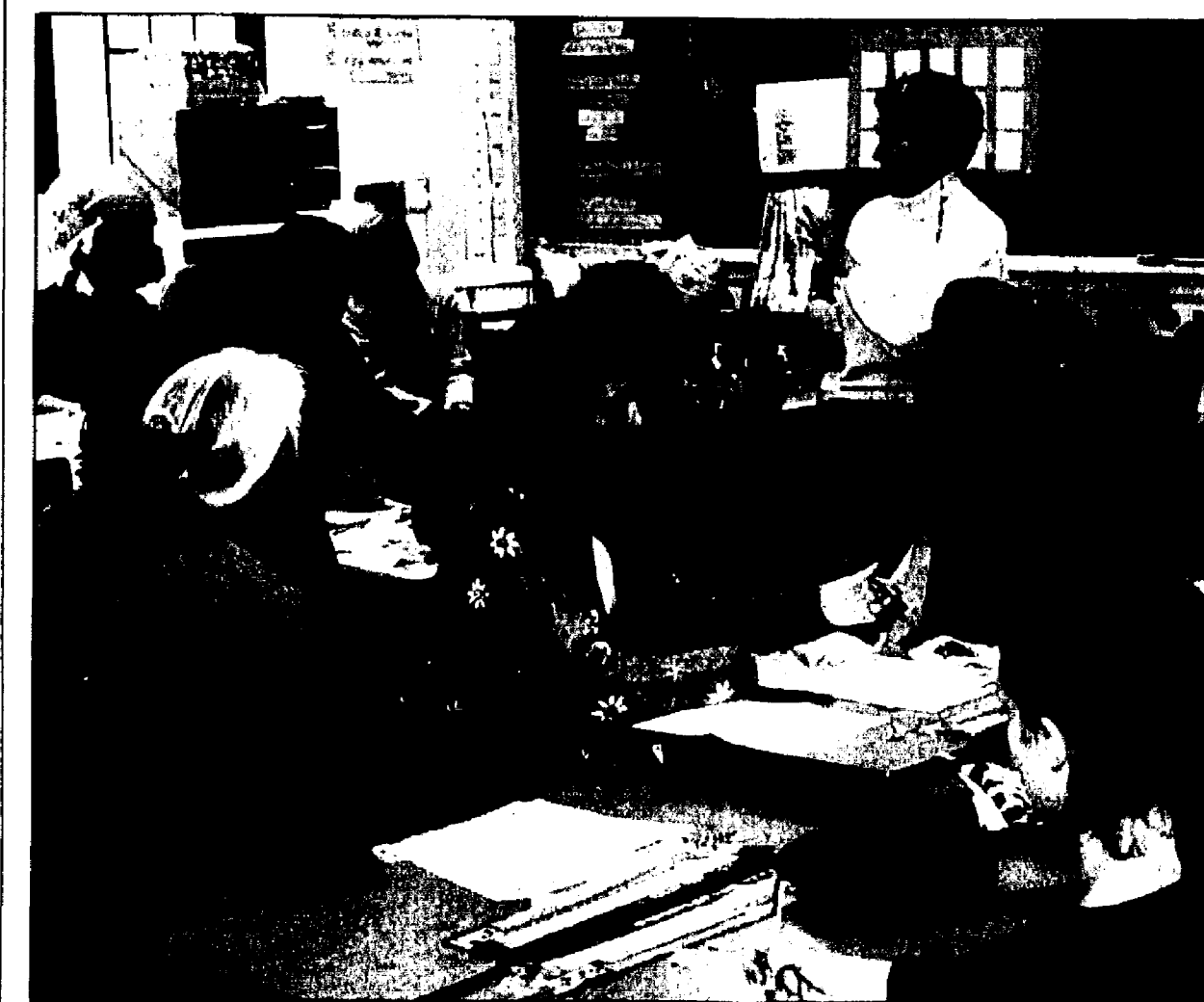
For full information, phone Alicia Weaver at (908) 654-5373 or Genevieve Davy at (908) 789-4842.



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Looking for a good read

Matt Bonasia browses through the hundreds of books for sale at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield Sunday.



Teachers become students

Westfield teachers became the students on Columbus Day, a holiday for the youngsters. Elementary schoolteachers, librarians and special-education teachers attended in-service training on differentiated instruction and sessions on the new earth science curriculum. Nurses, paraprofessionals and guidance counselors received information on dealing with behavior, crisis management and bullying in the classroom. The fine arts department and world language department held staff meetings and the intermediate school teachers had eight different workshops from which to choose. At the high school, outside specialist Sara Lampe presented methods of differentiated instruction. Shown above, Jefferson School teacher Mary Jo Juelis leads a class on the elementary earth science program.

Muhlenberg hospital upgrades its computer tracking system

PLAINFIELD — The emergency department of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center is the first in New Jersey to install Ibox, a comprehensive tracking system that enables clinicians to create and access online patient charts.

Using Ibox, nurses and physicians can complete charts in real time at the point of care, automatically posting information to patient records.

"Adding the Ibox system to our emergency department is a big step as we strive to continually improve on quality and safety for our patients," said Nancy Fiamingo, the hospital's vice president and site administrator at the Plainfield hospital.

"Physicians and nurses are able to input information into a patient's chart directly at the bedside, eliminating the chance for potential mistakes," she said. "The clinicians are also afforded more time to spend with the patient."

Ibox provides immediate access to electronic patient charts, alleviating the search for paper records. The Ibox system records the exact time a patient is assessed and allows for more

than one clinician to review a chart at any given moment.

Because Ibox has linked documentation from nurses, physicians and patient care technicians, communication among the staff has improved dramatically.

Clinicians can access Ibox from any computer in the hospital, including the 10 mobile bedside units in the emergency department. These freestanding units, which run on 12-hour batteries and can be rolled around, offer the added advantage of increased patient-clinician time. By creating electronic charts at bedside, nurses and physicians eliminate manual documentation and can instead spend this time with patients.

Ibox features custom-designed templates that reduce statistical errors by enabling clinicians to instantly record data, including patient complaints; assessment of body parts; vital signs; procedures performed; medicine or treatment administered; and laboratory results. The system also provides "nursing and physician notes" for free text entry.

Through a historical database Ibox can display records from a patient's previous visits to the

Muhlenberg emergency room. When patients are discharged from the emergency room their charts are automatically downloaded to the medical records database.

Patients go home with a printed copy of their records, including follow-up instructions in English or Spanish. If a patient is admitted to the hospital, subsequent caregivers can easily access, review and add to the chart.

The password-protected system automatically logs off when it is left idle.

When clinicians complete a chart, they sign it digitally; once signed a chart cannot be edited but can be revised.

Ibox has been used by doctors on the Muhlenberg staff since July 2001 to create patient charts. Nursing records were added to the system in August of this year.

"The addition of Ibox has definitely improved the efficiency of the emergency department," said Michele Yingling, nurse manager.

"It's a great thing when you can enhance the patient experience and that is just what Ibox has done," she said.

People in Business

Stacey Miller of Flemington has joined UnitedTrust Bank in Bridgewater as a mortgage origination officer for the Westfield area.

Lisa David, former Teen Outreach coordinator, has been promoted to assistant camp director and director of teen services at the Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains.

As director of teen services, she will remain supervisor of teen programming and hopes to involve camp members in future teen events. She can be reached at (908) 889-8800 ext. 253 or via

email at ldavid@ccnj.org.

Scotch Plains attorney Kenneth J. Grispin was awarded the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism's 2002 Professionalism of the Year Award at the commission's Professionalism Awards Luncheon at the New Jersey Law Center. The award is given annually to those attorneys who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to professionalism throughout their careers in the law.

Grispin is a partner in the Scotch Plains firm of Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth. A certi-

fied civil and criminal trial attorney, he is one of only 50 lawyers in the state who holds both trial certifications. His practice concentrates on professional negligence, personal injury, commercial transactions and estate matters.

Stanley M. Kosierowski, president and chief executive officer of PSEG Energy Technologies in Edison, was recently appointed to New Jersey Institute of Technologies (NJIT) Board of Overseers.

The NJIT Board of Overseers is composed of senior executives, CEOs and entrepreneurs. A Westfield resident, Kosierowski directs PSEG Energy Technologies' efforts to supply energy-related services to customers in the Northeast.

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Community Life

Briefs

Wreath-laying ceremonies set

SCOTCH PLAINS — American Legion Post 209 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122 are holding joint wreath-laying ceremonies Monday, Veterans Day.

The first ceremony is 11 a.m. at the veterans monument on Park Avenue and Front Street. The second ceremony is 11:30 a.m. at the Fanwood Memorial Library on North Avenue.

Both ceremonies are open to the public.

School closing information outlets

WESTFIELD — In the event of unexpected school closings or delayed openings in the Westfield public schools, information will be available through the following sources: radio station 101.5 FM; Cable TV Channel 36 and 42; and at <http://westfieldnj.com>.

Elementary and intermediate school students' homes will be telephoned by PTA and PTO parents. Parents of Westfield High School students can telephone any of the school's PTO board members.

If a delayed opening of school is announced, the same notification procedure will be followed.

Schools begin at the following times during a delayed opening:

Westfield High School, 9:30 a.m.; intermediate schools, 9:45 a.m.; elementary schools, 10 a.m.; morning kindergarten, 10 a.m.; afternoon kindergarten, 12:35 p.m.

B'nai B'rith unit planning brunch

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will meet for brunch at noon Sunday, Nov. 17, at Scotty's, 595 Morris Ave., Springfield.

The cost is \$14.95, plus tax and gratuity per person.

Nonmembers are welcome. Ketubah Unit is open to married, Jewish couples who are 40 and older. Call Phyllis at (973) 992-5791, no later than Nov. 15, to reserve a spot.

Best Friend Shop sale continues

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Best Friend Second Chance Shop continues its "Getting Ready for Christmas" sale 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Most merchandise in the thrift shop at 1750 E. Second St. is up to 50 percent off. Furniture, baby items, gifts, crafts, compact discs, books, housewares, clothes and sporting goods are included.

Proceeds go toward homeless, rescued pets awaiting adoption.

Volunteers are needed to work in the shop; phone (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930.

Genealogists meet at library Nov. 16

WESTFIELD — The Genealogical Society of the West Fields meets 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St.

Donald Kiddoo talks about the research he conducted on his own family tree: "Structuring and Documenting Methods for a History of Scotch-Irish Families Descending to Kiddoo." He is a former trustee of the Morris County Historical Society.

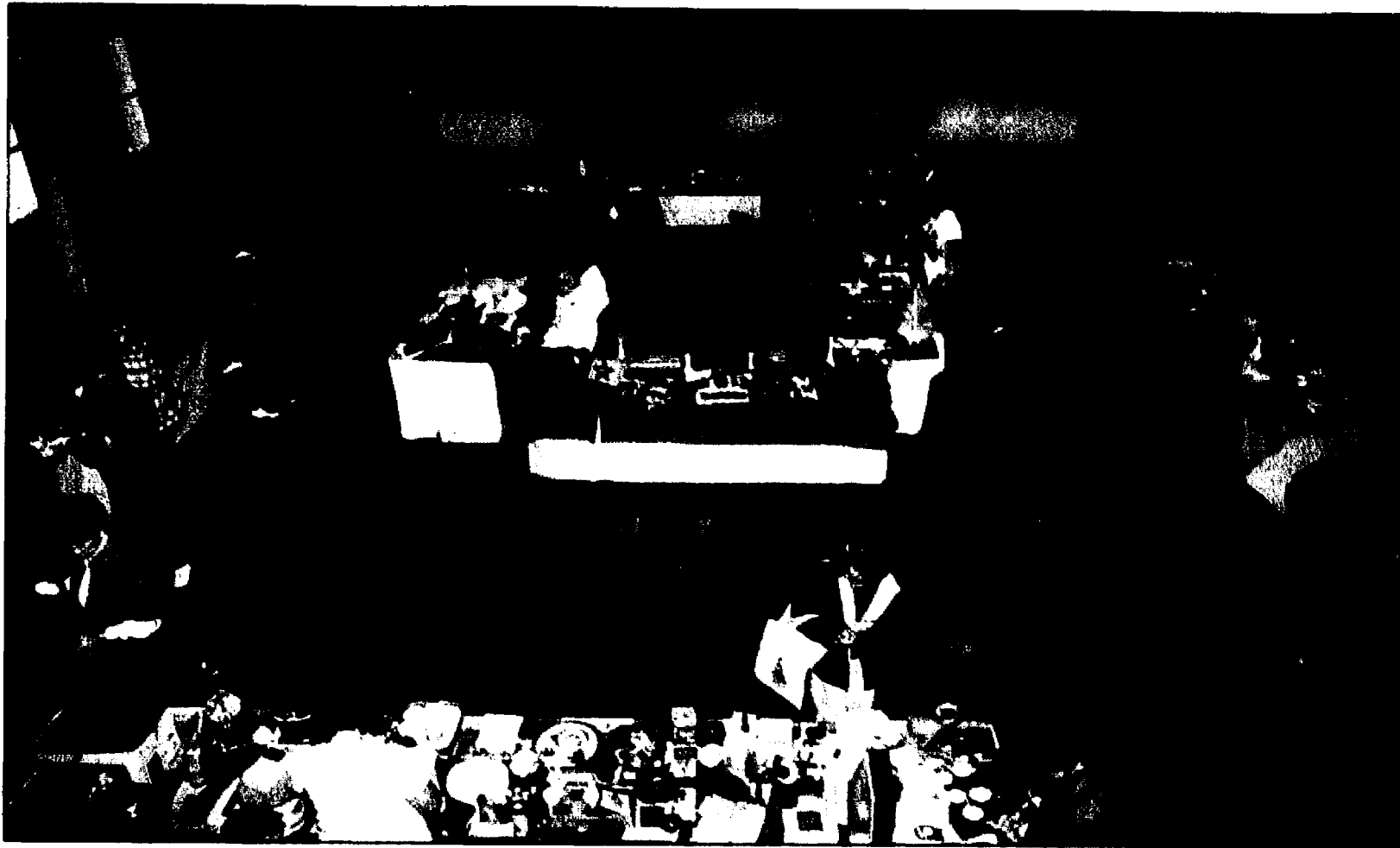
The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, phone Ed Lehecka at (908) 232-4159.

Scouts take lead in food drive

WESTFIELD — Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in the town are participating in the annual "Scouting for Food" drive.

Local scouts will drop off collection bags tomorrow at homes throughout Westfield. Fill the bags up with nonperishable food and leave them at your front door by 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

All filled-up bags will be brought to a central collection point.



Jump start to the holiday season

Vendors offer something for everyone at the United Methodist Church craft fair in Cranford Saturday.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Even dish detergent bottles get dressed up for the United Methodist Church craft fair in Cranford. At right, Connie Brewer of Clark, right, shows her handmade camisoles to a customer at the fair Saturday.



Westfield Stroll combines shopping, tree lighting

WESTFIELD — The second annual Westfield Winter Stroll sponsored by The Education Fund of Westfield will be held from 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. This year's stroll will coincide with the Chamber of Commerce's tree lighting ceremony.

Event chairwoman, Elaine Slabe, expects a large turnout of holiday shoppers. A percentage of the evening's sales will be donated to The Education Fund of Westfield.

The following stores will participate: Adlers Jewelers, Celtic Imports, Christina Gabrielle, Classic Thyme, Diane B,

Douglas Cosmetics, Galleria West, The Gift Monkey, Juxtapose Gallery, Lancasters Hallmark Ltd., The Lender Store, Michael Kohn, Moto Photo, Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, Scott's, Sole, Success Express, The Town Book Store, Westfield Vacuum and Xocolatz.

Participating merchants can be identified by posters in their windows, along with luminaries placed in front of the stores the night of the event.

