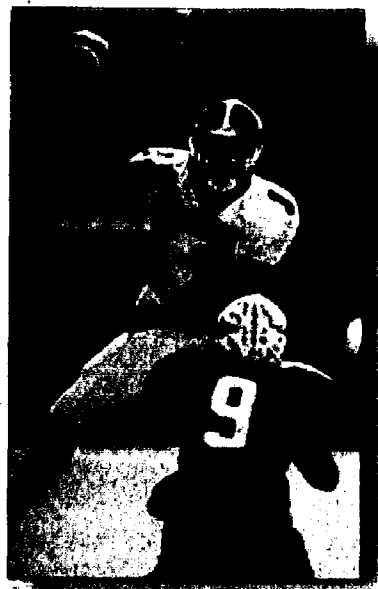
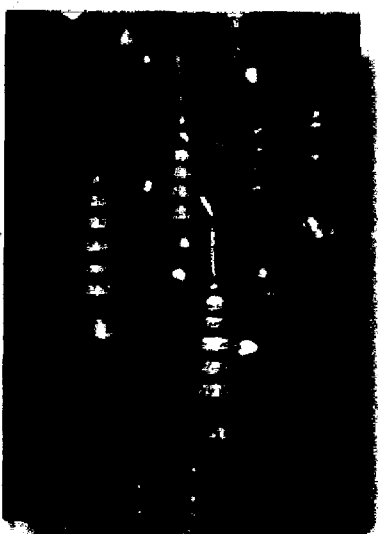


INSIDE



Devils rule

Westfield quarterback John Cocozziello threw for a touchdown on this play and ran for another as the Blue Devils beat Plainfield 14-6 on Thanksgiving Day.



Holiday decorations

Hand-carved wooden tree ornaments hang on display at an arts and crafts market in Westfield Nov. 29. For more photos from the market, see Page B-1.



No ho ho

Santa Claus spread some holiday cheer through Westfield Sunday, when he stopped by the North Avenue train station parking lot to help light the town's Christmas tree. For more photos of holiday celebrations, see Page B-1.

REMINDER

Santa's back

Santa Claus was in Westfield last Sunday, but he pays another visit to the area this weekend, when he arrives at the Village Green in Scotch Plains 5 p.m. Sunday. Earlier in the day Towne Centre will be filled with family activities such as pony rides, face painting and Rainbow the Clown.

INDEX

Commentary	A-6
Community Life	B-1
Sports	C-1
Prime Time	C-4
Obituaries	B-2
Real Estate	C-7
Police Log	A-7



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Big brass band

Members of the holiday brass section of the Westfield Community Band entertained residents with Christmas music Sunday before Santa's arrived to light the tree at the North Avenue train station parking lot.

Traffic calming steps are on the way in Westfield

Betancourt says speeding enforcement is key

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council, bombarded with requests for traffic calming measures on neighborhood streets, plans to take action soon on some short-term measures and to continue discussion with residents.

The committee recently heard from residents of Woodland Avenue, who complained about motorists speeding down their street. Rafael Betancourt, chairman of the council's Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee, said the committee agreed on six short-term solutions and three long-term solutions.

At its Nov. 26 meeting the council agreed to implement the six short-term solutions, which can be done soon. They include placing a police department speed monitor on the street, increasing speeding enforcement, clearing signs that are blocked by tree branches, enforcing a truck restriction and placing signs at the town's Mountainside border to advise motorists to slow down.

"We need to send a direct signal, not only to the police department but to our court, that there has to be a zero-tolerance policy for speeding in Westfield,"

Betancourt said. "It just can't be engineering; it has to be education and enforcement."

The long-term solutions include directing the police department to do a speed study and a turn and movement study

"We need to send a direct signal, not only to the police department but to our court, that there has to be a zero-tolerance policy for speeding in Westfield. It just can't be engineering; it has to be education and enforcement."

— Councilman
Rafael Betancourt

of the area and hiring a traffic expert to study ways to address the problem.

Betancourt said the short-term solutions are generally inexpensive, though the town does not have the money to institute traffic calming measures everywhere.

The town has budgeted \$300,000 for traffic calming next year, or about the cost of the

entire Rahway Avenue project, he said.

Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh said the engineering department is developing the capability to conduct traffic calming studies itself, but the process is still in its beginning stages.

In other neighborhoods, the council agreed with a police department recommendation for a stop sign at Sandra Circle and West Court.

Changes are also coming at the Shackamaxon Drive and Rahway Avenue intersection. Drivers on Shackamaxon will only be able to make a right turn onto Rahway Avenue, and the council plans to authorize parking restrictions on Rahway Avenue.

There have been serious accidents at the site, at which motorists' vision is impaired when cars are parked on the side of the road during sporting events at the high school stadium.

Betancourt also said the committee will soon hear a request for a traffic signal at Crossway Place and North Avenue.

And the police department will also be doing a traffic study at Boulevard and Park Street to see how to address traffic issues in that area, he said.

Board denies subdivision application

But new 'shoe-horning ordinance' not a factor

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — For about 40 residents of the Standish Avenue and Mountain View Terrace area, 15 months of fighting a subdivision they believed would be detrimental to their neighborhood finally ended in their favor.

The Planning Board denied an application by the Cherin family to subdivide their residential lot in two in order to sell one

lot to Michael Mahoney, a builder who planned to build a 2½ story colonial home on the property. The proposed subdivision would have needed a variance for a side yard setback deficiency of about five feet.

The application was billed as a test of the "shoe-horning" ordinance adopted by the Town Council last year, an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance that gives the Planning Board additional criteria when judging subdivision applications.

However, in the end, the new ordinance was not much of a fac-

tor in the board's decision.

"I didn't see shoe-horning as applicable in this case," said Vic Trznsniowski, who said he didn't feel the application met the criteria for a subdivision under land use regulations.

The board concurred the applicant failed to prove the current land use is a hardship that necessitates a subdivision, and did not prove the subdivision would advance the purpose of the zoning plan.

In Scotch Plains, a subdivision application is narrowly approved. See story on Page A-3.

The Cherins, who live at 854 Standish Avenue, proposed to divide their 25,722 sq. ft. lot, which sits on the corner of Standish Avenue and Mountain View Terrace. It is the largest lot in the neighborhood called "The Gardens," which consists mostly of early 20th-century homes. Mahoney proposed to build a home that he said would be consistent with the neighborhood. George Rogers, a real estate expert, testified it would probably sell for more than \$1 million.

(Continued on page A-2)

Cops to display loot from 10-month spree

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Police will display Saturday the loot from what they believe was a 10-month burglary spree in three communities.

The stolen property, which fills two large bins, will be on display at the Public Storage Facility on Route 22 in Mountainside from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Police believe Candice Singer, a 42-year-old Oregon native, was responsible for the spree. She had moved to Westfield to be with her ailing father, who has since died.

Singer was charged in September with burglaries of homes and businesses where she is alleged to have stolen a wide range of items including jewelry,

computer equipment, power tools, bikes, stuffed animals and collectibles such as a Barbie collection.

Victims wanting to claim their property must bring either receipts of purchase, copy of a police report or some other significant proof, said Detective Barron Chambliss of the Westfield Police.

Singer and her boyfriend, Damon Brown, were also charged by Westfield police with operating a drug facility, in which they allegedly manufactured methamphetamine in their home on Orenda Circle. Singer was released after posting bail at the Somerset County Jail.

Officers from the Mountainside and Westfield police departments took a week to inventory all the stolen property.

Westfield woman brings out talent in disabled students

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — When students from Kay Cross' arts and crafts class displayed their projects at the Linden public library, people were impressed. They were so impressed, in fact, that they asked the town resident about enrolling in the class.

Those people were shocked to learn the crafts were made by handicapped individuals in a special program sponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

The class includes disabled students of all ages, many of them children. Cross has taught the class for nine years and was recently recognized by the county at a reception where her students' art was displayed.

"My goal is to provide a craft that they can be proud of," Cross said. "It's mainly to get them to have pride in what they do. I think it's one of the finer programs that the county runs because participants get a positive feeling in doing it."

Before teaching the class, Cross, a professional florist, taught an arts and crafts class at the Trailside Nature Center in Mountainside. When members of the county recreation department approached her about teaching the disabled Cross agreed, but insisted the county provide quality materials for the program.

"My goal is to provide a craft that they can be proud of... I think it's one of the finer programs that the county runs because participants get a positive feeling in doing it."

— Kay Cross

The county came through, and Cross said she has a wonderful budget for supplies that can cost about \$50 per student. The county charges a nominal fee for participants.

Cross said that her initial challenge in instructing the class was getting the students to participate. Many of them didn't want to do anything because they hadn't accomplished much in their lives, and others couldn't communicate with her, she said.

However, Cross worked through the difficulties and students who were reluctant at first began helping others make crafts. And as the program progressed, Cross said she needed fewer assistants in the class, which averages 18 students.

Cross said she loves the creativity in her students' projects. "Students try to copy my sample, but they can't, so I praise them for their creativity," she said.

The class makes an assortment of crafts, including wreaths, centerpieces and table-top trees. Cross said that parents have been impressed with their children's work.

"The people who are the real heroes are the parents," Cross said. "They're bringing (the students) to the class and they're with them 24 hours a day."

This year will be Cross' last teaching the class; she plans to spend more time with her family and making floral arrangements at her home studio in Westfield.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westfield resident Kay Cross has been recognized for her work teaching arts and crafts to disabled students.

Police overtime increases costs of bridge repairs

By NICK D'AMORE
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — Roadwork being done at Sheelen's Crossing will cost the borough more than anticipated, Borough Engineer Richard Marsden announced at Tuesday's Borough Council meeting.

He said the improvements to the ramps leading up to the bridge deck at Sheelen's Crossing has cost the borough \$86,996 to date, 23.3 percent more than the contracted cost of \$70,000.

Marsden said the bulk of the increased cost has come from the need for police protection at the site.

"We're paying for 501 hours of police protection. (The increased cost) has a lot to do with the four-hour minimum required by the PBA," he said.

Marsden said the Policeman's

Benevolence Association requires that its officers be paid for at least four hours if they are working "outside their municipal working period."

"That threw me," he said. He said he did not anticipate needing a police presence on both sides of Martine Avenue.

Marsden estimated that the cost for the police coverage accounted for 20 percent of the increased costs.

Council President Joel Whitaker said he was "extremely uncomfortable" with the increase and found it "very disturbing."

"If the purpose was to have police there during rush hour, why couldn't one or two officers' duty been extended to 9 p.m.? This would have been four hours split between two people at time and a half. I don't think this was worked in the interest of the public as

much as it should have been," he said.

"The four-hour minimum is what kills you," said Mayor Louis Jung.

In addition, the 23.3 percent increase is just over the 120 percent cap instituted in the borough's Land Use laws.

Marsden said if a contract goes over budget by 120 percent or less, the Borough Council can pass a change order resolution. However, if it is more than 120 percent, more paperwork and documentation has to be done, he said.

"We're very close. We're at 123 percent to date and the police need to be out there one more day," Marsden said Wednesday.

Work on Sheelen's Crossing began in October, with the state Department of Transportation taking care of repairing the bridge. Marsden said NJ Transit funded the reconstruction of the bridge deck, saving the borough "a lot of money and aggravation."

After long negotiations, police contract complete in Westfield

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — After an exhausting negotiation process between the town and police that resulted in a tentative deal in September, the Town Council passed an ordinance Tuesday approving a new four-year contract with the PBA.

The new contract becomes official nearly a year after the previous three-year contract expired. Both sides appear to be happy after an arduous 10-month process that included a public demonstration by the police and negotiation sessions with an arbitrator.

The initial terms were met at a meeting Sept. 13, then accepted by the Westfield PBA a week later. The council agreed to the contract and put it

through the proper paper work, a process that took more than a month.

Under the terms of the four-year deal, police at all ranks will receive a 4 percent raise the first year, 3.9 percent the second year and 4 percent each of the final two years. For the first year of the deal, 2002, a first-year officer will make \$28,881. By the fourth year, a first-year officer will make \$33,277.

A police captain will see an increase from \$83,648 in the first year to \$94,824 by the final year of the contract.

Additional compensation measures in the deal include \$1,000 annually for those assigned as traffic officers, \$500 annually for those assigned to the plainclothes investigation division and 13 paid holidays per year.

Cranford rejects window bids

By NICK D'AMORE
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — The Cranford Board of Education voted Nov. 25 to reject bids for replacements of

windows at three district schools, but a district official said the project should still be completed on schedule.

As part of the districts \$6.3-million facilities-improvement initiative, approved by voters in April, the district plans to replace outdated windows at Cranford High School, Brookside Place and Bloomingdale Avenue schools.

The Nov. 25 meeting marked the second time the board rejected bids for the window replacement project. When the project was first bid out, the lowest proposal, at \$1.1 million, came in well over budget.

The board subsequently made some modifications to the bid specifications, and in the most recent round of bidding the low offer — \$680,416 from Rure Associates of Middlesex — was less than what had been budgeted for the project.

But the board was still forced to reject because at one of the schools, Rure's proposed price was slightly more than had been budgeted. Because the project is being paid for in part by state funding, state law does not allow the district to shift funds from one school to another.

Now, said Business Administrator Robert Carfagno, the district will negotiate with the bidders to bring the project under budget.

Carfagno said he did not expect that project to be difficult. "We're not that far over (at the one school), and overall it's under," he said.

Carfagno said work on the project could begin over spring break, and he still expects the work to be completed by the initial target date, Aug. 30. "We'll be completed by the beginning of the school year," he said.

Westfield Council OKs three change orders

WESTFIELD — The Town Council approved three change orders for various public works projects at its Tuesday meeting.

Due to additional expenses for the project and police overtime, the Dudley Avenue West improvements cost an additional \$22,385.80, raising the project total to \$189,643.30.

And the traffic calming meas-

ures implemented on Rahway Avenue earlier this year, the town's first traffic calming project, will cost an additional \$11,400 for police assistance. The project total is now \$267,959.80.

In addition, various road improvements throughout the town cost \$21,408 more than had been budgeted, bringing the cost for the improvements to \$156,000.88.

Campus notes

Andrew Pavoni matriculated at Middlebury College in Vermont in September.

The son of Marci Smith of Scotch Plains joined 586 other first-year students in the class of 2006 at the liberal arts college.

Ashley Whittemore of Scotch Plains was inducted into the Foreign Language National Honor Society at Union Catholic High School in a Nov. 14 ceremony.

Carolers sing for Tiny Tim Fund

Carolers in Scotch Plains and Fanwood will stop by residents' homes to sing holiday melodies 4-9 p.m. Dec. 11. Donations will benefit The Tiny Tim Fund, a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to children in the two municipalities who cannot

afford medical care. Interested residents are asked to leave porch lights on from 4-9 p.m.

Contributions can also be made directly to The Tiny Tim Fund, PO Box 181, Fanwood, NJ 07023. For more information, call (908) 233-6513.

Board denies application

(Continued from page A-1)

However, many residents opposed the subdivision and even hired legal counsel for the hearing.

"We are unequivocally opposed to the variances being sought and

a new house on that property," said attorney Nick Colucci, speaking on behalf of the neighbors. "This issue boiled down to the word benefit. It's benefit versus benefit. That is benefit of few or benefit of the large."

However, a few residents supported the application, saying that the Cherins had the right to subdivide their property and a new home would be beneficial to property values in the neighborhood.

"Both counsels put together terrific teams," said Robert Newell, board chairman. "We've learned a lot. This case has no right or wrong until you get down to the details of the law and the criteria that have to be met."

The Cherins have 45 days to appeal the board's decision after a memorial resolution is adopted.

Lose Weight Safely & Naturally Have More Energy

Lose those unwanted pounds and inches with a Doctor Recommended- 100% Guaranteed Program. May be Taken Safely by Individuals with high blood pressure and diabetes

RAPPS PHARMACY
611 PARK AVE., PLAINFIELD
Call Toll Free: 888-685-3200
www.bestnutrition4u.com

TIME & AGAIN ANTIQUE AUCTION GALLERY & WAREHOUSE
1080 EDWARD ST. LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
800-290-5401 908-862-0200
fax: 908-862-3438

Important Estate Antiques Auction
Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm

Preview
Monday, December 9th 10am-8pm & Day of Sale

Over \$100,000.00 of Unreserved Merchandise to be sold at this sale.

18th 19th & 20th Century.
Furniture, Artwork, Porcelains, Sterling Silver, Bronzes, Jewelry, Lighting, Clocks, Collections of Hummels, Wedgwood, Liadros and More.

Auction listing, photos & bid forms available on our website.
www.timeandagainantiques.com
Absentee & Phone Bids Accepted

Time & Again your source for fine quality antiques & traditional decorative accessories! Visit our 18,000 ft warehouse.

Just 18 minutes by train via NJ Transit from Penn Station in NYC & conveniently located near the NJ Turnpike & the Garden State Parkway. One Block East of Rtes. 1 & 9 North on Linden/Railway border.

There's a Stevens Graduate Program Near You!

Ramsey, NJ
M.S. in Information Systems

Parsippany, NJ
M.S. in Computer Science
M.S. in Information Systems
M.S. in Management
M.S. in Telecommunications Management
Project Management Graduate Certificate

Wayne, NJ
M.S. in Electrical Engineering
Project Management Graduate Certificate
Systems Engineering Graduate Certificate

Graduate classes meet one evening per week. Graduate Certificates can be applied toward Master's Degrees. Bachelor's Degree Required.

STEVENS
Institute of Technology
www.stevens-tech.edu

CALL 201-4DEGREE jiljegr@stevens-tech.edu
Castle Point on Hudson, Hoboken, NJ

GRAND OPENING CONVENIENCE STORE & EUROPEAN DELI

on the property of **DELTA GAS STATION**

- Fresh Coffee & Rolls
- Hot Sandwiches To Go

SPECIALIZING IN GOURMET SANDWICHES

- Salami & Bologna from - Germany, Hungary, Italy, Russia
- Homemade Breads • Rye • Whole Wheat
- Hot/Cold • Smoked Fish, Meat & Cheese
- European & Russian Cakes & Candies

\$1.00 Off ANY SANDWICH
(Reg. price \$4.49) Exp. 12/31/02
Route 22 West (Next to Pet Shanty)
908-233-7186

Enjoy An Afternoon Of
"Old Fashioned Holiday Fun"

In Scotch Plains Towne Centre
Sunday December 8th
From 12-5 PM
(Rain Date Sunday Dec. 15th - Limited Activities)

Relax On A Horsesdrawn Wagon Ride Around Town
From 12:00-4:00 • Tickets \$2.00 (Children Under 2 Free)

Craft & Street Fair on Park Ave.
Park Ave Closed Between Front St. & East Second Street

Enjoy Wurlitzer Organ Music Throughout the Afternoon
Pony Rides - Petting Zoo - Face Painting - Fire Engine On Display

Visit The Historic Cannonball House Museum On Front Street

Visit The Many Shoppes Offering Holiday Gift Ideas

Ice Sculpting Demonstration - 1pm - 5 pm

Rainbow the Clown - 1pm to 5pm
Balloon Sculptures, Live Animals, Mini Magic Show, Free Give Aways

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting On The Village Green - 5 pm

Followed By A Visit With Santa Claus
Children From Toddler To Age 7 Can Meet Santa In The Gazebo & Get A Treat
Parents May Take Photographs

Happy Holidays To All!

Organized By The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association,
The Scotch Plains Recreation Dept. & The Volunteer Fire Dept.
www.visitscotchplains.com
(Schedule of Events is Subject to Change)

shake a paw
NEW JERSEY'S PUPPY SUPERSTORE

Come Visit Our Beautiful Store With Over 100 Puppies Out In The Open To Hug & Cuddle
NO GLASS WALLS HERE!!!

Looking For The Perfect Gift? We Carry: • Colorful Dog Beds • Wide Assortment of Leashes & Collars • Food & Water Bowls • Dog Shampoos • Combs & Brushes • Grooming Supplies • Over 600 Dog Books • Pooper Scoopers • Nylabones, Booda Ropes...And Much More!

Recommended by Local Veterinarians

We can special order any puppy

Open Cages Insure a happy social puppy

Owner operated since 1982

100% Financing Available
Mon - Sat 11-9 • Sun 11-6

Visit our website @ www.shakeapaw.net for Current Breeds and Discount Coupons

ANY PUPPY \$25 PER MONTH INSTANT 100% FINANCING

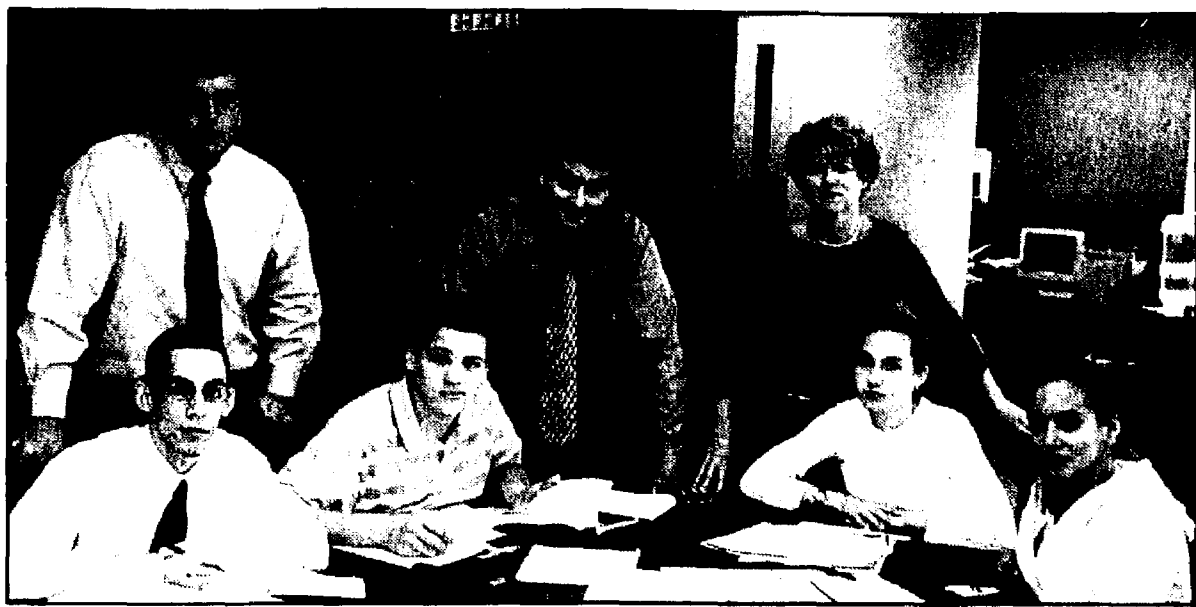
ALLERGIES?
Ask About Our Non-Shedding & Hypo-Allergenic Breeds

Call For Our Weekly Specials (732) 968-2522

14 Rt. 22 West • Greenbrook

Record-Press
A Penn Jersey Advance, Inc. newspaper
NJN Publishing © 2002

Record-Press (USPS 006-049) is published on Friday by NJN Publishing, 301 Central Ave., Clark, NJ 07066 (908) 575-6660. Second class postage paid at Cranford, NJ 07016. POSTMASTER: please send changes to NJN Publishing. Fulfillment office, PO Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876. Subscription rates by mail, one year within Union County \$17, out of county \$20, out of state \$24. To subscribe call 1-800-300-9321



Focus on the future

The Westfield law firm, Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook recently hosted several students from Cranford High School for a day. The students, who visited the law firm Nov. 19 as part of "Focus on the Future: Job Shadowing Day '02," learned how to do legal research and apply case law. From left, attorneys Dennis McKeever, James Guinee and Kathleen Connelly stand behind students Jerry Lee Rivera, R.J. Sobocinski, Christy Denny and Elena Morge.

Fee increase planned at center

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A plan to discount Conservation Center fees for senior citizens is on hold for now, but the Town Council is planning some changes that could make use of the center a little more costly for everyone else.

At a Nov. 26 conference meeting the council decided to increase the cost of annual permits for the center to \$55, reduce the center's hours of operation in the winter months and conduct a broader analysis of usage of the center.

The changes are the product of a discussion that began earlier last month when Councilwoman Susan Jacobsen, chairwoman of the solid waste committee, proposed a permit discount for senior citizens. Jacobsen said the town needs to look for ways to give its older residents a break in costs for services, and suggested a \$60 fee for other

residents to cover the cost of the discount.

At the Nov. 26 meeting Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh presented some data about the center. Marsh said that the Department of Public Works sells an average of 3,000 permits for \$50 each, which has been the price since 1996. Permits were \$45 prior to 1996.

Expenses from operating the center, Marsh said, include grass and brush disposal and employee overtime.

Marsh projected grass disposal to cost \$33,000 and brush disposal to be \$60,000 in 2003. He said overtime accounts for \$15,000, with salaries increasing yearly. A \$5 increase in fees would cover the overtime costs, he said.

The committee decided to move ahead with that fee increase, and also to cut service from the center to two Saturdays a month during the winter to limit overtime costs.

Before deciding on a discount for

seniors, the council wanted data on how many seniors use the center. James Gildea, town administrator, suggested that the center monitor senior citizen use so the council can better make decision on the discount.

The council must pass an ordinance to change the fees and make corrections to the public works brochure that is mailed to residents in January. The information will also be posted on the town's website.

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)

UNBEATABLE PRICES!!!

NEXTEL • Mobile • Xingular • and Wireless • **REPROGRAMMABLE**

WE WILL BEAT ANY PRICE TO MATCH ANY PHONE

\$9.55 Per Month
60 ANYTIME MINS
500 Weekend Mins
FREE LONG DISTANCE
FREE Roaming Charge
FREE Nokia 3390 or Samsung R225
Expires 12/6/02

\$19.55 Per Month
300 Anytime Minutes
Unlimited Nights & Weekends
Free Long Distance
FREE Nokia 3390 or Ericsson R300
Expires 12/6/02

T-Mobile • GET MORE PLAN
\$29.95 Per Month
600 ANYTIME MINS
Unlimited Nights & Weekend Mins
FREE Nationwide Long Dist.
FREE ROAMING
FREE V48 Phone
Expires 12/6/02

FAMILY PLAN
\$24.99 Per Month
Each Phone
800 ANYTIME MINS
Unlimited Weekend Mins
Unlimited Phone to Phone
T 300 PHONE "48" with Rebate
Expires 12/6/02

FREE PHONE
\$29.99 Per Month
500 ANYTIME MINS
Unlimited Nights & Weekend Mins
FREE LONG DISTANCE
FREE ROAMING
Expires 12/6/02

All plans receive rebate per month for the first 6 months from extreme wireless. All phones require one or two year activation. Coupons may not be combined with any other coupons. FREE phone after \$50 rebate.

23 WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK
732-381-1800 • 732-381-7222
OPEN SUN THUR 10AM-7PM • FRI 10AM-6PM • CLOSED SATURDAYS • CALL FOR HOLIDAY HOURS

Changing the Way Eldercare is Delivered

Eldercare for a Full Life

Our mission: Redefining the way healthcare services are delivered to America's elders. By focusing on helping elders maintain their health, mobility and independence, Genesis ElderCare® helps elders and their families to manage the aging process.

We deliver a comprehensive set of eldercare services through a network of people, places and programs. These services share a common approach: Listening to our customers with an open mind, advising them based on our professional experience and evaluation, and working to help elders achieve their goals.

Now there's a simple answer!

Genesis ElderCare®

The Woodlands
1400 Woodland Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060
(908) 753-1113

North Gate Rd. application wins approval from board

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The fight between residents and developers about limiting subdivisions and preserving neighborhoods or building more homes on scarce land has a new front — and this time, the developers won.

At a Nov. 25 meeting, the Planning Board by a 5-4 vote approved an application by Messercola Brothers Building Co. to subdivide a lot on North Gate Road in order to construct two new homes.

The approval comes not long after the board authorized the construction of several homes on Frank Street and despite protests from neighbors, who said the applicant seeks to squeeze in two new homes that do not fit the character of the neighborhood. Most of the houses in the area are ranch homes.

"Where do we stop? Where do we stop raping our communities?" said Richard Della Torre, a North Gate Road resident for 30 years and one of about 20 who came out to oppose the project. "There are no small houses anymore. They're trying to shoe them into smaller and smaller lots. Enough is enough."

In approving the subdivision, the board granted one variance for lot width. The land use ordinance requires a 90-foot width, while the two new lots would be 60 ft. and 50 ft. respectively.

But James Watson, surveyor for the applicant, argued the lot is

oddly shaped because it sits where the road curves. Watson presented two other plans that would come closer to or would meet zoning requirements, but said those plans would cause more of a disturbance to the neighborhood pattern by taking down trees and pushing the

"Where do we stop? Where do we stop raping our communities? There are no small houses anymore."

- Richard Della Torre,
North Gate Road
resident

new homes out of line with existing houses.

Though architectural drawings for the houses are not included in the subdivision application, residents were concerned about the size of the homes that will be built.

The applicant proposes to tear down an existing ranch home on the property, a 51,000 sq. ft. lot. Robert Krauss, attorney for the applicant, said that there are no final plans for the homes because the home buyers will have some

input. Watson said that when making the plans, he stayed within the parameters of the township's ordinance which allows a home to be 20 percent of the lot size. He speculated the new homes would be approximately 2,400 sq. ft. each.

David Zimmerman, planning consultant for the applicant, pointed out that lots would be considerably less dense than regulations allow.

"I think the benefits outweigh the detriments," Zimmerman told the board. "I don't see any hard detriments. In fact, I see benefits to adding two new homes. When you make real estate improvements there's a general positive impact on the neighborhood."

During public discussion, residents brought up other concerns for the board to consider in its ruling, such as the neighborhood pattern of side or rear garages and the loss of trees during construction.

The applicant agreed to a side or rear garage and to put up a snow fence to protect trees during construction. In addition, as a condition of approval, the board instituted a size restriction of 2,400 sq. ft. on each house, though the applicant will be allowed to exceed that by 25 percent.

ROOFING

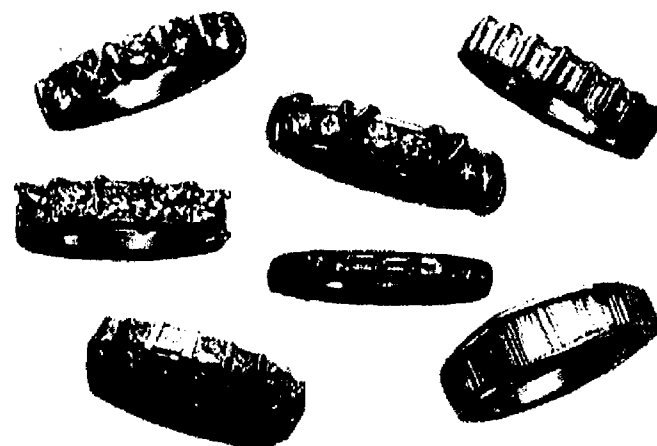
Cape Cod \$2,500
Bi-Level \$2,700
Split Level \$2,900

\$100 Off
Any
Roofing Job

Price includes: removal of two layers of old shingles, dumpsters, complete clean up, 25 yr. shingles and all paper and permits.

CARLSON BROS. 908-272-1266

The Present. Your Future.



Diamond Wedding Rings
14K, 18K & Platinum, priced from \$1,000.

Trust... The American Gem Society holds fine jewelers to a set of standards so high that less than five percent of all retail jewelry stores in the United States qualify to be members.

As a member of the American Gem Society, Martin Jewelers has the professional expertise and gemological instruments to ensure that you receive accurate, educated and ethical information before making your fine jewelry purchase. We'll show you the difference shopping an AGS jeweler can make.

martin jewelers
YOUR PERSONAL JEWELER SINCE 1943

ACCREDITED GEM LAB AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY
Ellen R. Ramer, CGA Jeff Robbins, RJ

12 North Avenue West • Cranford, NJ • 908-276-6718

HOLIDAY HOURS: Open Wednesdays till Christmas
Starting December 9: Monday-Friday 9:45am-8:30pm • Saturday 9:30am-5pm
SUNDAYS-December 8, 15 & 22-11am-5pm

NOW IN OUR 57th YEAR

HOLIDAY CARPET CLEANING!

Any 2 Rooms of Carpeting Cleaned for **\$49.95***

(*Combination living-dining area equals 2 rooms)

Extra Bonus! Buy one room Scotchgard® and Receive second room of Scotchgard®

FREE! An '18" Value



STEAM CARPET CLEANING COMPANY

- Located in Westfield -

908-233-2130
1-800-626-5556

To Order Home Delivery!

SAVE TIME - SAVE MONEY!

TO ORDER BY PHONE: 1-800-300-9321

BY MAIL - SEND COUPON BELOW TO:

NJN PUBLISHING • PO BOX 699, SOMERVILLE, NJ 08876 • ATTN: CIRCULATION

Yes! I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER HOME DELIVERY OF THE

Record-Press

WESTFIELD-SCOTCH PLAINS FANWOOD

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

☐ My Check is enclosed.

☐ Please charge my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

☐ NEW Subscription or ☐ RENEWAL Subscription

Circle length of subscription:

Subscription addressed to: 1 year 3 years

☐ IN COUNTY 17.00 34.00

☐ IN STATE 20.00 48.00

☐ OUT OF STATE 24.00 53.00

(Senior Citizens - \$3.00 Discount on 1 Year Only)

Mount St. Mary's students teach Scouts about computers

WATCHUNG — Thirteen girls from Junior Girl Scout Troop 228 in South Plainfield participated in a computer program at Mount St. Mary Academy's lab last month.

The private girls high school, in conjunction with Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, is helping the Scouts earn their computer badges.

Troops sign up with Carolyn Parisi of South Plainfield, technology teacher at Mount St. Mary, for the afternoon program that runs from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Scouts are assisted by Mount St. Mary students who help them complete five merit badge requirements using the Microsoft Office Suite. This includes creating stories in Word, creating story illustrations in

PowerPoint and putting the stories into a newsletter via Publisher. They also use Excel to create a camping shopping list. The girls also visit the Girl Scout website and play some of the online games found there.

Paula Ansari, a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop 561 of Scotch Plains/Fanwood was one of the Mount tutors. "I like helping the girls earn their badges because I know how much I enjoyed getting my badges," she said.

Parisi said she became interested in giving this service when she saw the badge requirements for her Brownie daughter.

"I saw there was a need for a computer lab and asked Mount

Saint Mary Academy's principal, Sr. Lisa, if I could start an afternoon club and have Mount students work with the Scouts. I was a Scout in the Washington Rock Council so that connection came naturally," Parisi said. "I've had a positive response from troop leaders when they sign up and from those who attend the program. I only wish I had more than two hours to work with the girls."

The program stresses online privacy and safety issues through the Online Safety Pledge and the "How to Stay Safe" chapter of the Junior Girl Scout Handbook.

At the end of the program the Scouts view the merged PowerPoint presentation created by their troop.



All in a jumble

Cybill Phelan of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield displays a sample of the holiday gifts on sale at the Jumble Store's annual holiday boutique 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. The Jumble Store is located at 110 Walnut Ave. in Cranford, and all proceeds benefit the League's community service efforts.

