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### TOUGH WEEKEND

The Westfield and SP-F football teams both lost tough games over the weekend. The Blue Devils fell to Elizabeth, while the Raiders were cut down by Union. For those stories and cross-country coverage, see Sports, Page C-1.



### ROCKIN' OUT

The JCC in Scotch Plains and Westfield's First Baptist Church will each hold teen concerts over the next two weekends. For that story, see Community Life, Page B-1.



### QUITE A SUMMER

Boy Scouts from Troop 33 had a summer that will produce memories that last a lifetime, including canoeing, hiking and camping at points all across the country. See the story on Page C-4.

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## Six suspects arrested after vandalism spree at golf course

By **THERESA STULTZ**  
 THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — Six local residents were arrested in connection with acts of vandalism at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, caught as they tried to flee in the wee hours of Saturday morning after inflicting thousands of dollars worth of damage on the golf course and the club's other facilities.

The men, ages 18-27, reportedly confessed to the crimes, which began when they trespassed onto the property at about 9 p.m. Friday for an evening of drinking and partying on the greens.

Scotch Plains resident Andrew Regenthal, 27, a former employee of the golf course, allegedly broke through the property's fencing using bolt cutters,

police said. Regenthal also allegedly purchased the alcohol for the underage group, whose other five members — Michael Walker Jr., Brian Halpin, and Steven Betau of Scotch Plains, and Maxwell Karow and Christopher Cooper of Fanwood — are all 18 or 19.

Over the next four and a half hours, the group inflicted considerable damage on the golf course, the buildings on site and the club's equipment. The suspects set off in six golf carts, crashing into one another on the unlit course. They also drove the carts, valued at about \$8,000 each, over the greens and fairways, which were left in disrepair from the ninth hole on. And eventually, two of the motorized carts ended up at the bottom of the club's swimming pool.

The locker rooms in the pool area also

suffered serious damage, with portions of the walls ripped out. And a one-acre nursery valued at about \$15,000 was also destroyed and will need to be repaired, said course officials.

The vandalism spree ended at about 1:30 a.m., when a neighbor called police after she heard loud noises and saw people on the golf course. According to Lt. Brian Donnelly, police responded in time to catch the suspects running across the course.

All six were charged with third degree burglary, criminal mischief and criminal trespass. In addition, Regenthal was charged with possession of burglary tools and providing alcohol to minors. The other five suspects were each charged with underage possession  
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Golf carts driven erratically across the Shackamaxon golf course left damage on the greens and fairways. The carts were also badly damaged, and two ended up in the club's swimming pool.

## Ruling due soon in Kasko hearing

By **THERESA STULTZ**  
 THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Testimony in the disciplinary hearing for Police Officer Greg Kasko concluded Friday, and lawyers for Kasko and the town now have until 4 p.m. Monday to submit their final written briefs to hearing officer Robert Lucid.

Kasko stands accused of making false statements of material facts under oath to superior officers during a prior hearing on May 25; he faces termination if he is found guilty. Lucid has 20 days after the briefs are filed to render a decision.

The current disciplinary hearing, which was conducted in public at Kasko's request, is just one part of a running dispute between the officer and the department. Kasko has a civil lawsuit against the town, municipal administrator Jim Gildea and former Police Chief Bernard Tracy pending in federal court; in the suit, he alleges he was retaliated against after reporting information to municipal officials in accordance with the town's "whistle-blower" policy. He has also been the subject of previous disciplinary hearings and recently served a six-day suspension without pay after he was found guilty in a prior case.

At last Friday's session, lawyers argued over the reliability of the Global Positioning System (GPS) in Kasko's police cruiser — a crucial piece of evidence to the township's claims against the officer. The GPS data was used to determine whether Kasko moved his patrol car at 1:24 a.m. Jan. 29, around the time police supervisors allege they found him sleeping in his vehicle.

According to Anthony Pope, Kasko's lawyer, the town and police department are relying on a mechanical report subject to error and inaccuracy as the basis for firing the 16-year-veteran. But Arthur Thibault, the lawyer for the town, contended that the GPS device has demonstrated its reliability.

Thibault described a recent re-enactment of Kasko's activ-  
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## Taking a stab at pumpkin carving



BROOKS CRANDALL/CORRESPONDENT

It's that spooky time of year again, which means ghouls, goblins and jack-o-lanterns abound. Above, Anna Reed of Westfield painstakingly crafts her creation at a pumpkin-carving party held Sunday afternoon at the Hunt residence in Cranford. For details on all the upcoming Halloween fun, turn to Community Life, Page B-1.

## Cops make case for a new contract

By **THERESA STULTZ**  
 THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Members of the local police officers' union came out in a coordinated show of force Tuesday night, seeking to put pressure on the Town Council to agree to a new contract.

The previous contract expired on Dec. 31, 2005, and the police officers have been working under the terms of the old deal while negotiations continue on a new agreement. That means the officers have not received pay increases this year, though they will receive the raises retroactively when a new contract is reached. The town and PBA Local 90 are currently in mediation as they seek a new deal.

According to Officer Leonard Lugo, president of PBA Local 90, "Being a police officer in Westfield is more than a chosen profession. We have an inherent need to be of service to others, but we also have our needs to be able to provide for our families."

Lugo stressed that police officers needed to feel appreciated and supported by the Town Council in their efforts to serve the community. "Let's make it a win-win situation for all," Lugo urged officials, receiving a standing ovation from supporters who had crowded into council chambers.

Town officials have previously said that salaries and benefits are the key factors in the current negotiations. In a paid advertisement in the

Oct. 12 issue of the *Westfield Leader*, PBA members stated that the town has proposed an increase of \$1,723 over the next four years, which would leave the starting salary for a new officer "at less than \$35,000 until 2009." That is inadequate, PBA members claim, because if current trends persist the cost of living in northern New Jersey will rise nearly 20 percent over the same period.

In a prepared statement, Mayor Andy Skibitsky thanked the members of the PBA for their presence and service to the community. Skibitsky emphasized the council's obligation to balance the town's budget in the interest of taxpayers;

*"We have an inherent need to be of service to others, but we also have our needs to be able to provide for our families."*  
 — Leonard Lugo  
 president, PBA Local 90

30 percent of the budget, he said, is devoted to providing salaries and benefits for the town's police force and public works employees.

At the same time, Skibitsky said, council members are sympathetic to the interests of police. "The council has and will continue to fight on their behalf," Skibitsky said.