Refreshments will be provided at several locations as well as street entertainment. Returning will be The Little Opera

Company of New Jersey who will be performing at all participating stores. The Watson Highlanders Pipe Band, The Hickory Tree Chorus and choral groups from the schools will be roving and entertaining throughout the evening. Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, executive director and founder of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will be back to play his famous alphorn. The Westfield High School Marching Band will parade through town escorting Mayor Greg McDermott and Santa Claus to the holiday lighting.

The Education Fund of Westfield was

established to provide a source of funds and resources to assist the public schools in maintaining and enhancing the quality of education in Westfield. This past year, the organization provided more than \$30,000 in grants for programs and projects that were not included in the school's operational budget.

Child-care will be offered at the Westfield YMCA — all child-care proceeds will go to the YMCA Teen Leader Program.

For more information on the event, call Slabe at (908) 232-2693.



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Attic treasures

Ashleigh Poszyler, 4, of Cranford and her dad, Rocky, look through 45s at the Grandma's Attic sale at Scotch Plains Baptist Church Saturday. At left, shoppers can choose between a wide variety of wares at the sale.

Westfield resident invested in D.C. as a papal knight

WASHINGTON — Westfield resident, Robert J. Conroy, was invested as Knight of Merit in the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George at St. Patrick's Church by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. The investiture took place during Mass on the Feast of the North American Martyrs.

Conroy was honored with the knighthood in recognition of his youth ministry activities and his service to the Catholic Scouting

movement.

The Rev. Donald Hummel, an Ecclesiastical Knight of Grace in the order, the Boy Scouts National Catholic Chaplain and pastor of Scotch Plains' St. Bartholomew's Parish, and Bray Barnes Esquire, the order's Consigliere and an officer of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, co-sponsored Conroy's investiture.

Also taking part in the investiture, was His Royal Highness

Prince Carlo Maria Bernado, Duke of Calabria and Grand Perfect of the order, The Honorable David Lacey Garrison, Jr., the American delegate to the order and Ambassador Thomas Patrick Melady, former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See and the American vice delegate to the order.

Conroy, a member of Westfield's St. Helen's parish, has been married to Mary Catherine McGuire Conroy for 27

years. He is the father of Caitlin, a freshman honors student at the College of Saint Elizabeth, and Michael, a sophomore at Oratory Prep. A health lawyer and vice president of Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C., Conroy is general counsel to the Medical Society of New Jersey and NJ Breathes, a statewide antismoking coalition. He is also president of the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp.

The order was founded by

Papal bull in 1699 and is the oldest of the Roman Catholic chivalric orders. Members of the Order must dedicate themselves to lives of Christian leadership and pledge to defend the Roman Catholic faith. The order's American delegation actively pursues a number of philanthropic activities, particularly those traditionally supported by the order, namely the propagation of the Roman Catholic Faith and charitable relief to the poor.

The delegation seeks to foster an interest in religious vocations through its support of the Catholic Scouting movement.

The senior American ecclesiastical knights of the Constantinian Order are McCarrick, archbishop of Washington and prior of the American delegation, and Cardinal William Wakefield Baum, prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education.

Westfield names Halloween costume winners

WESTFIELD — On Oct. 26, children were invited to trick or treat downtown and participate in the second annual Halloween Costume Contest held by the Downtown Westfield Corp.

According to Vicky Winberg, promotion committee member and event coordinator, "I was thrilled to see so many children and their families participating ... It seems to have doubled in popularity since last year."

Winners in each category received a medal from the

Downtown Westfield Corp. and a gift from the sponsoring business. Winners included: Margaux Fleishler, in the most chilling category sponsored by La Crema Gelato & Caffè; Andrew Deutchman, most creative/nostalgic, Mary Lou's Memorabilia; Mikaela Buosio, cutest baby, Mother and Baby Co.; Gina Jadelis, most distinctive, The Gift Monkey; Brian JT Bokoske, the sportiest, The Leader Store; Trent Gabriel, most electrifying, Roy's Electric Lighting Co.; Eli Howard, most

patriotic, The Westfield Leader; Cali Mazzara, most soul, Sole; and Katie Sullivan, most photogenic, Snapshots of Westfield.

Also, Holden Angelson, best loafer, Great Harvest Bread Co.; Katlyn King, most out of this world, Planet Smoothie; Connor Chopey, scariest skeleton, Westfield Chiro-Care; Eden Kedlsen, most glamorous, Douglas Cosmetics; Hunter Grau/The Morgan Family, most characteristic, The Town Book Store; Olivia Coyne, most down to Earth, Smith & Hawken;

Christie, Eric and Timmy Storms, most life affirming, JetLife SunSpa Lifestyles Store; Rebecca Skowron, most original, Downtown Westfield Corp. and Zachary Brown, tastiest treat, The Classic Basket.

Volunteer judges for the event included: Michelle Le Poidevin, Janet Kaestner, Mary Jane Cronin, Vicky Winberg, and Christopher Forno.

Nicole McInerney was emcee and Meg Mehorter was coordinator.

Briefs

Gov. Livingston topic of lecture

WESTFIELD — The West Fields Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, meets 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St.

William Schroh of the Liberty Hall Museum speaks about its namesake structure, a historic site in Union. His program also touches on William Livingston, New Jersey's first governor, who served from 1776-90.

Membership is open to any man who can trace his lineage from a soldier, sailor or civil officer in the War of Independence. The West Fields Chapter is the largest in New Jersey and began in 1921.

For more information, phone Registrar George Gross at (908) 232-3845.

All Saints holds its yuletide fair

SCOTCH PLAINS — All Saints' Episcopal Church holds its Yuletide Fair 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in the parish hall at 559 Park Ave.

With "The Santa Clause 2" now in theaters Santa himself will stop by the Yuletide Fair. Bring your kids and camera for holiday pictures.

Fine crafts, dried flowers, jewelry and antiques are available for purchase. You can eat lunch and pick up baked goods in the parish hall.

For more information, phone (908) 322-8047.

Westfield musical club concert set Wednesday

WESTFIELD — The Musical Club of Westfield continues its 84th season 8 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St.

Clarissa Nolde, flute, plays three works by Gabriel Faure: "Sicilienne," "Morceau de Concert" and "Fantasie." Accompaniment is by Marie-Danièle Mercier, piano.

Elsa Gail Hahn, soprano, sings four songs from "Des knaben Wunderhorn" by Gustav Mahler: "Rheinlegendchen," "Des Antonius von Pauda Fischpredigt," "Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht?" and "Lob des hohen Verstands." Accompaniment is by Mary Beth McFall, piano.

Theodore Schlossberg, French horn, plays two movements from the Concerto No. 1 in E flat major by Richard Strauss. Accompaniment is by Chin-Wen Deng, piano.

George Stralkus, tenor, sings five arias: "Vittoria, mio core" by Giacomo Carissimi, "Chi,

vuol la zingarella" by Giovanni Paisiello, "L'Eglise D'Amore" by Gaetano Donizetti, "Pieta signori" by Alessandro Stradella and "Mamma" by Bixio Cherubini. Accompaniment is by Louise Andrews, piano.

Hahn and Stralkus combine for two duets: "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" (from "Porgy and Bess") by George Gershwin and "Baby, It's Cold Outside" (from "Neptune's Daughter") by Frank Loesser.

A conch shell ensemble plays three Hawaiian pieces: "Hawaii Ponoi," "Aloha Oe" and "Tahuwahuwa." Musicians are Martina Struck, A shell; William Carter, F shell; Matthew Forman, G shell; Walter Metzger, D shell; Schlossberg, C and D shell; and Deng, string bass.

Singers and musicians are welcome to join the Musical Club. Non-musicians are also welcome as associate members. For membership information, phone Evelyn Bleeke at (908) 232-2173.



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Mourning clothes

Visitors to the Osborn Cannonball House Museum in Scotch Plains Sunday could examine examples of Victorian mourning attire. The gowns are reproductions of attire grieving women might have worn in the 19th and 20th centuries.



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Foster Clayton Kynes

WESTFIELD — Foster Clayton Kynes, 83, died Oct. 30, 2002 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in Westfield for most of his life.

Mr. Kynes retired in 1983 after 44 years as an installer with the former Western Electric. A past-president of the Sons of the American Revolution, he was a member of the Old Guard of Westfield and the Westfield Historical Society.

He was a scoutmaster and

commissioner with the Boy Scouts, with whom Mr. Kynes was active more than 70 years. He was a volunteer in many capacities at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Rosa N.; and two nephews. Services were held Friday at St. Paul's Church. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be sent to the Boy Scouts of America or Westfield Rescue Squad.

Stuart Rea Sr.

WESTFIELD — Stuart H. Rea Sr., 80, died Oct. 30, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center.

A native of Jersey City, Mr. Rea lived in Scotch Plains from 1954 until he moved to South Plainfield in 1971. He had resided in Westfield since 1992.

He worked at Rutgers University for 18 years before retiring in 1984 as a construction management engineer on the New Brunswick campus. Mr. Rea was an Army staff sergeant in Asia and the Pacific during World War II.

His wife, Rita Gill Rea, died in 1992.

Surviving are a daughter, Rita Fonolleras and husband Lou of Scotch Plains; two sons, Stuart H. Jr. and wife Leticia of San Diego, Calif., and Donald J. and wife Janet of Damascus, Pa.; a brother, Ford of Easton, Pa.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at McCriscin Home for Funerals, in South Plainfield. Memorial donations may be sent to your favorite charity.

Josephine Ruggieri

SCOTCH PLAINS — Josephine A. Maddalone Ruggieri, 77, died Oct. 30, 2002 at her home.

She was born in Plainfield and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1948.

Mrs. Ruggieri retired in 1986 after 25 years as a cook at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She was a member of the St. Nicholas Women's Auxiliary to the Italian American Club; the Women's Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122; and the Golden Age Club.

She also was a member of the

Altar Rosary Society at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Joseph; a daughter, Laura Nobile; two sons, Mauro J. and Roger J.; two brothers, Anthony Maddalone and Andrew Maddalone; and 11 grandchildren.

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

Donations may be sent to the Haven Hospice or American Cancer Society.

Mary E. Tack

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mary E. Tack, 79, died Oct. 30, 2002 at the MediCenter in Neptune City.

She was born in Montclair and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Neptune in 1983.

Mrs. Tack worked for the G.A. Kleissler Sheet Metal Co. in Newark for 40 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Women's Club of Avon and the Belmar Fishing Club.

A brother, John O., and two sisters, Teresa Degnan and Jean Lands, are deceased.

Surviving are her husband of 39 years, Andrew J.; and four nieces and nephews.

Mass was offered Saturday at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church, Avon-by-the-Sea, following services at Reilly Funeral Home in Belmar. Burial was in St. Anne's Cemetery, Wall.

Mary Ventrella

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mary Elizabeth Ventrella, 94, died Nov. 3, 2002 at Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Ventrella was born in Greenwich, Conn. She lived in Norwalk, Conn., before moving to Scotch Plains in 1996.

Her husband, Peter J., died in 1957.

Surviving are two sons, Peter

J. of Mountainside and Philip of Clearwater, Fla.; a daughter, Sandra Morgan of Beaver Creek, Colo.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at St. John Cemetery in Norwalk.

Arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

Obituaries

George Popper

WESTFIELD — George Popper died Nov. 1, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mr. Popper was born in Czechoslovakia. He lived in New York City; Waterville, Maine; and Riverdale, N.Y., before moving to Westfield in 1971.

He was with the Cazzoli Machine Co. in Plainfield for 17 years, retiring in 1989 as its director of sales and marketing. Mr. Popper received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Colby College.

He was a past-president of the Westfield Lodge of B'nai Brith, which honored Mr. Popper as its Man of the Year for 1996. He was

a trustee of Temple Emanu-El and served on the editorial board of the journal published by the Men's Club at that synagogue.

Mr. Popper also was a dispatcher with the Westfield Rescue Squad.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Stephanie Birnbaum Popper; two sons, Steven and Dr. David A.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Beth El Cemetery, Washington Township.

Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Walter G. Wurzbarger

SCOTCH PLAINS — Walter G. "Bud" Wurzbarger died Oct. 28, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A native of Elizabeth, he lived in Roselle before moving to Scotch Plains in 1978.

Mr. Wurzbarger retired in 2000 after 15 years as a salesman with F&R Industrial Supply Co. in Kenilworth. He earlier was a salesman with the Koenig Industrial Supply Co. in Linden.

As an Army Air Corps staff sergeant in World War II he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters. Mr. Wurzbarger was a member of the Roselle Golf Club

for 50 years and the 70-Plus Skiers Club in New York state.

His wife, Dorothy Mary Gilbert Wurzbarger, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Lynn Susan, with whom Mr. Wurzbarger lived; a sister, Janet Kozzi of Wellington, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Memorial donations may be sent to Pet Rescue of Mercer, P.O. Box 2574, Hamilton, NJ 08690 or SAGE, 50 DeForest Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

Ralph Ciarricco

FANWOOD — Ralph W. Ciarricco, 76, died suddenly Nov. 4, 2002 at his home.

He was born in Rahway and had lived in Fanwood since 1971.

Mr. Ciarricco retired in 1991 after 40 years as a truck driver with the Weldon Concrete Co. of Keasbey. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II.

He was a member of Teamsters Local 469 in Hazlet, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363 in Clark, American Legion Post 499 in Rahway, the Marine Corps League in Edison and the

World War II Marine Memorial in Washington, D.C.

A daughter, Donna Mae, and a brother, Carmen, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Katko Ciarricco; a son, Richard; a sister, Marie Engel; a brother, Vince; and a grandchild.

Services will be 9 a.m. today at Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains. Mass will follow 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clark.

Eleanor Callaghan

SCOTCH PLAINS — Eleanor R. Reeves Callaghan, 88, died Nov. 3, 2002 at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital in Cape May Court House.

Mrs. Callaghan was born in Cold Spring, the fifth generation of her family to own the house in which she was born. She lived in Cold Spring all her life and maintained a home for many years in Scotch Plains.

She retired in 1973 after 20 years as a secretary at the former Muir School in Scotch Plains. Mrs. Callaghan also owned the Red Barn Gift Shop in Cold Spring with her husband, Raymond J. The Callaghans were married for 61 years until his death in 1997.

Mrs. Callaghan was the Sunday school superintendent and past-president of the Women's Association at the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. She was an elder of her church and sang in its choir. She formerly was a parishioner of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch

Plains.

A past-regent of the Patriot Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Callaghan was a descendant of settlers who came to America aboard the Mayflower. She was a volunteer with the Literacy Program of Cape May County. She also was a member of the Cape May County Historical Society and the Cape May City Women's Community Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Janette Wietsma, and a son-in-law, Laurence Wietsma, both of Fanwood; a daughter-in-law, Kay of Manasquan; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were by Sudak-Danaher Funeral Home in Cape May. Donations may be sent to Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, 780 Seashore Road, Cold Spring, NJ 08204.

Alice Swift Klouse

SCOTCH PLAINS — Alice Swift Klouse, 81, died Nov. 4, 2002 at her home.

She was born in Passaic and had lived for many years in Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Klouse retired in 1993 after 20 years as a secretary with the Scotch Plains Department of Public Works. She was a secretary at the Naval Air Station in Lakehurst after World War II.

She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman

Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Paul G.; three sons, Kenneth, Ron and Robert; and six grandchildren.

Mass was offered yesterday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center Foundation, 65 James St., P.O. Box 3059, Edison, NJ 08818-3059.

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Crescent Chorale to perform Rossini work on Saturday

PLAINFIELD—The atmosphere of the large Gothic sanctuary of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue and East Seventh Street in Plainfield, is a perfect setting for the presentation of Gioacchino Rossini's *Petite Messe solennelle* by the 52-voice Crescent Chorale with grand piano and harmonium, all conducted by Ronald W. Thayer, at 8 p.m., Nov. 9.