'Peace Train' passes through Union County on Saturday

The "Peace Train," sponsored by the NJ Coalition Against War in Iraq, will be passing through the area Saturday.

The train — actually a group of trains throughout New Jersey that will converge in Newark, bringing protesters against the potential war — will make two stops in central Union County.

The train will pick up passengers at 11:58 at the Cranford

train station, and slightly before that in Westfield. At both locations, protesters will stage brief vigils or rallies before boarding the train.

After boarding the train, local protesters will ride into Newark's Penn Station, where they will join others from around the state. A pre-march rally will be held at Peter Francesca Park on Ferry Street, followed by a 2.5-

mile march through the city streets, with stops at the offices of state representatives who voted against the Congressional resolution authorizing the use of force in Iraq. The march will conclude with a rally at Essex County College.

For more information about local anti-war activity, contact Leigh Davis of Cranford at (908) 272-8487 or NotoWar@hotmail.com

Market to help homeless pets

SCOTCH PLAINS — Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, Inc., will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar and Flea Market 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church at 333 Park Avenue.

A large selection of decorations, gifts, handcrafted and household items, toys and games, clothing and jewelry will be featured. And Brownie Troop 106 of Evergreen

School will join the fundraising event by holding a bake sale.

Donations to the group may be dropped off at the church after 6 p.m. Friday. Due to space limitations, large pieces of furniture will not be accepted.

All proceeds will be used to benefit homeless pets awaiting adoption. For more information, call (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930.

Briefs

Residents perform in holiday concert

Several area residents will participate in The Madrigal Singers "Peace on Earth" program of words and music for the Christmas season 4 p.m. Sunday at the Unitarian Church in Summit.

Singers Martha Desmond of Cranford and Kirk Robbins of Fanwood, reader Judy Sullivan of Scotch Plains, and flutists Jenny Cline and Clarissa Nolde of Westfield will perform in the program, which includes readings from the Bible and Shakespeare and carols and motets from the 13th-20th centuries.

Admission at Sunday's performance is by donation at the door. The Unitarian Church is located at 4 Waldron Ave.

For more information, call (908) 233-1570.

Men's Holiday Chorus seeks singers

Men who love to sing are invited to join the Men's Holiday Chorus.

Under the auspices of the Rahway Valley Chorus, the holiday ensemble plans shows in Central Jersey through the holidays. Rehearsals are 8-9:30 p.m. Monday at Roosevelt Elementary School in Rahway.

For more information, phone Doug Brown at (908) 276-4547 or Ken at (908) 272-1503.

Genealogical Society meets 1 p.m. Thursday

WESTFIELD — The Genealogical Society of the West Fields meets 1 p.m. Thursday at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St.

John Celdaro of Fanwood speaks about his work with Save Ellis Island, a group of which he is a director. He is an archivist with the Northeast Region of the National Archives.

Celdaro also has been on the Governor's Committee for the Preservation and Future Use of Ellis Island.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Temple sponsors used clothing drive

Temple Shalom of Scotch Plains and Plainfield will hold a used clothing drive Sunday. Items may be dropped off 10 a.m.-noon at the temple's Plainfield site, 815 West Seventh Street. All of the items collected will be shipped overseas to disadvantaged areas in Eastern Europe and Africa. Tax receipts will be available.

Items being accepted include used clothing, sheets, towels, blankets/comforters, stuffed animals, shoes, purses, and any other "soft" household items. Please place donations in plastic garbage bags for easier transport.

For more information, contact the temple at (908) 766-6447.



WE CAN HELP KEEP YOU TRUCKIN'

CALL ME ABOUT
BUSINESS INSURANCE

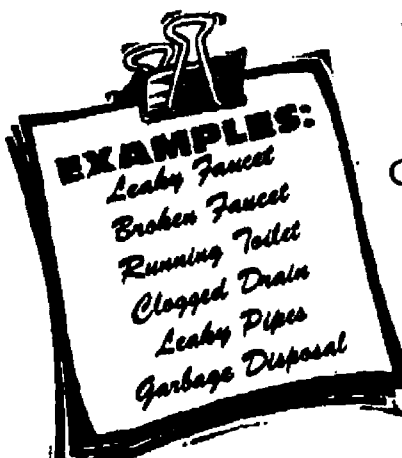
NELSON ESPELAND, LUTCF
SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ 07076
(908) 233-6300



Subject to availability and good credit. Other terms, conditions and exclusions may apply. Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company, Bridgewater, New Jersey. © 2002 Allstate Insurance Company.

MINOR PLUMBING PROBLEMS FIXED FOR \$19.95*

WE'RE DOING THIS TO WIN YOUR BUSINESS!



You'll be so pleased with our Fast & Friendly On-Time Service, Quality Workmanship & Guaranteed Satisfaction...

WE BELIEVE YOU'LL BECOME A CUSTOMER FOR LIFE

Service Professionals

Richard Bogda - Master Plumbers License #09897

800-386-4897

*We will fix any problems up to \$107. FOR \$19.95 Dispatch fee of \$39.95 is additional. ©2001 Service Professionals, Inc.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SAT., DEC. 7 (7-6)
SUN., DEC. 8 (9-5)

Our Gift To You

Free

Flowering Potted Orchid*

FROM: Parker Greenhouses

Your Source For...

- Unusual Gifts
- Custom Designs
- New Trends
- Entertaining Tips
- Live & Artificial Trees & Wreaths
- Magnificent Poinsettias
- Refreshments

Visit Santa 10-4 Both Days

Parker

GREENHOUSES FARM & GARDEN CENTER

1325 Terrill Road • SCOTCH PLAINS, NJ

(908) 322-5555 Open Year Round

Mon.-Wed. 7-5 • Thurs.-Fri. 7-7 • Sat. 7-6 • Sun. 9-5

*With \$60 Purchase. May not be combined with any other offer. Now thru Dec. 15th. Retail value \$19.99

Briefs

Program addresses holiday depression

WESTFIELD — Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield hosts an informative presentation on "Holiday Depression and the Elderly" 7-8 p.m. Tuesday.

The program will be led by Janet Pincu of Generations Counseling & Care Management, and will include a question and answer session.

Sunrise Assisted Living is located at 240 Springfield Avenue. For more information, phone (908) 317-3030.

Nature Club hosts holiday party

The Greater Watchung Nature Club will hold its annual holiday party 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the community room of the Mountainside Municipal Building, located on New Providence Road just off Route 22.

Guests are asked to bring a main dish, salad or desert; the club will provide punch, coffee and paper goods.

Please RSVP to Geri Breitenbach at (908) 757-9464.

Elks Club offers college scholarships

For high school seniors preparing to go to college, now is the time to take advantage of scholarship opportunities. The Elks Foundation is now accepting applications for its Most Valuable Student Scholarship.

Scholarship applications are available through local Elks lodges or online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 10.

Glee Club offers annual winter concerts

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Glee Club holds its 78th winter concert this weekend under the direction of Thomas Booth.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. tomorrow at the First Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Fifth Ave., Roselle, and 4 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St.

Accompaniment for all songs is by George Lachenauer, piano. Some songs may include a percussion arrangement by Ken Phillips.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 seniors and students. For tickets or full information, phone Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

Newcomers have many events planned

WESTFIELD — The Newcomers Club of Westfield has issued its monthly schedule:

Tuesday — "Ladies Dinner Out" at Aquaviva, 115 Elm St., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13 — Children's play group at Romp Around in Green Brook, 10 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 20 — Holiday party at The Westwood in Garwood, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22 — Cookie exchange, 2 p.m. Bring six dozen cookies and a copy of the recipe. One dozen cookies will be kept for tasting; the other five dozen will be exchanged.

Monday, Jan. 6 — Book Group discussion of "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham.

Women over 21 who are new to the area and/or have had a major lifestyle change (birth, career, marriage) are eligible to join the Newcomers Club. For full event information, phone Alicia Weaver at (908) 654-5373 or Genevieve Davy at (908) 789-4842.

Willow Grove Church hosts Yuletide events

SCOTCH PLAINS — Two Yuletide events of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Raritan Road are open to the public.

A church supper and Christmas carol concert are 6 p.m. Sunday. The supper is downstairs in Ryno Hall, where donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal. Music follows in the sanctuary with accompaniment by Marilyn Thorne, organ.

A holiday luncheon at noon Tuesday is a joint program of the 12 O'Clock Club, a local senior citizens club, and the church Women's Association. Pupils in the church's preschool present their own rendition of the Nativity. Holiday music is by Janice Haer, organ.

Reservations are required for both events; phone (908) 232-5678.



Watch your finger!

Six-year-old Alessandra Leong of Westfield shows her father William how to crack a rock open during Rock Collecting for Families at the Mineral Show at Trillside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside. The mineral show drew more than 1,100 visitors, who came for programs such as an Interpretive Geology Hike and Dinosaur, Fossil & Mineral Adventure.

McGinn School students pitch in for crime victims

SCOTCH PLAINS — Students at McGinn School recently helped members of the Union County Juvenile Officers' Association and Prosecutor's Office Victim Witness Unit provide food for county families who have been victimized by violent criminals.

Under the guidance of Alyce Fisher, the students assisted with the project, which on Nov. 26 delivered 43 baskets crammed with canned goods, turkeys and other foodstuffs to needy families of crime victims.

"This is a true gesture of kindness for those less fortunate and it is made possible by the combined kindness of a lot of people," said Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow.

Among the families receiving baskets of food were a Rahway family whose son was murdered, a number of Elizabeth families whose homes were destroyed in a devastating fire two months ago, an elderly Union woman who was robbed and severely beaten, a Roselle woman beaten and terrorized by an acquaintance in a domestic dispute and a Plainfield

family whose mother was murdered.

Elaine O'Neal, coordinator of the Victims Witness Unit, said the families are selected from case files and nominations from police officers throughout the county.

"It's a lot of work, but it's a labor of love," she said.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child

Considering different educational options for your daughter?



Oak Knoll is a Catholic Independent School; the Upper School is for girls, grades 7-12.

Please come with your daughter to an evening INFORMATION SEMINAR.

Tuesday, Dec. 10
7 p.m. Tours

7:45-8:30 p.m. Information Session
Call (908) 522-8109 to reserve space.

44 Metuchen Road • Summit, NJ 07901
www.oakknoll.org

NOW OPEN

Scotch Plains Academy Pre-School & Day Care

1505 East Second St Scotch Plains, N.J.
908 322-4399

OPEN HOUSE Saturday

December 7, 2002
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

You are invited to attend
SCOTCH PLAINS ACADEMY'S OPEN HOUSE.

This will be an opportunity for you to see what we have to offer your family.

SCOTCH PLAINS ACADEMY is a Pre-school and Day Care that is committed to an overall program to help children develop their individuality. Nothing is more important than the happiness and well being of your child. We guarantee to provide a warm and nurturing environment where your child will be encouraged to develop a love for learning.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Westfield could be headed toward legal clash over basin

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The town may be moving toward legal action against Cranford as the neighboring municipalities argue over the lease for a water retention basin in the northeast section of town.

Westfield owns a portion of the retention basin, which it began to lease to Cranford in 1978. According to Jim Gildea, town administrator of Westfield, there is no record of payment from Cranford since the lease began.

Gildea said he sent a letter to

Cranford several months ago requesting proof of payment, and he has yet to receive a response.

Town Attorney Robert Cockren is now in the process of sending correspondence to Cranford Township Attorney Al Stender about possible legal action, Gildea said.

According to Gildea, Cranford says it made payments up until 1993, though he has not been able to verify that because Westfield's records are insufficient. But he said Westfield has not received payments for the last 10 years,

when it should have collected \$65,495.53.

The total lease payments since 1978 are \$125,384.63, Gildea said.

The lease will expire in August 2004, and Gildea said Cranford representatives have indicated they are interested in renewing it. The town continues to look for payment documentation as it tries to settle the issue, Gildea said.

Cranford officials referred questions for comment to Township Attorney Al Stender. Stender could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Clover Street light is on hold

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The proposed traffic light at the Clover Street and Central Avenue intersection that caused a debate among residents in the area has been put on hold by the county until town officials decide whether or not they still want it.

Town Engineer Kenneth Marsh reported the county has completed a preliminary study of the intersection and hired a contractor to perform a warrant study for a traffic light. The warrant study was 10 percent complete before the county suspended it until the town decides whether it wants to move forward the light.

The county began studying the intersection in 2000 when former Town Administrator Thomas Shannon requested it. The request

was prompted by residents' concern with the safety of school children crossing the intersection.

But when Greg McDermott began his first term as mayor, neither he nor other council members were aware of the matter. The current council heard of the issue for the first time in October, when residents lined up at a council meeting to voice their opinions.

Though the light has been advocated by Police Chief Bernard Tracy and the BRAKES organization, about 250 residents signed a petition opposing the light, fearing

that motorists will cut through residential streets to avoid it.

The council decided to refer the issue in a committee, which will then make a recommendation to the full council.

Some council members asked if the county would continue with the warrant study to provide the town with more information to make its decision. But Town Attorney Robert Cockren said without a clear consensus from the town that the light is wanted, the county is unlikely to pay for the rest of the study.

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.

YANKEE CANDLE

famous for fragrance™



Christmas™ Cookie
our December
Fragrance
of the Month
20% Off

Lancaster, Ltd.

76 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ

(908) 232-2232

Hours: Sun. 11-5; Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur., Fri., 9-9; Sat. 9-6



Charms for the Holidays

Select from thousands of charms.
Each available in Sterling Silver & Karat Gold.
Starting at \$10.

martin jewelers
YOUR PERSONAL JEWELER SINCE 1945

ACCREDITED GEM LAB AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY
Ellen R. Ramer, CGA Jeff Robbins, RJ

12 North Avenue West • Cranford, NJ • 908-276-6718

HOLIDAY HOURS: Open Wednesdays Until Christmas

Starting December 9: Monday-Friday 9:45am-8:30pm a Saturday 9:30am-5pm

SUNDAYS-December 8, 15 & 22-11am-5pm

NOW IN OUR 57th YEAR

Commentary

Time to think about N.J. in 2003

This is the time of the year when most of us are too pre-occupied to think about the future. We're too busy trying to wrap up the business of 2002 and getting in the holiday spirit. However, with serious challenge facing New Jersey, it is not the time to ignore these issues. They are not going away, and the joyous spirit of the holiday season will soon be replaced by the bleak and cold reality that you have to start facing these issues once the calendar changes.

At their conference last month, members of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities discussed ways to help "New Jersey reclaim control of its future." There is a prevalent pessimism that the status quo is here to stay — and that's not good news. Local officials are bound by state mandates to provide services for which the state does not provide ample funding — that's one reason school taxes are so high. And it is not likely that any major change in the course of state government will be on the legislative agenda as more and more of the burden for providing essential services falls upon local municipalities who have to rely on property taxes. And that reliance on property taxes may become even more burdensome in the new year, as the state may be facing another gaping budget deficit.

As it has in the past, the League of Municipalities has again urged the legislature to consider property tax relief. The state's over-reliance on the property tax can lead to a myriad of problems affecting the state's future, from declining funding of schools to corporate executives thinking twice about relocating their firms to New Jersey or expanding current facilities. High property taxes burden the elderly on fixed incomes and hinder young families from finding affordable housing. Worse, the desperate search for ratables leads to sprawl that chews up open space and creates traffic jams; that doesn't need to be explained to anyone who lives or works in New Jersey.

But that's not the only issue that worries the League of Municipalities. Members also want the state to take a fresh look at a wide range of development issues. For example, the League is urging the state legislature to seriously address affordable housing standards so that a municipality is not "flooded with hundreds of residential units under the guise of producing a handful of affordable housing units." In other words, the so-called builder's remedy needs to be remedied.

The League is also advocating legislation that would allow municipalities to charge developers impact fees. The reason is simple — the developer who makes a mint building new homes ought to contribute to the municipality's cost of supporting those homes and the people they bring. With the cost of educating a pupil in a public school at close to \$10,000 a year, the property tax revenue a new home generates does not cover the added cost, thereby raising taxes for all in the community.

The issues of property tax reform and controlling development have been festering for a long time in New Jersey. It is time for boldness to address these issues. That calls for strong leadership in Trenton, from the governor's office to every state senator and assemblyman. 2003 should be the year when the state takes a fresh, pro-active approach to tackling these long overdue reforms.

The Record-Press is here for you

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

Call Editor Greg Marx at (908) 575-6687 with story suggestions, questions or comments.

For sports, call Dan Murphy at (908) 575-6691.

Our address: *The Record-Press*, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Our fax number is (908) 575-6683.

Our e-mail address is union@njnpublishing.com.

Correction policy

The Record-Press will correct errors of fact, context or presentation and clarify any news content that confuses or misleads readers. Please report errors to Editor Greg Marx at (908) 575-6687.



Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

Nostalgia ain't what it once was

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Not so long ago nostalgia was just a wistful collection of memories. A song from long ago on the radio was enough to send your mind spinning backwards in time. You reveled in reminiscence with sighs and smiles until something rude jolted you back into the present. Nostalgia was harmless.

But now nostalgia is being used for more nefarious purposes. Politicians with a conservative bent say we should hearken back to the 1950s for a model on how to conduct our civil lives. People and society were decent back then, they say. The uncivil behavior that befouls our country now, they say, never existed before the triumph of the liberals in the 1960s; for example, on television married couples slept in only separate beds (which, curiously, led me as a child to believe my parents were poor because they had only one bed.) But the 1950s were not good times; we were afraid of nuclear apocalypse and there were many citizens of our country who could not enjoy their full rights because of the color of their skin.

That's the nature of nostalgia. It was never that good and it was never that bad. You remember what attracted you to a long lost lover, but you forget what tore your hearts apart. You remember being slugged by the playground bully, but you forget his mother bringing in cupcakes for the entire class on his birthday. Memory is a myth-maker and like most myths, we edit out the banal and the mundane in favor of the extraordinary and traumatic. Myths are not allowed to be mediocre.

That's why, in some cases, nostalgia can be dangerous, especially around the holiday season. Christmases were always merrier when we were children, the rules of nostalgia say; the lights on the trees were always brighter, more carols were sung and the crass commercialism which pervades this holy time was somewhat muted. Depression creeps in when the reality of the present holiday season doesn't match the glistening memory. That's too bad.

Christmas, whether or not one believes in the events of Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, is a time for rejoicing and reflection. We rejoice in the fundamental goodness of the universe and we reflect on ways we can make it better. We celebrate the year's successes and we resolve to improve in the new year. The spirit of brotherhood in the holiday season transcends any specific religion. Who of us, for example, has never kissed a complete stranger on New Year's Eve or has been the beneficiary of an unexpected act of kindness?

These are the memories that keep us going whenever the everyday stress threatens to shove us into a dark abyss of doubt. That is why we become so nostalgic at Christmas. We reach back through the time to a moment when our childhood faith in the magical and mysterious was absolute. As children, did we ever doubt that an angel appeared to a shepherd? Did our belief that Santa had the omnipotent knowledge of who was naughty or nice ever waver? In those days, before our minds could comprehend abstractions, we were blissfully free of doubt. We sang "Jingle Bells" until our lungs ached because someone who we couldn't see was listening.

But we can never return to those pristine days. There are only one-way tickets out of childhood.

And though nostalgia may be comforting, reveling in the past is no way to meet the future. The best that we can do during the holiday season is to hope the wonder and joy we see in today's children are contagious; perhaps then we will see a way to escape our everyday pressures and restore our own flagging faith.

Letters to the editor

Salvation Army seeks public support

To the Record-Press:

Thanksgiving is now past and Christmas is approaching quickly. I give thanks for all God's blessings, especially at this time of the year, but this year I must also pray for help. More, I must also ask the public to be especially generous when they encounter The Salvation Army's red kettles or receive a letter from us in the mail.

Most people don't realize that the money collected in our red kettles is used to help those less fortunate 365 days a year, not just at the holidays. And, this year, we have already experienced a drastic drop in our general fundraising appeals, holiday food and toy drives. I have been advised by Salvation Army social services staff that we are receiving more requests for help this year because of the economy and limited community

resources. We are seeing much hurt and despair.

I realize many people gave very generously in the aftermath of September 11th, but Salvation Army programs and services aiding the needy continue, and I beseech those of you with compassion for your fellow man and the financial means to help to donate not only in the spirit of the season, but with the knowledge that you are helping to feed, clothe and shelter those less fortunate.

Thank you for all your past help, thank you for the help I know you will give once more. May God bless you and yours this holiday season.

LT. COLONIAL NORMAN E. WOOD
N.J. State Commander
The Salvation Army

Single-sex classes don't help students

To The Record-Press:

I think that it is a mistake to only have single sex classes as early as the middle school. As journalist Jeffrey Weld says, "Separate-sex science shortchanges students." This means that many of these children are not developing fully psychologically due to the lack of the opposite gender.

Weld also stated, "as imperfect as coeducational classes may be, they represent real life." The purpose of our schools today is not to be "bubbles" shielding our children from the other gender until they reach a certain age.

As the president of NOW-NYC says, "taking girls out of the classroom reinforces boys' perception that the classroom is their world, their 'clubhouse' with 'no girls allowed' signs posted out front." If the working world says the men and women are equal,

then our children should not grow up thinking that they are inferior. Even if you do not state that women are inferior, by separating them you are stating that that is true.

Also, as the Los Angeles Times states, "It is really hard to say how you can attribute (improvements) to gender separation..." which means that you cannot say gender separation is going to help the children learn better and achieve better grades. Finally, Star-Ledger writer Annie Gowen states dating is important for social and psychological growth.

In conclusion, separating the classes by gender means we are hindering our children, not helping them.

ZACHARY J. COPPA
Westfield

Has the holiday season become too commercialized?



JOHN WILSON
Westfield

Of course it is. I have seven kids and 13 grandkids, so I have a lot to buy.



KIM STUDLACK
Woodbridge

I do think it's too commercialized. As soon as Halloween comes the commercialism keeps going. It's like overkill. It takes away from the true meaning of the season.



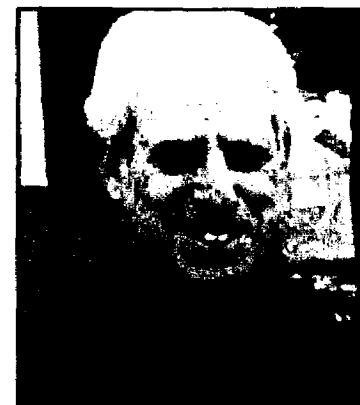
MARIA CUCUZZO
East Windsor

No, I don't think so. People do their own thing.



VALERIE CHAVEZ
Westfield business owner

Yes, because it starts too early with advertising. There's no mention of the reason for the holiday.



LOWELL SCHMIDT
Westfield

Yes, because it starts too soon. Before Thanksgiving comes they have Christmas stuff all around.



Record-Press

WESTFIELD SCOTCH PLAINS FANWOOD

NJN Publishing © 2002
A Penn Jersey Advance, Inc. Newspaper

Publisher	Rosemarie Malo	908-575-6664
Executive Editor	Michael Deak	908-575-6685
Editor	Greg Marx	908-575-6687
Sports Editor	Allan Conover	908-575-6689
Advertising Director	Eileen Bickel	732-396-4223
Telecenter Manager	Carol Glazer	610-258-5936

NJN

44 Veterans Memorial Drive East, Somerville, NJ 08876

President	Thomas H. Krekel	908-782-4747 Ext 6-10
Senior V.P. Operations	Joseph Unisio	908-575-6759
Vice President Advertising	Rosemarie Malo	908-575-6664
Controller	Margaret M. Gerke	908-782-4747 Ext 6-70
Production Manager	Linda Zetterberg	908-575-6710

Record Press (USPS 000-000) is published on Friday by NJN Publishing, 301 Central Ave., Clark, NJ 07066. (908) 575-6660. Second class postage paid at Cranford, NJ 07016. POSTMASTER: please send changes to NJN Publishing, Fulfillment Office, P.O. Box 109, Somerville, NJ 08876. Subscription rates for mail: one year within U.S. (except N.J.) \$17, out of country \$20, out of state \$21. To subscribe call 1-800-900-9321.

Circulation: 1-800-300-9321 ■ News: 908-575-6686
Advertising: 732-396-4223 ■ Classified: 1-800-559-9495

Witty's

Discount Wines & Liquors

LOWEST PRICES GUARANTEED

Bring in any competitor's ad or coupon and we will meet or beat that price subject to ABC regulations.

HOURS: MON.-THURS 9AM-9PM
FRI & SAT 9AM-10PM • SUN 10AM-6PM

870 St. George Ave., Rahway, CVS Shopping Center • 732-381-6776 • FAX 732-381-8008

SEAGRAMS 7 CROWN
14⁹⁹
1.75 liter

J.W. RED or DEWAR'S
31⁰⁰
1.75 liter

CHIVAS REGAL
49⁹⁹
1.75 liter

ABSOLUT Vodka 80° Citron Mandarin
28⁰¹
1.75 liter

SMIRNOFF Vodka 80°
18⁰⁰
1.75 liter

JOSE CUERVO Gold Tequila
31⁰⁰
1.75 liter

JACK DANIELS
32⁰²
1.75 liter

CANADIAN CLUB
17⁹⁹
1.75 liter

CUTTY SARK
26⁰⁰
1.75 liter

CLAN MacGREGOR
15⁹⁹
1.75 liter

SEAGRAMS 7 Crown
14⁹⁹
1.75 liter

LEEDS
9⁹⁹
1.75 liter

TANQUERAY
24⁹⁹
1.75 liter

BACARDI Old Select
21⁰⁰
1.75 liter

GLENDONCH Single Malt
54⁰¹
1.75 liter

WHITE HORSE Scotch
20⁹⁹
1.75 liter

BEEFEATER Gin
26⁹⁹
1.75 liter

GORDON'S Vodka 80°
13⁰⁰
1.75 liter

WOLFSCHODT Vodka 80°
13⁰¹
1.75 liter

SKYY Vodka 80°
22⁹⁹
1.75 liter

MALIBU Rum Coconut
20⁹⁹
1.75 liter

BACARDI RUM Light - Gold
17⁰⁰
1.75 liter

750 ml HOLIDAY FAVORITES

750 ml SEAGRAMS 7 CROWN 24⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml J.W. RED or DEWAR'S 24⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml CHIVAS REGAL 24⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml ABSOLUT Vodka 80° 16⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>
750 ml JACK DANIELS 18⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml CANADIAN CLUB 15⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml CUTTY SARK 15⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml SEAGRAMS 7 Crown 17⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>
750 ml BUSHMILLS Irish Whiskey 15⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml J.W. RED or DEWAR'S 15⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml CHIVAS REGAL 15⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml ABSOLUT Vodka 80° 17⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>
750 ml GRANT'S Scotch 13⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml J.W. RED or DEWAR'S 13⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml CHIVAS REGAL 13⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml ABSOLUT Vodka 80° 13⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>
750 ml J.W. RED or DEWAR'S 17⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml CHIVAS REGAL 23⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml ABSOLUT Vodka 80° 22⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml SKYY Vodka 80° 13⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>
750 ml J.W. RED or DEWAR'S 17⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml CHIVAS REGAL 10⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml ABSOLUT Vodka 80° 11⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>	750 ml SKYY Vodka 80° 11⁹⁹ <small>1.75 liter</small>

HOLIDAY CASE SPECIALS All Cases 12-Bottles 750 ml

M&R Anti Spumante 72⁹⁹ <small>12 bottles</small>	M&R Anti Spumante 97⁹⁹ <small>12 bottles</small>	BACARDI RUM Light - Gold 108⁹⁹ <small>12 bottles</small>	SMIRNO
---	---	---	---------------

airJamaica
VACATIONS

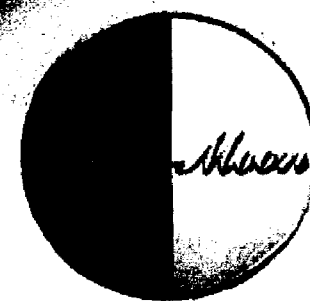
Non-Stop Champagne Flights
From JFK & Newark



- Serving the Caribbean for Over 30 Years
- Newest Fleet of State-of-the Art Aircraft
- Jet-to-Jet Service to the Caribbean*
- Voted Best Airline to the Caribbean
- Serving the Finest Meals in the Sky

Jamaica St. Lucia Barbados Antigua Bonaire Curaçao Grand Cayman Grenada Nassau Turks & Caicos

Feel completely alive.



HALF MOON
• MONTGO BAY •
JAMAICA

Set on a 400-acre estate with two miles of white-sand beach you'll find the Caribbean's most exclusive golf and beach resort.

You'll feel completely alive at Half Moon Golf, Tennis & Beach Club in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Here, deluxe accommodations include casually elegant rooms, suites and five- to seven-bedroom villas. Set amid landscaped gardens, each luxurious villa has a private pool and a dedicated service staff that includes a butler, a maid and a personal chef who prepares sumptuous meals for you to enjoy in the privacy of your villa.

With six distinctive gourmet restaurants, guests have a wealth of dining options to choose from at Half Moon. Explore different cuisines, tastes and settings, from the elegant and romantic Sugar Mill Restaurant to the relaxed atmosphere of the resort's weekly beachside barbecue. From traditional afternoon tea and authentic Italian cuisine to the catch of the day prepared Jamaican-style, you'll have the culinary world at your disposal.

Take advantage of all that the resort has to offer or simply relax and do nothing. With a wide array of activities and sports for adults and children, this is an adventurous paradise for everyone.

Improve your swing at the Robert Trent Jones-designed championship 18-hole, par-72 golf course and the prestigious David Leadbetter Golf Academy. Enjoy a therapeutic day at the spa, horseback riding, tennis instruction, views from your private balcony or garden patio, island exploration or a day of total relaxation on a float in the sea. Kids and teens will have the time of their life at Half Moon, with specialized activities for all ages. And, with 36 shops on the property, Half Moon also offers a first-class shopping experience.

Whichever you choose, a luxurious vacation awaits that will leave you feeling completely alive. Half Moon Golf, Tennis & Beach Club. There's only one like it.

- Six Gourmet Restaurants
- Six Bars
- 18-Hole, Par-72 Championship Robert Trent Jones-designed Golf Course
- David Leadbetter Golf Academy
- 13 Tennis Courts • Four Squash Courts
- Full Service Spa • 54 Freshwater Swimming Pools
- Fully Equipped Gym with Personal Trainers
- A Shopping Village with 36 Shops

Jan 5-31 & Mar 1-31, 2003

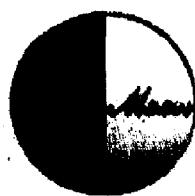
Complete Vacations

include air hotel, taxes & service charges, transfers, tennis, croquet, Jacuzzi, 18-hole putting green, Managers Party and \$50 per person food & beverage credit.

	5 DAYS	8 DAYS	SAVE
Superior	\$880	\$1400	30%
Deluxe	\$1010	\$1740	

All-Inclusive Platinum Vacations
also include meals, drinks, afternoon tea, a bottle of champagne upon arrival, golf green fees and a variety of land and water sport activities.

	5 DAYS	8 DAYS	SAVE
Superior	\$1450	\$2380	30%
Deluxe	\$1500	\$2700	



HALF MOON
• MONTGO BAY •
JAMAICA

The Complete Caribbean Resort



airJamaica
VACATIONS

The Finest Vacation Service in the World™

1-800-568-3247
visit us at: www.airjamaicavacations.com

Call Your Travel Agent or the AIR JAMAICA VACATIONS Representative Nearest You

Westfield, NJ
Affiliated Travel
425 North Ave East
908-654-8700

Westfield, NJ
Sojourn Travel
105 Elm Street
908-233-2888

Scotch Plains, NJ
Key Travel
1532 Front Street
908-322-1821

Prices valid for a limited time only and may be withdrawn at any time. Prices are per person, double occupancy, based on minimum departure, January 5-31 and March 1-31, 2003. Departure taxes and related fees of \$67 are additional and due prior to departure. Flights and transfers are subject to change without notice. Air and hotel blackout dates apply over peak travel periods. Savings are per person based on completion of unpublished hotel rates and services. *Jet-set flights are to Jamaica. Half Moon Bay. Not responsible for errors or omissions. In content.

Community Life

Briefs

Fanwood church sponsors blood drive

FANWOOD — The deacons of Fanwood Presbyterian Church will conduct their annual blood drive 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday in the church dining room.

Because blood can only be stored 42 days, it is important that supplies are replenished regularly. Donations can be made safely every 56 days. During the holiday season, supplies tend to drop to low levels.

The church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues. For more information, call the church at (908) 889-8891.

County will recognize 'Women of Excellence'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Commission on the Status of Women are accepting nominations for the 11th annual Women of Excellence Awards. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 18.

Categories for the award include: business/entrepreneurship, government, health care, journalism and public relations, law enforcement and community service/volunteerism.

Nominees must live in Union County. To submit a nomination, please send a cover letter, resume and biographical statement about the woman, highlighting her accomplishments in a particular category, to Joan Abitate, 322 Dietz St., Roselle, NJ 07203.

Sing-along 'Messiah' at First Baptist Church

WESTFIELD — For several years the Choral Art Society of New Jersey has presented "Messiah" by George Frederic Handel in a sing-along format.

This year's "Community 'Messiah' Sing" is 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street. James Little conducts the performance as director of the Choral Art Society.

Admission is \$10. Bring your own copy of the score or borrow one at the door. For more information, phone (908) 654-3260.

Holiday gift drive to benefit local families

WESTFIELD — The Newcomers Club of Westfield is holding a holiday gift drive for needy families in the town.

Gifts are accepted through Dec. 18. All gifts will be donated to the Westfield Department of Human Services, which is working on the gift drive with the club's Community Service Committee.

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

Alliance offers club drug seminar

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee is sponsoring a seminar on "Club Drugs: Dancing with Death."

Area parents are invited to the program 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Municipal Court chambers at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave. Sandee Moroso from Prevention Links Inc., a drug rehabilitation agency in Union County, is the speaker.

For more information, phone Cathy Cvetovich at (908) 654-4441.

