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### Champions

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys' soccer team won its third straight Union County title, and fifth in six years, with a 1-0 victory over Cranford at Kean University Sunday. See story on Page C-1.



### Celebrating **Votorans Day**

High school student Kate Ruskins plays "Taps" at a Monday ceremony to honor veterans at the Fanwood library, one of several such events in the area. For two more pictures and a story, see Page B-1.





**GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** Westfield United Fund Director Linda Magglo at the fund's North Avenue office.

# **Fund still working for** the victims of Sept. 11

#### By TINA LESHER

THE RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD - Linda Maggio sits at the Westfield United Fund offices at the north side train station, surrounded by forms and files. She turns around to pick up a thank-you card, one of scores she has received in the past year from those aided by the September 11th Fund.

Maggio's years-long work as United Fund executive director has been recognized many times and will be again Nov. 20, when the Rotary Club honors her with its Humanitarian Award. But the story of how the United Fund transformed itself under her leadership to respond to Sept. 11 is one many town residents do not know.

Since its inception more than four decades

work began in earnest.

The fund quickly identified 14 families with a Westfield connection who had lost a loved one in the attack. Each family was asked to name an advocate, and the United Fund committee assigned a liaison who could work with the advocate to ensure that the family's needs were met.

"All the immediate needs would be taken care of," said Matt Forstenhausler, the current United Fund president.

But meeting those needs would require money and manpower. So Maggio and the United Fund's trustees board established a September 11th Fund dedicated to helping local families.

As expected, the organizations and residents of Westfield responded to the call.

Local residents gave checks instead of holding

# **New Pointe** seeks council support for new building

### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - The Town Council heard a proposal for a three-story office building at the corner of South and Central avenues at a Nov. 6 conference meeting.

The design plan was presented by New Pointe Realty, which has been working on the project for more than a year and has been before the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment.

New Pointe owns the property on adjacent New Street and has acquired two homes in the area. It plans to demolish the two homes, along with its building, to construct the new office building.

The company made a presentation to the council because it is seeking an ordinance to vacate the public right-of-way on New Street.

According Town to Administrator James Gildea, the ordinance, which could be passed in December, serves two purposes. It will demonstrate the council's approval of the project when New Pointe goes before the Planning Board again, and it will be a source of revenue, as New Pointe would pay approximately \$333,000 for the town to vacate the street.

However, other factors must be nailed down before the project becomes a done deal. One issue is the parking concern: the office will have approximately 200 employees, according to Michael Zempsky of New Pointe Realty, and it will need a minimum of 50 parking spaces.

New Pointe has proposed to build a two-level parking deck for the office building. Zempsky said

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# Marks urges county to take action on deer

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - Mayor

now greater for residents on the south side of town near the Ash Brook Reservation, he said. Both reservations are county proper-

### **Going strong**

Area resident Pat Morris went from designing school newsletters to running a substantial media relations business and beat breast cancer in the process. See story on Page B-1.

REMINDER

### **Early deadline** for holiday

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Nov. 29 issue of The Record-Press will go to press earlier than usual. All reader submissions for the Nov. 29 issue — press releases, letters and photographs — should be received by Nov. 21.

ago, the Westheld United Fund has operated as a financial support system, raising and distributing millions of dollars to various local service agencies. But after Sept. 11, 2001, the United Fund took on a new role: it became, in effect, an agency itself.

Maggio was gearing up for the start of last year's fund drive, preparing to raise more than \$660,000, when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred. Four days after the attack, Westfield Mayor Greg McDermott asked Maggio to coordinate the town's Sept. 11th effort. She agreed, and the

birthday narties for their children: children emg tied their piggy banks at the United Fund office and filled containers with millions of pennies.

Among innumerable examples, money flowed in from Brownie, school and church fundraisers, and checks to the September 11th Fund came in with donations to the annual campaign.

An "Adopt-a-Family" program, still in effect, was initiated by the Junior League to offer support with daily tasks.

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Martin Marks urged residents to notify township and county officials about what he called an ongoing and escalating problem in the community - the influx of deer.

Several years ago the county investigated the problem by focusing on the Watchung Reservation, which borders the north side of the township, Marks explained.

However, there continue to be problems, and the difficulties are

ties

"It is a problem that is really getting out of hand and causing damage to property and causing safety risk as well," Marks said. Tm not calling for a deer hunt in Ash Brook, but there needs to be an effort between municipalities and the county, as I expressed to (Freeholder Chairman) Lewis Mingo."

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# A mix of high-tech, relaxation at Internet Lounge

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

FANWOOD — Maybe it's the dim lighting, cushioned leather furniture and artistic décor, or maybe it's the new Tachyon technology that orders electronic frequencies. Whatever it is, the new Internet Lounge brings a relaxing atmosphere and the intrigue of a new type of business to downtown Fanwood.

Located on the corner of Martine and South avenues, the Internet Lounge has been open for about a month. Owner Alex Kovalyov, a Scotch Plains resident, is happy to see his idea come to fruition after a difficult process.

"Business is pretty good," Kovalyov said, as he walked through the mostly empty lounge

on a Monday evening. "Weekends are the busiest times. We've had all machines occupied. We're thinking about adding more machines.'

With about 2,300 square feet of working space, the lounge has plenty of open space. Kovalyov said he didn't want customers to feel cramped, and wanted to maintain an inviting atmosphere. On one side of the building are 20 computer stations; the other side houses a lounge and dining area.

Throughout the building are several pieces of art, some of them for sale. Paintings of characters and scenes from computer games are posted throughout the computer area, while original oil, acrylic and pencil paintings from local artists decorate the lounge and dining area.

An entertainment system with a television, stereo and DVD player sits in the small lounge section, where a leather couch and an overstuffed chair surround a table with books by authors such as Tom Clancy and art texts featuring the works of Picasso and DaVinci.

Kovalyov said he wanted the atmosphere to blend with the community, as the business is in historical district with Victorian-style buildings. Kovalyov said some customers don't use the computer side, but rather get a cup of coffee and read in the lounge, which is what Plains resident Scotch Marguerite Leide was doing Monday evening.

"I think it's real peaceful,"

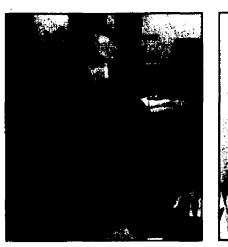
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Internet Lounge co-owner Leon Kovalyov looks on as teenagers Fred Kovalyov and David Rappaport use the computers.s

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**KEVIN B. HOWELL** 



**GREG MARX** 

# **Changes at The Record-Press**

SOMERVILLE - Greg Marx has been appointed editor of The Publisher Record-Press, Rosemarie Maio announced this week.

An award-winning reporter for The Record-Press and The Cranford Chronicle, Marx has been with the company since March 2001. He is a June 2000 Dartmouth College graduate.

'Greg is bright, talented and the consummate journalist. He will bring his insight to the issues and personalities facing the gov-

Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood in a well-edited, comprehensive way," Maio said.

"We expect the newspaper will continue to be a must-have for residents who care about their communities," said Michael Deak, executive editor.

"I'm looking forward to taking on new responsibilities and continuing to deliver high-quality coverage for our readers," Marx said.

Reporter Kevin B. Howell joined The Record-Press staff in

ernments and residents of June. He is a May 2002 graduate of Morgan State University and interacd at The Baltimore Sun.

Former editor Kathleen Phillips has accepted similar editorial responsibilities within the company as part of the reorganization of its Somerset and Middlesex division.

"I look forward to working more closely with a newspaper professional of Kathleen's stature," said Deak. "She will make our good newspapers even better.'

### A mix high-tech and relaxation

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Leide said. "It's open until midnight and I can have a cup of coffee, sit and relax. I just like the atmosphere. It's real peaceful and calming. I'd rather come here to sit and have coffee than across the street at Dunkin' Donuts."

In the kitchen, Kovalyov puts an emphasis on health. Most foods are organic, and beverages are made from natural juices. The menuincludes gourmet coffee as well as fruit smoothies, salads sandwiches and deserts. Many of Internet Lounge's organic foods come from a local vendor in Scotch Plains, Kovalyov said.

On the computer side, Kovalyov boasted the business offers the "latest and greatest" in technology, including new Pentium 4 Dells. Customers can use the computer for \$5 an hour, with seniors and children receiving discounts. Scanning, printing and faxing services are also available.

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"We have a big mix of customers, from kids who come after school to senior citizens who come to learn what computers are about," Kovalyov said. "We have instruction tools on how to use Microsoft Office, Excel, Photoshop, Microsoft Publisher and the Internet. We even have e-bay junkies who come in and use the computers."

For computer game fanatics, the lounge features Counterstrike, Ultima and Diablo. Kovalyov said that the company hosted a Counterstrike tournament a few weeks ago which was won by a group of seniors from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Another tournament is scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend.

"It's pretty cool. It's kind of unique. There's nothing else like it," said Michael Leide, who was using the lab for only his second time after being invited by a friend. He said the lounge is convenient because he lives around the corner. Kovalyov pointed out that all 20 computers are linked to central computer manned by an employee. He said that the computers have a strong filtering system, which he demonstrated by unsuccessfully attempting to access the Playboy magazine website.

Another feature of the lounge is the new Tachyon technology that orders electromagnetic frequencies on electronic devices. Tachyon organizes chaotic electromagnetic fields from computer monitors and alleviates harmful effects, according to Kovalyov. Kovalyov uses this technology on all appliances in the lounge.

The technology is said to increase vitamin and mineral consumption, energy and brain function while decreasing stress.

The lab is open 3 p.m. to midnight weekdays and noon to midnight on weekends. Kovalyov said that some patrons have requested it be open at lunch time, but that doesn't appear to be in the plans anytime soon.

As Kovalyov's brother and business partner Leon said, "I have to sleep some time."

### Deer

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Marks said that Mingo told him the county had not received many deer complaints from Scotch Plains. Thus, Marks begged residents to contact either himself or Mingo directly to put pressure on the county to take action.

Marks can be reached at the municipal building at (908) 322-67(0). Mingo can be reached at the freeholder offices at (908) 527-4110.

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Committee member Sal Caruana and the Westfield Downtown Committee recruited taxdeductible donations and in-kind services from the business community, such as free dental care for the 21 children left without a parent.

Donations came from other parts of the country, too. A group in Colorado created a quilt for each of the Westfield area children whose parents died in the attack. And from Oklahoma City, site of another terrorist attack , people sent stuffed animals to be given to the children.

And the largest single donation, for \$25,000, came from the Ernst and Young Foundation.

"It all added up," says Maggio, praising the outpouring of support from the community. "If it weren't for the efforts of all these other people, we wouldn't have been able to do anything."

The special fund garnered close to \$200,000 in donations, and the annual campaign for the United Fund's member agencies reached its goal in record time.

In addition to bereaved families, local survivors of the World Trade Center disaster also secured help. For example, fund monies were

survived the attack but lost her job. And when a new town resident, Margaret Gramly, was injured fleeing the New York devastation, the

ing the New York deviasition, the town went to bat with the help of United Fund trustee Sheryl Brand. Brand went to the Gramly residence when local rescue squad and police brought the injured woman home from New York, accompanied by a basket of goodies provided by Trader Joe's.

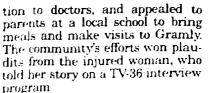
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United Fund working for victims of Sept. 11

Much of the key support has been emotional rather than material. Shortly after the September 11th effort was underway. Maggio received a call from a family advocate who said that some widows would like to have a support group.

Maggio asked Milt Faith, the executive director of the Youth and Family Counseling Service, to conduct the first meeting; about 10

widows expressed an interest. "I was concerned about whether anyone would show up," says Maggio. "And they all came."

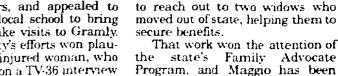
Fourteen months later, the group continues to meet weekly at the Westfield United Fund offices. The widows "have bonded," Maggio said, "in a way you cannot believe."

In addition to addressing emotional needs, the meetings also focus on sharing information about benefits available to the widows. For example, Caruana secured for the group copies of a booklet, prepared by the New York Bar Association, with advice for survivors.

Soon, Maggio was receiving calls from survivors in other towns who wanted copies. The United Fund office complied with the requests. Along the way, Maggio and others learned just how successful Westfield had been with its efforts.

"We were way ahead of other towns," says Maggio proudly, acknowledging that "we are not territorial or geographical but willing to reach out" to all.

In fact, the fund has continued



the state's Family Advocate Program, and Maggio has been called upon to help other New Jersey survivors who have left the Garden State. She has assumed the role of advocate for six families who reside in Florida, Georgia and elsewhere.

With those efforts, and the ongoing work on behalf of local families, Maggio her staff still deal daily with the effects of Sept. 11.

Looking back on the past year, Maggio saluted the September 11th committee and the scores of other volunteers who put Westfield "on the map" in its bid to help the victims' families.

"We all just kept doing it quietly and never held back," she said. "I am so proud of our Westfield community. The response has been absolutely overwhelming. We were out front and up front from the beginning."

### **New Pointe**

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that the deck will not be visible from Central Avenue, quelling concerns about it being an eye-sore. The company's parking plan must be included in their agreement with the town before New Pointe goes to the Planning Board, Gilden said.

Council members also expressed concerns with the design of the building, particularly its size. The building's first floor is proposed to be 19,000 sq. ft. and the second and third floors will each be 23,750 sq. ft, Zempsky said. The structure will be 25 feet from the curb, as far back it can be based on the 2.25-acre lot size and parking considerations, he said.

Zempsky said that the design is consistent with the height and style of buildings on Broad Street, and the proposed building is smaller than an existing structure farther west along South Avenue.

Zempsky added that the building shouldn't worsen traffic congestion in the area. Councilman Carl Salisbury agreed, saying 200 additional employees would be a minor increase at the busy intersection.

In addition, the design calls for a right turn only out of New Street, which Gildea said will eliminate through traffic because employees will be the only ones using the road.



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# Westfield may offer seniors a discount on conservation

Other residents would pay more to make up the difference

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — With tax burdens threatening to drive some senior citizens out of town, the Town Council is looking into ways to give senior residents a break on municipal services. In an initial step, the council discussed giving seniors a discount at the Conservation Center during a Nov. 6 conference session.

Councilwoman Susan Jacobson, chairperson of the Solid Waste Committee, proposed an annual fee of \$30 for seniors, a \$20 discount from the current price. To help offset the costs, she also suggested raising the regular fee to \$60.

Jacobson said that the lower fee could attract more seniors, therefore increasing the number of permits the center distributes. But other council members said the increased rate for the general public could cause a decline in use of the center.

Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh said he will do an analysis to see how the changes would affect revenue, possibly doing a one-year trial of the new prices. James Gildea, town administrator, warned that a decision must be made soon because Public Works brochures will be mailed to residents in January with cost listings.

Councilman Matthew Albano was cautious about the proposal, saying that the town shouldn't try to make money from the service, but rather break even. Taxes are already high enough, he said, and services like the Conservation Center shouldn't be a revenue source. Marsh agreed and assured Albano the fee increase would not create a major revenue source. He said the center loses money and its fees are generous compared to neighboring municipalities.

Marsh added the town raised its bulky waste permit fee last year from \$50 to \$65 and broke even.

Jacobson also discussed the town's recycling services, asking if the council wants to continue the next two years with the current contractor. The council can opt out of the three-year contract, but must notify the contractor by December.

But that discussion was rendered moot when Marsh pointed out there were not any other competitive bidders for the service, so the council decided to keep the contract.



### Horsing Around

Scotch Plains resident Steve Warnock, left, helps instructor Susan May groom Justice, a Union County Police horse, during a tour of the Watchung Stables. The stables also recently hosted the annual Barn Dance for People with Disabilities, an evening of square dancing, hayrides, arts and crafts and outdoor dining.

# **Developer will appeal Garwood board's denial of townhouses**

#### By NICK D'AMORE THE RECORD-PRESS

GARWOOD — Developer Giapiedi, Inc. is appealing a July Planning Board decision to deny its application to build 16 threestory townhouses on Fourth Street, a lawyer for the company said this week.

Mario Gurrieri, of Cranford law firm Dughi, Hewit and Palatucci, is representing Giapiedi in its appeal. Gurrieri said the company is seeking an approval of the application from the Union County Superior Court.

"Our feeling is that we had expert testimony and demonstrated the positive reasons why the borough should approve the application. Nothing negative was presented," he said.

Gurrieri said the owners of the property where the townhouses would be built — the Hidi family and Liquore family — also spoke in favor of the application.

"Some residents voiced opposition to the application and it appears as though the board was swayed by that," said Gurrieri. "It seemed to turn the application into a political issue."

The families own two "oversized" lots on Fourth Street. Under the company's proposal, the existing buildings would have remained but the rear areas of those lots would have been converted into a third lot for the

#### townhouses.

"The Liquores have a one-family house and the Hidi's have a little store. There's extra land back there that's being wasted," said Gurrieri.

Giapiedi, based in Rahway, has proposed to locate the units

"We're at a loss why this was denied. We thought the town was in favor of it, then they knocked it down with no reason."

> — Mario Gurrieri, lawyer for developer Giapedi, Inc.

along a cul-de-sac between the two properties. The developer agreed to restrict the townhouses to residents 55 and over, in response to concerns of traffic safety and more children in the schools.

During the hearings, area residents raised concerns about the impact the development might have on property values in the area. The developer was also questioned about the effect the development would have on a nearby stream. The proposed townhouse

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development borders on both Cranford and Westfield.

Gurrieri said the company was "surprised and disappointed" that its application was denied.

"We're at a loss why this was denied. We thought the town was in favor of it, then they knocked it down with no reason," he said.

"They were all in favor of it, but when it went to the board, 1 don't know what happened," said Gurrieri. "It seems like they changed

horses in midstream," he said. Gurrieri said the appeal was

filed Nov. 6 and no hearing date has been set yet.



As of Monday, Planning Board attorney Donald Fraser had not been served with the appeal.

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Carol Anne Patterson, PT, OCS, graduated from the physical therapy program at The University of Scranton in 1993. She has dedicated her career to the treatment of orthopedic injuries. Through advanced training, focused education and extensive experience, Carol Anne has proven herself as a skilled and knowledgeable clinician. She has a special interest in injured workers with cumulative trauma and repetitive strain injuries.



In 1999, Carol Anne achieved National

Board Certification as a Clinical Specialist in Orthopedic Physical Therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. She is one of 38 physical therapists in the state of New Jersey to attain this recognition. To obtain board certification, candidates must submit evidence of required clinical practice and successfully demonstrate a specialized knowledge and advanced orthopedic proficiency.

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### **Briefs**

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### Family, friends welcome at St. John's service

SCOTCH PLAINS Family & Friends Day is part of services 10 a.m. Sunday at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave.

The person who brings the most family and friends to this annual service will receive a special plaque. For more information, phone (908) 232-6972. The public is invited.

### Holiday poinsettia sale will benefit hospital

FANWOOD --- The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Twig of Children's Specialized Hospital is selling poinsettias for Christmas.

Cost is \$10 for a 6-inch plant

and \$20 for an 8-inch plant. Red plants and white plants are available.

To order a poinsettia, phone Jeanne Fulford at (908) 889-6215. Orders can be picked up 3:30-7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the railroad station on North Avenue.

Proceeds benefit the children's hospital, which has its main building in Mountainside and a clinic on South Avenue.

### Santa will stop by church's Yuletide Fair

SCOTCH PLAINS - All Saints' Episcopal Church holds its Yuletide Fair 9 a.m. 4 p.m. tomorrow 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 boliday pictures.

Fine crafts, dried flowers, jew elry 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.

### Student writers will read for College Club

FANWOOD - The next meet ing of the College Club of Fanwood/Scotch Plains will feature literary readings from local students.

Nine members of the high school literary magazine "Muse' will read short stories, poetry and essays after the general meeting.

The meeting will begin 7:30

p.m Monday at the Union Trust Bank, 45 Martine Ave. The readings will begin about 8:15 p.m. The public is invited. For more

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information, call Marie at (908) 233-3829.

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#### Garwood Knights

### sponsor toy drive

GARWOOD ---- The Knights of Columbus are collecting new, unwrapped toys for terminally ill children.

Donations, which will be turned over to The Make-A-Wish Foundation, can be dropped off after 4 p.m. at the Knights' council hall at 37 South Ave., opposite Pathmark, Parking is available behind the building on Willow Avenue.

Donations by check should be made payable to "Garwood K. of C. Toy Drive." For more information, call Keith Gallagher at (908) 789-0931, or call the council hall after 4 p.m. at (908) 789-9809.

### **Christmas Boutique** is open at Thrift Shop

SCOTCH PLAINS The Christmas Boutique at the Fanwood Scotch Plains Thrift Shop will open for the season 10. a.m. Dec. 3. New items, collected from far and near, will be available for gift-giving, and a large selection of holiday party clothes will be on display.

The Thrift Shop is located at 1730 E. Second St. The shop is open 10 a.m./2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday. are accepted Donations – Wednesday through Saturday during shop hours. Items from the display window are available. only on Thursdays. For more information, call

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Avenue, Cranford. Meetings for mothers of toddlers are held on the first Thursday, while meetings for mothers of infants and babies are held on the third Thursday. Mothers and their children are

welcome to come learn more about breastfeeding, have questions answered and meet other breast-

The next meeting for toddlers is Dec. 5, and the next meeting date.