This *Messe*, rarely heard in public performance, may not be known to most of today's general audiences. Rossini's name is commonly connected to his more famous *Stabat Mater*, operas, quartets, and string sonatas.

The *Petite Messe solennelle*, divided into 14 sections and completed in 1863, was first performed in the private chapel of Countess Louise Pillet-Will on March 14, 1864, on the occasion of the chapel's consecration. The *Messe* is considered supreme among Rossini's later works and was originally scored for an unusual ensemble of four soloists, a chorus of eight voices, "men women and castrati," two pianos and harmonium (reed organ). With its composition, he dedicated himself to God "con amore." Rossini, having been a subscriber to the critical editions of the works of Bach, reveals a debt to this study in this *Messe*. Claiming that somebody else would have done it if he himself didn't, Rossini succumbed to popular pressure and later scored the work for chamber orchestra.

The Romanesque model organ to be used in the Crescent per-

formance was manufactured in 1890 by the Jacob Estey Organ Company of Brattleboro, Vermont. It consists of 4, 8 and 16 stops and was first shown at the Columbian Exposition in 1893. One version of this organ model has been furnished through the courtesy of John Panosh of Scotch Plains. Panosh has restored this instrument to its present playing condition using information from early experts in the field. New technology has enabled Panosh to add a regulated electric air supply to the reed organ thus making it possible to create the full sound of the instrument. Most of the reeds have been especially tuned for this performance by Panosh with the cooperation and direction of conductor Ronald Thayer. Panosh has also restored other reed organs.

The organist for this performance will be Brenda Day who holds a bachelor of music degree in church music from Westminster Choir College where she studied organ with Donald McDonald and served as the accompanist for both the Symphonic and Westminster Choirs. Day has been the accompanist for the Princeton Seminary Choir and traveled with the choir on tours of California, Florida, and South Korea. She is minister of music and organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, where she is responsible for five vocal and three handbell choirs.

Edwin Lopez will be at the



Crescent Choral Conductor Ronald W. Thayer with the Estey reed organ to be used in performance of Rossini's *Petite Messe solennelle*.

piano.

Quartet participants and soloists in this concert include Emily Brown, soprano; Kathryn Hoyt, alto; Bob Byrnes, tenor; Robert Paoli, baritone; Harriet Jeronquist, alto; Edwin Santayana, tenor; Glen Crane, bass; Alan GaNun, tenor; Dorothy Magliocco, soprano; Bruce Roessler, alto; Jennifer Kaniuka, soprano; Judy von Loewe, alto; and Pat Weber Wilcomb, mezzo soprano.

Tickets for this performance are \$15 general admission, \$10

for seniors and \$5 for students. For concert information, call the church office at (908) 756-2468 daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is plenty of convenient parking adjacent to the church. The church is wheelchair accessible and large print programs are available.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Photography exhibit opens at county college

CRANFORD — Helen M. Stummer of Metuchen is an art photographer and instructor whose career goes back to the late 1970s.

She attended Union County College before transferring to Kean College of New Jersey, from which Stummer graduated cum laude in 1977. After earning a master's degree in visual sociology from Vermont College in 1987, she joined the faculty of the Summit-based New Jersey

Center for Visual Arts.

This month Stummer has a homecoming: Her one-woman show "Bearing Witness" opens in the Tomasulo Gallery on the main campus of Union County College, Cranford. The public is invited to meet her at a reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. The show can be seen through Dec. 19.

"Bearing Witness" includes photos taken between 1977-2002 in Newark and on the Lower East Side.

"The exhibit is about bearing witness and bringing some light into the darkness about poverty," Stummer said.

"Some children have lost the light of hope in their eyes," she said. "Soon (they are) aware of the void and harshness of their environment. The survivors are not spared. They keep going longer than most, but they too need a lot of help and too often burn out against the barrage of negative responses."

Some of her photographs also are found in "No Easy Walk: Newark 1980-1993," a book that can be purchased at the exhibit.

Venues that have acquired Stummer's photographs include the Newark Museum, the Newark Public Library, the

Jersey City Museum, the New Jersey Historical Society, the New York Historical Society, the Museum of the City of New York and the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Most recently 23 of her photos were acquired by the Library of Congress for its permanent collection.

Union County College is at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, where the Tomasulo Gallery is on the first floor of the MacKay Library. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Monday and Saturday; 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The gallery will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day.

For more information, visit www.ucc.edu/tomasulo-art-gallery.htm or phone (908) 709-7155.

'Pooh Christmas Carol' is opening at Forum Theatre

METUCHEN - A Kids Forum at Forum Theatre Company has announced the opening of "A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol" for the holiday season. Performances begin Saturday, Nov. 9 and runs through Dec. 29.

This delightful musical for children is an enchanting retelling of the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol" with the A.A. Milne "Winnie the Pooh" characters in the roles of Scrooge, Bob Cratchet, Tiny Tim and others.

The story centers on Rabbit (Rabinezer Scrooge), who learns important lessons about kindness and generosity one Christmas Eve. He is visited by the ghost of Jacob Meeyoreley (Eeyore the Donkey) who warns him that he must change his ways, and that the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future will play by Pooh's guide him.

Audiences will be tickled by the antics of Tigger Cratchet, Kanga Cratchet, his wife, and Tiny Tim Cratchet (Piglet), Owl Fezzyswig and other characters as they help Scrooge learn the true meaning of the holidays. Brimming with music, humor and magical scenery and costumes, "A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol" is a playful and entertaining way for families to kick off the holiday season.

"A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol" is written and directed by Paul Whelihan, with music and lyrics by Paul Farinella. Whelihan is the resident director of Pushcart Players, a leading touring theatre for young audiences based in Verona and has directed numerous Kid's Forum productions, including "Pocahontas," "Wizard of Oz," "Cinderella," "Velvetene Rabbit," and the current "Thumbelina."

Whelihan also wrote the books for "Thumbelina" and "Velvetene Rabbit," and will provide the script for the upcoming "James and the Giant Peach." He is well

known to regional audiences as an actor for his performances at Forum Theatre, Luna Stage, Dreamcatchers Repertory, William Carlos Williams Center and others (in New York, Boston and Florida). He recently performed off-Broadway in the critically acclaimed "The Flamekeeper" at the 47th Street Theatre.

Paul Farinella also musically directs "Winnie the Pooh," having composed and musically directed A Kid's Forum productions of "A Sword in the Stone," "The Three Little Pigs," "Pocahontas," (for which he also provided the books), "The Velveteen Rabbit" and "Thumbelina." His shows have been produced in Manhattan, and he has performed in cabarets and cruise line shows. Farinella was last year's Forum Theatre Company Applause Award winner through the NJ Theatre Alliance (the coalition of the State's professional theatres).

The cast includes Todd Fenstermaker as Rabbit, Rachel Siberts as Kanga, Ian August as Tigger, Patrick Starega as Pooh, Howard Whitmore as Owl (all of whom have performed in Kid's Forum and mainstage productions), Samantha Hahn as Piglet, Brent Peebles as Eeyore and Gregory Ritchie and Tyler Shamy sharing the role of Christopher Robin.

"A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol" plays at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main St. every Saturday at 11 a.m. Other performances are scheduled at various times on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with some early evening performances available.

A complete schedule can be found on the Forum's website, www.forumtheatrecompany.com.

Standard tickets are \$15, with group rates available, and can be reserved by calling the box office at (732) 548-0582.

Acrobats to kick off Family Fun series

RAHWAY — The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats will kick off the Union County Art Center's Family Fun series on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m.

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The group has performed throughout South America, Central America, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Europe, Canada, New Zealand, Israel and the United States. They appeared with Liberace for four years playing in Las

Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Reno.

Besides appearing on the Liberace NBC special, they have also been seen on the Family Channel's "Home and Family Show," hosted by Christina Ferrari, KTLA's Good Morning, LA, New York One Network, CNN, The Wide World of Sports, "The Merv Griffin Show," "Dinah" and "That's Incredible!"

Tickets for Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats are \$22, \$17 and \$12. Buy two or more family shows and get \$5 off each ticket. Group discounts are also available. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express or in person at Ticket Central at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the Union County Arts Center at (732) 499-8226 or download an order form at uacc.org.

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416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway (732) 968-7555

• "Dancing at Lughnasa," local production of stage play/Meryl Streep movie. 8 p.m. Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23; 3 p.m. Nov. 17. Admission \$13 opening night, \$12 other evenings, \$11 matinee. Discounts available.

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.

JAMESON THEATER

Rutgers University
George St., New Brunswick (732) 932-7511;
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• "Possible Worlds," drama by John Mighton. 8 p.m. Nov. 7, 8; 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 9; 2 p.m. Nov. 10. Adults \$6; students \$5.

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Rutgers University
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• "Tartuffe," Moliere comic-tragedy in English translation. 8 p.m. Nov. 7-9, 13-16; 2 p.m. Nov. 10. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$17; students \$9.

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Brookside Dr., Millburn (973) 376-4343;
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• "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;
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• "Inspecting Carol," comedy by Daniel Sullivan. 8 p.m. Nov. 8, 9; 3

p.m. Nov. 10. Admission \$13, \$11.

VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710

• "Sweet Charity," local production of Broadway/movie musical. 8 p.m. Nov. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23; 2 p.m. Nov. 10, 17. Adults \$16; seniors, students \$14.

COMING UP

FORUM THEATRE

314 Main St., Metuchen (732) 548-0582; www.forumtheatrecompany.com

• "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," local production of Broadway/movie comedy. 8 p.m. Nov. 14-16, 22, 23, 29, 30, Dec. 6, 7; 3 p.m. Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8; 2 p.m. Nov. 20. Admission \$25; discounts available.

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

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8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11;
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• Rock band best known for 90's power ballads "Name" and "Iris." Admission \$33.

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8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8
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• Jam/roots-style band. Admission \$28, \$25.

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

JONNY LAMERT

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16
Watchung Arts Center
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• Headlining the center's monthly comedy show. Admission \$12.

KATHY MATTEA

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11;
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• Country singer whose career goes back to the 80's. Admission \$32-\$20.

PETER, PAUL & MARY

8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11;
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• 60's act whose biggest hit gave John Denver his breakthrough ("Leaving on a Jet Plane"). Admission \$55-\$25.

PRINCETON RECORDER SOCIETY

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12

Presbyterian Church
Route 27, Kingston (908) 874-5267

• Monthly rehearsal with guest conductor Joan Kimball. Free admission.

PRINCETON SINGERS

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8
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• Full choral concert with music from the Renaissance to World War II. Adults \$15; seniors, students \$10.

RAVEL & STRAUSS

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (800) ALLEGRO;
www.njsymphony.org

• "Bolero" (from "10") and "Also Sprach Zarathustra" (from "2001: A Space Odyssey"), performed by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Admission \$72-\$19.

SHINING BRASS

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9
Nicholas Music Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (732) 932-7511;
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• Full concert of the Rutgers Brass Ensemble. Free admission.

NEIL SEDAKA

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

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Noon Friday, Nov. 8
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8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11;
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• Pianist in a solo recital. Free admission.

PRINCETON RECORDER SOCIETY

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12

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CHINESE ACROBATS
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10
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• Mark Nonestied on a sculpture of "Light Dispersing Darkness," 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Free admission; registration required.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM

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Open 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free.

• "A Dandy of a Yankee Doodle

Sunday," Nov. 10.

• "Libations, Socialization, Accommodations: The Colonial Tavern," Nov. 17.

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• "Bearing Witness" from Helen M. Stummer, Nov. 8-Dec. 19. Reception 7-9 p.m. Nov. 8.

WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER

Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190;
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Richard Young, 55, of Bound

Brook, was charged with theft of services from a restaurant on Elm Street Oct. 29. Young allegedly ordered a brownie and refused to pay for it. He was released with a summons. Later, he was picked up on a warrant out of Green Brook. He was turned over to Green Brook Police and held on \$400 bail.

Marybeth Coggiano was charged with driving while intoxicated at Boynton Avenue. She was released to her mother. Her blood

Earl Britt of Capital Heights, Md., was charged on complaints out of Cranford of burglary, theft and eluding in Gumpert Park Nov. 1. He was transferred to Cranford Police.

Willie Bethea of Plainfield was picked up on a warrant out of Elizabeth Nov. 2.

A Summit Avenue resident reported someone had thrown eggs and other food items against his house Nov. 2.

A Genesee Terrace resident reported damage to his home siding Nov. 2 after it was stuck with eggs and paint balls.

Johnathan Schafani, 22, of Cranford, was charged with driving under the influence after his motor vehicle hit a tree on Central and Roger avenues Nov. 3. He was removed from the car by firemen and taken to Overlook Hospital.

Harsit A. Bawa of Newark was picked up on contempt of court warrants at the southside train station Nov. 3. He was held in lieu of \$265 bail. Police also found a contempt of court warrant out of Mountainside and he was held in lieu of \$100 bail.

Jennifer K. Wilds of 515 Trinity Place was charged with driving under the influence in the 1100 block of South Avenue on Nov. 4. She was released to a responsible adult.

A resident of Cumberland Street reported criminal mischief to his residence Nov. 4.

Architect Margaret Subhas gives seventh-graders at Roosevelt School an overview of her career as part of the Career Talk Soup program. The program was created by the school's Guidance Department in cooperation with the district's Sharing Talents and Skills office.

MOUNTAINSIDE — The holiday season is approaching and Children's Specialized Hospital is launching its annual holiday toy drive.

"We have been fortunate over the past years to be able to distribute the toys and goodies, which have been generously donated by the community to over 1,300 children in our care," said Janet Weston, director of volunteer services at Children's.

"Donations have brought smiles to the faces of many and much cheer to those children who are facing rehabilitative/habilitative challenges during the holiday season. We hope that the community once again will participate in this special endeavor and assist us in making this holiday season a special one for the children in our care."

Donations of toys and clothing and distribution. Please keep in mind Hanukkah begins Nov. 30.

The Town Book Store on East Broad Street in Westfield is offering a 25 percent discount on any books purchased at the store as a donation to the hospital.

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Ryan Breznitsky had a goal and two assists to lead the Raiders to a 4-0 win over Roselle Catholic and into the Union County Tournament final.

Raiders return to UCT final Roll past Roselle Catholic 4-0, Cranford tops Westfield 3-0

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

UNION — With a second half offensive explosion the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer team kept rolling through the Union County Tournament, advancing to the final with a 4-0 win over Roselle Catholic Sunday.

The Raiders will take on Cranford, who defeated second-seeded Westfield 3-0 in the second semifinal, 2 p.m. Sunday at Kean University. It's the sixth straight trip to the county final for Scotch Plains, who has won the title the last two years and four of the last five, while the Cougars will be making their first appearance since losing to Scotch Plains 2-0 in the 1998 final.

Scotch Plains and Cranford are the two hottest teams in Union County, with the Raiders holding a 13-0-2 record, before falling to St. Benedict's Prep 3-0 Tuesday, and Cranford having not lost a match since Sept. 25. The Cougars are 10-0-3 during that time.

Scotch Plains received a goal and two assists from Ryan Breznitsky, a goal and an assist from Jeff Hensal

and goals from Taylor Cole and Joe Bartolotta to cruise past 12th-seeded Roselle Catholic.

The Raiders grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first half, then exploded for three goals in the second half to put away Roselle Catholic. After escaping a 1-0 deficit to knock off Plainfield 2-1 in the first round the Raiders blasted Governor Livingston 5-0 in the quarterfinals. If their offense continues to capitalize on opportunities the Cougars will have a tough time keeping pace against the vaunted Scotch Plains defense.

Scotch Plains defeated Cranford 4-2 in their only meeting of the season Sept. 20. The Raiders jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead before Cranford's Billy Anthes answered back with two free kick goals to tie the score before halftime. Ray Dinizo responded in the second half with a pair of goals to lift Scotch Plains to the win.