The mayor used the recent resolution of negotiations with the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA) as an example of the town's commitment to working in the interest of all parties, but he also insisted that PBA members use the mediation process wisely. He also mentioned that the Teamsters Union, representing public works employees, is currently in mediation with  
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## SP-F test scores strong, but middle school causes concern

By **THERESA STULTZ**  
 THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — District administrators and school board members were pleased with student scores on standardized tests taken last spring, as high percentages of students continued to meet or exceed state standards for proficiency.

Officials did raise some concerns, however, about the performance of middle school students on some tests. The scores were presented at the Oct. 19 meeting of the Scotch Plains-

Fanwood Board of Education.

From third through sixth grade, the district's students posted outstanding scores on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK). Perhaps the best results were in third grade, where 99.1 percent of students demonstrated proficiency or better — a jump of 5.5 percent over 2005. Third grade language arts scores were nearly as strong; in Brunner School, every third grader demonstrated proficiency in both math and language arts.

The scores are broken down into

three categories — advanced proficiency, proficiency, and partial proficiency. Though the standards are set by the state, districts are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act to have certain percentages of their students demonstrate proficiency on each of the tests. By 2014, according to the federal law, every student must demonstrate proficiency in all subject areas.

Scores were strong again in fourth grade, where 96.9 percent of students were proficient in mathematics and language arts, almost exactly match-

ing the 2005 results.

Scores for fifth and sixth graders were also high, though math scores in Park Middle School were lower than those at Terrill Middle School by 3 to 4 percentage points. The trend continued in seventh grade, where proficiency in math fell to 82.7 percent at Park, seven points below Terrill. (The fifth, sixth and seventh grade tests were administered for the first time last spring.)

And the trend continued again  
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### REMINDER

**FIVE DAYS OF HALLOWEEN**

Jeffrey's of Westfield will mark the Halloween season with special menus and events from 5 p.m. to closing Friday through Tuesday. A portion of the proceeds will benefit charity.

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CAMPAIGN 2006: FANWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Dems seek to keep hold on two seats

By **TERESA STULTZ**  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — David Valian has one goal in mind as he seeks a seat on the Borough Council: He wants to advance the course charted by the current Democratic leadership.

"I want to continue it," Valian said, speaking of downtown redevelopment but also the council's efforts in other areas. "Let's keep pushing forward and not slow down."

Valian has joined the campaign of incumbent Donna Dolce, who is seeking her second term on the council. The Democrats are hoping to preserve their current 6-0 majority on the council. They'll have to do it with Valian in place of incumbent Jack Molenaar, who is not running for re-election.

Valian works in quality control for Petro Plastics, his family's business in Garwood. He said his profession requires dealing with people in general and finding solutions on a daily basis. "I feel like I can bring in new energy to an already energetic group," he said.

A 10-year resident of Fanwood, the father of four has a background in youth sports. "I decided to run because I felt that since I've been doing community service for the past four years, I get satisfaction out of helping people... You can do more on the council than coaching flag football," he said.

His running mate, Dolce, emphasized that a Democratic victory would ensure that the council is able to continue the recent progress made in the downtown, that relationships developed with businesses and landlords are maintained and that promises are kept. "We are listening and responding to concerns to keep people informed through our communications committee," she said.

Dolce, who is the CEO of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, said the Democratic platform includes continuing to address quality-of-life issues, procuring grants and boosting revenues. "Government cannot continue to take money out of taxpayers' pockets," she said. "The new income streams we've created need to be continued."

Dolce and Valian said the council's role in the downtown is to facilitate negotiations that will help local landowners maintain control of their own destiny. They cited the example of long-time business owner Helen Ling, who recently broke ground on a mixed-use project across from the train station.

Though their opponents in the Nov. 7 election have complained of delays, "The process is taking time because it has to be done right, especially when dealing with first-time merchants," Dolce said. The result, she said, is that "people are satisfied and will be very happy."

Further change will come to the downtown next spring, she said, when construction begins

on a townhouse complex at the former Dean Oil site.

About the borough's pilot Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program, which allows homeowners in the historic district to sell their development rights to downtown properties, Dolce admitted that "strong confusion" has made it hard to build momentum.

The program, the first of its kind to be tried in a suburban community, is designed to stimulate commercial investment and increase tax rates along South Avenue, Dolce said.

She stressed that the program is voluntary and the research done thus far has been paid for with state funds. "We obtained a grant to simply explore if this program would work. It's not a done deal," she said.

Though it's been slow going thus far, "Residents with historic homes are aware of the program and are excited," Valian said. And both Democrats said that although the program, which was slated to be reviewed by the Planning Board Wednesday night, would only apply to homes in the historic district, it could benefit the entire community by boosting the downtown tax base.

Republican candidates Andy MacDonald and Rich Alber have criticized the implementation of the TDR program. Said Dolce, "I am concerned that (our) opponents' position is to use the confusion to put negativity and fear to the community. But sometimes we have to work through our fears and build reassurance."

In response to criticisms that the borough may be developing an over-reliance on state grants, Dolce drew on her professional experience to make a point. "It's common sense, being in a non-profit, I can't rely on grants — I can look to trends, but use only facts. If we don't get the money, we don't do the project."

But both she and Valian said the council's ability to bring in grant funds, including \$300,000 in extraordinary aid this year to supplement the municipal budget, has helped the borough maintain services without reaching too deep into the pockets of residents.

"We don't want taxpayers to suffer," Valian said. "You have to be careful how you trim things down. Budgets are fine line things because you have to be careful what you put in and take out."

Shared-services efforts have also helped keep the tax burden down, Dolce said. "We have very good directors and one the best shared-services program in the state. We share and barter with a number of enterprises."

And she said the current Democratic council has continued a long-standing emphasis on lean government, as the police and public works department have been the same size since 1958. "Our workforce has not grown in almost 45 years," Dolce said.

"We're volunteers," Valian added. "We just want to help benefit the residents of Fanwood."

# GOP says it's time for a new direction

By **TERESA STULTZ**  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — In their campaign for Borough Council, Republicans Andy MacDonald and Rich Alber make a simple case: It's time for some different voices in municipal government.

After a period of Republican leadership, Democrats took control over the mayor's chair and the Borough Council in 2003. The Democrats have continued to fare well since then, and now hold every seat on the governing body.

With two council seats up for election on Nov. 7, MacDonald and Alber are looking to regain a foothold for their party, and they say the borough will be well served by a greater diversity of opinion in local government.

"I think it is in all residents' best interest to have a two-party council," said Alber, a Virginia Tech graduate with an MBA from Florida Tech who served in the Marine Corps for nine years. He said he and his running mate will work to address "frustration" felt by local residents.