For more information about (baby and infant meetings call (908) [889]0019, (908) 789 4772, or (908) 233-7164

Music teacher Karen Yula gets the students ready to sing at Jefferson School's "Character Counts" assembly Oct. 25.

### **'Character Counts'** at Jefferson School

WESTFIELD --- Students at Jefferson Elementary School celebrated their 2002-2003 school theme, "Character Counts," at an assembly Oct. 25.

The children began the assembly with a pledge to be students of good character. Then, Jefferson Principal Jean Munoz spoke to the students about the importance of one's actions and how we can all make a difference.

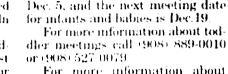
The students have spent the past weeks learning new songs written by Karen Yula, one of Jefferson's music teachers. They sang about the importance of being respectful, kind, helpful, truthful, responsible and caring

The theme "Character Counts" will be incorporated into many activities throughout the year. Principal Munoz begins each day with inspiring announcements that help build good character

A bulletin board has been decorated in the main hallway at the school so that teachers can recognize and honor students. who display acts of kindness. The board will help to remind students of the many positive ways they can behave to demonstrate. good character.

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### Baking, and breaking, bread

Scotch Plains residents Catherine Verdic, second from left, and Michelle Russoniello, fifth from left, were among a group of Oak Knoll School students who recently completed a lesson in bread baking to prepare for school Communion services. Students at the Summit school participate in a "Liturgical Ministries" program that helps them discover their individual talents while contributing to the school community.

### **People in Business**

Print-Tech, LLC — a full-service quick commercial printing company with offices in Metuchen. Westfield and Mountainside --- has promoted Jacqueline E. Yagla of Woodbridge to retail sales manager of its Metuchen and Westfield locations, and Craig A.

Gonzalez of Scotch Plains to assistant store manager in Metuchen.

Yagla, who was formerly Print-Tech's Metuchen store manager, has relocated her office to Westfield. She will oversee all functions of both the Metuchen and Westfield locations, which

include setting and achieving monthly and annual sales goals, supervising a staff of eight, and overseeing customer service, training, inventory and equipment maintenance, scheduling, production of customer orders. sales transactions and quality control.

Gonzales, who was formerly an inside sales rep at Print-Tech in Metuchen, will take over the day-to-day responsibilities of the Metuchen store.

## Life wasn't always so sweet for this Miss America

#### By NICK D'AMORE THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD --- Few would believe that a future Miss America was once a bullied ninthgrader. struggling through her teenage years.

But that's the experience the current Miss America, Erika Harold of Illinois, went through as a freshman in high school. Wednesday, during a visit to Brookside Place School, Harold recounted those trying times for students

As part of the school's "Kids for Kids" anti-bullying program, Harold was invited to speak to the elementary school students about her difficult teenage years.

Harold said she focused on the issue of bullying during her run at the Miss America crown, which she allowed several students and teachers to wear.

"I speak about empowering the vouth against violence, and that has a specific emphasis on the prevention of bullying," she said.

"I was bullied in the ninthgrade and I had to transfer schools," she said. "Many kids who are bullied feel an enormous amount of shame, and some carry that into adulthood."

With the school body gathered in the Brookside gym, Harold

used her high school experiences to teach the students about the effects of bullying.

"Sometimes, you may think you're just being funny, but you could be hurting the other person's feelings," she told them.

To combat bullying in their own school, Harold encourage the children to invite someone sitting along to their lunch table, or to compliment someone during the day.

"That may be the nicest thing they've heard all day," she said. Harold asked the students to

'make a personal promise to treatothers with kindness and not to use any bad words against people." Her request drew an enthusiastic "Yes!" from the students.

Harold also asked the students to explain to their classmates why - and care about you," she said.

bullying is wrong.

You shouldn't bully because it makes others feel bad," said fifthgrader Danielle Gross, "It's a really bad thing, and I don't want anyone in this school to do it. If you get bullied, tell a teacher or other older person."

John Garretson, also in fifthgrade, brought a smile to Harold's face with his thoughts on bully-

ing. "If you bully someone, you're hurting them and yourself. You make the other person feel bad and, when you think about it, you'll feel bad, too," he said.

Harold told the students that during her teen years, teachers would not come to her aid. "You are very fortunate that you have teachers that are very supportive

### **New Advice For Women** With Carpal Tunnel Syndrome!!!

Union County, NJ - A controversial free report has just been released that reveals a leading cause of carpal tunnel syndrome has nothing to do with your hand or wrist at all. If you suffer from symptoms related to carpal tunnel syndrome and are tired of wearing splints, taking pills, or hearing about surgery, then you need this free report. To order your copy of this stunning new report call toll free 1-800-286-4937 24 hr. recorded message.



# Remodeling a home is a great investment

(ARA) - Homeowners interested in investing in an unstable economy are looking to home remodeling as an option. According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), in 1995 home equity accounted for 44.4 percent of the typical household's total net worth - far more than any other investment.

Housing has outperformed most other investments, making remodeling an even more popular choice for homeowners. Home prices have more than doubled in the last two decades. The continual gains in home value and historically low interest rates are two strong factors in homeowner's decisions to

Like any other investment, it is important to research your product. When investing in steel siding ask for references of previous customers. A list of completed projects will help the customer decide what colors and styles they like the most. Homeowners should contact the Better Business Bureau, who can research a company and inform the homeowner if that company has received com-



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remodel.

Investing in your home may be an easy decision. Deciding where to start can be another story. Homeowners look to update the interior of their homes and improve the exterior. A great place to begin your investment is on the most maintenance intensive part of the home, the exterior.

Older homes did not have the siding options we have today. Most were painted or sided with cheap materials to keep the cost down. After years in the elements, the exterior of many homes need to be repaired or replaced. Here are some things to look for if you think your home is in need of a makeover:

1. Does the home need to be scraped and painted more often?

2. Is the current siding rotting, chipping or flaking off?

3. Is the current siding warping or fading?

4. Does the siding require more maintenance than it once did?

5. Has dirt and moisture gotten between the seams or behind the siding?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to look into a home inspection from a professional siding company. ABC Seamless, for example, offers a free home inspection to answer any questions homeowners may have about their current siding needs.

Siding companies today offer alternatives to scraping and painting. ABC Seamless has been improving home exteriors for almost 30 years. It manufactures maintenance-free seamless steel siding, which offers added insulation to make the home more energy efficient. Seamless steel siding has many advantages over other siding products. Because it is steel it has the strength to withstand significant changes in temperature. Vinyl siding, on the other hand, expands and contracts at an alarming rate. It needs to be

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## **DMV reforms** are long overdue

New Jersey residents have learned not to expect much from their state government.

And the state government has done everything it can to meet those expectations.

In Trenton, "change" is a dirty word. Any reforms or - if we use a kinder, gentler word — upgrades of the state bureaucracy often become bogged down in the bureaucratic morass on the Delaware. Lobby forces both inside and outside the permanent government stall change of any sort. Just take a look at how much progress property tax reform, auto insurance reform, regionalization and the state master plan have registered over the past few years.

That's why our best wishes go to Governor James E. McGreevey Jr. and Department of Transportation Commissioner Jamie Fox, who unveiled an ambitious plan to make the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the bane of every long-suffering New Jersey resident, more officient, secure and, hallelujah, consumer-friendly. The effort to reform the DMV was led by a blue-rib-

bon panel that included two former attorney generals, a former Supreme Court Judge and former Public Advocate Stanley Van Ness. Not surprisingly, the panel found there were many areas in which the agency needed a long overdue overhaul.

For example, in the past 20 years, as the state has been growing, the DMV's workforce has been slashed from 3,500 to 1,400. The budget has also been cut by a quarter.

At the same time, the DMV has been ordered to enforce 103 new regulations since 1994 and to help the 'state's 566 municipalities in a number of ways, including suspending licenses for offenses not related to driving. In fact, more than half of suspended licenses are for non-driving reasons.

Also at a time of great technological growth, the DMV has a 20-year-old computer system that often breaks down and are incapable of processing high volumes of data. Imagine what you would do if the computer you used at home or in the office was bought during the Reagan Administration.

It's no wonder DMV employee morale is poor. Adding to that picture of an agency in misery are inadequate facilities. Parking is terrible and restrooms are embarrassing, especially for those with long waits. The phone system doesn't work and you can't use a credit card at the DMV office.

At the DMV's busiest office in Wayne, it is not uncommon to wait in line for six hours --- and then told to return the next day.

If the DMV was a business, the commission found, it would have been bankrupt long ago.

ernment — has been a failure. That's why the FIX DMV Commission proposed a

sweeping plan to overhaul the bureaucracy last week. It is sadly ironic, however, that many of the reforms are being proposed to improve security in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, not just to improve service for residents. Among the proposals are, implementing digitized driver licenses, instating better security practices at DMV offices, opening DMV offices on Saturdays, creating a new phone center, giving employees better training, allowing credit card transactions and designing a better website so more transactions can be done online. The commission also suggested the creation of a Motor Vehicle Commission to oversee the agency and to make sure it meets the needs of a growing population.

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### Memories of the campaign trail

#### To the Record-Press:

We fought a good fight, we ran a good race --- and we came up just a tad short in our quest for the Second Ward Town Council seat. We came closer than any challenger has yet to unseating an incumbent in this word. I owe many thanks to the hosts of people who worked hard to help me along and who brought us close to victory. I am deeply appreciative of your warmth and encouragement.

I also offer hearty congratulations to Rafael Betancourt for his win. I will continue to urge you to get things done for your constituents. I want always to serve as a friendly reminder of the importance and purpose of the enterprise at hand; producing real results for Westfield, as your party's literature proclaimed.

To the many people 1 met out on the campaign trail, no matter who you voted for, I thank you for your kindness and courtesy and the time you spent chatting with me as I walked the ward.

That is, of course, the real benefit of spending time running for office: you get a chance to meet new people, schmooze with neighbors, and reacquaint yourself with old friends. It's the sort of stuff that makes you

#### know this is really home.

Here, in brief, are a few of my favorite moments: Frank MacPherson, a former councilman, told me about his days of campaigning and how he was sustained through the long walks by apples; he then gave me an apple. Don Albright used to live across the street from me when I was growing up in Muncie, Ind. and now I've met him again, just down the street and around a couple of corners here in Ward 2, Westfield. A young couple, Manhattanites new to town, looked over my card and saw that I am a member of the Optimist Club. The husband, obviously never having heard of the Optimist Club, choked back a giggle and said, "Well, yes, I supposed you'd have to be an optimist to do what you're doing." That sums up the experience.

In politics, as in comedy -- and they frequently resemble each other - timing is everything, and ours was just a bit off. This wasn't our year. But the run was fun. Thank you all.

#### **DAVID OWENS** Westfield

The writer was the Democratic candidate for Town ouncil in the Second Ward.



Perhaps I've lost my sense of what is really important, but I didn't care whether Winona Ryder was found guilty last week of shoplift-ing from a Beverly Hills department store.

Perhaps my values are warped, but I actually thought the midterm elections, the possibility of war in Iraq and an economy that refuses to respond to any form of stimulation were actually more worthy of my attention.

But the media --- of which, I'm afraid, I'm a card-carrying member-turned the actress's trial and conviction into a story of gargantuan proportions."

Yes, her conviction was news; when any celebrity runs afoul of ) the law, it is generally good for a few minutes of amusement. But it's not important news.

What was important news was y the low turnout in last week's elections. Most Americans didn't bother { to vote. That means only a majority . of a minority is deciding who will run the country.

That's disappointing, distressing ; and depressing.

As an American, I think the pítiful turnout - was embarrassing, l especially just days before we honor those brave soldiers who have put their lives on the line to defend our precious rights, including the right to choose our leaders.

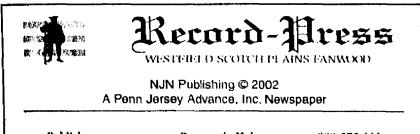
I fear most Americans do not l vote because they are alienated i from the system. They are swimming in a dangerous cocktail of a pathy and cynicism. They believe their vote is meaningless. They believe nothing will change because all politicians are cut from the same cheesy cloth.

And some do not vote simply because they're too lazy, though { they whine they're too busy.

Given those facts, maybe the media was right to give a lot of attention to Winona. After all, the media is a business and must ! respond to the taste of the customers. If more people want to know about Winoa's trial than the resignation of Harvey Pitt, the media has a fiduciary responsibility to fulfill that want. My collegiate instincts in ( anthropology tell me, somewhat surprisingly, the attention given to Winona's conviction is actually a healthy sign for our culture. Winona's inability to beat the rap re-enforces our belief that justice in this country is blind to the influence of money, power and celebrity. That's reassuring at a ! time when most Americans judging from last week's election { turnout --- have lost faith in the ability of government to do anything right. Too few people realize what perilous times we living in now. For the past six months, the smartles on Wall Street have been expressing their worries by selling stock and not placing a bet on the future by buying. The smartles know we are headed for a period of uncertainty. Will our economy recovery? What will happen in the war with Iraq? Will there be another terrorist attack? Perhaps because we cannot grasp those issues, we can grasp something we can understand like a pretty young movie star being busted for shoplifting. We know how that situation feeds our ambivalence about celebrities we place them high on a pedestal, yet we can't wait to see them fall off. We raise celebrities to unrealistic heights so that the inevitable come-uppence will only be sweeter. The stubborn American streak of Puritanism --- to which we will pay homage in just a few weeks demands immortals become mere mortals again. After all, maybe we are all subjects in God's surveillance cameras. Winona will recover. Look at Mary Albert and all the other celebrity miscreants who have fallen from grace, yet have managed to regain a modicum of trust and respect. I hope the people who lose their jobs in this stalled economy will recover just as well.

None of this will be easy. And it's going to cost money, which would be funded through a relatively modest \$8 registration surcharge seniors would not have to pay.

The sooner these reforms go into effect, the better New Jersey residents will feel about the one branch of state government they have to deal with every year. A visit to a DMV office doesn't have to be as painful as visiting a dentist for a root canal treatment. That's why McGreevey, Fox and the members of the FIX DMV deserve our thanks.



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### **Mayor looks forward to progress**

#### To the Record-Press:

It is with tremendous gratitude that I thank the people of Westfield for reelecting me as their mayor on Nov. 5. 1 appreciate the confidence that this town has placed in me for another term, and I promise to continue to move forward on the progress that has already been achieved in such critical areas as downtown parking and economic development, smarter and more efficient government and pedestrian and student safety.

I'd like to thank Mr. Thomas Fucillo and all the candidates who ran for office this year in our town. Westfield is fortunate to have individuals who are interested in taking community participation to a higher level. I'd particularly like to congratulate the fine, hard-working individuals who will be joining the Town Council for the first time, First Ward Councilman-Elect Sal Caruana and Third Ward

Councilman-Elect Andy Skibitsky. I also welcome back for another term Second Ward Councilman Raphael Betancourt and Fourth Ward Councilman Larry Goldman. I look forward to working closely with the Town Council in the years ahead.

Finally, I'd like to thank my wife, Andrea, and my children, Bryan, Maggie, Melissa and Patricia, for their love and support. I'd also like to thank my campaign team, including Assemblyman Tom Kean Jr., Dick Trabert, Renee Trabert Heinbokel, Ray Mattes and Michele Albano for their tireless efforts.

I look forward to hearing from all of the residents I represent in the months ahead as we move forward on the issues integral to keeping Westfield a first-rate community.

**GREG MCDERMOTT** Westfield

## **Democrats thank their supporters**

#### To the Record-Press:

We would like to express our thanks to the residents of Fanwood who exercised their right to vote Nov. 5. We also congratulate Councilman Kline, Councilman Trumpp and Councilman-elect Calamaras on their victory and wish them well in their terms.

We would especially like to thank the members of the Fanwood Democratic Club, the individuals who provided financial support to our campaign efforts and those who showed their support by displaying our lawn signs. We also thank our committee leader, Assemblywoman Linda Stender, for her time, dedication and guidance during the election season.

We conducted a vigorous campaign and made an honest effort to discuss the issues that are impor- Fanwood Borough Council.

tant to our community. Our door-to-door visits with neighbors were particularly rewarding, and we thank you for expressing your support and sharing your ideas for a better Fanwood.

Despite the outcome of the election, we will continue to be concerned about cutting the cost of government, holding down property taxes, making our neighborhoods safer, involving the community in the redevelopment of our downtown, improving communication and maintaining Fanwood's quality of life.

#### TOM PLANTE JACK MOLENAAR **DONNA DOLCE**

Fanwood

The writers were the Democratic candidates for

### Parents should have say on testing

#### **To The Record-Press:**

The issue of drug testing of high school students has been on debate in this country for some time now. This issue should be resolved in a wellthought-out manner.

Since the government is by the people for the people, who better to decide whether to drug test at local schools than the parents themselves? If the parents feel the need to drug test, then they should have the opportunity to vote on the issue. This is a democratic nation, not a nation where a few in the minority can take over an issue and get what they want.

This, however, seems to be what is happening in some of the circumstances in which the random

drug testing is being used, as shown in the ruling this summer by the U.S. Supreme Court. Parents could be against drug testing, yet the administration is for it, thus they implement it in the schools. When taken to court, the schools are defended, leaving the people unprotected from their government. This will create a dangerous situation if carried any further.

On the other hand if the parents are for drug testing, a simple vote can be added onto the budget question so the community as a whole, not a mere minority in power, can decide whether students should be tested.

**RYAN HOENS** Westfield

But I doubt those who may lose their lives in the upcoming war will ever recover.

### Should schools be closed for the teachers' convention?



"I think it's a good thing if they're learning new things that can help our kids benefit in the long-run.

Erika Efthymiou Westfield



"I think it's dated. I'd be curious to know how many actually attend it and if it's worthwhile. When kids are out of school, it's a hardship for working parents." Carrie Swingle Westfield



"It's a good chance for everyone to regroup and have some downtime." Joanne McHugh

Cranford



"The NJEA has a lot to offer professionals, in terms of updating skills and learning new processes."

**Gary Jones** Maplewood



"I like the kids being out of school; it's like a holiday. You can go to New York City without the crowds and do things without the crowds.

Maryann Cubberly



"I think the majority of teachers go to the conference. It's really valuable." Alison Bekkedahl Maplewood

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# Registration is now open for Classrooms contract is awarded late fall session at YMCA

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

A variety of membership plans allows seniors, adults and children to participate in programs and classes designed to build spirit. mind and body.

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.

kindergarten Gymnastics 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.

### By NICK D'AMORE

Education awarded the \$1.3 million contract for the Walnut Avenue School expansion Monday to Paterson-based Tekton Development Corp.

Administrator Business Robert Carfagno said the

pull the paving. It's the only way we would be under," Carfagno said.

At \$1.6 million, Tekton had also submitted the lowest bid during the first round. The board rejected that bid Oct. 14 and revised the project specifi-

removed, Carfagno said the changes freed up funds for an upgrade in the electrical services for the four new classrooms that will be built at the school. An upgrade is needed because the rooms, which will house the district's pre-school program for developmentally-disabled studeuts, must be air-conditioned.

"The need for air-conditioning is based on the special needs of students and is an IEP (Individual Education Plan) requirement for some." Carfagno said.

He said the state is picking up 40 percent of the bill for that portion of the project, the maximum allowed under a statewide facilities improvement initiative. Because of the restrictions on state grant money, the board can not transfer funds from another construction project to pay for the parking lot.

In addition to the lot paying, other "small deductions" were

Though the lot paving was made to the Walnut Avenue School plan, such as changing floor tiles and lighting, Carfagno said.

> "They won't have any effect when you look at the building," he said of the deductions.

> Carfagno added he is looking to have the contract stipulate the district "reserves the right to add back any deductions" at a later date.

> The Walnut Avenue expansion is part of a larger \$6.3-million facilities project, but is the only new construction in the plan.

> By housing the pre-school program also known as the Snappy program — in the new classrooms, administrators plan to create space for mainstream students at the other elementary schools where the program is now located.

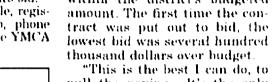
Carfagno said the completion date for the classrooms remains Aug. 30, and construction will begin as soon as possible.



Carol Brown, left, executive director and registrar of Westfield Adult School, reviews classroom assignments for courses with Donna Dzury, the school's arrangement assistant.

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paving of the school's parking lot and other minor specifications had to be removed from the project for the price to comewithin the district's budgeted amount. The first time the contract was put out to bid, the lowest bid was several hundred. thousand dollars over budget.



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### **Westfield Adult School names Carol Brown as executive director**

WESTFIELD - The Board of Directors of the Westfield Adult School has named Carol Brown its new executive director and registrar and Donna Dzury its arrangement coordinator for classes, instructors and students.

Brown brings with her more than 15 years of diverse experience in financial functions, including strategic planning, budgeting, financial analysis and reporting. She has worked for many Fortune 500 companies, particularly in the insurance, telecommunications and consumer products industries

Most recently, while part of a job-share team Carol led the company-wide implementation of a new budgeting and reporting system across United States operations for a major telecommumeations company.