The Cougars are a much tougher team now though, with their confidence soaring on the strength of a 13 game unbeaten streak.

"Scotch Plains came out quick and caught us off guard a little bit," said Cranford senior midfielder

Dave Drechsel. "We battled back and got two goals to tie it, but fell apart again in the second half."

"We feel like with the way we're playing now and the streak we're on this is our best chance to beat Scotch Plains. We feel like we can play with anyone in the state."

"Confidence has been a major factor. Last year confidence hurt us. After that first Scotch Plains game we turned our season around. We started putting the ball in the back of the net, started winning and our confidence kept building."

The county final may not be the only time this season Cranford and Scotch Plains battle for a soccer championship. Scotch Plains earned the top seed in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament, while Cranford garnered the third seed. Scotch Plains faces the winner of today's West Morris Central-Montville match up while the Cougars face West Morris Mendham in the semifinals Wednesday. The sectional final will be Nov. 15.

Westfield and Cranford battled to a scoreless first half peppered with scoring opportunities and fouls for both sides, Cranford finally cap-

italized 12:36 into the second half when Anthes ripped a shot off the left goalpost and Joe Bultaupt found himself in the right place at the right time to bury the rebound.

"(Westfield) couldn't penetrate our defense in the second half," said Bohnerty. "We were able to keep them from going forward and we kept the pressure on them."

"Westfield's a good team. We got a goal then a couple of breaks to put the game away."

With just over nine minutes remaining Drechsel headed the ball ahead to Edwin Aranzazu, who beat the Westfield keeper for a 2-0 edge. In the final minute, with Westfield pushing up desperately trying to get back into the match, Brian Signorella found Aranzazu, who scored his second goal of the game.

"It was a tough battle the first half," said Drechsel. "It was very physical, there were a lot of fouls. In the second half we just wanted to play our game, forget about the other stuff and get back to playing our game."

"In the second half we beat Westfield to every ball, defensively we stepped up and we were able to get a couple of goals."

Connors, Palatucci lead Devils into county final

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

UNION — Megan Connors couldn't have picked a better time to stop her first penalty shot.

Facing a penalty kick shootout with Summit in the Union County Tournament semifinals Connors was able to dive to her right and knock away the shot by Summit's leading scorer Jana Lee to give Westfield a 4-3 win in the shootout and a 2-1 victory.

The defending champ Blue Devils will face second-seeded Oak Knoll in the UCT Final 5 p.m. tomorrow night at Roselle Park High School after Oak Knoll defeated Scotch Plains 2-0 in the semifinals.

Susan Williams scored a first half goal to give Westfield the early lead, but Summit answered with one in the second half. After 100 minutes of soccer decided nothing each squad buried their first three attempts in the shootout, with Williams, Staci Spass and Ashley Kent all connecting for Westfield.

Summit misfired on their fourth shot, sending it over the crossbar and Gio Palatucci connected to give the Devils a 4-3 lead after four rounds. On the next shot Connors came up with the save to clinch the victory.

"For the first time she had (penalty kicks) I think she did well," said Westfield Head Coach Pete Giordano of Connors. "Three went in, but one she had in her hands but she got to the spot quicker than the ball and had to reach back and couldn't hold it. I think they all handled it well."

"I had faith in all the girls that were shooting. We practiced it, they trusted each other and trusted Megan."

To win their second consecutive county title the Blue Devils will have to overcome a balanced Oak Knoll squad. Katie Cummings and Jen Redmon scored in a five minute span of the second half to drop the Raiders 2-0. Goulie Kelly Polisin stopped 17 shots for the shutout.

"I know we're in for a tough game," said Giordano. "Defensively they're very tough and they have a couple girls in the middle that are very good. We have to go out there, see what works and go from there."

"I don't know if our experience gives us an edge. (Oak Knoll players) have played in a lot of big games and tournaments with their club teams. This isn't something new to them. They're a good team with some very talented players. I think it's going to be a great game."

Westfield clinched the Watchung Conference National Division crown with a physical 0-0 tie with Linden Monday. While the

tie secured the title, the Devils may have paid a price, with several girls banged up after the game due to the rough play.

Westfield also opened up state tournament play yesterday against West Orange as the top seed in the North Jersey Section 2

Group 4 tournament. The semifinals are scheduled for Tuesday, with the sectional final slated for Thursday.

Devils focusing on state tourney

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

After dropping a hard fought, three set match to Union Catholic in the Union County Tournament semifinals the Westfield High volleyball team is focusing on frying some bigger fish.

Union Catholic eliminated the Devils 15-10, 9-15, 15-7 Oct. 31 before winning its third consecutive county championship with a 16-14, 15-10 win over Rahway Saturday.

With the regular season slate complete the Blue Devils (18-2) enter the state tournament as one of the favorites to capture the Group 4 title, with seedings being announced Wednesday, preliminary round play slated to begin Tuesday and the first round set for Thursday.

The Devils were displeased in their play against Union Catholic, but will try to shake off the disappointment and refocus on claiming their first state tournament title.

"That's what we have to do," said Head Coach Bev Torok. "We were very disappointed. We didn't play to our potential. We have to regroup, get back together as a team and coordinate our efforts."

Westfield and Union Catholic met again Wednesday in a regular season match that served as great tune up for both squads before the state tournament begins.

Against Union Catholic the Blue Devils struggled in their serve receive game and were unable to get into their normal offensive flow. Westfield has a strong offensive attack featuring outside hitters Nikki and Jackie LeBlanc and Ali



McMahon and middle hitters Carrie Rock and Lisa Venezia, but getting that first pass to setter Sophia Hall more consistently is the key to it all.

"We have to have all facets of the game," said Torok. "We have to be able to serve and be able to receive the ball in order to work our plays."

"(Our serve receive) comes and goes. It's the one of things we have to stay on top of. We do it very well at times, we just have to be more consistent."

Torok knows the competition in Group 4 will be tough, but the Devils should benefit from a high seed, potentially the number one seed, which will not only give them home court advantage but cut down and what could be some long bus trips. The volleyball tournament isn't broken up into sections, and long rides to places like Cherry Hill are always a possibility.

"There are a lot of good teams in the state," said Torok. "It's wide open, especially Group 4. It's definitely an advantage to play on your home court."

Westfield's chief competition in Group 4 should come from Hunterdon Central, who it beat head-to-head in a regular season match 15-10, 10-15, 15-8, Livingston and Eastern, who were both defeated by Devils in tournament play at the Jersey Classic. Sept. 28.

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Oak Knoll snaps Blue Devils' streak

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Facing its toughest challenge in years the Westfield High girls cross country team had its string of 11 straight Union County titles ended Oct. 31, finishing second behind Oak Knoll 49-62.

Oak Knoll skipped the prep championships to challenge Westfield for the county title and placed four runners in the top-10 to knock off the Blue Devils. Kathleen Salmon led Westfield with a second place finish in 19:41.

Westfield led with a half mile remaining, but Oak Knoll's fourth and fifth runners surged down the stretch to overtake the Blue Devils.

Westfield's boys squad third in the county with 76 points, behind Cranford and Scotch Plains. Both teams will compete in the sectional championships tomorrow at Warinanco Park.

FOOTBALL

Trailing 19-13 at halftime the Westfield High football team rallied for a 27-19 victory over East Side Saturday.

Jan Cocozziello ran for a one yard touchdown and Brian Butts scored from 13 yards out to rally Westfield in the second half. Butts had three touchdowns on the day, connecting with Cocozziello on a 33 yard TD reception in the first quarter, and rushing for a 15 yard TD in the second quarter.

East Side used big plays to build its halftime edge, scoring on a 98 yard run in the first quarter and returning an interception 87 yards with 1:36 left in the first half.

Westfield hosts Union J p.m. tomorrow. The Farmers need a win to have any chance at qualifying for the playoffs, while the Devils sit at fifth in the power point rankings, two behind fourth place Bloomfield, and would like nothing more than to secure a home playoff game. With Bloomfield hosting East Side (0-8) tomorrow Westfield could overtake fourth spot even if both squads win.

WRAPUP

earned the third seed in the North 2 Group 4 sectional tournament and will host Union in the quarterfinal round today. The semifinals are slated for Wednesday and the final is scheduled for Nov. 15.

FIELD HOCKEY

Tammi Dondiego and Ashley Yarrussi each had a goal in Westfield's 2-0 win over Mount St. Mary Oct. 31. Mollie Gibbons stopped seven shots for Westfield (6-6-3).

VOLLEYBALL

Nikki LeBlanc had 15 kills and Christa Jensen had 13 service points to lead Westfield past Cranford 15-9, 15-7 Oct. 30. Hayley Robinson had five service points, including three aces, and had two kills for Cranford (10-11).

SCOTCH PLAINS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High cross country team was

defeated by Cranford 23-39 for the Union County Tournament title Oct. 31.

Zack McGuire was second (16:39) and Brian Kopnicki was third (16:46) to lead the Raiders, but Cranford's pack was too much, finishing 4-5-6-7. Walter Binner was eighth (17:24) and Pete Bissman (17:26) was 10th.

GIRLS SOCCER

Jenna Ballestriere scored two goals to lift Scotch Plains to a 2-0 victory over Parsippany Hills in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 tournament Tuesday.

Ballestriere scored in the eighth minute off a header, then beat the Par Hills goalie to the ball 20 yards out and slipped it inside the right post in the 60th minute to seal the win.

The Raiders were slated to take on Millburn in the quarterfinals yesterday. The semis are scheduled for Tuesday on the final Thursday.

BOYS SOCCER

In its annual showdown with St. Benedict's Scotch Plains was defeated 3-0 at the Players Development Academy in Zarateth Tuesday.

Scotch Plains takes on Cranford in the Union County Tournament final Sunday (see C-1) and will play in the sectional semis as the top seed Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL

Joscelyn Chang had five service points and three kills and Abby Rosenblatt had seven service points for Scotch Plains in a 15-10, 16-14 loss to New Providence Oct. 30.

YOUTH SPORTS

GOLD RUSH WIN

On the Sunday they ran the New York Marathon, the Scotch Plains U11 Girls Soccer team the Gold Rush completed a mini marathon of their own by winning their third soccer game in two days and sweeping through the playoffs to the championship with a 2-0 victory over the Green Machine at Southside Field in Scotch Plains.

Amanda Rodriguez completed a spectacular first season of soccer by converting a loose ball and hitting a hard low shot into the net with eight minutes left to break a scoreless tie in what was a very evenly played game. Laura Toffolo, who was tireless on both ends of the field added the exclamation point to the victory with her signature shot, a low hard blast into the left corner with two minutes left.

Playing the entire game in goal, Katie Gartner was busier than usual as the Green Machine was able to successfully counter attack on several occasions and often controlled play more so than in the initial encounter also won by the Gold Rush 2-0.

Eventually the play of Gartner and the solid defensive wall of sweeper Shannon Runners and fullbacks Sarah Lazarus, Jessica Moore, Christina Boback and Neha Pannun held the game scoreless until Rodriguez' heroics. Supporting the defense was the solid midfield of Toffolo, Caitlin Hoynes, O'Connor, Toni Ann Gattozzi, and Gina Pelosi with support from Moore, Rodriguez and Allison Staniec. Sparking on offense were Christine Murphy, Eve Rosenheck, Nikki Hodulik and Mary Beth Fiedler.

Because rain had postponed the first round the previous week and with the unavailability of many players the weekend of November 9 because of Teacher's Convention the league decided to try and fit three rounds of playoffs in one weekend. The Gold Rush wound up playing on three different fields, all for the first time.

They had advanced to the finals with a pair of shutout wins on Saturday. In the first game early Saturday morning at the muddy Terrill School lower field, Caitlin Hoynes-O'Connor scored midway through the first half and Toni Ann Gattozzi and Gina Pelosi added more skillful goals in a 3-0 win over the Maroon Marauders. Katie Gartner and Mary Beth Fiedler combined on the shutout.

In the second game at cold and windy Park Middle School the Gold Rush exploded for five first half goals and cruised to a 6-0 win over the White Tigers. Pelosi exploded for a first half hat trick and Eve Rosenheck and Amanda Rodriguez got their first goals of the season. Neha Pannun added the final tally in the second half as the Gold Rush were able to move players to different positions with a big lead. The goal keeping was spread among Gartner, Fiedler, Toffolo and Jessica Moore. The playoff sweep improved the Gold Rush' final record to 7-0-1 with 5 shutouts and a goal differential of 25-3.

LIGHTNING WIN

The Scotch Plains Lightning U13 Girls Soccer team had just enough offense to win on Sunday at Montgomery. A spectacular first half goal by Rachel Parker and an even more skillful one by Angelica Glover in the second half combined with the goal keeping of Jaclyn Lazarus and Parker to lift the Lightning to the 2-1 win which cemented their hold on second place in Flight 5 of the MNYSA. With one game to go, the Lightning lead Montgomery by a game but have swept the two games.

"We played a very good game and deserved to win," said Coach Luis Rodriguez. "We did an excellent job of covering on defense."

Parker got the Lightning on the board 12 minutes into the game when she took a long pass from Cathy Harley and outran two defenders to score on a low shot. It was the second time in three weeks that a long Harley pass had resulted in a goal. The remainder of the first half was dominated by strong two way play by Brittany Biondi, making a fine recovery from her injury a week ago.

Jaclyn Lazarus continued to be aggressive in goal and was effective with her punts. Jaclyn Cosileo was brilliant as usual with skillful dribbling and defensive play. Midway through the second half, leading scorer Angelica Glover gave the Lightning some much needed breathing room when she weaved her way past two players and chipped the ball over the goalie's head. "It was a beautiful play. She showed a lot of patience," said Rodriguez. The outstanding game ended headed to their eighth shutout of the year but Montgomery ruined that dream with a goal three minutes from the finish. In addition to Cosileo, Alyssa Straniero, Lazarus and Maria Rivero were solid on defense.

In addition to Biondi, Glover and Harley, Heather Rodriguez, Nina Brownstone, Joanna Naugle, Jessica Nagourney and Kristen Thompson excelled in midfield. In addition to Parker, Rachel Kreyer, Katie Cornacchia, and Cheryl Monteiro were threatening on offense. The Lightning complete their fall schedule, traveling to South Plainfield next Sunday.

U-14 DEVILS ROLL

Westfield U14 girls Blue Devils improved their record to 7-0-1. The Westfield U14 girls Blue Devils soccer team trying to keep pace with the Westfield varsity girls soccer team, won their 7th straight game on Sunday. They beat the Westfield Panthers 5-0.

The team used a balanced scoring attack led by Stephanie Slodyzcka who scored 3 goals to record a hat trick. The goals were set up by the outstanding play of mid-fielders, Elizabeth Zoids, Augustine Healy, Kristen Dzell and Erin Bange. Erin Miller knocked in the 10th goal of the season off a feed from Rachel St. Leger.

Then minutes later, Allison Oberlander knocked in a blast off a great pass from Ariel Gale to put the game out of reach. Outstanding goal-tending kept the Panthers in striking distance at the half trailing only 2-0. But once again the Blue Devil defense led by Krissy Wendel, Danielle Infantino, Ariel Magnanni, Ayn Visler and Mary Mahoney proved to be outstanding as the goalkeepers of Jamie Freeman, Christine Kandigian and Erin Bange didn't face a shot on goal.

The Blue Devils have three games remaining against unbeaten teams, so it's going to be an exciting end of the season as they try to keep their win streak going.

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NICOLE DIMELLA/RECORD-PRESS
Kyle Adams sliced up the Kearny defense to the tune of 157 yards and two touchdowns in the Raiders' 15-0 win Saturday.

Defense, Adams spark Raiders

By DANIEL MURPHY
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team has been swept up in an avalanche of momentum, continuing its winning ways Saturday with a 15-0 victory over Kearny.