Red Cross offers babysitter training

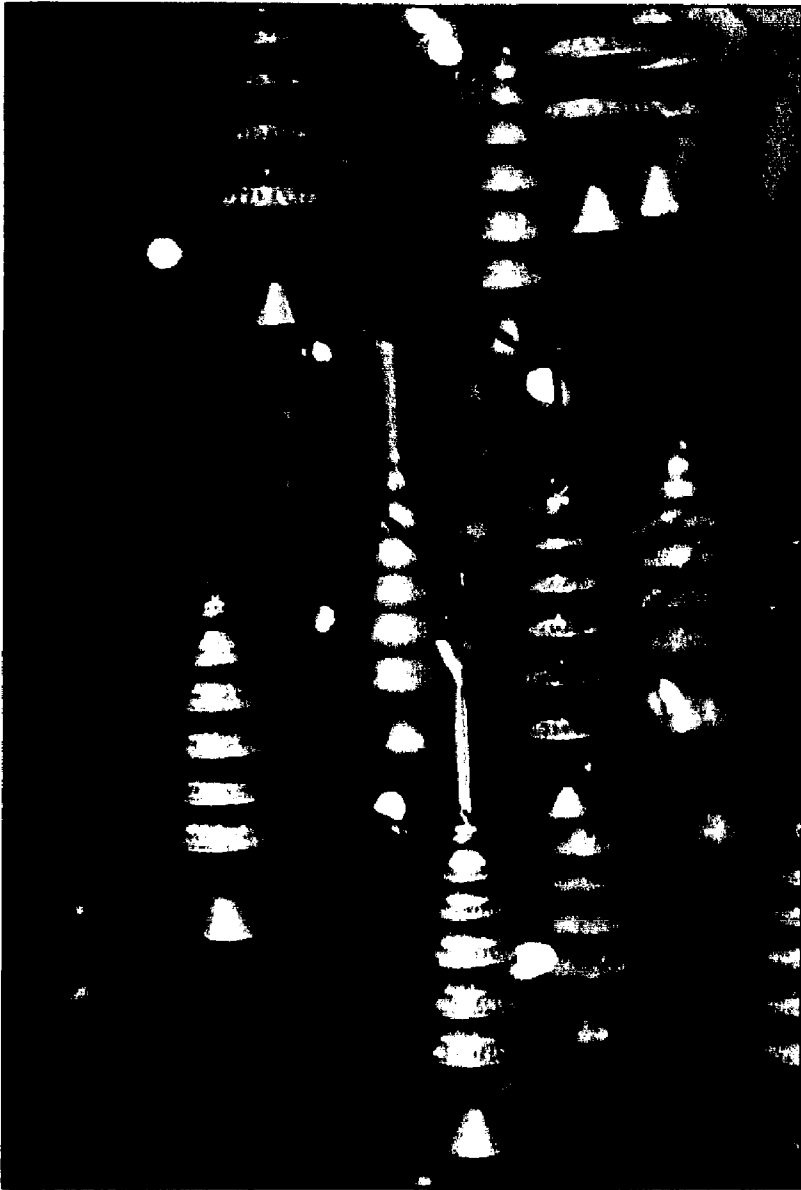
WESTFIELD — The American Red Cross has scheduled "Babysitters Training" classes for boys and girls 11-15 years old.

Classes are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30; or 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. All meet in the Red Cross office at 321 Elm St.

Instruction includes how to change diapers, supervise children of different ages, handle emergencies and conduct basic first aid.

Seating is limited and registration is required; e-mail johnsonl@crossnet.org or phone (908) 232-7090.p

'Tis the season for holiday shopping



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Artists and craftmakers unveiled their wares for holiday shoppers Nov. 29 at an Arts and Crafts Market at the National Guard Armory in Westfield. Above, hand-carved wooden Christmas tree ornaments hang on display. Top right, Kurt Walrath reads his lamps for inspection by browsers. Bottom right, Jean Chaine promotes his compact discs by performing a little ditty on the archguitar.



Scotch Plains will honor its top volunteers tonight

By KEVIN B. HOWELL
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Tonight, for the 12th straight year, the township will honor its top volunteers and raise money for the Municipal Alliance Committee at the annual Mayor's Gala.

This year's honorees are Carol Kraus, Anthony Giannaci and TV-34. The three winners were nominated by residents and selected by a nine-member com-

mittee.

"I'm very honored to be chosen among many people who volunteer their time," Kraus said. "It's marvelous."

Kraus has lived in Scotch Plains and Fanwood for more than 35 years. She raised three children and began volunteering in the school district. She was a member of the PTA of several schools and served on the district's Comprehensive Planning and Facilities committees.

Kraus has also been a mem-

ber for 14 years of the Resolve Community Counseling Center, a mental health center that also does work for the school district. And she said she's most proud of being a charter member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, an organization that runs a thrift shop which donates \$20,000 a year to charity.

Giannaci, honored as top male volunteer, has lived in Scotch Plains for 13 years and is president of the high school booster club. He has also volun-

teered to coach local soccer, Little League and PAL football teams.

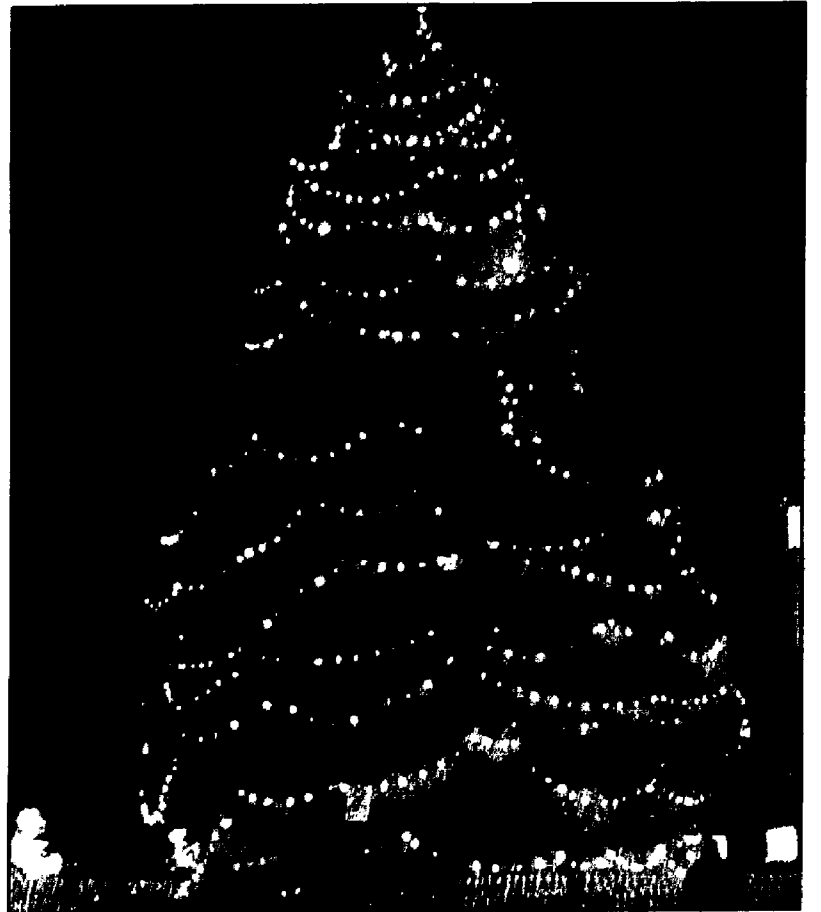
Much of Giannaci's volunteering has been with health related organizations. He has donated blood and bone marrow, been affiliated with the Bone Marrow Recipient for NJ Blood Center, raised money for the Special Olympics and driven for the Blind/Handicapped Mount Carmel Guild of Essex County.

TV-34 is the township's public access station, providing govern-

mental and educational programming. Bob Merkle has been the director for the past 12 years and heads a staff of four.

The station broadcasts council meetings with live call-in immediately following the meetings. They also broadcast events such as the Memorial Day Parade, Scotch Plains Day, the Christmas tree lighting and candidate forums.

The gala will be held at the Pantagis Renaissance 7 p.m. to midnight.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A little holiday spirit

Downtown Westfield was ablaze with activity Sunday night, as residents came out to kick off the holiday season. After posing for photos with children earlier in the afternoon, Santa arrived in town atop a fire engine at 6 p.m. to help Mayor Greg McDermott light the Christmas tree. And a menorah shone on North Avenue in observance of Hanukkah, which began Nov. 29.

Patricia DeProspero

SCOTCH PLAINS — Patricia A. Teresa DeProspero, 63, died Dec. 1, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Newark and had lived for more than 50 years in Scotch Plains.

Mrs. DeProspero was a past president of the Parent-Teacher Association at School No. 1. She retired earlier this year after 13 years as a bookkeeper with the Petro Oil Co. of Clark.

As a member of the executive committee of Scotch Plains Unico, she helped organize the Italian Festival held on Labor Day weekend at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Mrs. DeProspero was a Unico member for more than 25 years.

She also was chairman of the Bella Senioras for the Italian-American Heritage Festival, held at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel.

Surviving are two daughters, Victoria Petersen of Scotch Plains and Lisa Wodzisz of Doylestown, Pa.; a son, John of Fanwood; a sister, Linda Mele of Berkeley Heights; and seven grandchildren.

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

Donations may be sent to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad or Fanwood Rescue Squad.

Michael Schwartz

FANWOOD — Michael Schwartz, 97, died Nov. 29, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

He was born in Yonkers, N.Y., and lived in that city before moving to Fanwood in 1996.

Mr. Schwartz was a co-owner of the former Schwartz & Sherko Trucking Co. in Yonkers. He retired in 1970 from the C&L Trucking Co. in Yonkers.

He was a camper and a mem-

ber of the Teamsters union.

His wife, Hilda Rabin Schwartz, and a son, Charles, are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Gary and Jack; a daughter, Sally Fenichel; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Temple Israel Cemetery at Mount Hope, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Catherine Parks

WESTFIELD — Catherine T. Irwin Parks, 85, died Nov. 27, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center.

She was born in Elizabeth and lived in Winfield Park before moving to Westfield.

Mrs. Parks retired in 1982 after 12 years as a counter person for the blind at the Union County courthouse in Elizabeth.

Her husband, Russell O., and a son, Russell R., are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Thomas E.; a sister, Bertha Tith; a brother, Edward Irwin Sr.; two grandchild-

dren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was offered Monday at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary and St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Elizabeth, following services at the Werson Funeral Home in Linden. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Donations may be sent to ALS Association, 27001 Agoura Road, Suite 150, Calabasas Hills, CA 91301-5104 or American Diabetes Association, 19 Schoolhouse Road, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Paul G. Klouse

SCOTCH PLAINS — Paul G. Klouse, 86, died Nov. 21, 2002 at his home.

Mr. Klouse was born in Newark and moved to Scotch Plains 50 years ago.

Mr. Klouse was employed with Clinton Milk from 1969 through 1987.

He was also plant supervisor of the Borden Co., Newark and Long Island, where he worked for

33 years.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

A Mass was offered Nov. 25 in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Scotch Plains, following a funeral at the Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains.

Surviving are sons, Kenneth, Ronald and Robert; a sister, Berry Van Moppes; and six grandchildren.

Obituaries

Conchetta V. Zampella

SCOTCH PLAINS — Conchetta V. Zampella, 84, died Nov. 25, 2002 at her home.

Mrs. Zampella was a lifelong resident of the township.

She was a member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens and the Golden Age Club, both of Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband,

Nicholas A.; sons, Joseph R. and Nicholas J.; sisters, Albina Cochario, Laura De Cristafrio and Mary Bruno; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered Nov. 27 in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Scotch Plains. Arrangements were by the Rossi Funeral Home, Scotch Plains.

Joseph Zack

the Bronze Star.

Mr. Zack was a member of Scotch Plains American Legion Post 209 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122.

Surviving are Marie, his wife of 56 years; daughters, Cheryl Christensen and Pamela Zack-Popp; and four grandchildren.

A Mass was offered Nov. 27 in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, Scotch Plains, after a funeral at Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Joseph Zack, 85, died Nov. 23, 2002 at his home.

Mr. Zack was born in Hempstead, L.I. and he lived in Elizabeth before moving to Scotch Plains in 1960.

He was a foreman with the Singer Manufacturing Co., the former Diehl Co., where he worked for 35 years before retiring in 1977.

He served in the Army during World War II with the 101st Engineers and was a recipient of

Helen S. Wolf

WESTFIELD — Helen S. Wolf, 83, died Nov. 22, 2002 at her home.

Born in Pontiac, Ill., Mrs. Wolf lived in Westfield for 60 years.

She was a nursery school teacher for the Presbyterian Church in Westfield for 15 years before retiring in 1984. Prior to that, she worked for Merck and Co. of Rahway, as a lab technician.

Mrs. Wolf was past president of the Jefferson PTA in Westfield, a trustee of the Westfield Memorial Library and the Youth and Family Counseling program in Westfield, a Girl Scout troop leader in

Westfield, a sewing tutor at the Greystone Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, and a member of the Advance Club and the College Women's Club, both of Westfield.

Surviving are Frank, her husband of 60 years; daughters, Judith W. Judge and Barbara W. Burton; a son, F. Russell; a brother, Frank W. Sellmeyer; and seven grandchildren.

A service was held Nov. 24 in the Presbyterian Church, Westfield. Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home, Westfield.

Carl de Weever Jr.

WESTFIELD — Carl de Weever Jr., 79, died Nov. 23 at his home.

Born in West New York, Mr. de Weever lived in Jersey City for 35 years before moving to Westfield 44 years ago.

He was a sales executive in the paint and automotive glass industries.

Mr. de Weever served in the Marine Corps, Second Marine Division, during World War II. He was a Purple Heart recipient.

He was a life member of the Second Marine Division Association and a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

A 30-year member of the

Westfield Community Players, where he served as treasurer, he also was an associate member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Essex and Bergen Counties.

Mr. de Weever was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1711 of Westfield, an assistant pack leader of Cub Scout Troop 72 and a volunteer with the Special Olympics.

Surviving are his wife, Kay; a son, Dan; a daughter, Patricia; a sister, Sheila Meehan; a brother, Edward; and two grandchildren.

A Mass was offered Nov. 26 in Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home.

Bernice Slavin

WESTFIELD — Bernice Holci Slavin, 64, died Dec. 1, 2002 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Perth Amboy, the daughter of the late Stephen and Matilda Burkis Holci, she lived in Carteret and Westfield before moving to Avenel in 1981.

Mrs. Slavin retired in 1981 after 25 years as a legal secretary with a number of law firms. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7164 in Avenel.

She was a parishioner of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Avenel.

Her husband, Edward, died in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Candy McKiernan of Middlesex; a son, Jeffrey Inhat of Scranton, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Costello-Koyen Funeral Home in Avenel. Entombment was in the Woodbridge Memorial Gardens mausoleum.

Robert C. Hauser

SCOTCH PLAINS — A memorial service will be held for Robert C. Hauser, 50, who died Dec. 3, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Mr. Hauser, who was born in East Orange, lived in Westfield and Highland Park before moving to Scotch Plains in 1994.

He was a manager with Young's Medical Equipment in Somerville. Mr. Hauser attended the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University.

A gardener, golfer and out-

doorsman, Mr. Hauser also was a coach for the past seven years in the Inter-City Soccer League.

Surviving are his wife, Colleen A. Curran Hauser; a daughter, Shannon E., a son, Timothy J., and a sister, Diane Heath, all of Scotch Plains; a niece and two nephews.

Arrangements are by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. At press time, the service had not been scheduled.

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

Unity Bank honored for loans to small businesses

Unity Bank, which has several locations throughout Central New Jersey, has been awarded the prestigious Gold Award from the Small Business Administration's New Jersey Office. The award is based on the volume of SBA loans made during the SBA's 2002 fiscal year.

For excellence in the administration of the SBA program, Unity Bank also received the SBA Distinguished Lender Award as the top lender in the Mid-Sized Bank Category in the State of New Jersey. This is the second year in a row that this accolade goes to Unity Bank, the second largest SBA lender in the state.

These honors reflect Unity's dedication and commitment to providing financing to the small business community. On a national level, Unity Bank ranked 26th out of the top 500 lenders for 2002, closing almost \$77 million in loans. This represents a 30 percent increase over the prior year. Headquartered in Clinton, Unity has offices in Scotch Plains, Edison, North Plainfield, South Plainfield and Highland Park.

Ammunition collection effort called a success

More than 100 people brought their unwanted bullets, fireworks, gunpowder and guns to Union County Police Headquarters in Westfield for collection and disposal.

"This was a very successful program which gave people an opportunity to remove potentially dangerous items from their homes," said Freeholder Chester Holmes.

The County Police set aside a day to accept ammunition of all sizes up to .50-caliber, fireworks and gunpowder. Officers with the County Police Bomb Squad accepted the ammunition in front of police headquarters and have stored the materials safely.

County Police Officers collected more than 1,000 lbs. of ammunition, more than 100 lbs. of gunpowder and at least two cases of fireworks. Residents also turned in four rifles and three handguns.

"We found that many families did not know how to dispose of

unwanted ammunition and fireworks," said Freeholder Holmes. "The people who brought in items were not just firearms owners. Some of them had acquired these items when they cleaned out the homes of family members, or came across them when a loved one died and left them behind."

Ammunition and fireworks can not be disposed of with other household waste. Only demolition experts are qualified to dispose of explosives.

"Fireworks, in particular, can become dangerous and unstable when they get older. Even old ammunition can become unstable," said Holmes. "We urge residents to contact their local police to dispose of these items if they were not able to take part in our first disposal day."

Officers in the Union County Police will burn the ammunition and fireworks in a specialized disposal trailer this week.

Phone solicitations are not from local police

KENILWORTH — Recent telephone solicitations for contributions to police organizations have not been made by or on behalf of local officers, members of PBA Local #135 said recently.

In a statement, representatives of the borough chapter of the Policemen's Benevolent Association said telephone solicitors had implied they represented Kenilworth police, and contributions would benefit the local department.

But, officers said, "Neither the Kenilworth PBA or any PBA local in the state of New Jersey, including our parent organization, the

New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association, Inc., uses telemarketing as a means of fundraising."

Other law enforcement groups, such as the Fraternal Order of Police, the New Jersey Superior Officers Association and the Garden State Law Enforcement Officers Association have previously used blanket telephone solicitation to raise funds, local officers said.

The state PBA is currently advocating legislation that would prohibit telemarketing by law enforcement organizations in New Jersey.

Prescription Drugs

Save up to 50%

Compare & Start Saving!

Celebrex	200 MG	100 Caps	\$109
Claritin	10 MG	100 Tabs	\$ 86
Fosamax	70 MG	12 Tabs	\$100
Lipitor	20 MG	90 Tabs	\$150

Visit us online at: www.RedwoodDrugs.ca

Fill your prescriptions with Redwood Drugs, a licensed Canadian Pharmacy and SAVE! Call today for your free price quote.

Toll Free 1-866-211-3768

PLACES OF Worship

<p>HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield 973-379-4525</p> <p>Sunday School & Worship Services-10am at Jonathon Dayton High School</p> <p>Adult & Music Ministries Youth & Children's Programs Christian Nursery School & Kindergarten</p> <p>www.holycrossnj.org</p>	<p>Covenant Presbyterian Church 291 Parsonage Hill Road Short Hills</p> <p>973-467-8454</p> <p>9:30 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Sunday Worship 7:30 pm - Wed. Bible Study & Prayer</p> <p>"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"</p>
<p>St. John's Lutheran Church 587 Springfield Ave. Summit, N.J. 908-918-2500</p> <p>8:15 a.m. - Traditional Service 9:45 a.m. - Contemporary Services Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service</p> <p>The Rev. Dr. Wayne Dreyman www.stjohnsummit.org</p>	<p>Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Fellowship Cranford (908) 272-6788</p> <p>Rev. Frank Sforza, Pastor</p> <p>11:00am Sunday School 6:30pm Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 Wens. Worship/Bible Study 7:30pm Sat. Pentecostal Prayer</p> <p>Age-Integrated A "Whole Family" Approach to ministry. "God sets the solitary in families!"</p>
<p>TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH North and Forest Avenues Cranford, New Jersey</p> <p>8:00AM-Holy Eucharist 9:45AM-Sunday School 10:00AM-Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Christmas Eve Services: 4:00PM-Children's Service 10:30PM-Holy Eucharist & Carols</p> <p>Hall Rentals Available For Details (908) 276-4017</p>	<p>To Advertise</p> <p>Call Christine</p> <p>1-800-981-5640</p>

WANTED: PSE&G CUSTOMERS

New Furnace
Worth \$2,442⁰⁰

\$999

Buy Any Deluxe or Premium Air Conditioning System & Receive An 80% Efficient Gas Furnace for Only \$999!

Retail value \$2442.00

Offer Expires December 18, 2002

5 YEAR PARTS & LABOR GUARANTEE
Just imagine... You won't have to spend a dime on service and repair for 5 years!

**No Money Down
No Interest For 6 Months!**

CALL TODAY!
1-800-386-4897

Service Professionals

©2001 Service Professionals, Inc.

Save up to 50% on prescription medicine.

Canada Drugs
www.canadadrugs.com

Call us toll free to find out how:
1-866-444-3784

We appreciate our neighbors...

Like you, we appreciate having good neighbors. That's why we also do our best to be good neighbors.

As established members of the Cranford business community, we understand the security of dealing with people you know, people you trust! We've built our reputation on this trust.

For years, we've provided area families with sound advice and caring service at times of personal loss. We believe we help the most by listening and providing choices.

We hope you remember you can turn to us in times of need. You can also talk to us about planning ahead...removing this burden from the minds of others. Please call us or stop by.

Gray's Memorial Funeral Home
Dale R. Schoustra, Mgr.

12 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, N.J.
William A. Doyle, Executive Administrator
908 276-0092 or 908 233-0143

Locally Owned and Operated

This week

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.

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.

WINTER CONCERT — for Westfield Glee Club. First Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Fifth Ave., Roselle, 8 p.m. Adults \$12; seniors, students \$10. (908) 232-0673.

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.

WINTER CONCERT — for Westfield Glee Club. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St., Westfield, 4 p.m. Adults \$12; seniors, students \$10. (908) 232-0673.

CHURCH SUPPER — and Christmas carol concert. Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. Donations. Reservations: (908) 232-5678.

MONDAY

DEC. 9

HYPERTENSION? — monthly blood pressure screening clinic. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.-noon. (908) 322-6700, Ext. 309.

BLOOD DRIVE — at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park Ave., Plainfield, 4-8 p.m. Donor requirements: (800) NJ BLOOD, Ext. 140.

TUESDAY

DEC. 10

HOLIDAY LUNCH — for Women's Association of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, noon. Reservations: (908) 232-5678.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT — holiday dinner for Newcomers Club of Westfield. Aquaviva, 115 Elm St., Westfield, 7:30 p.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

WEDNESDAY

DEC. 11

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

JUST SAY NO — program on so-called "club drugs." Municipal Building, 430 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. (908) 654-4441.

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

THURSDAY

DEC. 12

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

FRIDAY

DEC. 13

PLAYTIME — for kids whose parents are in Newcomers Club of Westfield. Romp Around, Route 22, Green Brook, 10 a.m. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.

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

SATURDAY

DEC. 14

COMMUNITY CPR — monthly class of American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Registration required: (908) 232-7090.

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

SUNDAY

DEC. 15

IN POLSKIE — "Polish Christmas Customs." 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

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — for preschool of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains, 10 a.m. Dec. 18. (908) 232-5678.

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.

HOLIDAY PARTY — for Newcomers Club of Westfield. The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20. (908) 654-5373 or (908) 789-4842.


IMPERIAL BRASS — holiday music. First United Methodist Church, 1 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. Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield, 8 p.m. Dec. 21. \$25. Tickets: (800) ALLEGRO.

Air Conditioning & Heating By
LENNOX
0% FINANCING
Utility Rebates
Up to \$850
No Payments til Dec. 2003
1-800-222-0643

KENT PLACE SCHOOL



ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE • GRADES K-12

You're invited to experience a school
where girls are focused, self-reliant,
and leading the way.

Sunday, December 8, 1-3 p.m.

Open House Program
1:00 - 1:15 | Refreshments & Registration
1:15 - 2:00 | Information Session
2:00 - 3:00 | Tours

Kent Place School • 42 Norwood Ave. • Summit, NJ 07902 • (908) 273-0900 • www.kentplace.org

**GET DAD
THE MERCEDES
HE WANTS FOR
CHRISTMAS!**



EWA
732-424-0200
205 Rt. 22 E., Scotch Plains, NJ 08812
www.ewacars.com
"Over 13,000 Automobile Products!
Books, Models, Videos, Magazines!"

**"TOYS FOR TOTS"
TOY DRIVE**



Advanced Financial Services
Federal Credit Union
785 Central Avenue
New Providence

Bring in NEW, Unwrapped toys for
those less fortunate
and receive a free poinsettia plant

December 1st through
December 15th
For Information call
1-800-AFS-LOAN



Hassle-Free Holiday Travel
Blue Sky Executive Air, Inc.
Your personal aircraft - fly alone or bring your friends, one flat fee!
Safe • Affordable • Convenient



**New England
The Hamptons
Nantucket
Cape Cod
Martha's Vineyard
Virginia
The Carolinas**

Personal & Corporate Travel

Let us give you a travel quote
908-790-0123
Call day or night
Visit our website
www.blueskyexe.com

All The Advantages Air Travel Offers
Stop Worrying About:
• Restrictive airline schedules • Missed connecting flights
• Layovers • Lost luggage • Long lines • Cancelled flights

Operated by Newark Air Inc.

See the world from a bat's point of view.



Having difficulty getting your kid's attention? Try bats. Millions of years have taught them how to live in darkness, see with their ears and sleep upside-down. By visiting *Dynamic Earth*, your family can discover how the earth that was became the earth that is.

The world has changed. So will yours.

VISIT THE NEWARK MUSEUM
THE NEW VICTORIA HALL OF SCIENCE PRESENTS **DynamicEarth**

Victoria Foundation • City of Newark • State of New Jersey • The Prudential Foundation
The Jaqua Foundation • Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation • Verizon

49 Washington Street • www.newarkmuseum.org • 1.800.7-MUSEUM

Holiday Gift Guide

The roots of Christmas plants go back many centuries

(ARA) - Each Christmas decorated trees, twinkling lights and familiar carols take center stage in creating a festive holiday atmosphere. Certain plants play key roles as well: church altars banked with poinsettias, mistletoe hung over doorways, and holly adorning floral arrangements. Ironically, the histories of most Christmas plants have pagan roots (pardon the pun), some dating back to the druids in the 13th and 14th centuries. Yet over the centuries they evolved into beloved Christian symbols.

Dr. Charles Aling, professor of

history at Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minn., explains that Christmas plants such as holly, ivy, mistletoe and poinsettia became Christmas favorites due in part to their bright colors and evergreen properties. "Their coloration did a lot for the drab, cold and dark time of year when other plants had died and the landscape was colorless. Both the pagans and Christians saw these plants as bringing light and color into the season."

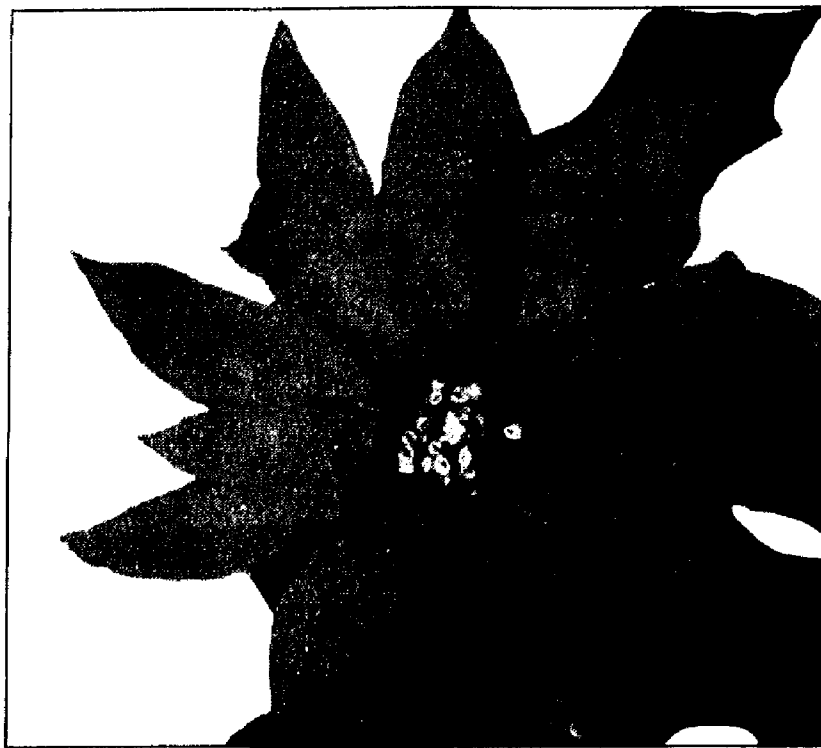
Holly -- Holly's ability to look good in both winter and summer certainly helped its position in folk-

lore, Aling explains. Representing immortality and seen as a good omen, holly was considered sacred by the ancient Romans and used as a gift during the festival of Saturnalia. Holly was brought into homes when winter began to shelter the elves and faeries.

During the early years of Christianity in Rome, many Christians continued to deck their homes with holly to avoid detection and persecution. Gradually, holly became a Christmas symbol as Christianity became the dominant religion. Because the holly leaf has sharp, pointy edges, Christians see the holly representing Jesus' crown of thorns and the red berries representing the blood He shed on the cross.

Ivy -- Aside from the familiar carol, "The Holly and the Ivy," the ivy vine doesn't have quite the Christmas tradition as mistletoe and holly, Aling says. It was associated with Bacchus the Roman god and thought to bring good luck, fun and ecstatic happiness. Growing the plant on the outside walls of a house was believed to be a deterrent against misfortune. However, if it died, it was thought that financial trouble was approaching. Like evergreens, ivy was also seen as a symbol of eternal life.

Because ivy symbolized prosperity and charity, it became associat-



Native to Mexico and cultivated by the Aztec Indians, the poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, who imported it from Mexico in 1828.

ed with Christmas, a time to celebrate the rich rewards of life yet remember the less fortunate. Christian symbolists also consider the ivy's need to cling to a support emblematic of man's need for divine support, explains Aling.

Mistletoe -- Legend explains that the tears of Scandinavian goddess Frigga saved her son after he was shot with an arrow made of mistletoe. When she ordered mistletoe never again be used to harm others, she made it a symbol of peace and love. It was also hung over doorways to ward off evil and bring happiness, health and good luck, and kissing under the mistletoe was thought to increase the pos-

sibility of marriage in the upcoming year.

When Christianity took a foothold in northern Europe, mistletoe was one of the pagan casualties. For centuries it was forbidden on Christian altars. Eventually, mistletoe found its way back into acceptance when the Victorians revived the ancient ritual of kissing under the mistletoe as a sign of love, romance and good luck.

Poinsettias -- "While most Christmas plants date back several hundred years to Europe and the Mediterranean," Aling points out, "the poinsettia is a relatively recent Christmas symbol based in the

Western world." Native to Mexico and cultivated by the Aztec Indians, the poinsettia is named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, who imported it from Mexico in 1828. After the Spanish conquest and the introduction of Christianity, the poinsettia found a place in Christmas rituals.

The legend of the poinsettia tells of a poor village boy in Mexico who wanted to give the Holy Child a gift, but had no money. In desperation, he picked some weeds on his way to church to leave as his gift. He prayed to God to help him show his love and God answered by turning the weeds into a beautiful star-shaped flower with bright red leaves. The poinsettia has been a Christmas symbol ever since signifying how Jesus meets the needs of His believers.

Even though most Christmas plants are short-lived, basic care helps them last through the holiday season.

"Holly is actually a shade shrub that is quite plentiful in England. The shrub should be planted in the spring," explains Dr. Jerry Beilby, professor of biology at Northwestern College. "Cut holly lasts longer indoors if treated like cut flowers, placed in cool water, and kept away from excessive heat."

Ivy is more of an English Christmas green than an American one, he says. "It's a very popular houseplant in the United States since it's relatively easy to grow. It takes low water, either direct or indirect sun and even thrives in the shade."

Mistletoe is actually a parasite that feeds off trees and shrubs, Beilby says. "Plants bloom in the summer and produce white berries during the winter. Mistletoe is often hung upside down and dried during the holidays." The berries are poisonous, so keep the sprig out of the reach of children. Many commercial firms now market mistletoe with artificial berries for safety.

A poinsettia can last for weeks beyond the holidays when placed in indirect sunlight at least six hours a day," he explains. "Keep it away from cold drafts and excessive heat. Water when it feels dry, and after the blooming season use an all-purpose fertilizer once a month."

And please don't forget the batteries

(NAPSI) - Don't forget to stuff battery-operated toys with batteries before you wrap them, so you can instantly capture children's excitement on camera as they tear open the presents and immediately begin to play. Also, ensure you have an ample supply of premium-quality batteries on hand for long-lasting, reliable power in the presents they'll play with again and again.

Stock up on batteries in advance, and follow these six tips from Duracell for dependable alkaline battery performance:

Always use the size and type of battery specified by the manufacturer.

Avoid hiding or storing battery-powered presents in very warm or cold places. Extreme temperatures reduce battery performance.

Store batteries in a dry place at normal room temperature. Do not refrigerate batteries-this won't make them last longer.

Remove batteries from equipment while it is being powered by household (AC) current.

CRANFORD BIKE SHOP
103 N. Union Ave., Cranford
908-272-0184

We carry a full line of cycling apparel, shoes, bikes and accessories.

GT Eastern Mosh Mountain Bikes
Hybrid Bikes
• Giant
• Cannondale

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Unlimited Tune-Ups for 1-Year
• FREE DELIVERY •

TOYSLAND
For All Your Holiday Shopping

Featuring **Musini**

• NINTENDO
• GAME BOY
• PLAYSTATION 2

We have **YU-GI-OH!!!** Cards

\$59.99

• BIRTHDAY REGISTRY • FREE GIFT WRAPPING • EXT. VARIETY
• FREE PERSONALIZATION • FREQUENT BUYER CLUB DISCOUNTS

Thomas, Lego, Lamaze, Alex, Creativity for Kids and more!

\$5 OFF Any Purchase of \$25 or More
With this coupon. Excludes electronics. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Expires 12/11/02.

\$10 OFF Any Purchase of \$50 or More
With this coupon. Excludes electronics. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Expires 12/11/02.

908-272-8806
29 Alden Street • CRANFORD
(Between North Ave. and Springfield Ave.)

THIS HOLIDAY
MAKE A
DECLARATION
OF YOUR LOVE

Suburban Jewelers

126 East Front Street, Plainfield
908-756-1774
Call for Holiday Hours

Crafty Kitchen
BEN FRANKLIN Crafts

Your One Stop Craft Shop
Visit Our Christmas Section

• Cookie Cutters • Garlands & Wreaths
• Cinnamon Sticks • Mini Trees
• Baskets & Ribbons • Grapevines
• Ornaments & Tree Trims • Fabric
• Jingle Bells • Stocking Stuffers

• Personal Service

Crafting is fun - let us show you how
477 North Ave., Garwood • 908-789-0217

Aileen's Hallmark Gift Shop

GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

• Beanie Babies • Hallmark Ornaments
• Yankee Candle • Large Selection of 2003 Calendars
• Precious Moments • Foreign & Regular Christmas Cards
• All Gods Children • 50% off All Non-Hallmark Box Cards

20% OFF ANY PURCHASE OF \$25 or MORE
Not to be combined with any other coupon. Exp. 12/25/02

908-925-0496
312 N. Wood Avenue, Linden

Christmas at the City
Outdoor Furniture & Christmas Stores

• Natural-Looking Trees
• from 2' to 15'
• with clear or multi lights
• 6 1/2' Canadian Pine \$59

• Fiber Optics
• Trees 2' TO 7 1/2' with and without decorations
• Santas, Angels, Villages and Table Pieces

6 1/2' Canadian Pine Tree with Stand Now \$59

TAKE 25% OFF ANY SINGLE ITEM
Maximum discount of \$40.00. Cannot be combined. One coupon per family. Cannot be used on previous purchases. Exp. 12/8/02

Christmas City Has Everything For Christmas

• Outdoor Decorations
• Wreaths and Garland
• Bows & Ribbons
• Indoor & Outdoor Lights
• Stockings, Tree Skirts and Santa Suits
• Nutcrackers
• Mechanicals
• Hand Blown Glass

1800 Rt. 35 South • Oakhurst, NJ
(1 Mile South of the Monmouth Mall)
732-531-5220

115 Rt. 22E, Springfield, N.J.
(Between Staples and Lazy Boy)
973-379-9880

The Claddagh Mother's Pendant

Available in 14K Gold with 18" Chain • 2 Hearts with Stones, 145" each, additional hearts with stones are \$20⁰⁰ ea.

hynes Jewelers

2 Eastman St • Cranford • (908) 272-0785
Monday - Saturday 10 - 6

Holiday Gift Guide

Are you looking for toys that will please all youngsters?

