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In Westfield, Bob Morrison of the accounting firm Hodulik & Morrison presented the 2001-

2002 audit. The purpose of the ing," Superintendent William is excellent so that the board can audit is to review financial statements to ensure that the district is in compliance with state and federal standards. Since the district receives state aid, it must demonstrate internal controls regarding grant allocations.

Morrison told the board the district's financial statements are fairly represented, accurate and reliable.

"Our internal controls are designed properly and are workFoley said. "Our financial statements are correct and the proper checks and balances are in place. We are in compliance of all laws and regulations.

Morrison indicated that he would like the district's fund balance, which is \$1 million, to be higher. However, the only way to do so is increase taxes, he said.

Anne Riegel, vice president of the board, said that she was pleased that the financial status focus on other things.

While the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education received several recommendations about administration of the unemployment trust fund from auditors Barre and Company, finances there appeared to be mostly in order as well.

Auditor Rich Barre suggested the taxes withheld should be transferred to the SUI trust fund on a quarterly basis and all quar-

terly payments to the state unemployment fund be made from the trust fund account.

Also, Barre said, the student activity account at Park Middle School should be reconciled on a monthly basis.

The board approved the recommendations and Business Administrator Anthony Del Sordi said corrective action procedures had been established. All meas-

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COURTESY JOANNA WEZYK Joanna Wezyk's painting "Green Room," based on a room in the artist's childhood home.

# **Exhibit showcases** work of local artist

# **Developer wants to construct** 22 apartments on Elm Street

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD -- A local real estate developer has filed an application to construct 22 apartments at the Trader Joe's property on Elm St.

The developer, Elm Street L.L.C., will present its argument for the apartments at the Board of Adjustment's next meeting, Dec. 9. The application was originally scheduled Nov. 18, but was carried.

ond and third story to the site. The property is in the same area designated for redevelopment for the new parking decks.

According to the application, each floor in the addition would house 11 apartments, which would each measure 464 square feet.

The developer must be granted several variances from board to proceed with the plan. The town's Land Use

The developer, which owns Ordinance specifies a maxi-

**Bosnian youths get help** from Scotch Plains man

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Torn apart by years of war and genocide, Bosnia and Croatia are still recovering from the devastation of the 1990s. Oftentimes forgotten in the rebuilding efforts is a generation of children traumatized and left without parents.

Though the average citizen can't do much to help, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School graduate Daniel Nelson personally lent a hand to children in the region. As part of a 28-member team from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Nelson traveled to Bosnia and Croatia last year to set up day camps for children. Some of the camps were specially prepared for orphans and disabled children. In a 17-day trip, Nelson and the team traveled through cities and small impoverished villages to provide school, health and recreational supplies, as well as hot meals, for the children. Nelson said the goal was to get children to interact with each other and implement the theme of "Building a village of hope in the wilderness." "In both countries the people

were generally very nice," said the Scotch Plains resident, who is a first-year student at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. "We had a great effect on (the children). They were very enthusiastic and happy to talk to us."

The team spent nine days in Bosnia and eight in Croatia, while spending nights either in widows' homes or at hotels and hospitals. Nelson said it was an eye-opening experience.

Before leaving for the region, the team attended 14 meetings to learn about the history and culture of the countries, as well as the background of the war. "There's a lot of misrepresentation about what goes on over there," Nelson said. "Even 1 don't have a good grasp of the situation. What I picked up at the meetings was the ethnic dif-ferences and where the tensions came from." In Croatia, the team did its service through the Lutheran Church and conducted religious activities at the day camps. In Bosnia, a mostly Muslim nation, the team established friendship camps without religious activicheese from bombings and people still lived in partiallydestroyed structures, he said. While the team traveled, they couldn't go off the road because land mines were still active.

Nelson said that relations between the two countries seemed to be improved, though he sensed tension between Bosnian and neighboring Serbia. He said Bosnia is still having a tough time recovering, while Croatia is a little better, off because it is a tourist location. "Even among (the post-war problems) people are still going; on with their lives," Nelson said.; "Survivors of the war told us that the only way they could survive was to go about their, business." Nelson said that the experience gave him a different perspective when he returned to the U.S. He said he finds; Americans to be more consumer-minded. And after the Sept. 11 attacks, he said, he saw terrorism as more of a global! problem and said Americans; shouldn't turn a blind-eye to the suffering of others. "I would like to go again,". Nelson said. "When you do: something like that it grows in; you and you want to do more."

several properties on Elm mum height of 40 feet, but the Street, proposes to build a sec- applicant proposes about 54 applicant proposes about 54 feet. In addition, the ordinance requires apartment units to be 600 sq. ft. And as with many applicat tions before the board, proj posed parking spaces fall short

of requirements, with the applicant proposing to provide six fewer spaces than town regulations call for.

The developer also is requesting variances for the number of loading spaces and parking space dimensions.



### **Good Samaritan**

Melissa Colvard, a caregiver at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Day Care Center, was recently honored for her service to others. See story on Page A-3.

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### You'd better be nice

Santa Claus is making a list, and he's coming to Westfield. Santa arrives 5 p.m. Sunday to help light the Christmas tree at the North Avenue train station. Music will be provided by the Westfield Community Band

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#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Joanna Wezyk is a classically-trained Eastern European artist who still finds much of her inspiration across the Atlantic. But because Wezyk has lived in town for eight years, her fellow Westfield residents have a prime opportunity to view and purchase new works from the accomplished painter.

Wezyk will soon have her second solo show and her first reception at Juxtapose Gallery on Elm Street. More than 25 new paintings on the theme "The Romantic Hours of Chopin" will be displayed at the gallery Dec. 5-17.

Many of the paintings feature interior rooms from musician

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ties. Nelson described the reminders of past destruction throughout the region. Some buildings looked like Swiss

# **Black Friday is looking bright for area retailers**

# Despite a sluggish economy, holiday rush has already begun

#### By TINA PERROTTA

#### STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEWATER -- As shoppers gear up to tackle the holiday rush, so are the stores.

It's the time of the year when parking spots are hard to find. But this year the malls are not complaining, because compared to last year, they are finding that sales have increased.

"Sales have gone up since last year," said Rosa Ferrer, manager of Agatha of Paris in the Short Hills Mall.

"October was very strong. We were up 6 percent from the previous year," said Janell Vaughan, vice president and general manager of the Bridgewater Commons mall. "It's a very healthy increase in the economy. That is slightly higher than we've seen a few months prior to this." And with more sales come more shoppers.

"We have seen a steady stream of shoppers in the first few weeks of November," said Suzy Lichter, marketing director for Menlo Park mall. "We expect the stream to continue through the holiday season."

Vaughan said the holiday rush for the Bridgewater Commons mall began in the first weeks of November and has continued steadily.

"We have noticed business picking up particularly in the past couple of weekends," Vaughan said. "Saturday our parking lot was almost filled to full capacity."

Both Menlo Park mall and the Bridgewater Commons have added extra kiosks to help customers find the perfect gift.

These kiosks recently began offering holiday merchandise including ornaments, personalized products, and heated slip-

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NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Dawn Lindner prepares a display of Christmas sweaters and other holiday Items at Coldwater Creek at the Menio Park Mail. The store management expects a boom holiday season.

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# **Exhibit documents poverty**

CRANFORD -- A former Union County College student, now a distinguished photographer, will exhibit her photographs at the Tomasulo Gallery on the Cranford campus of the college, 1033 Springfield Ave.

Helen M. Stummer's art chronicles 25 years of her personal journey into urban communities.

The photographs in the exhibition, which runs through Dec. 19, are from the Lower East Side of Manhattan and from Newark and were taken from 1977 to 2002.

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

Many of her images depict children at play in an attempt to capture the spirit, ingenuity, hope and imagination that children exhibit to turn dire situations into Through the years, she has been able to follow the growth of some families and their children from infants to teenagers.

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

Caroline Johnson, curator of photographs for the Library of Congress, wrote, "Stummer's longterm commitment to the struggles and dignity of the poor is evident in her photographs. Whether pho-tographing the spontaneity of children playing on inner-city streets and litter-strewn vacant lots, or the reality of the elderly

opportunities for play. Her second theme is watching children grow. struggling to survive on a fixed income, Stummer's photographs portray her subjects with respect and compassion.'

In addition to having her photographs in the permanent collection of the Library of Congress, her works are also in the Brooklyn Museum, the Newark Museum, the Newark Library, the Museum of the City of New York, the Jersey City Museum, the New Jersey Historical Society, the New York Historical Society, the View Jork Historical Society, the Center for Photography in Woodstock, N.Y., and the Child Welfare League of America in Washington, D.C.

The Tomasulo Gallery hours are from 1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturdays. Evening hours are 6-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursdays. For more information, call the gallery at (908) 709-7155.





GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Help for the holidays Members of Boy Scout Troop 75 and affiliated Cub Scouts in Cranford sort donations of non-perishable food at Cranford Family Care Nov. 16. Scout troops across the area participated in the "Scouting for Food" drive to provide food for the hungry.

# Exhibit showcases work of local artist

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Frederic Chopin's life in Poland, France and Majorca. "It's exciting to finally meet the clients," Wezyk said of the

reception. "We're very happy. I enjoy opening receptions. They're a little stressful preparing to come up with a theme, but it's a pleasure.

Wezyk is a native of Poland,



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where she studied at Krakow Academy of Fine Arts. She specialized in children's book illustrations, but didn't take her art seriously until she moved to the U.S. in 1989 and moved on to painting.

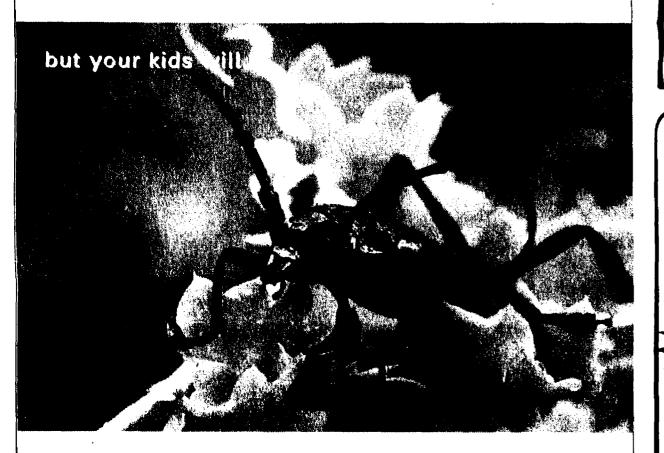
Wezyk later had a five-year contract with Soho's Ambassador Galleries in New York. She said she did well financially and received a lot of exposure from the gallery, she said, but from an artistic standpoint could not concentrate on her passion.

"You get to the point when (painting) gets too easy. When it gets too easy, I look for something else to paint," Wezyk said. "For years I looked to discover my own style. I think I have it now."

Her style offers a unique use of light and color, reminiscent of the French Fauve painters and influenced by 17th-century Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer. She describes her style as igniting a blackened background with an emerging luminosity. She works almost exclusively with oil and canvas, depicting florals, portraits, still lifes and interiors.

"Interiors are my favorite pieces. They're very intimate and remind me of my childhood," said Wezyk, "Interiors are portraits of

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people anyway. Doing an interior, I'm painting my soul and what's going on in my head." Much of Wezyk's inspiration comes from Chopin's music. She

has painted rooms he performed in and a piano he played on, using photos from her ancestors as models. She said she is always looking for inspiration and finds it in her many travels, such as a recent trip she is now in Munich, Germany to visit castles.

She's currently working on sketches of interiors in her vacation home of Woodstock, Vt., her first American inspiration. Most of her paintings are from old photos and memories of her childhood.

"I have a strong attachment to my history, my ancestors and my background. Some of my paintings are rooms from my old house in Poland and my grandparents' house. It's like having something from the past relived.

"Most times I know in my head what will come up when I'm painting. Sometimes when painting I get the chills and I cry. Sometimes I get the unexpected result," she said.

Wezyk produces about 10 paintings a month in her studio. She has had more than 100 group and solo shows, and her works are on display in 10 galleries and are part of the permanent collection of museums in the United States and Poland.

The opening reception of the show is 5 p.m Dec. 5.

# Finances

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ures are scheduled to be implemented by the end of the year.

Barre reported the district had more than \$2 million in total assets. The district's expenditures came out \$471,190 under budget, and Del Sordi acknowledged the district also has an extra \$900,000 set aside, recommended by its insurance company as a safety net if the district terminates the insurance contract.

#### **Record Press**

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# They're hungry — and may be coming to Union County

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

County officials have put out a warning about an unwanted inhabitant that's creeping closer to the area.

The Asian longhorned beetle, a small insect native to China, has been found in Jersey City and county officials are worried the bug could find its way here. Though the insect is small and isn't dangerous to humans, it is capable of eviscerating thousands of trees in a short period of time.

lay her eggs. Its

larvae then feast on the delicate living tissue deep inside the trees. When pest, and we are working they mature, the with state and federal offilarvae bore an exit hole out of feed on leaves be very watchful for these before flying off and repeating the process. A spread very quickly and single beetle can our best chance for stoplay 35 to 90

eggs. The prefer early." usually maple, box horse elder, chestnut, willow Infected trees usually die with-

in a vear. Signs of infestation include 3/8-inch round holes (about the diameter of a pencil) on tree trunks or branches. The beetles also leave small piles of sawdust and debris at the base of the tree, which may also ooze sap.

"Union County is in the path of this destructive pest, and we are working with state and federal officials to stop it if found here." said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the county Shade Tree Commission. "Residents need to be very watchful for these signs. These beetles spread very quickly and our best chance for stopping this infestation is to catch the beetles very early."

The beetle first appeared in the country in 1996 in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn. The female beetle searches Nearly 3,000 trees have been lost for a hardwood tree in which to or destroyed in that area and 5,800 across New

York City as a result of the "Union County is in the infestation. path of this destructive The beetles likely came to the country on palates and cials to stop it if found packing materithe tree and here. Residents need to als imported China, from county officials signs. These beetles said. They have been found in port cities such Brooklyn, ping this infestation is to Chicago and beetles catch the beetles very Jersey City. County officials

are concerned - Deborah Scanlon an infestation could begin in

and American elm trees. Elizabeth because the city's port, one of the largest on the East Coast, receives large shipments from China.

Mature Asian longhorned beetles are ¾ to 1½ inches long with a shiny black shells and white dots. Their antennas are as long as their bodies, giving them their unique name. The flying insects can travel up to



COURTESY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE The Asian longhorned beetle, capable of killing thousands of hardwood trees, has been found in New Jersey and officials are worried it could be headed to Union County.

400 yards at one time. Because they have no natural enemies in America, there is little population control.

According to the county, the most effective way to eradicate the pest is to cut, chip and burn infected trees, replacing them with non-host species. Research is ongoing in search of alternatives to tree removal.

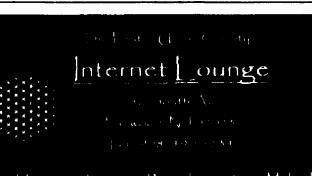
Infested areas are quarantined, restricting the movement of firewood, green lumber and (609) 292-5440.

other living, dead, cut or fallen material, including nursery stock, logs, stumps, roots and branches from trees. Federal law allows officials to remove and dispose of infected trees in the quarantined area to prevent beetles from spreading.