The Raiders defense continued to swarm all over the field, posting its second shutout in three games and has now allowed just one touchdown in the last 15 quarters.

Kyle Adams ran the best he has all season, running with power, speed and juking would be tacklers to the tune of 157 yards and two touchdowns.

Scotch Plains (5-2) has won three straight and is now ranked fourth in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 power point rankings with 55 points. While it appears to have a first round home game wrapped up the Raiders still have a shot at the top seed. Shabazz (5-

2) leads the section with 58 points, tied with Mount Olive (7-1). West Morris (5-2) is third with 57 points. With a victory over Watchung Hills Saturday, and a little help from some friends, Scotch Plains could sneak into the top spot.

"The thing we talked about is continuing to play well going into the playoffs," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Steve Cicotelli. "There's a snowball effect there. The one thing we want to do going into the playoffs is to keep that snowball effect."

The Scotch Plains defense will have its biggest challenge in weeks trying to stop Watchung Hills' (2-5) single-wing offense. Head Coach Jim Benedict ran the offense at Summit and Westfield in the early 1990's so Cicotelli is familiar with it, but teaching it to the defense and the scout team in one week will be difficult. Watchung Hills has struggled to win this season, but has had a lead in every game

it's played.

"The big thing (defensively) is recognizing formations and the reads are a little different," said Cicotelli. "We need to line up correctly, make our reads and play aggressive football."

For the season Scotch Plains is allowing just eight points per game, and has allowed just six points in winning its last three games. Roland Adeyemo led an inspired defense Saturday with 11 tackles as the Raiders held Kearny to 121 yards of total offense.

"We've played good defense all year," said Cicotelli. "It's something the kids are very proud of. It's a badge of honor. They're proud of what they're doing. They feel good about what they're doing, they're gaining confidence and they want to keep doing it."

Adams, who has been the focus of every defense all season, had perhaps his best game of the sea-

son running for 157 yards against a defense designed solely around stopping the run.

"He ran well and the offensive line did a good job," said Cicotelli. "He ran hard, he made some people miss. Everybody knows he's going to get the ball, their defense is designed to stop the run and he still had 157 yards."

After the defense forced Kearny into a 3-and-out on the game's opening drive, Adams put Scotch Plains on the board quickly. He carried four times for 39 yards and darted up the middle, eluded a couple of tacklers and raced into the end zone for a 24 yard touchdown run with 7:20 remaining in the first quarter to cap a seven play, 50 yard drive.

Scotch Plains went ahead 13-0 in the third quarter when Adams scored on a three-yard run, then the defense put points on the board when a Kearny snap went out of the end zone for a safety.

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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:

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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.

SUNDAY

NOV. 10

SENIOR CITIZENS — Day, honoring older members of St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains, 10

a.m. (908) 232-6972.

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.

MONDAY

NOV. 11

WREATH-LAYING — ceremony for Veterans Day. Veterans monument, Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 11 a.m. (908) 889-6605.

WREATH-LAYING — ceremony for Veterans Day. Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 11:30 a.m. (908) 889-6605.

BLOOD DRIVE — at Muhlenberg Regional Medical

Center, Park Ave., Plainfield, 4-8 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) NJ BLOOD.

WEDNESDAY

NOV. 13

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT — dinner for Newcomers Club of Westfield. Café Paris, 106 Walnut Ave., Cranford, 7:30 p.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

MUSICAL CLUB — of Westfield concert. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 8 p.m. (908) 232-2173.

THURSDAY

NOV. 14

PLAY TIME — for Newcomers Club of Westfield children's committee. Mindwaskin Park, Westfield, 10 a.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

FRIDAY

NOV. 15

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK — "Dead Poets Society." Fanwood Memorial Library, North Ave., Fanwood, 7:30 p.m. Free. (908) 322-6400.

SATURDAY

NOV. 16

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

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

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SUPPORT GROUP — for caregivers of Alzheimer's disease

patients. Sunrise at Westfield, 240 Springfield Ave., Westfield, 7 p.m. Nov. 18. (800) 833-1180.

HISTORY LECTURE — William Schrow on Liberty Hall and Gov. William Livingston. Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Nov. 19. (908) 232-3845.

KIDS EAT FREE — dinner for Newcomers Club of Westfield. Rainforest Café, Menlo Park, Edison, 5:30 p.m. Nov. 20. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

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. Pantagis Renaissance, Route 22, Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Dec. 6. \$50. Tickets: (908) 322-6700, Ext. 221.

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Pre-fabricated homes gain market share

BY JAMES M. WOODARD

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Homes, like automobiles, are now rolling off factory assembly lines.

Factory-built homes, or at least factory-produced major components used by home builders, are increasing in numbers and popularity. This seems to be the wave of the future for the production of new homes.

One recent study determined that the production of factory-built housing will increase by more than 2 percent per year in the next few years. The demand for prefabricated houses will outpace site-built homes and will account for about 30 percent of all housing construction starts by year 2005, the study said.

More than half of all homes are now constructed in whole or in part with factory-produced components, according to a report in *Automated Builder Magazine*. These systems save 10 percent to 30 percent in cost, and 65 percent in production time. On average, it takes four to eight weeks to complete a factory-produced home system.

It should be noted that there are two major types of factory-built homes — modular and panelized homes.

Modular homes are built with components constructed in the factory to the same building codes as traditionally constructed (stick-built) homes. Modules are 90 percent complete when they arrive at the building site. They are ready to be affixed to the foundation.

Panelized homes are made from factory-produced wall panels, also built to conventional building codes. Open wall panels are wall sections containing exterior sheathing only. Plumbing, wiring, insulation and interior sheathing are installed at the building site. Most panelized homes are open-wall

systems.

The advantages of this type of home construction include lower price, faster and more precise production methods, and more secure production because the systems are produced in a quality-controlled environment.

One indication of the growing trend is the number of major home-building firms that are adopting factory-produced operations. An example is Pulte Homes Inc. — the firm named the 2002 "Builder of the Year" by *Professional Builder Magazine*. After many years as a leader in the production of stick-built homes, Pulte is now gearing up for factory-produced components.

Pulte's new capability produces major structural elements, such as foundations, engineered flooring systems, exterior walls, and interior walls as integrated components, according to a report from Pulte Home Sciences, the research and development arm for the company.

"In a factory setting, temperature-controlled environments are protected from wind and weather. Specialists use next generation materials and advanced manufacturing processes to create the integrated components that make up a home," the report said.

Q: What's new in the area of home mortgages?

A: New developments are constantly emerging in the home mortgage field. Now we have a new type of mortgage that allows the borrower to skip payments when money is particularly tight. It's a plan developed by Fannie Mae, the nation's largest buyer of existing home mortgages. It's being tested in several markets around the country. Fannie Mae calls the new plan Payment Power mortgages.

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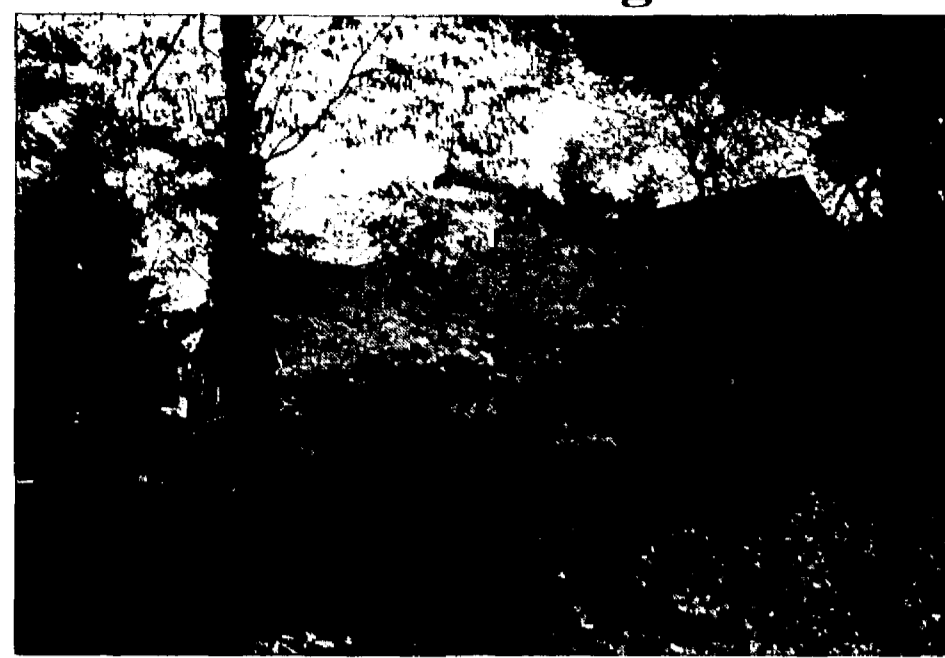
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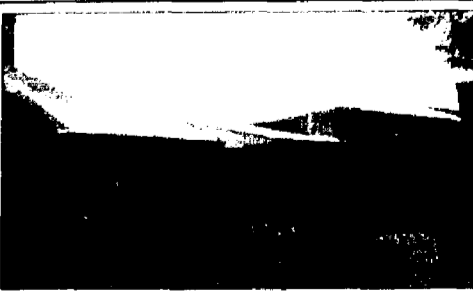
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Three new models get Saturn back into sales game

BY MARK MAYNARD
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After five years of riding the bench, the Saturn division has been put back into play by the coaches at General Motors.

From last January through December, Saturn dealers will have received three new vehicles: The VUE sport utility, a redesigned L-Series midsize sedan and the Ion sedan — a replacement for the S-Series — destined to be followed in the first quarter of next year by the Ion quad coupe, with dual rear access doors.

It has been a triple-play year for Saturn, which amounts to at least a pennant if not a World Series ring.

Saturn was an overnight success for GM when the division was launched in 1990. It was a stealth operation with simple but innovative vehicles designed to appeal to buyers of import cars.

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The plan worked until about 1996, when GM made a play for truck sales, leaving Saturn on the bench, waiting for new cars or at least redesigns.

The first big news was the midsize L-Series that debuted in 1999 as a 2000 model, though moving into Honda Accord and Toyota Camry territory was trickier than expected.

Consequently, since its launch, the L-Series has been improved gradually and starts the '03 model year with a facelift and more features. The styling is more elegant and pricing has been held to the mid-\$20,000s for a loaded



The new designs will give Saturn a much-needed energy boost.

model.

That should help hold sales steady at about 100,000, Saturn says, but the new model is a considerable improvement and could exceed expectations.

The VUE is an attempt to retain buyers ready to move on to more than a midsize car. Often those buyers turned to a small SUV.

So, the VUE is being refined, too. In 2004, the GM 3.0 liter V-6 will be replaced by a Honda 3.5 liter V-6, boosting

power by 60 horses.

And now, with a growing social awareness of cars and car-based ut has been 12 years since Saturn did a complete redesign on a small car, and the division took some risks in the styling.

ility vehicles, Saturn has been re-embraced by GM for its potential to pull in the entry-level buyer.

For good reason, too, because 4.2 million people a year purchase entry-level cars, says Jill Lajdziak, Saturn's

vice president of sales, service and marketing.

"Though not a particularly profitable segment, perceptions and impressions are formed about your brand by these buyers," she says. "And those impressions will last a lifetime."

"From GM's standpoint, we want to get them to come into our brand and retain them as lifelong owners. It's all about the future and staking a claim on the future."

Lajdziak made her comments during the Texas debut

of the Ion sedan.

It The Ion media presentation was held at Southwest Texas University, in Austin, a seven-university region with more than 100,000 students. That demographic is what Saturn is pursuing for Ion.

"And by doing that we can pull in an older demographic," Lajdziak says, revising an old saying: "You can sell a young man's car to an old man, but you can't sell an old man's car to a young man."

The average age of today's

Saturn buyer is 44, Lajdziak says, but she expects it to dip to about 39 with Ion.

For comparison, the average age of the VW Jetta buyer is 34, the lowest age bracket in the industry — and the most sought after.

Saturn will spread the Ion word through a focused TV ad campaign and through "event" marketing.

The automaker will be on 65 college campuses this year, taking the product to where the people are, she says, because not everybody sits around watching television.

New models, timely redesigns and innovative features are all part of the Saturn plan, Lajdziak adds.

No wagon is planned, but a five-door hatchback is a possibility. It's doubtful that a convertible will emerge, but next year, a "tuner" coupe will debut.

Few details were available about that high-performance car, but it will mark the beginning of a motor sports division at Saturn, similar to what Ford has in SVT, or Mopar for Dodge.

Using the new 2.2-liter Ecotec four-cylinder, the coupe will be modified and supercharged for 200 horsepower, with lowered suspension and exhaust, high-performance tires, ground-effects moldings and special paint.

The engine has already been pumped up to 800 horsepower in a concept dragster.

Ion buyers will be about 50 percent female, and about 30 percent of the total buyers will be first-timers, a 10 percent improvement over the S-Series. It is being built at the factory in Spring Hill, Tenn., and annual sales of around 185,000 are forecast.

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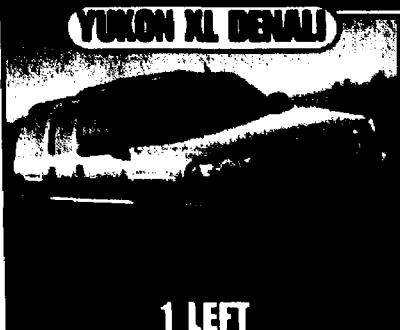
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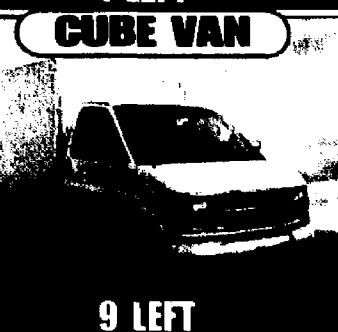
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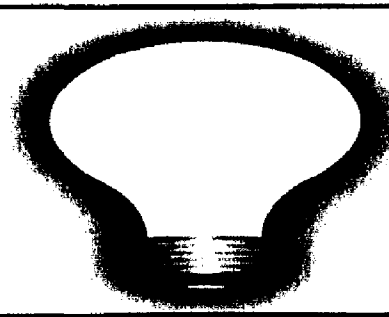
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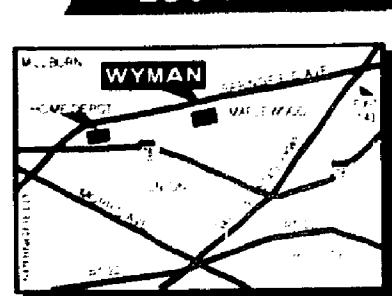
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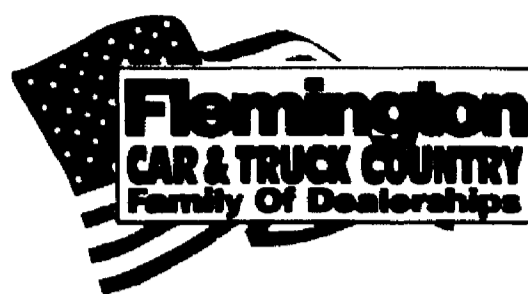
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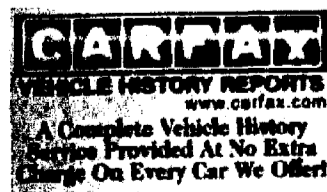
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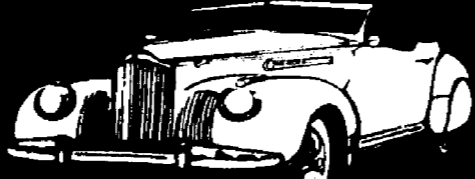
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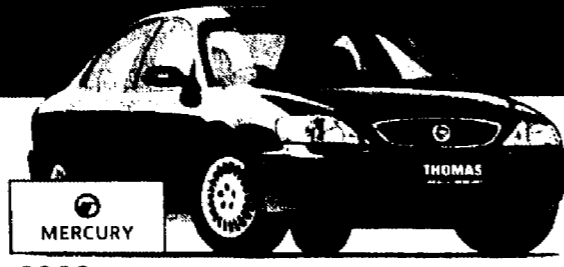
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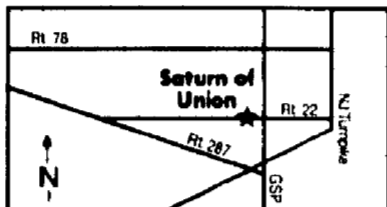
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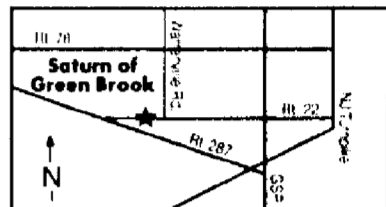