Brown holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va. and an M.B.A. in accounting from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

She lives in Westfield with her husband of 12 years and two daughters, ages 5 and 7.

The board officers for the 2002-2003 session are as follows: Gaile Boothe, president; Dianne Gorbaty, vice-president; Melissa Stanton, secretary; and Mary Burke; treasurer.

Other members of the board are Claudia Cuca, Karen Fountain, Louise Frankel, Barbara Gigon, Marcia Kendler, Dolores Kozierowski, Dominic Lisanti, Nanette Loftus, Alison McCabe, Elizabeth Mitchell, Larry Pargot, Norma Weinstein and Eva Wiley.

The Westfield Adult School is in session Monday evening at Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Rd. The fall catalog and printable registration forms are available on the school's website at www.westfieldnj.com/adultschool/contact.htm, or call (908) 232-4050.

Courses are open to all adults, regardless of residency, and pre-registration is highly recommended.

### The Rainbow Experience brings "Songs in the Spirit" to Westfield

WESTFIELD - The Rainbow Experience, a multi-cultural community theater group, will present "Songs in the Spirit - A Coffeehouse Cabaret" on Nov. 15 and 16 at the First Congregational Church on 125 Elmer St. in Westfield and on Nov. 22 and 23 at the United Church of Christ at 220 West Seventh St. in Plainfield.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and -eniors over 65. For the price of dmission, audiences will be served coffee and dessert and be reated to a spirited evening of ongs ranging in style from clasical to gospel to pop.

Featured numbers include Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and Bring Him Home." from Les Miserables. Coffee and dessert will be served starting at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so patrons are encouraged to make reservations in advance by calling (908) 233-2494. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of performance.

"Songs in Spirit" is directed by Charles Alexander Hay. Hay, a Cranford resident and owner of Helicon Music Productions, is a professional composer, arranger and music director.

Lending a hand to direct the gospel portion of the evening is Plainfield resident Phyllis Beach. Beach is member of the professional gospel quartet 4 Christ. She is also the minister of music for Rose of Sharon Church of Christ-Disciples of Christ in Brooklyn.

Now in its fourth year. The Rainbow Experience theater troupe was founded by the joint ministries of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Plainfield and the First Congregational Church UCC in Westfield. The Rainbow Experience is dedicated to its

mission to create and maintain a multi-cultural, interfaith, intergenerational church and community partnership through the production of theater.

Indeed, this production is a mix of cultures and age groups. Middle school students are performing side by side with experienced professional singers who have sung for City Opera and cut their own CDs.

Generous support for this program has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant admin-istered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs along with generous support provided by the The Westfield Foundation and NJ Association of the UCC and the congregations of the United Church of Christ in Plainfield and the First Congregational Church in Westfield.

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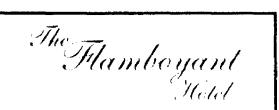
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# **Community Life**

### Briefs

# Local towns pay tribute to veterans

### Westfield High hosts College Night Thursday

WESTFIELD — College Night at Westfield High School on Dorian Road is 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Nearly 200 colleges and universities are scheduled to have representatives on hand, according to a press release announcing the event. WHS students and their families are invited.

The annual program began more than 30 years ago under the auspices of the College Women's Club.

### Donations are sought to provide holiday meals

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.

### Boy Scouts' food drive will conclude tomorrow

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

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

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

### Holiday crafts will be for sale at church fair

SCOTCH PLAINS -- All Saints' Church in Scotch Plains will hold its annual Yuletide Fair Saturday, open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair will feature local dealers of antiques, holiday crafts and decorations.

"We have more than 30 vendors showing a broad line of crafts, gifts and holiday decorations for both Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Joe Britt, fair chairperson. The All Saints Crafters will show their line of handmade crafts and holiday decorations, which take a full year to create. A country kitchen will offer lunches and refreshments to shoppers as they browse.

But not everyone is happy with

# **THE RECORD PRESS**

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FANWOOD — In an unseasonably warm but wet day, local communities Monday celebrated the service of their military veterans.

Commonly celebrated at 11 a.m. Nov. 11, Veterans Day recognizes veterans on the yearly anniversary of the end of World War I in 1918.

Members of the American Legion Post 209 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122 held ceremonies in Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

In Scotch Plains, two blocks of Park Avenue were shut down as the ceremony was held at the Veterans Memorial site adjacent to the Village Green. Joe McCorurt, a member of both the American Legion and VFW, was the master of ceremonies and told the small gathering of veterans and spectators that unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day celebrates the service and sacrifices of living veterans.

McCorurt mentioned the significance of recognizing all veterans, even those currently participating in the war against terrorism. In addition, he asked every veteran in attendance to raise his or her hand and urged people to shake their hands and thank them for their service.

Allen Weingartner, American Legion member and Vietnam Navy veteran, told spectators that citizens owe an eternal debt of gratitude to all veterans. He also voiced his displeasure with the dwindling significance of the holiday.

"It's regrettable overall that more people don't come out," Weingartner said, pointing out the



Top, flags placed by veterans line the Veterans Garden at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth. Below left, Senior Vice Commander Pat Masi and Junior Vice Commander Frank Chupko of VFW Post 10122 participate in a Veterans Day ceremony at Fanwood library. Below right, North Plainfield High School student Kate Ruskins plays "Taps" at the same ceremony.

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All Saints Church is located at 559 Park Ave., one block from town center in Scotch Plains. For information call (908) 322-8047.

### Book purchases can benefit college fund

The College Club of Fanwood/Scotch Plains is having a fundraiser to raise money for its scholarship fund. The money raised will go toward scholarships for young women entering or currently attending a four-year college.

Any items bought at the Barnes & Noble on Route 22, Springfield between 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Nov. 21-23 will benefit the scholarship fund 15-20 percent of the purchase price.

A voucher must be presented at the time of purchase. For vouchers or more information, call Helen at (908) 789-9294.

### Newcomers Club has many events planned

WESTFIELD — Events planned for the Newcomers Club of Westfield:

Wednesday — "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.

Dec. 20 — Holiday party at The Westwood, Garwood.

Membership is open to women over 21 who are new to the area and have had a major lifestyle change (birth, career, marriage).

For full information, phone Alicia Weaver at (908) 654-5373 or Genevieve Davy at (908) 789-4842. low turnout at both the Scotch Plains and Fanwood ceremonies. "We should remember Veterans Day and show appreciation for the men and women who served this country. We only recognize them when we come into a crisis like we're in now. When a crisis hits

Former Cranford

resident grew her

communications

her kitchen table

Today, the offices of Patricia

Morris Associates are a hive of

activity, as the 16 employees of

the marketing and communica-

tions strategy firm work to serve

clients in the educational and

corporate sectors and recruit new

ones. But when the business got

its start 18 years ago, it was just

Pat Morris sitting at the kitchen

table of her Cranford home, lay-

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Paul, superintendent of Cranford

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of their conversation, Paul asked

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By GREG MARX

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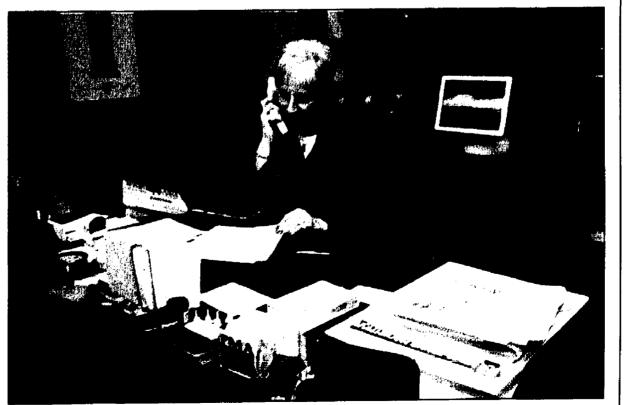
there's a lot of flag waving, but when it's over it stops. It's a shame veterans aren't recognized more."

Mayors of each municipality read resolutions adopted by the councils recognizing Veterans Day at the respective ceremonies. "As long as we have evil in this world and people who fight against freedom, we will need our veterans," said Martin Marks, mayor of Scotch Plains. "Keep this day in mind and keep these brave men and women and their families in your hearts and in your prayers." "I was honored to be part of the program, especially with me not being a vet myself," said Louis Jung, mayor of Fanwood. "We need to honor our veterans. We don't do enough to honor them. Fortunately in Fanwood we have an active American Legion and VFW."

Two wreaths were laid at each municipality's veterans memorial. Scotch Plains' memorial lists 20 Scotch Plains residents and 10 Fanwood residents, while Fanwood's memorial, at the Memorial Library, honors 12 Fanwood veterans.

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## Cancer couldn't stop this woman, or her business



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patricia Morris at work in her company's Clark offices.

meant working through the night after the children had gone to sleep.

From there, the company grew gradually, but steadily. When her husband was laid off in 1987, Morris knew her home business would have to support their family. She and her increasing staff continued to gain new clients before long, she became known as the "newsletter guru" of New Jersey — and the growth was fueled almost entirely by word of mouth. "We were very, very aware of how to meet people's needs, and how to deliver" she said. "I knew from the beginning... it was all about relationships."

In 1997, though, that steady pagrowth hit a major speed bump: on Morris was diagnosed with to Stage 3 breast cancer. With the al same willpower that had helped ro her grow her small business, th Morris steeled herself for the m most aggressive treatment plan for available: high doses of to chemotherapy, radiation treat-

ment and a bilateral mastectomy.

But even when the cancer was at its worst, Morris knew she would not give up her company. The business that had once allowed her the flexibility to be a mother had now become almost another child, she said. "I realized how miserable the thought of giving it up made me... This was like a new baby for me. I had to continue to nurture it."

At the same time, her strug-

gle against cancer gave her a softer perspective. Her clients, who had received so much personal treatment over the years, repaid it in kind. And her home was flooded with visitors and dinners prepared by neighbors and friends from the high school and Orange Avenue School, where her husband now teaches.

"I never knew that I had this surrounding me, and it was a big wake-up call. It changed my life," Morris said. "There is an upside to cancer. It's learning that life is something to enjoy, and the people around you are something to cherish."

Now in her fifth year of survival, Morris brings that perspective to work every day. Though "she still has a tendency to push," says her sister-in-law, childhood friend and vice-president Trish, Morris insists it is her dedicated staff that does the real work now.

Allowing more people to be involved, she said, was crucial to the company's development. Shortly after she returned to work, the company outgrew her kitchen table and moved to an office in Clark. It has kept growing since: the staff has more than doubled since 1999, and the company has gained national acclaim and inroads into the corporate community. Recent and current clients include Continental Airlines and the Port Authority, and in 2001 the company exceeded \$1 million in gross revenues for the first time.

"And you know the nicest thing about all of this?" she asked. "Cranford's still our client." **Record Press** 

### **Richard Donlan;** supermarket executive

WESTFIELD -- Richard H. United Methodist Church. Donlan, 75, a longtime executive in the supermarket field, died Nov. 8, 2002 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

He formerly was a vice president of Stop & Shop supermarkets in New Jersey and A&P supermarkets on Long Island. Mr. Donlan joined Weisek Management, a unit of Edison-based Twin County Grocers, in 1982; he retired from Weisek as a vice president in 1992.

The New Jersey Weights and Measures Association honored Mr. Donlan as its Man of the Year for 1991. He also was recognized by the Grocery Manufacturers Representatives of New York and the New Jersey Knights of the Grip

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Army during the Korean War.

A native of Norwood, Mass., Mr. Donlan lived in Westfield before moving to Whiting in 1992. He was an usher for services at the Whiting

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Thomas J. "TJ" Williams, 53, died Nov. 9, 2002 at Rahway Hospital.

A native of New York City he lived in Scotch Plains before maying to Avenel in 1997.

Mr. Williams owned and operated Krajack Tank Lines in Kensbey for 17 years. More recently he was a verification coordinator for two years with Livingston Infusion Care in South Plainfield.

He was a helicopter crew chief in the Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Bronze Star. Mr. Williams was a former member of American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Woodbridge.

WESTFIELD ---- William P. Holt, 89, died Nov. 10, 2002 at **Runnells** Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights. He was born in Germantown, Pa, and had lived in Westfield

since 1937. Mr. Holt was a textile executive with J.L. Bailey & Co. in Manhattan prior to his 1978 retirement. He graduated from the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science in 1937.

He was a golfer and for more than 50 years a Boy Scout volumteer. Mr. Holt had been a member of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield since 1951.

He was a lieutenant junior

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Rafuse Donlan; a son, Alan of Cary, N.C.; five daughters, Judith Holler of Northport, N.Y., Joyce Miller of Spotswood, Susan Harris of Shrewsbury, Sandra of Flemington and Barbara Kupper of Somerset; a sister, Marjorie Staples of Safety Harbor, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Services were held Tuesday at the Whiting United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown.

Arrangements were by the Carmona-Bolen Home for Funerals, in Toms River.

Donations may be sent to Children's Cancer Fund, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Foundation, University Center, 8 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901 or Christian Life Center Development Fund, Whiting United Methodist Church, 55 Lacey Road, Whiting, NJ 08759.

### **Thomas J. Williams**

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Judith Stebbins Williams; a sister, Patricia Blauvelt of Raritan; a brother, Gerald of Oklahoma; two sisters-in-law, Lillian Fleming and husband Carl of Colonia and Bernice White and husband Robert of Colonia; two brothers-inlaw, Richard Stebbins and wife Patricia of Washington state and Frederick Stebbins and wife Barbara of Carteret; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, Avenel, following services at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark, Burial was private.

### William P. Holt

grade in the Coast Guard during World War II.

A son, Roger, died in 2000.

Surviving are his wife, Caroline Stephens Holt; a daughter, Alice Ryan of Newfane, Vt.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood.

Donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091; Boy Scout Troop 72, 140 Mountain Ave. Westfield, NJ 07090; or James Parkinson Fund, 65 Bergen St., Suite 1551, Newark, NJ 07107-3001.

### Obituaries

**Arthur D. Kiss** 

WESTFIELD - Arthur D. Kiss, 86, died Nov. 7, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in that city before moving to Westfield in 2000.

Mr. Kiss was a mixing technician with National Starch & Chemical Corp. in Plainfield prior to his retirement.

### Virginia Shaw

WESTFIELD Virginia Paschall "Ginny" Shaw, 80, died Nov. 4, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit

She was born March 21, 1922 in Clarksville, Tenn., a daughter of the late Benjamin T. and Neta Paschall.

Mrs. Shaw retired in 1998 after more than 35 years as a substitute teacher in the Westfield school system. She was a chemist with the Process Division of the Bayway Refinery in Linden when it was owned by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

An accomplished seamstress, organist and bowler, Mrs. Shaw was a longtime volunteer at the McCutchen Friends Home in North

### Philip U. Roussakis

Organ Fund.

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Philip U. in 1961. Roussakis, 67, died Nov. 9, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical of American Master Mariners. Center in Plainfield.

A native of Tallinn, Estonia, he lived in Montclair before moving to Scotch Plains in 1967.

Mr. Roussakis spent more than 29 years with Sea-Land Service and retired in 1995 as a sea captain. He also was a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve.

He received a bachelor's degree in marine transportation from the New York State Maritime College in 1957. Mr. Roussakis received a master of business administration degree from New York University

### William Pollock

FANWOOD ---- William R. Pollock died Nov. 11, 2002 at the Haven Hospice of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A native of East Orange, he lived in Union before moving to Fanwood in 1964.

Mr Pollock was a sales supervisor in the food industry prior to his 1985 retirement. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and became a staff sergeant in the Air Force during the Korean War

He was a scoutmaster with Boy Fanwood Rescue Squad American Diabetes Association. Scout Troop 203, sponsored by St.



Surviving are two sisters, Bertha Dockins and Frances Gardner; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was offered Monday at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Roman Catholic Church, Plainfield, following services at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Plainfield. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Plainfield.

Plainfield. She was a member of Atlas Chapter 99, Order of the Eastern Star, and the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

Surviving are her husband of more than 56 years, Robert II.; a daughter, Mary Anne Spiker of Egg Harbor Township; a son, Richard R. of Wayne, Pa.; two sisters, June Wolfe and Juanita Burroughs, both of Nashville, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Nov. 30 at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St.

Arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Donations may be sent to the First United Methodist Church

Surviving are his wife, Betty

Jane Zimpel Roussakis; his moth-

er, Irene; two sons, Philip U. Jr. and

Stephen; two nieces and a nephew.

at the Memorial Funeral Home.

Fanwood, followed by a funeral

Mass at Immaculate Heart of

Mary Roman Catholic Church.

**Burial was in Resurrection Burial** 

Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA,

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Bartholomew the Apostle Roman

Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Pollock also was a district com-

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years, Mildred Lynch Pollock; two

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Plains, followed by a funeral Mass

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Church, Burial was private.

Surviving are his wife of 52

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Services were held Wednesday

#### WESTFIELD - Jean M. Portelli Wiest, 87, died Nov. 9, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center. He was a member of the Council

She was born in Paterson and lived in Fair Lawn before moving to Westfield in 1969.

Mrs. Wiest was an order taker with L'Oreal Inc. in Clark prior to her retirement.

Her husband, Harry, died in 1962.

Surviving are a daughter, Gayle Praitano of Westfield; a sister, Pauline Stephenson of Fair Lawn; a brother, Anthony Rescue Squad.

SCOTCH PLAINS - Josephine Edzek Hakalski, 82, died Nov. 5, 2002 at the Ashbrook Nursing and

**Rehabilitation Center.** A native of Linden, she lived in Rahway and Monroe before moving recently to Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Hakalski was with Supermarkets Services Co. in Linden for 25 years and retired in 1985 as an inventory control clerk. She was an avid bowler and a former member of the Concordia Chapter of Deborah.

Her husband, Mitchell, died in 1999.

Harry Van Reekum

WESTFIELD --- Harry A. Van -- Crescent Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Reekum, 90, died Nov. 7, 2002 at the Medical Center at Princeton.

Trenton; and the Rossmoor Golf Club in Monroe. Mr. Van Reekum was born in

His wife, Ruth Wahl Van

**Edward O'Krogly** Surviving are his wife, Anna SCOTCH PLAINS - Edward A. O'Krogly, 83, died Nov. 10, 2002 at

Morristown Memorial Hospital.

to Basking Ridge in 1971.

A native of Ironwood, Mich., he

Mr. O'Krogly retired in 1991

after 11 years on the staff of the

Veterans Affairs New Jersey Healthcare System, Lyons Campus.

He earlier was a carpenter for 25

He served in the Navy in the

Pacific during World War II and

worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard

after the war. Mr. O'Krogly enjoyed

dancing to polkas and to country

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Hortense

She was born in Jersey City

Mrs. Sedwin was a trustee of

Temple Emanu-El in Westfield

and a volunteer at the Central

New Jersey Jewish Home for the

Aged. She also was a member of

the Deborah, the National

Council of Jewish Women and the

Westfield Chapter of Hadassah.

Sedwin died Nov. 9, 2002 at the

Central New Jersey Jewish Home

and lived in Weehawken before

for the Aged, in Somerset.

moving to Scotch Plains.

years with Lomakin Builders.

and Western music.

lived in Scotch Plains before moving

Portas O'Krogly; four sons, Lawrence, Benjamin, Robert and Michael; three daughters, Elizabeth Howley, Anna Marie Brockington and Michele Gray; a brother, Bob Harick: a sister, Hedy Teague; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was offered yesterday at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Basking Ridge, Burial was in Somerset Hills Memorial Park, Basking Ridge.

Arrangements were bv Gallaway & Crane Funeral Home in Basking Ridge.

### **Hortense Sedwin**

Her husband, Irving, is deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Jeffrey, Neil and Robert; a brother, Arthur Sarlat; a sister, Naomi Goldfarb; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at Temple Sholom in Plainfield.

Arrangements were bv Bernheim-Apter-Kreitzman Suburban Funeral Chapel in Livingston. Donations may be sent to the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged.

### Jean P. Wiest

Portelli of Bayville; a granddaughter, Gina Montemurro of Cherry Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, of which Mrs. Wiest was a parishioner. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Paterson.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Home in Westfield. Donations may be sent to Helping Hands and Hearts at St. Helen's Church or the Westfield

Josephine Hakalski

Surviving are two daughters, Arlene Santangelo of Rahway and Bonita "Bonnie" Clancy of Clarksburg; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass was offered Saturday at Nativity of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, Monroe, of which Mrs. Hakalski was a parishioner. Burial was in Holy Cross Burial Park, South Brunswick.