Anyone who sees an Asian longhorned beetle or its trademark holes with sawdust should contact the state Department of Agriculture at

# **HEADACHES?**

Union County, NJ - A newly released free report reveals what leading medical research has proven to be a very effective headache treatment. This free headache report reveals why headache sufferers have been left in the dark for so long and how they can finally live free of over-the-counter medication once and for all. To receive your free copy mailed to you today, call the toll-free, 24-hour headache hotline at 1-800-566-5456.



# Town wins street grant

Department of Transportation has awarded the town a \$200,000 grant for the resurfacing of the third section of Prospect Street. The grant is part of the department's Fiscal Year 2003 Transportation Trust Fund Municipal Aid Formula Program. The grant is based on a formula

WESTFIELD - The state that takes into account population and road mileage. In addition, municipal projects are selected for funding on a competitive basis by a panel of engineers who evaluate the condition of a road, the amount of traffic and the role the road plays in the surrounding transportation network.

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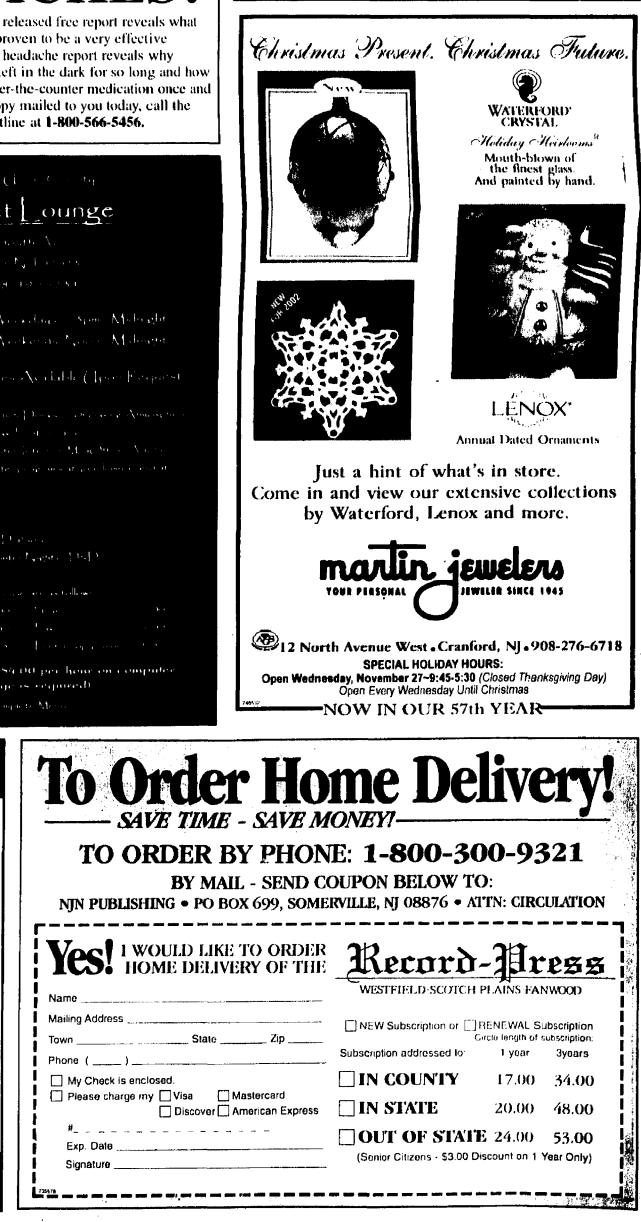
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# Day care employee exemplifies service

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS SCOTCH PLAINS --- When a mother was running late to pick up her children from the YMCA Day Care Center in Scotch Plains, Melissa Colvard, a part-time caregiver at the cen-

ter, was there to help. Colvard vol-

Colvard was nominated for the award by her colleagues at the

A Piscataway native, Colvard has worked in the child care center for about two years, supervising two-year-olds in the

center on Grand Street.

Kangaroo classroom. "(Two-yearolds) are the best because

they're the most

active," Colvard

said. "I love the

energy of the

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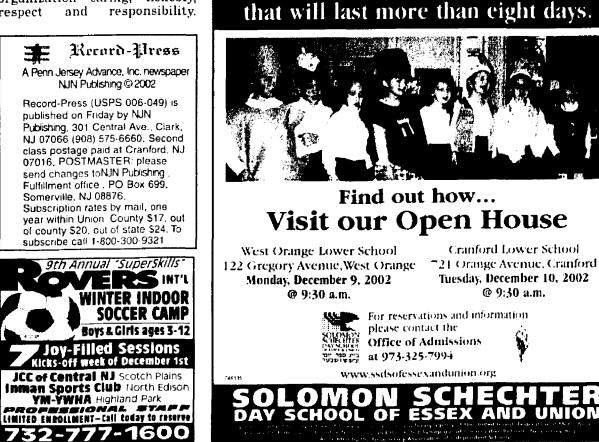
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unteered to stay late to care for the children. When the mother arrived, she was shaken and upset from a stressful day, so Colvard continued to help by following the mother home, cooking dinner for the children

and reading them a bed-time story.

Afterwards, she stayed up to talk with the mother about her day. Her good work done for the evening, she drove an hour to her home in Pennsylvania before rising early the next morning to attend classes at Kean University.

That service to another was just one of the reasons Colvard received the 2002 YMCA Member Service Award, an award given to a staff member who exemplifies outstanding service and demonstrates the core values of the organization-caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.



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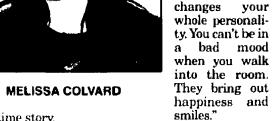
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Colvard says that working at the center is like being a parent. She has developed personal relationships with many of the parents whose children she babysits on occasion.

> A graduate from Middlesex Community College, Colvard is currently studying Social Work at Kean. She graduated from Piscataway High School in 1999.

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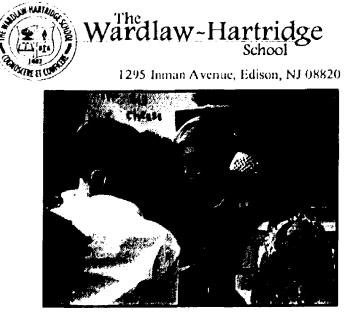
# **Stressed out by the holidays?** This lifestyle guru can help

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS - As much as the holiday season is associated with fun and family, it is also associated with stress and frustration as people shop, plan parties and attend events in addition to their normal busy schedules.

These types of situations are exactly the reason why Jamie Novak is in business. Novak is a professional organizer, time-management specialist and lifestyle coach. Not your typical profession,



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but Novak and her company, Life U Love, have been helping people organize their lives for the last 12 vears.

Novak, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, got into the business through her experience as an administrative assistant on the executive level for 10 years. She says she helped secretaries and executives manage their time, got positive feedback from them and was referred to others. From there, her business was born.

She began by helping people better manage their time, but through research and self-development she expanded to lifestyle coaching and lecturing.

"I have busy, over-worked, stressed clients," Novak said. "They're mostly working parents who want to simplify things. When I started, people were leery because it can be embarrassing to admit you're not organized. It took coaxing people to ask for help.

"Now people are more open and realize we're all in the same boat," she said. "Technology is taking over, everyone has cell phones. People want to simplify."

Novak's business has grown such that she no longer does personal coaching, but only speaking engagements. She sends other time management and lifestyle coaches to meet the needs of clients.

A member of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), Novak has spoken throughout the country and has appeared on "Real Life," a talk show on CN8.

In addition, her first book, "A Busy Person's Guide to a Life You Love: 9 Quick and Easy Ways to Create and Have Time for Your Best Possible Life," is due out soon. For more information on Novak's company, visit LifeULove.com.



### **Briefs**

#### **Cancer** foundation seeks 'wish granters'

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation wants the public to fulfill the holiday wish lists for children who have cancer.

"These children must face an ongoing daily battle," said Monica Vermeulen, a regional director with the Scotch Plains-based foundation.

"We want to give them a very special holiday — a time to forget about cancer," she said. "The wish lists are in but we need the 'wish granters'."

If you want to help fulfill the wish list, phone Vermeulen at (908) 322-4323, Ext. 17.

#### \*Small Art' display opens at book store

WESTFIELD - Since 1997 the Town Book Store on East Broad Street has had a display of, 'Small Art" over the holidays.

This year's display can be seen during bookstore hours Nov. 29-Dec. 31. The abstracts, still lifes, landscapes and other paintings can be admired as they are or purchased for gift-giving. These paintings are as small as 2 inches square and as large as  $8 \times 10$  inch-

All the "Small Art" comes from member artists in the Westfield Art Association. For more information, phone (908) 233-3535.

#### **Registration begins** for Westfield Day Care

WESTFIELD — Registration for the Westfield Day Care Center, located at the Westfield Presbyterian Church, and the Westfield Infant and Toddler Care Center, located on West Broad Street, has begun for the winter and spring sessions.

The Day Care Center offers programs for children ages 21/4 through 5 years, while the Infant and Toddler Center serves children ages 3 months to 21/2 years. Full-time and part-time programs are available.

Spaces in all programs is limited, and registrations will be accepted in the order they arrive. For more information about the Day Care Center, call (908) 233-6717; for the Infant and Toddler Care Center, call (908) 233-1511.

#### YMCA sponsors trip to Duke Gardens

SCOTCH PLAINS - The ranwood-Scotch Flains YMCA is sponsoring an Active Older Adult trip Dec. 11 to the Bridgewater Commons mall and Duke Gardens. The day begins with holiday shopping and lunch on your own Bridgewater Commons. nt Participants will then travel to Duke Gardens for a tour of 11 thematic gardens representing diverse cultures and regions. The trip will depart the YMCA at 9:30 a.m. and will return about 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$26, which includes transportation and entry to Duke Gardens. For more information, or to register, call the YMCA at (908) 889-8880.

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#### Volunteers needed to help prepare taxes

Senior volunteers are needed to assist in an income tax preparation program for low- to moderate-income residents, disabled adults and older adults in Union County.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is provided under the VITA program, sponsored locally by the Union County Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Community Access Unlimited. VITA volunteers will learn how to prepare federal and state tax returns.

For more information, phone Steve Kendall at (908) 354-3040, Ext. 369.

#### 'Women in Business' meets in Westfield

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce has started a new initiative, the "Women in Business" group, for women who work or live in the Westfield area. The December meeting will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at In Sync, 344 South Ave. E.

All women who own their own business or work for someone else are invited to participate.

Please call the Chamber at (908) 233-3021, to register or for more information.



### Spooky good fun

Scotch Plains Brownie Troop 550 recently enjoyed the Halloween season at Williams Nursery in Westfield. The Brownies took a haunted hayride, picked pumpkins, and played in a haunted house. From left are Danielle Rosenblatt, Marissa Visci, Jamie Weisbrot, Lauren Eckert, Sara Heiden, Heather Ullery, Jennifer Wendel and Loren Franco.

their windows and balloons in

the fund's board of trustees, said

the event is an opportunity to

bring the community and mer-

chants together for a good cause,

and a painless way to donate to

the organization, which was

formed in 1991. She said it was

established to help fortify a tight

school budget. Though it took a

while to get running, the fund has distributed more than \$100,000

Walsh is a charter member of

Darielle Walsh, president of

front of the store.

the organization.

# Fund's efforts benefit Westfield students

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - When residents and other holiday shoppers flock to downtown Westfield this Sunday to enjoy the lighting ceremonies, a visit from Santa and the shopping bustle, they'll also be investing in the education of the town's children.

The Education Fund of Westfield, a non-profit organization that provides grants for curriculum-based projects in the public schools, will hold its second annual Winter Stroll from 5-9 p.m. to coincide with downtown's holiday kickoff.

Several downtown businesses

will donate a percentage of their in grants to the district. earnings to the fund. More than The organization acquires 20 stores are participating and will be identified by posters in

money by sponsoring events such as the Winter Stroll and the Jill and Jack Road Race, a 5-kilometer run, and also through mail solicitations.

The money is distributed in grants for programs and equipment directly related to education. The fund has a grant request system in which individual staff members, administrators, departments or schools submit a request to the district administration. Approved requests are compiled in a list and submitted to the fund's grants committee twice a year. The committee recommends action to the board of trustees.

which makes the final decision. The grants have included \$25,000 for computers and printers at the high school, \$2,100 for electronic books at the middle

**Campus notes** 

Five area students have been

sophomore dean's list student and

Sean Joffe of Westfield, a junior

Jacqueline Klock of Scotch

Plains, a junior majoring in chem-

istry. The dean's list student is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority as well as Alpha Lambda

Delta, Klock, the daughter of

Connie and John Klock, graduated

school libraries, \$800 for laminated prints of famous artwork at the elementary schools and funding for lecturers and other programs. distribution has Grant

increased each year, topping \$30,000 in 2001. Walsh emphasized that the fund makes no distinction between schools or grade levels when awarding grants. She said the high school has the most applications, though all schools participate and principals encourage staff to make requests. from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Erin O'Brien of Westfield, a sophomore dean's list student and dancer with the Bucknell Dance Company. She is a dean's list studeut and a member of Pi Beta Phisorority as well as Alpha Lambda Delta O'Brien is the daughter of JoAnn O'Brien and graduated from Westfield High School.

Jessica Wyckoff of Westfield, a junior majoring in accounting. She is a dean's list student and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority as well as Alpha Lambda Delta. The daughter of Janice and Douglas Wyckoff graduated from Westfield High School.

Emma Katherine Hiatt of Scotch Plains, has been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jennifer Bassman of Scotch Plains has participated in the second annual Undergraduate Research Symposium of Hope College in Holland, Mich. The sophomore's work was featured in the chemistry section of the symposium, held on campus Oct. 2.



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# If it was good enough for Lincoln...

(ARA) - Owning a log home coordinated feel inside and out has long been defined as living and loving a certain lifestyle. Whether the log home is of traditional design and located on a remote hillside or a totally contemporary model in a resort community, the owners are often independent spirits who surrounded by the ambience of

that says "log home lifestyle." Much of what is offered in most furniture stores just doesn't fit that image. The scale is too small, or the style too formal.