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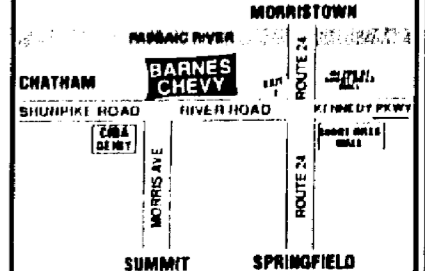


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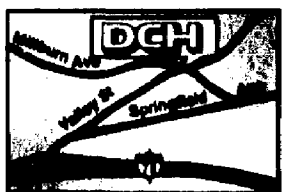
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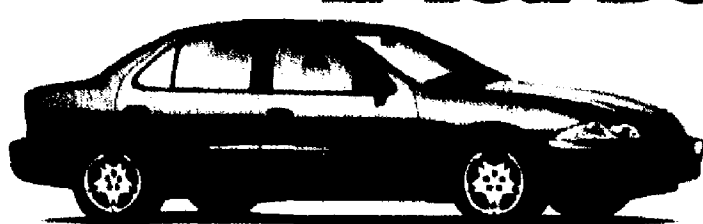
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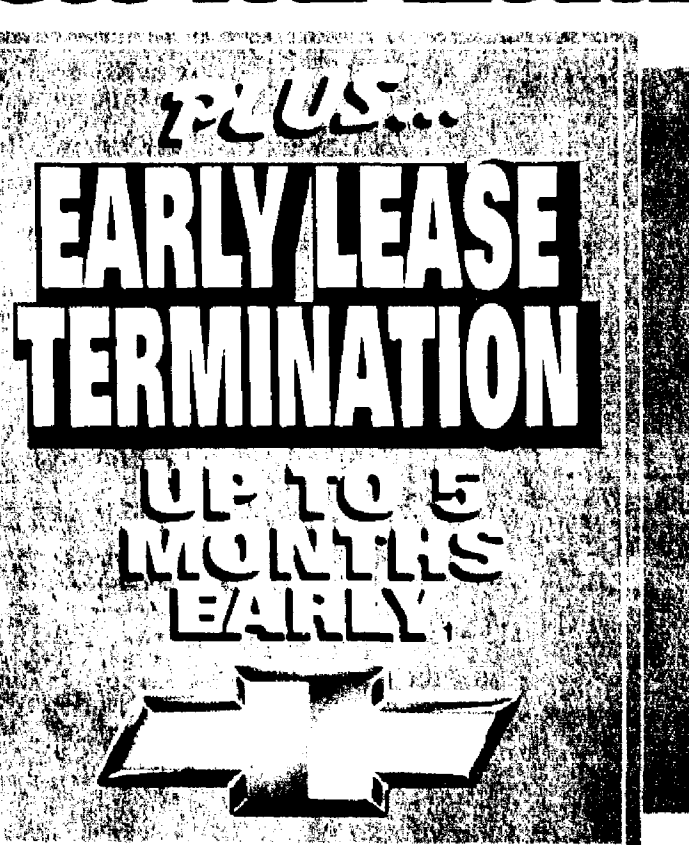
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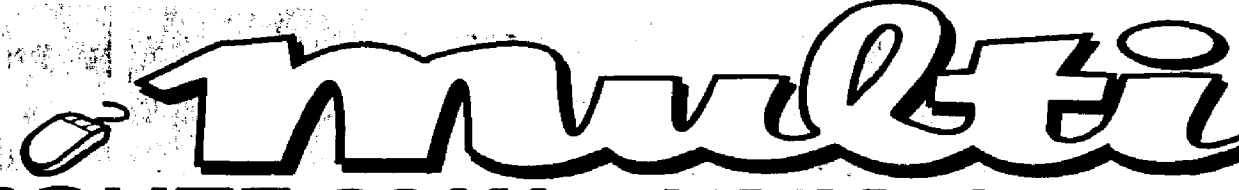
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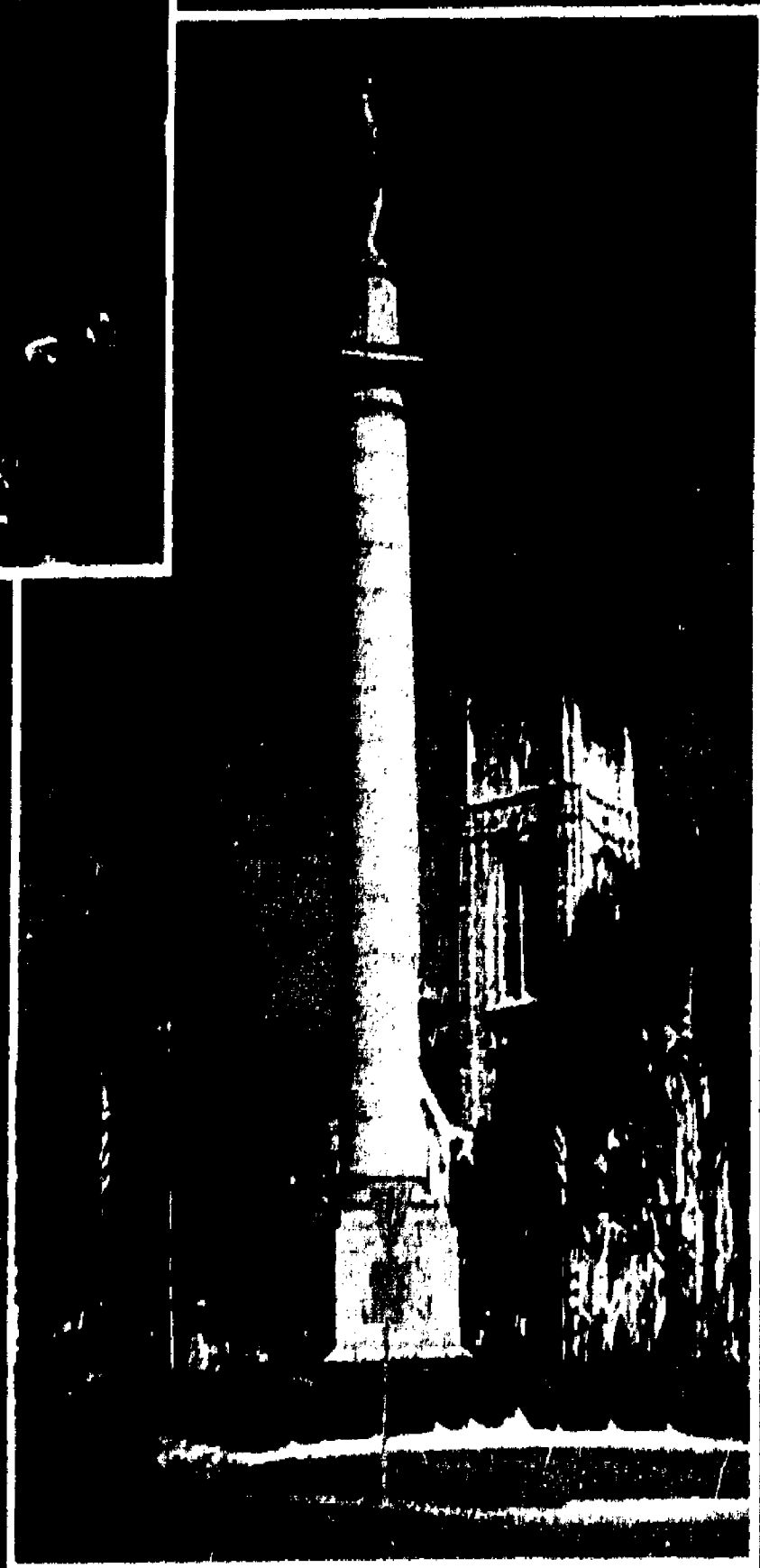
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HORSE SENSE-Louri Rivero gives a group of children from the Mountainside Newcomers Club Mommy and Me group a tour of the Watchung Stables. The children were able to take a short ride on the horses after learning the basics.

A Look At Union County's Towns

Berkeley Heights

The name Berkeley Heights has only existed since 1952 when the township changed its name from New Providence Township to avoid confusion with the neighboring New Providence Borough. Over the course of its history, the area of Berkeley Heights was known more for the villages that lie within it. The first community was probably Feltsville, which grew up in the 1700s with the building of a grist and saw mills along the Blue Brook, now part of the Deserted Village in a county-owned park on Cataract Hollow Road. Part of the town used the name Turkey, which was also used by the area now known as the borough of New Providence. Turkey became New Providence in 1750, when the grateful community thanked the Almighty for no one being seriously injured when a church balcony gave way, collapsing on the gallery below. The name Berkeley Heights honors Lord John Berkeley, one of the two proprietors who jointly owned the east and west portions of the state, as deemed by the Crown. The center of what is the town's business area became known as Peppertown in the late 1800s, most likely a reference to the color of the peppers Italian settlers hung out to dry during the harvest season. Following World War II, the population boom

developed the township into a suburban community of single-family homes, large, stable industrial parks, most notably the Bell Technology Laboratories (now Lucent technology), employing thousands of professional workers built in part of the township. A community effort recently revitalized an area along the railroad tracks on Sherman Avenue near the municipal building and made it into Peppertown Park.

POPULATION: 13,099.

AREA: 6.2 square miles.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 29 Park Ave., 07922.

(908) 464-2700.

POLICE: (908) 464-1114.

RESCUE: 360 Elkwood Ave., (908) 665-1111

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

175 Watchung Boulevard (908) 464-1601

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RECREATION: (908) 464-0550.

Clark

The Township of Clark is the product of many years of social, economic, and political change. It was established from Lenape Indian hunting grounds, a cross-road of the American Revolution. This community would develop into an agricultural paradise that enabled many European immigrants to strive for the American

dream. The territory of land that would become Clark was originally a part of several of the early villages in Union County but it was in 1858, after the village of Rahway incorporated itself into a city, that the land officially became a community. Rahway designated this land as its fifth ward and Clark remained a part of the city until 1864 when the residents declared their independence and set up their own town. Appropriately they took the name of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Originally Clark was a farm community but when faced with economic changes after World War II, many farmers sold their land to housing developers who were addressing the need for more homes in the post-war years. This led to Clark's growth as a town of housing developments and business centers. Today it maintains a piece of its heritage through the Dr. William Robinson Plantation House on Westfield Avenue, restored to the way it appeared 309 years ago and operated by the Clark Historical Society

POPULATION: 14,629

AREA: 4.5 square miles

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 430 Westfield Ave.;

(732) 388-3600

POLICE: (732) 388-3434 **FIRE:**

(732) 388-3434

RESCUE SQUAD: (732) 388-3434

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Schindler Road, (732) 547-9600


LIBRARY: 303 Westfield Ave., (732) 388-5999

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Cranford

Founded in 1871 along the banks of the Rahway River, Cranford quickly developed from industrial mills and agriculture to a thriving suburban and retail center. Key factors

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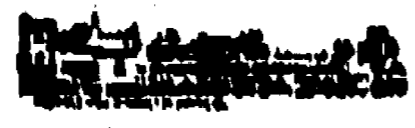
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in the township's early development included the river and the railroad line, which first ran through the area in 1839. Soon, Manhattan and Brooklyn commuters moved to the area to take advantage of its natural beauty. Regular regattas and carnivals along the river were another strong selling point, and real estate men dubbed Cranford The Venice of New Jersey.

Today, many of the stately Victorian homes from that area still stand along the tree-lined streets surrounding the downtown. Those architectural gems, along with well-regarded public schools, led *New Jersey Monthly* magazine to name Cranford one of the top 25 towns in the state. The township was the first in the state to institute a Special Improvement District for the downtown in the early 1990s. Today Cranford is working to revive its downtown through a variety of public and private enterprises, with mixed success. A substantial residential, restaurant, and retail complex has recently been completed on Alden Street, but the central Cranford Crossing project and a South Avenue redevelopment site have progressed slowly.

POPULATION: 22,732
AREA: 4.9 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 8 Springfield Ave., (908) 709-7200, www.cranford.com
POLICE: (908) 272-2222
FIRE: (908) 276-0146
RESCUE: (908) 272-7717
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 132 Thomas St., (908) 272-9100
LIBRARY: 224 Walnut Ave., (908) 709-7272
RECREATION: (908) 709-7283

Elizabeth

Founded as Elizabethtown in 1664 by 80 associates who drew lots for land, Elizabeth is now the county seat. The second-generation colonists came from eastern Long Island, looking for better farmland. The young hamlet served as the first capital of New Jersey from 1668 to 1686. It became a city in 1855 and the Union County seat in 1857. During the Revolutionary War, Elizabethtown was repeatedly raided by the British until Continental forces halted British troops in 1780 at the Battle of the Clouds. The city is half of the Port Newark-Port Elizabeth complex that has become the busiest and largest container port in the world. Elizabeth is home to a the Union County Economic Development Corporation, a thriving library, quality hospitals, one of

three Union County College campuses, and many restaurants that attract diners from all over. The city has been an Urban Enterprise Zone since 1983. Shoppers' opportunities in the city have increased in recent years with the addition of Ikea, Marshall's, and the Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall which has turned a municipal landfill into a source of shopping and employment.

POPULATION: 110,802
AREA: 11.69 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 50 Winfield Scott Plaza, (908) 820-4000.
POLICE: (908) 558-2020
FIRE: (908) 820-2800
RESCUE SQUAD: (908) 527-6530
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 500 N. Broad St. (908) 558-3000
LIBRARY: 11 S. Broad St. (908) 354-6060
RECREATION: (908) 820-4226

Fanwood

Although tiny in size, Fanwood is big in history and character, sporting the oldest working train station in the state and quiet, quaint streets. The borough is very proud of the Millennium Clock, an old-fashioned clock paid for by fund-raisers. The clock stands near the train station and the center of town and is a reminder of the last millennium and a testament to the future of the borough. The borough shares an excellent school system with Scotch Plains and has seen an influx of young and active families in the recent past. The Borough Council has worked hard to promote the quality of life in Fanwood and has begun a campaign to increase the profile and variety of the downtown area.

POPULATION: 7,102
AREA: 1.3 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 75 North Martine Ave., (908) 322-8236
www.visitfanwood.com/borough
POLICE: (908) 322-5000
FIRE: (908) 322-7020
RESCUE: (908) 322-5000
BOARD OF EDUCATION: Evergreen Avenue and Cedar St., (908) 232-6161
LIBRARY: North Avenue and Tillotson Road, (908) 322-7935
RECREATION: (908) 322-8236

Garwood

Nestled between Cranford and Westfield, Garwood was established in 1903 after a former president of the Central Railway of New Jersey bought tracts of land in those towns. The borough was named after Samuel Garwood, the first president of the Garwood Land and Improvement Company. The borough was long a home to industry, but today is shifting to an office- and retail-based economy similar to its neighbors. Some of the old industrial factories are still visible on the borough's main streets, but more prominent are the modern supermarkets at either end of South Avenue. Borough leaders have made use of various state and county grants to aid this transition and complete or plan several streetscape projects along the South Avenue business district. Garwood has its own Board of Education and maintains its own elementary and middle schools, but the borough's small high school population attends Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark. With its pleasant streets and small-town feel, the borough

provides idyllic living conditions for its small, tight-knit population.