(ARA) - What's more embarrassing than giving a child a gift and hearing "I already have this one," "this is for babies," or worse, "Mommy won't let me play with this kind of toy"? Not knowing a child's interests, the kind of toys they already have, and what their parents would consider acceptable can make buying a simple holiday gift a big challenge.

Consumer products expert Alvin Kupperman says, "To save time and minimize stress, it makes sense to gather all the information you can about the child before heading to the stores this holiday season."

But if you're unable to attain this information, and have no idea what to buy the children on your gift list, Kupperman has a few recommendations for presents that just about every kid will like... gifts that may very well get you a "this is just what I wanted" response.

For boys or girls from 8 months to 2 years old, there's the TOMY Push 'N Go. Recently chosen as one of "Dr. Toy's Best Classic Products for 2002," they are colorful, oversized rolling toys that come in three distinct styles: the Airplane Pilot, Dump Truck Driver, or Choo-Choo Train Engineer. A push on the driver's cap sets the little ones off on a rolling adventure filled with laughter and joyful play. Durable plastic, bright, captivating colors and well-designed moving parts have kept these classics around for generations. Push 'N Go is available at Toys "R" Us with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of only \$7.95.

Another good choice is the Big Big Loader, another classic TOMY toy, which takes preschoolers on an imaginative adventure into a miniature world. This toy construction set with little dump trucks, roads, tractors and pretend cargo, shows that cooperation and fun go



Some classic toys with modern touches are certain to please any child.

hand-in-hand. With amazing detail and infinite ways to play, the Big Big Loader provides hours of interactive fun for children ages 3 years old to 4 years old. It is available at Toys "R" Us for \$19.99.

For the child who loves cars but won't be able to drive for a few more years, My First Viper from NKOK, Inc. — maker of quality, affordable radio-control vehicles — is an R/C car designed for young drivers (age 3 years old and up) with lofty imaginations. Based on the Dodge Viper, this safe, sleek and speedy car is made of racing-red plastic, features working front headlights and is lightweight enough for little ones to handle on their own. A 15-function steering wheel controller lets kids drive it

forward, turn in reverse, stop, or activate the turn signals. There is a cool ignition key, a virtual driving screen and eight realistic sounds and voices programmed into the controller, as well as a big horn button so the little ones can let you know they're coming. With an MSRP of \$40, My First Viper is a great value. It's available at Neiman Marcus or www.nkok.com.

For older kids, teens and grown-up kids, NKOK offers collectible car computer mice. Easy to work with and comfortable to hold, these model cars are ergonomically engineered, high quality, reliable computer accessories. Exquisitely detailed to accurately replicate the originals, these collectible car mice can be used with any PC formatted computer via a PS/2 port for easy "plug and play" use. Each mouse even comes with an easy glide 7-inch x 9-inch mouse pad featuring a glossy picture of that car. Models include the Chrysler PT Cruiser, the Dodge Viper GT1, the Corvette C5-R, '69 Boss Mustang 302, Chevrolet SSR, and 2002 Dodge Ram Truck. They are available nationwide at GameStop, FuncoLand and Babbages or at www.nkok.com for \$19.99.

If you have many children on your gift list and a limited budget,

Z-CARDZ, from California Creations are the perfect choice. For less than \$2.50 for a pack of five, these collectible plastic, credit card-sized trading cards transform into three-dimensional micro-constructs of animals, mythological characters, aircraft, dinosaurs, motorcycles, etc. Whether a boy or girl, kids ages 6 years old and up will love punching out the pieces on each of the cards, and assembling them into three-dimensional, highly-detailed model toys.

For more advanced modelers, MEGA Z-CARDZ Earth Defenders have more than 50 ornately detailed, punch-out pieces in two cards. Put them all together to form one amazingly cool 6 1/2-inch x 3-inch model with moving pieces. Choose from several techno-war-

rior creatures that protect the planet from evil, including Robosaur, Rhinotank, Wolfborg, Scowl, Megahawk, and more. Sold at specialty retail toy stores nationwide, Z-CARDZ have an MSRP of \$2.49 (pack of 5) and MEGA Z-CARDZ have a suggested retail price of \$4.99.

Looking for an affordable gift that appeals to creative, artistic children? The Ghostline Poster Kit, from Carolina Pad and Paper might be just the thing. This kit helps you turn out neat, professional quality poster art every time. No more crooked lines, words

drifting off the page, miscalculated spacing, uneven letters or messy, erase marks. That's because Ghostline features a non-erasable "ghosted grid" — almost invisible, horizontal and vertical lines that provide a perfect pattern to follow. Although the "ghosted grid" is easy to see close up, once your creation is completed, the lines seem to magically disappear. The kit includes eight white Ghostline, posterboard sheets, four vivid neon posters and a special stencil for even more flawless results. Available at Target, K-Mart, Walgreens and Meijers.

How to wrap, pack and mail the perfect present

(NAPSI)-Present perfect. That's what the people who get your gifts may think if you heed a few hints on wrapping, packaging and mailing.

Choose the right shipping box. It should be slightly larger than the items being shipped, to leave space on all sides for cushioning. Use a corrugated cardboard box rather than a two-piece box with lid. There are shipping containers made for mailing specific items. Look for mailing tubes, CD mailers, video mailers and photo mailers.

Protect the present with the proper materials. Keep fragile items separate from each other and away from the sides of the box. Use enough cushioning so items don't move if the box is jostled. Bubble wrap will not only protect the contents of the package neatly, but it's fun to pop once the gift is opened.

Beauty counts. You can eliminate inconvenience and sloppiness when wrapping gifts by using an invisible tape that's easy to handle.

Seal the box properly. Postal carriers will not accept packages sealed with string, twine, masking tape, electrical tape or cellophane tape. Always use a tape designed for shipping, such as EZ Start packaging tapes. It meets U.S. postal regulations, its superior strength holds securely and it unrolls smoothly and easily the first and every time.

Label and address your package clearly. Put shipping information on with a permanent, water-resistant pen and always use the complete address, including zip code. If you're not using a new box, completely remove or obscure the old address labels or box marking. Write the shipping information on

an address label, on top of the box but not over a seam or closure. As an added precaution, put a duplicate address label inside the package and keep the package tracking number to follow up on delivery status.

TOM'S MODEL TRAINS "ALL ABOARD" FOR CHRISTMAS TRAIN SETS

...you know
you always
wanted
one



Coupon

FREE Engineers Cap
with purchase of any
Boxed Starter Set

Expires 1/31/03

**1791-A EAST SECOND STREET
SCOTCH PLAINS
908-322-6122**

Mon.-Fri. Noon-9 • Sat. 10-5 • Sun. Noon-5

Embrace The Beauty of Christmas



- Large Selection of POINSETTIAS
- Trees • Wreaths • Roping
- Christmas Decorations
- Grave Blankets • Specialty Gifts
- GIFT CERTIFICATES •

Open House
Pictures with Santa Clause
Dec. 7 - 8
Visit Santa 12 pm - 3 pm

Miele's Greenhouse
982 Lake Ave., Clark

Call for holiday hours: 732-388-5778

voice piano trumpet flute clarinet violin drums guitar,
bass trombone bassoon cello tuba viola oboe

The New Jersey Workshop
for the Arts
A non-profit organization est. in 1972
Presents...

the South Avenue Annex

Opening December 2, 2002
more rooms, more teachers, more classes!!!

361 South Avenue, Westfield
908-789-9696 njwa2@aol.com

percussion alphon oboe tuba viola vob,
cello tuba viola vob,
percussion alphon oboe tuba viola vob,
percussion alphon oboe tuba viola vob,



WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY - YOUR ONE STOP HOLIDAY SHOPPING and ENTERTAINMENT DESTINATION

2002 Downtown Holiday Events Calendar
Sponsored and Offered as a Public Service by:
Downtown Westfield Corporation • 105 Elm Street
(908) 789-9444 • <http://westfieldnj.ataclick.com>

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2002

9:15 AM and 1:45 PM Santa Claus Train Ride
Westfield Train Station - Eastbound Platform (off of South Avenue)
Sponsored by Jersey Central Railway Historical Society, \$12 adults, \$10 children under 12;
Information (908) 781-1896 or www.jchr.org; 2 hour ride to Hightbridge, 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 Optics, 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 Players
Sponsored by the Rake and Hoe Garden Club; Tickets \$25 in advance/30 at the door;
Four homes plus Holiday Boutique; Information (908) 654-4590; (908) 232-6542
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM The Watson Highlanders Bagpipe Band
Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Yuletide Carolers
Carolers dressed in "Dickens" attire will stroll through downtown Westfield entertaining shoppers
12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM Escape - Women's Barbershop Quartet
Barbershop harmony group will perform throughout downtown Westfield
Musicians from NJ Workshop for the Arts will also perform throughout the day
Saturday Performances - Sponsored by Downtown Westfield Corporation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM The Watson Highlanders Bagpipe Band
Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Yuletide Carolers
Carolers dressed in "Dickens" attire will stroll through downtown Westfield entertaining shoppers
12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM Escape - Women's Barbershop Quartet
Barbershop harmony group will perform throughout downtown Westfield
Musicians from NJ Workshop for the Arts will also perform throughout the day
Saturday Performances - Sponsored by Downtown Westfield Corporation

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM The Watson Highlanders Bagpipe Band
Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Yuletide Carolers
Carolers dressed in "Dickens" attire will stroll through downtown Westfield entertaining shoppers
12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM Escape - Women's Barbershop Quartet
Barbershop harmony group will perform throughout downtown Westfield
Musicians from NJ Workshop for the Arts will also perform throughout the day
Saturday Performances - Sponsored by Downtown Westfield Corporation

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 Sym-
phony Orchestra: (908) 232-9400; Information (908) 233-3200 (WYACT)
(Proceeds benefit WYACT's free Summer Youth - Theatre Program)

For a Comprehensive Calendar of Holiday Events or additional information on
Westfield, NJ, please check Downtown Westfield Corporation's website
at: <http://westfieldnj.ataclick.com> or call the office at (908) 789-9444.



Holiday Gift Guide

Family gatherings may be more important than you think

(ARA) - The holiday season is traditionally a time for families to gather. It is the time of year when far-off relatives return home. For many families, holiday celebrations may be the only time all year that everyone gets together.

These annual events with your relatives may be more important than you think. Did you know that familial encounters not only provide positive experiences, but also can play a large role in how successful and happy you are in life?

Families through time have

changed, but they have not declined in importance to Americans," says Dr. Vern Bengtson, professor of gerontology and sociology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. "Multi-generational bonds represent a valuable resource for families in the 21st century and are becoming more important than nuclear family ties for well-being and support over the course of our lives."

Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance organization dedicated to helping peo-



Courtesy of ARA Content

Family gatherings in the holiday season can be special times remembered for a lifetime.

ple achieve quality family life, sponsored a Harris Interactive survey based on 1,001 random telephone interviews. Poll results indicate that most Americans aged 25 to 65 (98 percent) believe it is good for children to know their relatives and family history. Americans connect with their

families through a variety of gathering activities, such as holiday meals, weddings, birthday parties, reunions, family vacations and less formal get-togethers. In fact, the survey indicates that approximately nine out of 10 Americans have attended a family event in the past three years,

and 72 percent of Americans attend multiple family gatherings throughout the year.

Why? The reasons vary and overlap. Americans cite everything from the noble desire to provide their children with the opportunity to know their relatives and to learn about their family heritage to participating just because family events are fun.

"Face-to-face contact provides the contextual part of what it means to be family," explains Michael Benjamin, executive director for the Council On Family Relations in Minneapolis, Minn.

"We are genetically predisposed to cling to our family," explains Dr. Bengtson. "It is wired into us the need to bond with family members. Historically, family relationships have played the most basic role of all — ensuring survival. Today, most people rely on family interactions to provide an affirming, positive experience. They provide a sense of support and an identity of who we are and what's

unique about us."

While the most dramatic results appear to revolve around the parent-child-grandchild relationship, relationships with more distant relatives such as aunts, uncles and cousins also are important.

"Intergenerational and extended family relationships not only create a sense of identity but, even today, are a valuable resource for exchanging information, services and goods," says Dr. Bengtson.

Close extended family relationships can have educational, economic and professional implications. According to Benjamin, people with extended family contacts tend to be more literate and reach out to get more education and better jobs.

People who cultivate extended family relationships are at an advantage emotionally and are often more successful in their personal lives. Both children and adults benefit from these relationships during times of great stress, such as tragedy, death or divorce. They also reap the rewards when joyous events enter their lives, whether it is a new job, a new child or a milestone birthday.

It is even suspected that interaction with extended family can have a positive effect on your lifespan and physical health. "We have seen evidence that an increased degree of positive contact with family can add years to your life," points out Dr. Bengtson. "We have strong reason to believe that people with active children and grandchildren relationships live longer."

Children today are very fortunate," he says. "Provided their parents take the initiative, they have more opportunities for interaction with the larger extended family than children several generations ago. They literally have more relatives living."

Even though technology allows families to keep in touch and share personal milestones more easily, Dr. Bengtson also cautions against relying too much on long-distance technological conveniences, such as e-mail and teleconferencing. Nothing replaces the experience of actually gathering in the same room with family.

You're Invited To Our Holiday Open House

When: Saturday, Dec. 7th, 10:00-6:00

Where: Right here!

Why: Shop for Unique Holiday Gifts in a relaxed atmosphere

- Refreshments
- Prizes • Games
- Free gift with every purchase
- Coupon good for \$5 off purchase of \$25 or more

Wild Birds Unlimited

Offer good November 29 - December 31, 2002 only.

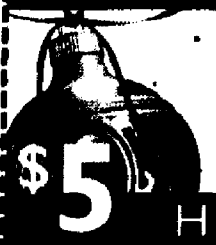
*One \$5 per purchase. Offer not valid on previous purchases or \$100.

*Excludes all \$24.99 Bird Feeder by Nature.

Sale Items Excluded

2520 U.S. Highway 22 East, Scotch Plains

(908) 233-5004



\$5 HOLIDAY BIRD BUCKS

Westfield Gift Coin \$25

The Perfect Gift
redeemable at almost 100 Westfield Businesses

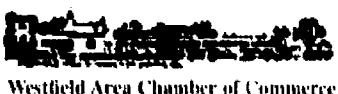
Purchase Gift Coins at:

Fleet Bank • Scott's Shoes
Lancaster, Ltd. • Town Bank of Westfield
Downtown Westfield Corporation - 173 Elm St.
Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce - 173 Elm St.

For information call - (908) 233-3021



DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD CORPORATION



Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce

A Traditional European Christmas Festival Christkindlmarkt

At The Village of Waterloo

Indoor and Outdoor Markets
Offering Unique Crafts, Seasonal
Foods, Caroling, Ice Sculpting, Horse Drawn
Carriage Rides, Pony Rides, Children's
Activity Area and Decorated Village

November 30th, December 1st, 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th
Saturdays 11 am 'til - 8 pm • Sundays 11 am 'til 4 pm

Waterloo Village 525 Waterloo Road
Watchhope NJ 07874 (973) 347-0900
www.waterloovillage.org

LIONEL® Ballyhoo Brothers Circus Train

NOW ONLY
\$279.95

Step right up and witness the thrilling action of this spectacular train set! Watch as the lion chases the lion tamer and the clown bobs up and down.

- Die-cast metal locomotive and tender with an operating headlight, and puffing smoke
- Moving figures in the operating gondola car
- Animated figure in the stockcar
- Real circus music
- Bobbing clown in the operating boxcar
- Lighted caboose
- Everything you need to get started - transformer, controller, and a huge 27" x 63" oval of track!

Baron's Drug Store
243 E. Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-6680

Your Authorized Lionel®
Value-Added Dealer
We Repair
Lionel Trains
Old & New



UNION VACUUM
Celebrating Our 40th Year
Miele Authorized Miele Dealer

NEED A GIFT IDEA?

CARPET SWEEPERS

HAND HELD VACUUM
w/Rotating Brush
Great for Pet Hair

LIGHT WEIGHT PORTABLE CANNISTERS

WE HAVE TOY VACUUMS!!!
We Repair All Makes & Models

15% OFF
ANY VACUUM REPAIR
W/COUPON
Expires 12-31-02

• Kirby • Electrolux • Kenmore • Hoover • Eureka • Dirt Devil • And More

601 Chestnut St., Union • 908-964-6116

GET DAD THE PORSCHE HE WANTS FOR CHRISTMAS!

EWA
732-424-0200
215 Mt. 22 E., Green Brook, NJ 08812
www.ewacars.com
"Over 13,000 Automobile Products!
Books, Models, Videos, Magazines!"

Maria Osmond Adara Jan McLean Gund

Wishes & Dreams
"A Unique Doll & Gift Shop"

72 W. MAIN STREET
SOMERVILLE
908-707-0870
Store Hours: Tues.-Fri 10-6,
Thurs 10-8, Sat 10-5

Holiday Joy that Touches the HEART
From Collectibles to Playmates
Christmas Layaways & Free Gift Wrapping

C
CRANFORD

P
POOL &

F
FITNESS

C
CENTER

A Special Gift for the Holidays
6 Week - Holiday Pass
\$60.00
November 25th, 2002
To
January 5th, 2003
On Sale
Centennial Avenue Pool Complex

For More Information
Call: 908-709-7260

401 Centennial Ave.
Cranford, NJ 07016

Sports

Cocozziello fuels Blue Devils

Westfield wins Thanksgiving Day battle with Plainfield 14-6

By DANIEL MURPHY

THE RECORD PRESS

PLAINFIELD — Out of the playoffs the Westfield High football still had its own Super Bowl to play Thanksgiving Day.

On the strength of a strong defensive effort and the playmaking of quarterback Jan Cocozziello the Blue Devils defeated Plainfield 14-6 in the latest installment of the best Thanksgiving Day rivalry in the state.

Westfield has now won the last three meetings with Plainfield to improve its overall series lead to 50-41-7 and finished the 2002 campaign with a 7-3 mark.

"Beating Plainfield is very, very important to us," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchina. "We've beaten them three years in a row now. We told the team this game is not about them it's about everybody that has ever played for Westfield."

Whether we are 0-8 or 8-0 we want to go out there and play our best game."

Cocozziello connected with Bart Walsh for a 13 yard touchdown reception on the game's opening drive and later did his best Michael Vick impression, scampering 49 yards for the victory-clinching score with 5:27 remaining.

The Plainfield defense was aggressive and quick to the ball all afternoon, holding Westfield

in check after the opening drive. But the Devils used that aggressiveness against them to spring Cocozziello.

After a handoff to fullback Pat Daly netted a short gain, Tranchina and Cocozziello noticed nobody followed the quarterback as he carried out his fake. On the next play the Devils ran almost the same play, with Cocozziello keeping the ball and sneaking around left end. Nearly the entire Plainfield defense tackled Daly, and Cocozziello raced 49 yards to the end zone for the game clinching touchdown.

"They were very good on defense, they were all over us," said Tranchina. "They react to things quickly, so you have to do things to slow them down. We kind of used that against them."

Westfield totaled 224 yards in offense, 165 on the ground. Cocozziello had 12 rushes for 58 yards, Walsh carried eight times for 28 yards and Mike DeFazio had seven carries for 53 yards. Cocozziello also completed 4 of 6 passes for 59 yards. DeFazio had two catches for 23 yards, Bobby Wilt had one catch for 23 yards and Walsh had one reception for 13 yards.

Westfield got on the board immediately, marching 63 yards in 10 plays on the game's opening possession to take a 7-0 lead when Cocozziello fired a jump pass to Walsh and Andrew Lessner booted the point after.

On their next possession Westfield was forced to punt from



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD PRESS
Jan Cocozziello scored two touchdowns against Plainfield, connecting with Bart Walsh on this pass and later running 49 yards for the game clinching touchdown.

its own 11, giving Plainfield possession at the Blue Devil 33 yard line. The Cardinals needed eight plays and scored on the fourth play of the second quarter on a one yard run by Mike Reeves. The extra point was wide right and the Blue Devils clung to a one-point lead.

Midway through the fourth quarter Westfield took over at its own 32, moved out to midfield when Cocozziello and Daly were able to execute the fake for the final score.

Plainfield, which was held without a first down for the first 17 minutes of the second half, moved down to the Blue Devil 35, but turned the ball over on downs with 1:11 remaining.

"7-3 is a tremendous record," said Tranchina. "6-4 is good. 7-3 is great. We only have 10 seniors, only a few were returning starters, but they went out in style. They had a great season and to end it the way they did is great stuff."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD PRESS

Bart Walsh caught a pass from Jan Cocozziello and rumbled into the end zone for the Blue Devils first touchdown in a 14-6 win over Plainfield on Thanksgiving Day.

Scotch Plains shocks Elizabeth in season finale

By DANIEL MURPHY

THE RECORD PRESS

The seniors went out with a bang and the underclassmen showed how bright the future is as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team pulled off a major upset, defeating Elizabeth 33-6 on Thanksgiving Day.

Outside of winning a state championship there probably wasn't a better way for the Raiders to end their season. Scotch Plains put together its best all-around game of the season to rout North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 semifinalist and Union County powerhouse Elizabeth in front of 1,500 fans at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

The victory gives Scotch Plains a 6-4 record, its fourth straight

winning season, and a world of momentum and good feelings to carry into the off-season.

"It's a good win for our program," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. "Elizabeth has been the benchmark for our county. They don't get beat too often. For our kids to do that says a lot."

"We came out and played. I don't know if (Elizabeth) did or didn't. Our kids showed tremendous character. They didn't have any let-down. I'm very proud of them."

"We have a lot of young kids and we're already excited for next year. It's a great group. We didn't want the season to end."

The seniors stepped up in their final game and the underclassmen showed the potential for the future

as the Raiders posted their second highest offensive output of the season and perhaps its best defensive performance in a season filled with great defensive performances.

Senior captain Kyle Adams capped a stellar career at Scotch Plains with a 174 yard, one touchdown performance on 17 carries. Senior quarterback Marquell Harrison came on, after starting quarterback Michael Walker was knocked out of the game on the fourth play, and awakened a once dormant passing game with two touchdown passes, completing four of seven passes for 43 yards.

Senior captain Josh Wexler had a 24 yard touchdown reception, three interceptions, a blocked field goal and a fumble recovery. Royland Adeyemo had another

outstanding game at linebacker and Sean Doyle was solid again along the offensive and defensive lines. Christian Gray and Chris Sprague had strong games at outside linebacker and on special teams.

Junior running back Kyle Baker had two interceptions and ran for 125 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries as Scotch Plains pounded out 352 yards on the ground. Travis Boff had seven tackles and Tim Kuris had two sacks.

The defense shutout Elizabeth for three-and-a-half quarters, caused six turnovers, blocked a field goal and held the Minutemen to 27 yards rushing and 126 yards in total offense. Scotch Plains made a key goal line stand on

Elizabeth's first possession, blocked the field goal attempt, then marched down field for a 6-0 lead.

After shutting down Elizabeth's running game early, Scotch Plains forced the Minutemen to become one-dimensional, mixed up their pass coverages and blitzes, forcing turnover after turnover.

The Raiders will lose 11 seniors off the squad but return 15 juniors and 19 sophomores including 15 of the 22 starting positions against Elizabeth.

"It's a great group of seniors even though there weren't many of them," said Ciccotelli. "Even the guys that didn't start made contributions on special teams."

Junior Charlie Bachi opened the scoring with a 5-yard touchdown reception from Harrison in

the first quarter to put the Raiders up 6-0 after the kick failed.

The Raiders blew the game open in the second quarter when Harrison hit Wexler for a 24 yard touchdown pass and a 12-0 lead. Adams ran 33 yards to pay dirt and added the two point conversion for a 20-0 lead and Baker added a 3-yard run to put Scotch Plains ahead 26-0 at the break.

Baker added a 5 yard touchdown run in the third quarter and Mike Baumwoll added the point after for a 33-0 lead. Elizabeth, who fell 10-9 to Montclair in the North 2 Group 4 semifinals, avoided being shutout when Jamar Talbert connected with Michael Jones for a 6 yard touchdown reception midway through the fourth quarter.

New coach looks to return Devils to top

By DANIEL MURPHY

THE RECORD PRESS

After struggling the past three years the Westfield High ice hockey team has welcomed a new head coach and renewed hopes of a winning season.

Dennis Doherty has taken over the reigns of the Westfield program after coaching for five years at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. In his first year at the helm of the program he'll have a veteran team eager to turn around the disappointment of three straight losing seasons.

Westfield, who has moved down to the New Jersey Interscholastic Hockey League-Central White Division after playing in the Red Division last year, opened Wednesday against arch rival Cranford. The Blue Devils will face Ridge 8 p.m. Sunday and Verona Dec. 13.

"Things are looking up," said Doherty Tuesday. "There's been a change in attitude and everyone is looking forward to the season. Moving down a division will help the confidence of the team. We're going to be in a much more competitive situation and have a lot of one goal, tight games."

"We have a good strong group of seniors that have been through a lot. They're working hard to have a good season."

Leading the squad is a trio of senior captains, forward Brian Luck, goalie Scott Nuzzo and defenseman John Burnham. While Doherty is still finalizing the line

combinations seniors Anthony Yudd and Bryan Stupak will anchor the defense with Burnham, and seniors David Falk and Matt Marks will contribute to the offense. Half of Westfield's roster is seniors and they're play and ability to lead will determine how well Westfield will do this season.

"(The seniors) are going to need to step up if we're going to go anywhere," said Doherty. "They need to band together and keep it together. Our confidence is definitely high, but it's going to come down to what the seniors do."

There is also a strong corps of underclassmen who will make a contribution, led by junior forwards Scott Simpson and Alex Regenstreich. Sophomore forwards Brent Davis and Greg Speir will contribute up front and sophomore Ed Kramkowski will see plenty of ice time to round out the defensive rotation.

Doherty's confidence in the team's ability has led him to install a much more complicated system than the Devils have used in the past, a system very similar to what he used while winning two Red Division titles with Bridgewater.

"We've installed a whole new system from face-offs to warm-ups," said Doherty. "It may take some time to adjust to what I want to do, but if I didn't think they were capable of doing what I want to do I wouldn't do it. The pieces to the puzzle are there, it's a matter of putting the right pieces in the right spot."



GEORGE PACCIELLO/THE RECORD PRESS

Jackie LeBlanc will be the Devils top offensive player next year as Westfield aims to return to the state final.

Blue Devils look to remain among elite

By DANIEL MURPHY

THE RECORD PRESS

The Westfield High volleyball team reached a level of unparalleled success this season that should only serve to bolster the program and keep it among the elite in the state.

Since Union County moved its volleyball season from the spring season to the fall, thereby being able to play in the state tournament, the Devils have gradually climbed the ladder of the state's elite, culminating in this year's appearance in the Group 4 final.

Though the Blue Devils fell to Hunterdon Central 14-16, 16-14, 15-12 in the final, a 23-3 campaign which included an undefeated run through the Watchung Conference and a first-place finish in the Livingston Tournament will certainly be a springboard to future titles and trophies.

"I think the biggest thing is that it shows how we've developed and grown as a program and how we've developed into one of the top teams in the state," said Head Coach Bev Torok. "We don't have a 9th grade team or an 8th grade feeder program. Hopefully this can convince more people to get involved in the sport."

The Devils entered the season knowing a Group 4 championship was well within their reach, but their quest for the title kicked into high gear after three impressive tournament performances early in the year. Westfield placed in the top-eight at the Northern Valley

Invitational Tournament in Demarest, then placed second in the highly competitive Jersey Classic, falling to New York powerhouse Burnt Hills of Ballston Lake, N.Y. in the final while knocking off several top ranked New Jersey squads in the process. Westfield followed that performance up with a victory at the Livingston Tournament, and had all the experience and confidence it needed to make a charge at the state title.

Westfield will return some talented players to try to make another run at a state title next year, but will also have some very large shoes to fill. Nikki LeBlanc, who's being recruited by numerous colleges, was the team's top offensive player, and Cari Rock and Lisa Veneza will leave a large hole to fill in the middle. Jill Woodbury was solid at the opposite position, and Christa Jensen and Maggie Curran were strong defensive specialists. In all Westfield will lose five starters from the squad.

But coming back will be setter Sophia Hall and outside hitter Jackie LeBlanc, who should be the club's top offensive player next year. Becky Fallon will step into the middle, with Shannon Vella and Lindsey Meyers also ready to step up.

"We do have some shoes to fill, especially in the offensive attack," said Torok. "The kids coming back have tasted (the state final) and I'm sure it will be at the top of the goals list for next year."

SPORTSCENE

WINTER GOLF

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

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

For further information about Union County's winter public golf schedule or identification card purchase contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

SKATING CENTER OPEN

The Wannanco Ice Skating Center is open for the 2002-2003 season. Open hockey will be held Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Participants must be 18 years or older with proper identification. Helmets with cage and shield are required. Admission is \$7. Admission to the general sessions is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children (17 and under) and \$4.25 for senior citizens (62 and over with proper ID). Skate rentals are available for \$3. Discount cards are also on sale. Group and private lessons and hockey clinics are also available.



GEORGE PACCIOLLO/THE RECORD-PRESS
Amanda Dickson swam the breaststroke on the opening 200 meter medley relay, helping Westfield take the top two spots in the event on its way to a 97-79 win over Bridgewater.

Devils open season with sweep of B-R

The Westfield High boys and girls swim teams got off to strong starts Tuesday, each defeating rival Bridgewater-Raritan in the first dual meet of the season.

Westfield travels to Kearny Tuesday and to county rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood 4 p.m. Thursday.

Bridgewater won six of the 11 events in the boys meet, but the Blue Devils still had enough depth to grab an 88-82 victory, despite the absence of two of its top swimmers.

Ryan Bartholomew won the 50 meter free in 22.38 seconds and Sam Gurdus won the 100 butterfly in 57.51 to lead the Blue Devils.

The girls team cruised to a 97-79 victory, winning six events, including two of the three relays. Alexa Vantosky won two races for

Westfield.