Arrangements were by M. David DeMarco Funeral Home in Monroe. Donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

New York City, He lived in Reekum, died in 2000. Plainfield Surviving are a son, Ken and Westfield, and Watchung before moving to wife Gloria of Basking Ridge; a Monroe in 1978. daughter, Kathie Keiderling and He retired in 1972 after 40 husband Blair of Bradenton, Fla.; Tax deductible years as a painting and decorating four grandchildren and 10 great- Immediate, contractor in the Westfield area. A grandchildren. free pick-up golfer, bowler and hunter, Mr. Van A memorial service will be 11 Any make or model\* Reekum was a charter member of a.m. Monday at the Pilgrim the Raritan Valley Country Club Congregational Church, 105 in Bridgewater. Mountain View Road, Warren. 1.800.318.6661 Arrangements are by the He also was a member of Atlas www.cancer.org Pythagoras Lodge 10, Free & Brunswick Memorial Home in Accepted Masons, in Westfield; the East Brunswick. Now you can order from a Canadian Canadian company that Prescription sends your drugs directly to you. Drugs Inc. It's easy and dependable. We arrange the shipment of 30 Franklin Sť your prescription Belleville, ON Canada K8N 1A1 medications. Call Toll Free: 888-685-3200 Toll free: 1-877-966-0567 Call toll-free 1-877-966-0567 Fax: 1-613-966-6146 for a complete information Web site: www.canpd.com package. E-mail: rx@canpd.com **Prescription Drugs** Save 🐀 50% **Compare & Start Saving!** 100 Caps Celebrex 200 MG \$109 Claritin 10 MG 100 Tubs Price Ouoti \$ 86 Fosamax 70 MG 12 Tabs \$100 Lipitor 20 MG 90 Tubs \$150 Fill your prescriptions with Redwood Drugs, a licensed Canadian Pharmacy and SAVE! Call today for your free price quote. Toll Free 1-866-211-3768 IT IS FAR EASIER FOR YOUR FAMILY IF YOU ~ PLAN AHEAD ~ Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains Visit our New Cremorial Gardens An Area Featuring Bronze Cremorial Niches, Cremorial Benches and In-Ground Burial 908.756.1729 Non-Profit, Non-Sectarian www.hillsidecemetery.com

# primetime

### November 14 & 15, 2002



### Young pianists to be in concert

UNION - Sixteen talented pianists are winners of the Fourth Annual Andrew De Grado Piano Competition and will perform in the Winners Recital on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m. at Kean University's "Little Theatre" located in the University Center Building, 1000 Morris Ave,

The pianists'ages range between 11 and 18 and were chosen out of a group of ninety-five very talented young New Jersey pianists who entered the competition this past October. The competition, which consisted of various piano categories, was held at Kean University and adjudicated by Dr. Christine Dolinich-Matuska, Mr. Joseph Patrych and Dr. Mark Terenzi. The timers were Brian Cariddi and Daniela Suarez.

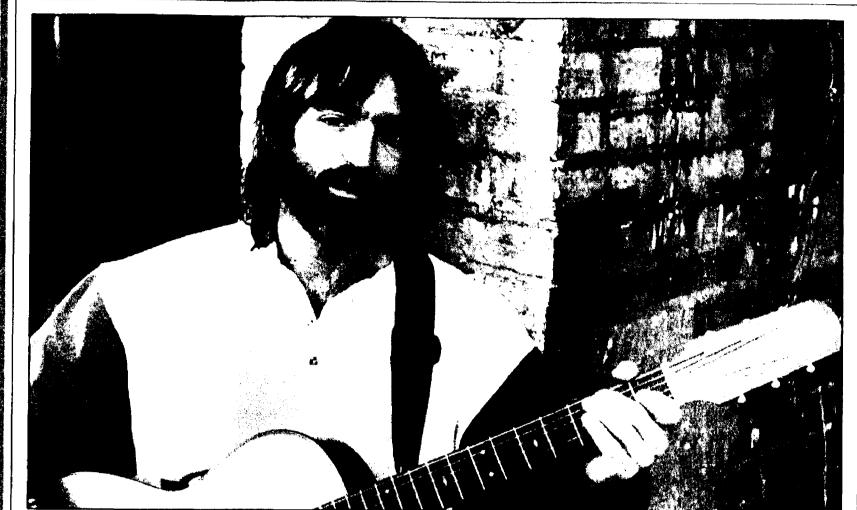
Winners in various age piano soloist categories and their hometowns are: Catherine Kim, Berkeley Heights; Pierre Miller, Budd Lake; Jennifer Hau, Cedar Grove; Jun Liu, Edison; Grace Lee, Livingston; Ji-Nee Lo, Manalapan; Grace Kim, Millburn: Melissa Coppola, Nutley; Yifei Chen, Plainsboro; Shoni Oey and Taktin Oey, Princeton Junction: Samuel Budish, Short Hills; Kirk Benson, Summit; Kyle Ehrmann, Wayne; Gil Scott Chapman, Westfield. The winner in the piano accompanist category is pianist Faye Xu from Scotch Plains who will perform with cellist Jason Tammam of Westfield.

The winners will be presented with a Certificate of Recognition and a cash award of \$100.00 each following their recital. The public is invited to attend the Winners Recital at no charge. For more information, please call (973) 467-1348

### Train exhibit at arts center

WOODBRIDGE--- "Train 582-2002" is a setup of choo-choo trains that'll serve as the holiday exhibit for the Barron Arts

Center in Woodbridge. If you're familiar with model



### Chuck Brodsky at Watchung Arts Center

Thanksgiving is the perfect time for a Chuck Brodsky concert. As The New York Times put it, Chuck's shows are filled with "insight and good humor, distilling life experiences into old fashioned story songs brimming with wit and compassion." Baseball, farm life, and the everyday tales of ordinary people who are trying to muddle through with grace fill Chuck's songbook. Larry Gross of NPR's Mountain Stage summed it up: "One of the finest singer-songwriters in America." Brodsky will be appearing at the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. Nov. 23.

### Legend's grandson continues legacy Paul Ellington will bring Duke's music to Central Jersey this month

MORRISTOWN -- On Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. the Duke Ellington Orchestra will perform at The Community Theatre.

This concert, led by Duke's grandson Paul Mercer Ellington, will continue the Ellington big band tradition that originated almost a century ago. While most of the renowned members of the original orchestra have long since passed, this particular edition of the band has several members that go back at least 25 vears

"My grandfather and father devoted their lives to jazz. They shared the joys, great achievements and sorrows of the world with everyone through their music. They truly understood that the only way to be a part of — hip hop show." jazz music was to give of them-

selves completely and freely, and that is what I am trying to do. Only at that point does the music become you and you become the Interchangeable. music. Inseparable," explains Paul Mercer Ellington.

Paul's musical mission is to carry on three generations of style and bring this musical experience to a new level. "As much as I can learn from the people around me, hopefully, they can learn energy-wise from me. People are excited to be seeing the Duke Ellington Orchestra. and I try to bring some of that excitement into our live shows," Paul explains, "...the same kind of excitement you'd have if your were going to see a rock 'n roll or exploits of Duke Ellington have become legendary. For over 50 years, Duke Ellington was at the forefront of jazz. He has been long recognized and hailed as "America's Greatest Musical Composer" that has ever lived. With over five thousand songs written, the sheer breath and quality of material more than supports that statement. He possessed a unique ability to write music and had a keen eye for tal ent.

Upon Duke's death, his son, Mercer Ellington began leading the band on its musical crusade. Mercer was successful as a writer, arranger, producer and musical director. He allowed for

conductor, booking agent, and even band manager.

Immediately. following Mercer's sudden death in 1996, Paul knew in his heart and soul that he wanted to keep the Duke Ellington Orchestra alive, which he has succeeded in doing. Paul has inherited the family talent for composition, having listed his pencil as his favorite instrument. He possesses the burning desire to create beautiful music and satiate his audiences as his father and grandfather did.

Tickets are \$30, \$35, \$40 and \$45. Tickets can be purchased online at www.communitytheatre.com or at the box office, 100 South Street or by calling (973)

### Theatre ready to celebrate holidays MORRISTOWN

'ommunity Theatre will celebrate the holiday season with five festive events. Performers range from New Jersey's own ballet company to a wide variety of internationally acclaimed musicians.

"Oh Holy Night A Gospel Christmas," on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m., features the 20 mem-ber Joyous Voices Gospel Band and Chour. This choir will have audiences singing and dancing along as they perform well known Christmas music in a fresh and energetic celebration.

Klezmer Conservatory Band, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. plays with a lively, creative spirit. America's elite kleamer performers have a and richly diverse musical heritage and has impressed audiences of all ages and backgrounds for over two decades.

The Judy Collins Show on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. will be a compilation of her wellknown music and favorite Christmas songs. There is no one quite like Judy. Her performanees are a reminder, without false sentimentality, of the powers of love, trust and healing.

"Babes in Toyland" on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4:30 and 4:00 p.m. is American Family Theatre's ver-sion of Victor Herbert's Holiday Operetta, The performance will include special effects, unforgettable songs and audience participation.

"Hansel and Gretel" on Friday, Dec. 27, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. is performed by New Jersey Ballet, the state's premiere ballet company. This adaptation of the Grimm Brothers' fairytale comes to life on stage for the entire family to enjoy. Share the graceful magic of the New Jersey Ballet and this timeless holiday story.

Windham Hill Winter Solstice on Friday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m. is an elegant evening of music highlighting four peerless Windham Hill artists: award winning jazz and popular pranist Liz Story, jazz-pop vocalist extraordinaire Jenua Mammina and the con

temporary vernacular violin and

railroads - engines, boxcars, layouts and such - you're more than welcome to volumteer your time to keep "Train 582-2002" on the tracks between Dec. 1-27. You don't need to be available for the entire month.

For more information, phone (732) 634-0413 between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Chorus to perform with the symphony

BASKING RIDGE - In the interregnum between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Somerset Hills Children's Chorus goes "Home for the Holidays" with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

The all-child ensemble from Basking Ridge provides vocal accompaniment in two NJSO holiday concerts at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

Patricia Joyce founded the Children's Chorus in 1991 and has been its director to date. Singers in Grades 3-12 who live in Central New Jersey audition every year to join their peers.

The program includes "Dance of the Tumblers," from "The Snow Maiden" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov; a "Christmas Festival" by Lerov Anderson; the overture to the "Hanukkah Festival"; "This Christmastide"; "March of the Toys," from "Babes in Toyland" by Victor Herbert; and "The Twelve Gifts of Christmas."

Both ensembles will be led by Mark Laycock, music director of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra and assistant conductor of the NJSO. He also will lead the New Jersey Tap •Ensemble in the performance. An audience sing-along and a visit from Santa Claus are included.

Admission is \$58-\$14. For tickets and directions, visit www.njsymphony.org or phone (800) ALLEGRO.

Since the 1920's the musical – the band, played in the band, was – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

the Duke Ellington Orchestra's 539-8008. Box office hours are continued success. He wrote for Monday through Saturday from

# Two area performers are 'Big Boys'

When you hear the way Al Mohrmann of North Plainfield speaks to his employee, you will realize he has no respect for his subordinates inside a Fortune 500 corporation. He makes them answer to ridiculous names, forces them to work through the holidays and generally makes Ebenezer Scrooge look like a guardian angel. Yet it's not Mohrmann's fault: He can't be blamed for the things he's saying.

On the other hand just who is Michael Irvin? Is this man from Metuchen, not related to the Dallas Cowboys wide receiver of the same name, one of the new guys? Does he really want to be one of the big guys?

Mohrmann and Irvin aren't playing the corporate game for now, As professional actors they are two of the "Big Boys," a comedy by Rich Orloff that has its world premiere this month. "Big-Boys" is a co-production of the Long Branch-based New Jersey Repertory Company and the Madison-based Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey.

"We have found that co-productions are an important part of the new play development process," said John Pietrowski,



#### MICHAEL IRVIN

director of the artistic Playwrights Theatre and director of "Big Boys."

Orloff calls his comedy an over-the-top comic fable about what men value and what they desire. He got the idea for the show and some of the dialogue on a bus to the Berkshires from Manhattan while Bill Clinton was in the White House.



"Conversations continued to enter my head at intervals for a couple of years," said Orloff, who has received a playwriting fellowship for 2002-03 from the **Dramatists** Guild.

In its finished form "Big Boys" reached the final round of the playwriting contest sponsored by TheatreFest at Montclair State University. The show also was a

finalist for the Kaufman & Hart Prize for new American comedy this year.

Mohrmann is no stranger to the New Jersey Repertory Theatre: he played the alcoholic boyfriend of Maggie Rose in "Till Morning Comes." Irvin began his career 20 years ago in Cincinnati and has been in a number of Manhattan-based improvisational troupes.

Set design is by Yoshinori Tanokura with costumes by Patricia E. Doherty, The stage manager is Rose Riccardi of Edison.

"Big Boys" runs Nov. 21-Dec. 29 in Long Branch at the Lumia Theater, home to the New Jersey Repertory Company, Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday plus 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$30; discounts are available. For tickets and directions, visit www.njrep.org or phone (732) 229-3166.

After its run in Long Branch "Big Boys" moves to Madison for shows Jan. 9-26 in the Playwrights Theatre space. Admission is \$27.50-\$22.50 for adults and \$10 for students. For showtimes and directions, visit www.ptnj.org or phone (973) 514--1787

piano duo of Darol Anger and Philip Aaberg. Single tickets for all 2002-2003 events are currently on sale. Group discounts of up to 30 percent off single ticket rates are

Simon play at county college

currently available for parties of

10 or more for most performanc-

es.

EDISON "Broadway Bound," the prize-winning Neil Simon comedy, will be presented by the Performing Arts Department of Middlesex County College on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Theater on the Edison campus.

General admission tickets are \$7 and \$5 for students and seniors. All seats are reserved.

"Broadway Bound," the third in Simon's autobiographical trilogy, follows two brothers who are trying to break into the world of professional comedy writing. Meanwhile they have to cope with their parents and grandfather who do not sympathize with their efforts, as everyone in the family is busy with his own domestic problems. The play is based on Neil Simon's own experiences and is filled with humor and tenderness.

The cast includes Middlesex County College students Adolph Marrero II of Perth Amboy, Chris Behan of Milltown, Kevin Kaye of Sewaren and Pamela Del Franco of Edison, Also appearing are veteran community the-ater players Judie Winik of Kendall Park and Norman Politziner of North Brunswick. Professor Lynn Winik of Metuchen is the director.

Tickets may be reserved by calling (732) 906-2589 and may be held at the box office until the performance.

### A cool 'Hot Piano' is coming to Bridgewater

"Hot Piano" is the third concert this season for Jazz in Bridgewater, the monthly concert series at the Somerset County Vocational and Technical School.

The show 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 features two sets with Bob Seeley, a boogiewoogie piano nian out of Michigan, and Mark Braun, a blues planist coming to New Jersey for the first time.

"Seeley is a force of nature," said Dick Hyman, a veteran of Woody Allen movies and a musician in his own right who played at the vo-tech school last summer. "He's the best boogie-woogie player on the planet."

"When I first heard Bob Seeley ... in the late 1960s, I figured he was probably the best living boogie pianist," added pianist and jazz critic Tex Wyndham.

Braun also is based in the Midwest and over the years has played a number of duets with Seeley.

Admission is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For tickets in advance, phone (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7219.

The vo-tech school is on Vogt Drive adjacent to the Somerset County Library, about a half-mile north of Route 22.

Jazz in Bridgewater is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Jazz Society, publishers of Jersey Jazz magazine. Proceeds benefit the Somerset County Vo-Tech School Foundation to support enhanced programs at the vo-tech school.

Funding for Jazz in Bridgewater is in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through a grant administered by the Somerset Cultural and Heritage County -Commission.

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THE NEW THEATER **Rutgers University** George St., New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

"Tartuffe," Moliere comictragedy in English translation. 8 p.m. Nov. 14-16. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$17; students \$9.

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE Brookside Dr., Millburn (973) 376-4343;

www.papermill.org "Annie," revival of

Broadway/movie musical. To Dec. 8. Admission \$67-\$30; discounts available. Call for show schedule.

### SOURLAND HILLS

ACTORS GUILD **Orchard Hill School** 244 Orchard Rd., Skillman (908) 904-0489

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," early Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23; 2 p.m. Nov. 17 Admission \$7 in advance. \$8 at the door; no phone orders.

VILLAGERS THEATRE 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710 "Sweet Charity," local produc-

tion of Broadway/movie musical. 8 p.m. Nov. 15, 16, 22, 23; 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Adults \$16; seniors, students \$14

#### EDISON ARTS SOCIETY

Edison High School, Blvd. of the Eagles, Edison (908) 753-ARTS; www.edisonarts.org "A Night of One Acts," six short plays with young actors. 7 p.m. Nov. 23. Admission \$7. STATE THEATRE 15 Livingston Ave.

### Irish play at Circle Players

**Theater** 

ALLIANCE REPERTORY

Brook Arts Center, 10 Ham-

local production of stage/movie

thriller. 8 p.m. Nov. 14–16, 21-23; 2

p.m. Nov. 17. Admission \$15; dis-

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway

production of stage play/Meryl

22, 23; 3 p.m. Nov. 17. Admission

\*\$13 opening night, \$12 other

evenings, \$11 matinee. Discounts

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the Way to the Forum," local pro-

duction of Broadway/movie come-

dy.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;

Christmas Carol," or Dickens

crosses A.A. Milne, To Dec. 29.

Admission \$15; group rates avail-

www.georgestplnyhouse.org

about Mae West, To Nov. 24.

Admission \$50-\$26; discounts

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discounts available.

able. Call for showtimes.

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9 Livingston Ave.

New Brunswick

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GEORGE STREET

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"A Winnie the Pooh

J Streep movie, 8 p.m. Nov. 15, 16,

"Dancing at Lughnasa," local

"Children of a Lesser God,"

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ilton St., Bound Brook

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CIRCLE PLAYERS

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

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

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

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

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

New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," touring production of Shakespeare comedy, 8 p.m. Nov. 19. Admission \$16.

"Fosse," revue of Bob Fosseinspired musicals, 8 p.m. Nov. 22, 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 23. Admission \$50-\$22.

### Sky Shows RĂRITAN VALLEY

COMMUNITY COLLEGE Route 28, Branchburg (908) 231-8805; www.raritanval.edu/planetari-

um"Autumn Skies," 2 and 7 p.m.

Nov. 16, 23, Admission \$4.50. "Laser Lite," 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 16, 23. Admission \$5.

"Best of Pink Floyd" laser concert, 9 p.m. Nov. 16. Admission \$5.

### For Kids TOM CHAPIN

1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Erstwhile host of "National

Geographic Explorer"; brother of the late Harry Chapin. Admission \$14, \$12.

### MEET THE PERCUSSION

2 and 3:15 p.m. Nov. 24 Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Springfield Ave., Murray Hill (908) 790-0700; www.scmemusic.org

With Scott Simpson of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Admission \$5. SLEEPING BEAUTY 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24

Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org Not quite Tchaikovsky, but a

version from the 17th century by Charles Perreault. Admission \$10.

### Concerts

sion

ALL NATURE SINGS 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary (609) 497-7890

Fall concert of the seminary choir. Free admission. BRATISLAVA CONSERVA-TORY CHAMBER CHOIR 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers

University, New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

Slovak ensemble performs with the Kirkpatrick Choir and Rutgers Glee Club, Free admis-

BUCK CREEK JAZZ BAND

Vogt Dr., Bridgewater (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7219 Marking its 25th anniversary this year. Admission \$15 in

advance, \$20 at the door. JAMES L. DEAN 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 Metuchen High School 400 Grove Ave., Metuchen (732) 632-8502

Saxman/clarinet player leads "A Tribute to Ellington. Basic and Buddy Rich." Adults \$8; students, seniors \$7

#### DESTINATION HOLLYWOOD

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 Presbyterian Church 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield (908) 232-9400 Movie music with the

Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Admission \$60-\$25; discounts available. ENTERTAINMENT OF MUSICK

3 p.m. Sunday, Nov 17 Hillsborough Reformed Church at Millstone Route 533, Millstone (908) 359-3391

"Early musick" with Eugene Roan, harpsichord, and John Burkhalter, recorder, Free admission

#### AN EVENING OF DOO-WOP

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 Theatre at Raritan Valley **Community College** Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre Four groups with the music all but abandoned by CBS-FM: The Chantels ("Maybe"), The Dubs ("Could This Be Magic"), The Classics ("Till Then"), The Chitomaires. Admission \$34, \$29. THE IMPROVABLES 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org Improvisation-style comedy troupe, Admission \$5. JONNY LAMERT 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16

Watchung Arts Center Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org Headlining the center's

monthly comedy show. Admission \$12. LEFT FIELD

5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 Engleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University,

Brunswick (732) 932-9384, Ext. 331; www.eagleton.rutgers.edu

New

"Campaign Songs and Other Music About Politics," Free admis-

sion. KATHY MATTEA Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org

Country singer whose career goes back to the 80's. Admission \$32-\$20.

#### **ORGAN-BRASS EXTRAVAGANZA**

Noon Friday, Nov. 22 Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

(732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu George B. Stauffer, organ, plus the Rutgers University Brass

Ensemble. Free admission. **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.

#### Events

#### GREENBERG'S TRAIN SHOW

New Jersey Convention Center **Raritan Center, Edison** (732) 417-1400; www.greenbergshows.com

Lionel and other model railroad layouts, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 23, 24. Adults \$7; 6-12 \$2; under 6 free; scouts in uniform free.

### Dance

DancePLUS 8 p.m. Nov. 22, 23; 2 p.m. Nov. 24; The New Theater **Rutgers University** New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

"The Envelope," "Farming in Sixes," "Mrs. Etta Baker's Kindhearted Blues," "Three Songs" and a revival. Admission \$16; discounts available.