A financial management officer at Ernst and Young, Alber previously worked for almost four years at the Pentagon, where he reviewed military budgets. "I have always been very successful in encouraging people to be more conservative with spending," he said.

A fairly new resident to the borough, the husband and father of four said he was attracted to Fanwood's small-town feel, great schools, and high level of community involvement. "You don't see that in a lot of places," he said. "It was an honor and privilege to serve my country, and it would be an honor and privilege to serve the people in the borough."

Alber is joined in the campaign by a running mate with a wealth of experience, Andy MacDonald. A borough resident for nearly three decades, MacDonald has previously served on the Borough Council for 12 years. Currently, MacDonald teaches French at Merry Lane Academy, an all-girls high school. Like Alber, he is a military veteran and is married with four children.

Along with the perennial issue of taxes, the leading issue in the campaign is the current effort to redevelop the downtown, and both Republicans said the jury is still out on the Democrats' efforts. After taking office three years ago, Democratic Mayor Colleen Mahr and her council charted a new direction on redevelopment, choosing to work with existing businesses and property owners rather than one major developer. Ground was broken last week on two mixed-used projects on South Avenue, though construction won't begin in earnest until next month.

Alber said development is a very complicated undertaking, and delays have the potential to derail the entire process. While small business owners can be successful, he said, "Large professional developers have the resources and expertise to expedite these kinds of projects, and the expertise to navigate the pitfalls that

typically can be found in development projects."

In addition to the South Avenue project, the other property slated for redevelopment is the Dean Oil site, where plans call for a townhouse complex. MacDonald noted that he voted against that project as a member of the Planning Board, saying the project's density would disrupt the small-town feel for which the borough prides itself.

MacDonald and Alber also criticized the borough's embrace of a Transfer of Development Rights program, under which homeowners in the historic district on the north side of the borough can sell their development rights to commercial property owners in the downtown. The pilot program has been funded through a state grant, but to date no sales have been completed.

In a perfect world, Alber said, the TDR premise is a good one. "However, it is not a perfect world, and I don't think it's right for Fanwood at this time," he said.

Alber and MacDonald believe the TDR program has not yet been embraced by residents in part because of poor communication. But also, they said, small business owners may balk at the idea of spending money to acquire development credits.

Quoting Thomas Jefferson, MacDonald said, "The government that governs least governs best." He faulted government officials who are too quick to embrace elaborate ideas which can then become "unworkable programs." In a private industry, MacDonald said the plug would have been pulled once a program failed to yield results. "But," he said, "this is not private industry, is it?"

The Republicans also said their opponents shouldn't take too much credit for obtaining state grants, including \$300,000 in extraordinary aid to help balance the 2006 municipal budget. MacDonald and Alber claimed the Democrats determine their budget based on the grants they receive, and thus run the risk of relying too heavily on the grants.

"It's part of your job," Alber said about obtaining grant assistance. "You can't pat yourself on the back for doing what you should do."

MacDonald added that for the millions of dollars Fanwood residents give to Trenton in income taxes, more money should be returned to their pockets. And both candidates said that in office, they would make taxes a top priority. Alber said that the key is to find programs at the higher levels that are not working and reduce their scope.

Their other proposals included stepped-up enforcement of zoning and property maintenance codes, revising the development application process to make it more business-friendly, and planting trees along South Avenue from Terrill to Martine to improve the appearance of the roadway.

"I think we can make a difference," said Alber. "I want to be a part of the cure — a problem solver, not just a problem identifier."

# Cooper 'island' slated for conservation

By **ERIC NERSTEDT**  
CORRESPONDENT

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Township Council brought the controversy over the "Cooper Road Island" one step closer to its conclusion Tuesday night, introducing an ordinance to place the upper part of the island in a conservation zone.

Once the ordinance is adopted, the parcel of land, which is already owned by the township, will become unavailable for future development.

The "island" — so called because it is surrounded by two lanes of traffic on Cooper Road — lies in a rural, wooded section on the southern end of the township, and has until recently been in the midst of a heated development dispute.

For many years, one portion of the island was owned by a utility company (the other portion was owned by the township.) Last year, however, a developer moved to purchase the land and proposed to build a house on the island, though the lot is smaller than required by the township's land-use ordinances.

The proposal brought steady protests from local residents, who cited concerns over traffic safety and overdevelopment, and the Zoning Board unanimously rejected the development proposal.

The developer then took the township to court, claim-

ing Scotch Plains' actions amounted to "inverse condemnation." Fearing a reversal, the township used \$350,000 from its Open Space Trust Fund to purchase the privately-owned portion of the island.

That parcel will now be placed in a conservation zone; the conservation designation already applies to the portion of the island that was previously owned by the township. The ordinance introduced Tuesday will be sent to the Planning Board for review, and a second reading and

public hearing will take place at the Township Council's Nov. 8 meeting.

Also Tuesday, the council discussed the new municipal miniature golf course at Scotch Hills Country Club, which was put into operation on Scotch Plains Day.

Councilman Frank Rossi reported that the course has already proven very successful, totaling 700 rounds in its first week. Both Rossi and Mayor Martin Marks praised the course as a new recreation area that also will create revenue for the township.

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**POLICE LOG**

**WESTFIELD**

Three suspects were arrested on weapons possession charges following two separate incidents at the same downtown location over the weekend.

Bryan Mondello, 18, of Corinth, Maine was charged with possession of prohibited weapons after police arrested him at 9:17 p.m. Saturday in municipal parking lot #5, behind the Starbucks building. The arrest was made after police received a telephone call informing them of an individual carrying a stun gun.

Mondello allegedly had in his possession two switchblade knives clipped to the right front pocket of his pants, a set of chrome metal knuckles in his jacket pocket and two Taser stun guns clipped to his side. He was released after posting \$1,000 bail.

Then, shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday night, police arrested two other suspects — 18-year-old Brian Scarpellini of Branchburg and 21-year-old Jason Kolterjahn of Westfield — in the same lot after responding to another call.

Scarpellini and Kolterjahn were speaking to each other when officers noticed bright blue lights sparking from what appeared to be a stun gun in one of the suspect's hands.

As police approached the suspects, Scarpellini allegedly threw the stun gun away and tried to walk away. He was subsequently charged with possession of prohibited weapons and with obstructing administration of law. Scarpellini was released after posting \$2,000 bail.

Kolterjahn, who also reportedly tried to walk away from the scene when police arrived, was allegedly found with metal knuckles in his right front pants pocket. He was released after posting \$1,500 bail.

Sgt. Scott Rodger of the police department said Tuesday he had no information about whether the cases are interrelated, as a detective had not yet been assigned to either case. However, Rodger said, the nature and timing of the crimes were "highly unusual."