BOYS

Westfield 88, Bridgewater 82
50 free: Bartholomew, W. 22.38
100 free: Gonzalez, B. 52.29
200 free: Heinen, W. 1:52.82
500 free: Levin, B. 5:04.99
100 fly: Gurdus, W. 57.51
100 breast: Horvath, B. 1:05.39
200 IM: L. Gallagher, B. 56.45
200 IM: L. Gallagher, B. 2:03.26
200 free relay: Bridgewater, no time.
400 free relay: W (Heinen, Bartholomew, Schoenfeld, Hedman), 3:30.75
200 medley relay: Bridgewater, 1:45.11

GIRLS

Westfield 97, Bridgewater 79
50 free: Page, B. 1:07.47
100 free: Papay, B. 57.38
200 free: Simaika, W. 2:06.53
500 free: Regan, B. 5:52.20
100 breast: Dickson, W. 1:11.21
100 fly: Vantosky, W. 1:05.06
100 back: Benigno, B. 1:06.44
200 IM: Dickson, W. 2:17.40
200 free relay: Bridgewater, 1:46.62
400 free relay: W (Simaika, Vantosky, Layton, Fowler), 3:56.36
200 medley relay: W (Fallon, Selo, Vantosky, Fowler), 2:00.07.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

One Call Puts You In Touch With These Hometown Weekly Newspapers

Independent Press • Suburban News • Cranford Chronicle • Record Press

To Place Your Ad Call CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

Deadline Noon
Wednesday
Prior To

ADDITIONS CP CONSTRUCTION KITCHENS • BATHROOMS • BSMTS • DECKS PORCHES • WOODWORK • DOORS • WINDOWS • TILE • RENOVATIONS • FREE ESTIMATES 908-687-0704	APPLIANCE RAYTECH APPLIANCE SERVICE Commercial • Residential We Fix All Major Brands of ALL Major Appliances CALL FOR SPECIAL PRICING 24 hr. Emergency Service Satisfying Customers for Over 25 years 908-241-8384	BUILDING • REMODELING There is no substitute for experience  • Additions • Kitchens • Renovations • Dormers • Painting • Decks • Bath • Wine Cellars Over 38 years of Top Quality Work at Affordable Prices MELO CONTRACTORS, Inc. 908-245-5280 Free Estimates • Fully Insured • Financing Available WWW.MELCONTRACTORS.COM	DISPOSAL SERVICE Gervasi Inc. Container Service 10, 15, 22 yard boxes Demolition & Excavation WWW.GERVASIINC.COM 1-866-646-4378	FLOORING ADVANCED FLOORING HARDWOOD FLOOR SPECIALISTS Sanding • Staining • Refinishing Work Personally Performed by Owner Installed • Free Estimate • Fully Ins. *908-862-2658*	GUTTER LEADERS Roberts Gutter & Leader Service Cleaning • Installation • Repairs Available 7 Days Free Est. Reasonable Rates 908-497-9129
ADDITIONS VP WOODWORKING INC. SPECIALIZING IN EUROPEAN & ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN • KITCHENS • BATHROOMS • DORMERS • DECKS • BSMTS • PORCHES • PAINTING • GRANITE • MARBLE • CORIAN • RENOVATIONS • ADDITIONS Free Est. • Fully Insured 908-289-0991	BATHS • KITCHENS CARPENTRY BY PAUL Your Custom Bathroom/Kitchen Remodeler • Deal Direct No Salesmen • Complete Design & Layouts Available • References Cheerfully Given • Quality Work at a Competitive Price FREE Est. 908-789-9279	BUILDING • REMODELING MIGHTY JOE YOUNG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY Roofing • Siding • Kitchens Bathrooms • B'smt • Decks Fully Ins. • Free Est. 908-835-9208	ELECTRIC A&R ELECTRIC, INC. Residential • Commercial FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS PROMPT FRIENDLY SERVICE FREE EST. FULLY INSURED, BONDED 908-665-0649	FLOORING SPARKLE Hardwood Floor Specialists Installed • Refinished • Sanded Carpet, Upholstery & On Site Drapery Care Oriental & Area Rugs Cleaned & Restored 800-307-4494 • 908-464-2653	HANDYMAN NEED A HANDYMAN? "CALL GARY" PAINTING • WALLPAPERING GENERAL HOME REPAIRS KITCHENS • BATHROOMS 888-654-4279
ADDITIONS AMERICAN CUSTOM REMODELING OLD WORLD CRAFTSMANSHIP FOR TODAY'S HOMES Additions • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Decks • Doors Renovations • Windows • Vinyl • Siding Specialists The only legitimate American custom in the remodeling business Free Est. 973-379-2434 Fully Ins. americancustomremodeling.com	BATHS • KITCHENS SHAPE-UP BATHROOM WE DO ENTIRE JOB DEAL DIRECT NJ PLUMBING LIC#10900 NJ LIC #8162 / HD LLC INC 732-340-1220 CALL NOW FOR FREE ESTIMATE	BUILDING • REMODELING THE WOOD WORKS ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORKING Custom Cabinetry • Raised Panels Fireplace Mantels • Book Cases & Millwork "In Business Since 1985" Free Estimates Fully Insured 732-388-3424	TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640	FLOORING WOOD FLOORS by George Inc MAKE YOUR OLD FLOORS LOOK LIKE NEW INSTALLED • REPAIRED • REFRESHED 800-831-8853	TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640
ADDITIONS COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION PAINTING • ROOFING / SIDING CARPENTRY • GUTTER CLEANING REMODELING • REPLACEMENT WINDOWS • ADDITIONS • FROM START TO FINISH INTERIOR • EXTERIOR RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL NEAT CLEAN PROFESSIONAL WORK 908-232-7308	TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640	CABINETRY THE WOOD WORKS ARCHITECTURAL WOODWORKING Custom Cabinetry • Raised Panels Fireplace Mantels • Book Cases & Millwork "In Business Since 1985" Free Estimates Fully Insured 732-388-3424	TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640	GARAGE DOORS DiDolce Overhead Doors Garage Doors & Openers Sales • Service • Installation Will Beat Any Written Est Commercial • Residential Free Est. Fully Est. 908-241-3718 • 908-241-3057 732-620-5432 (Cell)	TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640
ADDITIONS DEECO CONSTRUCTION RESIDENTIAL REMODELING ADDITIONS • ALTERATIONS • WINDOWS • ALL TYPES OF SIDING 908-276-7606	BUILDING • REMODELING AMS HOME IMPROVEMENT We Specialize in All Types of Home Improvement SMALL & ODD JOBS WELCOME Free Estimates • Fully Licensed & Insured 100% Financing Available 800-452-2363 • 908-322-3767	CHECK CASHING THE CHECK STORE Attn: Business Owners We will cash any check payable to your company in any amount No Waiting for Checks to Clear, Instant Cash!!! Licensed • Insured • Bonded • Armored 17 Avenue A 1731 Rt. 22 W Newark, NJ Union NJ 973-643-4988 • 908-687-7575	ELECTRIC J. ALLGAIER ELECTRICAL "WE DO IT ALL-LARGE OR SMALL" • EMERGENCY REPAIRS • FANS • LIGHTING • RESONABLE PRICES • FULLY INS. • LIC#9998 908-755-2059 908-464-2287	GENERAL CONTRACTOR Scotch Plains Builders "Your Hometown Expert" Fine Carpentry • Sun Decks w/Plans • Add-A-Level • Additions • Kitchens • Bathrooms Fully Ins. • Total Renovations • Free Est. 908-490-0432	HOME IMPROVEMENT J. A. Construction Kitchens • Baths • Tile • Finish Basements Carpentry • Windows • Doors Water Insect Damage • General Repairs 28 Years Exp. 908-769-6558 Ask for Joe 908-447-6500 (CELL)
ADDITIONS LAVITOL PAINTING Exterior • Interior Meticulous Expert Work!! Commercial • Residential Additions • Renovations Vinyl Replacement Windows Fully Ins. 908-272-4033 • 908-803-8422 (Cell)	TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640	CLEANUP SERVICES AL'S CLEAN UP Yards • Cellars • Garages • Etc. Estate Clean Outs "We Are The Cheapest" 10% Off w/Ad 908-351-6000 • 800-888-0929	ELECTRICIAN CERTIFIED ELECTRIC, INC. RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL Smoke Detectors • Roof fans • Service Upgrades • Bonded • Lic #7020 Fully Ins. Free Est. 908-769-6845	GENERAL CONTRACTOR V. YUIANO SON, INC. GENERAL CONTRACTING HOME IMPROVEMENTS PAINTING • DECORATING INTERIOR • EXTERIOR KITCHENS • BATHROOMS CORIAN • FORMICA TOPS CUSTOM MOLDINGS • ALL REPAIRS TILE • SHEETROCK DEPENDABLE SINCE 1927 973-377-7708 • 973-884-4110 (eve) (beeper) 973-490-9023	HOME IMPROVEMENTS AL's Improvements, LLC Additions • Extensions • Dormers • Decks Sills • Cedar Shakes • Tiling & More 973-313-1844 www.alshomeimprovements.com
ADDITIONS • CONSTRUCTION PAPIC CONSTRUCTION ADDITIONS • DORMERS • SIDING & ROOFING "We Beat Home Centers Installing Doors & Windows" Call Pete 908-964-4974	TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640	DISPOSAL SERVICES J&R SERVICES INC. 10-30 YARD CONTAINERS COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL • RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTER RENTAL CLEAN-UP SERVICES DEMOLITION 908-696-5229	ELECTRIC KREDER ELECTRIC Residential • Commercial • Industrial PROFESSIONAL SERVICE • OWNER OPERATED Lic#9124 FREE ESTIMATE 908-464-8980	GUTTER CLEANING A. EASTERN GUTTER CLEANING Family Owned & Operated Gutter Cleaning & Repair We Are A Local Concern Call Christian 908-791-3245 Cell 908-403-4253	HOME REMODELING CEDAR ESTATES, INC Additions • Alterations • Add-A-Level Renovations • Basements • Decks Fully Ins. & Licensed Free Est. Serious Inquiries Only 908-722-8143
ALL ITEMS REMOVED ... ALSO LIGHT MOVING ... FURNITURE • APPLIANCES • ETC (908) 769-8524 25% SPECIAL CELL (908) 295-2627	BUILDING & REMODELING AMERICAN HOME REMODELING 100% FINANCING Interior/Exterior Improvements NY/NJ Licensed & Insured Vinyl Siding • Roofing Kitchens • Bathrooms Windows • Masonry 800-941-5541 • Fax: 973-374-9446 E-mail: AmericanHome1@aol.com Web: www.Improvetoday.com	DISPOSAL JMG SERVICE INC. REMOVAL & HAULING SERVICES 6-30 YARD DUMPSTERS RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL FULLY LIC. & INSURED DEMOLITION & CLEANUP 908-233-2690	FENCING A. PLAIA & SON FENCE Custom Wood • Chain Link Stockade Year Round Installations • Free Estimates NEW & REPAIRS 908-654-5222	GUTTERS NED STEVENS GUTTER CLEANING & INSTALLATION \$35-\$75 Average House Next Day Service In Most Cases Fully Ins. 7 Days	HOME IMPROVEMENT Xtreme Kitchens • Bathrooms • Windows • Porches • Decks • Porch Floors • Siding • Tiling • Spackling • Electrical • Siding Plumbing • Painting • Roofing • Doors • Fences Free Estimates Senior Citizen Discount No Job Too Small Contracting & Home Repair (732) 910-7343 (908) 265-7342

YOUTH SPORTS

GYMNASTICS

Gymnasts on the Level 5 boys team from Surgents Elite School of Gymnastics in Garwood competed in the first New Jersey qualifier meet of the season in Cherry Hill, N.J. Nov. 23 and 24. The boys competed in six events including the floor exercise, pommel horse, still rings, vault, parallel bars, and high bars.

Bobby Oberlander, from Westfield, took ninth place overall with an all-around score of 43.8. Oberlander placed in three events with his best performance a 7.0 on the pommel horse. Kevin Clancy, also from Westfield, placed twelve overall with another strong job on the pommel horse with a 7.0. Zach Jacobs, from Scotch Plains, also in his first Level 5 meet scored an 8.5 on the vault.

Justin Catalano, from Mountainside, scored best on the vault with a score of 8.9. Steve Martino, from Berkeley Heights, scored a 9.0 on vault in his first Level 5 meet. Steven Morgan from Roselle finished third in his age group with an all-around score of 48.8. Steven placed in all six events and his performance on the high bar garnered first place with a score of 9.1.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

St. Helen's girls win three straight

The St. Helen's of Westfield 7/8th grade girls basketball team won its third straight game in a big way Nov. 21 beating archival IHM of Scotch Plains 35-31. In a hard fought contest to capture their bracket in the tournament, Breaanne Defalco led St. Helen's with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Erin Miller was next for St. Helen's with 11 points making 9 of 16 foul shots. Kathryn Ruhno had five steals, six rebounds and four assists.

St. Helen's was down 18-13 late in the first half when Alli Macdonald ripped an offensive rebound and put it in right before the halftime buzzer to cut the gap to 18-15. With St. Helen's trailing by five with six minutes to go

in the game, Breaanne Defalco scored eight straight points to give St. Helen's the lead 29-26.

Late in the game with time running out, IHM was forced to foul. Erin Miller and Breaanne Defalco hit 6 out of their last 10 free throws for St. Helen's to hold off IHM. Casey El Korey had three steals, three assists and four rebounds. Stephanie Slodzycka had two points and seven rebounds.

Gabrielle O'Leary had two points and three steals. Rose Driscoll had three assists to the St. Helen's win. Lauren Mains scored eight points to lead IHM. Alli Zazzali had 7 points.

St. Helen's fell to Cranford in the quarterfinals Sunday.

Westfield girls reach final

The Westfield 7th grade girls travel team reached the IHM Tip-off Classic finals beating St. Rose of East Hanover 32-26 in an exciting game. Westfield was led in the first half by Alli Macdonald, Stephanie Slodzycka and Danielle Infantino, who each scored four points. Allison Oberlander contributed three first half assists to give Westfield an 18-7 half-time lead.

Westfield was defeated in the tournament final, falling to Wayne by four points.

St. Rose put on a furious rally and took a 26-25 lead with two minutes to go. Erin Miller, who had eight points and five rebounds, then hit two big free throws to give Westfield the lead 27-26. Then off a feed by Rose Driscoll, Claire Bennett sank a layup to give Westfield a 29-26 lead. Bennett led Westfield in rebounds with seven and steals with six.

St. Rose then failed to convert and was forced to foul. Gabrielle O'Leary sank three of her final four free throws to give Westfield its final margin of victory 32-26. O'Leary finished with seven points, all in the second half. Krissy Wendel had five rebounds and three steals to contribute to the win. Westfield meets Wayne in the tournament finals on Sunday at 6:00 PM.

2 GREAT SKI PROGRAMS FROM I ♥ NY

#1
SUPER LEARN TO SKI PACKAGES

#2
LEARN TO SKI 2-3

DOWNHILL • SNOWBOARD CROSS COUNTRY

Starting as low as
\$69.95

Learn to DOWNHILL or SNOWBOARD

Prices vary. See list of areas on right.

\$49.95

Learn to CROSS-COUNTRY

INCLUDES 3 LESSONS, ALL RENTALS, 3 LIFT TICKETS, PLUS DISCOUNTS ON EQUIPMENT AND MORE!

Learn to Ski 1-2-3 is a developmental program for new skiers. Lessons are required.

To purchase Learn to Ski 1-2-3, call any of the ski areas listed.

I ♥ NY.
iloveny.com

To order your FREE New York State Winter Travel and Ski Guide, call
1-800-I LOVE NY

code 1841

George E. Pataki, Governor, State of New York
Charles A. Gargano, Chairman, Empire State Development



Learn to Ski 1-2-3 program prices:

☐ \$69.95 / ☐ \$79.95 / ☐ \$89.95
☐ \$49.95 / ☐ \$59.95

† Blackout dates apply. †† (12/13 only)

Not valid 12/24/02-1/1/03, 1/18/03-1/25/03. †† Participating in US 1-2-3 only.

© 2002 I ♥ NY. All rights reserved.

Ski Areas

ADIRONDACK PARK
Adirondack Park 518-352-4200
Mt. Peter 518-352-4200
Sterling Forest 518-352-4200
Thunderbolt 518-352-4200

THE CATTARAUGUS
Cattaraugus 518-251-5400
Helderberg 518-251-5400
Helderberg 518-251-5400
Ski Placid 518-251-5400
Ski Placid 518-251-5400

CAPITAL-SARATOGA
Capital 518-535-6145
Saratoga 518-535-6145
Saratoga 518-535-6145

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

THE ADIRONDACKS
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400
Adirondack 518-251-5400

HOME IMPROVEMENT

One Call Puts You In Touch With These Hometown Weekly Newspapers

Independent Press • Suburban News • Cranford Chronicle • Record Press

To Place Your Ad Call CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

Andrew Flint
All Types • No Job Too Small
Finish Carpentry
25 Years Experience
Neat Professional Work
973-701-8052

GENERAL CONTRACTOR MR. MOORE
FRAMING • DOORS • REPLACEMENT WINDOWS
DECK • SHEETROCK • BASEMENTS
FREE EST. • FULLY INS.
908-346-3218

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

GIORDANO RENOVATION DESIGN INC.
• DECKS •
• GUTTERS & ROOFS • MASONRY • WALKS & STEPS • TILE
• BATHS • RESTORATIONS • REMODELING • BASEMENTS
WINDOWS • DOORS • REPAIRS
908-689-2996

PALUMBO HOME IMPROVEMENT
• PAINTING • WALLPAPERING
CUSTOM MOLDINGS • CERAMIC TILE
GENERAL INT/EXT REPAIRS
All Calls Will Be Returned
Very Reasonable Rates
908-389-9289
MARTIND2@EMS.ATT.COM

ABSOLUTE RENOVATION SERVICES, LLC
ALL Repairs
Alterations, Installations
All Phases of
Interior / Exterior
Remodeling • Repairs
"No Job Too Small"
Free Est. Fully Ins.
• Personal Service •
866-294-7555

PRO SCAPE license 0020980
IRRIGATION
WINTERIZATION
LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEM WINTERIZATION
SERVICE. COMPRESSED AIR WINTERIZATION. CALL
TODAY TO SCHEDULE YOUR SPRINKLER SYSTEM
SHUT DOWN AND WINTERIZATION. WE ACCEPT
VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX, & DISCOVER.
CALL **908-276-1272** TODAY!

FOUR SEASONS LANDSCAPE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
SPECIALIZING IN:
PINE DRIVEWAYS • WALKS • PATIOS
STONE/TIMBER RETAINING SYSTEMS • NEW PLANTINGS
DRAINAGE CORRECTIONS • NEW LAWNS
CERTIFIED PAVED DRIVE • INSTALLERS
QUALITY WORK GUARANTEED
908-272-5422

GREEN ACRES Landscaping Design & Irrigation
FALL SERVICES
Thatching • Seeding
Planting • Lawn Feeding
Snow Removal
** Lawn / Sprinkler **
Winterizing
908-352-4242

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

EAST COAST MARINE SERVICE, INC.
Tanks Sanitized or Removed
TANK LOCATION • SOIL TESTING
FREE ESTIMATES STATE LIC#001134
908-518-0732

PRO TANK OIL TANK SERVICES
RESIDENTIAL OIL TANKS SPECIALISTS
NJ APPROVED • 14 YRS EXPERIENCE
908-851-0057
www.protankservices.com

MIKE WATERS OIL TANKS & BOILERS FILLED/REMOVED
DEP APPROVED • ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE
908-964-4860

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

ROBERT BIZZARRO PAINTING
• Professional Work •
Interior / Exterior
Wallpaper • Spackling • Decks
20 Years Experience
908-604-8688

House Painting by CEILEX
Exterior/Interior
EXCELLENT JOB AT THE LOWEST PRICE
OLD HOUSE SPECIALTY
BEST PREPARATION
DECK REFINISHING
201-964-1001

INTERIOR PAINTING
DECK POWERWASHING &
WATERPROOFING
DRIVEWAY SEALING • ODD JOBS
CALL PETE
908-317-6846

LOUIE'S PAINTING EXTERIOR/INTERIOR
CALL NOW FOR FALL SPECIAL
WATER PROOFING BASEMENTS • SHEETROCK PANELING
• MINOR CARPENTRY
INSTALL NEW GUTTERS/LEADERS
REASONABLE RATES • FULLY INS.
"SERVING UNION COUNTY FOR OVER 20 YEARS"
908-964-7359 732-574-0875

GOOD CHOICE PAINTING & PAPERHANGING
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR
PAPERHANGING & WALLPAPER REMOVAL
COURTEOUS RELIABLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
15 YEARS EXP. REFERENCES AVAILABLE
FREE EST. • FULLY INS.
MARK GIORDANO 908-771-0428

MARINO'S PAINTING
THE NEATEST PAINTER AROUND
Expert Preparation & Clean-Up
Huge Vacuum Scheduling • Interior & Exterior
Decks & Driveways • Faux Finishes
Paperhanging & Wallpaper Removal
NOT A SUB CONTRACTOR WE DO THE WORK
908-688-0481

PAINTING UNLIMITED
EXT & INT. ROSS & BRUSH
INTERIOR SPECIALIST FOR THE WINTER
SPECIALIZING IN:
• RENEWING YOUR OLD ALUM. SIDING
• POWERWASHING VINYL SIDING, DECKS & PATIOS
ALL WORK QUAR. BRITZ DISC
LEADER & GUTTER CLEANING SPECIAL
\$69.95 ANY HOUSE TILL 2-27-02
FREE EST. **908-486-4364** FULLY INSURED

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

ALL AMERICAN PAVING
Asphalt Contractor
Residential • Commercial
Driveways • Sidewalks • Parking Lots
Resurfacing • Seal Coating
Belgium Blocks • Interlocking Pavers
Free Estimate
908-925-3336

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

A EASTERN PEST CONTROL
Family Owned / Operated
"We are a Local Concern"
CARPENTER ANT SPECIALIST
ROACHES • BEETLES • MICE • BEES LICENSE NO. 83354
(973) 566-6157 (908) 464-5544

TNT PEST CONTROL, INC.
...For Dynamite Service
...Call 908-490-1491
Family Owned & Operated
All Insects & Rodents Treated
Free Inspection/Est. • Fast & Professional Service
It's Wasp & Rodent Season

A1 SUMMIT PLUMBING & HEATING
N.J. STATE LIC. #4090
Residential • Commercial • Industrial
No Job Too Small • We Return All Calls
Bonded & Insured
Free Est. Water Heaters Installed
Steam & Hot Water Heat Boilers Installed
908-464-8233

CARRIAGE HOUSE REFINISHING CO.
908-277-3815
FURNITURE RESTORATION
HARDWOOD FLOORS
STRIPPED/REFINISHED AND INSTALLED
INTERIOR DECORATING & TOUCH UP SERVICES

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

NB Home Improvement
All Your Roofing Needs
Residential
MC Cert. #AU04219
Free Estimates Fully Insured
908-354-0948

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

WE STOP LEAKS CLARK BUILDERS, Inc.
33 Yrs Experience
Complete Roof Stripping Specialists & All Repairs
Siding • Windows
Fully Insured Free Estimates
800-794-5325
www.clarkbuildersinc.com

N.J. TIMBERLINE BUILDERS, INC.
ROOFING • SIDING & WINDOWS
Tear Off Specialists
Plywood Replacement
Certified Contractor
FULLY INSURED
800-393-4951
"We return phone calls!"

POWELL'S ROOFING
Residential Roofing Specialists
"NO JOB TOO SMALL"
AVAILABLE 7 DAYS
SENIOR DISCOUNT
908-928-0362 FULLY INS.

Torio Builders LLC
YOUR MOST RELIABLE ROOFING SYSTEM
EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY
/COVERS MATERIAL & LABOR / BACKED BY GAF CORP.
/FACTORY-AUTHORIZED INSTALLER / SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
732-381-0731

NICK GRASSO TILE CONTRACTOR
Commercial • Residential
Custom Bathroom Remodeling
Kitchens • Foyers Marble Installation • Repairs
Free Est. Fully Ins.
908-497-1886

WOODSTOCK TREE SERVICE
• FIREWOOD •
LOW, LOW RATES
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNTS
INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES
908-276-5752

TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS CALL CHRISTINE 1-800-981-5640

BEST BETS THIS WEEK

Festival of Trees starts on Friday

BASKING RIDGE— Nowhere is the holiday spirit more prevalent than at the Environmental Education Center's 29th Annual Festival of Trees.

Cosponsored by the Somerset Hills YMCA and the Somerset County Park Commission, the ten day show features over 60 innovative variations of holiday tree and wreath decoration, displayed indoors from Friday, Dec. 6 to Sunday, Dec. 15 at 190 Lord Stirling Road. The Festival is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trees and wreaths are decorated by scout groups, clubs, and individuals from the greater Somerset County area. Twinkling lights, shining stars, snowflakes, angels, birds, friendship, teddy bears, sports, memories, and animals galore will be playing a prominent role in the 2002 festivities.

Among the highlights of are the "A Cowgirl's Christmas Tree," the "Cross CounTree," the "Father Christmas Tree," "Under the Sea Tree," the "Winter Wonderland Tree," "Jubilee Tree," "Christmas Around the World Tree," "Moogie the Clown's 'Balloon Wreath,'" "Scherenschnitte Tree," and "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow Tree."

Helen, Candace, and Michael Davidson, Bishop Janes United Methodist Church in Basking Ridge, and the Basking Ridge Garden Club will be participating in the Festival for the twenty-ninth consecutive year, the Davidsons presenting their "Teddy Bear Tree," the church with the "Piecemakers Tree," and the Garden Club with "A Garden of Angels Tree."

Musicians and performers will donate their talents at various times throughout the Festival. Visitors may call for a schedule of performances.

There is a suggested donation of \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors. Groups of 12 or more who schedule in advance will receive a 20 percent discount.

For information, contact the Environmental Education Center at (908) 766-2489 or the Somerset Hills YMCA at (908) 766-7898.

Free piano concert Sunday

BRIDGEWATER— The piano committee of the Somerset/Bridgewater Library will present a family concert featuring Paul Kueter and Carolee-Ann Mochernuk, four hand pianists, performing international classical music on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the library meeting rooms ABC. The program is geared for school-aged children and their families.

The program will include music by Rachmaninoff, Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Bach and others. Since the formation of their musical partnership, Kueter and Mochernuk have concertized in the United States, Canada and Europe. They have played five recitals featuring four-hand piano at the Library of Performing Arts and Lincoln Center and have also performed at the Montclair, Newark and Savannah Art Museums. This past month they gave concerts in Nancy, France and Basel, Switzerland.

They have made two recordings: "Five Broadway Greats," consisting of Kueter's four hand arrangements of the music of Kern, Gershwin, Porter, Bernstein and Laewe, and "Gershwiniana," a centennial celebration that features Rhapsody in Blue, the Concerto and selections from "Porgy and Bess". They are both available on the Kalinka label. Last season, they played a recital at historic Trinity Church in lower Manhattan.

The Somerset County/Bridgewater Library is located at 1 Vogt Drive.

For more information about the Family Classical Concert, call the library at (908) 526-4016 ext. 119.



The cast of the Brook Arts Center's production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Brook Arts Center will present 'Charlie Brown'

BOUND BROOK— The Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St., will present the Broadway musical, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" Dec. 6 through Dec. 22 directed by Christopher Patterson ("Ain't Misbehavin").

"I think this newly revised version of "Charlie Brown" from the 1999 Broadway revival, is perfect for the intimate space of the lobby of the Brook," said Patterson, two-time winner of Paper Mills Rising Star Award. "We've got an extremely talented, high-energy cast that the whole family — young or old — will enjoy."

The cast includes Patterson of Perth Amboy, doing triple duty as director, choreographer, as well as playing Schroeder; Kristen Bussiere of Edison as Sally; Amanda Lee of Maple Shade as Lucy; Ryan Malyar of Piscataway as Linus; Robert Rivera of Linden as Snoopy and Brad Sarboukh of

South Bound Brook as Charlie Brown.

"We're very happy to have Chris back at the Arts Center after the warm reception Brook audiences gave him for 'Ain't Mishavin' and the 'Jazz, Jive 'n' Blues' cabaret," says Brook's Executive Director, Gerry Appel. "Word of mouth has spread so quickly about this production that tickets are going fast. We are near sold out for the first weekend. This will be one to bring the entire family, but you don't have to be a child to appreciate the philosophy and humor of Peanuts."

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be presented Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Sundays matinees at 2 p.m. The Sunday, Dec. 8 is sold out. Tickets are only \$20 and \$17 for seniors and students.

For more information, visit www.brookarts.org or call (732) 469-7700.

Vienna Choir Boys to perform holiday concert

World-renowned group is coming to the State Theatre

NEW BRUNSWICK— The most revered of children's performing arts groups, the Vienna Choir Boys return for the ninth time to the State Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. to sing Christmas carols from around the world.

This group of 10- to 14-year-olds has toured the world over, attracting broad audiences with its exquisite harmonies, exceptional soloists, and a sound that is heaven-sent. With the purity of young voices trained almost from birth, this holiday program will entertain and uplift people of all ages.

For more than 500 years, the Vienna Choir Boys have enjoyed a reputation as one of the world's most cherished ensembles. Created by decree of the Habsburg Emperor in 1498 and bound to many of Europe's most illustrious musical figures, such as Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, and Bruckner, the ensemble has become a modern, forward-looking institution that has moved confidently into the 21st century.

While retaining and nurturing the fresh, natural, choral sound for which the ensemble has always been famous, under the leadership of artistic director Gerald Wirth the choir's active

repertoire has rapidly expanded. Though their core repertoire remains the Renaissance and Baroque music that they traditionally sing at performances of Sunday and Holy Day masses at the Imperial Chapel, today's Vienna Choir Boys repertoire also includes operas and operettas, contemporary classical and popular music, experimental music, traditional Viennese waltzes and polkas, and folk songs from around the world.

The Vienna Choir Boys comprise four choirs of 24 members each, with choristers ranging in age from 10 to 14. The four choirs tour extensively on six continents conducted by a choirmaster and accompanied by two tutors. Often, two of the groups are on tour simultaneously, with two choirs remaining in residence in Vienna to sing at the weekly Sunday mass in the Imperial Chapel, a tradition that has continued practically unbroken since 1498, even during the two World Wars.

Many former members maintain their involvement with the ensemble as members of the Board of Directors and as performers in the Chorus Viennensis, a men's choir of 60 to 80 former Vienna Choir Boys. The ensemble, which celebrated its 50th



The Vienna Choir Boys have enchanted international audiences with their perfect harmony.

anniversary this year, regularly performs as a separate ensemble, as well as with the Vienna Choir Boys.

For more than five centuries, the Vienna Choir Boys have enchanted millions with their unique charm and exceptionally beautiful singing. Witnessing a

Music at Moorland will return in June

FAR HILLS— Set the date for a magical summer evening, featuring picturesque picnicking, spectacular Grucci fireworks and the renowned New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. "Music at Moorland" — Central New Jersey's kickoff to summer — will be held Thursday, June 26, 2003 at Moorland Farms, home of the legendary Far Hills Race Meeting.

The second annual event will feature a twilight performance by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra followed by a fireworks display by the famous Grucci family of Long Island, which has staged fireworks for

with Somerset Medical Center to give Central New Jersey families the experience of Tanglewood right in our own backyard. We are also committed to ensuring that our community has the first-class health care we need close to home."

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra president Lawrence J. Tamburri says the orchestra jumped at the opportunity to showcase its talents at Music at Moorland because of the event's scenic setting and its good cause.

"Although the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra is based

in Newark, we are truly the state's orchestra and it is our mission to bring our music to audiences statewide," Tamburri said. "We are looking forward to performing in the Somerset Hills

'We hope that families throughout Central New Jersey will come together to celebrate the start of summer and enjoy the seasonal splendor of the Somerset Hills'

Medical Center Foundation to benefit Somerset Medical Center.

"Somerset Medical Center Foundation is proud to bring this wonderful new tradition to our community with the support of Aventis," said John T. von Stade, chairman of Somerset Medical Center Foundation and co-chair of Music at Moorland. "We hope that families throughout Central New Jersey will come together to celebrate the start of summer and enjoy the seasonal splendor of the Somerset Hills. It promises to be an exciting evening for all ages."

Adds Evelyn Self, director of corporate relations for Aventis, "Aventis is pleased to partner

region in support of the quality health care services Somerset Medical Center provides to its patients."

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra has received critical acclaim for its concerts in New Jersey, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and abroad and has recorded numerous concerts for radio and television broadcasts. The 2002-03 season marks the orchestra's sixth season as resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

For more information about Music at Moorland, call (908) 685-2500 or visit the Calendar of Events page on Somerset Medical Center's Web site at somersetmedicalcenter.com.



JAMES MARKEY

Symphonic Band to give free concert on Sunday

BRIDGEWATER— The Raritan Valley Symphonic Band, under the direction of Dr. William Berz, will open its 20th anniversary season with a "Winter Warm-Up Concert" at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School on Garretson Road. Admission is free.

Acclaimed trombonist James Markey, Associate Principal Trombone of the New York Philharmonic, will be the featured soloist. Markey will perform "Concertino" by Ferdinand David, one of the most outstanding showpieces for solo trombone. The concert will also feature "Chorale and Alleluia" by Howard Hanson, "Gallop" by Arthur Bird, spirited marches, including a selection by America's march king, John Philip Sousa, and holiday favorites.

Soloist James Markey will also give a master class on Wednesday Dec. 11 at 7:30

p.m. at Hillsborough High School. The class is sponsored by the Band and will be provided free to the public. Markey joined the New York Philharmonic as Associate Principal Trombone in 1997. A native of Hopatcong, Markey was awarded the position of Principal Trombonist with the Pittsburgh Symphony at the end of his second year at the Julliard School, making him the youngest member of that orchestra. He was invited to join the New York Philharmonic after his second season with Pittsburgh. Markey is also in great demand as a soloist, recitalist and clinician, and maintains an active teaching schedule at The Julliard School and New York University.

The RVSB is recognized as one of New Jersey's finest community bands, and is known for always giving its audience "something extra" in each concert. The Band's

conductor, Dr. Berz, is Director of Bands at Rutgers-the State University of New Jersey.

For more information about the concert, becoming a sponsor, or to request assistance for those with disabilities, or to inquire about joining the Band, consult the Band's website, www.rvsb.org or call (908) 359-3136

The concert and master class are made possible, in part, by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and administered by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission through the State/County Partnership Local Arts Program. The Band is sponsored by the Jointure for Community Adult Education and by contributions from local businesses, corporations, foundations and private citizens.

Theater

CROSSROADS THEATRE COMPANY
7 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(732) 645-8100

"From the Mississippi Delta," autobiographical drama on civil rights leader Ida Mae Holland. 8 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 13; 3 and 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 14; 3 p.m. Dec. 15. Admission \$42-\$32.

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. Dec. 6, 7; 3 p.m. Dec. 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.

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. To Jan. 4. Admission \$55-\$36; discounts 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;

mgas.rutgers.edu

"The Laramie Project," based on the 1999 gay-related murder of Matthew Shepard. 8 p.m. Dec. 5-7. Adults \$19; seniors, Rutgers alumni and employees \$17; students \$9.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420;

www.raritanval.edu/theatre

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

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS

Route 514, Hillsborough
(908) 369-SHOW;

www.svptheatre.org

"A Christmas Story," stage version of 1983 movie. 7 p.m. Dec. 7, 14; 3 p.m. Dec. 8, 15. Admission \$10.

VILLAGERS THEATRE

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
(732) 878-2710;

www.villagerstheatre.com

"A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens standard in a kid-friendly production. 7 p.m. Dec. 13, 14, 20, 21; 3 p.m. Dec. 15, 22. Admission \$10.

Sky Shows

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 231-8805;

www.raritanval.edu/planetarium

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

Events

HOLIDAY NATURE CRAFT SHOW

Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside

(908) 789-3670

Held for the 19th year, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 8. Free admission.

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.

LITTLE BEAR AND THE ENCHANTED WOOD

2 and 5 p.m. Dec. 14, 15
Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(973) 376-4343;

www.papermill.org

The children's book and TV special, done live with music. Admission \$30-\$15.

Concerts

THE BEACH BOYS

3 and 8 p.m. Dec. 7
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;

www.statetheatrenj.org

Famous for having hits in 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.

GLEN CAMPBELL

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College
Route 28, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420;

www.raritanval.edu/theatre

Pre-"Urban Cowboy" country/pop star, sharing the spotlight at times with daughter Debby. Admission \$42, \$37.

CANADIAN BRASS

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;

www.statetheatrenj.org

Holiday concert of the Dominion-based group. Admission \$45-\$25.

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;

mgas.rutgers.edu

With the Rutgers Kirkpatrick Choir and Rutgers Glee Club. Admission \$10.

ELEGANT ELLINGTON

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;

www.watchungarts.org

The catalog of "Sir Duke" handled by Keith Ingham, piano.

Admission \$12.

GET BACK!

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org

Beatles tribute concert with the cast of the late-70's show "Beatlemania." Admission \$28-\$18.

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.

JOY TO THE WORLD

4 and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8
Presbyterian Church, 1 E. Oak St., Basking Ridge
(908) 766-1616

Christmas "Lessons and Carols" service with the church's Oratorio Choir, Knox Bell Choir and orchestra. Donation.

KEAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Trinity Episcopal Church
Route 28, Cranford
(908) 276-4047

Holiday music in a sacred setting. Admission \$10.

PAUL KUETER/CAROLLE-ANN MOCHERNUK

2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Somerset County Library
1 Vogt Dr., Bridgewater
(908) 526-4016

Piano duo performs works of Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and other composers. Free admission.

MESSIAH (Choral Art Society of New Jersey)

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13
First Baptist Church
170 Elm St., Westfield
(908) 654-3260

Handel oratorio in sing-along format. Admission \$10; scores at the door.

MESSIAH (Masterwork Chorus and Orchestra)

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

www.statetheatrenj.org

Handel oratorio in concert format. Admission \$50-\$20.

LYNN MILES

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190;

www.watchungarts.org

Folk singer from Canada. Admission \$12.

LORRIE MORGAN

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11

Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(973) 376-4343;

www.papermill.org

80's-90's country singer in a holiday concert. Admission \$75-\$45.

MORNING STAR COMMUNITY TABERNACLE CHOIR

5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org

Holiday concert of the Linden-based choir. Admission \$12.

NEW JERSEY POFS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13
Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(973) 376-4343;

www.papermill.org

Holiday concert. Admission \$48-\$32.

ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org

Holiday concert of the Jersey Shore-based symphony. Admission \$27-\$17.

ORPHEUS

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, Goliow and Mozart with Dawn Upshaw, soprano. Admission \$50-\$25.

JOHN PIZZARELLI

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
Union County Arts Center
1601 Irving St., Rahway
(732) 499-8226; www.ucac.org

Jazz guitarist plays with his trio. Admission \$65-\$35. Gala tickets (with post-concert reception) \$75.

PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;

www.statetheatrenj.org

New Orleans-based Dixieland group. Admission \$38-\$18.

RARITAN VALLEY SYMPHONIC BAND

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Bridgewater-Raritan High School, Garretson Rd.
Bridgewater
(908) 359-3136; www.rvsh.org

"Winter Warm-Up" with holiday songs and martial music. Free admission.