Log home furniture might feature wood frames and intriguing upholstery patterns enjoy the attention a unique and colors. The beds may be begin, Now they can walk into home offers. They love being made of logs and the headboards intricately carved with natural wood and the feeling of outdoor scenes. The lighting and it's all there for them. fixtures, including table lamps and chandeliers, can be made from antlers or have rustic metal shades featuring cut-out silhouettes. Everything from carved front doors and mantles to log staircases and window frames — it all comes together for that total log home feel. The Janzcaks find that their customers are thrilled to discover the variety of furniture and specialty items all available in one place and all featured in a log home showroom that helps them visualize what their final product will look like. "Log home buyers are certainly immersed in finding and creating a home that is theirs inside and out," says Dave Janczak. "They tend to do a lot of research before building by reading log home magazines and checking out various Web sites. They definitely know what they want." By taking advantage of the knowledge and enthusiasm of their buyers, and by adding their own expertise in the log home industry, the Janczaks work to make each of their custom homes a unique creation reflecting that particular buyer's needs and taste. The log home design center is a natural progression in the

log home buying process. The SPECIAL concept is new to the industry stop shopping for log home buy-FALL SPECIAL '0% OF ers is sure to make log homes and was generated by cus-2 Rooms '99 tomers' requests for help. even more popular. It's a place size dock to tie it all together so that "Often times they knew furni-Standard 3 Seat Sofa ture and fixtures like this each new home has the look, **RANCH - \$199** A Love Seat '89.... feel and furnishings that only a SPLIT - \$239 existed, because they had seen BI-LEVEL - \$279 Any Size Chair 549 them in photos," Kathy states, log home can supply. COLONIAL - \$299 "but just didn't know where to For further information Fully Insured & Souded taliv Safa about the Wisconsin Log Home one place, or visit the Design Center call (800) 678-Wisconsin Log Home Web site, 9107 or visit their Web site at www.wisconsinloghome.com. FOURTH GENERATION Cape Cod \$2,500 <sup>\$1000</sup> Family Tradition Since 1912 \$2,700 ICHARD **Bi-Level** Any **SCHOENWALD** Split Level \$2,900 Roofing Job PLUMBING - HEATING - COOLING & ELECTRIC Price includes: removal of two layers of old shingles, dumpsters, complete clean **5 Year Parts & Labor Warranty** up, 25 yr. shingles and all paper and permits. CARLSON BROS. 908-272-1266 FINANCING AVAILABLE **90 DAYS SAME AS CASH** We Are Consistently Lower Save \$ on Pre-Season Heating Installations Than The Big Home Centers **Burnham Boilers & Radiant Heat Tempstar Furnaces & Air Conditioning** Have your heating system serviced now! PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE **Our Already Low Prices BONDED & INSURED** MASTER PLUMBING LICENSE No. 6551 Peter Leib Electrical License No. 7860 **Complete Kitchen Cabinetry** (Minimum Purchase \$1,500) With coupon. Valid both locations. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase. May not be combined with other offers. COUPON On. Sile Measuring wailable Towards a New Heating/Cooling System 908-464-8635 800-464-8635 · 466; \* 3 www.schoenwalder.com Most Major Credit Cards Accepted Senior Cilizen Discounts Over 50 years experience in Just Some Of • Layout & Design • Computer Generated Drawings the Home Construction Industry • Quick Price on Layout • Literature & Specs The FREE Services • All types of Home Improvements Sample Doors • Mica Samples For Tops We Provide: • Alterations • Remodeling • Additions **Accurate Kitchens** FULLY INSURED / FREE ESTIMATES CALL 732.537.3006 550 Stelton Road, Piscataway OVER 100 Z (Exit 5 Off Route 287) CONSTRUCTION STYLES ON DISPLAY 732-926-1500 Fax: 732-926-1502 340 Main Avenue, Clifton 16 Blocks north off RI. 3, just past Costco) 973-916-1616 **TWO GREAT SHOWROOMS** Fax: 973-365-4069 🕪 🛋 Hours: Mon.-Wed.-Fri. 8:30 am-5 pm; Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 am-8:30 pm; Sat. 9:30 am-3:30 pm 🖬 🖷 www.accuratekitchens.com

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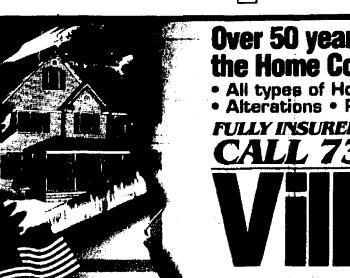
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rootedness these sturdy homes imply.

Kathy and Dave Janczak of Wisconsin Log Homes have been building these custom log beauties for more than 25 years -- starting with their very own home. They are not surprised by the continuing appeal of log homes, but they have noticed an interesting change in the way their customers are approaching building these days.

"When we first started in this business," Dave says, "the majority of our buyers were the hands-on types. They wanted to be right there and involved in the building." Now it seems that trend has changed. Current buyers are often professional couples who are way too involved in their careers and other aspects of their lives to want to micro-manage the building of their log home. While they will often have very definite ideas about the interior layout and what they want the home to look like, they are very willing to turn the process over to the log home manufacturer once these aspects have been determined. They want their particular log home to look like those they've seen in the log home magazines, but they don't have the time or inclination to make that look happen.

This trend has brought about some interesting changes in the industry. At Wisconsin Log Homes, for instance, they don't just design and build the custom log homes, they are now involved in interior design and furnishings as well. "We find more and more of our customers wanting us to handle the total package," Kathy states. That has meant adding a design center full of custom furniture, lighting, cabinetry and floor coverings, along with specialty items, all specially designed for log homes. People are no longer content just to live in log homes, they want a



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# Commentary

# **Remember lessons** of Thanksgiving

It's heartening to know the most heavily-traveled time of the year is Thanksgiving.

Though families no longer go over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house, far-flung relatives jam the interstate highways and airports so they can share a unique American holiday with their loved ones. The holiday is more than just a huge feast; it is a celebration of the genuine family values at the core of the American experience.

No matter what political pundits and cultural gadflies may say about the deterioration of American life, family ties still remain strong. In fact, the great efforts most Americans make to be with their families on Thanksgiving are convincing proof we are not on the road to decadence and social anarchy. The social fabric of our country is strong and it is strong enough to withstand the efforts of those who wish to tear it apart for their own political advantage. We must not let fear deter us from those traditions that make us such a strong nation.

When this editorial was being written, American soldiers are fighting a war against a different kind of enemy -- terrorists. It is a war for which we have no reference points in history. It is a war without large armies moving across a battlefield. And unlike our previous wars, there are no large battles being fought; instead, the destruction of a single vehicle on a descrt road in Yemen is a significant victory.

And even as we fight this enemy, we are preparing to wage another war in Iraq. That war will be fought to protect the civilized world from the dangers posed by a evil despot who only clings to power through the threats of a brutal police state and the possession of weapons of mass destruction

Because of these threats, there will be many Americans in the military who will not be able to be home for this Thanksgiving. They will be sacrificing the comforts of home so that we can enjoy and give thanks for our freedoms.

The lessons from the first Thanksgiving more than three centuries are valid even today. That first celebration of a good harvest and cooperation among diverse peoples taught us the value of tolerance and community. The foundation for the personal freedoms which we all take for granted and has been the envy of people all around the world began to be built in that brave settlement in Plymouth.

Thanksgiving is a joyful time as we celebrate the ties that keep us together as families and Americans. It is also a time to cherish the ties that keep our communities and country together.

### The Record-Press is here for you

The following information should help you get your ideas and community news into The Record-Press;

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For sports, call Dan Murphy at (908) 575-6691. Our address: The Record Press, P.O. Box 699,



#### Letters to the editor

# Thanks to those who helped troops

#### To the Record-Press:

The only way to thank all the wonderful local organizations and people that helped make our Troops Project a success is to write them all through this letter.

In just eight weeks of collection during and October, September the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross collected and shipped to United States troops in Afghanistan more than three tons of quality-of-life items (snacks, toiletries, books, handwritten letters and much more) from many, many generous contributors in our area. Contributors included not just numerous local churches, temples, schools and other organizations, but also the many generous individual members of those organizations who came forth with so

many wonderful items for our troops, as well as many dedicated Red Cross volunteers who served to collect, pack and ship these items off overseas. On behalf of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross and our overseas troops-in-need in Afghanistan, we want to convey our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your very kind generosity. You should all be proud that, in these continuing difficult times overseas, we can come together as a community and make a difference.

MARK KUEHN Troops Project Chairman **DENNIS KINSELLA Executive Director** CAPT. DAN KELLY Chapter Chairman

# Mike Deak **Count and** recount blessings

Whenever I feel my pot Depression beginning to gnaw at my leg, I count my blessings and Depression runs to the corner and cowers.

But the inevitable has happened. Last weekend when Depression showed his teeth, I started counting my blessings as usual but Depression demanded a recount.

"You're counting blessings that are not really blessings," Depression growled.

I was so taken aback by this sudden and unexpected shown of stubborn aggression that I forgot the primary rule - never try to reason with Depression.

"My blessings are valid and bountiful," I said. "They've been counted time after time. I am certifiably blessed."

"You're certifiable all right," Depression snarled, "Let's take a good look at your blessings. Let's hold them up to the light, so to speak, and see if they really are

blessings." "OK, Mr. Darkness Visible," I began. "What about my health? That's a blessing."

Depression barked a derisive chuckle.

"You think you're in good health?" Depression started. "When was the last time a doctor gave your prostate the old thumbs up? Have you listened to your knees lately? They sound like doors in a haunted house. Have you taken n good look at yourself in the mirror when you step out of the shower? You don't need a jock strap --- youneed a Jell-o mold. And your butt looks like a bowl of rice pudding."

"You've got me there, Dark Prince of Praxel," I sputtered. "But what about my job? Getting paid for writing a newspaper column is truly a blessing."

Depression guffawed in the way only Depression can.

Many opportunities exist for service 'You became a quote writer unquote because you thought you would become a babe magnet," Depression began. "In exchange for all the long hours, throbbing headaches and low wages, you believed there was some sexy virtue in becoming a journalist. Can you honestly say that you still believe that?"

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Send letters to the above addresses or fax number.

#### To the Record-Press:

In 1972, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to commemorate the week of Thanksgiving each year as "National Family Week." Designed to encourage healthy family life, the week was planned to recognize the family's role in caring for its individual members, and in so doing build a strong community. By celebrating National Family Week, we emphasize the family's pivotal role in the health of our society.

This year during November, communities around the country are working to make family. volunteering a national tradition. Volunteering as a family provides quality time together, strengthens lines of communication, and provides opportunities for the older generation to

serve as role models, while at the same time making a contribution to the community. Doing volunteer work begins a lifelong habit for children to carry into the future.

Fortunately, we have many volunteer opportunities available right here in Union County. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to help the homebound elderly, please contact SAGE Solutions of Summit at (908) 273-5550, ext. 22. You may volunteer either as a family unit, individually or with a friend. Working together, everyone is a winner and the whole community benefits.

MARYANNE McGUIRE **Director of Volunteer Services** SAGE Solutions

Depression had clawed all the words from my mouth.

You've become a misery magnet," Depression continued. "You're so involved in your work and you work so many hours that your social life is limited to watching Prime Minister's Question Time from the British House of Commons on C-Span."

Depression was certainly gaining on me. My lower lip began to quiver and the weight of the world was beginning to make my shoulders sag.

Just then Happiness came in on little cat's feet. "I don't want this conflict to end up in court," Happiness purred. "Tell Depression about your family and friends. Those are blessings no one can denv.'

I stiffened my chin. "Yes, Depression, I am blessed with familv and friends who I would not trade for anything in the world," I said. "They are true to me and I am true to them. We would do anything for each other. In fact, if I asked them, they would come here and take care of you, Depression. They would rub your nose in your smelly — "

"That's enough," Happiness said softly. "Like the rest of us, Depression needs to be treated with respect. After all, if it wasn't for Depression, you would never even consider counting your blessings, would you?"

Happiness had a point. As much as I don't like Depression when he digs his teeth into my calf, I miss him when he goes away for days at a time. It's nice to have Happiness sleeping in your lap, but it gets to be boring sometimes. And besides, Depression, like other columnists' children, provides me with some of my best material.

"When you recount all my blessings," I finally said to Depression, "don't forget to count yourself among them."

I winked at him and he turned, went to the corner and began to cower like a good Depression.

#### Correction

The Nov. 22 letter to the editor regarding the United Fund activities was written by Matt Forstenhausler. His name was printed incorrectly in last week's issue.



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## What's on your holiday wish list?



**KRISTINA LLOYD** Union "Anything with diamonds. Or a winter coat.



STEVE AROCHO North Plainfield "I wish that a very poor family would have enough food for the holidays and have shelter from the cold so they can have a nice holiday, too."



KARIN CIGOL Union "A Saab convertible.



SAM BERSE Westfield want Magic the Gathering cards and Animal Crossing game for GameCube."



DAWN MEYER Middlesex "I would like to have a baby this year.'



MARCIE GEISLER Elizabeth "I would really love a cruise to Bermuda or any island.

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### This week

### FRIDAY

NOV. 29

ART & CRAFT MARKET --at National Guard armory, 500 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 4-9 p.m. Nov. 29: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 30: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 1. Adults \$6 for all 3 days; ages 10-under free. (\$00) 834-9437 or www.americancraftmarketing.com.

### SATURDAY **NOV. 30**

BOOK SIGNING - "Coney Island: The People's Playground" by Michael Immerso. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

#### SUNDAY **DEC.** 1 SANTA PICTURES -- your

hild and Father Christmas. MotoPhoto, 251 North Ave. East, Westfield, noon-2 p.m. Cost is 2 cans nonperishable food. (908) 789-9444.

SANTA ARRIVES - on a fire ongine. Railroad station, North Ave. East, Westfield, 5 p.m. (908) 233-3021.

#### MONDAY **DEC. 2** CHRISTMAS PARTY -- for

Altar Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, after Mass 7:30 p.m. (908) <89-2152 or (908) 322-5409.</p>

#### WEDNESDAY DEC. 4 DUETS -- harp recital with

Toni and Karen Stein, mother and daughter. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon. Music free; lunch \$5 additional. (908) 233-2494.

HOLIDAY CONCERT -Westfield Community Band plus Broadway Singers, Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Free, (908) 789-4080.

### THURSDAY DEC. 5

HANUKKAH --- dinner for the family, Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 5:30 p.m. Adults \$12; seniors \$9; 2-12 \$6. Reservations: (908) 889-8800, Ext. 218.

### FRIDAY DEC. 6

POINSETTIAS - holiday plants for sale. Railroad station, North Ave., Fanwood, 3:30-7 p.m. \$10/6-inch plant, \$20/8-inch plant. Orders: (908) 889-6215.

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

### SATURDAY DEC. 7

HOLIDAY SALE - at Service League Thrift Shop, 114 Elmer St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (908) 233 - 2530

SANTA TRAIN - ride with Father Christmas to High Bridge and back. Train leaves South Ave. East, Westfield, 9:15 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Adults \$12; under 12 \$10.

(908) 781-1896 or www.jcrhs.org. DECK THE HALLS' house tour of Rake & Hoe Garden Club. Tour leaves Westfield Community Players, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$25/advance, \$30/door. Tickets: (908) 654-4590 or (908) 232-6542.

BOOK SIGNING -- "Old Italian Neighborhood Values" by Stephen DeFelice, Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, noon-2 p.m. (908) 233-3535.

BOOK SIGNING "Six Strokes Under" by Robert Isleib. Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. (908) 233-3535

IN DEUTSCH --- 15th annual German-American Christmas Concert. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 7 p.m. \$15. Tickets: (908) 232-4743 or (732) 574-8600.

### SUNDAY DEC.8

GINGERBREAD SUNDAY - at Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free, (908) 232-1776.

## COMING UP

ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS tour of Duke Gardens plus shopping at Bridgewater Commons. Bus leaves YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 11. \$26. Registration required: (908) 889-8880.

TENOR TONES William Dembaugh, Charles Broadhurst and Jeffrey Broadhurst, tenors. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon Dec. 14. Music free; lunch \$5, (908) 233-2494

FIRST AID BASICS monthly class of American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 6:30-10 p.m. Dec. 12. Registration required: (908) 232-7090.

'MESSLAH' - holiday standard in sing-along format. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Dec. 13, \$10. (908) 232-1120.