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An employee at Sevell's Towing reported a theft from a motor vehicle at 4:42 p.m. Oct. 17.

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A Westfield resident filed a report of theft while at the YMCA at 8:36 p.m. Oct. 18.

**Some really cool cats...**



Kindergarten students at the Westfield Day Care Center are proudly displaying their cool cats at the Westfield Memorial Library. Pictured from left are (front row) Brady Smith, Lolly Kamienski, Morgan Eng, Daniel Raphael, Carina Lopac, Austin Chen, Gaya Ganesan, Christina Diggs, Grace Schipper, Everest Shen; (back row) Garrett Swaak, Teddy Giandana, Jesse Katz, Tommy Rea, Taylor Venturino, John J. Stueck, Nora Brindle, Liam Cotter, Alexa Zsak, Nathan Bryant and Emma Herber. The teachers are Karuna Verma, Lynn Bilman and children's librarian Kathy Muhm.

PHOTO BY ANGELOQUE TZEREFOS

**Ferguson, Stender make pitch to seniors**

By LESLIE MURRAY  
STAFF WRITER

CRANFORD — The race for Congress ran through Union County last week, as Republican Mike Ferguson, the incumbent in New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District, and Democratic challenger Linda Stender, a state assemblywoman from Union County, met with residents of the Cranford Senior Housing complex.

Appearing separately before the seniors, Stender and Ferguson fielded pre-selected questions on topics such as Social Security, stem cell research and the war in Iraq.

The Seventh District has been represented by a Republican for years, and Ferguson has held the seat since 2000, when he won a tough election to replace former Congressman Bob Franks. He has easily won re-election twice since then and remains the favorite, but many observers believe Stender, a liberal Democrat who has also been the mayor of Fanwood and a Union County freeholder, represents his toughest challenge yet.

Calling Iraq a "central front in the war on terror," Ferguson, who spoke before his opponent, said that the effort there must be successful before American troops can be removed. However, he did concede that errors had been made in the war effort.

"We've made some mistakes, clearly," he said. "What we know for certain is that our success in Iraq is crucial in winning the war on terror."

Stender disagreed sharply, saying that her decision to run for Congress was inspired partly by the thought that "going into Iraq was a bad idea and has made us less safe," she added that the war there has "virtually nothing to do with the war on terror."

Stender said she supports a plan and a time-

line to bring American troops home from Iraq, though she said stability for that county is important as well. "We have an obligation to the country that we have decimated to help rebuild it," she said.

On Social Security, both candidates are against privatization and agreed that benefits to current recipients should not and will not be changed.

Similarly, the candidates described America's dependence on foreign oil as a negative trend. Stender said that the need for oil and gas has undue influence on America's policy decisions, and she called for a stepped-up effort to find alternative fuel sources. Ferguson also spoke of the need to invest in alternative energy sources and pointed to legislation he has promoted in support of wind and solar power.

The candidates differed, though, on Medicare drug benefits and stem cell research. A supporter of the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan that was enacted by his party, Ferguson said that while there have been issues with the program, the benefit should be fixed rather than discarded. He also said he supports adult stem cell research, which uses cord blood and placental tissue, but he objects to embryonic stem cell research because it requires the destruction of a human embryo.

Though the benefits of stem cell treatments are mostly speculative, most scientists believe embryonic cells hold greater promise.

For her part, Stender said she supports stem cell research across the board. On the topic of Medicare Part D, Stender said that serious issues, such as a provision barring the government from negotiating prices with drug companies, must be dealt with to reduce the amount seniors are asked to pay.

**SCOTCH PLAINS - FANWOOD BRIEFS**

**CPA will collect canned, dry goods**

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Community Policing Alliance, in conjunction with the borough's police department, fire department and rescue squad, will collect canned goods, dry goods and other non-perishable items during its second annual food drive.

The collection will begin 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the QuickChek on North Avenue. The following items are sought: canned goods, dry goods like cereal and rice, bottled water, boxes of diapers, canned pet food and new toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash. No clothing or used items will be accepted.

**Junior Women announce coat drive**

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club will hold its annual charity coat drive Nov. 6-11.

New or almost new coats for children and adults may be dropped off at the Scotch Plains Library on Bartle Avenue or the Jewish Community Center on Martine Avenue. Both facilities will accept donations during their normal business hours. Half of the donations will be distributed to local citizens who are in need, and the other half will go to Harmony House in Newark.

Contact Jessi@worldnet.att.net or scotchplainsjrwomen@comcast.net for more information about the coat drive or membership in the club.

**Altary Rosary Society to meet Nov. 6**

SCOTCH PLAINS — The St. Bartholomew's Altar Rosary Society will have its next meeting on Nov. 6, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass and Novena.

Donald Hesseraman, senior program manager for Due Diligence Remedial Service, will be the speaker. The Christmas program will also be discussed.

The meeting is opened to all women of the parish.

**Friday Nitters set date for next dance**

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Friday Nitters Dance Club will hold its next dance from 8 p.m.-midnight Nov. 10 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on North Avenue, next to Charlie Brown's.

The guest fee is \$25 per couple; this includes snacks, desserts and soft drinks. Ballroom type music will be supplied by a disc jockey, and requests are welcomed.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Joan or Frank at (908) 654-5183.

**PEO awards grant to Andrews**

Margaret Andrews, of Danville, Pa., has received a P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Grant to help her earn a master's degree in arts administration from the Metropolitan College of Boston University.

The granddaughter of Elizabeth and Laurence Andrews of Fanwood, Margaret graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., with a bachelor's in English and a minor in art history. After working for Port Discovery, the children's museum in Baltimore, and progressing from program associate to development associate for major gifts, she was encouraged by museum administrators to earn her master's degree.

Jane Stafford, chairperson of the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education for Chapter E in Westfield, helped to prepare the paperwork for Margaret.

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For more information about the club, see the Web site at scotchplains.com/newcomers.

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## So, whaddya thinka the new store?



Thinka Dinka, a new toy store, recently opened at 264 East Broad St. in Westfield. Attending the grand opening were, from left, Jordan Tuchman; Chris Kirkwood, chairman of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce; Zack Weingarten, Thinka Dinka employee; Connie Van Epps, co-owner; Ron Tuchman, co-owner; Mayor Andy Skibitsky; Diane Barabas, a member of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, and James Foerst, Westfield Town Councilman. Other new additions to the downtown include Rockn' Joe, a coffeehouse at 20 Prospect St., and Blue Tulip, a gift shop on Quimby Street.