LOU RAWLS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10

Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(973) 376-4343;

www.papermill.org

60's-70's R&B singer and "Parade of Stars" host. Admission \$70-\$40.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY BAND

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11
Nicholas Music Center
George St., New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;

mgas.rutgers.edu

A full repertoire of music for wind ensemble. Free admission.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6
Nicholas Music Center
George St., New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;

mgas.rutgers.edu

Presenting the American premiere of the Concerto for Marimba and Strings by Eric Ewazen. Adults \$18; seniors, 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.

VIENNA CHOIR BOYS

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick
(877) STATE 11;

www.statetheatrenj.org

Austrian-based ensemble. Admission \$38-\$18.

VOORHEES CHOIR

5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Voorhees Chapel, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
(732) 932-7511;

mgas.rutgers.edu

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

WESTFIELD GLEE CLUB

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; First Presbyterian Church, Roselle
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8; St. Paul Episcopal Church, Westfield
(908) 232-0673

78th annual winter concert of holiday songs. Adults \$12; seniors, students \$10.

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.

Festival of Trees, to Jan. 26. 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.

EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE

1050 River Rd., Piscataway
(732) 745-3030, (732) 745-4489;

www.cultureheritage.org

Historical village in what was once Raritan Landing. Open to the public 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Victorian ornaments, to Feb. 23. Related lecture by Mark Nonestied 1 p.m. Dec. 15 (registration required).

"Creating Watercolor Post Cards" for children 7-11, 1 p.m. Dec. 15. Registration required.

History on the Hoof (holiday stories and music), 2 p.m. Dec. 15. Registration required.

METLAR-BODINE HOUSE MUSEUM

1281 River Rd., Piscataway
(732) 463-8363

Greg Jones on gourmet coffee, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 11. Free admission; registration required.

Children's holiday tea, 3 p.m. Dec. 15. Members \$15, non-members \$18; registration required.

MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM

614 Mountain Ave., Westfield
(908) 232-1776

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

"Gingerbread Sunday," Dec. 8. Polish Christmas customs, Dec. 15.

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. Free admission.

"Train 582-2002," to Dec. 27;

Sunday Brunch Buffet

The Kenilworth Inn

Call for Reservations: (908) 241-3030

Exit 138 Garden State Parkway
Boulevard & South 31st Street • Kenilworth, NJ

11:00am-2:30pm Sundays

LARGE GROUPS WELCOME

Eggs and Omelettes Chef prepared to order
Carvings, Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Juices, Danish, Muffins, Fresh Fruits, Cheeses, Vegetable Cruafes with Dips, Casseroles, Pastas, Salads, Seafood, Potatoes, Rice, Stir Fry Fresh Vegetables, Hearth Baked Breads, & Rolls. Great Desserts.

Adults \$12.95 • Children Under 10 \$7.95

3 and under No Charge • Plus 18% Service & 6% Tax

Catered By

Culinary Concepts Caterers, Ltd

908-241-3030

Also Featuring: Engagements, Anniversaries, Cocktail Buffet Receptions, Rehearsal Dinners & Weddings

Off Premises Catering Available



"A CROWD-PLEASER!"

Lavonne Van Gilder, The New York Times

"A LIVELY AND FUNNY MUSICAL!"

Robert Dominguez, Daily News

"WITTY, TOUCHING, COMPELLING, ENTERTAINING, AND FUN!"

Edward Burroughs, Gannett Journal News

"STEPHEN MO HANAN IS SIMPLY STUPENDOUS!"

David F. Richardson, WOR Radio

"NANCY ANDERSON IS SUPERB!"

Donald Lyons, New York Post

"ROBERT ARI IS A HOOT!"

Matilyn Shaw, Variety

Jolson & COMPANY

The New Musical



THE MUSICAL "A CROWD-PLEASER!" MATINEES WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY AT 2:30. SUNDAY AT 4. TELECHARGE.COM 212-239-6200 • JOLSONandCOMPANY.com

CENTURY CENTER 111 EAST 15th STREET

"Oh God, It's George!"

Linda Wiener/NEWSDAY

"YOU'LL BE IN HEAVEN YOURSELF, AT LEAST FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF."

Bruce Weber

Revue pays homage to the holiday season

METUCHEN — The Forum Theatre Company will present the theatrical premiere of a holiday musical revue, "That Time of the Year." Performances are Friday, Dec. 20 through Tuesday, Dec. 31 with a special New Year's Eve Gala performance at 7:30 p.m.

"That Time of the Year" is a whimsical compilation of 25 all-original Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's songs, capturing all the warmth and humor of a unique holiday celebration. The show offers a wide variety of material, running the musical gamut from rock and blues to jazz and show tunes. The songs range from funny numbers highlighting the joys and anxieties of the holiday season to beautiful, touching ballads about the meaning behind the holidays.

Opening to critical acclaim in 1996 at the Manhattan cabaret club, Don't Tell Mama, "That Time of the Year" features a quintet of bright-eyed performers singing such tunes as "Angelo Rosenbaum," "Underneath the Mistletoe," "Mama's Latkes," "Country and Calypso Christmas," and "Holiday Lament (The Fruitcake Song)." Also featured are a singing dreidel and a trio of singing / dancing fruitcakes.

The cast includes Ann Harada, who appeared on Broadway and in the National Tour of "M. Butterfly" as Comrade Chin. She can be seen regularly as Mimi on the daytime drama, "Another World," and has numerous off-Broadway credits.

Adam Williams and Ian August are the male cast members. Williams reprises the role he originated at Don't Tell Mama, and has performed in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Paper Mill Playhouse and in the National Tour of "Camelot" with Robert Goulet. August is well known to regional audiences for his performances in theatres throughout the state, including NJ Repertory Company, Twelve Miles West and Forum Theatre Company. Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. A Special New Year's Eve performance is scheduled for 7:30.

Standard tickets are \$25 (\$45 New Year's Eve only) with senior / student and group rates available. Friday Nights are "Kid's Night" wherein for every adult ticket purchased, a child attends free. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Box Office at (732)548-0582.



Among those performing in Sunday's Intergenerational Orchestra concert are Michele McKinney, Nicole Nizzardo, Fred Rossol and George Karustis.

Intergenerational Orchestra to perform Sunday

CRANFORD — The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will perform its annual holiday concert, "Winter Serenade," 3 p.m. Sunday at Cranford High School.

The concert will feature performances of Leroy Anderson's "Plink, Plank, Plunk," a Tchaikovsky melody of familiar themes, a Telemann concerto grosso for four violins, a Bach concerto grosso for violin and oboe and other traditional holiday music.

The NJIO, now in its ninth year, has the distinction of being the only orchestra in the United States with a truly intergenera-

tional configuration; members range in age from 5 to 91.

Members represent 55 communities and seven counties, with two new affiliate orchestras in Princeton and Toms River. The orchestra continues to receive wide publicity, most recently appearing on the News 12 television show "Jersey's Talking and Defying Age," hosted by Lee Leonard and Della Crews.

The orchestra has also been featured on CBS and NBC and in articles in national publications such as Family Circle Magazine, American Profiles Magazine and Savvy Living Magazine.

In April, the NJIO traveled to

Madrid at the invitation of the United Nations, where it performed a concert for the United Nations World Conference on Aging. Concerts have also been given at the United Nations in New York City, the Lincoln Center Outdoor Plaza Fountain Concert Series in New York City, and in other major East Coast cities.

The orchestra is conducted by Lorraine Marks, who string specialist for the New Providence School District who has received numerous awards for her work with the orchestra and the community.

Marks has been chosen

"Outstanding Woman of Somerset County" by the Somerset County Commission and received the New Jersey Pride Award from New Jersey Monthly Magazine for "people who made a difference in the arts."

Handicapped access and large-print programs will be available at the concert. Cranford High School is located at 201 West End Place, off Springfield Avenue.

Admission is \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and students. For more information, call the orchestra at (908) 709-0084 or email NJIOrch1@aol.com

Kai Un
Japanese Restaurant

Feature: • Sushi A La Carte • Chef Special Roll • Sushi & Sashimi • Combo Platters • Tempura Entrees • Teriyaki Entrees • Shogoyaki Entrees • Sushi & Rolls • Hibachi

NEW LUNCH SPECIAL
Any 3 pcs. Sushi in a Calif. Roll... \$5.95
Any 2 Rolls... \$7.95
Any 3 Rolls... \$9.95
(all incl. Special Roll)

15% OFF DINNER
Not to be combined w/any other offers. Exp. 12/31/02

278 North Avenue • Westfield, NJ 07090
(in Drug Fair Shopping Center, across from Westfield Diner)
Tel 908.389.1131 • 389.1132 • Fax 908.389.1133

POPEYES
CHICKEN & BISCUITS

FREE
2pc. Chicken Dinner
WITH PURCHASE OF 3PC. DINNER AND MEDIUM DRINK AT FULL PRICE.
Not valid with any other offer. Not valid with kids eat free. Exp. 12/31/02

FREE
1/3LB. ORIGINAL BURGER WHEN YOU PURCHASE ANY SANDWICH, REGULAR FRENCH FRIES AND A SOFT DRINK.
Not to be combined with any other offer. Not valid with kids eat free. Exp. 12/31/02

FREE
1/3LB. ORIGINAL BURGER WHEN YOU PURCHASE ANY SANDWICH, REGULAR FRENCH FRIES AND A SOFT DRINK.
Not to be combined with any other offer. Not valid with kids eat free. Exp. 12/31/02

14pc. Special
+1 lrg. side + 6 biscuits
\$12.99
Not valid with any other offer. Not valid with kids eat free. Exp. 12/31/02

2319 Rt. 22, Center Island, Union, NJ
908-688-8141
Drive thru service available

2319 Rt. 22, Center Island, Union, NJ
908-964-5330
Alcoholic beverages available

"At The Edge Of The Watchung Mountains"

Pantagis RENAISSANCE

WEDDING DREAMS COME TRUE
5 Hours Open Bar
Cocktail Hour
Full Course Dinner
Tiered Wedding Cake
Silver Candelabras, Flaming Jubilee Show,
Private Bridal Rooms
Specializing in White Glove French Service
From **\$35⁹⁵**

CHRISTMAS BUFFET \$24.95
SHRIMP, CLAMS, OYSTERS, CHEF CARVED TURKEY, PRIME RIB, HAM, LAMB, VIENNESE TABLE AND FRESH FRUIT

New year's eve - \$61⁰⁰ + Tax & Service
ALA CARTE DINNERS FROM \$11.95
LUNCHES FROM \$5.45 CHILDREN FROM \$4.95
UNBEATABLE GREEK SALAD BAR

OFF ROUTE 22 AT PARK & MOUNTAIN AVE., SCOTCH PLAINS
908-322-7726
Visit our web site:
<http://www.weddingsatpantagis.com>

A wonderful life
The Theater Project at Union County College will perform "It's a Wonderful Life — The Radio Play" 3 p.m. Sunday at the college's Cranford campus. The performance has been adapted and directed by Liz Zazzi, named one of New Jersey's most talented actresses by the Star Ledger. Above, Zazzi and actor Gary Glor test their microphones in rehearsal. Suggested donation for the performance is \$5. For more information, phone (908) 659-5189.

L'Affaire Fine Catering
1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092
Ph: 908-232-4454

CELEBRATE NEW YEARS EVE 2003
Music by A David Aaron Band
Featuring Keaton Douglas

COCKTAIL HOUR
Hors d'oeuvres, antipasto, chef pasta & carving station

A FIVE COURSE GOURMET DINNER
Seasonal greens tossed with grilled shrimp, sliced tomatoes, cheese en croute, with vinaigrette dressing
Roast sliced Chateaubriand & Brazilian Lobster Tail

Potato & Vegetable Rolls & Butter
Special NYE Dessert
Coffee - Tea - Decaf
Champagne Toast Served at Midnight

FIVE HOUR DELUXE OPEN BAR INCLUDED
Platter of Fresh Fruit & Ruggalach
Limited Reservations

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS
8:00 pm to 1:30 am **\$115.00 Per Person**

Taipei Tokyo 28
CHINESE & JAPANESE CUISINE
A Tremendous Variety of both cuisines. Casual Dining...
Seatings up to 80 people. Enjoy Small & Large Parties!

Featuring: Chinese Specials • Japanese Specials • Lunch Box
Maki Roll Specials • Sushi Bar Specials • Dinner Box
Chef's Specials such as... Imperial Shrimp, Seafood Flower Basket, Taipei Trio, House Special Duck, Sizzling Delight plus our Revolution Diet - Light Cuisine & Health & Diet Food - Thai Specials, etc.

Hours: Mon-Thurs 11am-10pm • Fri-Sat 11am-11pm • Sun 12pm-10pm
12 South Ave., West, Cranford • 709-8081-8083 • Fax 709-8087

15% OFF
w/purchase of \$20.00 or up
Only For Take Out & Dine In
Not valid w/any other offer

20% OFF
Senior Citizens Lunch or Dinner
Cannot be combined with any other offer

Free One Dish
(Up to \$10.00)
w/purchase of \$35.00 or up
Only For Take Out & Delivery
Not valid w/any other offer

We need your entertainment story

To get the news of your performance, exhibit or happening into our Dining and Entertainment section, you can mail it to Prime Time, P.O. Box 699, Somerville, N.J., 08876, fax it to (908) 575-6683 or email it to union@njnpublishing.com

Real Estate

Seniors becoming major force in real estate market

By JAMES M. WOODARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It's a matter of demographics and economics. As the number of seniors increases, they play a more important role in our marketplace — including the real estate market.

In the area of selling and purchasing homes, senior individuals and couples have very special needs. Recognizing the growing importance of this niche in the real estate brokerage field, the National Association of Realtors established a new designation for its members — Seniors Real Estate Specialist. To attain the SRES designation, a Realtor is required to complete a series of educational programs keyed specifically to serving the needs of senior home buyers and sellers. Several state Realtor associations have joined NAR in providing the needed education and granting the SRES designation.

The education includes senior-related tax and estate implications in home-buying and selling, and special home features and amenities that are helpful to seniors.

"There has been strong interest in meeting the needs of the growing senior segment of our population," said Cathy Whatley, president-elect of NAR. "SRES now joins a distinguished group of special designations recognized by our association."

"Older people are not driven by the market," said Realtor Tim Corliss, who was instrumental in setting up the SRES designation. "They're driven by circumstances, by their needs. A physical impairment, the death of a spouse, the need to be closer to a child — those are the kinds of things that make (seniors) want to sell. They really don't care about 'moving up' or making a killing in a hot market. Most of them have lived in their homes a long time and are not selling because they want to,

but because circumstances make it desirable or necessary."

For more information on this designation, access the Web site: www.seniorsrealestate.com.

Q. Are senior homeowners showing much interest in reverse mortgages?

A. In recent months, seniors have been showing growing interest in reverse mortgages — a unique type of mortgage plan that allows seniors over age 62 to tap their home equity to generate added monthly income, sometimes for life.

Lenders closed a record 13,049 federally insured reverse mortgages during the most recent federal fiscal year, according to a report from the National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association. That reflects a 63-percent increase over the figures during fiscal year 1999.

Seniors are contracting for reverse mortgages nationwide, but the greatest

concentration is from the Los Angeles area. Next in line comes Denver and New York City, according to the reverse mortgage association.

The growth in reverse-mortgage volume has been fueled by greater public awareness about reverse mortgages. Also, a larger number of lenders are offering reverse mortgages. An economic downturn, combined with growing health care costs, have forced many older Americans to look for sources of additional income, according to the reverse mortgage association report.

"With the stock market boom over and interest rates remaining low, many seniors are getting financially squeezed these days, no longer able to count on a healthy stream of dividends and interest income to supplement their Social Security. In fact, many have seen their investment portfolios shrink," the report states.

"The result of all this is that many more older homeowners are turning to

reverse mortgages to access the wealth they've accumulated in their home to obtain added income and enhance their retirement. By doing so, they can continue to live independently — right where they are."

A reverse mortgage allows senior homeowners to convert part of the equity in their homes into tax-free income without having to sell those homes. They don't give up title or take on a new monthly mortgage payment. Borrowers may spend the funds however they wish. They can take out the loan as a line of credit, lump-sum payment, fixed monthly payment or as a combination of these options.

The amount seniors can obtain depends on their age, the value and location of their home and current interest rates. A reverse mortgage doesn't have to be repaid until borrowers move out of their homes permanently. The repayment amount can never exceed the value of the home.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

CRANFORD

2 Alan O'Kell Place from David J. & Carol L. Axtt to John C. & Cynthia J. Russo for \$323,400.

31A English Village from Eileen Eklund to Frida Myaskovsky for \$147,500.

209 Hampton St. from William F. & Jeannette R. Clark to Kevin G. & MariAngela S. Moore for \$440,000.

508 High St. from Richard & Eleanor M. Baumann to John Davidson et al. for \$375,000.

21 John St. from David W. & Jana C. Ryan to Lili Wang et al. for \$252,000.

114 Oak Lane from Mark T. & Nadine C. Familo to Peter G. Gensicke for \$420,000.

7 Pittsfield St. from Donald F. & Judith A. Anderson to Regis M. Quirin et al. for \$450,000.

109 Spring Garden St. from Natale & Loretta R. Bravata to Robert & Ellen Brodowski for \$290,000.

FANWOOD

16 Laurel Place from Nicholas & Christine Billias to Paul F. & Paula C. Martin for \$265,000.

12 Ridge Way from John B. & Grace R. Gutherlet to Marcos M. & Lucinea Dos Santos for \$285,000.

205 Terrill Road from Bryson & Gealine Culver to He X. & Jin H. Dong for \$170,000.

81 Woodland Ave. from Michael & Patricia G. Keever to Toby Two Realty L.L.C. for \$400,000.

GARWOOD

254 Fourth Ave. from Boris Ezrokhi & Natalya Alf to Richard V. & Maria Verso for \$291,500.

160 Willow Ave. from Debra J. Broski to Jason R. Broski for \$170,000.

KENILWORTH

658 Richfield Ave. from Genevieve Patryn to Nicola G. Capra et al. for \$245,000.

6 Upsala Court from Domenick & Lisa Cuccio to Antoinette Pantano for \$225,000.

SCOTCH PLAINS

24 Blue Ridge Circle from Remi L. Salahi to Anirudha V. & Swati Indurkar for \$405,000.

534 Cicilia Place from Lori S. Ioriatti et al. to Zita D. Barnes for \$192,000.

21 Clydesdale Road from Caleb C. & Mary J. Wong to Karl & Elaine Rosenberger for \$572,500.

2072 Nicholl Ave. from Anthony J. & Elizabeth Marasco to Richard J. Williams Jr. & Pamela Williams for \$275,000.

1640 Rahway Road from Philip & Kathleen Freeman to Nick Kakkalis et al. for \$470,000.

507 Warren St. from Craig & Kristine Wirth to David B. Falk et al. for \$280,000.

2067 Westfield Ave. from Gary & Sharon Janssen et al. to Cathleen Sheldon for \$153,000.

WESTFIELD

939 Boulevard from John M. & Virginia C. Macko to Stanley A. & Eileen Zdrozny for \$435,000.

1249 Boulevard from Daniel P. & Jody

K. Read to David & Lori Schlewitz for \$466,000.

124 Cacciola Place from Samuel Boyarsky to John D. Hayward for \$220,000.

1109 Columbus Ave. from Joann Cieri to Messercola Bros. Building Co. for \$290,000.

34 Cowperthwaite Place from H. Emerson Thomas Jr. & Gordon Thomas to Mary Tafuri for \$375,000.

127 Elizabeth Ave. from Clementine J. Mattson to Samuel W. & Elke D. Griggs for \$310,000.

1345 Grandview Ave. from Allan & Yvette Goldblatt to Craig S. & Debra L. Weinstein for \$400,000.

540 Highland Ave. from Janet R. Patterson to Robert G. Stahl et al. for \$980,000.

555 Hort St. from Michael Jusefyk to Gilbert & Debra Engelke for \$295,000.

260-C12 Prospect St. from Mary F. Brentano to William J. & Bernice M. Dadds for \$400,000.

921 Stevens Ave. from Charles V. & Kathleen Cosgrove to John E. & Nicole M. Sandstedt for \$580,000.

82 Tamaques Way from Jill E. Dickson to Atul & Seema Sethi for \$325,000.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS

11 Hamilton Terrace from Eugene &

Kathleen L. August to Wee T. Ng for \$379,900.

61 Maple Ave. from William Katches to Charles & Carol Tombros for \$245,000.

429 Mountain Ave. from Allan J. & Jodi A. Shitt to Scott H. & Jennifer A. Seibel for \$333,000.

49 Rutherford Road from Ronald E. & Gail A. Crochier to Alvaro Quintana for \$550,000.

42 Station St. from Robert C. & Mary A. Cook to Nicholas & Phyllis Micchelli for \$368,000.

NEW PROVIDENCE

18 Bromley Court from Robert B. & Marguerite V. Day to Tung M. Huang et al. for \$400,000.

172 Sugamore Drive from Robert P. & Robin Snyder to Edward G. Butka et al. for \$450,000.

SUMMIT

37 Clark St. from James F. Nuzzo Jr. et al. to Pasquale Bilello for \$267,500.

39 Clark St. from Hoa Vo & Hoa Doan to Shawn B. & Victoria A. Collins for \$295,000.

12 Lenox Road from Robert T. & Christina H. Walz to James A. & Patricia Fitzpatrick for \$1,625,000.

2 Montview Road from Forrest & Mary C. Heaton to Jill Lazare for \$675,000.

83 Tanglewood Drive from Arabelle L. Evans to Thomas J. & Laura C. O'Rourke for \$837,500.

Office is collecting holiday toys

Every December, for the past seventy years or so, Family and Children's Services have collected and distributed new toys, gifts and food for hundreds of needy children throughout Union County. Today, the agency serves up to 2,000 individuals a year, half of whom are children. The great majority of these youths are living in foster homes or city shelters, have been neglected or abused, or live in families with total incomes at or below federal poverty line.

In keeping with the holiday season, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Westfield office is working to collect new toys and books to be distributed to those in need. "We want every child to experience happiness especially during the holidays," said Michael Scott, manager of the Westfield office.

All gifts collected at the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker will be distributed to the Family and Children's Counseling and Testing Center of Elizabeth. The center is a private non-profit social service agency.

Kathy Shea and Margaret Maguire are serving as Co-Chairmen for the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker and asks that all types of new unwrapped toys (puzzles, games, coloring books, stuffed animals, etc.) be brought to Coldwell Banker at 209 Central Avenue.

Individuals who are unable to come in with their toys may call (908) 233-5555 to arrange for them to be picked up. The final date for toy collection is Wednesday, Dec. 18.

REAL ESTATE DIRECTORY

A Convenient Guide to Finding the Home of Your Choice in the Community of Your Choice.

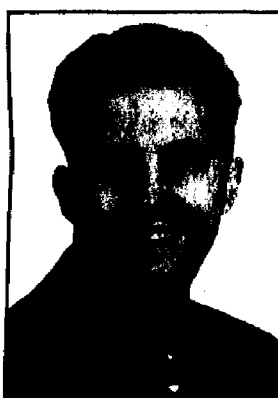
CRANFORD

REALTY EXECUTIVES

Jenny & Mark Berse
21 So. Union Ave., Cranford
(908) 709-1077

To advertise
YOUR office call
Terry Radomski
@ 908-575-6722

"Mr. Decker-Sells!"



Bill Decker
ERA Meeker Realty
908-272-2570 x28

participant 4 of the last 5 years. This award honors the top sales associates in the country for ERA. In short - "Mr. Decker - Sells!"

Let me put my knowledge, experience and caring dedication to work for you. Call Mr. Decker at 908-272-2574 x28 if you're thinking of buying or selling!

I realize that using "Mr. Decker" is a bit formal. After 30 years of teaching in the Cranford School System it seems to be the most appropriate for former students, their parents and the many others I've met. However, this periodic ad will focus on Real Estate!

This year I will be honored at the "Quarter Century Club." That's 25 years of selling Real Estate. In a business not known for its longevity, I consider this quite an honor. I have been a member of the Million Dollar Sales Club many times - including 1997 through 2001.

Also I've been an ERA "Beyond Excellence" participant 4 of the last 5 years.

Home of the Week New Listing



Cranford \$349,900

ERA Meeker Realty Co.
(908) 272-2570
124 SOUTH AVE. E. CRANFORD, N.J. 07016

Statewide Realty
ERA
777 Walnut Ave. Cranford
908-709-8400
AWARD WINNING OFFICE

LINDEN QUALITY FROM THE PAST!! \$269,900
Charming Colonial in move-in condition featuring 3 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, FDR and LR w/fireplace. This home boasts many upgrades incl. Eat-In-Kitchen, Bath, furnace and much more. Hardwood floors, finished attic and full basement. This house delivers. A must see!!

908-709-8400

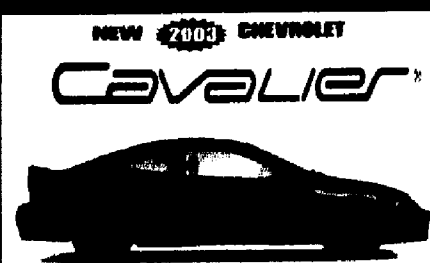
UNION COUNTY MORTGAGE RATES											
PRODUCT RATE PTS APR % DOWN LOCK						PRODUCT RATE PTS APR % DOWN LOCK					
Black River Mortgage Co. 800-353-6899						Pan Am Mortgage 201-587-0003					
30 YR FIXED	6.000	0.00	6.170	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.125	0.00	6.250	5%	60 DAY
15 YR FIXED	5.375	0.00	5.540	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.500	0.00	5.650	5%	60 DAY
1 YR JUMBO	2.450	0.00	4.240	20%	60 DAY	30 YR JUMBO	6.500	0.00	6.650	10%	60 DAY
20 Year Fixed: 5.875% 0 points 6.00 APR						Any Income-Any Credit-Fast Approval-Purchase or Refi					
Colonial Bank 800-666-6666						Partners Mortgage 732-634-8050					
30 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.525	20%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.125	0.00	6.125	5%	45 DAY
15 YR FIXED	5.500	0.00	5.541	20%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.625	0.00	5.625	5%	45 DAY
1 YR ARM	4.000	0.00	3.791	20%	60 DAY	30 YR JUMBO	6.375	0.00	6.375	5%	45 DAY
Call for jumbo mortgage rates						Never any application fee, Very low closing costs					
Commonwealth Bank 800-666-6666						Summit Federal S & L Assoc 732-968-0665					
30 YR FIXED	6.125	0.00	6.129	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	5.750	0.00	5.790	5%	60 DAY
15 YR FIXED	5.625	0.00	5.629	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.125	0.00	5.170	5%	60 DAY
30 YR JUMBO	6.375	0.00	6.379	5%	60 DAY	1 YR ADJ.	6.000	0.00	5.000	20%	75 DAY
Close at home No Broker Fee! No App Fee!						15 yr & 1yr ARM to \$500,000 depending on downpayment					
First Savings Bank 732-666-6666						Synergy Bank 800-693-3838					
30 YR FIXED	6.125	3.00	5.908	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.125	0.00	6.170	5%	60 DAY
15 YR FIXED	4.750	3.00	5.266	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.500	0.00	5.570	5%	60 DAY
5/1-30 YR	5.125	0.00	4.654	5%	75 DAY	10/1-30 YR	6.000	0.00	5.430	10%	60 DAY
15 year fixed is biweekly						Other products available please contact us for more details & rate info.					
Hudson City Savings Bank 201-967-1000						National Future Mortgage 800-291-7900					
30 YR FIXED	6.125	0.00	6.138	5%	90 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.000	0.00	6.190	5%	45 DAY
15 YR FIXED	5.625	0.00	5.646	5%	90 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.375	0.00	5.480	5%	45 DAY
10/1-30 YR	5.750	0.00	5.316	5%	90 DAY	30 YR JUMBO	6.200	0.00	6.370	5%	45 DAY
www.HudsonCitySavingsBank.com						Low rates & lower fees! 12 yrs in business. Exp Prof L O's					
Investors Savings Bank 800-252-8119						United Trust Bank 908-429-8265					
30 YR FIXED	6.125	0.00	6.200	5%	90 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.000	0.00	6.019	5%	60 DAY
15 YR FIXED	5.625	0.00	5.750	5%	90 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.375	0.00	5.393	5%	60 DAY
5/1-30 YR	5.000	0.00	4.430	5%	90 DAY	20 YR FIXED	5.875	0.00	5.900	5%	60 DAY
Loans to \$1.5 million dollars. Percentage down varies on jumbos											
Rates are supplied by the lenders and presented without guarantee. Rates and terms are subject to change. Lenders interested in displaying information should contact C.M.I. @ 800-426-4565. Contact lenders for more information on other products or additional fees which may apply. C.M.I. and the NJ Publications assume no liability for typographical errors or omissions. Rates were supplied by the lenders on November 27, 2002. NIP-not provided by institution.											
VISIT ALL LENDERS @ www.cmi-mortgageinfo.com											
Copyright, 2000. Cooperative Mortgage Information, Inc. All Rights Reserved.											

CALL 800-426-4565 TO HAVE
YOUR RATES DISPLAYED HERE!!

NEW JERSEY'S #1 VOLUME SALES LEADER! NOBODY BUYS FROM THE FACTORY FOR LESS THAN US!

GLOBAL
22 N. PLAINFIELD
(908) 757-4000

CHEVROLET



\$9989

4 cylinder, p/w, air, bucket seats, 17gloss, AM/FM w/CD, sunroof, 6 speed m/t, Vin#211074161, Stock#41131, Msrp: \$18,800, Price includes \$2000 factory rebate, \$700 bonus cash, Loyalty Rebate (if qual), \$1000 Bonus Cash



\$289

Auto, 8 cyl, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#22201129, Stock#4513, Msrp: \$30,185, Price includes \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

**REBATES
UP TO \$5000**

**0% APR
FINANCING**

**CHEVROLET
WE'LL BE THERE**



\$12,489

Automatic, V6, power steering, power brakes, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, 17gloss, rear defogger, CD, Vin#1M52810, Stock#4050, Msrp: \$18,290, Price includes \$1500 Lease Loyalty (if qual), \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash



\$18,989

Automatic, V6, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

GLOBAL
22 N. PLAINFIELD
(908) 757-4000

MITSUBISHI



\$12,789

Auto 4 cyl, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, cruise control, power windows, power door locks, power mirrors, rear defogger, CD, Vin#3D2333, Stock#4277, Msrp: \$15,387, Price includes \$200 College Grad Rebate (if qual), \$500 Don't Leave Mitsubishi Rebate (if qual)



\$14,689

5 spd, 4 cyl, p/w, air, 2 dr, airbags, bucket seats, p/w, p/w, air/m, cd player, Vin#200186, Stock#4053, Msrp: \$18,692, Price includes \$500 College Grad Rebate (if qual), \$1000 Factory rebate (if qual), \$500 Don't Leave Mitsubishi Rebate (if qual)

**ZERO
INTEREST
PLUS
NO
PAYMENTS
UNTIL
2004!!!**

**MITSUBISHI
MOTORS
wake up and drive™**



\$13,689

Auto 4 cyl, p/w, air, airbags, bucket seats, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, power door locks, power mirrors, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$18,290, Price includes \$1500 Lease Loyalty (if qual), \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

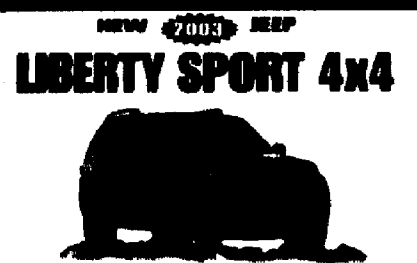


\$21,989

Auto 4 cyl, p/w, air, airbags, bucket seats, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, power door locks, power mirrors, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

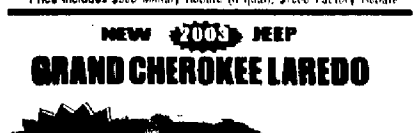
GLOBAL
22 N. PLAINFIELD
(908) 757-4000

JEEP



\$17,985

Power steering, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. roadside assistance, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)



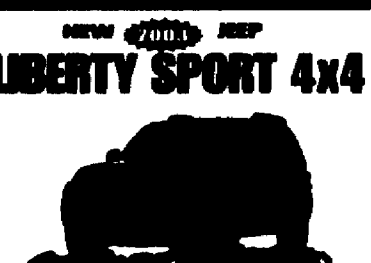
\$22,785

Automatic, 8 cylinder, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, dual airbags, roof rack, bucket seats, 24 hr. roadside assistance, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

**REBATES
UP TO \$2500**

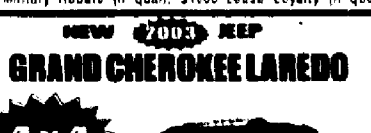


**0% APR
FINANCING**



\$179

Auto, 8 cyl, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. roadside assistance, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)



\$249

Automatic, 8 cylinder, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, dual airbags, roof rack, bucket seats, 24 hr. roadside assistance, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

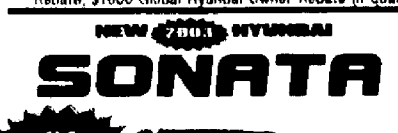
GLOBAL
22 N. PLAINFIELD
(908) 757-4000

HYUNDAI



\$4585

4 cylinder, power steering, power brakes, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. roadside assistance, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)



\$10,985

Auto 4 cyl, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. roadside assistance, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)



**AMERICA'S BEST
WARRANTY**

**10 YEAR
100,000 MILE
POWERTRAIN
WARRANTY**

**5 YEAR
UNLIMITED
ROADSIDE
ASSISTANCE
SELECT MODELS**

**5 YEAR
60,000 MILE
BUMPER-TO-BUMPER
WARRANTY**

**ALL AT NO
EXTRA CHARGE!**



\$7285

4 cyl, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)



\$15,285

Auto 4 cyl, p/w, air, dual airbags, bucket seats, 24 hr. roadside assistance, keyless entry, cruise control, 16" steel wheels, power windows, rear defogger, cassette, CD, Vin#3D114200, Stock#4047, Msrp: \$26,205, Price includes \$2000 Factory Rebate, \$1000 Bonus Cash, \$750 Lease Loyalty (if qual)

**CERTIFIED
PRE-OWNED
SALE!**



\$6999



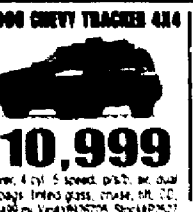
\$8999



\$9999



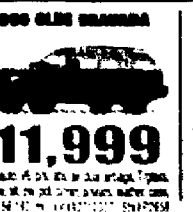
\$9999



\$10,999



\$11,990



\$11,999



\$12,499

**INSTANT CREDIT
HOTLINE!**

1-800-NEW-CREDIT



WE SPEAK ALL LANGUAGES:
ESPAÑOL • RUSSIAN • PORTUGUESE
POLISH • ITALIAN • FRENCH
MINUTES FROM GARDEN STATE PARKWAY
NJ TURNPIKE • RT 78 & RT 287

Since 1978, the lowest prices & largest selection

GLOBAL AUTO MALL

ROUTE 22 WEST
N. PLAINFIELD
(908) 757-4000

www. Visit our website:
GlobalAutomall.com
SERVICE HOURS: MON-FRI 7-8 • SAT 8-5

Prices include all costs to be paid by a consumer except for licensing, registration & taxes & includes all rebates & incentives. All special financing in lieu of rebates to qualified buyers. *Based on year to date total combined sales for Chevrolet, Hyundai, Mitsubishi & Jeep at one location. **Severely of credit situation may affect down payment, terms & APR. Bankruptcies must be discharged. 1 Rebates: On 2002 Venture, 0% up to 60 months on 2002 Chevy's & 2003 select models in lieu of rebates with approved credit. ††On all 2002/2003 vehicles (excluding 2002/2003 Spyder, 2003 Lancer and 2003 Outlander. * On 2003 Laredo. **On select 2003 models up to 36 months with approved credit. All leases are based on closed - end lease with purchase option available at lease end. Residual/Total Cost: CHEVY TrailBlazer: \$13,885/\$16,471 Mileage: 12k/20c. JEEP: Laredo: \$13,637/\$11,055, Sport: \$12,108/\$8255, Mileage: \$12k/17c. Select vehicles includes College Grad Rebate (to qualify you must have graduated from accredited 4 year college in the last 2 years (Hyundai: 6 months). HYUNDAI: All advertised vehicles include Global Hyundai Owner Loyalty Rebate (to qualify owner must currently own a Hyundai vehicle that was purchased new from Global within the last 2 years, offer limited to one per household. JEEP: Prices include \$500 Military Rebate (to qualify you must show Military ID) \$1000 Owner Loyalty (to qualify you must be current Chrysler lessee). MITSUBISHI: Don't Leave Mitsubishi Rebate (to qualify you must be coming out of Mitsubishi Lease 11/1/02-12/31/02. All advertised vehicles sold cosmetically as is. Ad offers cannot be combined. Photos are used for layout purposes only. Lessee resp. for maintenance excess wear & tear. Prices subject to change. Not responsible for typographical errors.