#### KUUYAMBA

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Presented by the National Ballet of Senegal. Admission \$32-\$20. Related lecture 7 p.m.

#### Museums

AMERICAN HUNGARIAN FOUNDATION 300 Somerset St. New Brunswick (732) 846-5777 Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$5. Recent additions "From the Old World to the New World," to M. Stummer, to Dec. 19.

#### Jersey's Architectural Terra Cotta Industry, to May 30, 2003. MILLER-CORY **HOUSE MUSEUM** 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield

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Accommodations: The Colonial Tavern," Nov. 17. Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 24.

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BRANCHBURG — The Printmaking Council of New Jersey has opened its 28th annual juried members show last weekend.

The show includes prints, photographs and "alternative media" from the council's members. It may be seen until Jan. 18.

Curator is Barbara Madsen, an associate professor at the Mason Gross School of the Arts on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. The gallery will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day; Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day; and Wednesday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

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# Thanksgiving dishes for which turkeys can give thanks

#### By MARGARET KING COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Despite all the turkey talk, Thanksgiving is not just for carnivores. Those who will number vegetarians among their guests can include festive plant-based main dishes on the holiday table.

Patti Tveit Milligan, corporate nutritionist for the West Coast grocery chain Henry's Marketplace. has collected recipes for vegetarian entrees from a variety of sources. She shares these dishes when she gives talks to vegetarian groups

"Over the years I've kept a couple of good ones that come out well and are easy to make," Milligan said. "People can serve them for those folks in their family who don't want to do the turkey thing."

Acorn Squash Stuffed With Quinoa and Fruit is a festive-looking dish that also provides a wealth of nutrients.

Quinoa, of all the grains, has the highest protein and probably the best profile of minerals." Milligan said. "You combine that with the vitamins in the acorn squash and you have an arsenal to

build your immune system SCALLOPED PUMPKIN AND SPINACH

6 cups cubed, peeled fresh pumpkin (about 2 pounds) 1 1/2 cups thinly sheed onion

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

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utes, or until squash is tender.

TOFU "TURKEY"

WITH STUFFING

1 large onion, chopped fine

3 to 4 cloves garhe, minced

2 teaspoons dried marjoram

2 tablespoons dried sage

2 teaspoons dried thyme

A teaspoon dried savory

Salt and pepper, to taste

2 teaspoons celery seed

Basting mixture:

2 tablespoons miso

1/4 cup soy sauce or tamari

1/2 cup toasted sesame oil

2 tablespoons orange juice

1.1/3 cup diced celery

fiber, 178 mg sodium.

5 pounds firm tofu

Stuffing

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2 cups low-sodium vegetable or

chicken broth 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 tenspoon ground notmeg

1/4 teaspoon pepper 3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded

reduced-fat Swiss cheese 1 (10-ounce) package frozen

chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry. Yields 4 (1-cup) servings.

Preheat oven to 375 E. Steam pumpkin for 8 minutes, or until tender; set aside. Coat large nonstick skillet with cooking spray and saute onion for 7 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from skillet and set aside.

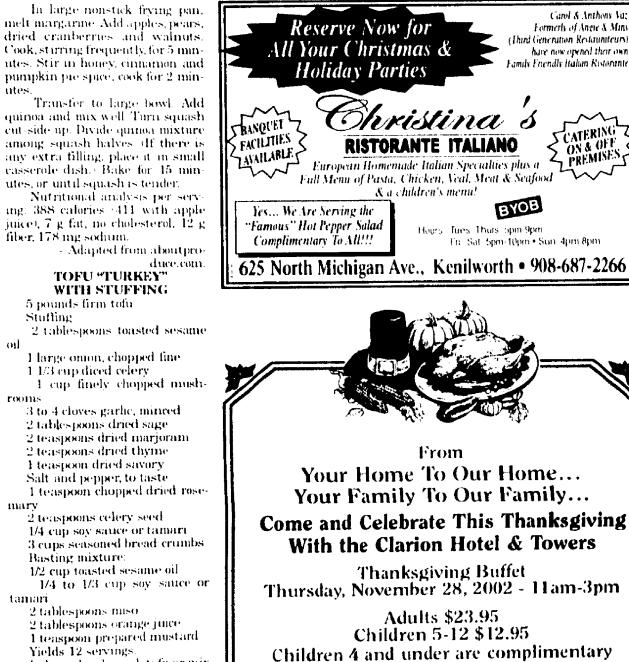
Add flour to skillet. Gradually add broth, stirring with whisk until blended. Cook over medium heat until thick and bubbly, sturring constantly. Remove from heat. Star in salt, nutmeg and pepper Combine pumpkin, onion, 1/4 cup of cheese and spinach in low! Spoon pumpkin mixture into 6-cup gratin dish coated with cooking spray Pour sauce over pumpkin mixture and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake for 30 minutes, or until bubbly. Broil 3 minutes, or until cheese is golden brown.

Nutritional analysis per (1-cup) serving: 190 calories, 6 g fat 44 g saturated), 430 mg sodium, 15 mg cholesterol, 26 g carbohydrates, 13 g protein, 4 g fiber.

--- Nutrition Action Newsletter, from adapted



Acorn squash stuffed with quinoa and fruit is a festive looking dish that also provides a wealth of nutrients. CNS Photo.



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When time is up, start stuffing. In large pan, saute onions, celery and mushrooms in 2 tablespoons sesame oil. When vegetables are soft, add garlie and all other stuffing ingredients, except bread crumbs, mixing well. Stir and cook for 5 minutes. Add bread crumbs and mix well.

Remove tofu from refrigerator and remove weight and plate and unwrap top of cheesecloth. Hollow out tofu, leaving 1-inch shell, and placing tofu you remove into bowl.

Place stuffing inside shell and pack in firmly. Cover with remaining tofu and pat down firmly. Unmold stuffed tofu onto greased

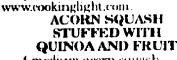
baking sheet, flat side down. Gently press on sides to achieve more oval shape.

Combine all basting mixture ingredients and baste tofu "turkey" with half of it. Cover tofu with foil, and bake at 400 F for about 1 hour. Remove foil, baste with all remaining mixture except few tablespoons, and return to oven for 1 hour more, or until tofu is golden. Remove from oven and baste with remaining basting mixture. Using at least 2 large spatulas, move to platter. Serve with gravy of your choice, if you wish, and cranberry sauce

Carol Van de Erve Tracy.



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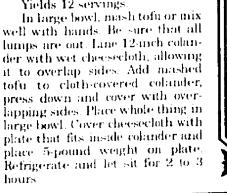
4 medium acorn squash 4 cups low-sodium vegetable stock or apple juice

2 cups quinoa, rinsed and drained

2 tablespoons margarine 2 cups chopped apples 1 cup chopped pears 1/2 cup dried cranberries 2 tables poons chopped walnuts 2 tablespoons honey 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice 1/4 teaspoon allspice, ground Yields 8 servings. Preheat oven to 350 E. Coat

large baking dish or roasting pan with nonstick spray. Cut squash in half lengthwise; scoop out and discard seeds. Place halves, cut side down, in prepared dish. Bake for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, bring stock or apple juice to boil. Add quinoa; stir and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes, or until liquid has been absorbed. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Fluff with fork.



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### **Pentagram found in Westfield home**

### WESTFIELD

The owner of a house under construction on West Broad Street reported an unlawful entry into the structure Nov. 9.

Unknown perpetrators spray painted a pentagram on the cellar floor and left burnt candles and an unknown liquid at the scene.

Police said at this point they do not believe the incident is related to any organized activity.

Kenneth S. Salmon of 704 Forest Ave. was charged with possession of cocaine Nov. 4. He was processed and released on a sumimons.

Ethan Kelley of Union was charged Nov. 5. with operating a vehicle under the influence of an alcoholic beverage on Springfield Avenue He was also picked up on a contempt of court warrant out of Summit. He posted a \$36 bail waiver and was released to a responsible adult.

The theft of a red, silver and gray Fisher Wahoo bicycle from the 200 block of Eton Place was reported Nov. 4. The bike was stolen from the back yard and is valued at approximately \$438.

A resident of Ann Arbor, Mich. reported the theft of the headlight of his BMW while it was parked in the 1000 block of Central Avenue Nov. 10.

There were numerous reports of criminal mischief and damage to motor vehicles.

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

On the same day, police received a report of criminal mischief to two sheds in the backyard area in the 100 block of Dickson Drive.

On Nov. 5, a resident of mately 12:30 p.m.

### **Police Log**

Coleman Place reported someone poured a gallon of white paint on the driveway

A Walnut Street resident reported the mirror on her 2003 Chevy was shattered while it was parked in front of her home Nov. 9.

And vandalism to the news stand at the south side of the train station was reported Nov. 10; someone reportedly threw rocks against the stand's siding.

Also on that day, a Carleton Road resident reported the driver's side window of his vehicle was bro**ken whil**e it was parked in front of his home.

And a Boulevard resident reported the driver's side window. of her vehicle was broken while it. was parked in front of her home Nov. 10.

Richard L. Young was charged Nov. 7 with trespassing at a local restaurant after being warned numerous times. He was held on \$200 bail.

A shoplifting incident was reported at Douglas Cosmetics on Central Avenue Nov. 7.

Paul E. Bachman of 527 Clark St. posted \$152 bail on a traffic warrant out of Tinton Falls Nov. 9.

Sheldon R. Brown of Elizabeth posted \$200 on a traffic warrant out of Westfield Nov. 9.

#### SCOTCH PLAINS

The theft of a briefcase containing approximately \$700 cash, a wallet and a Palm Pilot from a vehicle parked at the YMCA on Martine Avenue was reported Oct. 28. The theft occurred at approxiメキキ

Philip Sempepos, 21, of Mountainside, was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of forged documents from the Division of Motor Vehicles at approximately 1:45 a.m. Oct. 29.

Shawn P. O'Conner, 20, of 2127 Gallagher Ave. was charged with possession of suspected marijuana under 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia after a motor vehicle stop on North Ave. Oct. 29.

Blair Honigsbaum, 21, of Jersey City was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 East Nov. 2.

A resident of Mountain Avenue reported unauthorized charges being made on her bank debit card Oct. 29.

The Mobil station on Route 22 East reported someone drave off without paying for \$20 of gas at approximately 9 p.m. Oct. 29.

There was a report of unlawful entry to Park Middle School Oct. 29, during construction at the building. Some minor damage was done inside an isolated area, but no entry beyond that area was reported and nothing was taken.

The night manager at the Mobile gas station reported a theft of money from the store approximately 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2.

A Concord Road resident reported that someone smashed his vehicle taillight with a pumpkin Nov. 2 while it was parked in front of his home.



### A handshake he'll never forget

Members of the Fanwood Fire Department recently paid a visit to Brunner School in Scotch Plains to teach students about fire safety. Second Assistant Chief David Ziegler and Firefighter Marc Donnadio reviewed fire safety rules and fire prevention information with children in the pre-school, Pre-K Title I and kindergarten classes. The children had an opportunity to look at the firefighters' clothing and special equipment. The children received firefighter helmets, ribbons and coloring books to help them review fire safety and prevention lessons with their families. Above, Pre-K Title I student Andrew Fuschman greets Donnadio as he arrives at the school.

### **Colonial taverns come** to life at Miller-Cory

WESTFIELD — Long before The last tour leaves 4 p.m. they became barrooms, taverns were social centers for a community in colonial America.

House Miller-Cory The – Museum will be set up 2.5 p.m. Sunday for a program on "Libations, Socialization and Accommodations: The Colonial Tavern." Museum docent Kyle Nardelli is the presenter.

Other docents in period dress will give guided tours of the 18thcentury farmhouse built on the West Fields of Elizabethtown.

To complement the program, food of the type served in a colonial tavern will be cooked by Sherry Lange and Patricia Looloinn using recipes of the period.

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

The museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., where colonial table customs are part of the Thanksgiving program Nov. 24.

### **Briefs**

### Artists are invited to county-wide meeting

Union County performing, visual and literary artists are invited to bring their concerns. opinions and artistic wish lists to a summit meeting 7 p.m. Monday at duCret School of Art, 1030 Central Ave., Plainfield. The meeting is part of the Union County Cultural Planning Project.

All artists, including those who may not received invitations, are welcome to participate at the summit meeting. Those who plan to attend are asked to call the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550 to register; NJ Relay users should dial 711.

### Westfield S.A.R. hosts speech on Liberty Hall

WESTFIELD --- The West Fields Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, meets 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Municipal Building, 425 É. 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 dersey'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 Fjelds Chapter is the largest in New Jersey and began in 1921. For more information, phone Registrar George Gross at (908) 232 3845.

### Library friends seek goods for seasonal sale

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.





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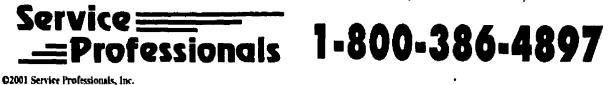
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#### **Record Press**

### This week

### 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.

MOVIE MUSIC "Destination Hollywood" with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. \$60-\$25. Tickets: (908) 232-9400.

SUNDAY

### NOV. 17 SPECIAL SERVICE - for

Family and Friends Day. St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. (908) 232-6972, DRINKING

DAYS "Libations. Socialization and Accomodations: The Colonial Tavern." 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. 18**

SUPPORT GROUP - for caregivers of Alzheimer's disease patients. Sunrise at Westfield. 240 Springfield Ave., Westfield, 7 p.m. (800) 833-1180. SPOKEN WORD - with

Muse, literary magazine of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. UnitedTrust, 45 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood, 8:15 p.m. (908) 233-3829.

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNES-DAY **NOV. 20** KIDS EAT FREE -- dinner

for Newcomers Club of Westfield. Rainforest Café, Menlo Park, Edison, 5:30 p.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

EARN MONEY ----- investment seminar for women with Stewart Ritter. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 7 p.m. Free. Registration: (908) 789-7827.

### THURSDAY NOV. 21

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

**COLLEGE NIGHT** — annual event of Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Rd., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (908) 789-4530.

### FRIDAY NOV. 22

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

### SATURDAY **NOV. 23**

HOLIDAY FASHION show and comestics workshop. Sunrise Assisted Living, 240 Springfield Ave., Westfield, 2:30 p.m. Free. (908) 317-3030,

BOOK SIGNING -- "Oradell at Sea" by Meredith Sue Willis. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

### SUNDAY **NOV. 24**

FEAST — Thanksgiving customs of colonial times. Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-5 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776.

## Westfield music club is still going strong

WESTFIELD --- The Musical Club of Westfield continued its 84th season Wednesday at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street.

Clarissa Nolde, flute, played three works by Gabriel Faure: "Sieilienne." "Morceau de Concours" and "Fantasie," Accompaniment was by Marie Daniele Mercier, piano.

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

Theodore Schlosberg, French horn, played two movements from the Concerto No. 1 in E flat major by Richard Stranss. Accompaniment was by Chin-Wen Deng, piano.

George Stralkus, tenor, sang five arias: "Vittoria, mio core" by Giacomo Carissini, "Chi, vuol la zingarella" by Giovanni Paisiello, "L'Eglise D'Amore" by Gaetano Donizetti, "Pleta signori" by Alessandro Stradella and "Mamma" by Bisio Cherubini. Accompaniment was by Louise Andrews, plano.

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Hahn and Stralkus combined 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 LOCSCE

A couch shell ensemble played three Hawaiian pieces: "Hawatt Ponot," "Aloha Oe" and "Tahuwahuwa." Musicians were Martina Struck, A shell; William Carter, F shell; Matthew Forman, G shell; Walter Metzger, D shell; Schlosberg, C and D shell: and Deng, string bass.

Singers and musicians are welcome to join the Musical Chib.

Non musicians are also welcome as associate members.

For membership information, phone Evelyn Bleeke at (908) 232-2173.

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# Health & Fitness New treatment can help reduce danger of aneurysms

(ARA) - Every 53 seconds someone in the United States experiences a stroke, or brain attack. According to the National Stroke Association (NSA), the deadliest form of stroke is a ruptured brain aneurysm, also know as a hemorrhagic stroke.

A study recently published in the scientific journal the Lancet found that a relatively newer treatment for ruptured aneurysms, called coiling, reduced the risk of death or significant disability by almost 25 percent compared to the conventional, than 50 percent of patients will

more invasive surgical treatment the coiling procedure.

Statistics show that up to 18 million Americans have unruptured aneurysms which may or may not need medical attention. Of those, approximately 30,000 people each year will suffer a runtured aneurysm, and 10 to 15 percent of them will die before reaching the hospital. Further, more

die within the first 30 days after - rupture are to stop the bleeding, the rupture. Of those who do survive, about half will suffer some

A brain aneurysm is an abnormal, balloon-like bulging of the wall of an artery, affecting between one-half percent and 5 percent of people in the United States. Many aneurysms are only discovered after they burst and spill blood into the brain.

Before rupturing, most aneurysms exhibit no symptoms. However, an expanding aneurysm may cause headaches, double vision or loss of vision, numbress in the face, or a drooping eyelid. If an aneurysm ruptures, patients often describe experiencing "the worst headache of their life." Other symptoms of a rupture may include nausea, vomiting, double

Dr. Kieran Murphy, associate director of radiology and neurological surgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institute compares aneurysms to bombs. "We either fix the damage or prevent them from (doing) damage," he says. Effective treatment of a ruptured aneurysm can greatly impact a patient's outcome. The main goals of treatment after a

curtail potential brain damage, and reduce the risk of another rupture.

Currently the two U.S. Food and Drug Administrationapproved treatments for ruptured aneurysms are surgical clipping and coiling. While both options have been effective, a recent study called ISAT, begun in 1994 and sponsored by the Medical Research Council of the United Kingdom, found that the relative risk of death or significant disability within a year of a ruptured aneurysm was nearly 25 percent lower for patients treated with coils than with surgical clipping.

In fact, the trial data was convincing enough that the trial's ethics committee stopped the trial early after enrolling only 2,143 of the planned 2,500 patients.

During surgical clipping, currently the most common treatment, a surgeon makes an opening in the skull bone and places a metal clip across the neck of the

leg. An endovascular surgeon centers in Europe, North then runs the catheter through the body into the brain and fills in the aneurysm with tiny platinum coils.

"Coiling is the placement of little slinkies that are passed (into the body)," says Dr. Murphy. "We gently fold them into the aneurysm like a ball of yarn one by one and stop the flow of blood."

The endovascular coiling procedure must be performed in a hospital that is properly equipped for this type of surgery. Coiling is also used as a preventative procedure for aneurysms that have not ruptured.

The trial studied 2,143 randomized patients at 44 medical www.stroke.org.



### Website offers links to cancer information

(NAPSI)-You've just been told number of clicks required to get that a loved one has been diagthe desired information. nosed with cancer. Your head is swimming with questions. You sit comprehensive search function down at your computer, go to your and a series of self-assessment favorite search engine, and type tools and patient materials "cancer." The search turns up millions of sites, but an hour later you've looked at a dozen and haven't found what you're looking for. You log off, more frustrated and confused than when you began. This is the unhappy experience most people report when using the Internet as a resource for information on cancer, according to a recent survey conducted by Harris Interactive. The poll surveyed 1,046 adults, finding that while the majority of Americans go on the Internet for cancer facts, seven in ten respondents (71 percent) say that the sheer volume of cancer Web sites makes it difficult to know where the best source is for online cancer information. In response to these findings, a team of leading cancer advocates teamed up with Ortho Biotech Products, L.P., a leading pharmaceutical company in cancer care, to launch www.cancer.com-the first comprehensive resource directory of cancer links on the World Wide Web. More than a year in the making, Cancer.com provides instant access to more than 200 of the most respected Internet cancer sites. All of the sites listed on Cancer.com have been thoroughly reviewed for accuracy of their information by independent cancer advocates and cancer information specialists. Cancer.com was designed to be logical and easy to navigate. As visitors click on the Web site, they will start on the Cancer.com home page and will have immediate access to menu options covering:

Yet nearly 75 percent of patients who experience a ruptured aneurysm show up at hospitals that don't have the capacity to do

form of permanent disability.

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 Treatment of side effects, such as hair loss, anemia and fatigue.

When users click on a selected cancer topic, they are automatically connected to the exact location of a linked site where the information resides, rather than just landing on the homepage. This significantly reduces the

addressing some of the most challenging aspects of cancer treatments. Additionally, the physician locator on Cancer.com makes it easy for people to find a cancer specialist in their geographic area.

Cancer.com also provides a

aneurysm to stop blood from escaping into the brain.

Coiling, on the other hand, has been performed since the early 1990s and involves inserting a catheter through an artery in the

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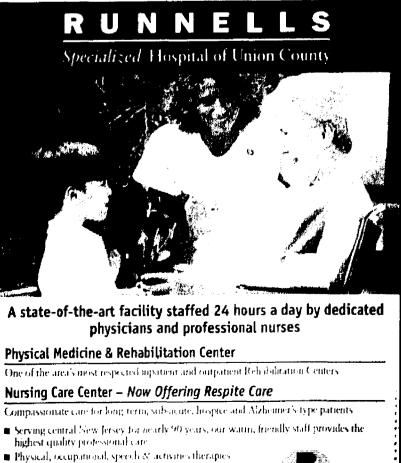
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### SP-F schools offer 'Thank You Tour'

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education sponsors "Community Thank You Tour" of its new facilities tomorrow. All five elementary schools in

SCOTCH PLAINS - The the system will be open for guided tours 9-11 a.m. These schools are Brunner School on Westfield Road, Coles School on Kevin Road, Evergreen School on Evergreen Avenue, McGinn

School on Roosevelt Avenue and School No. 1 on Willow Avenue. In addition, Park Middle School on Park Avenue and Terrill Middle School on Terrill Road will be open

for guided tours 10 a.m.-noon.