## Wf. BOE considers increased security

By ERIC MERSTEDT  
CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD — The level of violence and vandalism remained relatively low in the school district last year, Superintendent William Foley told the Board of Education at a public meeting Oct. 17, rising from 19 reported incidents to 20.

However, in an annual report on the subject that is mandated by the state, Foley did describe several incidents that occurred during the 2005-2006 school year and suggested that enhanced security measures be adopted.

The reported incidents during the last year, Foley said, included five fights at the high school and use of alcohol and marijuana on school grounds. There was also an incident at Roosevelt Intermediate School in which two students were caught with a pocketknife on school grounds. While no violence occurred from that

episode, its occurrence, as well as the other reported incidents, prompted Foley to suggest a tightening of security at some Westfield schools.

While the total number of incidents remained low, Foley said, 14 of the incidents involved police notification, with six actual complaints being filed. The number of out-of-school suspensions did rise to 29, the largest number in five years.

Among the measures discussed were electronic entry systems for the schools. Board Secretary Robert Berman told board members that Washington, Tamaques and McKinley schools have an electronic buzzer for their entrances, but the other schools do not.

The discussion of security also led to the district's lack of a School Resource Officer and the difficulty in to replace the retired Ron Allen, who had personal knowledge of the town and students. Board members decided to open discussions

with the police department about another officer, and to postpone further discussion of the electronic buzzers until a future meeting.

Board member Julia Walker said she had heard concern from parents about the lack of staff identification in the schools, and she suggested staff ID cards. Foley responded that he wished to test that approach with the high school, which has the largest faculty, before expanding it to the other schools.

Foley also pledged his support for implementation of an anti-bullying program at the first grade level.

In other news at the meeting, Foley read a letter from an anonymous parent about the late Maryann Fela, a secretary at Westfield High School's health office. The parent expressed love and thanks towards Ms. Fela for her aid and support of her children, and offered her condolences to the board.

## Wf. disappointed with county rec grant

By THERESA STULTZ  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Local municipalities received a combined \$210,000 from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund recently, but the awards still amounted to less than some were hoping for.

Westfield received \$150,000, one of the highest awards in the county. The Recreation Commission will decide how to use the funds, said Mayor Andy Skibitsky, but the money will most likely be split between implementation of the Memorial Park master plan and equipment purchases for the park.

The township had actually requested \$500,000 for the master plan and \$115,000 for equipment. "We certainly would have liked to receive more money. As a community,

we put so much into the Open Space Act," Skibitsky said.

In Scotch Plains, Mayor Martin Marks said the town applied for \$300,000 to make renovations to the south side ball field but only received \$50,000 from the county. "It's okay, we're not going to argue with that. It is \$50,000 we didn't have," Marks said. The improvements are slated for some time next year, he said.

For its part, Fanwood received \$9,800 from the county fund. "We got what we asked for," said Mayor Colleen Mahr — the award was only \$200 less than the borough requested.

Fanwood Council President Donna Dolce said the funds will be used to purchase equipment for the ball field at LaGrande Park. "It's all laid out. After some field realignment and the installation of new sprinkler system to help maintain the

fields and keep them safe for kids, we just need to get some extraneous pieces like bleachers, bases, and storage for bats," Dolce said. Once the sod is applied to the field, it will need to rest for six months before it is ready for use, she added.

The county also last week announced a four-year plan to restore five local waterways. The effort will start in the Upper Echo Lake in Echo Lake Park on the Westfield/Mountainside border. Bids are due next month, and the lake is scheduled to be drained in April 2007 and refilled by the following winter. The \$2.5 million project will include dredging of lake-bottom sediments and shoreline restoration; thousands of plants will be added in an effort to improve aesthetics, wildlife habitat and fisheries resources.

## WESTFIELD BRIEFS

### Next Senior Social scheduled for Nov. 2

WESTFIELD — The Recreation Department's Senior Social program gives participants an opportunity to get the latest information on different topics and to meet new people. Guest speakers inform participants about a variety of issues related to today's seniors.

The socials are usually held 1-2:30 p.m. on first Thursday of each month in the Community Room of the municipal building. The Nov. 2 Senior Social will feature Gail Cassidy, a local author and speaker.

Cassidy founded Tomlyn Publications, a home-based business dedicated to empowering clients to recognize strength in themselves and in others.

Cassidy has written and published "Discover" and has authored another five books and 13 e-books. She appears as a guest speaker at seminars and workshops to share the information in her books.

Pre-registration is mandatory, as the program will be cancelled if enrollment is low. To obtain a program registration form, please visit the Westfield Recreation Department online at [www.westfieldnj.gov/recreation](http://www.westfieldnj.gov/recreation) or call (908) 789-4080.

### Church plans pie-baking contest

WESTFIELD — Members of the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm St., are baking their favorite pies this week in anticipation of the church's pie-baking contest this Sunday.

Judges will select the best pie in each of several categories, and all of the pies will be enjoyed by the congregation as dessert after the annual Harvest luncheon and program.

Children are invited to wear non-scary Halloween costumes Sunday as they take part in several arts and crafts activities. Adults will hear about plans for 2007 programs at the church and vote on a proposed budget for next year.

Adults and youth will compete in a "find the bean" pie-eating contest, and everyone will enjoy a barbecue lunch (\$5 suggested donation), plus pies!

Visitors are welcome; for details on entering a home-baked pie, phone the church office at (908) 233-2278 or email [firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net](mailto:firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net).

### YMCA presents arthritis program

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Y and the North Jersey Regional Arthritis Center (NJRAC) will host a six week self-help program on Mondays beginning 12:30-2:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Main Y Facility, 220 Clark St.

Myriam Gabriel, an Arthritis Foundation certified instructor, will cover topics such as coping strategies for pain; stress and depression; problem solving techniques and exercise,

medication and nutrition.

This program is free to Westfield Area Y Gold and Silver Members and there is a \$12 fee for non-members. Pre-registration is recommended.

For more information or questions, contact Anne Baker at (908) 233-2700, ext. 414 or e-mail [abaker@westfieldnj.org](mailto:abaker@westfieldnj.org).

### Capra classic takes stage at EIS

WESTFIELD — The Edison Intermediate School Theater Guild presents its fourth annual fall drama, a retelling of Frank Capra's classic "It's a Wonderful Life," from Nov. 2-4.

In the play, George Bailey is a small time building and loan owner who always dreamed of leaving the small town of Bedford Falls to become something bigger but never quite lived the "good life." It is not until George meets his guardian angel that he realizes how important he is to all those who he loves around him and the differences he has made. The story reminds audience members how lucky they are to experience each and every moment of life.