POPULATION: 4,234
AREA: .71 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 403 South Ave., (908) 789-0710, www.garwoodnj.com
POLICE: (908) 789-1500
FIRE: (908) 789-1500
RESCUE SQUAD: (908) 789-1500
BOARD OF EDUCATION: Washington School, East Street, (908) 789-0332
LIBRARY: 222 Walnut Ave., (908) 276-7360
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Hillside

In 1913 Hillside was incorporated by an act of the state Legislature. Prior to the township's incorporation, its lands were part of the township of Union, which was itself carved out of Elizabethtown, now know as the city of Elizabeth, in 1808. The Hillside Urban Enterprise Zone is moving forward with efforts to beautify the streets of Hillside with plans for streetscape work along Liberty Avenue. Working on the plans is the streetscape committee, which includes Sal Antonelli, director of the Hillside Urban Enterprise Zone; Irene Goldie-Petrus of the Chamber of Commerce; Dennis Kobitz, a member of the Board of Education; and Peter Corvelli, president of the Township Council. The committee is working on plans to conduct a similar streetscape project along Maple Avenue, which is included with-

in the UEZ boundaries. Antonelli hopes to obtain approval for that project in the near future.

POPULATION: 20,955
AREA: 2.73 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: Liberty and Hillside Avenues; (973) 926-3000; www.hillside-nj.com
POLICE: (973) 926-5800
FIRE: (973) 926-5811
RESCUE SQUAD: (973) 926-5811
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 195 Virginia Ave., (973) 352-2433
LIBRARY: Liberty Avenue and Hillside Avenue (973) 923-4413
RECREATION: (973) 926-2219

Kenilworth

Founded in 1907 from portions of Cranford and Union, Kenilworth was named after Sir Walter Scott's famous 19th-century novel. Through the years, the land on which the borough now sits has been a battleground in the Revolutionary War; home to the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay; and a research site for Thomas Edison. As the borough developed, it became home to a mix of industrial, retail, and residential development. Today, the borough's main drag, the Boulevard, offers a diverse array of restaurants; the borough's side streets are filled with shade trees and well-kept homes. The borough is also in the midst of a streetscape improvement program, funded by a grant from Union County. The program will redesign

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downtown areas of the Boulevard to make them more appealing to pedestrians and shoppers. Public service and a feeling of community has always been an integral part to borough life. Kenilworth retains one of the last all-volunteer fire and rescue squad squads in the county. And borough residents a few years ago cheered the reopening of the David Brearley Middle/ High School, a center for many community events. Kenilworth is also home to one of the three public golf courses in Union County, the recently-refurbished Galloping Hill Golf Course.

POPULATION: 7,675
AREA: 2.1 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 567 Boulevard, (908) 276-9090, www.kenilworthnj.com
POLICE: (908) 276-1700
FIRE: (908) 276-3791
RESCUE: (908) 276-3465
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 426 Boulevard, (908) 276-5936
LIBRARY: 548 Boulevard, (908) 276-2451
RECREATION: (908) 272-4995

Linden

The City of Linden has stayed the course of financial prudence, which has resulted in maintain-

ing the lowest tax rate in Union County. This administration continues to offer outstanding municipal services to its residents and to strengthen its relationship with the business sector. A prime example of this is the development of Linden Airport, which will increase tax revenue and provide jobs. The downtown shopping area has an updated look, which will have a positive effect on the local merchants. This administration will offer all of Linden's residents a city that will be an affordable one in which to raise their families and a city that will provide all of its residents with the quality of life they deserve.

POPULATION: 37,040
AREA: 11.5 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 301 North Wood Ave, (908) 474-8452
POLICE: (908) 474-8511
FIRE: (908) 298-3800
RESCUE SQUAD: (908) 298-3800
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 728 North Wood Ave., (908) 486-581
LIBRARY: 31 E. Henry St., (908) 298-3833
RECREATION: (908) 474-8600

Mountainside

Mountainside marked its centennial in 1995. It was Oct. 22, 1895, when the borough separated from Westfield. Before Mountainside became a borough with its own government, it was part of Elizabethtown. Most of the settlers there were English and descendants of some early pioneers still live in the area and a few early 18th century houses are still standing. Route 22 running through Mountainside has had an impact on the borough's development. While businesses are located on both sides of the highway, the residential area is mainly above Route 22.

POPULATION: 6,646
AREA: 4 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside; (908) 232-2400; www.mountainside-nj.com
POLICE: (908) 232-8100 (non-emergency)
FIRE: (908) (908) 232-8100 (non-emergency)
RESCUE: (908) 232-8100 (non-emergency)
BOARD OF EDUCATION: Woodacres Drive, (908) 232-3232
LIBRARY: Constitution Plaza, (908) 233-0115
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New Providence

From the early 1700s to about 1750, the town of New Providence was known as Turkey.



A CALL FOR PHONES—Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Elizabeth participated in the Mental Health Association of Union County's used cell phone drive for victims of domestic violence. Shown is Susan Grinkevich, left, regional director, presenting the 100th phone to Dr. Marian B. Achor, president of the Mental Health Association and unit manager at VNHS. The MHA is located in Cranford and has various domestic programs. For information, call the MHA at (908) 272-0300.

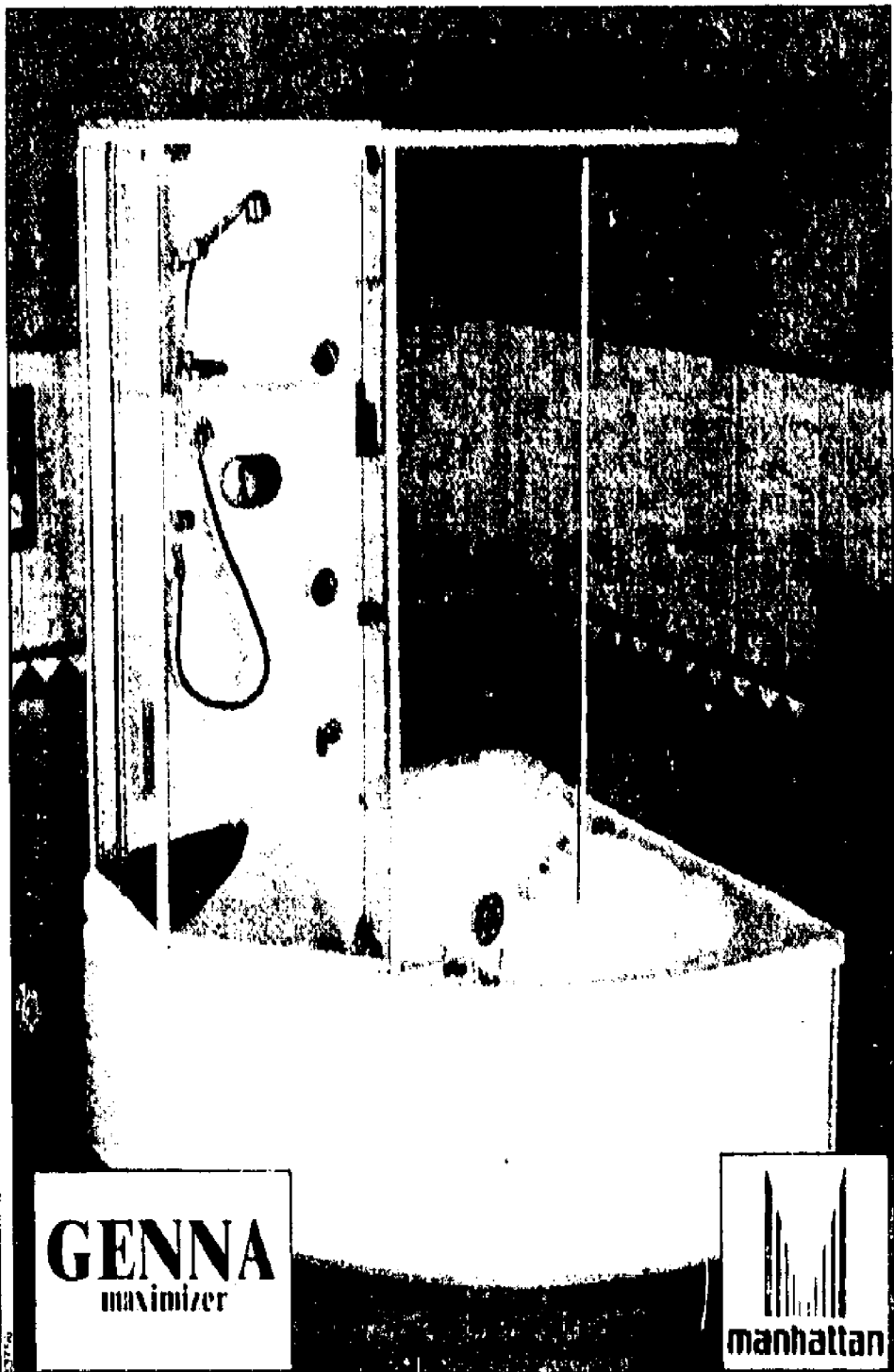
Residents re-christened the settlement following the intervention of God's Divine Providence. During a church service, a second floor balcony collapsed, yet no one in the congregation, either in the gallery or seated on the floor below, was seriously injured. The grateful parishioners adopted the name New Providence to replace its original name of Turkey. In the late 1800's and early 1900's, New Providence was famous for its large greenhouses specializing in roses

and gardenias. Coal was used to heat the enormous greenhouses, and the trains brought many coal cars to the area near Murray Hill station to supply the greenhouses. The Borough of New Providence was incorporated on March 14, 1899. A portion of the municipality split off in 1952 to become the township of Berkeley Heights. The Fire Department was formed in 1902. In 1914, when the first mechanized fire truck was purchased by the Bor-

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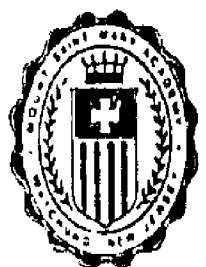
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POPULATION: 11,787
AREA: 3.5 square miles.
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 360 Elkwood Ave. (908) 665-1400, www.newprov.org
POLICE: (908) 665-1111.
FIRE: (908) 908-665-1221.
RESCUE: 360 Elkwood Ave., (908) 665-1111
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 356 Elkwood Ave. (908) 464-9050.
LIBRARY: 377 Elkwood Ave., (908) 665-0311.
RECREATION: (908) 464-0600.

Plainfield

Plainfield had been part of Elizabeth and Westfield until it was made a separate township on March 4, 1847. Plainfield was incorporated as a village in 1867. It became a city on April 2, 1869. In the 1880s, Plainfield was gaining a reputation for having a climate beneficial to those who suffered with respiratory ailments. In 1886, a local newspaper publisher, Thomas W. Morrison, used the slogan "Colorado of the East" to describe the city. Because Denver was known as the "Queen City of the Plains," Plainfield's slogan later became "The Queen City."

POPULATION: 46,235
AREA: 6.25 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT:

515 Watchung Ave., (908) 753-3000; www.plainfield.com
POLICE: (908) 753-3133 (non-emergency)
FIRE: (908) 753-3133 (non-emergency)
RESCUE SQUAD: (908) 753-0003 (non-emergency)
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Rahway

Coastal traders and fishermen founded this community along the valuable Rahway River. Several inns for travelers were located on what was known as the King's Highway, now Route 27. Rahway is still home to the historic Merchant's and Drover's Tavern, located on the corner of St. Georges and Westfield Avenues. Originally a part of Elizabethtown, Rahway separated from it in 1804 and became a city itself in 1858. Rahway was once the center of the carriage-making trade. In 1960, Rahway began to redevelop its lower Main Street area, leading to the construction of a new City Hall complex and the renovation of Main Street. A more recent renovation project involved the movie theater at Main and Irving Streets, which has been restored to serve as the Union County Arts Center. Rahway is a hard-working town. But it is also a town with lots of heart. Many groups promote civic pride and many, many residents are proud volunteers. It is also a town where neighbors are generous care and everybody helps everybody else.

POPULATION: 25,208
AREA: 4.1 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 1 City Hall Plaza; (732) 827-2000
POLICE: (732) 827-2200
FIRE: (732) 827-2155
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BOARD OF EDUCATION: Kline Place, (732) 396-1020
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Roselle

Leni Lenape Indians first farmed the land that now makes up the borough of Roselle. They were succeeded by Dutch and English settlers, who travelled the main stage road, today's Route 27, between New York and Philadelphia. The last of a series of buildings which sheltered early travelers still stands at the junction with Chestnut Street. The area was known as Mulford by the mid-1700s, named for a family which occupied several homes on extensive acreage. The arrival of the railroad in the mid-1800s formalized the name into Mulford Station. With the railroad came more residents, settling along the dirt streets set in a grid pattern south from the station out to what is now St. Georges. Large homes were built on small lots because the new Roselle residents preferred the closeness of neighbors to the vast stretches of farmland they had known. Eventually the name Roselle replaced Mulford, probably in honor of a land developer, Colonel Rose. Roselle seceded from Linden after an 1882 dispute over sanitary sewers. In 1894, Roselle became a borough.

POPULATION: 20,205
AREA: 2.5 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 210 Chestnut St. (908) 245-5600
POLICE: (908) 245-2000
FIRE: (908) 245-8600
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Roselle Park

Sometimes referred to as half of "The Twin Boroughs" with its neighbor, Roselle, this borough separated from Union Township in 1901. Roselle Park is bordered on one side by the Central Railroad tracks. In 1921 the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company began operating the first radio station in the United States, WDJ, in Roselle Park. It was

from this radio station that Eddie Cantor made his first radio broadcast. This suburban community entertains its residents every summer with classic car Cruisin' Nights, in mid September with a street fair, and with a car show scheduled each October.

POPULATION: 12,731
AREA: 1.3 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 110 East Westfield Ave. (908) 245-6222
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A Look At Union County's Towns

Scotch Plains

Scotch Plains has seen a number of changes in recent years most aimed at improving the township's parks and downtown area, which boasts many fine shops and the Coach House, a restaurant ranked among the best in the state. The township has long been considered a wonderful place to raise a family, with a fine school district shared with the Borough of Fanwood and a hometown feel. Some of the local parks' tennis courts have been turned into an in-line skating rink, a constant source of enjoyment for the many lovers of the sport. The township maintains a consistent stability and down-to-earth atmosphere, despite the changes and growing pains many nearby towns have experienced. Tree-lined streets typify the township.

POPULATION: 22,732
AREA: 9.6 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 430 Park Ave., (908) 322-6700, www.scotchplainsnj.com
POLICE: (908) 322-7100
FIRE: (908) 322-6866
RESCUE: (908) 322-2103
BOARD OF EDUCATION: Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, (908) 232-6161
LIBRARY: 1927 Bartle Ave.; (908) 322-5007
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Springfield

Fresh-water springs were the inspiration for the name of this township, which was settled in the early 1700s and separated from Elizabethtown in 1793. The springs are located in the primarily flat area at the base of First Mountain. Springfield is defined by two natural geographic features: the Rahway River and the Watchung Mountains. In June, 1780, militiamen and Continental soldiers withstood the assault of British and Hessian troops, preventing them from passing through the First Mountain gap to Morristown, where the Continental Army munitions were stored. The battle was the last one fought in the north. Today Springfield is primarily a residential town, with a busy commercial and light industrial zones. It provides plenty of parkland and is home to the famous Baltusrol Golf Course. Reminders of the town's past are found in its historic buildings, such as the First Presbyterian Church.