COMMUNITY CPR

monthly class of American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 14. Registration required: (908) 232-7090,

COFFEEHOUSE David Roth, singer-songwriter. First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Dec. 14. \$12. (908) 232-8723 or www.coffeewithconscience.com.

IN POLSKIE "Polish Christmas Customs." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 15. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free. (908) 232-1776. ADULT CPR --- monthly class

of American Red Cross, 321 Ehm St., Westfield, 6-10:30 p.m. Dec. 17. Registration required: (908) 232-7090. CHILD CPR -- monthly class

of American Red Cross, 321 Elm-St., Westfield, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Dec. 18. Registration required: (908) 232-7090.

DUET - John Burkhalter, recorder, and Eugene Roan, harpsichord. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon Dec. 18. Music free; lunch \$5. (908) 233-2494.

INFANT CPR monthly class of American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 6:30-10 p.m. Dec. 19. Registration required: (908) 232-7090.

IMPERIAL BRASS holiday music. First United Methodist Church, I.E. Broad St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, (908) 233-4211. BABYSITTER training for boys and girls 11-15. American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Dec. 30; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11. Registration required: (908) 232-7090.

'MESSIAH' holiday standard in sing-along format. Church. Presbyterian 140

Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. - a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 28. Registration Dec. 21, \$25, Tickets: (800) ALLE-GRO.

250 YEARS AGO -- "A Candlelight Christmas in Elizabethtown." Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 22. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; under 6 free, (908) 232-1776.

RECERTIFICATION

"CPR for the Professional Rescuer" class. American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 9 required: (908) 232-7090. 20th CENTURY MUSIC "Puttin' on the Ritz" with

Westfield Symphony Orchestra and WYACT. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31. Adults \$25; under 14 \$12. Tickets: (908) 232-9400.

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Fibromyalgia?

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



#### **ARE YOU BEING FROZEN OUT?**

Adhesive capsulitis, or "frozen shoulder," is a paintul condition that results in a severe loss of motion in the shoulder. While the cause of this condition is largely a mystery, one theory holds that it may be due to an autoimmune reaction that leads. to severe inflammation of the joint capsule. Otherwise, adhesive capsulitis may begin following other injuries when the shoulder is not moved due to the injury. Sometimes, problems such as bursitis, impurgement syndrome, or a partial rotator cuti tear can lead to a trozen shoulder, as well. While treatment can be slow, it is critical that a physical therapy program be started and continued to regain the loss ofmotion

It your shoulder aches when you try to raise an arm or toll over on it in your sleep, or your range of motion is limited by pain when raising an arm, it's time to see your physician for a positive diagnosis. Frozen shoulder is the problem physical therapy can help. For more information, call BUIT REHABILITATION & SPORTS MEDICINE at (908) 272-5955. We are conveniently located at 777 Walnut Ave., Cranford. Most private insurances are accepted. Auto Insurance Claims are our specialty, and we will submit your bills for compensation. No faults & Medicare

P.S. Initial treatment of frozen shoulder is directed at decreasing inflammation and increasing the range of motion of the shoulder with a stretching program.



High school students help out needy during holiday season

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students, is reaching out to less fortunate people in Union County through multiple programs this

holiday season. The organization is sponsoring its 12th annual toy drive and its ninth annual Adopt a Family program.

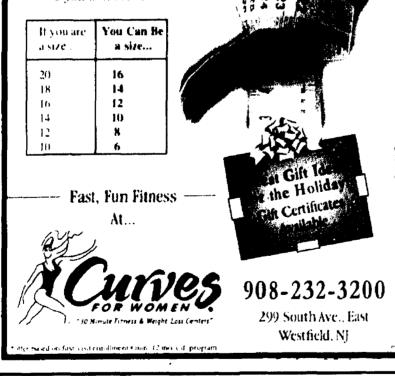
Working with the Union County Interfaith Council and the Scotch Plains Welfare Department, the students are raising funds for the purchase if toys, clothing and household stems for more than 200 children and 100 families of the Interfaith Council for the toy drive. Many of the families live in temporary shelters and in various churches and synagogues in the county until permanent housing becomes available. DECA has already had a Halloween party for the children and will plan a holiday party in December. Although the event is billed as a toy drive, DECA is requesting cash donations to purchase of the stems. DECA is encouraging the communities in the county to join its efforts to help the tamilies. In addition to toys, DECA has in the past been able to provide basic necessities such as shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, jackets, linen sheets and blankets. "It's a great chance to give these kids the holiday they may have otherwise not had," said Sara Finkelstein, president of DECA. "We are really looking to the community and local businesses to help us ensure that at least every child has one holiday gift. The Adopt of Family program is also co-sponsored by the county Interfaith Council and the welfare department. DECA says that there has been an overwhelming show of support for the families in the past, but there remains a need for more sponsors. The group is seeking sponsors for more than 90 families and 200 children. Many of the county Interfaith families live on a rotating shelter basis and are working to rebuild their lives, according to DECA. The program provides some of the same basic needs as the toy drive program. "The Adopt a Family program has really grown to become a community event. It's great to see our community band together and help those in need," Finkelstein said. Any residents, group or business interested in contributing

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# Tree sale still at Elm St. field

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

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WESTFIELD --- The Men's

Club of the Westfield YMCA will continue with its 53-year-old tradition of selling Christmas trees at the Elm Street field this holiday season, but with a bit more prudence.

Because year-round use has created a deteriorating condition at the, the Board of Education, for the organization, said the club

the Christmas tree sale be moved to another location. Throughout the school year the district's teams use the field, and various recreation leagues use it during the summer.

But the men's club did not want to change the location of its sale, so it proposed an annual field conditioning program to maintain the field. Mark Ciarrocca, spokesman

which owns the field, suggested would take financial responsibility and arrange for the field to be aerated and seeded and also correct ruts each year.

In addition, the organization will modify its use of the field. Trees will now be unloaded from the parking lot and carried to the field; previously, vehicles had driven across the grass to deliver the trees.

Proceeds from the tree sale go to local youth organizations.





**Musical Club holds concert Dec. 11** and "Czardas," from "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss. Accompaniment is by Trent

At the Veterans Day ceremony in Scotch Plains, Brownie Troop 880 from the second grade at Coles School presented hand-crafted greeting cards thanking veterans for their military service; the cards were then delivered to patients at a veterans hospital. Joe McCourt of VFW Post 10122

returned the favor Nov. 18, attending the Brownies' meeting and presenting each girl with a spe-cial Girl Scout/American Flag Pin. Front row, from left: Alyssa Leyden, Jenny Tomasso, Julia Mendes and Olivia Mendes. Rear row: Troop Leader Marybeth Lapham, Molly Solomon, Angela

Rashid, Kelly Lapham, Gabrielle Mendes, Troop Leader Dina Leyden.

Johnson, piano. Marie-Daniele Mercier, organ, and Beverly Thomson Shea of Scotch Plains, harp, play a "Pastorale" on "Forest Green" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Their arrangement is by Dale Wood.

Mercier and Shea are joined by Mikying Lee, cello, for "Le som- chairman for the Musical Club.

meil d l'enfant Jesus" by Henri Bussier. The three musicians are joined by Bill Dembaugh, tenor, for "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck.

Paul Kueter and Carolle-Ann Mochernuk, piano duo, conclude the holiday concert with excerpts from "The Nutcracker" by Peter Ilvich Tchaikovsky.

Rosemarie Gilman is program

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# **Black Friday** looking bright Stores confident of robust sales

(Continued from page A-1)

pers. Some kiosks will remain in the malls as a permanent fixture while others are only there until January

In addition to the kiosks, Menlo Park mall will also offer a temporary Christmas Store for customers who are looking to purchase holiday products.

All malls expect a large turn out on Friday, Black Friday, but instead of merchandise markdowns some stores are opting to have promotions and hold special events such as Family Night 5 to 9 p.m., Dec. 4, at the Bridgewater Commons.

"Rather than sales we've done some promotion. We participated in the Holiday's Special Offers Booklet and the company itself has sent out a special offers mailing," said Ferrer of Agatha of Paris in the Short Hills Mall.

The Holiday's Special Offers Booklet is a mall-wide promotion and is given to customers when their child's photo is taken with Santa Claus

Agatha of Paris is also offering a 15 percent discount off a purchase of \$35 or more.

The Betsey Johnson store inside the Short Hills Mall will offer customers a 15 percent dis-

count off a \$150 purchase.

Coldwater Creek in the Menlo Park mall began promotions on their merchandise and hired more employees to handle the holiday rush.

"We've hired quite a few people actually," said Lori Newman, assistant manager of Coldwater Creek, "It's all part-time (positions) for the Christmas rush. We're probably going to hire more.

Agatha of Paris also hired seasonal part-time employees and so did the Macy's department store in the Bridgewater Commons.

"I know just from speaking to Macy's, in the past they hire up to 400 additional staff members for the holiday season," Vaughan said. "I know that all the stores here have been searching for additional employees and interviewing them.'

Stores generally hire additional staff to handle holiday extended hours and to help with in-coming merchandise.

"We have tons and tons of holi-day merchandise," Newman said of Coldwater Creek. "We have a lot of stuffed animals, jewelry, holiday decorations, tree ornaments, stockings and clothes."

"I feel like we're ready to go for the holiday season," Vaughan said.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parking lots at the mails are likely to be jammed this weekend.



John Jablonski explains the subtleties of a perfect Christmas tree at the Dower Tree Farm in Peapack.

# Escape the malls and shop the great outdoors

'Tis the season to find a perfect Christmas tree

#### By LESLIE A. SCOTT STAFF WRITER

PEAPACK— If you don't like shopping indoors on Black Friday, you can always go shopping outdoors -for a Christmas tree.

At the 250-acre Dower Tree Farm, there are more than 50,000 spruces and firs The trees range from a

couple of feet tall to 30 feet and they sell for \$7.00 a foot.

The farm, which has been selling Christmas trees for decades, has been run by John Jablonski and his sons Tom and Craig for the past 20 years. It is, literally, a slow growth industry.

between seven to nine years to grow, averaging about one foot a year, said Jablonski.

"We have to planabout ten years ahead."

he said. "It takes a while for them to grow."

The Dower Farm, owned by Mark and Anne Vandenberg, has three fields on Todd Avenue, Willow

would not fit into the elevator, so more limbs were cut. By the time it reached the apartment, it was very thin.

"When people see the tree, they love it but when they get it in the house it's like an eight-foot coiling and a 10-foot tree," he said.

To help keep the trees alive for a month, Jablonski says they should be left in plain water the entire

inside with dry heat can

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The trees are self-healing. Where it gets sawed becomes covered with sap, so that has to be filed off and then placed it in water.

During the first two days, the thirsty tree will drink the water quickly so it should be checked frequently.

Jablonski said you should never put anything like aspirin of sugar in the water because this

can elog up the tree and stop it from getting any

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**Downtowns have** lots that malls don't

#### By JAY MATOVSKY

STAFF WRITER

Municipalities have spent a great deal of time, effort and money to revitalize their downtowns to lure shoppers away from major shopping malls such as the Bridgewater Commons, Menlo Park and Short Hills malls.

But the key to a profitable holiday season, they believe, comes down to convenience and personal service.

In Somerville, the borough suspends parking meter fees in its municipal lots and on the streets from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day to promote shopping. The Somerville Business and Professional Association and **District Management** Corporation go to great lengths to ensure shoppers will have a gratifying shopping experience downtown.

Santa Claus makes several appearances during the holiday season, including the lighting of the borough's Christmas tree at borough hall. Many businesses remain open later than at other times during the year, including the vast number of restaurants downtown. The only food at the Bridgewater Commons is fast

food in the third-floor food court. "It's a much warmer place to

be than the malls," said Bill Sarra, executive director of the SPBA, adding Somerville competes with the malls during the holidays the same way it does the rest of the year -- by providing better and more personal service to the customers. "Our stores are mostly operated by the people who own them. Our parking is actually much more convenient."

According to Meg Mehorter, promotions coordinator for the Downtown Westfield Corporation, Downtown Westfield has some of the same stores found in the large malls, and all of the stores downtown always have a fresh inventory. There is live entertainment each Saturday, and beginning Dec. 1, many of the stores will remain open until 8 or 9 p.m. A detailed list of events is available at the DWC's website. westfieldnj.ataclick.com.

"We have a little bit of everything," said Mehorter. "Some peo-

ple like to shop outside in the winter. I like it because it's convenient. They want you to be there. You get a lot of personalized attention."

Avenue and Blairsden Drive is open for business after Thanksgiving.

Jablonski offered tips for those who want to have a real tree in their home.

"Don't select a large tree," he said. "Most people come with big eyes and when they get home, they have to cut them."

One of his customers picked a large tree and took it to his home in Manhattan, Jablonski said. First he could not get it through the lobby door of his apartment house without trimming the limbs. Then it

four weeks," he said.

Different trees can be used for different decorative purposes.

For example, he said, Norway Spruces are great for hanging ornaments because they have gaps between the limbs which let the decorations hang.

Firs are fuller so the ornaments tend to lay on the next limb.

Firs also have softer limbs so if heavier ornaments are hung, the limbs droop. On spruces, the limbs are

# Times change, so has Hanukkah

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows that Santa Claus visits children who've been good every Christmas Eve.

And with the increased emphasis on the commercial aspect of the Christian holiday, Jews in America often give gifts over their eight-night celebration.

"There certainly has been a radical transformation in how (Hanukkah) is celebrated," said Rabbi Irwin Fishbein, director of the Rabbinic Center for Research and Counseling in Westfield. "When I was a child, all you got was Hanukkah money. Maybe a quarter, a half-dollar, maybe one dollar, and that was it. And it was one time. Now kids get gifts more than one night and from more than one person.

Fishbein added that the gift-giving is an attempt to give Jewish children what Christian children get at Christmas. He said that Hanukkah, which starts the day after Thanksgiving, is not a significant holiday in the religion, but has gained significance because it's so close to Christmus.

Historically, the holiday celebrates the victory of Judah Maccabee over Syria. The traditional lighting comes from the belief that the lamp in the temple stayed lit for eight days and nights with only

one jar of oil.

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The Christmas trees are lined up for inspection at

'It was never a very important holiday. Presents weren't the focus. The important thing was lighting candles and cooking foods in oil," said Rabbi Joel Abraham of Temple Sholom in Plainfield.

Abraham said that though it has been associated with Christmas because it usually falls within a few days of the Christian celebration, Hanukkah has more parallels with Thanksgiving, as a celebration of freedom.

Rabbi William Kraus of Congregation Knesseth Israel in Bound Brook believes the celebration is moving away from commercialism and more toward its traditional purpose. He said children have a clear perspective of their ancestors.

"The commercial trend is played down now," said Rabbi George Nudell of Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains. "A lot of families aren't even giving gifts. The trend is toward home services and lighting candles with family."

Despite the fact that Hanukkah has been linked by the calendar to Christmas, rabbis see the positive side of it.

"As Jews in America, Christmas gives our children a chance to celebrate differences in a good way. It's not strange to say you don't celebrate Christmas, Most kids have heard of Hanukkah," Abraham said.

# For some, holiday is another day of loneliness

#### By KEVIN B. HOWELL

#### STAFF WRITER

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Thanksgiving is usually a time when families gather to eat a traditional dinner and sit around afterward to watch football or home videos and participate in other bonding activities.