The cast includes Nick Kapur, Amelia Morabito, Nick Shorrocks, Catalina Gaglioti, Rachel Chodor and Colleen McCabe. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3-4, as well as special after-school performance at 4 p.m. Nov. 2.

### Clothing drive will benefit school

WESTFIELD — The Home and School Association of Holy Trinity Interparochial School will hold a fall clothing drive from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 11.

Donations will be collected at the back entrance of Holy Trinity School on Wattersworth Street. All proceeds will benefit the school.

Items to be accepted include clothes, blankets, linens, towels, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and stuffed animals in good condition. All items should be placed in plastic bags and fastened. No hangers, toys, appliances or furniture can be accepted.

For more information, contact Ann Marie Christie at (908) 233-9749.

### Clubs to hold joint meeting

WESTFIELD — The Garden Club of Westfield and Rake and Hoe Garden Club will meet jointly at the Presbyterian Church, 140 Mountain Ave., at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

The speaker will be Cheryl Wilkes, who will create fresh and dried floral designs for the holidays.

Wilkes has established a reputation for engaging demonstrations that educate and entertain. She designs weddings, parties and galas and is a guest lecturer at the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania.



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# Commentary

## How to consolidate property tax bills?

The recent proposal to consolidate New Jersey's 618 separate school districts into 21 county offices is sure to provide some interesting political theater. Whether it actually provides any benefit to students or taxpayers, though, remains to be seen.

The proposal, introduced last week by state Sen. Bob Smith, will likely prove to be the most far-reaching suggestion to come out of the Legislature's current effort to reduce New Jersey's tops-in-the-nation property tax burden. School consolidation, advocates say, would mean the elimination of hundreds or thousands of superintendents and other central office staff, resulting in millions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. (An estimate in one of Smith's bills put the figure at \$553 million, but at this point in the process, any numbers should be taken with two heaping handfuls of salt.)

Given how little flexibility local school boards have when they sit down to craft their budget every year, sweeping structural change is the only way to achieve real savings in school spending. And those savings are what legislators are after — proposals to shift the financial burden from property taxes to sales or income levies won't satisfy voters whose own incomes aren't keeping up with inflation.

But sweeping structural change is, for obvious reasons, hard to implement. Those well-paid superintendents and central office staff are public-spirited individuals, but not so much that they'll happily acquiesce to their own obsolescence. It also remains to be seen whether taxpayers — the ones with children, at least — would take the deal. Homeowners in Cranford, Westfield and Scotch Plains, for example, have paid a premium to live in those communities so they can send their children to the local schools. Even if they receive guarantees that their children won't be sent to schools elsewhere, will they consent to a superintendent in Elizabeth making big decisions? (Flip this argument on its head and you'll see why the Education Law Center, which advocates for students in low-income communities, is a fan of the idea.)

Beyond the proposal's political feasibility, there's also the simple question of merit. The savings realized by consolidation, while substantial, would surely not be as great as some advocates would have you believe. And there's reason to worry that educational quality would suffer. New Jersey's largest counties have populations as large as a small state. Could one superintendent really handle that responsibility?

Nonetheless, the consolidation proposal has some value — it's very outlandishness could open up meaningful debate about how to reduce taxes. Even if countywide districts aren't feasible, the state should aggressively promote consolidation on a more limited level. Twenty-one school districts may be too few, but 618 is too many. The Legislature should offer serious incentives to promote consolidation where appropriate — for example, tax credits to residents of communities that vote to merge their districts.

In addition, we should be on the lookout for other opportunities to create "sweeping structural change." Our vote? Health insurance. Administrative costs are high, but they pale when compared to the price of providing every public employee with health benefits funded by taxpayers.

Some school districts are taking baby steps in this direction by requiring their employees to contribute to their premiums. But health care is an area where there really are massive inefficiencies which, if corrected, could translate to huge savings. America spends as much taxpayer money on health insurance as other developed nations, but provides lower-quality care to a smaller percentage of its population (basically, public employees, senior citizens, veterans and the very poor). Basically, we pay as much in taxes to care for a select portion of the country as residents of some other nation pay to care for their entire population.

Done correctly, real health care reform — which, unfortunately, extends far beyond the scope of the state Legislature's current efforts — could improve treatment for most Americans while also easing the property tax burden. Now *that's* an outlandish proposal worth taking seriously.



## A fan comes home to Shea, for one memorable night

Game 7 broke my heart.

But Game 6 was what being a fan is all about.

A month earlier I sat alone in my apartment, staring at a laptop and regretting with every pitch that I shied away from taking a trip that would have had me screaming, dancing and celebrating with 50,000 others the Mets' first divisional title in 18 years.

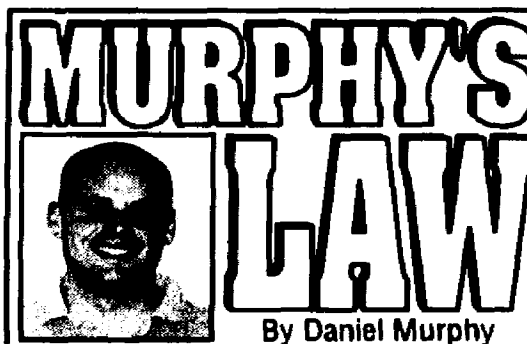
It was then I promised not to make the same mistake twice. So when the opportunity presented itself in the form of an extra ticket to Game 6 of the NLCS at Shea Stadium, come hell, high water or Julio Franco, I knew I was going to make it.

I had to. And I did.

More than 400 miles of travel. More than \$200 in travel and game tickets. A day and a half out of the office. It's enough to cause your conscience to start flickering inside your head — but no amount of doubt could overshadow the magnitude of the moment.

When we commit ourselves to fandom and to a team, these moments — like Game 6 — are the goals we pursue, a chance to experience personally the glory of the team we've stood with through the sublime, the ridiculous, the mundane, the insane and even Art Howe.

The possibility of these moments is what keeps the hot stove at full boil all winter. They are what we hope for when we study spring training rosters, analyze April box scores, agonize over



May road trips, fret about June's injury reports, jabber about July's trade rumors, curse August's waiver wire and bite our fingernails over September's standings.

It's why we're willing to squeeze together like Tetris pieces on an overcrowded subway car, dive headlong into insufferable human traffic, buy tickets at double their regular season value and shell out precious cash for overpriced concessions.

Even if we didn't know it at the time, it was the possibility of nights like Game 6 that caused us at an early age to throw our allegiances behind a team and suffer more heartbreak than celebration. But you keep coming back, keep rooting, keep suffering, keep praying, keep hoping and keep believing.