POPULATION: 13,526
AREA: 5.06 square miles
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield; (973) 912-2200
POLICE: (973) 376-0400 (non-emergency)
FIRE: (973) 376-7670 (non-emergency)

RESCUE SQUAD: (973) 376-0400 (non-emergency)
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 139 Mountain Ave., (973) 376-1025
Library: 66 Mountain Ave., (973) 376-4930
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Summit

Ever since Summit became a city in 1899, it has managed to maintain its aura of tree-lined streets, stately homes and century-old buildings. Almost completed is a \$4.3 million renovation of its thriving business district, displaying new curbs and sidewalks, landscaping and Victorian lamp posts. Like many communities in the area, Summit is noted for its public and private schools. Near completion is the city's largest project to date, a \$23.4 million renovation to Summit High School. In addition, it is a hub for transportation, and with the advent of Midtown Direct, has become increasingly popular to home buyers. A \$6.2 million tiered commuter parking garage opened in September, 1999. Trains leave for Penn Station, Hoboken and other destinations on a regular basis. Bus service goes directly to Port Authority. Summit is also the home of Overlook Hospital, an expanded public library, a YMCA, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, a chapter of the American Red Cross, Women's Resource Center, numerous houses of worship, a municipal golf course, community swimming pool and recreation center. The Reeves-Reed Arboretum is open to the public and the Carter House preserves the city's historical past. Old Town Hall was renovated two years ago and now houses the Suburban Chambers of Commerce and headquarters for the National Interfaith Hospitality Network. The city prides itself on an active volunteer presence, with an unpaid Common Council of seven members determining policy, budget allocations and numerous matters affecting its residents. The Board of Education is appointed by the mayor, rather than elected. A Board of School Estimate, made up of two members of council, two from the board and the mayor review the annual school budget.

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Garden Club Of Cranford Celebrates Its 75th Year

CRANFORD—Organized in 1927 and federated in 1928, the Garden Club of Cranford celebrated its 75th anniversary this year.

Thirty-four members and

guests attended an anniversary garden party luncheon at the home of member Carol English, where Ruth Paul, president of the Garden Club of New Jersey awarded a certificate in recognition of the event.

tion of the event.

The Garden Club of Cranford has consistently been in existence since its inception and provides civic and social projects and activities.

Some of the many projects that members are involved with include: the design and landscape of the Josiah Crane Park, the maintenance and planting of the Cranford library, the holiday decorations at the Cranford Crane-Phillips house, the floral arrangements for Mobile Meals, an annual club scholarship, participation in the statewide project for wildflowers and native plants in New Jersey in cooperation with Rutgers University and the coordination and judging of flower shows.

The oldest member of the club is Ethel Heim, who joined the club in 1960 and celebrates her 98th birthday this year.

The Garden Club thanks the committee members who organized this event: Elizabeth Youngs, Chair; Carol English, Hostess; Jill Brown, Ariel Kenajian, Ginny Mitchell, Julie Murphy, Kathy Reidy, and Frances Wismer (judge emeritus 1949-1950).



GARDEN CLUB OF CRANFORD members and guests attended a 75th anniversary garden party.



AT THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the Garden Club of Cranford are Current President Sue Vogel, left, and Past President Jill Brown.

Westfield Welcome Club

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donate certain goods and/or volunteer to help sort and pack donated items as part of the Red Cross Quality of Life Initiative. The club hosted a creative get-together to make greeting cards for the troops on Sept. 18. All cards made by club members will be donated to those serving for their own personal use.

The Westfield Welcome Club is a not-for-profit organization that offers various activities to women and their families in Westfield and surrounding communities.

Ongoing club activities include monthly dinners, ladies' night out, playgroups, children's events, couples' events, movie nights, and book discussions.

Women from Westfield and surrounding areas (Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside and Clark) who are interested in learning more about the club and how to join may call Nina at (908) 317-5812, or Vicki at (908) 301-1923, or visit the club's website at www.westfieldnj.com/welcome.

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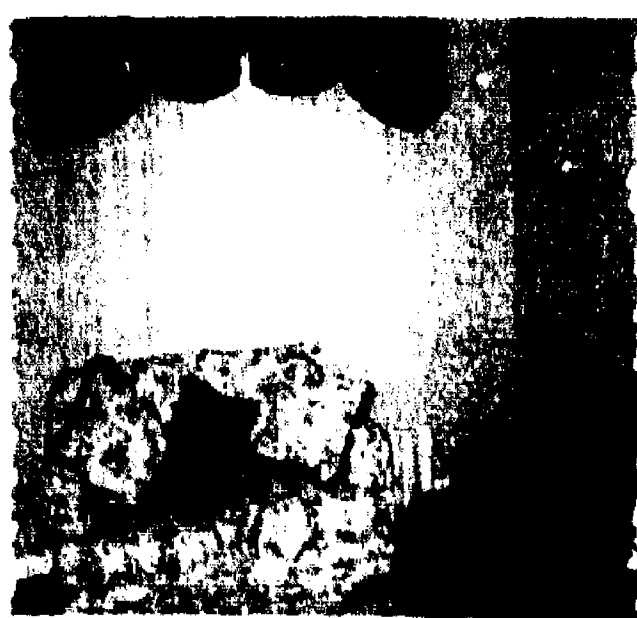
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The club maintains a lodge in Vermont, sponsors day and weekend bus trips in the East, and runs several week-long trips to Canada and the West. This year, trips include: Hunter, NY; Killington, VT; Windham, NY; Mammoth, CA; and Mont Sainte-Anne, Quebec.

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Union County Announces Winter Golf Schedule

AREA--Golfers are known to take to the links whenever they can. Rain, heat or even snow does not deter the most dedicated "duffer." However, the change in seasons does bring schedule adjustments to Union County's three public golf courses.

"We seasonally alter our course hours according to the change in daylight hours, but this year we have decided to close Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains and the front nine at Galloping Hill in Kenilworth for the winter season," said Free-

holder Chairman Lewis Mingo, Jr.

"Each year we give some of our golf courses a turn to rest," added Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "With the recent improvements made to Ash Brook and Galloping Hill, we decided to give them a turn. The closure will begin Dec. 23 and continue until March 1, 2003, weather permitting."

Eighteen regulation holes will continue to be available throughout the winter at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark, and 18 holes at

Galloping Hill Golf Course will also be operational, weather permitting. Determination of playability will be made by the supervising greenskeeper of the course in question. Winter hours 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 November are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

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Aging Parents meets at the Green Lane Y, 501 Green Lane, Union, for children coping with aging parents, on the first Monday at 7 p.m., led by Y professional staff, certified social workers. To register call Jani Kovač-Jonas at (908) 289-8112.

Alzheimer's family support groups, affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association, are sponsored at Overlook Hospital

on the fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., call (908) 719-2276; second Thursday, 7 p.m. (973) 376-2243; Sunrise at Westfield, third Monday, 7 p.m., (908) 317-3030; Trinitas Medical Center in Elizabeth, first Wednesday, 2 p.m., (908) 994-7313.

Bipolar Disorder and Depression Self-Help Group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month, 7:30-9 p.m., at Overlook Hospital, Summit. Call (908) 233-7074 or (908) 928-9265 for information.

Breast cancer support groups by Pathways: for women who have been diagnosed, in treatment, and experiencing effects of living with breast cancer; even-

ing groups for women at any stage of recovery; for spouses, partners, siblings, family, and friends. Call (908) 277-3663.

A breast cancer support group meets on Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m. for individuals undergoing treatment and diagnosis. Call Nancy at (908) 241-0648.

Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital has a free cancer support group for adults, first and third Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, at Overlook. Call (908) 522-5352.

A support group for cancer patients, family members, and friends meets on the first and third Thursday at the Jewish

Community Center, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 7 p.m. Call the American Cancer Society at (973) 736-7770 or Muhlenberg at (908) 668-2244.

A caregiver support group for individuals caring for an elderly person or someone suffering from Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders meets on the second Wednesday at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call (908) 668-2328.

A support group for those caring for the elderly or chronically ill meets on the first Monday of each month, except holidays, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Church on Lambert's Mill Road, Westfield. Call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

Support group for people with cardiomyopathy meets in the Union area; (908) 686-6550.

The Center for Women and Families offers counseling, legal consults, support groups, community workshops, children's peer support groups, counseling/support for families managing children with developmental disabilities. Call (908) 322-6007; e-mail: thecenterforwomenandfamilies@yahoo.com; website: www.centerforwomenandfamilies.org.

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders) of Union County offers sharing, support, and speakers at the Union Elks, 281 Chestnut St., 8 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Call (908) 241-5758.

Choices for women, a support group for those who are or have been in an abusive relationship. An evening program meets weekly in Cranford. Call (908) 272-0304 weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community, Inc. hosts small groups who meet to support each other on the spiritual journey. Persons of all spiritual paths are welcome. The Friday group meets twice monthly 8:15-9:30 p.m. at the Healing Arts Center, Clark. Sunday group meets 2-4 p.m. twice monthly in the chapel of United Methodist Church in Cranford. Call (908) 232-3777; www.communityinc.com.

An elder care support group meets at Cranford Alliance Church, 7 Cherry St., 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday to meet the

needs of those caring for the elderly. Call (908) 276-1617.

Epilepsy Support Group, open to children, adolescents, families, and friends, meets on the third Monday 7:30-9 p.m. at Holy Spirit Education Office, 984 Suburban Rd., Union. Call Cheryl at (908) 688-1467.

Family Support Group for family members of people with mental illness meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, 109 South Ave. West, Cranford. Call Joyce Benz at (908) 497-1921, ext. 12.

FOCUS (Friends of Care and Support) is a peer group for people with physical disabilities which meets the second Thursday of each month, 7-9:15 p.m., at Union Hospital, Galloping Hill Road, classroom A or B. Call (908) 474-0294 or (908) 355-3299; TTY users: (800) 852-7899.

Food Addicts Anonymous meets Mondays, 8 p.m., at Temple Israel, 2372 Morris Ave., next to Union Lighting. There are no dues or fees. A basket is passed to help pay expenses. For information call NJ Help Line at (888) FAA-9484.

A support group for the grown children of aging parents meets at the YM-YWHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane, Union, on the last Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. There is no fee. Call (908) 289-8112 to register by the prior Friday.

Heart to Heart support group meets on the third Thursday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m., at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. Call Peggy Martin, R.N., at (908) 688-2317 for more information.

Hemodialysis support group for patients, families, and friends meets on the third Tuesday at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (908) 668-2248.

His Hand of Love meets the second and fourth Thursday every month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Garwood Presbyterian Church, Call (908) 497-0805.

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The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, the American Cancer Society, and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center sponsor In-sight Cancer Support Group on the first and third Thursday, 7 p.m. Call (908) 668-2247.

The Job Club, a non-profit, volunteer, peer-membership, sharing, support group, meets Mondays, 7-9 p.m., for the employed, and Fridays, 2-4 p.m., for the unemployed at the Unitarian Church, 724 Park Ave., Plainfield. Call Hal Relkin, (908) 233-1193, 7-9 p.m.

Parents Anonymous support group meets at the Cranford United Methodist Church, at the corner of Walnut and Lincoln Avenues, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon. Call Joan Collins at (908) 276-5894.

PREP (People Responsible for Elderly Person) meets on the third Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., at Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. Call Ellen McNally, (908) 273-4598.

A prostate cancer support group meets on third Thursday at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, 7-9 p.m. Call Diane Applebaum at (908) 668-2388.

Recovery, Inc. a self-help method for fears, anxieties and nervous symptoms, meets at 8 every Friday night at the Union County Community Service Building, 300 North Ave., West-

field. Call (201) 823-4545.

Sibling Support Group for adult brothers and sisters of people with mental illness meets the second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, 109 South Avenue West, Cranford. Call Joyce Benz at (908) 497-1921, ext. 12.

Single Mother's Social Support Group meets on the third Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Second Presbyterian Church, 1221 New Brunswick & Main Street, Rahway, sponsored by Second Presbyterian and St. Paul's churches in Rahway. Call Gina at (732) 381-5713 for details.

Spiritual and Psychological Healing Group, led by a therapist, is based on the Course In Miracles text. A Christian-based reading group meets in Cranford; a \$10 suggested donation. Call (732) 381-5760.

Therapist-Led Counseling Groups for adolescent/young women, body image/self-esteem; women's group concerning anxiety, depression, self-esteem issues. Call Dr. Kathleen Williams Biddulph at (732) 381-5760.

Widowed Persons Activities group meets monthly at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Central Avenue in Mountainside. Call Ed Lehecka at (908) 232-4159.



FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS ROTARY CLUB INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS—At its regular meeting last week, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club inducted two new members. Rotary District Governor Marsha Cardon, left, did the honor of inducting Patricia A. Plante, second from left, next to her is her sponsor, Lori DeMill; and Mark Charbonneau with his sponsor Robert Kraus. At the right is Rotary Club President Ray Jaiko. Plante has been a real estate associate with Burgdorff-ERA in Westfield since 1993. She is a member of the Fanwood Board of Health and the Fanwood Recreation Commission. She is also a member of the Environmental Commission and the Union County Transportation Advisory Board. Ms. Plante, husband, Tom, and daughter, Kerry, live in Fanwood. Mark Charbonneau is the manager of the new Commerce Bank in Fanwood. A graduate of Marist College in 1989 he has been involved with AVP Business Development and has thirteen years as a banking professional. A Rotary member since 1995, he is Past-President of the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club. He and his wife, Lisa, and son, Jake, reside in Edison.

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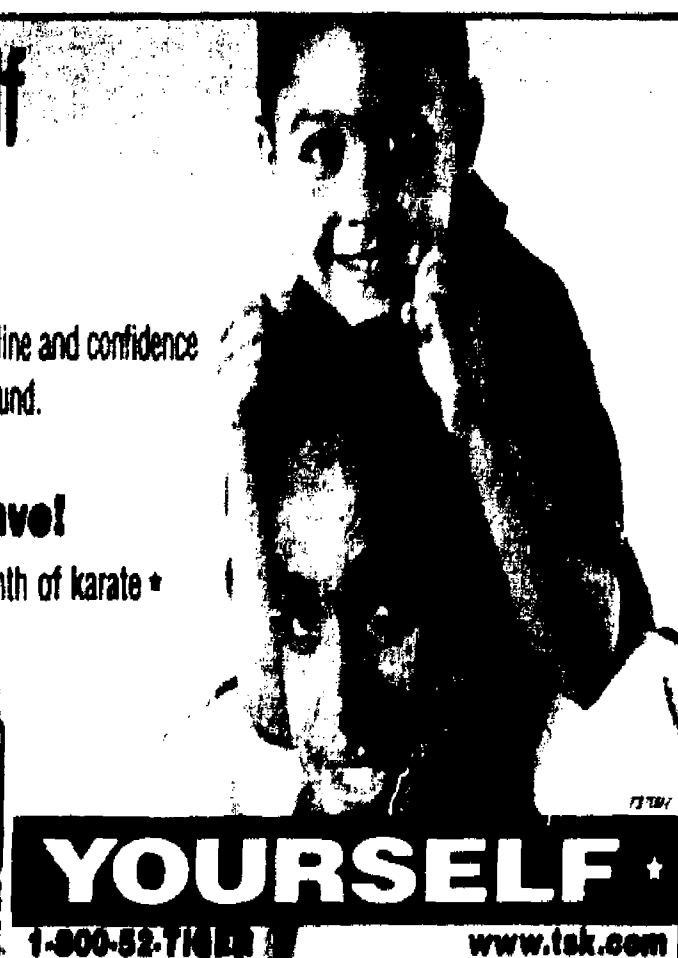
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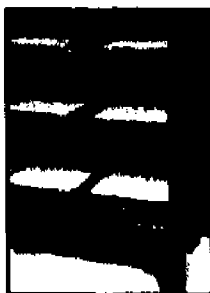
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