But for some, that fellowship is limited to memories of past holiday gatherings, as their new life has separated them from relatives and loved ones.

These loners can be the homeless, dis-

abled, troubled youth in shelters or senior citizens staying at assisted living facilities.

Shannon Gilbert, 19, has been alone for the holidays since he was 15. He had family problems and has been a part of the street outreach program of The Avalon center in Bridgewater.

Gilbert says he doesn't do anything in particular for the holiday and approaches it as a day off from work.

This year he plans to watch television and maybe spend time with a few friends in the area. He has brothers and sisters in the state, but they live in South Jersey and he has no plans to visit them.

"It was difficult at first, but I got used to it," Gilbert said. "Sometimes I desire to be around my family, but there's nothing I can do about it. It makes me feel awkward."

"Frank," who requested his real name be withheld, is a resident of Springfield and has spent the holidays alone for the past two years. He's been disabled for the last 25 years due to complications from

an operation, and experiences pain in his back and legs.

The 63-year-old has family in the state, but as his condition worsens, he is unable to travel far. He will probably attend a church service at First Baptist Church in Westfield, where he is a member, and cook a meal for himself.

"I'm definitely not used to it," he said of being alone for Thanksgiving. "It's not a happy time. I think back to days I did (meet with family) and I wish I had a place to go."

# Frederick H. Malchow

Malchow, 89, died Nov. 18, 2002 at his home in Watchung.

Born in Elizabeth, the son of the late Frederick L. and Lena Miller Malchow, he lived in Fanwood from 1954 until he moved to Watchung in 2000.

Mr. Malchow retired in 1967 after 20 years as a tool and die maker with Martin Waldman & Sons in Parsippany. He began his career as a machine apprentice with the Aluminum Co. of America in Garwood.

A 1933 graduate of Thomas Edison Vocational School in Elizabeth, Mr. Malchow served in the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1935-37. He was a machinist first class with the Navy in Oran, Africa, during World War II.

Mr. Malchow was a former Union County commander of the American Legion and a past com-mander of its Martin Wallberg Post 3 in Westfield. He was a life mem-

FANWOOD - Frederick H. ber of Post 3 and organized its oratorical contests for many years. He was a member of the Garwood Presbyterian Church

since 1923 and the USS Sampson Veterans Association. His wife, Paula Spirig Malchow,

died in 1992. Two sisters are deceased, Clara Rhodes in 1945 and Lily in 1997. Surviving are a son, Frederick J.

and wife Larisa Valiava Malchow. with whom the elder Mr. Malchow lived; two sisters, Dorothy H. Rosendale of Tavernier, Fla., and Violet Miller of Brick; and five grandsons, Paul A., Mark, John, Joseph and James. P., all of Watchung.

Services were held Saturday at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be sent to Garwood Presoyterian Church Sunday School, 341 Spruce Ave., Garwood, NJ 07027.

### **Miriam Friedland**

WESTFIELD -Miriam Shapiro Friedland, 72, died Nov. 20, 2002 at her home in Monroe.

Mrs. Friedland, who was born in Brooklyn and lived in Westfield and Edison before moving to Monroe in 1997.

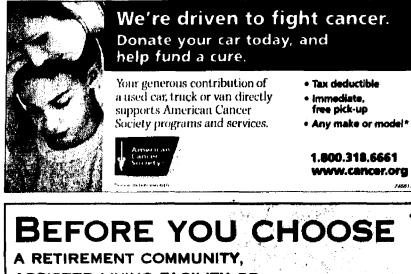
She was an art teacher at Union High School and later owned the Travel Spot travel agency in Clark prior to her retirement. Mrs. Friedland earned a bachelor's degree in art education from Newark State Teachers College (now Kean University).

National Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Friedland served as president of the Brandeis Women. She was a member of the Read for the Blind New York Guild and Temple Emanu-El. Her husband, Lawrence, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Marcy Jaeger and Susan; a brother, Bernard Shapiro; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 22 at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in B'nai Abraham Memorial Park, Union. Donations may be sent to any

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WESTFIELD — Arlene D. Fulton W.: a son, Scott; and three Dutt Mason, 75, died Nov. 15, 2002 at her home in Ringwood.

She was born in Pennsylvania and lived in Westfield before moving to Ringwood.

Mrs. Mason was a member of the Ringwood Women's Club and the St. Catherine of Bologna Senior Citizens Club, also in Ringwood. Surviving are her husband, NJ 07013.

### **Richard M. Vezirian**

SCOTCH PLAINS --- Richard Mark Vezirian, 65, died Nov. 20, 2002 at the Whiting Healthcare Center.

A native of Jersey City, he lived in Scotch Plains and Paramus before moving to Toms River.

Mr. Vezirian retired in 1997 after 35 years as the owner of the Lift Parts Manufacturing Co. in Linden. He earned a degree in accounting from the Manhattan campus of Pace University.

He was a past president of the Union City Chapter of the Armenian General Athletic Union.

father, Nishan, is His deceased.

Surviving are his wife,

## **Edward Monett**

WESTFIELD -- Edward Monett, 100, died Nov. 20, 2002 at the Haven Hospice of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in the Bronx and had lived in Westfield since 1929

Mr. Monett retired in 1986 as president of the Roller Corp. of America in South Plainfield, a company he founded. He held a number of patents related to rubber manufacturing. More recently Mr. Monett was

a partner in the Links Golf Co. of Westfield, which developed special golf clubs approved by the **Professional Golfers Association.** 



### Lena Mattei

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Lena Sinisgalli Mattei, 88, died Nov. 19, 2002 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

A native of New York City, she lived in South Plainfield and Scotch Plains before moving to Bayville in 1970

Mrs. Mattei retired in 1968 after 27 years as a reproduction clerk at the Raritan Arsenal in Edison.

SCOTCH PLAINS - Luther W. Killian died Nov. 16, 2002 at

his home. A native of Charlotte, N.C., he lived in Montclair and Caldwell before moving to Scotch Plains in 1973.

Mr. Killian retired in 1994 after five years as a perfumer with Hagelin & Co. in Branchburg. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at St. John's Baptist Church.

SCOTCH PLAINS - John Carscadden, 90, died Nov. 18, 2002 at Bayshore Community Hospital

in Holmdel. Born in Jersey City, a son of the late James and Minnie Carscadden, he lived in Scotch Plains before moving Middletown.

Mr. Carscadden retired in 1974 after 30 years as a bus driver with Public Service Coordinated Transport and successor lines. He served in the Army during World Cemetery, North Arlington.

Frew III died Nov. 18, 2002 at his

lived in Westfield before moving to

He was born in Biloxi, Miss., and

Mr. Frew was a freelance interi-

or designer with his own firm in

Newark for the 20 years. A gradu-

ate of Westfield High School, he

attended the Cooper Union before

receiving a bachelor's degree in

interior design from Parsons School

home in Newark.

Newark in 1977.

World War II.

two nephews.

Arrangements were by the Higgins Home for Funerals in

# John Carscadden

War II.

Deceased are his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Catherine; four brothers, Ernest Gousman, George Gousman, Gerard Gousman and James; and a sister, Helen Cross.

Surviving are a son, John; two brothers, Frank and Kenneth; two sisters, Doris Smith and Eleanor Cosgrove; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Day Funeral Home in Keyport. Burial was in Holy Cross

WESTFIELD -- Charles Edgar of Design in 1967. His father, Charles E. Jr., is deceased.

Surviving are his mother, Madeline Patricia Frew of Westfield; a brother, Wayne and wife Debbie of Garwood; a sister, Carol Ventimiglia and husband Robert of South Plainfield; two nieces, three nephews and four great-nieces.

Private arrangements were by the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park.

# Club headed to the birds

veys every December.

The first survey is the 103rd annual Christmas count of the Summit Nature Club on Saturday, Dec. 14. Volunteers are needed for this activity in the Great Swamp and Watchung Reservation. Dinner in Westfield follows this event. For full infor-

The Greater Watchung Nature mation, phone Pete Axelrod at Club participates in two bird sur- (908) 464-3933.

The second survey is a Christmas count in the Raritan Estuary on Sunday, Dec. 29, sponsored by the Greater Watchung Nature Club. Dinner in Plainfield follows this event. Volunteers are needed; phone Walt Blenderman at (908) 757-7754 or Tom Gillen at (732) 525-8359.

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**Charles E. Frew III** He had been a member of the

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November 29, 200

Her husband, Gay, died in 1987.

Surviving are a sister, Katherine Sinisgalli, and a brother, James D. Sinisgalli, both of Bayville.

Services were held Nov. 22 at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home in South Plainfield. Entombment was in the Holy Redeemer Mausoleum, South Plainfield.

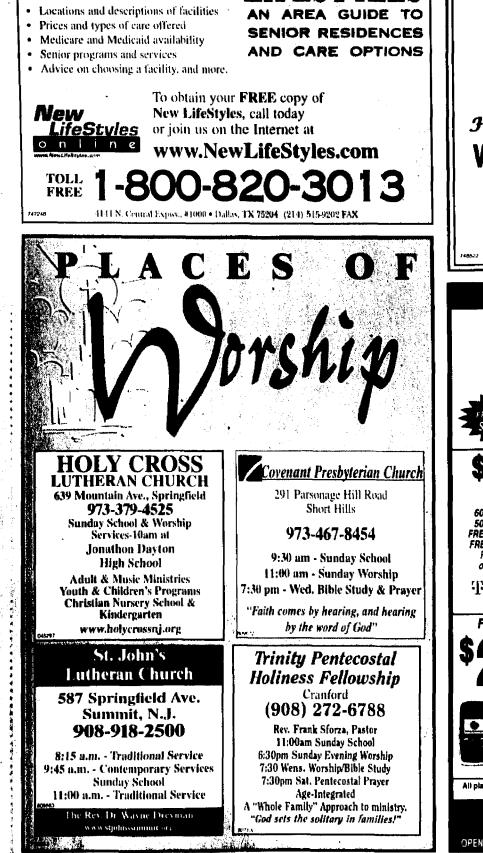
Luther W. Killian

He served in the Army during

Surviving are his wife, Jeannette F.; a sister, Mari Helen Neumon of Montclair; a niece and

Services were held Saturday at St. John's Baptist Church. Burial was in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick.

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# primetime!

#### November 28 & 29, 2002

#### Theater NOW PLAYING FORUM THEATRE

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

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," local production of Broadway/movie comedy. 8 p.m. Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 6, 7; 3 p.m. Dec. 1, 8. Admission \$25; discounts available.

"A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol," or Dickens crosses A.A. Milne. To Dec. 29. Admission \$15: group rates available. Call for showtimes.

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.

PHILIP J. LEVIN THEATER **Rutgers University** George St., New Brunswick (732) 932-7511: mgsa.rutgers.edu The Laramie Project," based on the 1999 gay-related murder of Matthew Shepard. 8 p.m. Nov.

27-30, Dec. 3-7; 2 p.m. Dec. 1. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$17; students \$9. SOMERSET VALLEY

#### PLAYERS

Route 514, Hillsborough (908) 369-SHOW: www.svptheatre.org "A Christmas Story," stage version of 1983 movie. 7 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14; 3 p.m. Dec. 1.

8, 15. Admission \$10. COMING UP GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE 9 Livingston Ave.

New Brunswick (732) 246-7717; www.georgestplayhouse.org

"Let Me Sing: A Musical Evolution" of show tunes and standards. Dec. 4-Jan. 4. Admission \$55-\$36; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420;

www.raritanval.cdu/theatre "A Christmas Carol," Charles "Dickens standard with the -Nebraska Theatre Caravan. 2 and " 7 p.m. Dec. 7. Admission \$29, \$24.

#### Sky Shows RARITAN VALLEY **COMMUNITY COLLEGE** Route 28, Branchburg

(908) 231-8805;

Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.raritanval.edu/theatre Adapted from the story by C.S. Lewis. Admission \$9. THE SNOW GUEEN 1 and 4 p.m. Dec. 1 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale told with puppets and live music. Admission \$14, \$12.

### Concerts

THE BEACH BOYS 3 and 8 p.m. Dec. 7 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11: www.statetheatrenj.org three decades (but now touring

without Brian Wilson). Admission \$50-\$20. **BUON NATALE** 

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8; Our Lady of Peace Church, 111 South St., New Providence (973) 762-8486: www.summitchorale.org "The Holidays in Italy" with

the Summit Chorale, Adults \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door; seniors, students \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door.

#### CHRISTMAS IN

**CAROL AND SONG** 6 and 9 p.m. Dec. 7, 5 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 Kirkpatrick Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu With the Rutgers Kirkpatrick Choir and Rutgers Glee Club. Admission \$10. JUDY COLLINS 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick

(877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Christmas concert with accompaniment from Princeton Pro Musica. Admission \$50-\$22. GAELIC STORM

#### 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5

**Union County Arts Center** 1601 Irving Št., Rahwav (732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org Irish quintet that played on

the "Titanic" soundtrack (but not on the Celine Dion hit). Admission \$40-\$25.

#### HOT PIANO

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 Somerset County Vo-Tech Vogt Dr., Bridgewater (908) 526-8900, Ext. 7219

Bob Seeley and Mark Braun. boogie-woogie piano men from Michigan. Admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Ave., New Brunswick (908) 232-1776 (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Klezmer music band from Manhattan, Admission \$22, \$16. 8 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick

(877) STATE 11; www.statetheatrenj.org Chamber ensemble performs works of Faure, Golijov and Mozart with Dawn Upshaw,

soprano. Admission \$50-\$25. JOHN PIZZARELLI 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7

ORPHEUS

Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org Jazz guitarist plays with his Famous for having hits in trio. Admission \$65-\$35. Gala tickets (with post-concert reception) \$75.

#### **RUTGERS UNIVERSITY** ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 Nicholas Music Center George St., New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu Presenting the American premiere of the Concerto for Marimba and Strings by Eric Ewazen. Adults \$18; sentors,

Rutgers faculty/alumni/staff \$16; students \$10. SUZZY & MAGGIE ROCHE 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 Watchung Arts Center

Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchungarts.org/folk Two-thirds of 70's sister trio The Roches, Admission \$20. **VOORHEES CHOIR** 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 Voorhees Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

All-woman ensemble in its 76th annual candlelight concert. Free admission.

#### 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 April 20.

#### CORNELIUS LOW HOUSE **Middlesex** County Museum 1225 River Rd., Piscataway

(732) 745-4177 Open to the public 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.

"UnCommon Clay: New Jersey's Architectural Terra Cotta Industry, to May 30, 2003. Abby Hoffman on how terra cotta tiles are made, 1:30 p.m. Dec. 1. Free admission: registration required. MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM

Open 2-5 p.m. Sunday (closed Dec. 1). Adults S2: students 50 cents: children under 6 free. "Gingerbread Sunday," Dec.

#### Galleries BARRON ARTS CENTER

582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge (732) 634-0413 Open to the public 11 a.m.-4

p.m. Monday-Friday, 2-4 p.m. Saturday Sunday (closed Nov. 28, 29). Free admission. "Train 582-2002," Dec. 1-27.