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State Chorus in Atlantic City Nov. Of about 2,000 high school students who auditioned for the chorus last spring, Westfield juniors Samantha Hooper-Hamersly and Ryan Leonard and senior Tyler Patla were among the 300 who were chosen to perform.

Several Westfield High students performed in the 75th annu-

al concert of the New Jersey All-

**Scholastic Notes** 

Giving back

The Nov. 8 performance, for which the singers rehearsed for two straight days in Atlantic City. was before the members of the New Jersey Music Educators Association. The chorus' concluding performance is Sunday at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

At a recent meeting of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, club member Kim Palmer presented a contribution to the playground behind Evergreen School to Evergreen Principal Randi

DeBrito and PTA President Pat Krema. The Rotary Club has been raising funds since June for the playground, which is located behind the school and used by the entire community. Fundraising efforts have allowed the school to provide handicapped access at the playground, but more funds are needed. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact Palmer at (908) 232-4242; donors' names will be placed on a plaque to be mounted on the playground.

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Several area students were recently inducted into the Aquinas

Chapter of the National Honor Society at Union Catholic High School.

Entering the society were seniors Sean Bennett, David Ritter and Thomas Ritter of Scotch Plains and John Bialick, Elizabeth D'Antuono and Deborah Oravez of Westfield.

Juniors inducted included Rachel Diken and Kimberly Schurtz of Fanwood and Ashley Whittemore of Scotch Plains.

To be inducted, students must maintain a 6.5 grade-point average and demonstrate service to the school or community.

### High school wins two ExxonMobil grants

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School has been awarded two \$500 grants ExxonMobil from the Educational Alliance program to support the school's audio-video and media operations. Mr. Gary

Strassberg of the Terrill Exxon in Fanwood and Mr. Deepak Bhatnagan of the Scotch Plains Exxon on Route 22 East worked with school officials to secure the grants as a way of demonstrating their commitment to giving back to the communities in which they do business.

The ExxonMobil grants will be used to continue the updating of our school's audio-video equipment, consistent with the district's current priority to improve TV-34's educational television programing as an important means of community outreach," said Principal David Heisey.

Ed Ahnert, President of the ExxonMobil Foundation, explained, "The Educational Alliance program is a grassroots project that allows service stations around the country the opportunity to partner with neighboring K-12 schools."

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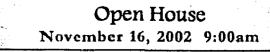


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# **Raiders** win third straight Top Cranford 1-0 for UCT crown

#### By DANIEL MURPHY RECORD PRESS

UNION - An era of domination continued for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer team Sunday with a 1-0 victory over Cranford in the Union County Tournament final.

It's the third straight county title and eighth overall for the Raiders, who have now won the tournament five of the past six years, compiling a 23-1 record in the tournament over that span. The only loss was a 2-0 setback to Union in the 1999 final. Since that loss Scotch Plains has recorded a 36-0-3 mark against county opponents.

"It's very exciting to know we were the first Scotch Plains team to win three years in a row," said junior Ryan Breznitsky. "It was just as exciting to win it this year as it was my freshman year and my sophomore year."

"I think one of the things that has helped us is that we've been able to maintain the program by

infusing it with young players every year," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Tom Breznitsky. "We're able to bring in young players every year so we never find ourselves (in a rebuilding mode). We took the trip to Brazil and we'll go to Holland next summer for 10 days. Things like that put you a step ahead of the competition."

Scotch Plains was scheduled to take on West Morris Central in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 semifinals Wednesday on the turf at Williams Field in Elizabeth, with the sectional final slated for today --- weather permitting.

The county final was a tale of two halves, with the Raiders dominating the first 40 minutes and Cranford controlling play in the second half. Both teams found the post on several occasions, but Scotch Plains executed a perfect restart to score the game's only goal in the 17th minute.

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LARRY MURPHY/RECORD PRESS CORRESPONDENT The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High soccer team celebrates its 1-0 win over Cranford and third straight Union County Tournament championship Sunday at Kean University.

# **Blue Devils retain Union County championship**

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

#### RECORD PRESS

ROSELLE PARK - For the second straight season the Westfield High girls soccer team can call itself Union County Champions, but they'll have to share that distinction this year.

Westfield and Oak Knoll battled to a scoreless tie in the Union County Tournament final Saturday at Roselle Park High School and were declared cochampions. The two teams played two 10-minute sudden death overtimes, but penalty kick shootouts aren't used in the final. Not winning the title outright

can be somewhat disappointing but Westfield is still excited to have earned its 17th county title and second in two years.

"(A tie) is fine," said Westfield Head Coach Pete Giordano. "I have no problem with it. Both teams played hard, the game went end-to-end, it was one-versus-two. That's the way it should be. (There should be a shootout) in the final — not in a game that was played that well."

Westfield was supposed to play Montclair in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 semfinals Tuesday, but the rain postponed it to yesterday. The final is scheduled for tomorrow.

The county final was a duel between to strong defense, two offenses that had its opportunities and two goaltenders who rose to the occasion when needed to keep the game scoreless.

Westfield's defense was able to contain Oak Knoll's dangerous scoring tandem of Elisabeth and Jen Redmond, who had combined for 57 goals on the season. "I think the defense played well, but the midfielders were also there to pick them up," said Giordano, "They were able to stay with them as much as they could. Overall the midfielders and the backs did a good job."

But a pair that talented, along midfielder with Katie Cummings, was going to find their chances over the course of 100 minutes of soccer. When they did goalie Megan Connors was there to answer the call, finishing with seven saves for her 15th faith in her back there. She

shutout of the season.

Connors stopped a breakaway by Oak Knoll in the first half, then in the second half made a diving save to stop a 25 yard rocket by Elisabeth Redmond that was heading for the lower corner.

"She did an excellent job," said Giordano, "I think she's one of the top goalies in the state. I thought that shot (by Redmond) was going in then Megan came out of nowhere and made the save. I have all the came up big for us."

Oak Knoll's keeper, Kelly Polisin, also came up big, making seven saves for her 12th shutout. Westfield has some quality scoring opportunities, but was unable to capitalize.

"I think we let a few (scoring chances) slip away," said Giordano. "Maybe if we took a better shot, a little toe here or there, maybe a better angle we could have gotten one in. But both teams played very well."

Good enough to share the title.



# **Raiders defense needs to** step up against Jefferson

#### GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD PRESS

Linebacker Travis Boff and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High defense need another strong performance to contain a potent Jefferson attack.

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

#### RECORD PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football has been relying on its defense to win games all season. To win again Saturday the defense is going to have to play one of its best games of the season.

The Raiders (5-3) host Jefferson in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 playoffs 1 p.m. Saturday and will have to shutdown one of the most explosive offenses it has seen all season.

Jefferson runs a run-and-shoot offense that has averaged close to 35 points per game using four wide receiver, single back sets. They'll throw the ball much more than they'll run it, putting a lot of pressure on the Scotch Plains secondary.

"When you get to the playoffs there are only good teams left," said Scotch Plains-Fanwood Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "They like to spread you out and look for seams. We have to be aggressive and get people to the football. The thing for us is that we've never faced any of that this year."

sentiments before the Raiders faced Watchung Hills and its single wing offense last week. After Scotch Plains held the singlewing in check and built a 13-0 lead the Warriors unveiled some new wrinkles and exploded 35 unanswered points.

But preparing for Jefferson will be easier than the single wing. Scotch Plains will use different fronts and add defensive backs based on the situation and will try to mix up coverage schemes and blitzes to keep Jefferson guessing.

"It's like night and day," said Ciccotelli of preparing for Jefferson and Watchung Hills. "We can use many of the same defensive concepts we've used all year. We haven't seen anything like this but we've faced some teams with talented players. We'll try to mix up our fronts and mix up our coverages. We'll try not to give them the same look - make the quarterback think.

The best way to shutdown Jefferson's offense from racing up and down the field is to keep it pacing the sidelines. It's no secret to anyone what the Raiders will try to do offensively - Kyle Ciccotelli echoed those same Adams grinding out yardage on

the ground - but how well they're able to sustain long, timeconsuming drives, keep the chains moving and finish it off with points will be the key to the game.

Jefferson knows what the Raiders like to do and will most likely stack eight men in the box and use multiple defensive fronts to stop Adams. The offensive burden will fall on the broad shoulders off the Raiders' offensive line, which has improved with each game this season and will need to win the battle up front. Quarterback Mike Walker, who threw for 75 yards and one touchdown Saturday, will need to make plays to keep Jefferson honest and open some room for Adams.

Lineman Ted Sensor injured his wrist but should play while senior lineman Chris Feighner suffered a broken finger and his status is questionable.

"The last game we were able to move the ball at times and did some things I was pleased with,' said Ciccotelli. "Kearny put eight guys in the box and we did a good job against them.

"This is who we are and we'll go with it."

# **Banged-up Blue Devils face Roxbury in first round**

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

#### RECORD PRESS

The Westfield High football is entering the postseason in less than ideal position --- but wont be expecting much sympathy from Roxbury tomorrow afternoon.

Westfield has won its last two games and four of its past five, but enter tomorrow's playoff matchup banged up and struggling. The Devils had to rally from behind to win their last two games against squads that failed to qualify for the playoffs, coming back from a six point deficit to knock off East Side Nov. 2 and rallying from 21 points down to knock off Union Saturday.

Westfield (6-2) earned the fifth seed in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 playoffs and will meet Roxbury 1 p.m. tomorrow. Morristown is the top seed in the section, followed by Elizabeth and Bloomfield. Montclair is seeded sixth, East Orange seventh and Linden eighth.

With Tyshon Blackman already out for the season and Mike DeFazio and Adam Trzesniowski making brief appearances in Saturday's game after missing time due to injuries getting healthy is as important to Westfield as any scouting report on Roxbury.

"We're still a mess," said Westfield Head Coach Ed

healthy. I need everybody healthy, but we need to be patient and see what happens."

Brian Butts and Bart Walsh have shouldered the running duties, while quarterback Jan Cocozziello has been called on to do more throwing recently. Cocozziello passed for 226 yards and three touchdowns in leading Westfield back against Union, completing 9 of 18 passes. Mike DeFazio should be back in the backfield after carrying the ball five times in a brief stint against Union.

Westfield turned to the passing game partly because of a 21 point deficit, partly because Union was given to them and

Tranchina. "We're trying to get partly because it was their best option to move the ball. But The Blue Devils will need all facets of the offense working to keep the chains moving tomorrow against a strong Roxbury defense.

Roxbury plays solid defense, is strong offensively and can also be explosive on special teams. Westfield will have to be sound and mistake free in all three facets to reach the semifinals for the second straight season.

"They're a good team," said Tranchina. "They run the ball well, they play good defense and they're great in the kicking game.

"It's a great challenge. But that's playoff football, that's how it's supposed to be."

The Devils were in a playoffesque battle Saturday against a Union squad needing a win to qualify for the playoffs. Union's desperation was evident early as the Farmers raced out to a 21-0 first quarter lead.

Dannell Phillips returned the opening kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown, then scored on the third play of Union's next possession, a 17 yard run for a 14-0 lead with 6:30 left in the first quarter. With 2:24 left in the first quarter Phil Llave ran 37 yards for a touchdown and a seemingly insurmountable cushion.

But the Blue Devils didn't go away. Westfield got going after a bad snap by Union on a punt attempt gave the Blue Devils possession at the Farmer's 34. Two plays later Westfield broke the ice when Cocozziello connected with Bobby Wilt for a 34 yard touchdown reception, cutting the halftime deficit to 21-7.

The Devils then opened the second half with a 73 yard, 10 play march ending in a 1 yard run by Butts. Trezsniowski made a huge impact in his limited action, blocking a field goal attempt in the fourth quarter.

Cocozziello quickly hooked up with Butts for a 64 yard touchdown reception to tie the game. Later he found Wilt for a 56 yard completion that Butts would follow with the go-ahead 11 yard touchdown run.

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### **Record Press**

# Fishing action heats up as weather turns cool

### By MANNY LUFTGLASS

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CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENT It's time to get out the woolies

and longjohns, folks, 'cause that time of the year is rapidly approaching.

There is no need to bury the rods in the basement, though. In fact, the best part of the year is ahead of us at Round Valley

Reservoir. I caught more good- are for lots of sized lake trout, plus rainbows rain instead! sized lake trout, plus rainbows and browns, at "The Valley" in December and January last winter than I did all of the rest of the year combined. Of course, the very mild winter we had played a major part in that, but let's all think positive and we may again avoid a killer snow season. Yes, snow can fill our reservoirs, but my hopes

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Down shore, winter flounder have started to feed and while we probably won't have any really good seasons for several more years, maybe the future will be better.

Between seasonal closings and size limits, flounder certainly have a chance at breeding better, and if regulations work, look for good fishing again in a few years. I still feel a very limited bag limit is in order for the spawning months of January and February, though, instead of a complete shutdown.

At times, the best fishing of the year in the Shark River occurs in January, and now we aren't allowed to go after them. I used to fish there each winter and the piers would be loaded with senior citizens out for a few hours of relaxation and enjoyment, plus a meal or two.

Now that I'm old enough to clearly be called a "senior citizen," I am not allowed to partake in that fun, and the rest of the old geezers cannot do it, either. Perhaps a bag limit of two per angler. What do

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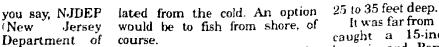
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make up the majority of the catch in the ocean now, but striped bass should take over the primary role any day now. Ling and sea bass are biting, and maybe some left-over porgies as well. The partyboat guys are waiting patiently, too, for a return of what at times are vast schools of mackerel but that may be a month away. So, down the shore? Again, the best is coming!

Back here in the world of freshwater, all of the rivers and lakes that receive fall stockings of trout got their quotas, and there really are far more fish than fishermen.

Yes, you do have to pick between the falling leaves to get your fly to land on water, but the water itself certainly is loaded with lots of holdover and newlystocked trout. Bait fishermen usually do better in cold water, and any manner of bait will produce. Just make sure your waders are completely waterproof and insu-

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I've been out five times in recent weeks, and the "worst" trip of the five was the "best" in a few ways, so let me start with Oct. 29 and work backwards, OK?

Ron Bern and I had decided to try Round Valley for the first timein quite a while. Generally speaking, I keep away from The Valley and Merrill Creek from the Sept. 16 close of lake trout season until it re-opens again Dec. 1. I don't like to be tempted to go after lakers in the spawning season and honestly, they don't feed much then, anyway, while other things are on their minds.

Off we were, though, into a pretty stiff wind, headed to a slight lee on the east side of the north tower cove. We set our anchors and were fishing in relatively calm water that varied from

It was far from a bonanza, but I caught a 15-inch full-colored brownie and Ron hit a 15-inch smallmouth bass. He then nailed a laker, unusual for this time of the year so close to shore, and it measured nearly 20 inches.

Later on, set closer to the rocks, 1 hit a smallmouth of unimpressive size. We may have had five or six other bites but never came near the lip of any of them, and that was our day, but it really wasn't our "day" at all. You see, we had visitors!

On the northeast shore we were visited by three deer. And then by nine wild turkeys, and then the biggest blue heron I ever saw did this fly-over. Top that off with a passing-by and then return flight directly overhead of an eagle, and was it the "worst," or maybe the "best"?

'Scuze me, gone fishin'.

### **Raiders win third straight**

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Junior Ed Zazzalli lofted one of his flip throw-ins over the goal where Taylor Cole gathered the ball and quickly knocked a pass to Terrence Charles, who headed just past Cranford keeper Brian Woglom.

Scotch Plains nearly added to its lead later in the half when junior Ryan Breznitsky blasted a direct kick off the top of the crossbar.



"We put a pretty good clinic on (in the first half)," said Tom Breznitsky. "We were unfortunate to not score one or two more.'

"We were frustrated, we felt we could have been up 4-0 in the first half," said Ryan Breznitsky. "I hit one of the best free kicks I've ever hit, the keeper made a good save and tipped it off the crossbar.

"We felt we had a chance to stick a fork in them. It was frustrating because they felt in the second half that they still had a chance to win the game."

In the second half Cranford came alive. Just minutes in Joe Baulthaupt had a shot hit the right post which was quickly followed by a Nick Flamini header that found the right post.

"The clock seemed to move slower and slower every time I looked at it," said Breznitsky. "What felt like 15 minutes was two minutes. They had a few opportunities but I was confident our backs were up to the job.

Rick Fleissner made two saves for the shutout, while Woglom turned aside six.

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### **YOUTH SPORTS**

ST. HELEN'S BOYS WIN TOURNEY The St. Helen's 6th Grade CYO boys basket ball team lucked off their season by sweeping three games to win the inaugural AI LoBalbo basketball tournament at St. Mary's in Elizabeth

In their opener, a 32-24 victory over IHM of Scotch Plains, Matt isabella led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points. Ten St. Helen's players scored with James Hughes, Greg Baker, Jimmy Reardon, Tony Dilono, Craig Dyer, Chis Sheehan, Tommy McManus, Spencer Cassidy and Neal Amato all chipping in

In a 34-25 semifinal win over an Elizabeth Port Catholic team, Chris Sheehan led with 13 points. Isabella added rune and Bret DeFazio easily broke

the pressure of the lightning fast Port team. St. Helen's prevaled in the final 32-24 over St. James of Springfield as tournament MVP Chris Sheehan pumped in 12 and the consistent Isabella dropped in eight points In addition to the LoBalbo tournament, St.

Helen's advanced in the Scotch Plains IHM fourney with back to back victories over Branchburg and St. Thomas of Bloomfield, in the 25-19 Branchburg victory Isabella led all scorers with 13 and Bret DeFazio played another flawless game at point and hit four crucial free throws down the stretch to ice the game.

In the 31-23 victory over St. Thomas, Dyer led the way with 12 points while controlling the action and McManus pumped in seven while playing great defense. Enc Moran came of the bench to get some key rebounds.

#### U-14 DEVILS DEFEAT COMETS

In a big U14 Girls inter -county match, the Westfield Blue Devils soccer team beat the Cranford Comets in a hard fought contest 2-1. The Blue Devils improved their record to 7-0-1

while. Cranford dropped to 6-2-0 in one of the best games of the year. Cranford scored in the first three minutes of the game to take a 1-0 lead. Then Westfield's forwards of Christine Then Westfield's Kandigian, Allision Oberlandler, Rachel St. Lifer and Anel Gale kept constant pressure on the Cranlord goaltender but she was up for the test. Finally, four minutes before the end of the first half, Westfield scored. Enn. Bange made a great defensive play to keep the ball in the Cranford and. Augustine Healy then made a feed to Jamie Freeman who made a spectacular needle threading pass to Kristen Ditzell who knocked in the goal on a blast which bed the score at 1-1. In the second half. Westheld's excellent mid-

eiders of Elizabeth Zoidus, Enn Miller, Knssy Wendel and with the defense of Ayn Wisler, Anel Magnanini, Danielle Infantino and Mary Mahoney helpped Westfield gain control of the game. The excellent goal tending of Enn Scialabba frustrated the Cranford attack with some great saves. Westfield scored the goahead and game winning goal on a great stot by Stephanie Slodyzcka off a pass from Ern Miller The Blue Devis have 2 games left in their battle for the U14 inter-county championship against undefeated Union and Mountainside who has only one loss. LIGHTNING BREEZE

The Scotch Plains Lightning U13 Girls' Soccer team repeatedly dialed long distance in the first half of Sunday's game and they completed enough of their connections to make for a pleasant end to the fall portion of their schedule. Getting first half goals from Rachel Parker, Cathy Harley and Angelica Glover, all from over 30 yards the Lightning breezed to a 4-0 whitewashing of South Plainfield, to clinch second place with a 6-2 record.

With a warm southwest wind swinling at over 20 miles per hour, the Lightning quickly realized that long high shots would prove very tricky for the goalies. Parker wasted no time in taking a pass from Harley in the defensive side of midfield and racing down the left side where she unloaded from 35 yards and put the ball over the surprised goale to give the Lighthing a 1-0 lead at the six minute mark. Five minutes fater the protagonists switched roles with Parker feeding Harley who blasted a high shot that appeared

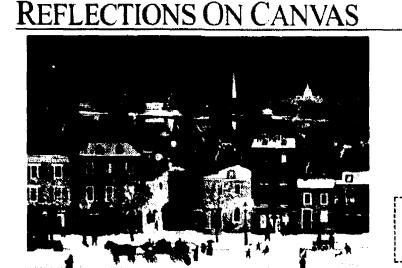
to be heading over the goat but just made it in under the post. Harley, Javonni Costello and Brittany Biondi all came close to adding to the total before Angelica Glover took a touch pass from Heather Rodinguez on an indirect kick and blasted another high hard shot that the goale saved but could not hold as the ball inckled over the line.