SUBARU
The Beauty of All-Wheel Drive

†1.9% APR Financing up to 24 mos. on select models in lieu of rebates. w/primary lender approval.



**It's simple... we sell more, we spend less...
you pay less! Any questions?**

Flemington
SUBARU 

Flemington

CAR & TRUCK COUNTRY

Family Of Dealerships



Flemington
CAR & TRUCK COUNTRY
Family Of Dealerships

Rts. 202 & 31, Flemington NJ
www.flemington.com



Princeton
CAR & TRUCK COUNTRY
Family Of Dealerships

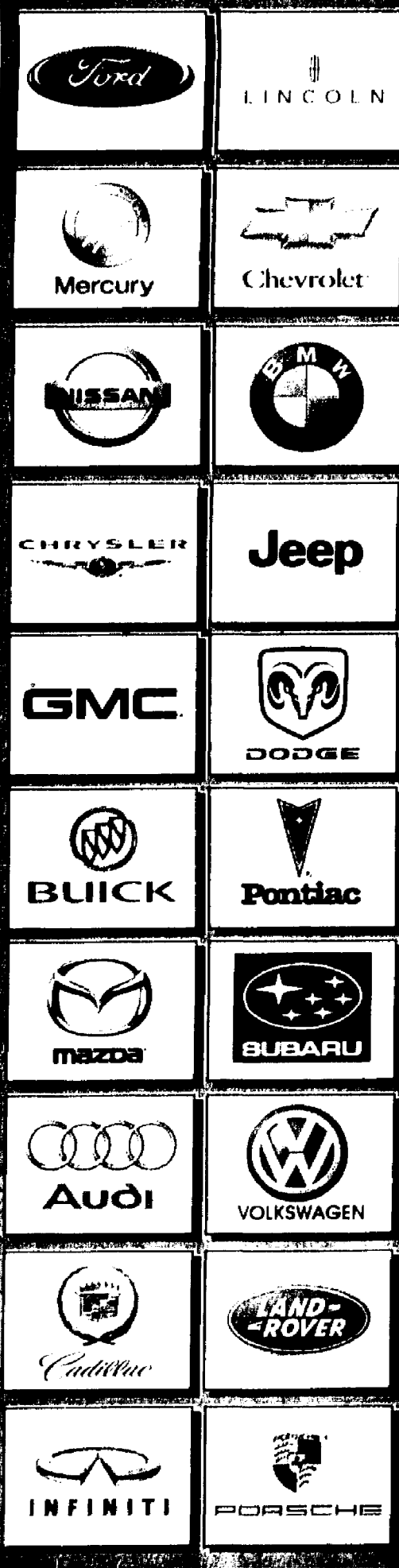
Route 206, Princeton N.J.
www.princetonauto.com



Clinton
CAR & TRUCK COUNTRY
Family Of Dealerships

Route 31, Clinton NJ
www.clintonauto.com

**30
Brands
Over 6500
vehicles
all at our
absolute
lowest prices!**



No Nonsense Nissan Value!

**Try These Prices On For Starters, Then Visit Flemington For Our
Absolute Lowest Prices On The Specific Model You Want...
No Hidden Charges, No Impossible Rebates, Just Our**

**Absolute Lowest
Nissan Prices**
on every vehicle, every day!



New 2003 Nissan **Sentra GXE**

[illegible]

\$13,995 Or **\$209** Per Mo.
Buy Lease 48 Mos.



New 2003 Nissan Altima 2.5S

4 Dr. Aut. Trans. 4 Cyl. Eng. FWD. PS/BW/Steering AC. Sun. Air Bag. 10 Spk. 7.1 Keyless Entry. AM/FM/ST. CD. MSRP: \$20,995. Dealer Discount: \$1,900. S&H #1428 VIN: 0001234567. Lease: \$777. Cap. Cost Reduction: \$2,233. GM Rebate: \$1 Sec. Dep. = \$450. Bank Fee: \$150. Due At Signing: 10 Pkgs. \$13,992. To Close: \$14,441. Purchase. Out. At Lease End. Fair Market Value.

\$18,975 Or **\$279** Per Mo.
Buy Lease 48 Mos.*



New 2002 Nissan Quest GXE

Year: Auto Trans w/OD 6-Cyl Eng. FWD PSB/Wrk/Lss. A/C. Load Air Bags. Security Syst. Keyless Entry. Fami. Entmt. Syst. AM/FM/ST. CD. MSRP: \$25,044. Factory Stipend: \$500. Dealer Discount: \$2,075. Sell #H2D769. VIN: 4J0B14474. Price: \$17,100. Cap. Lnd. Reduction: \$175. 1st Mo. Pmt.: \$0. Sec. Dep.: \$450. Bank Fee: \$1500. Doc. Ac. Serv. Fee: \$30. 1st Cost: \$15,313. Port. Inv. Cost: As Lease End. Fair Market Value.

0.9% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE*
\$22,469 Or **\$379** Per Mo.
 Buy Lease 48 Mos.

Flemington
 **NISSAN**

Flemington
CAR & TRUCK COUNTRY
Family Of Dealerships

**Rts. 202 & 31,
Flemington, NJ
Call 908-782-3673
www.flemington.com**



Prices Include All Costs To Be Paid By Consumer Except For Lic., Reg., & Taxes. *0.9% APR Financing up to 36 mos. and 3.9% APR up to 60 mos on selected models in lieu of rebates w/ primary lender approval. Lease payments and financing subject to change. †Lease pay Subject to approval by primary lending institution. Closed End Lease w/ Gas Cost Reduction 1st Mo Pymt & Bank Fee Due At Signing. No Sec. Dep. Resd. Mileage Allowance of 12,000 Mi/Yr. W/ \$15 Mile Thereafter. Not responsible for typographical errors.

Flemington BMW

**Special
BMW
financing and
lease offers
available on
new 2002
3 & 5 series
automobiles
through
BMW
financial
services.**

**Call, click,
or come as
you are!**

**Rts. 202 & 31,
Flemington, N.J
908-782-2400
www.flemingtonbmw.com**

We'll Make Your First Payment

**on meticulously maintained,
aggressively priced**

≡ Certified Pre-Owned ≡
by BMW

**Choose from late model
3, 5, 7 & Z Certified series
pre-owned vehicles here
and on the way!**

Flemington BMW

Flemington

CAR & TRUCK COUNTRY

Family Of Dealerships

Special BMW Financing and Lease Offers Available On 3, 5, 7 and Z3 Automobiles Through BMW Financial Services North America, Inc. Subject to vehicle availability and applies to specific models only. *Must Finance thru BMW Financial Services & Contracted 101/02-12/31/02. Only Certain Lease/Owner's Choice/Retail Contracts Terms Are Eligible. Z8 Models Excluded. Not Respos. For Typographical Errors. See Dealer For Details.

Automotive/Classified

Saturn's all-new Ion is template for tomorrow at GM

BY MARK MAYNARD
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Saturn Ion is not the same old thing from General Motors.

This replacement for the S-Series model is almost a pinch to cause double takes. Perhaps not because of its design, but because it is so fresh and different for Saturn — and General Motors.

What took GM so long is a long story — 12 years for Saturn to get a completely redesigned small car.

But, an upward-bound business plan is in place at Saturn, and Ion will be a productive beginning for the sometimes-quirky division of GM. The car is just arriving in dealerships.

Saturn enjoys being a little different, and inside and out, the Ion is different from its sedan competitors, a template for the future.

The compact-class sedan and coupe are the first vehicles built from the Delta small-car architecture at GM. The basic elements — chassis and driveline — will be used many times over for different vehicles with around the world for GM.

Ion appears to have a world-class foundation. Saturn engineers tore apart a Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla and Ford Focus to see what makes them so successful in this small-car segment.

After much note taking and head scratching, Saturn gave Ion:

A chassis that is as solid as a large European luxury sedan.

The largest engine among the comparable compacts, a 140-horsepower, 2.2-liter Ecotec four-cylinder.

The engine, made of aluminum, has double overhead cams, 16 valves and balance shafts for smooth running and



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

is tuned for 145 foot-pounds of torque to provide gutsy traffic-light acceleration.

A new (optional) five-speed automatic transmission, which is probably the first such offering in a car that costs about \$13,000.

An optional continuously variable transmission, also used in the Saturn VUE sport utility.

A "body computer" that integrates all electronic functions and allows such perks as auto unlock, which prevents the driver from locking the car if the keys have been left in the ignition.

Ion is being produced now as a four-door sedan. A quad coupe (with two smaller rear access doors) goes on sale early next year. No wagon is planned.

The Ion is slightly wider, longer and taller than the car it replaces, though it still has the plastic body panels that deflect shopping cart assaults and door dings.

And, yes, a plastic-bodied car is a safe car because the panels are attached to a steel cage — space frame — around the cabin.

Ion's space frame, floor pans and frame rails are built into

the crash protection plan, to redirect the force of the crash to non-occupant areas.

The car comes with dual-stage front air bags, side impact beams in front and rear doors, 5 mph bumpers, three-point belts, pretensioning and force-limiting front belts and optional head curtain side air bags (\$395).

Three trim levels are offered. The base model has a starting price of \$11,995 and features a 5-speed manual transmission, 14-inch tires and steel wheels and crank windows.

The Ion 2 starts at \$13,995

and comes with 15-inch wheels and availability to add a convenience package of power windows, mirrors and cruise control.

The Ion 3, likely to become the most popular seller, starts at \$16,995 and comes with 16-inch alloy wheels, power conveniences, air conditioning and a four-speaker AM-FM-CD-cassette audio system.

A well-optioned model with automatic transmission (\$900) will cost about \$18,600.

The interior design plays a dominant role in creating the feel of Ion.

For starters, the gauge cluster was moved from behind the steering wheel to the top of the dashboard. It looks odd at first, but it functions well and actually allows better sightlines to the speedometer and gauges because they aren't blocked by the steering wheel.

Because of that, the wheel is smaller. This one is down to about 13.8 inches, and the artsy styling reminds me of a bumper-car steering wheel. That's not a criticism — really — but the steering wheel was a little slim for my handling, though most of the female auto writers at the press introduction liked it.

Inside, there is 40 inches of headroom with shoulder room for big drivers. The trunk is flat and broad, and the rear seat-back has a 70/30 split for loading skis or boards.

The coupe's doors — there's no center pillar — and the flat-folding front seat-back open wide enough to slide in an 8-foot ocean kayak or surfboard. The sedan doesn't have the same fold-flat front seat, but it should, just to provide some cartability.

There is efficient use of interior space: room to slurr, slosh and stash with the cup holders of variable sizes, a sliding cen-

ter armrest that is wide enough for two elbows and useful-size door pockets.

The large, locking glove box flops open and could bang knees, but rest-assured, the chief engineer is seeking a damping solution for that.

Creating comfortable seats for a one-size-fits-all economy car usually is as complicated as taking burger orders at a family reunion. It's difficult to please a 6-foot-4 male and a 5-foot-2 female, but the Ion seats are supportive and nicely bolstered on the sides, though a bit short-cushioned for larger occupants.

There's attention to comfort in the height-adjustable driver's seat and the slightly raised back seat that eliminates that "stuck in the hole" feeling for passengers.

Interior quality is so important that Saturn went to the same supplier as Volkswagen to get soft-touch materials and pleasing textures.

At 2,700 pounds the sedan is not heavy, but it uses every bit of the four-cylinder's 140 horses. Fuel mileage remains a Saturn standout at 26/33 with the manual and 24/32 with the automatic.

Accelerating to 60 mph takes about 9.3 seconds with the manual shifter, which is a notable accomplishment for an engine that weighs just 305 pounds. The shifting has an econo-box roughness to the action, however, making it feel less than sporty.

The five-speed automatic is tuned for more power in the mid-range and for passing. A CVT — continuously variable transmission — will be offered with the coupe, but was not available for testing.

Ion is a good, new entry in this class of car. It's not as smooth as a Honda, but it's a proud statement for Saturn.

We're right here! Right in your neighborhood!

To thank our customers and
the community that has supported us,
we are hosting a Holiday Event on
Saturday, December 14th, at our dealership.

Beverages and a complimentary photo with Santa Claus. Please come and see what we have in store for everyone in the family. No purchases necessary to participate.

IT'S A WINTER WONDERLAND! ALL QUATTRO'S ON SALE!

DCH Audi ASSURED

'99 Audi A4 1.8T Quattro \$15,495 VIN #XA332223, Stk #EVP0282, auto, a/c, htd seats, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, sunroof, black, 47,396 mi.	'99 Audi A4 1.8T Quattro \$15,495 VIN #XA330482, Stk #EA2S157A, auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, sunroof, silver, 48,528 mi.	'99 Audi A4 1.8T Quattro \$15,495 VIN #XA260459, Stk #EVP0263, auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, htd seats, alloys, sunroof, melange, 30,632 mi.
'99 Audi A4 1.8T Quattro \$15,495 VIN #XA288677, Stk #EVP0270, auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, htd seats, silver, 38,124 mi.	'99 Audi A4 1.8T Quattro \$15,495 VIN #XA311121, Stk #EVP0274, auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, sunroof, hibiscus red, 49,054 mi.	'99 Audi A6 2.8 Avant Quattro \$21,995 VIN #XN071723, Stk #EVP0283, auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, 3rd seat, leather, htd seats, green, 42,701 mi.
'01 Audi TT 180 Quattro \$24,995 VIN #11004047, Stk #FNP2355, 5 spd., a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, leather, alloys, cd player, htd seats, silver, 41,608 mi.	'99 Audi A8 4.2L Quattro \$29,995 VIN #XN001176, Stk #EVP0284, 8 cyl., auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, leather, alloys, sunroof, cd player, htd seats, black, 45,210 mi.	'01 Audi A6 2.7T Quattro \$32,995 VIN #1N054769, Stk #EVP0292, auto, a/c, cd, p/s/ABS/winds/diks, sunroof, alloys, leather, htd seats, 22,729 mi.

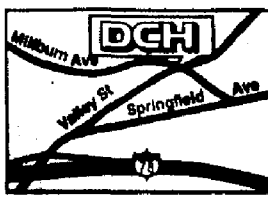
Credit • No Problem • Call Bill at 973-762-8500

Under new ownership

SHOWROOM HOURS:
Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm
Fri 9am-7:30pm
Sat 9am-6pm
PARTS & SERVICE:
Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm

DCH Audi
2195 Millburn Avenue Maplewood, NJ
973-762-8500

DCH Auto Group "Your satisfaction is our mission"



WE GIVE YOU MORE!
Just minutes from the
Short Hills Mall

Price includes all costs to be paid by a consumer except license, regist fees & tax. Offer expires 72 hours after date of publication.

Announcements 110 BUY NEW JERSEY FOR \$279! The New Jersey Press Association can place your 25-word classified ad in over 150 NJ newspapers throughout the state - a combined circulation of over 2 million households. Call Diane Trent at NJPA at 609-406-0600 ext. 24, email dtrrent@njpa.org or visit www.njpa.org for more information. (Nationswide placement available) MEDICARE DIABETICS - Free Meter!! No cost diabetes supplies! No paperwork. Join Diabetes Care Club. FREE HOME DELIVERY! 1-800-377-5098. CALL NOW! Rx Savings Up To 86%. Fill Your American Prescription. Start Saving \$55 Today. CanAmerica Drugs Toll Free Quote 1-866-982-9530 Fax 1-866-982-9542 www.canamericadrugs.com Quality Mills For Less	Business Help 226 LEGAL SECRETARY Excellent opportunity in Cranford with established law firm for secretary w/ litigation experience. Fax resume to 906-709-0405. Drivers 230 DRIVERS - NE REGIONAL PAY PACKAGE! Home Weekly. Ask about Dedicated Runs. Late Model Assigned Equipment. We pay up to 10 yrs. verifiable OTR exp. CD(A) required. 1-866-291-1884 ext. 3045 DRIVERS-OWNER OPERATORS - \$120,000+ per year. Over half our Operators earned that last year. Plates & Permits provided. NO NYC. 95% No touch. Barr Nunn Transportation. 1-866-207-5479 DRIVER Wanted Class B. CDL License req'd. Call for info. 908-272-3434 General Help 240 BARTENDERS MAKE \$100-\$250 PER NIGHT! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! CALL TOLL FREE! N.B.C., Inc. 1-866-291-1884 ext. 3045 Coming Events 170 MOTHER SETON MS CRAFT FAIR Over 150 Crafters! Sat., Dec. 7 - 9AM-4PM Valley Rd., Clark, NJ Exit 135 - opp Crown Plaza	General Help 240 CHILDCARE ASAP. Exc. \$ 5 FT- P/T. \$11-\$15/hr. Exp/Car reg. \$73-563-0673 906-754-0161 CHILD CARE Work at home caring for one or more children. Somerset or N. Middletown City 908-528-4884 Union County 908-658-4884 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE: Help promote peace & understanding through cultural exchange. Work w/ high school students, schools, and host families. Need good networking skills, self starter, and community contacts. Previous experience working with teens a plus. Good supplemental income. 385-1213 or email: Audine@aceworld.org Earn \$\$\$ helping MDL Process medical claims from home. Call the Federal Trade Commission to find out how to spot medical billing scams. 1-877-FTC-HELP. A message from NJN Publishing and the FTC. ebay Wholesalers Needed! Distribute Merchandise on ebay. No Experience Required. Call Toll Free for More Info 1-800-568-1636 Ext. B-2110 FEDERAL POSTAL/ WILDLIFE JOBS Up to \$21.50/ hour possible. Now hiring. Free call for application/ examination information. 1-800-942-1622 ext. 111.	General Help 240 Looking for a Federal or Postal Job? Want to see the latest in a secure job might be a scam. For information, call the Federal Trade Commission, toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP, or visit www.ftc.gov. A message from NJN Publishing and the FTC. MOVIE EXTRAS \$100-\$400/day! All needed. No experience required. TV commercials, film, print. Call Digital Exposure @ 1-800-390-3949 ext. 3100. MYSTERY SHOPPERS \$25/hour, for local area businesses. FREE merchandise, meals and moral! No experience! www.411.usashopfirm.net MYSTERY SHOPPERS Surveys Needed! Get paid \$10-25/hour! Local Companies! FREE Food, Products, Movies! Limited! Flexible, Easy, Fun!! www.PaidShoppers.com
---	--	--	--

CALL NOW
We Buy your Foreign Car
 No Hassles - Loans/Leases Paid
 Consignments Welcome
AUTOHAUS
1-888-WE-BUY-IT
 www.autohauscars.com

SOMERSET • MIDDLESEX • UNION
AUTOSOURCE
CHEVROLET
ROYAL CHEVROLET
 1548 Route 22 East
 Bridgewater
(732) 356-2460
DODGE
CLAYTON AMERMAN DODGE
 "78 Years Of Sales & Service"
 Main Street, Peapack
(908) 234-0143
GMC
COLONIAL MOTORS
 The Truck Experts
 Route 22 West, North Branch
1-800-773-8757
To Showcase Your Dealership in AUTOSOURCE
 Call Barbara Morgan
 at (908) 575-6719

NJN
Reporters - Award winning chain of weekly newspapers seeks general assignment reporters to continue tradition of journalism excellence. Full-time positions available. Send your resume to Michael Deak, NJN Publishing.
Editorial assistant/typist - Organized individual who is an accurate typist needed for weekly newspaper office in Somerville. Should be familiar with computers and Microsoft Word. Good benefit package. Send your resume to Michael Deak, NJN Publishing.
Sportswriter - Sports-oriented individual with strong writing skills to cover all angles of local sports - high school, youth and adult - for a weekly newspaper. Reporting and writing experience a plus. Send your resume to Allan Conover, Sports Editor, NJN Publishing.
NJN Publishing
 P.O. Box 699
 Somerville, NJ, 08876
 fax to (908) 575-6683 or
 email to mdeak@njinpublishing.com

CLASSIFIEDS

To Place Your Ad Call:

1-800-472-0119

WHEEL DEAL

For Just \$35.95 we'll run your Auto, Van or Truck for 4 weeks. **CALL FOR DETAILS**

Private Party Only. Prepayment Required.

MERCHANDISE BEST BUY

Items from \$0-\$100 3 lines, 1 wk...\$4.50 per ad **CALL FOR DETAILS**

Private Party Only. Prepayment Required.

MERCHANDISE BIG DEAL

Items from \$101-\$5000 5 lines, 1 wk...\$25.99 per ad **CALL FOR DETAILS**

Private Party Only. Prepayment Required.

CLASSIFIED HOURS

For your convenience our Classified Center is open:

Monday-Friday 8am-6pm
Saturday 8:30am-12:30pm

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

Friday by 5pm for next week's publication.

Fax:
1-877-305-2100

SPECIAL LOW RATES FOR FULL COUNTY COVERAGE

FOUND ADS
4 lines • 1 week **FREE**

Please read your ad carefully after publication. We are not responsible for errors after 1st insertion.

General Help 240

MEDICALIZER USER? Over 65? Paying for Pulmicort? Medicare pays for Pulmicort! 1-800-823-5789. No HMO's. WWW.BDRX.COM as seen in AARP!

Own A Computer Put It To Work \$500-\$7500/Mo PT/FT 1-800-769-9142 24hr Recording Free Booklet. www.EBizChecks.com

Process medical claims from home! Use your own computer! Find out how to get a medical billing scam from the Federal Trade Commission. 1-877-FTC-HELP. A message from NJN Publishing and the FTC.

Medical Help 250

LPN/RN
Family practice office in Westfield. 30 hrs / wk. Call 908-232-8888 ext. 818.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
FT for busy Internal Medicine Office in Warren. Please call 908-232-8888 ext. 815.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
Pl. for Family Practice in Westfield. 3 days/wk. & Sat. mornings. Call 908-232-8888 ext. 815.

NURSE'S FT
Ambulatory Surgery Center in Mountainside, NJ seeking RN's w/PACU exp. Same day surgery exp. pref'd. ACLS, PALS req'd. No weekends or holidays. Competitive salary, exc. benefits. Please fax resume to: Attn.: Kara @ 908-232-8404

OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT
For Eye Doctor's Office. Must be willing to travel to Westfield & West Orange, 5 half days. (8:45-1 per week), no experience necessary. Call 908-232-8888 or 973-888-0900

PT MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
needed for family practice office in Westfield. 2 1/2 days per week. Please call 908-232-8888, Ext. 815.

Part-Time Employment 255

Order Entry / Accounting Clerk

PT, M-F, 9am-2pm to work in computerized Cranford office performing billing, entering orders, AP, Excel a must. Salary commensurate w/exp. Fax: 908-278-0483

Professional Help 260

CIRCULATION DIRECTOR

Central New Jersey weekly newspaper company seeks an experienced circulation executive for a senior management position reporting directly to the company president. NJN Publishing serves some of the country's most attractive suburban markets with over 350,000 weekly circulation, both paid and free. Our Flemington, New Jersey headquarters is located in Hunterdon County, bordering Pennsylvania and the scenic Delaware River.

This individual will manage circulation operations serving our five divisions with 24 different titles. The successful candidate will have at least five years of circulation background. Experience with alternate delivery systems is preferred as is thorough knowledge of the postal system and its use.

E-mail resumes to NJN Publishing's President at: hypelink@hcdemocrat.com or write: "mail to: threel@hcdemocrat.com"

Thomas M. Krekel, President
NJN Publishing c/o Hunterdon County Democrat
P.O. Box 32
6 Mincksending Road
Flemington, NJ 08822-0032

Teachers & Assts.
Preschool Westfield, M-F, AM & PM exp. req'd. Immediate hire. 908-232-8175

CLASSIFIEDS... THEY WORK!

Employment Trades 275

TREE CLIMBERS & SPRAY TECHNICIANS

\$20 to \$25/hr for top climbers. \$15-\$25/hr for PHC/spray techs. Exp. needed. 908-413-1002

Situations Wanted 280

EUROPEAN HOUSEHOLD, CHILDCARE, COMPANIONS, NANNYS
Live in/out. Good help. 973-278-1831
WWW.EKON.NET

Condos & Townhouses 320

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Amendment Act and the New Jersey Civil Rights Law, which make it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, familial status, creed, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, or nationality, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. To report discrimination, call the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at 1-800-669-9777. The HUD TTY telephone number for the hearing impaired is 212-706-1455.

Open Houses 331

CRANFORD BEAUTY
Open House - Sun. 1-4 728 Linden Place
NY commuters welcome to your new home! 5br, 3-Ba, expanded center hall Colonial w/ all the right stuff including the price of \$525,000. FF Sun Rm, walk to train & of course exc. Cranford School. For dir. or additional info call: 908-272-4040

Real Estate Wanted 360

ALL/ANY CONDITION
Cash paid for your property. Fast closing. No red tape. Call Today. **ERA Queen City Realty**
Ask for Lydia @ 908-490-2035

WE BUY HOUSES

All Cash • Any Area • Any Condition
Problem house? We'll buy it and solve the problem. Creative financial solutions.
800-771-6202
www.NJ-PROPERTIES.com

Apartments (Furnished) 400

CHATHAM - 1 & 2 BR
Furnished apts., center of town. Short term available. Start at \$1500/mo. 973-636-8878

Apartments (Unfurnished) 405

BARWOOD - 2nd Flr. 2 BR, LR, Formal DR, EIK, Completely renovated! No Pets! \$1250/mo. + sec. 908-385-1848

BARWOOD - 3 BR, 2nd flr. of 2 family. Walk to NY trains, reals. Avail. Immed. \$1,400/mo. + utils. 908-584-8438

LINDEN - 5 Large rms. carpet, heat, water, near train & shopping. \$1140. No pets. 908-225-1461

SUMMIT - 2 BR, LR w/FP, DR, dish washer, w/d, near train. \$1300. PO Box 628, Summit, NJ. 07902-0628

SUMMIT - 2nd Flr. 2 br., LR, K, all, full, garage, near train, no pets. \$1300. PO Box 628, Summit, NJ. 07902-0628

SUMMIT - 3 BR, 1 BA. walk to train, barn & attic storage. Retrigr. W/D Includ. \$1875. 908-683-0133

SUMMIT - Cozy 2 br. 1 ba, in Victorian Home. \$1400. + util. Close to train/town. 908-273-0138

UNION - 2BR, garg. w/d hookup incl., \$1025/mo. 1 1/2 mo. sec. Avail December 908-664-4166

Commercial Property for Rent 410

RAHWAY - Downtown - Shop & Office (1800 & 800 Sq. Ft.) Avail. now! 732-388-1750

Houses (Unfurnished) 430

GO DOWN HOMES Gov't & Bank Foreclosure! HUD, VA, FHA No credit OK. For listings Now! 908-501-1777 ext. 193. Fee.

CLARK - Cape Cod, 6 rms. 3 br., 1 ba., FR, DR, W/D, near NY trans. \$1650. mo. + util. 908-272-4284

WESTFIELD - 1/2 Duplex, 2 BR, LR, DR, basement with W/D, fenced yd., priv. drive. No pets! \$1400/mo. + utils. 908-684-8340

Office Space for Rent 440

BERKELEY HEIGHTS DOWNTOWN - 260 sq. ft. 2nd flr., avail. 12/1. Call Landlord 908-507-8980

Rooms (Furnished) 460

SUMMIT: Room for rent \$110 per week. Lic. R/E Agent. Call 908-598-0522

Rooms (Unfurnished) 465

RAHWAY - (borderline Clark/Rahway) 3BR luxury apt. \$1650. 732-978-7897

CLASSIFIED GETS RESULTS

What does it mean to be the #1 dealer in the tri-state area for CUSTOMER SATISFACTION?

FREE Pick-Up & Delivery

Same Day & Next Day Service Appointments

Let us do the service on your Land Rover and we'll show you.

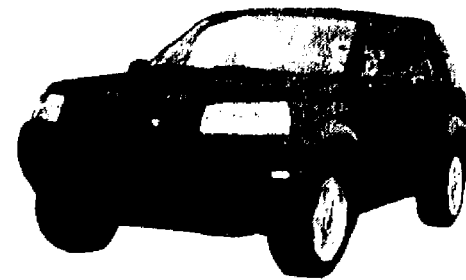
Brand new from the first family of sport utility vehicles, the 2003 RANGE ROVER. Advanced automotive technology, legendary reliability and now, completely redesigned.

The NEW 2003 DISCOVERY SERIES II SD

The NEW 2002 FREELANDER S



0% APR FINANCING
Up To 36 Mos.



Starting at **\$34,995**
Lease For **\$399** per mo. for 39 Mos.

- Hill Descent Control
- V8 Engine
- 18" alloy wheels
- 6-speaker AM/FM/cassette
- Black leather-clad steering wheel
- Door panels with Suede inserts
- 8 Way Power Seat
- 4 Wheel Traction Control
- Permanent Four Wheel Drive
- Dual Zone Climate Control
- 4 Yr/50,000 Mi. Factory Warranty
- 24 Hour Road Recovery

Starting at **\$25,600**
Lease For **\$299** per mo. for 39 Mos.

- 90° Transversely Mounted V6 Engine
- 4 Year/50,000 Mile Factory Warranty
- Unitized Body Construction
- AM/FM Audio System with CD Player
- Steering Wheel-Mounted Cruise Control
- Driver & Passenger Airbags
- Vehicle Security System
- 24 Hour Road Recovery
- Heated Exterior Mirrors
- Remote Keyless Entry
- Power Windows/Locks
- Heated Front Windshield
- Permanent All-Wheel Drive
- Independent Suspension
- 4 Wheel Traction Control
- CFC-free Air Conditioning

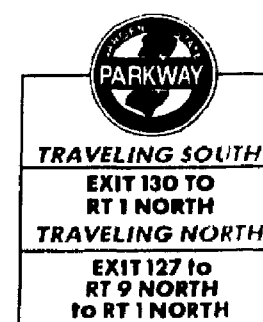
Land Rover Woodbridge is conveniently located right off the Garden State Parkway, RT 287 & RT 1. But don't let it bother you.



WOODBRIDGE

PAUL MILLER COMPANY

WE ALSO HAVE A FINE COLLECTION OF PRE-OWNED CERTIFIED LAND ROVERS



885 ROUTE 1 SOUTH • WOODBRIDGE, NJ (732) 634-8200 www.PaulMiller.com

Tread Lightly! Drive responsibly off road. ©2002 Land Rover North America, Inc. Always use your seatbelts. SRS/airbags alone do not provide sufficient protection. Prices include all costs to be paid by the consumer except for licensing, registration & taxes. 2003 Discovery VIN# 3A773085, MSRP: \$34,995. 2002 Freelander VIN# 2A399114, MSRP: \$25,600. Based on 39 month closed-end lease with Discovery: \$19,947, Freelander: \$14,336 purchase option available at lease end. \$2696 (Discovery) \$2495 (Freelander) due at lease signing. Total Cost: Discovery: \$18,257, Freelander: \$13,857. 10Kmi/yr. 20¢/mi thereafter. Other conditions may affect cost. Subject to availability & primary lender approval. 0% financing avail on 2002 Freelander only. Photos for display purposes only.

ADVERTISING Sales

We are looking for an advertising sales professional for a full-time Account Executive position in the advertising department of our Somerville office. Established territory with good customer base and room to grow. The right candidate will have advertising sales experience and strong customer service and organizational skills.

Must be able to work within deadlines. Salary plus commission, excellent benefits and 401k.