Reception 2-4 p.m. Dec. 1 CULTURAL AND HERITAGE GALLERY **County Administration** Building, 20 Grove St. Somerville (908) 231-7110 Open to the public 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (closed Nov. 28, 29). U.S.-Germany print collaborative exchange, to Dec. 13. MASON GROSS SCHOOL

#### **OF THE ARTS Rutgers University** 33 Livingston Ave. New Brunswick (732) 932-2222; mgsa.rutgers.edu Open to the public 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Monday-Friday. First-year graduate review,

Dec. 2-13. Reception 5-8 p.m. Dec. 5.

#### **MONTGOMERY CENTER** FOR THE ARTS

Montgomery Rd.. 124Skillnum (609) 921-3272

Open to the public 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Creative Artists Guild show, Dec. 8-22. Reception 1-4 p.m.

#### Dec. 8. PRINTMAKING COUNCIL

**OF NEW JERSEY** 440 River Rd., Branchburg (908) 725-2110; www.printnj.org

Open 11 a.m.-4  $\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{m}.$ Wednesday-Friday, 1-4 - p.m. Saturday. Juried members show, to

Ave.,

#### Jan. 18. TOMASULO GALLERY **Union County College**

1033 Springfield Cranford

(908) 709-7155; www.ucc.edu

Open to the public 1-4 p.m. Monday, Saturday; 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday. "Bearing Witness" from Helen

M. Stummer, to Dec. 19. WATCHUNG

#### ARTS CENTER

Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchungaris.org Open to the public 1-4 p.m.

# **Cantabile Chamber Chorale will present** winter concert Dec. 15

PISCATAWAY - Cantabile Chamber Chorale, one of New Jersey's finest amateur choruses will perform "Lux Acterna - Let Eternal Light Shine" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 at Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane.

The Chorale, directed by Juilliard Faculty Member Rebecca Scott, will begin with Elgar's lush and emotionally moving "Lux Aeterna." For this title piece Scott has gathered former Cantabile members to join the Chorale in singing Elgar's affirmation of joy and unity and good music.

Scott's performances are noted for an exciting mix of contemporary and classical works, with an ecumenical emphasis. This December's performance will be no exception. She has programmed Robert Starer's "Psalms of Woe and Joy," which was originally commissioned by the Zamir Chorale of Boston and which will be performed in the original Hebrew.

Other classic works to be performed include Mendelssohn's "Ehre sei Gott in der Höhe" and Mozart's "Litaniae Lauretanae B.M.V" plus an earlier classic work by the 17th century Italian nun Chiara Margarita Cozzolani.

A striking synthesis of the classical and the modern will be heard in Zoltán Kodály's setting of "Veni, veni Emmanuel" ("O come, O come, Emmanuel") while two beautiful settings of the Latin text, "O Magnum Mysterium"("Oh Great Mystery", span centuries of musical history and manage to dissolve the borders of time. The first setting is by Tomás Louis Da Victoria and the second is by Morten Lauridsen.

For this December concert the Chorus commissioned composer Bruce Lazarus to write a set of secular winter madrigals. Scott notes that the classic madrigal repertoire is heavily balanced toward settings of spring and summer.

In his new winter madrigals Lazarus has given the Chorus an opportunity to correct that seasonal imbalance. Lazarus uses Robert Frost's "A Dust of Snow" for the first madrigal and poems by Linda Copp and Ilsa Gilbert for the second and third.

Tickets are adults \$15; students and seniors \$12.

## Model train exhibit opens

WOODBRIDGE -- Michael Gelesky has had a yen for choochoo trains from the day he got his first Lionel from his parents at age 5.

As a grown man he has built an old-style railroad station in the basement of his Colonia home. The station has stock certificates hanging on the walls and a model railroad that is added to all the time.

For the past few weeks Gelesky has been planning "Train 582-2002 on the Barron Line." No, it's not a phone number; it hints of a railroad exhibit that takes place inside the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge. The first three digits identify the location (582 Rahway Ave.) and the last four digits identify the year.

"Train 582-2002" opens with a reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1; the show can be seen until Friday, Dec. 27.

Admission is free. Barron Arts Center hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

For more information, phone (732) 634-0413. "Train 582-2002" is sponsored by the Woodbridge Cultural Township Arts Commission.



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ww.raritanval.edu/planetarium

"Winter Wonder Light," 2 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, Admission \$4.

For Kids LAZER VAUDEVILLE 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 Union County Arts Center 1601 Irving St., Rahway (732) 499-8226: www.ucac.org Juggling by blacklight plus a magic show with lasers. Admission \$16, \$12.

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4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 Trinity Episcopal Church Route 28, Cranford (908) 276-4047 Holiday music in a sacred setting. Admission \$10. THE KLEZMATICS 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 State Theatre, 15 Livingston

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# Technological gadgets are always welcome for Christmas

(ARA) - Last year, Americans spent an average of \$580 on holiday gifts. Surprised? Don't Everything from power tools be. In 2002, more than 75 per- and computers to small wirecent said they expect to spend less electronics and gadgets -

even more. So what are they buying? Two words: high-tech.



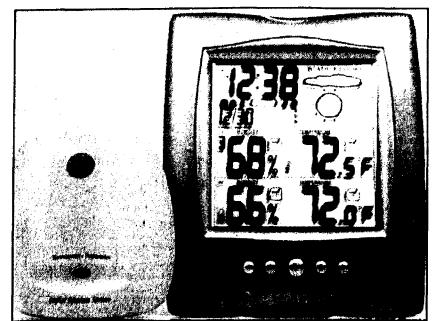
anything trendy, high-tech and made for the home is expected to be in very high demand this holiday season.

So what's fueling the hightech, home-gifting trend? According to many retailers, it appears the demand for these types of presents is being driven by the fact that families are still sticking closer to home, spending more time with their loved ones and traveling less.

"We see that consumers are looking for gifts that increase comfort and simplify lives,' says Shary Nassimi, CEO of International Electronics Inc. (I.E.I). "We certainly are seeing more family and home-oriented products that add to the quality of life.'

So what are the hottest gifts this year to give that special someone on your list who considers themselves a "techie"?

Catch-A-Call For the person whose life revolves around the computer, a Catch-A-Call unit is the perfect gift. Small business owners, college students, stay-athome moms and busy families



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The TeleZapper is a small, sleek unit that attaches to your telephone line and dramatically reduces the number of frustrating telemarketing calls. When you answer the phone, the predictive dialing computer immediately connects you to a live telemarketer, who, of course, tries to sell something. But now when you or your answering machine picks up a call, the TeleZapper emits a special tone that tells the computer your number is disconnected.

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Showering with Revolution, users feel enveloped in the water stream. Larger drops of water make the shower feel warmer and the increased speed of the water drops, results in a perception of higher flow, higher pressure and the sensation of a massaging shower. Revolution is the perfect gift for everyone in the family -it's a great wake up shower in the morning, relaxing relief after a tough day, or a therapeutic respite to ease sore muscles or joints after physical

And the new Revolution Hand Shower lets users take complete control of the shower-



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# Classic toys are still classic gifts for Christmas

(ARA) - As you start your holi- young. Take for example Erector day shopping for the children on your list, you may be overwhelmed by the variety of toys in stores and catalogs.

How do you decide which toy is right for the special children in your life?

One way to start is by remembering which toys captured your fancy when you were young.

While toy fads come and go, some toys remain timeless classics.

These are the toys that children play with over and over, long after this season's hot new toy is consigned to the bottom of the toy chest. What makes a toy a classic? The ability to engage a child's imagination and let his creativity power playtime.

reference The book "Understanding Children 0-3," a visual encyclopedia for parents, offers the following guidelines for choosing toys that will endure the test of time.

1. The toy should be age appropriate to match a child's developmental level.

2. In order to survive the wear and tear of a child's repeated handling, it must be made of sturdy. reliable materials.

3. A child should be able to operate the toy by himself in order for him to enjoy it.

4. The toy should be one that the child will find interesting and fun to play with now and, ideally, as she grows and develops. Look for open-ended toys that a child can experiment with in many ways. A good example is Brio's Wooden Railway System, which you can expand and add to as your child gets older.

5 Toys should help children develop new skills and learn to think, create and imagine. Choose toys that lend themselves to pretend play, role play, problem-solv-ing and practicing skills. The perennially popular Erector Set is a case in point; children learn valuable lessons as they build machines that really work.

6. Toys that children play with together (or with an adult) teach valuable social skills like cooperation, sharing, negotiation and compromise. Classic toys remain popular precisely because they meet all these criteria. But just because a toy is a classic doesn't mean it hasn't changed since you were

toys. The mention of the name probably conjures up vivid images in the minds of many adults of spending hours engrossed in building a motorized crane. Well, you can still buy the crane, but you can also buy a helicopter, a drag racer, a locomotive and more. There are Erector toys geared to kids as young as 3 years old, all the way up to the child in all of us.

From "Yoocans" for 3 to 5 year olds to Erector's City line, which is geared for 4 to 8 year olds and up through Multi Models (ages 8 to 13) and the Crazy Inventors line, there is something for every age and ability level.

The Wooden Railway System, first introduced in 1958, has become a classic in its own time. With an endless variety of layouts, these toys encourage kids to discover new possibilities. Quality craftsmanship is a hallmark of the genuine BRIO Wooden Railway System. Each track is made of sturdy beechwood that will endure years of play, and strong magnetic couplings and interlocking track pieces make it easy for even the youngest child to create and play. Track and accessories are compatible for infinite expansion of your railway as your child grows.



## Don't stop recycling in the holidays

(NAPSI)-There is a surefire way to have your holiday gifts keep on giving-recycle. It's estimated that Americans generate some four million extra tons of trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's alone.

Industry experts from Waste Management would like to remind consumers that the holidays are no time to take a holiday from recycling.

For example, Americans mail more than two billion new holiday cards every year. Why not use these cards in crafts projects, instead of forwarding them to the nearest landfill? Or consider sending some holiday e-mail messages.

The same goes for the estimated 38 thousand miles of holiday ribbon used each year. That's enough ribbon to tie a bow around the Earth. Instead of holiday gift wrap and ribbon, use reusable gift bags or plain, old-fashioned newspaper comics when you wrap.

Another way you can give the earth a gift this holiday season is to use china at your holiday gathering instead of paper plates. And don't forget to add your holiday scraps to the compost heap.

When the holidays are over, think about recycling your Christmas tree into landscape mulch, compost or a wildlife habitat. See if your community offers curbside pickup or convenient drop-off locations, or contact your local conservation and wildlife clubs that might want the trees for wildlife habitats.

Let the three Rs be your guide this holiday season and all year round-reduce, reuse and recycle.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.wm.com.

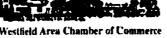
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2002 9:15 AM and 1:45 PM Santa Claus Train Ride Westfield Train Station - Eastbound Platform (off of South Avenue) Spanniored by Jerney Central Rallway Historical Society, \$12 adults, \$10 children under 12; mation (908) 781-1896 or www.jcilis.org; 2 hour ride to Highbridge, NJ with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus along with a few of Santa's helpers giving out candy canes, coloring books, crayons and one HO Train Set prize per train car. Tickets available at Brunner's Opticians, 100 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ; (908) 233-1221 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM "Deck the Halls" House Tour Meet at 1000 North Avenue - Westfield Community Player Sponsored by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club; Tickets \$25 in advance/30 at the door;

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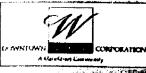
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#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 PM "Puttin' On The Ritz, The Music Of Irving Berlin, America's Songwriter" The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue - Sanctuary The music of Irving Berlin will be performed by the young talent & professionals of WYACT as well as members of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra; Donations \$25 for adults and \$12 for children under 14. For tickets call Westfield Symp phony Orchestra: (908) 232-9400; Information (908) 233-3200 (WYACT) (Proceeds benefit WYACT's free Summer Youth - Theatre Program)

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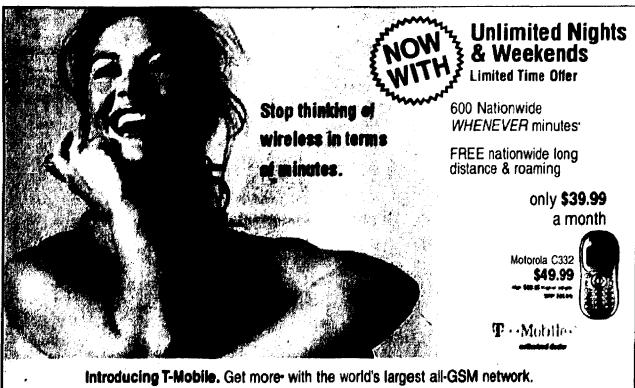
#### **Record Press**

# Garwood mayor inducted to hall of fame

THE RECORD PRESS

GARWOOD ---- After a decade of service, the Hall of Fame beckoned to Mayor Michael Crincoli.

At a ceremony in Atlantic City Nov. 20, Crincoli was inducted into the silver category of the League of Municipalities Mayor's Hall of Fame, which awards mayors who have held office for at





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least 10 years.

"I'm very proud and happy. It Municipalities was nice to have Garwood of Fame recognizes municipal employees there, with my family officials who have selflessly guidand friends, to support me," he ed their communities through said. the good times and troubled

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"Induction into the Mayors' Hall

times with little recognition of

said, he becomes the longest-

serving mayor in Garwood histo-

ry. He was first elected in 1992 to

finish out the two-year unexpired

term of his predecessor. He has

since been elected to two four-

to represent the residents of

Garwood. Now, we have recogni-

ber of the Hall of Fame along

with five other mayors. Three other mayors achieved gold mem-

ber status at the 87th Annual

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been in office for at least 20

years; silver members, for 10

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The Mayor's Hall of Fame was

Crincoli became a silver mem-

tion in Trenton," he said.

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"I was very proud and happy

With of his new term, Crincoli

their sacrifice.'

year terms.

#### **Union Catholic hosts Tree of Lights event**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Union Catholic will host its fourth annual Tree of Lights Ceremony 7 p.m. Dec. 11.

All are welcome at the event, which will take place in the front foyer of the school, located on Martine Ave. For more information, call (908) 889-9475.

#### Santa arrives in Scotch Plains Dec. 8

SCOTCH PLAINS - The season's holiday events begin at Scotch Plains Towne Centre at noon Dec. 8.

Family activities throughout the day include horse-drawn wagon rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, balloon sculptures, a mini-magic show, free giveaways, Rainbow the Clown and more.

New to this year's activities will be an ice sculpting demonstration, a bake sale and a street fair on Park Avenue.

Santa's elves and Mrs. Claus will stroll around town to visit with children. And at 5 p.m. the Scotch Plains Volunteer Fire Department will transport Santa to the Village Green, where he will light the community Christmas tree.

After the tree lighting ceremony, toddlers and children up to age 7 are invited to visit with Santa in the Gazebo and receive a treat.

#### Westfield Chamber ornament is on sale

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to introduce the fourteenth annual Westfield Holiday Ornament for 2002. The ornament commemorates the Westfield Tree Lighting, which will be held 5 p.m. Sunday at the North Avenue Train Station.

The ornament ball is deep blue, with a depiction of the Westfield Tree in silver and white. The 2002 Westfield ornaments, a limited edition, are on sale for \$10 each at these Chamber member locations: **Coldwell Banker Realtors, Fleet** Bank, PNC Bank, Scott Shoes, and the Town Bank of Westfield, as well as the Chamber office, 173 Elm Street, 2nd floor.