With a 3-0 halftime lead and a dominant per formance that kept things sedate for goalie Jaciyn Lazarus, the Lightning moved players into often unfamiliar positions in the second half. Harley got the only goal of the half, this one from short range with her left foot off a nice crossing pass from Joanna Naugle. Parker completed the shutout by making two saves.

The offense led by hard working Rachel Kreyer threatened all day to add to the lead. Katie Comacchia and Naugle were impressive on the wings with their dribbling, passing and shooting. Costello, Alyssa Straniero and Mana Rivero were solid as usual on defense.

Kristen Thompson was consistently effective in midfield along with Jessica Nagourney, Biondi, Cheryl Monteiro, Lazarus and Nina Brownstone

The Lightning will next play in the Rahway Thanksgiving tournament November 29-30.



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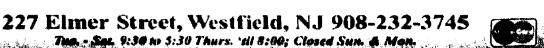
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# Blue Devils finish second in section

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The Blue Devils were narrowly edged by Morristown for the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 crown 47-55.

Kathleen Salmon took fourth in the race in 20:34, Melissa Richey was ninth (21:20) and Deenie Quinn was 10th in 21:25 to give the Devils three in the top 10. Meg Driscoll, a freshman, was 21st in 22:02 and Carolyn Harbaugh was 22nd in 22:05. Westfield had a 21:22 team average.

The Blue Devils boys squad placed fourth in the section with 101 points. Morristown was first with 49, followed by West Orange (57) and Randolph (78). Dan Driscoll led Westfield, Kagan was 17th (18:14), John Boyd was 20th (18:23), Michael Gorski was 23rd (18:36) and Charlie Hely was 26th in 18:40. Westfield averaged 18:24.

#### BOYS SOCCER

Brian Pirot made five saves to record his 10th shutout and lift Westfield to a 2-0 win over Union in the first round of the state tournament Friday.

Billy Schoenbach hit a cross to Matt McManus for the Devils first goal and Billy Schultz scored unassisted to provide Westfield with some insurance. GIRLS SOCCER

Westfield's scheduled match

up with Montclair in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 semifinals was rained out Tuesday.

**GYMNASTICS** Westfield just missed qualifying for the state championships, finishing second in the North-Jersey Section 2 Championships

The Blue Devils totaled a season best 103.1 to finish .9 behind first-place Randolph Rachel Skolnik had Westfield's highest finish, taking second on balance beam (9.05). Stacy Osborne was third on floor (9.05) and fifth on uneven bars (9.05).

#### VOLLEYBALL

Westfield received the top seed in the Group 4 tournament, playing it's first game vesterday. The quarterfinals are scheduled for Nov. 19, the semiwill be Nov. 21 and the final Nov. 23.

Westfield def. Union Catholic 13-15, 15-4, 15-11 ---Nikki LeBlanc had 17 kills as Westfield gained a small measure of revenge with a three-set win over Union Catholic Nov. 6. The Vikings defeated Westfield in the Union County Tournament semifinals a week

Jackie LeBlanc added nine kills and Cari Rock tallied 17 service points, six kills and three aces for the Devils (20-2).

#### SCOTCH PLAINS

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Millburn snapped a scoreless the with just over 20 minutes remaining to win 1-0 and knock Scotch Plains out of the state tournament Nov 7. Lauren Bianco made three saves for the Raiders.

#### GYMNASTICS

Scotch Plains placed fifth in the North Jersey Section 2 championships in Cranford Friday with 100.6.

Randolph won the crown with a score of 104.0, followed by Westfield (103.1), Montclair (102.7) and Cranford (101.35).

Jackie Tumolo placed fifth on balance beam (8.8) and Katie Zaleski was fifth on the floor





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45 Richmond Ave. from Jeanne A. Moran to Peter & Sylvia Matlosz for \$237,500.

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139 Rotary Drive from Fredric J. & Elizabeth Angelo to Patrick W. & Laura B. Russell for \$1.18 million.

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29 Waldron Ave. from Geoffrey T. & Eileen O'Connell to Timothy S. & Maureen A. Abbott for \$782,800.

11 Windsor Road from Gerald W. & Colleen Patterson to Mark R. Ward et.al. for \$780,000

60 Broad St. from Parisi Builders Father & Son to Andrew Ruffino et.al. for \$470.000

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93 Kent Place Blvd, from Robert C, & Sarah R. Wagner to Louis J. Cucciniello for \$605.000.

256 Woodland Ave. from Mark Kratzer et.al. to Michelle & Tracy A. Hayes for \$465,000.



Home ownership may be safest investment

### BY JAMES M. WOODARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE.

A growing number of Americans believe homeownership is by far the best form of investment ---- much better than a 401(k), retirement account or stocks.

That was revealed in a national housing survey conducted by Fannie Mae, the nation's largest buyer of existing home mortgages. Many Americans have seen their net worth increase substantially due to an increase in their home's value, the survey said.

About 85 percent of homeowners said the value of their home has increased since it was purchased. Sixty-one percent said the value of their home has increased a lot.

"Encouraged by the lowest interest rates in at least a generation, a high percentage of Americans say now is a very good time to buy a home," said Franklin Raines, Fannie Mae chairman and chief executive officer. "A quarter of them plan to do so in the next three years, according to results from our survey.

"The survey results also suggest even people could become home they were armed with the right information. Many people, particularly minorities, are not aware how easy and affordable it has become to buy a home. Too many obstacles still continue to slow minorities on the path to homeownership." The investment aspect of buying a home is very important to most Americans. The potential financial gain is often more of a reason to buy than the size or location of a particular house. The potential increase in the home's value is at or near the top of most Americans' priority list.

term, is a very good reason to buy a home. Among seasoned real estate analysts, 54 percent say that home prices will remain about the same over the upcoming year.

The housing market will continue to drive the economy as more than one in four-Americans say they are very likely to buy a home in the next three years. The survey results indicate that minorities and baby boomers are contributing substantially to housing demand.

In fact, rising home prices combined with low interest rates appear to be encouraging many people to buy a home now, rather than discouraging them.

A recent survey by Synergistics Research Corp. indicates that 25 percent of first-time mortgage borrowers have refinanced their loans in the last two years. About four out of 10 of those refinance transactions resulted in repaying of a home equity line of credit or a second mortgage

That's good news and bad news for some financial institutions, particularly credit unions. Credit unions like the refinance business but don't like to close out the other loans and individual lines of credit. However, credit unions promote their refinance activities to avoid the risk of losing customers to other financial institutions. \*\*\*

Q. What happened to the proposed Federal Housing Administration Downpayment Simplification Act?

A. The Senate recently passed the FHA Downpayment Simplification Act of 2002. It awaits action in the House of Representatives.

The new law will generally help increase the availability of affordable housing and expand rental housing and homeownership opportunities. It contains provisions designed to enhance housing affordability, including indexing FHA multifamily loan limits to the rate of inflation. This should encourage the construction of rental units, thus easing the shortage of rental properties in many markets.

"Indexing the loan limits to inflation will provide stability to FHA multifamily mortgage insurance programs and give builders and lenders confidence that they will be able to use the programs in their communities every year, even as construction and land costs rise over time," said Gary Garczynski, present of the National Association of Home Builders.

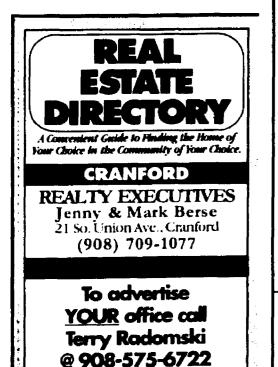
The bill would also enhance housing

Record low interest rates for mortgage loans used to purchase a home is, of course, a primary motivator for buyers. Among those who say it's a good time to buy a home, 43 percent say it's because interest rates are so low.

According to survey respondents, the potential for the long-term increase in investment value is the top reason for buying a home, and record low interest rates is another frequently cited reason to buy a home.

A couple of other particularly interesting survey findings: About 86 percent of Americans believe that housing prices will go up a little over the next 12 months. Another 35 percent believe prices will remain about the same.

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### Don't let termite threat gnaw at you

#### By GENE GARY

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Q. What do you recommend for the detection and eradication of termites? I suspect that we have them.

A. Termites are a common problem. Found throughout the United States, Mexico and in parts of Canada, the heaviest infestations occur in the southeastern United States and the Sun Belt. Two varieties — subterranean and dry-wood — are the most common threat to homeowners. Dampwood termites, a third variety, rarely damage houses but they may be found in house construction where wet lumber is used.

These pests can go undetected for years and cause major structural damage to your home. They feed primarily on wood, but also attack cardboard boxes, books, furniture and plastics. Damage may not be noticeable on wood surfaces, because termites avoid exposure to air by constructing galleries within the material they attack.

Subterranean termites burrow through the ground to find avenues into your home. Wood supports, that connect with the soil, are particularly vulnerable. However, even homes with masonry walls are easily infested by subterranean termites, which build networks of mud tubes made from the earth and partly digested wood. They create these tubes to cross such obstacles as concrete or brick foundation walls and even the "termite shields" provided by some builders.

Subterranean termites can enter your home through openings as small as one-thirty-second of an inch. Typical points of entry include expansion joints, cracks around pipes, crawl spaces, cracks in the slab, and wooden supports that are in contact with the ground, such as those used for decks. Look for their telltale mud tunnels in crawl spaces or along the exterior of your house.

Dry-wood termites are often harder to detect because the entire colony lives within the house, usually in the beams of attics and garages. Left undisturbed, they can consume the entire inner portion of a board, leaving only a thin outer shell. The most telltale sign for this variety is its piles of pellets, which accumulate under the push-out holes througn which the termites clear their galleries or work areas. Look for these scatterings of sawdust-like pellets.

The winged swarmers of both varieties are the reproductives — the kings and queens — and their wings allow them to find new places to colonize. Swarms commonly occur on warm days in spring or fall, often on the first sunny day after a rain. When the swarm alights, the termites mate, shed their wings and proceed to establish a new colony. They do not cause damage, but their offspring do. A pile of discarded wings indicates a well-established colony is nearby.

The best method of detection and eradication is to hire a reputable termite/pest control company. A professional is trained to do a thorough job and knows what to look for. Expect a written report. If no infestation is found, you should be given a written report that says so.

If treatment is necessary, the inspector should present you with a drawing of your house, indicating infested areas. Accompanying the diagram should be a written report of recommended work to be performed, as well as identification of structural damage, which may exist, and what repairs are necessary.

The report should itemize areas that were not inspected because they were inaccessible. These might include wall interiors, attics without adequate crawl space and slab foundations. The report should also spell out treatment methods and the guarantee — if any — for work to be done, the length of the guarantee, and what you must do to maintain it. Also expect to see a work completion report, which is required in many states by the governmental agency overseeing pest control companies.

Treatment varies with the type of termite and the construction of the infested building. A pest control company may recommend covering an entire structure with tarpaulins and using fumigants to exterminate dry-wood termites, the most accepted method of complete eradication for this variety of termite.

Treatment for subterraneans usually involves treating the soil around and beneath the house with insecticides, and drilling obvious or likely areas of infestations inside the house and injecting chemical protection against further damage.

These are just a few of the common methods of termite abatement. Newer, non-chemical technologies are being developed and are available in certain geographical areas. They range from uses of propane space heaters to raise temperature of wood framing to 120 degrees to killing them with coldness (freezing) or electrocution. All of these eradication methods require profes-

sionals. The chemicals and methods available to the average homeowner will not do a complete job.

Even after eradication, swarming termites can re-infest your home. If you live in an area known for termite infestation, an annual termite inspection may be your best protection to ward off expensive repairs in the future.





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Q. Maybe you can persuade me to do ... something drastic. I figure if I "accidentally" leave our hideous old patio furniture too near the curb on pickup day, it will be gone before my husband notices. ... By next spring, we will have to buy more. ...

My girlfriends love the idea, but then i 1 have to come up with suggestions for 5 what to choose. What's happening in out- 7 door furniture?

A. Such amazing things you may throw away some of your indoor furniture, too, and take advantage of new materials that make new styling both possible and a extraordinary.

Just for openers, indoor/outdoor thinking no longer applies. Today's leisure furniture goes out — and can stay out, all winter if you have to — without damaging the comfy "deep seating" (sofa-like upholstery, all-weather fabrics, and trimmings). In fact, some of the groups I saw at the recent Outdoor Furniture & Accessories Market in Chicago can come right into your living room all year round.

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By ROSE BENNETT GILBERT

Q. As much as we enjoy our antiques,

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room on the first floor, something less for-

mal than our traditional living room, but

not as casual as the sitting room out in

enclosing the porch and opening it up to

the rest of the house, but my husband and

I think we'd prefer separate spaces. What

eye, but with the contiguous spaces differ-

entiated ever so subtly. Unless you plan a

dramatic juxtaposition, say, silk-uphol-

stered walls abutting knotty pine and twig furniture — and somehow I don't

think so -- the transition can be wonder-

yours, with separate, formal sitting room,

and a sun porch that didn't pull its weight

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# **Redesigned Viper remains rude, crude — and fast**

#### **BY JERRY GARRETT**

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The Dodge Viper is the real Tasmanian Devil of the automotive world. Not that creature with a bow tie, in those TV ads.

On sale now in third-generation form, Dodge has invested some effort in sending its new Viper to charm school.

But to little avail. Despite its new clothes, new manners and a new patina of respectability, the Viper remains proudly and defiantly crude, rude and as socially unacceptable as belching in church.

The Viper used to get away with a lot because it was unapologetically what it was: raw, unrefined, uncultured. A concept car come to life, with all its realworld shortcomings. Take it or leave it.

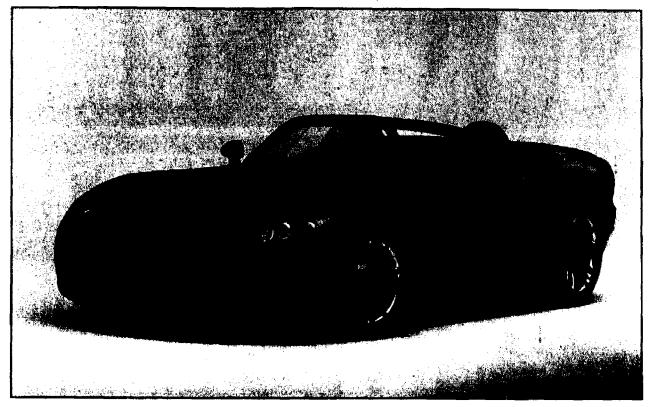
The new \$80,000 SRT-10, a complete redesign set in motion by a goal to lengthen its wheelbase 2 1/2 inches, is an odd paradox. While Dodge has tried to clean up the naughtiest aspects of the Viper's act, it has exacerbated others.

Women said they couldn't drive the Viper because the clutch spring was so stiff that, upon its release, they would be catapulted out the back of the car.

So, the new Viper gets a very user-friendly clutch. In fact, the clutch and brake pedals are adjustable now, and the footwell has even been expanded just enough for a left-foot "dead pedal."

But the new Viper has been made so much more powerful, maybe Shirley Muldowney is the only woman alive who could fearlessly launch it.

"Our performance targets in development were 500 horsepower, 500 foot-pounds of torque and 500 cubic inches," says project engineer Jim Ori. "We went a little over on each of those."



The 2003 Dodge Viper convertible has a 500-horsepower engine, bigger brakes and more interior comfort. CNS Photo courtesy of Dodge.

#### Oops.

Expect about 525 foot-pounds of torque and nearly 520 wild horses from the new 505-cubic inch V-10. Expect sub-4 second zero-to-60 times and an ungoverned top speed near 190 mph. Expect tickets.

Launch power is so great, the new Michelin P345/30ZR19 rear tires - mounted on 13-inch wide aluminum wheels - can dig holes in concrete pavement. (Front tires are a relatively dainty P275/35ZR18 on 10-inch wheels.) Stopping power, thanks to enormous 14-inch Brembo brakes, is almost as extreme.

"Zero to 100, and back to zero," Ori says, "is less than 13 seconds.

That's another reason why the Viper comes without cup holders.

Any attempt to drink anything in the car while moving will likely result in parts of the interior looking like a Jackson Pollock painting.

Besides, a driver will need both hands on the wheel at all times, to wrestle the Viper to follow a straight line. Despite a new power-assisted rack and pinion steering system, the front tires follow every imperfection in the road, wherever they might lead, at just about any speed. Excessive "bump steer" was the consensus of several fellow writers.

Under hard acceleration, the front end on our test model seemed to float increasingly, and from 100 mph to about 140, the front wheels seemed to be barely touching the pavement. There,

our adrenaline gave out and fear regained control of the throttle. Flashbacks to the early Audi TT came to mind, before they were all recalled to put a rear spoiler on

But any rear spoiler on a Viper would rob it of top-end speed and reduce its "Top Gun" status perilously close to the output of the dreaded Z06 Corvette (costing \$33,000 less).

An older RT-10 running alongside seemed much more planted and a lot lower.

Part of that is because Dodge raised the rear deck to create room for the new hideaway retractable top. That in turn necessitated a trunk big enough to store it in, while retaining a modicum of storage capacity. (The spare and jack are gone, thanks

to run-flat tires.)

The result is a car that seems about 6 inches higher, although Ori said he's aware of no increase in the new Viper's center of gravity.

That's even taking into account a two-inch higher hip point for seating. Although you no longer feel like you're falling intoan open manhole when trying to enter the cockpit, the new, more aggressively sculpted seats are surprisingly cramped for anyone wider than about 200 pounds considerably less than the Viper's traditional "old fat cat" demographic.

However, if you're petite enough to wedge your shoulders between the back cushion bolsters, you're in for a well-supported driving position.

It's possible now - thanks to new gearing, throttle settings and kinder, gentler clutch engagement -- to operate the Viper at low speeds, and around slow corners. Sitting in traffic, or dawdling along behind a wheezing Winnebago, the Viper no longer lopes like an idling Top Fuel dragster.

In the unlikely event of a break in today's ubiquitous bumper-to-bumper traffic, it is possible to exploit the opportunity with a fury sudden enough to make the lines on the road merereference points, meant for lesser vehicles.

But isn't it nice to know you have the power to pass safely. when you need it? And the 220mph speedometer is just for show, right?

And what about that sixspeed manual transmission? Why? You can drive all day infirst gear alone, all the way up to the legal speed limit. You'll seldom ever get beyond third gear. Even on an autobahn, you'll never need to use fifth gear, much less sixth. Put another way: At 110 mph

in sixth gear, the engine is at 1,500 rpm — barely above idle!

If you want to lug it along like that, it's OK, because as Ori points out, even at that low rpm number, the engine is already making 90 percent of its peak torque.

But it's a good idea to keep the Viper moving along at a pretty good clip, because the slower it's driven, the more cockpit occupants are likely to feel like rotisserie chickens.

Blast-furnace-caliber heat roils up from the side-mounted exhausts, from under the car, out of the 10 tony-looking hood louvers and places you can't even track.

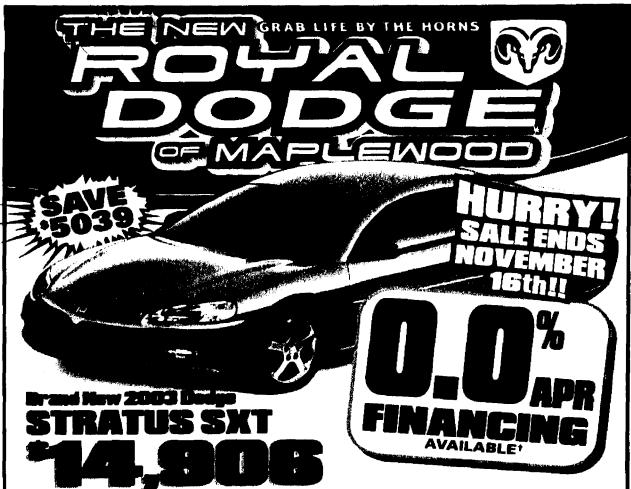
One tester said her CD nearly melted in the new six-disc changer (Viper's one concession to creature comfort). If you've ever sat on a Harley in summer traffic, know that the new Viper feels five times hotter.

Early testers were told the Sahara-like scorching was due to lack of heat dissipation panels on prototype models. But our late pre-production versions merited no such disclaimer from Dodge, and no promise for further relief once production ramps up.

Dodge, ostensibly not worried these niggling problems will hurt sales, expects the new Viper to be much easier (and therefore more economical) to assemble. due to some 45 new chassis pickup points that facilitate bolt-on modules for full assembly.

Nostalgically to some, the new Viper no longer looks like the haphazard pile of hand-hammered parts that gave the original Viper such an endearing homemade look. It is now sleek and slick, likely to appeal to a different demographic than the 11,750 or so middle-age males who have purchased the 12,000 made since its introduction in 1992.