Because, you hope, at some point, somehow, someday, your team will repay you with a night like Game 6.

You hope one day it'll repay you with the opportunity to join 56,000 others in serenading a diminutive Dominican shortstop with a holy chant of "Jose, JoseJoseJose, Jose, Jose."

You hope to rise to your feet and give a standing ovation to a rookie pitcher who pushed fear and nerves and inexperience aside to pitch the game of his life when you, he, his team and every other orange and blue clad disciple needed it the most.

You hope for the opportunity to clap and high-five strangers until your hands turn raw, and scream until your lungs and vocal chords are stretched to their breaking points, then beyond.

I don't know if we choose our teams or if they choose us. But either way, we're stuck with each other. We're stuck with each other in pursuits of nights like Game 6, where a few hours of magic are pulled like a rabbit out of a hat filled with sacrifices and years of devoted service. It doesn't matter who you root for, whether you're a spoiled Yankees fan, a broken-hearted Cubs fan or a bitter follower of all things Philadelphia — you do it all for moments like this.

It's even worth a broken heart. Daniel Murphy was sports editor of the Record-Press and Cranford Chronicle from 1999-2004, winning five New Jersey Press Association awards for his writing. He currently lives in Arlington, Va. You can email him at [danielmurphylaw@yahoo.com](mailto:danielmurphylaw@yahoo.com).

## Letters to the Editor

### Groundbreakings were just for show

To The Record-Press:

I must say that I am flattered that Mayor Colleen Mahr has taken the time from her various photo-ops to attack me in her recent missive. Some number of years ago, the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan stated during a debate, "You are entitled to your own opinion, but you are not entitled to your own facts." Such is the case with the mayor's letter.

The mayor begins by speaking of two groundbreaking ceremonies along South Avenue. She goes on to attribute to me points of view regarding development and the horrendous misuse of eminent domain that are plain, flat-out wrong. I am particularly appalled that she implied that I favor some kind of eminent domain, which has never been part of any plan proposed by anyone — except as a scare tactic of Mayor Mahr.

She ridicules my use of the term, "lack of progress." Okay, you can be the judge. Colleen Mahr and her minions have held power since Jan. 1, 2004. It took her two years, nine months and 15 days to put a shovel in the ground. It is customary for a builder, at that point, to begin digging up the earth and laying a foundation. As of now (Sunday, Oct. 22), there is

no construction equipment on site, nor any other sign of construction. And, according to borough records, there are no building permits issued. Indeed, one could hypothesize that the entire photo-op was exactly that, for it certainly was not a start of a building project, since you cannot build without a building permit. By the way, why did these events occur three weeks before Election Day?

Then there is the question of my not being able to attend the photo-op. What the mayor did not mention is that these "events" were so hurriedly put together that the invitations were sent out — by e-mail only — two days before (Friday for the Sunday event) and five days before (Thursday for Tuesday's event). Like most people in today's society, my schedule is tight. Sunday I had family plans already in place and Tuesday, I had to work. If this was a real ground-breaking and not just a show — where was the courtesy of giving those who would be interested decent notice? It is interesting that the mayor made sure the press was there, but not the public.

Finally, let me state that Rich Alber and I will work for the people of this borough, and we will work with the elected representatives, all of whom are currently Democrats. This town is too small for the silly name-calling and misstatement of facts that are too

frequently a part of the political discourse.

ANDREW J. MacDONALD  
Fanwood

The author is a Republican candidate for Borough Council.

### Town manager is a 'fine public servant'

To The Record-Press:

Recent rumors seem to be swirling about in our town that the Democratic candidates for the Scotch Plains Township Council plan on firing Tom Atkins as the municipal manager if they get control of our government.

I encourage this paper to investigate these rumors and if proven true, find out why the Democrats are basing their campaign on something so totally destructive rather than constructive.

Tom Atkins grew up in this town and has worked tirelessly and well for the community for several decades. He has worked with both Republican and Democratic councils over the years and is respected statewide for his work in the field.

I have always known him to be a gentleman and faultlessly dedicated to the residents of this community. Scotch Plains cannot afford to lose such a fine public servant because of personal political vendettas.

ELIZABETH MANGAN  
Scotch Plains

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Thirteen members of the Westfield Girl Scout Community were recently honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award. Pictured above in the front row are (from left): Danielle Tepper, Kimberly O'Donnell-Pickert, Ayn Wisler and Anne Peyton. They are from Troops #192, 498, and 681. In the back row, all from Troop #295, are (from left): Lindsey Romano, Ilene Goodman, Emily Kieczkowski, Claire Fox, Jacqueline Snyder, Kristina Cofone, Caitlin Bludgus, Meredith Arlington and Jamie Steiner. Most of the young women have been in Girl Scouting since joining as Daisies in kindergarten. Their troop leaders are Nan Luscombe, Merry Wisler, Malissa Cass and Carol Snyder.

## Westfield Scouts honor thirteen 'Golden Girls'

WESTFIELD — In a recent ceremony at the First Congregational Church, the Westfield Girl Scout Community for the third straight year honored 13 young women who have earned the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award.

The ceremony began with an opening flag salute featuring members from all five Girl Scout levels, many of them sisters to those getting the award.

The 13 "Golden Girls" are Kimberly Nicole O'Donnell-Pickert, Ayn Carlee Wisler, Meredith Ivy Arlington, Caitlin Melissa Bludgus, Kristina Marie Cofone, Claire Skudlark Fox, Ilene Renee Goodman, Emily Alexandra Kieczkowski, Lindsey Elizabeth Romano, Jacqueline Dana Snyder, Jamie Elizabeth Steiner, Danielle Elizabeth Tepper and Anne Morgan Peyton.

Each girl was pinned by her mother and presented with a yellow gerbera daisy. She was also given a keepsake album with nearly 100 letters and certificates of congratulations and commendation from national, state and local officials, including President Bush and his entire cabinet, civic organizations and corporate CEOs, and leaders from all the military branches.

Melanie Sciarriello, program manager for the Washington Rock Council, presented each girl with the Gold Award certificate and letters from the Scouts' national president and CEO. On hand to personally give each girl a Joint Resolution from the state Senate and Assembly and comment on their outstanding projects was Assemblyman Jon Bramnick. The Westfield Lions Club also prepared special certificates, and the Mountaineer Elks Lodge gave each girl a certificate and a small American flag.