A limited number of earlier years are available through the Chamber office. They include 1991, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. Other years are completely sold out. For further information, please call the Chamber office at 908-233-3021.



**Record Press** 

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# Gone with the wind

# Westfield falls to Brick Memorial 3-1 in blustery conditions

#### By DANIEL MURPHY THE RECORD-PRESS

EWING - Brick Memorial Westfield chose staggered the Westfield High girls soccer team in the first minute then quickly followed with two knockout blows to defeat the Blue Devils in the Group 4 championship game.

The Mustangs took advantage of 40 miles per hour gusts to score three times in the first eight minutes and kept Westfield buried in their defensive third for the majority of the first half to capture the Westfield set up for a not-so-Group 4 title 3-1 Saturday at

New Jersey. After to play into the wind in the first half Brick forced to hold it like a holder in

the College of

Memorial knocked the Blue Devils onto their heels almost immediately Jessica Fuccello turned and rocketed a shot into the upper right hand corner of the goal from 20 yards out just 42 seconds into the match, giving the Mustangs a sudden lead.

Just five minutes later

**GIRLS SOCCER** the ball on the ground, **Group 4 Final** Westfield defender was

football, taking two defenders out of the play. The ball barely traveled 20 yards before the wind knocked it down. With Westfield out of position Tara Marrone gobbled up the ball and beat goalie Megan Connors for a 2-0 lead in the seventh minute.

Brick Memorial's Tara Raftery lobbed a 40 yard shot routine goal kick. With the one minute later that bounced

wind pushing at Connors feet then skipped past her for a 3-0 lead.

Staci Spass lofted a shot over Mustang goalie Lauren Acosta with 6:16 left in the game to get Westfield on the board. Westfield was outshot 13-3 as Connors made six saves and Acosta stopped two.

"I think the wind was a big factor in this game," said Connors. "It was just so hard defending some of the shots they took. And then we couldn't score when we had the wind.

"As soon as they scored it was the first minute of the game and it took us by surprise. (The three quick goals) did take us out of the game. We were all really upset at halftime and that's not the way to go into the second half. There was still 40 minutes left."

In just 10 minutes Brick Memorial had scored more goals than all but one Westfield opponent the entire season. Westfield earned its first corner kick with less than two minutes remaining in the first half, and didn't post a shot on goal until three minutes into the second half.

Westfield chose to play into the wind in the first half, hoping to keep Brick Memorial off the board and make its move over the final 40 minutes.

"The first half or the second half the wind was going to be brutal," said Westfield Head Coach Pete Giordano, "We hoped if we could hold them (in the first half) we had a shot at ít.

"The girls played their butts off this year and they deserved everything they got. Our girls have played tough. Brick is a good ball club, we knew that coming in. Our girls have played through some tough games. We had a great season. I'm proud of them."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD-PRESS

Sophie Hall sets up Carrie Rock for one of her 11 kills in the Devils Group 4 semifinal win over Eastern.

# Devils edged in first state final

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

THE RECORD-PRESS

Making its first ever appearance in the state final the Westfield High volleyball team had Huntedon Central teetering and ready to fall. But the Red Devils rallied in the second game and were able to defeat the Blue Devils 14-16, 16-14,

15-12 in the Group 4 championship Saturday at William Patterson University.

Westfield (23-3) won the first game and held a 9-2 lead in the second game. But once Hunterdon Central got going Westfield couldn't stop their momentum,

"We played really well," said Westfield Head Coach Bev Torok. "(Hunterdon Central) got rolling and took it over. There were some times when we could have passed a

little better and could have covered ground a little better, but overall we played well."

Westfield advanced to the final by defeating Eastern 15-8, 15-10 in the semifinals Thursday. Eastern defeated Hunterdon Central in last vear's final.

Though disappointed in the defeat reaching the state final for the first time was a tremendous step for the program which has gradually risen to the ranks of the state's elite.

"It's a huge accomplishm**ent,**" said Torok. "The program has just continued to grow, and it was a great match. We knew (before the season) that we could get this far, but a lot has to come together to do it. Things have to fall your way, it's a long season and things fell our way

GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD-PRESS A dejected Westfield girls soccer team walks off the field after its 3-1 joss to Brick Memorial in the Group 4 final Saturday.

# **Devils hope to make it three straight over Plainfield**

SY DANIEL MURPHY

of a winning campaign. is yea**r**'s bat-Plainfield

A win tomorrow would certainly go

But it also goes beyond this going to have to shut down a dan- Westfield offensively will be holdoup, na 10 seniors. For Westfield, this game isn't just for them, but for all the previous Blue Devils who donned the blue and white and battled Plainfield on Thanksgiving Day. "We talk to them a lot about the tradition of the game," said Tranchina. "This game is not about them. It's about everybody that has ever played for Westfield High School football for 100 years. They are a part of a great tradition."

THE RECORD PRESS

When it comes down to Westfield versus Plainfield on Thanksgiving Day you can take everything that has happened for each squad so far this fall and throw it all out of the window.

When these two squads meet in the annual Thanksgiving Day showdown, one of the longest running Turkey Day rivalries in the state, a victory can be the sorbet that cleans away the bitter taste of a losing season, or the stomachpunch that takes some of the shine

tle 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at Hub Stein Field. The Blue Devils have won the previous two contests, scoring the go-ahead touchdown with less than a minute remaining last season, to take a 49-41-7 lead in the series.

"To us it's always a big game," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "It's our bowl game."

It will certainly be Plainfield's. The Cardinals have suffered through a disappointing 2-7 campaign, including a 19-8 loss in its consolation game with Livingston.

of the disappointment for a team expected to go the playoffs.

While the Blue Devils have had a much stronger season, compiling a 6-3 record while qualifying for the playoffs for the third straight year, this game means much more than another victory in a successful season.

Finishing up with a win is often a springboard into the off-season, and with much of this year's squad expected to return next year building positive momentum towards next summer is important.

To earn a place in the WHS football lore the Blue Devils are

minici a way to move the ball against an athletic defense. Plainfield will turn to speedy wide receiver/running back Dave Anderson for big plays and will continue to run the option.

"They've got a good running back, that's a concern," said Tranchina. "They are always very athletic. They're great on defense because they are so athletic.

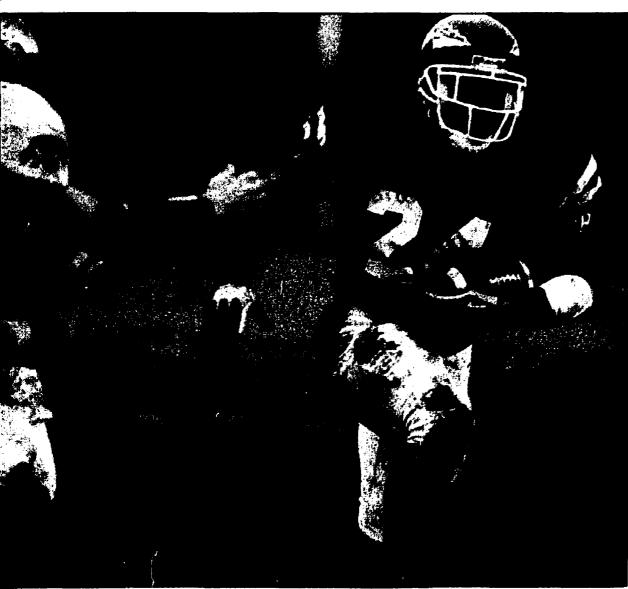
"We need to stop their running back and the big play. We can't give up any big plays."

The primary concern for

killed the Blue Devils in their 28-0 playoff loss to Roxbury, leading to 14 points. Roxbury also scored on a 62 yard pass play.

Westfield will again turn to quarterback Jan Coccozziello to move the ball through the air. Senior Brian Butts should have a big day in his final high school game, as the main option both rushing and receiving.

"(Butts) has been a big part of what we've been doing all year," said Tranchina. "We'll have to throw the ball - that's for sure."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD-PRESS

Kyle Adams will need to finish his stellar career with a big game tomorrow if the Raiders are going to knock off Elizabeth.

# **Elizabeth poses Raiders** toughest test tomorrow

#### By DANIEL MURPHY

#### THE RECORD-PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football has bounced back from disappointing playoff losses to win its last three Thanksgiving Day games. If the Raiders are going to do it again this year they'll have to overcome the best team in the county.

Scotch Plains will travel to Elizabeth for a 10:30 a.m. contest tomorrow and a battle with the best team they've faced all season. Elizabeth (8-1) faced Montclair Saturday in the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 semifinals.

In the Minutemen the Raiders will face a squad without any obvious weaknesses. Perhaps the only question mark is Elizabeth's mindset entering the game after having played a playoff game Saturday. If they win, will they be looking ahead? If they lose will they pack it in, or will they be even more fired up to end with a victory?

Scotch Plains main focus will be stopping the Elizabeth running attack. The Raiders defense has shutdown quality backs all season, but will be facing perhaps the best offensive line-running back combination it has seen yet.

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Elizabeth is big and strong up front, averaging close to 250 pounds along its offensive line, and Malcolm Jackson is a dangerous running back with speed and power.

"They are a solid football team," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "They do a lot of things well, and they are playing very well right now, too. We know it's going to be a challenge. We've put together an offensive and defensive game plan. Hopefully we'll be able to get it done.

"They want to run the ball, but they can do both," said Ciccotelli. "Their quarterback (Jamal Talbert) is a good athlete who can run and throw. Their offensive line does some nice things that allows them to run

Elizabeth is balanced offensively, but at their best when they're running the ball. Scotch Plains will try to take away the ground game and force Talbert and wide receivers Durrell Dukes and Keith Taylor to beat them through the air.

The Raiders will also need to make some plays on special teams to help out an offense that has struggled to put points on the board. The offense will need to help itself by not turning the ball over and connecting on a few big plays to keep Elizabeth's defense honest.

"Offensively we haven't been getting it done," said Ciccotelli, "That's been the most frustrating thing. We've put the ball on the ground too many times. We can't afford to do that against Elizabeth.

"Our kicking game has been good. We've been able to block some punts and keep people pinned back. We have to win special teams, play good defense and do all right on offense. If you win two-thirds of the game you have a good chance to win the game."

The most important thing for Ciccotelli is to see this unit to go out with their best effort. While many players will be back next season, tomorrow will be the last time this current group goes to battle together.

"It's the last game that this group will be together as the Raider football team," said Ciccotelli. "Each year it's a new team. It's the last time the 2002 Raider football team will get a chance to play together. We want to show up, play our best and see what happens. This is the No. 1 team in the county, it could be a great feather in our cap."

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#### TURKEY TROT

The 19th annual Turkey Trot, presented by the Friends of Westheld Track & Field, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, at farcaques Park in Westfield.

Entry forms are available at the Westfield Library (East Broad Street), the Westfield Recreation Association (located in the Town Municipal Building), the Westheld Y (Clark Street) and The Leader Store (Fast Broad Street at Prospect Street in Westfield). It is also possible to register over the Internet at www.ACTIVE.com.

The program for the day, regardless of weather, will feature the Police Fireman Relay, the Five-Mile Run and the One-Mile Fun Run. The Police Fireman Relay is set for 10:00 AM. The One-Mile Fun Run begins at 10:30 AM. Pre-entry for this race (before 20-Nov-2002) is \$10 (includes short-sleeve shirt); post-entry is \$12 (with shirt while sup-

#### plies last). Westfield youth (under 14) may enter this race for \$8. Awards will be given to the first 3 finishers (male and female).

The Five-Mile Run will go off at 11:00 AM Pre-entry for this race (before 20-Nov-2002) is \$17 (includes long-sleeve shirt, extra shirts \$10 each); post-entry is \$20 (with shirt while supplies last). Awards will be given to the first 3 overall male and female finishers and to the top 3 finishers in all age-group divisions

Registration and T-shirt pickup will begin at 9:00 AM at the park. Entrances to Tamaques Park are from Lamberts Mill Rd. or Dickson Drive (off Willow Grove Rd).

The Friends of Westfield Track & Field is an organization that supports the cross-country and the track and field programs at Westfield High School. For more information about the organization or the Turkey Trot, call Ray at (908)-245-9422 or Tom at (732)-381-

SPORTSCENE

CONROY MVP On Nov. 7, at Oratory Prep's Fall Sports Award Dinner, Michael Conroy, a sophornore from Westfield, was named the varsity soccer team's Most Valuable Player.

Head Coach Chris Trefz credited Conroy. goalkeeper, with having kept the team competitive in even the toughest of games with his aggressive style of play.

The six-foot sophomore, who started in the preseason as a mid-fielder and had last played goal when he was eleven, was drafted for the starting varsity keeper's spot when he repeatedly lurned back his tearnmates' scoring efforts in practice.

In his first season in goal, he quickly became known for his dramatic slide-tackle saves on breakaways and his lightening quick reflexes on penalty kicks. So impressed were the conference's other coaches with Conroy's play that they ranked him along with two senior keepers from other schools among the top three in the conference.

Conroy finished up the season with three shutouts. After the end of the scholastic season, Conroy plays soccer for two club teams. OP United, an indoor U-17 team, and the Roselle Park Rockets, a U-17 team that plays in the Mid New Jersey spring league and several select level tournaments. Conroy has been a member of a number of traveand teams sponsored by the Westfield Soccer Association.

He is the son of Bob and Mary Conroy and the brother of Caitlin Conroy. Michael is a panshioner at Westheld's St. Helens Parish and he attended Tamaques School in Westfield before enrolling at Oratory GIFT OF LIFE

At a recent Westfield High football game members of the team were shown the automated external defibrillator (AED), which was donated by the Education Fund of Westfield. Sandy Mamary, Certified Athletic Trainer at Westfield, brings the AED to all major athletic events, it is the first one ever available to the school district and was made possible. through a grant request to the Education Fund of Westfield. When used by trained per sonnel, the AEd monitors the heart rhythm of heart attack victims and will administer a life saving shock when indicated.

"This can save lives," stated Mamary "Of course I hope I never have to use it, but it has proven to be a lifesaver in other districts and I'm very grateful to the education fund for making it available here in Westhold.



Westfield's head athletic trainer Sandy Mamary shows off a new automated external defibrillator to (from left) Mike Finne, Paul Goldweitz and Mike DeFazio.

Education Fund President Danelle Walsh remarked, "The \$3,000 grant for the AED is well worth the investment. Although traditionally the Education Fund has made grants. available for equipment used within the classroom, we felt that it was very important for our student athletes to have this life-saving device available to them

#### ACFL FOOTBALL

The Atlantic Coast Football League is holding registration for the winter men's 2002 season. The league is offering players 18 and

over both flag and 2-hand touch football. In flag, there will be an 8-on-8 two-count league and an 8-on-8 no-count league. In 2-hand touch there will be a 7-on-7 'A' league and a 6-on-6 'B' league. Both teams and individual players are welcome. Qualified referees are also being sought.

Games are played on local fields such as Warinanco Field in ElizabettyRoselle. For further information visit the Football Page at www.onscore.com or call Mark at 1-877-ONSCORE

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### Police Log

#### FANWOOD

A purse was stolen from the associate pastor at the Presbyterian Church on Martine and LaGrande avenues on Wednesday.