For a confidential interview, call Carol Hladun at 908.575.6734 or fax resume to 908.575.6666



The largest weekly newspaper group in New Jersey

Vacation Property for Rent 480

HARBOR RIDGE GOLF COMMUNITY - Palm City, FL. 3 BR, 2 BA Condo located on 2 Championship Golf Courses, also incl. tennis, pool & health club. Avail. Feb. 1 thru Apr. 1. \$7500. 732-292-0923

YACHT SHARE & CAMP - GROUND rent or own dream vacations, great locations & prices, super deals in Mexico. Vacation Network Advertising Corp. 888-534-3800. www.vnac.com

Wanted to Rent 485

RELOCATION COMPANY wants YOUR rentals! If you have houses, townhouses, condos, apt's, rooms, turnturn, long/short term for rent. Call Fisher Hornor Assoc. Broker. No fee, at 908-322-6135 or fax 908-322-4401

Merchandise

Computers & Electronic Equipment 537

NEED A COMPUTER? **CREDIT MAY BE PROVED.** GUARANTEED! No Cash Needed Today! Bad Credit OKAY! Checklog or Savings Account Required. 1-877-488-1943 WWW.PC4SURE.COM

Firewood & Fuel 550

BARTLETT'S FARM & GARDEN SUPPLY Firewood 12 or full cords 908-654-1566 732-388-1581

Furniture 580

SPC BEDROOM SET - Plus Sleigh Bed - King sz. Cherry wood, 1 yr. old, exc. cond. Paid \$10,000 Asking \$5500. Also Crystal Chandelier asking \$500 OBO. 908-890-2440

BED-QUEEN-PREMIUM PILLOW TOP Set. New in bags. Cost \$1200. Sell \$350 908-447-3485

DR SET - Cherry Hdbd & Flbd dresser, mirror, chest, 2 night tbs. New in box. Cost \$6000 Sell \$1500. 908-789-4982

DR SET - Oak, King Waterbed, 2 Pk Cabinets, light bridge & mirror, 2 dressers, \$1000 908-654-8485

BUNK BEDS W/ MATT New in box. Cost \$800. Sell \$295. Can deliver. 908-447-3485

COFFEE TABLE - wood & glass, beautiful condition. \$100. 908-276-1155

DINING ROOM SET - 11 pc. Thomasville, exc. cond. Must Sell \$2500. Ethan Allen Couch (Sofa Bed), never used, sage green & cream, exc. cond., \$500. Ethan Allen Coffee Table, \$250 & End Table, \$125, white wash base w/wood top, exc. cond. 908-233-1544

DR SET - Traditional Cherry, 4 yrs. old, wds chairtable, w/leaves, 2 pc. China closet. Orig. cost \$4500, asking \$1850. Chandelier also avail. Ralph 908-789-0588

FUTON W/ 6" PAD New in box. Cost \$450. Sell \$150. Can deliver. 908-789-0588

MATRESS SET, QUEEN New in bags. Cost \$500. Sell \$175. Can deliver. 908-447-3485

Items Under \$100 575

Baby Broom Carrier \$35, Graco Pack n' Play \$30, Peg Prio stroller \$35. 908-889-0097

OAS Del. Oven Range - \$50 obo. Oak 36" Vanity \$30. 908-464-8613

KITCHEN Dinette Table & Chairs, wrought iron w/formica table top, \$50. 908-889-2346

Washer/Dryer/Storage - Microwave & cart, \$25. each 908-887-4635

General Merchandise 580

BLACK CHINA CABINET w/12, 18, 28, \$300/obo. North Track Leg Shaper, \$200. 908-277-2649 obo

CLOSE OUT **BEAUTY SHOP FURNITURE** - Everything must go! Contact 908-233-6919

QUANTIC MIRRORS - JOBSITE LEFTOVERS: 48"x100"x1/4" (7) \$115/each (cost \$295), 72"x100"x1/4" (11) \$165/each (cost \$450), 72"x50"x1/4" BEVELED, \$125 (cost \$350). FREE delivery. Installation available. A & J Wholesale. 800-473-0819

NEED AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE? \$59.87/month, per family! No limitations. All Pre-Existing conditions OK. Call United Family! 800-236-4415 x1066 CE06619

NEED AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE? \$59.87/month, per family! No limitations. All Pre-Existing conditions OK. Call United Family! 800-236-4415 x1066 CE06619

Musical Instruments 585

WANTED: GUITARS - Older American Guitars, Gibson, Fender, Martin, Gretsch, National etc. Also Mandolins, Banjos, Ukuleles, old Tube guitar amplifiers & old effects pedals. Cash Paid. 800-790-7987

Photography & Camera Equipment 595

PHOTOGRAPHY DARKROOM EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Great bargains. Items include enlargers, timers, easels, trays, paper, safes, print washers, print dryers, safe lights and more. Make an offer. Items shown by appointment. Inquiries and contact name and phone number should be e-mailed to photo@express-times.com

Flea Markets 599

INDOOR FLEA MARKET **ROSIELO CATHOLIC M.S.** Raritan Rd., Roselle Sat., December 7, 9-4

Garage/Yard Sales 600

SCOTCH PLAINS - 1860 Winding Brook Way. Fri. Dec. 6, 9-3 & Sat. Dec. 7, 9-3. Benefit homeless animals.

Wanted to Buy 625

1AA CASH for records, mags, toy cars, pez, dolls, teddy bears, toys. 908-654-6588

A Fishing Tackle Collector Wants to buy old rods, reels, lures, catalogs. 908/233-1654

ALL LIONEL FLYER & OTHER TRAINS Top cash prices pd. 800-464-4671 or 973-425-1538.

POSTCARDS - Sheet music, Radios, TVs, Cameras, Toys, Military, Penns, World Fair, etc. 908/272-5777

Financial/Business

Financial Services 655

BAD CREDIT? LET CREDIT-WEEDERS HELP! We force credit bureaus to remove Negative items on your credit! Legal, effective, inexpensive. Toll Free 1-866-627-9377 x 101. www.creditweeder.com

Cash by Phone - Get \$100 to \$500 the very next day! Loans By County Bank of Rehoboth Beach, DE. Member FDIC. EOL. www.cashnet500.com 1-888-CASH-NET

SECASHES - Immediate Cash for Structured Settlements, Annuities, Real Estate Notes, Private Mortgage Notes, Accident Cases, and Insurance Payouts. Call J.G.W. Funding 800-794-7310.

Injured? Lawsuit dragging on and on? Need cash NOW - BEFORE your case settles? Get a fast Cash Advance at National Lawsuit Funding today! 1-888-222-2400 www.NationalLawsuitFunding.com

STOP FORECLOSURE! Behind on your mortgage? Don't file bankruptcy. We can help you save your home. Guaranteed service. 800-915-8784 ext. 811. "U.S. Mortgage Assistance" www.usmortgageassistance.com

STOP FORECLOSURE! Guaranteed. This is not a bankruptcy. We do not buy houses! 1-888-365-4077 ext. 2595.

Professional Services

Beauty Care Services 725

DIET PILLS & VIAGRA! Order Phenformin \$67, Dietrex \$96, Aluplex \$139, Viagra \$119 and others. Toll Free 1-866-567-0300. U.S. Doctors/Pharmacies. We provide prescription! Order online anytime: www.order2.com

Child Care/Nursery Schools 734

MONDAY MORNING INC Quality Childcare 908-668-4884

Miscellaneous 777

www.pooltablesusa.com 70% off Retail. Oak/Maple Queenie Legs 14 Styles, 1" State Lifetime Warranty. Retail up to \$7000 NOW \$995 Can Deliver. Go To www.pooltablesusa.com and call 1-800-440-5665

Home Services

Carpentry 875

SMALL JOBS ONLY Quality Work. Reason. Rates. 26 yrs exp. Bob 908-241-8607

Ceramic Tile 905

TILE & MARBLE Installation & Repair 20 YRS. EXP. Fully Ins'd. Call John 908-686-1591

Clean ups & Hauling 915

11AAA CLEANUP Household or constr. debris removal low rate. free est. 908-232-5146

BARGAIN CLEAN-UP Attics, Basements, Garages, Litter Hauling. 908-686-0576

CLEAN UP & LT. HAUL Free est. Insured. 1-888-781-5800

CLEAN UP ANYTHING Dumpster rentals. Fully Insured. 908-656-7500

Decks & Patios 930

DECKS BY UNLIMITED We build all types of decks. All work guaranteed 10 yrs. Free Est. Ins. 908-276-8377

Driveways 940

PATERNAL PAVING Curbing & Sidewalks. Free Est. Call 245-6162

Electrical 945

ABLE ELECTRIC Reasonable. Lic. 11500 276-8692 & 688-2089

RONSON ELECTRIC All Types of electrical work. Lic. 5532, Insured. Free Est. 25 yrs exp. 732/805-5683

Fencing 980

FENCE-PRO 100s of styles to choose from. Free Est. 201-437-7295

Floors 970

EAGLE FLOORS Installation & refinishing Hardwood floors. Free estimate. 1-800-575-0212

Garden Supplies 990

BARTLETT'S Farm & Garden Top soil, Mushroom Soil, Stone, Quarry Dust, Wall Stone, Grinnell Block, RR Ties, Firewood, & PVC drainpipe 732-388-1581 Bulk Division 908-654-1566

You Can Charge Your Ad. We accept Visa, MC, Amex

Gutters & Leaders 1000

GUTTER CLEANING \$65 Most homes **DEEGAN GUTTER CO.** 908-322-2014

GUTTER CLEANING Free est. Fully insured. Kellom Gutter Services 908-464-3280

CLASSIFIEDS... THEY WORK!

Home Improvements 1015

Weather and emergency repairs of barns, houses and garages. Call Woodford Bros. Inc for straightening, jacking, cabling, and weather related repairs. Free estimates 1-800-Old-Barn.com www.1-800-Old-Barn.com

Open Classifieds for the Services You Need!

Masonry 1065

A-1 WAYNE P. SCOTT Quality Masonry Services. Free Est. Ins'd. Refs. 43 yrs a family business. Every job a specialty. 732-968-5230

Moving & Storage 1070

SCHAEFER MOVING 2hr min. Low Rates. Ins. Est. PM00561. 908/964-1216

CLASSIFIEDS... THEY WORK!

Painting & Paperhanging 1075

A1 Richard's Painting Experienced. Int./ext. Very reasonable. Free Est. Fully Ins. 24 hr. answering serv. 732-499-9234

OLD GUY PAINTING. Need interior painting? Call the Old Guy 908/769-8971

CLASSIFIEDS... THEY WORK!

Pools & Spas 1090

Spas/Hot Tubs Factory Display Models. Never Used. Full Warranty. Starting as low as \$1599. Can Deliver! 1-888-955-9539

Transportation

Autos for Sale 1385

Autos for Sale 1385

1-800-CHARITY! Donate your vehicle directly to the original, nationally acclaimed Charity Cars. 100% charity - Not a used car dealer / fundraiser. 1-800-242-7489

www.800charitycars.org.

ACURA - 3.0 CL - 1997 loaded w/leather, sunroof, exc. cond. 78k. \$11,900. o/bio 908-232-3731

AUDI 90 1995 - 67k. Loaded! stick, exc. cond. \$11,000 908-273-3661

Autos for Sale 1385

AUDI A4 '97 - 1.8 T Quattro, sunroof, 5 spd., White, 63k, exc. cond., \$10,900 908-688-0192


BUICK CENTURY CUSTOM '00 - 31k, white, \$10,500. 908-233-3596

BUICK CENTURY WAGON '95 - 40k, V6, red rack, w/ leather, very clean, \$1088. o/bio 908-273-4418

CHEVY BLAZER '88 - Exc. cond., \$2,800 908-322-0882

A whole lot of Something for NOTHING!

It's different in a Saturn.



Brand New 2003 Saturn Ion 1

\$199

Lease Per Mo. 48 Mos.

\$995

Due At Signing!

Brand New 2003 Saturn L200

\$259

Lease Per Mo. 48 Mos.

\$0

Due At Signing!

4 dr. 4 cyl. auto trans, pwr str/bks, AIR, AM/FM stereo-cass, dual air bags, int. wip, MSRP \$13,865, VIN #3Z108772. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$796 cash & \$199 1st mo pymt = \$995 due at lease signing. Tl pymts \$9562. Tl cost \$10,348. Purch. opt. at lease end \$4987.70.

4 dr. 4 cyl. auto trans, pwr str/bks/wind/ lcks, AIR, AM/FM stereo, CD, cruise, int wip, floor mats, heated mrs, convenience grp, MSRP \$19,190 VIN #3Y522527. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$0 due at lease signing. Tl pymts \$12,432. Tl cost \$12,432. Purch. opt. at lease end \$7676.

THOMAS

LINCOLN MERCURY



2002 LINCOLN LS

Save \$5920

\$34,995

0% APR* FINANCING FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS

BRAND NEW 2002 MERCURY COUGAR

Fully Equipped & Here's What You Get...

- 4 Door
- Auto Trans w/OD
- Power Steering
- Power Brakes
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Power Trunk
- Air Conditioning
- AM/FM Stereo Cassette
- 6 Disc CD Changer
- Remote Mirrors
- Aluminum Wheels
- SIX #2K18/VIN#25614360
- MSRP \$19,120

Price incl. \$3000 customer rebate and \$1125 Thomas discount

SAVE \$4125

\$14,995

2002 MERCURY SABLE LS PREMIUM

Fully Equipped & Here's What You Get...

- 4 Door
- V6
- Automatic
- Transmission w/OD
- Power Steering
- Power Brakes
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Power Trunk
- AM/FM Stereo Cassette
- 6 Disc CD Changer
- Remote Mirrors
- Aluminum Wheels
- SIX #2K18/VIN#25614360
- MSRP \$19,120

Price incl. \$3000 customer rebate and \$1500 Thomas discount

SAVE \$4900

\$17,995

BRAND NEW 2003 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER AWD

Fully Equipped & Here's What You Get...

- 4 Door
- V6
- Automatic
- Transmission w/OD
- Power Steering
- Power Brakes
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Power Trunk
- AM/FM Stereo Cassette
- 6 Disc CD Changer
- Remote Mirrors
- Aluminum Wheels
- SIX #2K18/VIN#25614360
- MSRP \$22,895

Price incl. \$3000 customer rebate and \$1500 Thomas discount

SAVE \$5325

\$29,995

Visit us on the web @ www.tlmcars.com

369 SOUTH AVE. E. WESTFIELD, NJ (908) 232-6500

Prices incl all costs to be paid by consumer except license, registration & taxes. Supersedes all previous offers. Not resp for typos. Lessee resp for excess wear & tear. 0% avail on select models. Subject to approval by primary lending source. See dealer for details. All prices & pymts incl all applicable customer rebates & incentives. All reb go back to dlr.

THOMAS

Shop Our Entire Inventory at www.tlmcars.com

FACTORY CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLES!

4.9% APR FINANCING

Available On Select Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles. If qualified

1995 MERCURY SABLE	1999 FORD ESCORT
\$6995	\$8995
1999 MERCURY SABLE LS	2000 MERCURY COUGAR
CERTIFIED \$11,995	CERTIFIED \$12,995
2002 MERCURY SABLE	2000 MERCURY SABLE LS WAGON
CERTIFIED \$15,995	CERTIFIED \$15,995
2000 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS LS	2000 MERCURY AWD MOUNTAINEER MONTEREY
\$17,995	\$22,995
2000 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL	1999 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4X4
CERTIFIED \$23,995	CERTIFIED \$30,995

369 South Ave. E., Westfield, NJ

908-232-6500

www.tlmcars.com

Prices incl all costs to be paid by consumer except license, registration & taxes. Supersedes all previous offers. Not resp for typos. Lessee resp for excess wear & tear. 0% avail on select models. Subject to approval by primary lending source. See dealer for details. All prices & pymts incl all applicable customer rebates & incentives. All reb go back to dlr.

Autos for Sale 1385

CHEVY CARGO VAN '95 - 4 dr. V6, auto, A/C, 161,520 mi., needs a little TLC. Previously used as messenger vehicle. \$2,500/obo. Contact Rich Bennett @ Somerset Messenger Gazette 908-878-6718

CHRYSLER CIRRUS LXI - 1995 - Black, power, ABS, CD, 77K mi., alloy wheels, \$4,999. 732-574-0663

DONATE YOUR CAR... Be Special. Help Disabled children (247) Call 1-877-GIVETOKIDS, free quick pickup, IRS tax deduction, SPECIAL KIDS FUND, donate. www.specialkidsfund.org

FORD CROWN VICTORIA - '96 - 4.6 V8, 4 dr., exc. cond., Black, inspected 9/04 \$4,500. 973-822-1804

FORD MUSTANG COUPE - V6 cond., all original interior/exterior, rebuilt 289 BHP, 4 BBL carburetor, 271 HP, \$6,500. o/b/o. Black. 908-232-4843

GRAND MARQUIS '96 - V6, 4 dr., 1 owner, garaged, good cond., 104K, \$2,200 obo 908-484-2798

HONDA CIVIC EX '93 - 4 Dr., 104K, manual, 4 cyl., 1.6 liter, 5 spd, 50K mi., moonroof. \$3,300. 908-889-9217

HYUNDAI SONATA 2000 - 2.7L V6, 4 dr., 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

JAGUAR XJ6 '87 Series - 4 dr., 111K, \$4,999 obo 908-247-8273 or 908-487-3991

LINCOLN LS SPORT 2000 - 4 dr., 4.6 V8, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

MAZDA 626 '95 - 4 dr., 2.0L, 100K, 1 owner, 50K mi., alloy wheels, 100K, \$2,999. 908-889-9217

Autos for Sale 1385

TOYOTA CAMRY DX '91 - Good cond. 100K mi. \$3,300/obo. 908-484-5770

TOYOTA RAV 4 1997 - 60K mi. 4 dr. good cond. \$11,500. Call 908-889-2842

VOLVO 240 '90M - 120K mi., roof rack, runs great. \$3,200/obo. 908-230-7434

VOLVO 960 '96-4 dr. adm. lthr int., sunroof, all options, metallic gold, good cond. \$6,900. 973-477-3597

VW JETTA '92 - Sunroof, prem. sound, manual trans. AC. 149K. Great cond. \$4,900 obo 908-232-6077

VW JETTA '94 - white, gray cloth int., am/fm, 100K, ABS, AC, exc. cond. reg. maint. 64K. \$4,100 973-379-1386

VW PASSAT GLS TURBO - '98 - silver, auto, 4 cyl, 81K, exc. cond., all power, ant. CD player, \$8,500/obo 973-379-3418, M-F.

WE BUY CARS, HIGH-EST PRICES PAID, MARANO & SONS AUTO SALES, INC. 507-13 South Ave., 150 South Ave., Garwood

Antique & Classic Autos 1394

BUICK 1971 ELECTRA - 225-2 dr. hardtop, brn. blk vinyl roof, lthr., loaded, orig. Mint cond! Garage kept. 53K, \$6,500. 908-354-3308 aft 4

PONTIAC 1968 Star Chief - Trophy winner, 4 dr. A-1 cond., \$12,000 / obo. Possible swap for Convertible or Street Rod. 732-368-2162

Four Wheel Drive 1400

FORD EXPLORER '95 - high hwy. mi., \$5,000, super clean 732-361-6622

GMC ENVY '92 - transfer case, 3277 mi., 27 payments left. Call Mike. 908-301-3456, 908-296-9799

ISUZU TROOPER '88 - 4X4, 5sp man, 4cyl, a/c, am/fm, case, runs exc., \$3,000 obo, Linden. 908-488-7788

Trucks & Trailers 1405

FORD PICK UP F-150 XL - '98 - Very clean, reliable. 69K, PS, PB, Am/Fm, Alarm, New tires & cap w/locks. \$6,500 908-484-7888

Vans & Jeeps 1410

FORD ECONOLINE '98 - 250 XL Window Van - hwy. duty low mpg 35K body very gd. eng. ready work. \$9,900/obo. 732-361-9247

JEEP CJ7 '98 - red, chrome, white, hard/soft top, 4 spd manual, rebuilt carb., new tires, starter, stereo, 127K, 3200 908-377-4432

Vehicles Wanted 1415

DONATE YOUR CAR To Heritage for the Blind. Tax Deductible, Free Towing, Free Phone Card to donors with this ad + rm1162 Call 1-800-2-donate.

Pre-Owned Luxury Cars

Check www.autosuccess.com or Call 1-800-BENZ-BMW

SAAB 900 SE 1995 - Auto, sunroof, heated seats, leather, power, V6, Green VG cond. \$7,999. 973-388-0108

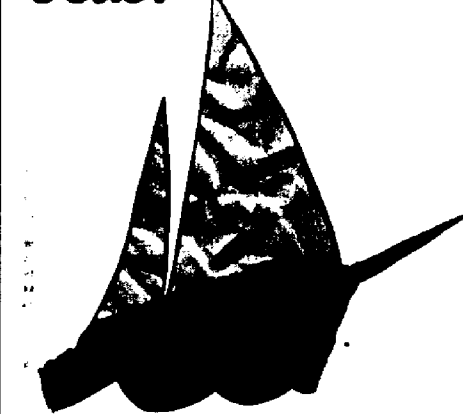
TOYOTA AVALON XLS '97 - 4.5 cond., 69K, auto, all pwr., sun r, CD, leather int. \$70,400 908-884-3738

Fishing around for extra cash?



Sell those no-longer used items for \$\$\$\$!

Run into some financial rough seas?

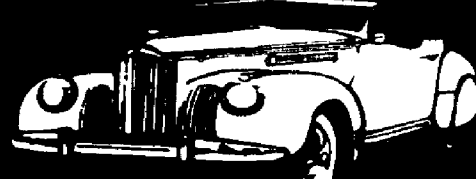


Sell no no-longer used items around the house for cash!

classified first
the first place to look for everything

NJN
public notice

MARANO & SONS



AUTO SALES INC.

Buying & Selling Used Cars & Trucks Since 1935

507-13 South Ave.
Garwood, NJ 07027
908-789-1551
Fax 908-789-2744

150 South Ave.
Garwood, NJ 07027
908-789-0555
Fax 908-789-1792

Visit our website:
www.maranosonsauto.com

USED CAR SALE SPECIALS

2000 SATURN SL1	2000 SATURN IWL2	1999 SATURN SL1	2002 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER	2002 MITSUBISHI LANCER ES
4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, tilt, cruise, cass, only 34,000 miles. VIN#Y140174	Wagon v6, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, leather heated seats, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, traction. 34,000 miles VIN#Y140000	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cass, 35,000 miles VIN#Y140172	v6, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, leather heated seats, alloy wheels, side and head bags. 15,000 miles. 110,000 miles VIN#2Z2481	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cass, only 25,000 miles VIN#2Z2481
\$7,995	\$12,995	\$7,595	\$26,995	\$11,995
2001 MITSUBISHI GALANTE ES	2002 MITSUBISHI GALANTE ES	2001 SUBARU OUTBACK	2000 NISSAN ALTIMA GLE	1999 HONDA CIVIC LX
v6, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cd, alloy wheels, only 20,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cd, alloy wheels, only 20,000 miles VIN#2Z2481	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, only 26,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, only 17,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cass, only 25,000 miles VIN#1E29164
\$14,995	\$13,995	\$19,595	\$13,995	\$11,595
2001 NISSAN PATHFINDER SE	YMG798322000 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS LS	2000 ACURA 3.2TL	2000 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT	1999 SATURN SC-1
4 dr. 4x4, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, moonroof, only 17,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, moonroof, only 23,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, moonroof, only 23,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, moonroof, only 23,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cass, alloy wheels, only 27,000 miles VIN#1E29164
\$22,495	\$16,595	\$21,995	\$12,995	\$7,995

Over 150 Cars & Trucks In Stock For Immediate Delivery!!!

2000 NISSAN XTRERA	2001 DODGE RAM XTRA CAB	2003 ACURA 3.2TL S-TYPE	2000 TOYOTA AVALON XLS	2002 NISSAN FRONTIER CREW CAB
4 dr. 4x4, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cd, sport package, alloy wheels, 35,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4x4, v8, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cass, alloy wheels, 33,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, moonroof, alloy wheels, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, 4,000 miles	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, moonroof, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, side bags, 30,000 miles VIN#1E29164	4x4, 4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cd, alloy wheels, only 11,000 miles VIN#2Z2481
\$18,995	\$18,995	\$28,995	\$22,995	\$21,995
2002 CHEVY SUBURBAN LT	2002 TOYOTA CAMRY LE	1999 CHEVY TAHOE LT	2000 LEXUS ES-300	2000 MAZDA MPV
4 dr. 4x4, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, moonroof, 3 seats, 11,000 miles VIN#2Z2481	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, tilt, cruise, cass, CD, 15,000 miles VIN#2Z2481	4 dr. 4x4, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, only 18,000 miles VIN#2Z2481	4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, moonroof, heated seats, alloy wheels, alloy wheels, only 29,000 miles VIN#5076188	v6, auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, 3 seats, tilt, cruise, cass, alloy wheels, dual doors, only 27,000 miles VIN#YMD13862
\$35,995	\$17,495	\$21,995	\$24,995	\$14,995

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL
2002 LEXUS IS300
4 dr. auto, air, p/s, p/b, p/w, plocks, plocks, leather, heated seats, tilt, cruise, cass, cd, alloy wheels, moonroof, only 5,000 miles. VIN#2L003182
\$28,995

Price(s) include(s) all costs to be paid by the consumer except for licensing, registration & taxes. Not responsible for typographical errors.

CLASSIFIEDS
DRIVE RESULTSYEAR END CLEARANCE!
YEAR END CLEARANCE!

0% ARR FINANCING 90 DAYS! \$0 CASH DOWN!

Brand New 2003 Chevrolet Malibu

V6, auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks, AIR, AM/FM stereo, MSRP \$18,290, VIN #3M582666. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.

\$13,560

Brand New 2003 Chevrolet Impala

V6, automatic O/D transmission, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/6-way seat, AIR, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, cruise, floor mats, cargo net, prem sound sys, MSRP \$22,405, VIN #39169643. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.

\$17,280

Brand New 2003 Chevrolet TRACKER

4 dr, 4 cyl, auto O/D trans, 4WD, AIR, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/mirrs, cargo net & cover, AM/FM stereo, CD, keyless entry, hard top, tilt, cruise w/resume speed, alloy, carpeted floor mats, MSRP \$21,165. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.


\$17,191

Brand New 2003 Chevrolet TAHOE

Vortec 5300 V8, auto trans, 4WD, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, AIR, AM/FM stereo-cass, CD, air bags, 3rd row seat, liftgate/liftglass, trailering pkg, MSRP \$38,607. VIN #3R106052. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.

\$32,300

SAVE ON EVERY PRE-OWNED VEHICLE!

<p>'96 Buick Skylark Custom Sedan V6, auto trans, 4WD, AIR, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/mirrs, cargo net & cover, AM/FM stereo, CD, dual air bags, tilt w/p, alloy, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #T4C11129</p> <p>*\$4,995</p> <p>'97 Buick Park Avenue 4 dr V6, auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/mirrs, cargo net & cover, AM/FM stereo, CD, dual air bags, tilt w/p, alloy, 1995, 55,394 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #246020162</p> <p>*\$995</p>	<p>'95 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Z34 2 dr v6 auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/mirrs, cargo net & cover, AM/FM stereo, CD, dual air bags, tilt w/p, alloy, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.</p> <p>*\$4,995</p> <p>'00 Honda Civic EX 2 dr 4 cyl auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/mirrs, cargo net & cover, AM/FM stereo, CD, dual air bags, tilt w/p, alloy, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #246020162</p> <p>*\$12,995</p>	<p>'98 Ford Escort SE Sedan 4 cyl auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks, AIR, AM/FM stereo-cass, radio, tilt w/p, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.</p> <p>*\$6,995</p> <p>'01 Chevrolet Tracker ZR2 4x4 6 cyl auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/mirrs, cargo net & cover, AM/FM stereo-cass, radio, tilt w/p, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.</p> <p>*\$13,495</p>	<p>'97 Dodge Caravan SE V6 auto trans, 4WD, AIR, pwr str/brks/wind/lcks/mirrs, cargo net & cover, AM/FM stereo-cass, radio, tilt w/p, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.</p> <p>*\$7,995</p> <p>'02 Chevrolet Impala LS 4 dr V6 auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks, AIR, AM/FM stereo-cass, radio, tilt w/p, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.</p> <p>*\$21,506</p>	<p>'01 Chevrolet Prism Sedan 4 cyl auto trans, AIR, pwr str/brks, AM/FM stereo dual air bags, tilt w/p, alloy, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.</p> <p>*\$8,995</p> <p>'02 Chevrolet Trailblazer LTZ 4 dr V6 auto O/D trans, pwr str/brks, AIR, AM/FM stereo-cass, radio, tilt w/p, 1995, 46,531 mi. MSRP \$23,710. VIN #36914823. Price incl. \$750 Chevrolet Lease Loyalty Rebate if qual.</p> <p>*\$29,289</p>	 <p>CARFAX VEHICLE HISTORY REPORTS www.carfax.com</p>
--	--	---	--	---	---

SALERNO★DUANE

SUMMIT

WE'RE CUTTING PRICES TO THE BONE!

Jeep
PONTIAC GMC
MITSUBISHI

NEW 2003 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4X4

- 4 DOOR
- 4 CYLINDER
- POWER STEERING & BRAKES
- AIR CONDITIONING
- POWER WINDOWS
- AUTOMATIC
- AM/FM CASSETTE W/CD
- REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY
- VIN#3C532805
- MSRP \$29,195

LEASE FOR 39 MOS

\$309

NO 60 MONTHS

NEW 2003 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4

- AUTOMATIC
- POWER STEERING
- TINTED GLASS
- POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS
- CRUISE
- POWER BRAKES
- AIR CONDITIONING
- 6 CYLINDER
- AM/FM STEREO W/CD
- CASSETTE
- MSRP \$22,080
- VIN#WJ500575
- PLUS MUCH MORE!

LEASE FOR 39 MOS

\$229

NO 60 MONTHS

www.salernoduanesummit.com

ON NEW 2002 & 2003 MODELS!

APR FINANCING UP TO 60 MONTHS

DOWN PAYMENT

NO PAYMENT FOR 90 DAYS

NEW 2003 PONTIAC SUNFIRE

- 2 DOOR
- 4 CYLINDER
- POWER WINDOWS & MIRRORS
- AIR CONDITIONING
- POWER LOCKS
- AUTOMATIC
- AM/FM STEREO W/CD
- POWER WINDOWS
- REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY
- VIN#37115394
- MSRP \$18,060

LEASE FOR 39 MOS

\$189

NO 60 MONTHS

NEW 2003 GMC ENVOY SLE 4X4

- PEWTER
- 4 DOOR
- 6 CYLINDER
- 270 HP
- AUTOMATIC
- DUAL ZONE A/C
- POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS & MIRRORS
- AIR BAGS
- ONSTAR
- AM/FM W/CD
- KEYLESS ENTRY
- MSRP \$31,272
- VIN#2137655

LEASE FOR 48 MOS

\$319

NO 60 MONTHS

www.salernoduanesummit.com

NJ & NY'S LARGEST MITSUBISHI NETWORK.

DOWN FINANCING

- NO ACQUISITION FEES
- NO MILEAGE RESTRICTIONS
- NO WEAR & TEAR CHARGES
- NO FINAL BALLOON PAYMENT
- NO SECURITY DEPOSITS

NEW 2002 MITSUBISHI GALANT ES

- AUTOMATIC
- 4 DOOR
- 4 CYLINDER
- AM/FM W/CD
- POWER WINDOWS LOCKS
- POWER STEERING
- POWER BRAKES
- AIR CONDITIONING
- REMOTE KEYLESS ENTRY
- VIN#JE050702
- MSRP \$19,132

FINANCE FOR 60 MOS

\$279

NOT A LEASE... NOT A BALLOON

NEW 2003 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE

- AUTOMATIC
- 3 DOOR H.B.
- 4 CYLINDER
- AM/FM W/CD
- POWER WINDOWS LOCKS
- POWER STEERING
- POWER BRAKES
- AIR CONDITIONING
- DUAL AIRBAGS
- VIN#JE05413
- MSRP \$19,517

FINANCE FOR 60 MOS

\$289

NOT A LEASE... NOT A BALLOON

www.salernoduanesummit.com

SALERNO★DUANE
SALERNO★DUANE
SALERNO★DUANE
FIVE STAR
JEEP
HOURS: 9-9 MON-FRI, 9-6 SAT
1 MILE FROM SHORT HILLS MALL
267 BROAD STREET, SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY
908-277-6700
PONTIAC
GMC
HOURS: 9-9 MON-FRI, 9-6 SAT
1 MILE FROM SHORT HILLS MALL
245 BROAD STREET, SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY
908-598-2900
MITSUBISHI
MITSUBISHI
HOURS: 9-9 MON-FRI, 9-6 SAT
1 MILE FROM SHORT HILLS MALL
267 BROAD STREET, SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY
908-277-6780

Prices incl. all costs to be paid by the consumer except tax, title & reg. fees. Prices and all rebates incentives. If any. Must bring in any current competitor's ad and will beat the price. Based on same make, model, year & equipment. Dealer reserves the right to purchase competitor's vehicle if necessary. *You can purchase any new 02 or 03 model year vehicle before 12/31/02 (excludes Eclipse Sport & Outlander) with 0 down, 0 interest plus 0 payments until 2004. Finance charges commence to accrue 12/31/04 and the 1st mo pymt is due 2/1/04. Program avail through VWCS retail, subj to approved credit & ins. Some customers w/ no liability. Rebate price, terms & availability may vary. Customers must take delivery from retailer stock and contracts must be signed by 12/31/02. Cannot be combined with any other financing program. See participating retailer for details. **Severity of credit may affect down payment. ***Rebates include 17% lease only, \$400 college grad, \$325 1st year, \$325 2nd year. **Includes radio, activation fee & first 3 months of service. **For qualified buyers on retail purchases only. See dealer for details. To purchase competitor's vehicle. If you have a job, a social security number and a phone bill we'll give you a car loan. 1 JOB + 2 S.S.# + 3 PHONE BILL = CAR LOAN. IT'S EZ JUST CALL! 1-888-594-5332

CREDIT PROBLEMS

\$0 DOWN \$0 PYMTS. 0% APR FINANCING FOR 90 DAYS

If You Don't See Your Model... Call Us!

WE WILL BEAT ANY COMPETITORS ADVERTISED PRICE OR LEASE PAYMENT GUARANTEED!

Brand New 2003 Chevy Malibu 4 DOOR SEDAN

3.1L V6 SFI 170HP engine, 4 sp. auto trans w/OD, power steering/brakes, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, cass. r def, cloth int, airbags, STK #B8362, VIN #JMS90887, MSRP \$18,395. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 20c thereafter. \$1050 Cust. Cash \$199 1st mo pymt & \$1000 GM Rebate used as cap cost reduction. \$1,349 due at signing. 111 pymts \$9552. Tit cost \$10,600. Purch opt at lease end \$8094. Buy price incl. \$3000 GM rebate.

SAVE \$3985

\$199 Or Buy For Only **\$14,140**

Brand New 2002 Chevy Monte Carlo SS - COUPE

3.8L V6, 4 sp auto trans, pwr str/brk/wind/locks/six-way seat/heated mirr, AIR, AM/FM stereo, CD, sunrt, leath bckt seats, theftlock, alum whls, info center, alarm, compass, STK #A7788, VIN #29328489, MSRP \$29,440. Price incl. \$2500 GM rebate.

SAVE \$4441

\$24,999 Buy For

Brand New 2003 Chevy Impala SEDAN

4 door, 3.4L V6 automatic transmission w/OD, power steering/brakes, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo, cass, cloth int, airbags, r def, STK #B8254, VIN #39177404, MSRP \$21,100. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 20c thereafter. \$1232 Cust. Cash \$224 1st mo pymt & \$1500 GM Rebate used as cap cost reduction. \$1458 due at signing. 111 pymts \$10,752. Tit cost \$11,984. Purch opt at lease end \$8863. Buy price incl. \$3000 GM rebate.

SAVE \$4189

\$224 Or Buy For Only **\$16,911**

Brand New 2003 Chevy Venture MINIVAN

V6, auto trans, pwr str/ABS/wind/locks, AIR, AM/FM stereo, CD, deep tint, r def, r wip/washer, bw tires, front/side airbags, STK #B8362, VIN #3D176636, MSRP \$25,045. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 20c thereafter. \$716 Cust. Cash \$238 1st mo pymt & \$2250 GM Rebate used as cap cost reduction. \$999 due at signing. 111 pymts \$13,584. Tit cost \$14,300. Purch opt at lease end \$9767. Buy price incl. \$3000 GM rebate.

SAVE \$4217

\$283 Or Buy For Only **\$20,828**

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS FOR CURRENT GMAC LESSEES, AARP, AAA MEMBERS & COLLEGE

2675 ROUTE 22 W. • UNION • 908-686-2800

www.salernoduanesummit.com

CHEVY WE'LL BE THERE