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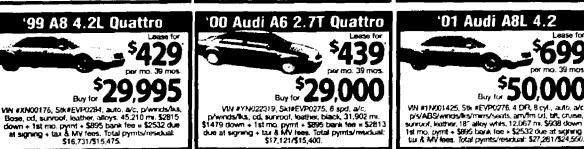




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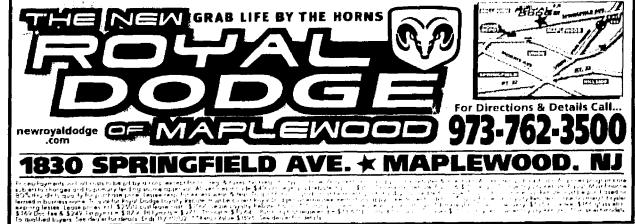


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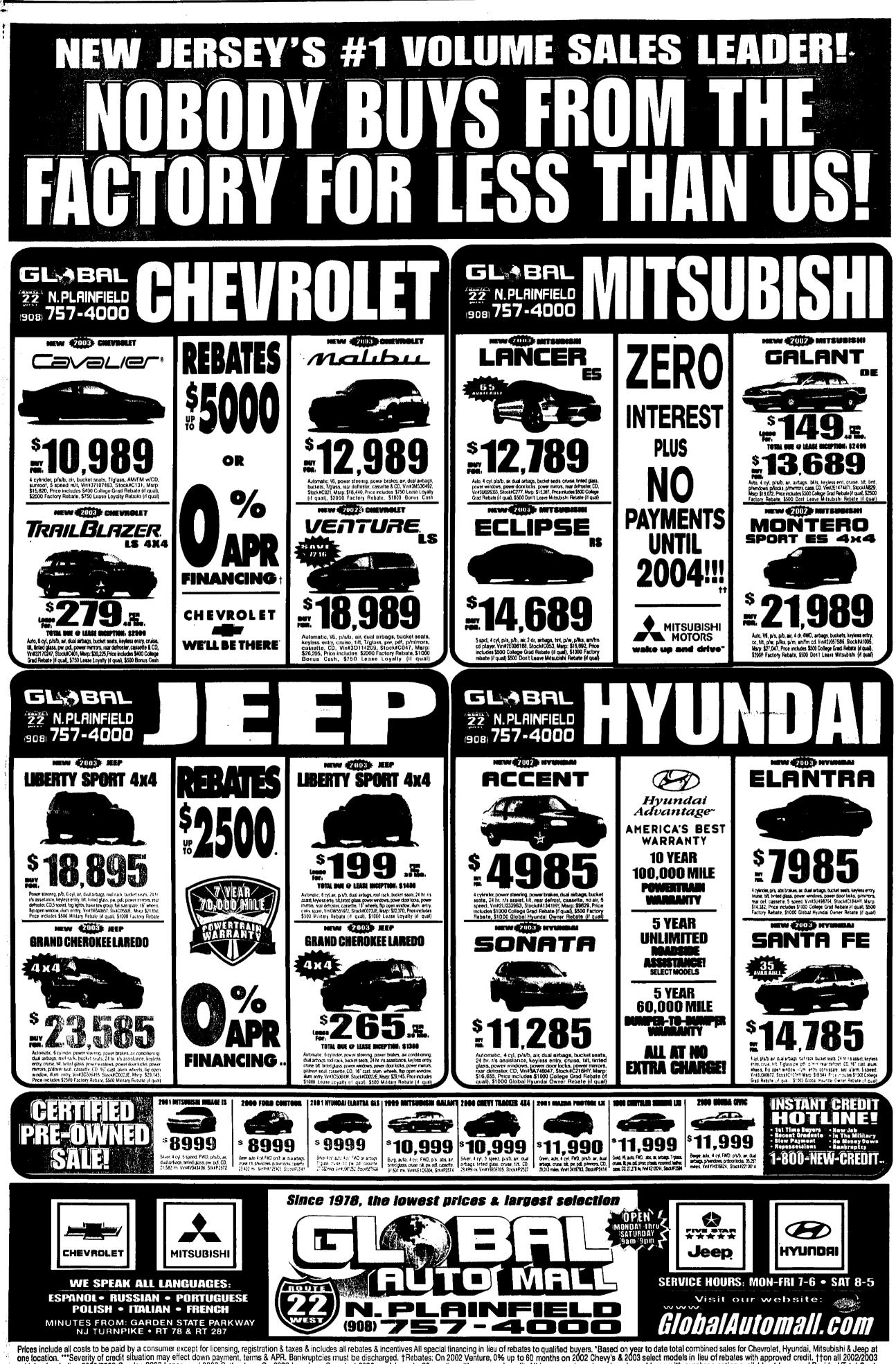


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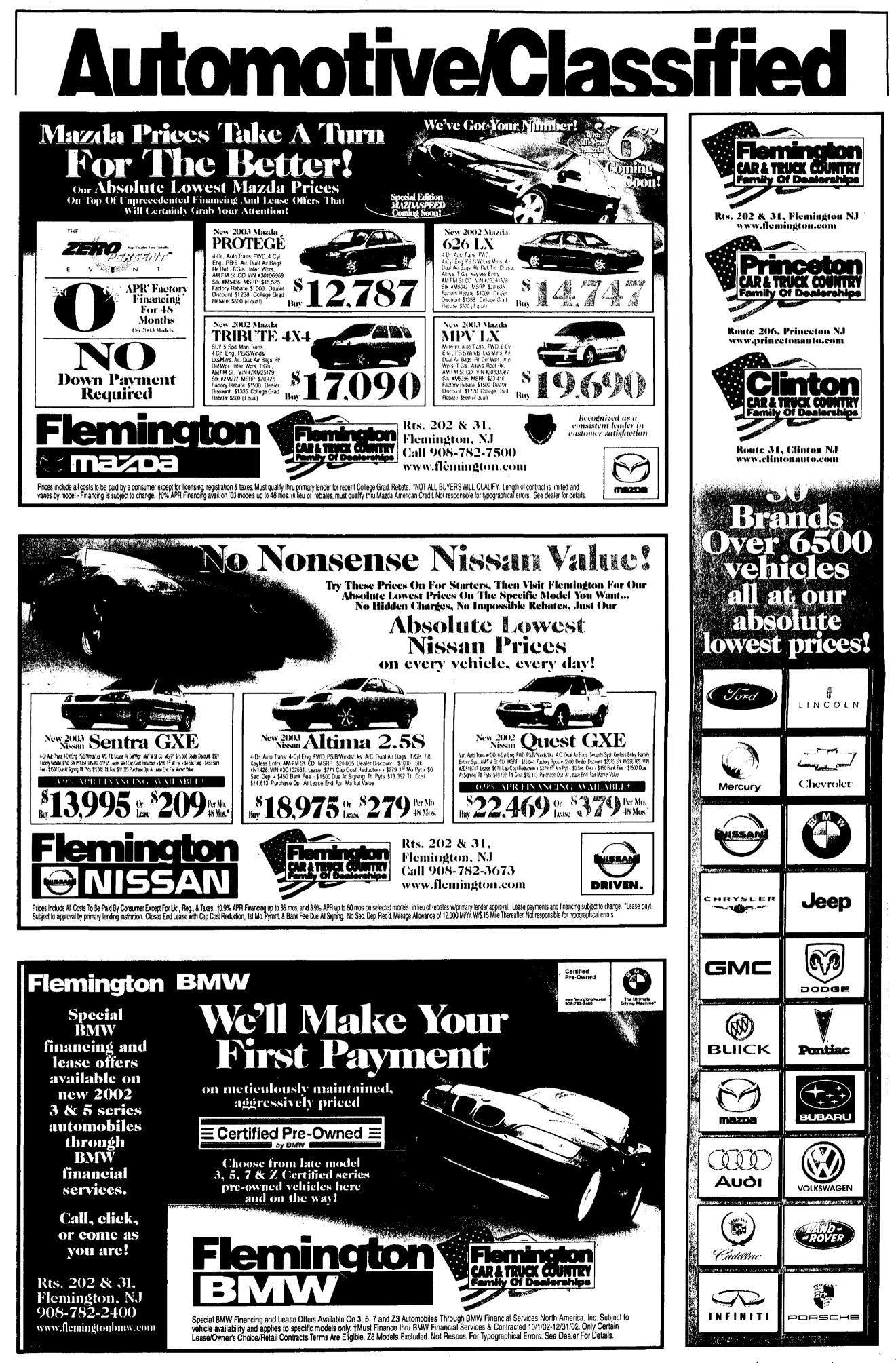
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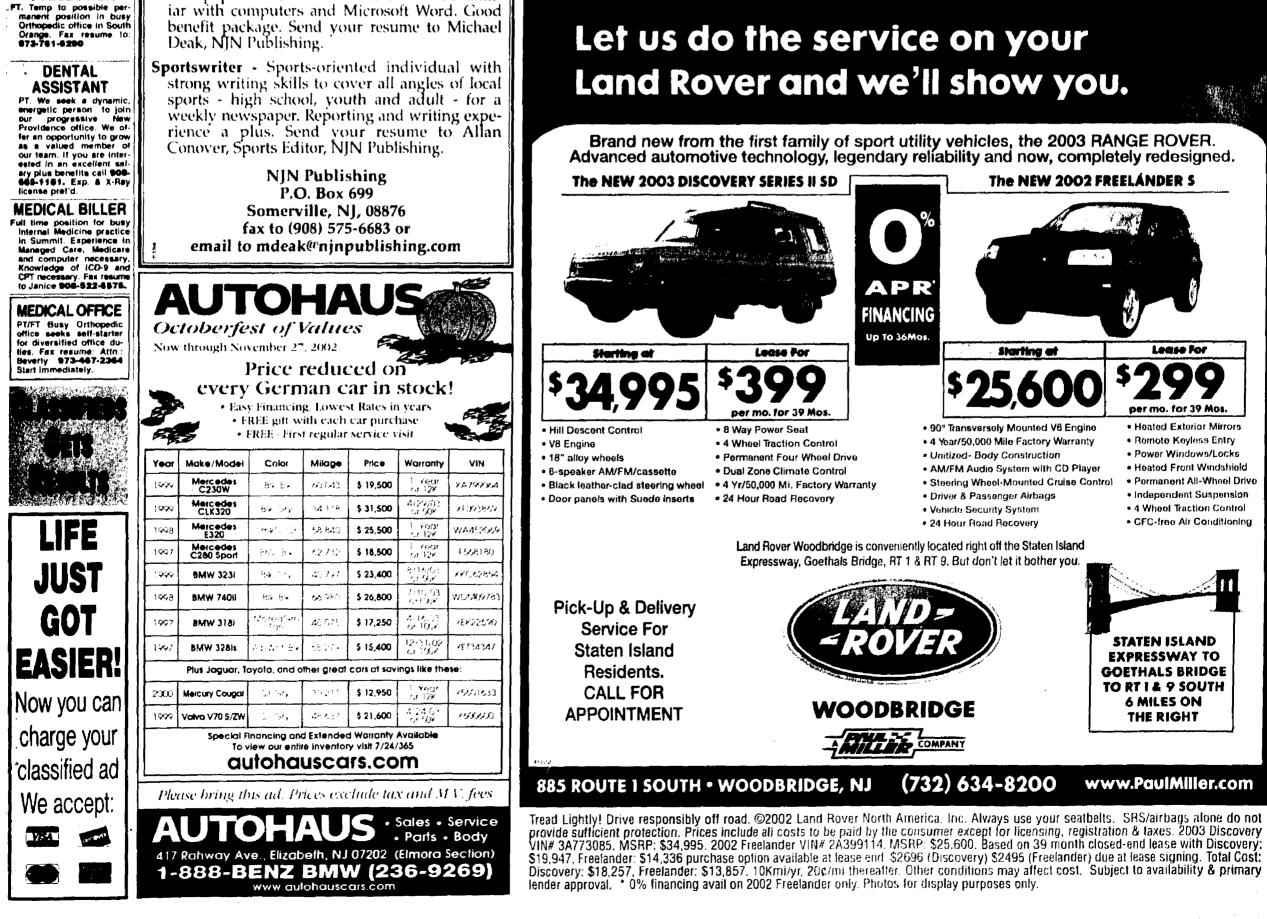
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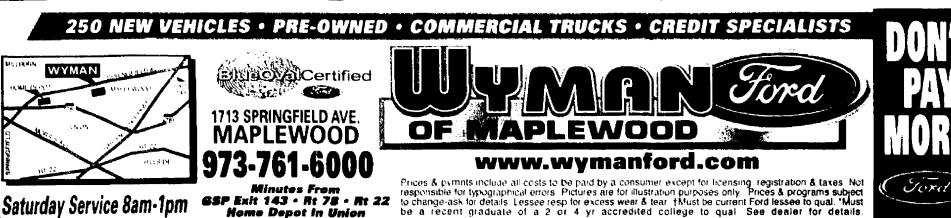
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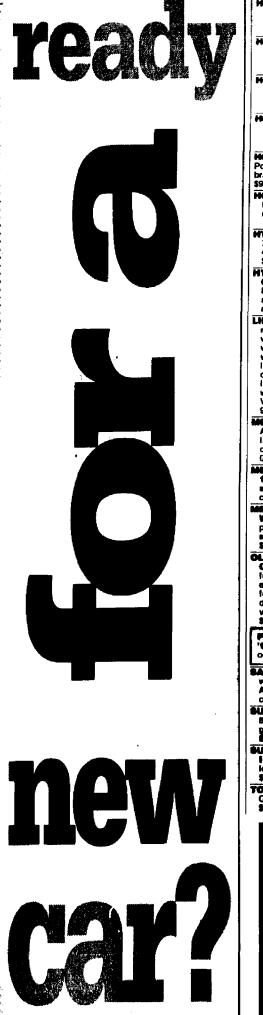
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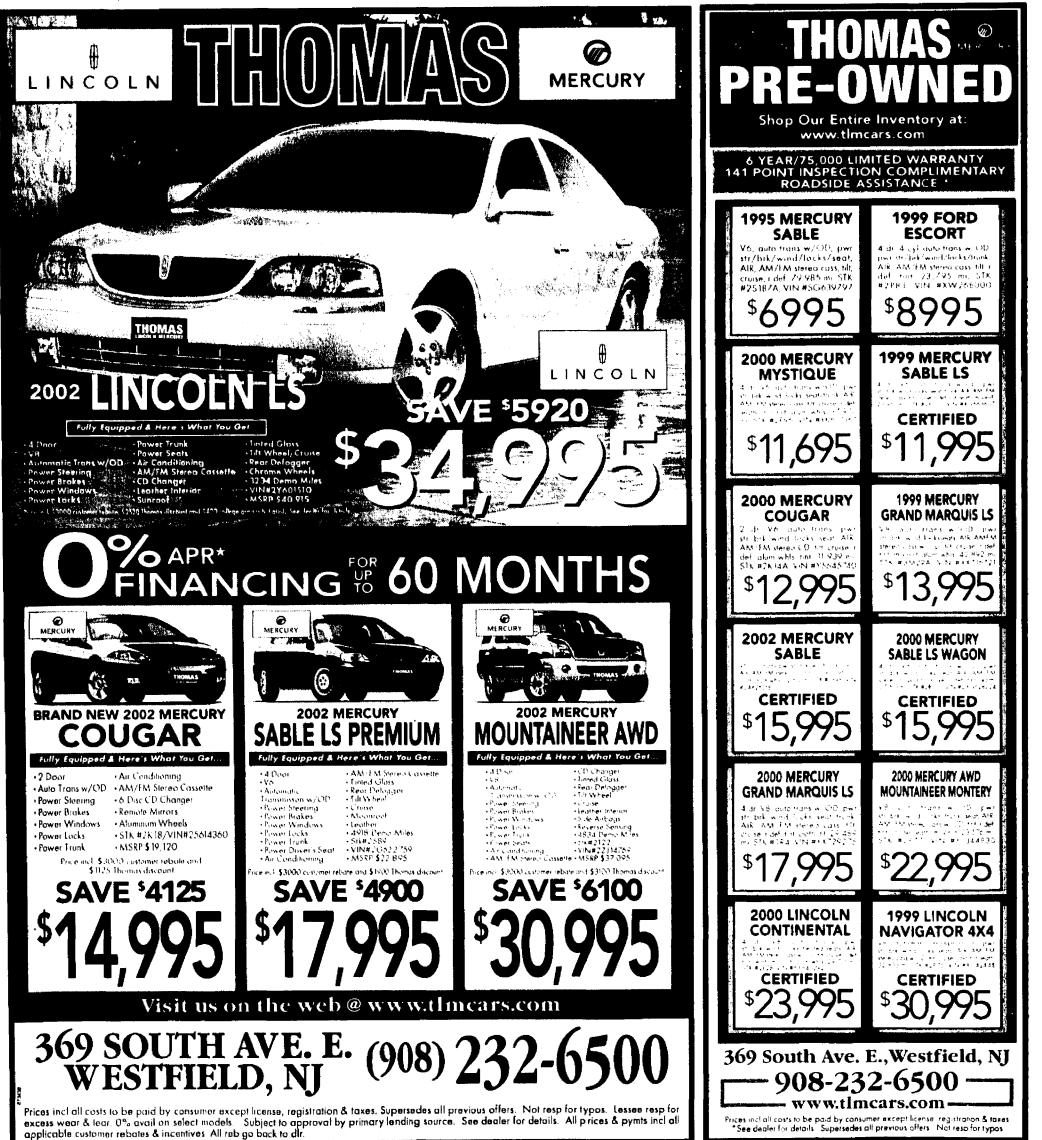
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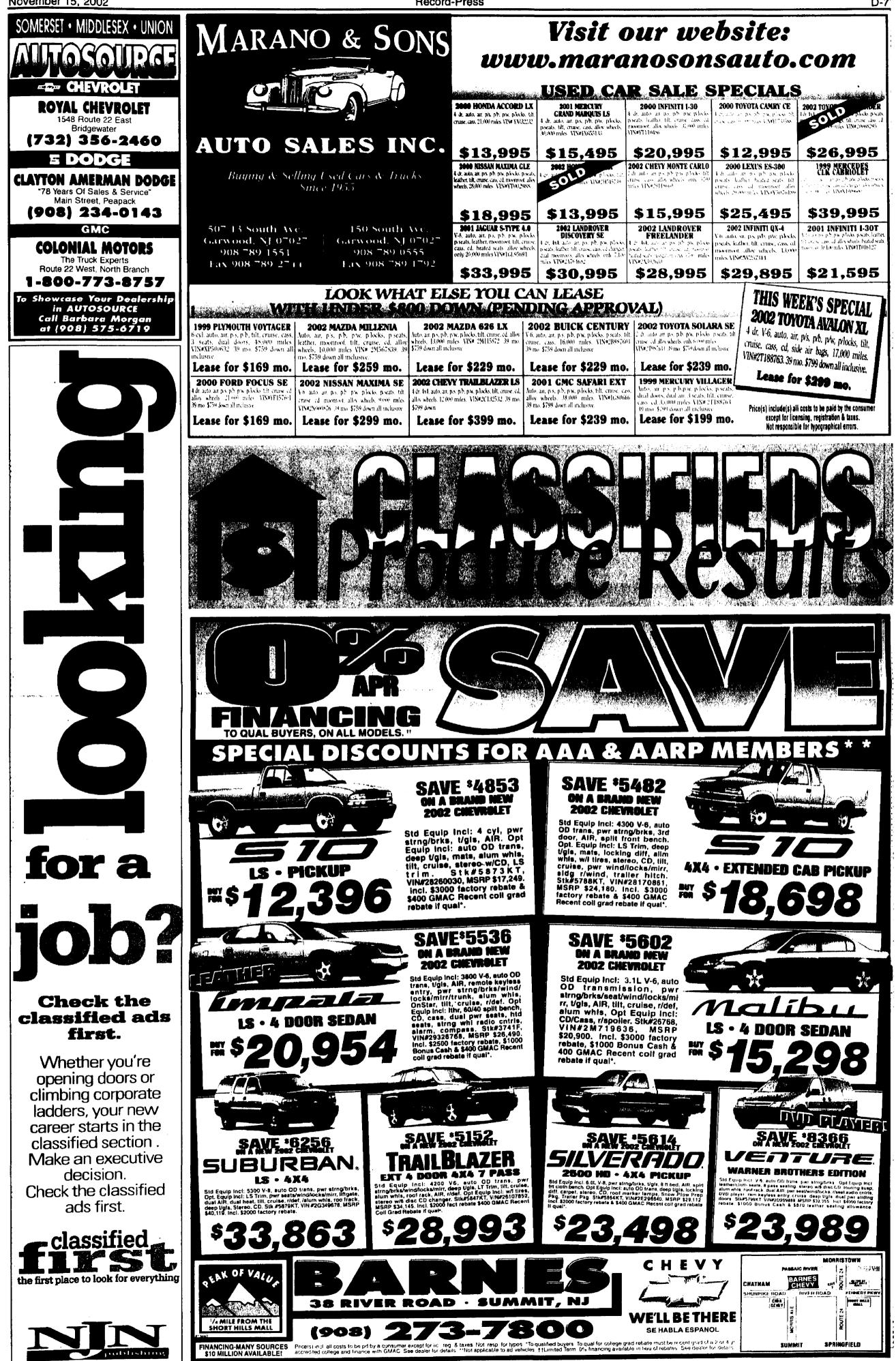




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