The theft occurred between 10 a.m. and noon when an unknown person entered the office and stole the purse from behind the desk. Items in the purse included a cellular phone, credit cards and money.

#### WESTFIELD

A Mountainside resident reported the theft of pain pills from her purse while attending a party at a residence in the 500 block of Wychwood Road Nov. 18. The pills were valued at \$16.

Walter Saxon was picked up on three contempt-of-court warrants out of Westfield Nov. 19. He was held in lieu of \$2,350 bail.

L A resident of Trinity Place reported that his ex-wife obtained a phone with his personal information and ran up a bill of \$1,100.

Douglass Backof of1133 Boynton Ave, was charged with disturbing the peace on Central Avenue and Quimby Street Nov. 20. He was processed, issued a summons and released.

A resident of the 500 block of Summit Avenue reported an act of criminal mischief to his dwelling Nov. 20. Unknown suspects fired several paint balls, leaving gold **spots at his residence**.

A resident of Fairacres Avenue reported someone removed \$349.95 from her checking account without her permission Nov. 21.

Michael Daniel of Plainfield was picked up on a contempt-of-court

warrant out of Franklin Nov. 22.

in lifesaving skills have been scheduled by the Westfield-Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross. All classes are in the Red Cross

office at 321 Elm St.

"First Aid Basics" is 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. It teaches

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"Community CPR" is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The daylong course covers CPR for infants, children and adults.

Adult CPR is covered on its own 6-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. Wednesday, Dec. 18 and covers CPR for those 1-8 years old.

Infant CPR is 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 and covers CPR for those up to 12 months old.

A recertification course in "CPR for the Professional

Child CPR is 6:30-10:30 p.m. Rescuer" is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28. Rescue squad members, nurses, doctors and lifeguards who need to be recertified are welcome.

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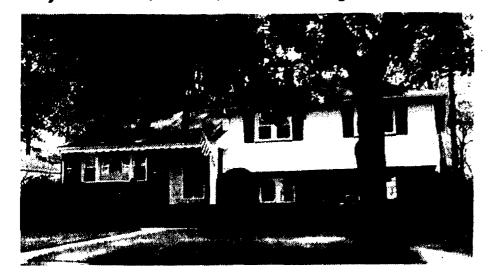
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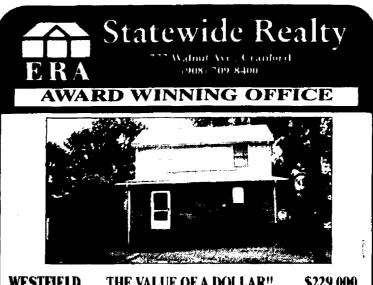
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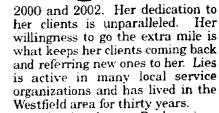
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# Communication is key when you visit a mechanic

(ARA) - Today's cars, light drips, leaks, smoke, warning trucks, and sport-utility vehicles lights, gauge readings. are high-tech marvels with digital dashboards, oxygen sensors, electronic computers, unibody construction and more. They run better, longer and more efficiently than models of years past.

But when it comes to repairs, some things stay the same. Whatever type of repair facility you patronize – dealership, ser-vice station, independent garage, specialty shop, or a national franchise - good communication between customer and shop is vital

Automotive technicians need to understand thousands of nately your required reading is much less.

The following tips from the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) should help you along the way:

- Do your homework before taking your vehicle in for repairs or service.

∞ Read the owner's manual to learn about the vehicle's systems and components.

∞ Follow the recommended service schedules.

∞ Keep a log of all repairs and service.

∞ When you think about it, you know your car better than anyone else. You drive it every day and know how it feels and sounds when everything is right. So don't ignore its warning signals.

Use all of your senses to inspect your car frequently. Check for:

Unusual sounds, odors,

Changes in acceleration, engine performance, gas mileage, fluid levels.

∞ Worn tires, belts, hoses. ∞ Problems in handling, brak-

ing, steering, vibrations.  $\infty$  Note when the problem occurs.

∞ Is it constant or periodic? When the vehicle is cold or after the engine has warmed up? ∞ At all speeds? Only under acceleration? During braking?

When shifting? ∞ When did the problem first start?

Once you are at the repair pages of technical text; fortu- establishment, communicate your findings.

Be prepared to describe the symptoms. (In larger shops you'll probably speak with a service writer/service manager rather than with the technician direct-

Carry a written list of the symptoms that you can give to the technician or service manager. Resist the temptation to suggest a specific course of repair. Just as you would with your physician, tell where it hurts and how long it's been that way, but let the technician diagnose and recommend a remedy.

Stay involved ... Ask questions.

Ask as many questions as you need. Do not be embarrassed to request simple definitions of technical terms.

Professionally run repair establishments have always recognized the importance of twoway communications in automotive repairs.



Don't be afraid to talk to your mechanic.

Don't rush the service writer or technician to make an on-thespot diagnosis. Ask to be called and apprised of the problem, course of action, and costs before work begins.

Before you leave, be sure you understand all shop policies regarding labor rates, guarantees, and acceptable methods of payment.

Leave a telephone number where you can be called.

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence

(ASE) was founded in 1972 as a nonprofit, independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white ASE shoulder insignia and carry credentials listing their exact area(s) of certification. Their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign.

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# Make sure your car is ready for winter's rigors

(ARA) - Winter, Temperatures and wind chills that can take your breath away. Snow and ice that make stepping outside a dangerous proposition. You know all too well how winter affects you. It is important to take a moment to think about how it affects your caras well. After all, you don't want to be stranded in those sub-zero temperatures.

If you live where it snows, you know the damage that snow, ice, loose gravel and salt can do to your car. Minor scratches and nicks turn to rust, your heater gets a workout it may not be prepared for, and your windshield must deal with the temperature stress of a warm interior and a freezing exterior. Here are some maintenance tips for winterizing your car:

#### Windshield Safety

Thermal shock is the term engineers use to describe the stress caused by drastic differences in outdoor and indoor temperatures. If you have a small ding in your windshield, thermal shock can cause your minor ding to turn into a major crack.

Repairing a small ding costs as little as \$50 to \$60. Replacing a cracked windshield can cost hundreds of dollars; on some cars, the cost may be even higher.

#### Fluids

As any mechanic will tell you, checking fluids is the least expensive and easiest preventive maintenance you can do. Change your oil frequently (consult your owner's manual for recommended frequency), and don't forget to change your engine coolant (diluted with 50 percent water) and in your trunk or garage to help transmission fluid, about every

two years. Pure engine coolants can freeze at zero degrees, but mixing with water prevents freezing and provides great protection for the cold weather.

Though fluids like oil and transmission are commonly checked, other fluids integral to your vehicle's performance, may go unnoticed. Power steering, brake, radiator and battery fluids also should be filled to recommended levels.

Don't forget to top off windshield washer fluid. If you've ever driven after salt trucks have come through to melt snow and ice, you know the importance of windshield washer fluid. Do not dilute washer fluid with water since it can freeze during winter's harsh temperatures. While you're at it, you might want to change the wiper blades to prevent poor vision in already poor driving conditions.

#### **Batteries and** corroded cables

Winter mornings can wreak havoc on an older battery. The average life of a battery is 3 1/2 years. If your battery is older than that, it's probably time to replace. Have a mechanic check the battery and cables to ensure your car starts quickly and reliably,

#### Tires

Worn, bald or badly aligned or -balanced tires can mean accidents on ice, rain or snow. Have your tires checked for proper inflation and alignment, and rotate them about every 6,000 miles. If you live in unusually snowy areas, you may want to consider snow tires for added traction, or keep chains you through heavy snowfall.



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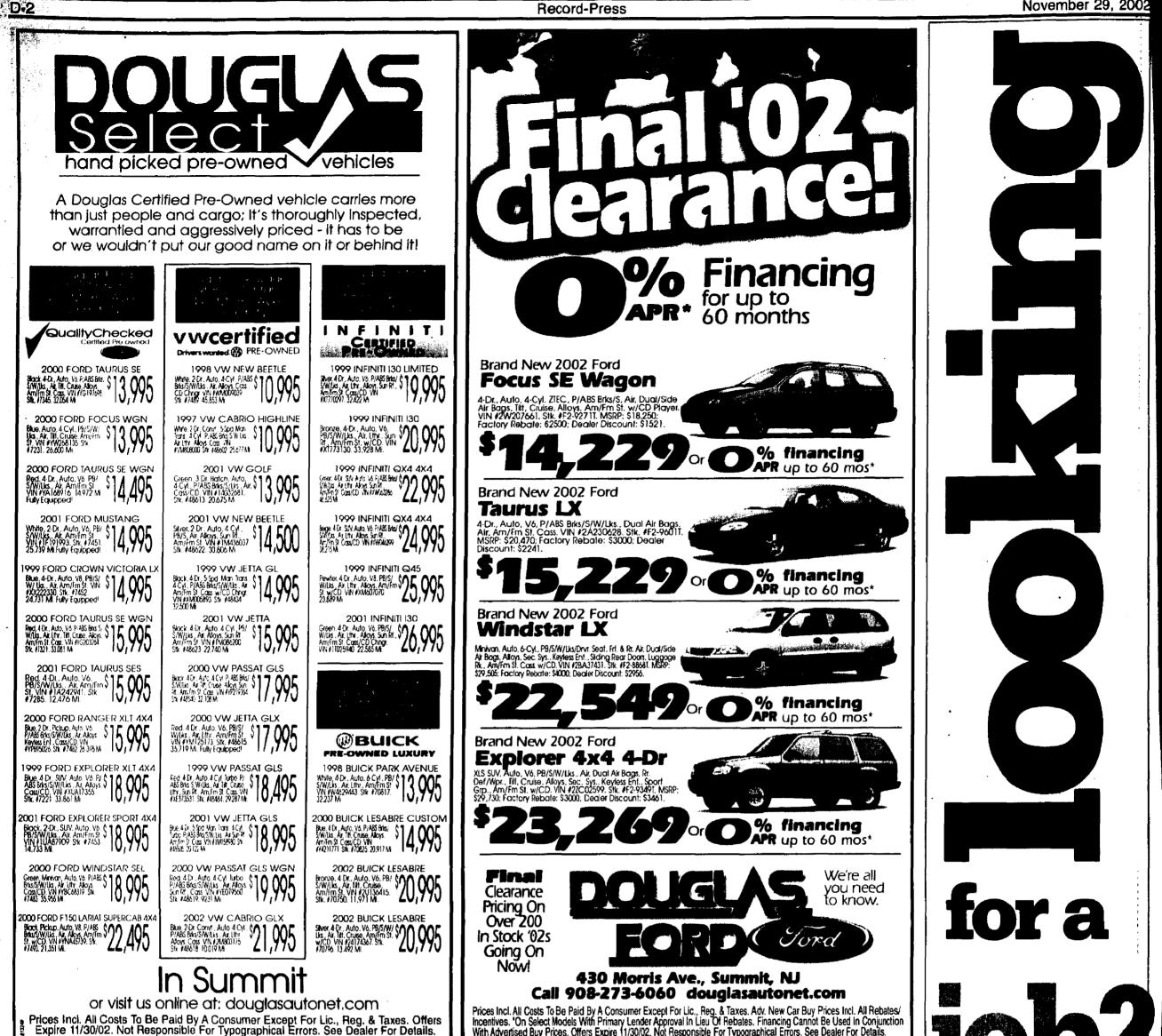
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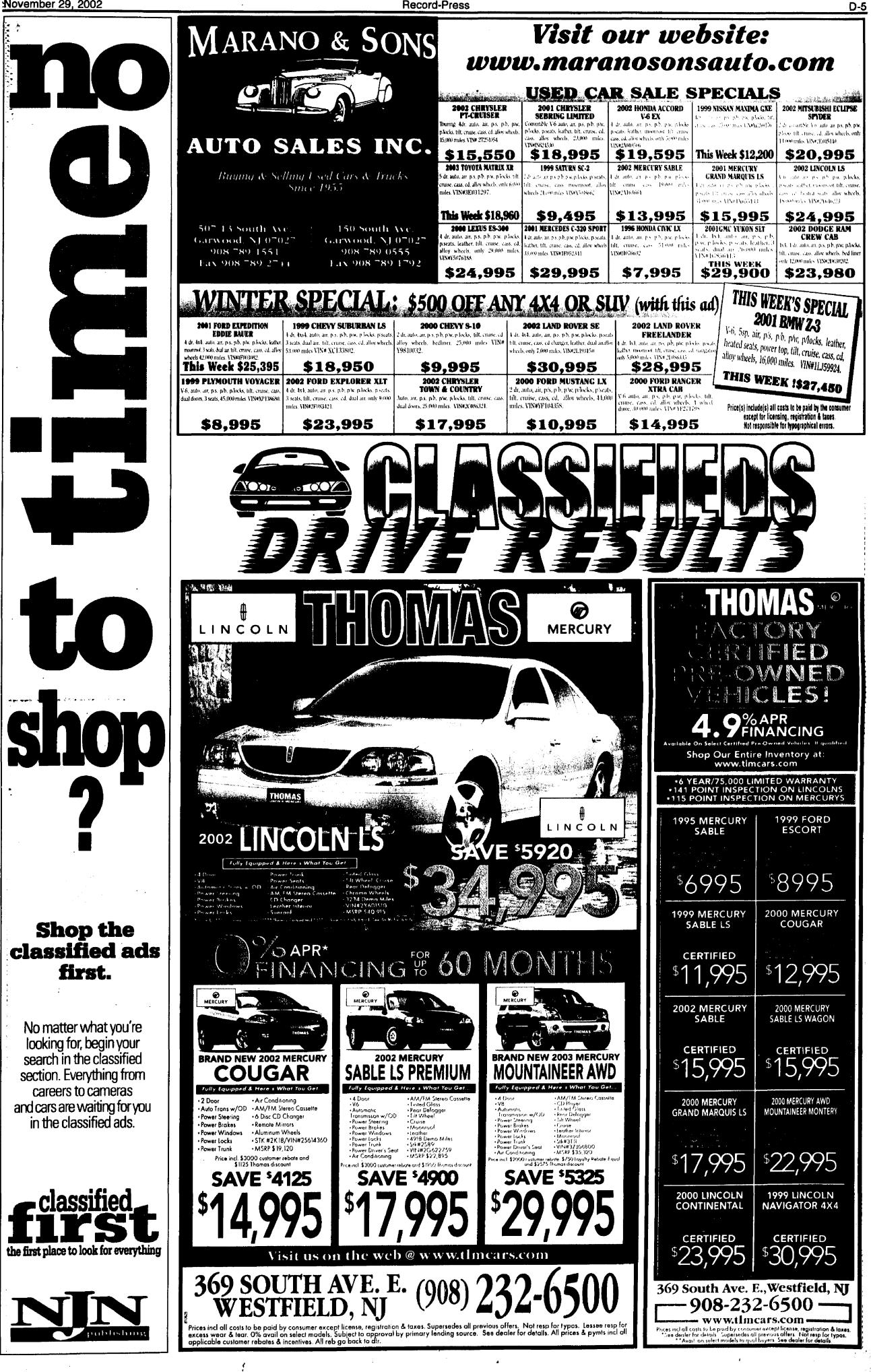
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