Each girl explained her project to the audience. Kim's environmental interests led to an Energy Awareness and

Solutions Expo, where several speakers presented information on fuel usage, offered comparisons between countries and discussed the benefits of energy-efficient home appliances and solar energy. Because of the current high cost of fuel, hybrid cars have been front-page news. A Toyota representative explained the efficiency and performance of the Prius, which was available for a road test.

Ayn's project was rooted in her desire to make the community aware that the 250th Signal Battalion stationed at the Westfield Armory had been deployed to Iraq. She supported their families by hanging yellow ribbons along Rahway Avenue and eventually all over town. A children's room at the Armory was prepared, and a toy drive was coordinated to fill it. During Family Readiness Group meetings throughout the year, Ayn and other Girl Scouts watched and played with the children. A holiday party and spring carnival were planned for the families, and upon the soldier's safe return home, she planted a memorial tree in back of the Armory.

Meredith and Caitlin cleaned, organized and catalogued the tack, clothing and other donated items in the attic storage area at the Winslow Therapeutic Riding Center in Warwick, N.Y. They labeled and compartmentalized equipment and supplies, sized all the clothing and designated portions of the attic for future storage. The young women then prepared a display or store area for the sale of clothing, saddles, helmets, t-shirts and other riding items, with the proceeds benefiting Winslow.

Kristine and Jackie created an after-school mentoring program at the Stilman Elementary School in Plainfield where children would have a safe environment to build self-esteem and confidence in their abilities. Westfield and Plainfield High

School student mentors were recruited and trained using a guideline handbook created by the girls. Over a four-month period, a curriculum of sports, games, arts and crafts and homework help was developed and implemented. They worked with Westfield Police Detective Sandra Chambers.

Claire designed a Naturalist-in-Training Summer Camp program for children 12-14 years at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation. Activities and lessons addressed teamwork, responsibility, respect, safety and team-building. Knowledge of the surrounding area, identification of local wildlife, water and forest safety and care of the reservation were incorporated into the plans. The program will be offered in the summer of 2007 and will continue as a summer program for this specific age group.

Health and fitness at any age are important, and Ilene's project had her working with professionals the Westfield YMCA to teach children ages 8-11 how to exercise while having fun. A local nutritionist explained how to eat healthy foods to insure good body performance. The group finished by preparing and enjoying a healthy meal. They were given recipes for healthy, tasty age-appropriate treats, a water bottle and ideas for fun fitness games.

Emily worked to get free health screening and mammograms to women at the AGAPE Soup Kitchen in Elizabeth. Through a grant from the Hillside Board of Health to fund projects helping transient populations with health issues, Emily was able to arrange for a visit by the Mobile Mammogram bus to give 18 women free mammograms. She organized the transportation from Elizabeth to Hillside for these women and then researched and prepared flyers and posters for AGAPE guests with informa-

tion on nearby health care opportunities.

Lindsay and Jamie worked with the Child Life program in the Pediatric Department at University Hospital in Newark. Children from ages 4-12, suffering from injuries such as broken arms and legs and illnesses such as sickle cell anemia and diabetes, were able to have a pleasant hospital stay. The girls used arts and craft projects, including the creation and design of individual sock puppets, to create a stress-free environment for this age group.

Danielle held music classes for autistic children at Jefferson School over a four-month period. She helped them make their own instruments and taught them how to play. At the end of the session, the children put on a demonstration "concert" for family and friends.

Annie, an avid knitter, wanted to share her craft with others. She taught several troops including her own to knit simple squares. She then arranged and sewed the squares into children's blankets, which were distributed to pediatric units in hospitals throughout New Jersey through Project Linus and became security blankets for children who were ill or undergoing medical treatments.

The Scouts efforts were led by Merry Wisler, Carol Snyder, Nan Luscombe and Malissa Cass.

The evening ended with a candle-lighting ceremony performed by the girls' siblings. All the honorees held candles and sang "Taps," the traditional closing of Girl Scout meetings.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Right or wrong' should be voter's guideline

To The Record-Press:

When I moved into this country almost exactly 20 years ago, I was sure that I had left behind the European political bickering between "right and left" political parties and would, instead, become familiar with serious decision-making processes based on thoughts of "right and wrong," represented by politicians who valued ethical principles as defined by George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and, yes, Ronald Reagan.

I was wrong. Our politicians on the national, regional and local level are more and more, it seems, forgetting ethical principles and arguing along party lines. As a consequence, we, the voters, need to also focus more on parties rather than on the individual candidate's willingness — not to mention his or her abilities — to change what is (or may be) wrong in the halls of Congress or in our local governments. Promises made before an election have been broken too frequently by those we elected, and there is not much of a difference between Democrats and Republicans.

Focusing on parties rather than on personal qualities makes it evident that a party candidate, who, just to use one example, tells us that the civil war we created in Iraq is part of our war against terrorism, shouldn't get the vote of anybody who — like the majority of our adult population — is convinced that we moved against Iraq because the Bush administration used the trap of deception to "sell" its (long-existing) intentions.

Focusing more on parties on our regional and local levels also makes it evident that we shouldn't any longer tolerate "one-party government." It becomes necessary to have Republicans join the Union County Board of Freeholders; it becomes necessary, too, to send Democrats into the Township Council of Scotch Plains. In our township, the Republicans have abandoned the classic credo of the conservatives to tightly control costs and keep taxes at least in line with the inflation rate if they can't be reduced. It also seems as if the town's manager, although obligated to act "neutral," has turned into a (Republican) partisan — which is, by itself, inexcusable.

However, my belief that parties should dominate our political votes is also not perfect. I would admit that there should be at least one exception: Any member of the U.S. Senate should be, first and foremost, ethically beyond reproach. Personalities like John McCain have shown us what we are allowed to expect. Mr. Menendez simply cannot pass this ethical standard — he comes, I regret to say, not even close.

Dr. FRITZ BAUER  
Scotch Plains

### Every voter should take part in the election

To The Record-Press:

Last year there were two very important elections, one in New Jersey and the other in Iraq. On a bright sunny day in November, only 43 percent of the voters in New Jersey bothered to vote. Under the threat of violence and even death, 66 percent of the people in Iraq went to the polls and voted.

Once a year, we have the chance to voice our opinion and select the people we want to represent us. There are only a few short weeks before Election Day. I urge every voter in New Jersey to take some time to learn about the candidates and then take the time to go to the polls and vote.

There are people in the world fighting and dying for the chance to vote. Let's use the 66 percent of the people in Iraq who voted as an example and a goal for this election and vote.

THOMAS J. LIENHARD  
Westfield

### Movie violence is morally irresponsible

To The Record-Press:

A body falling from a rooftop, landing with a thud on the ground. A dead Jack Nicholson, his bullet-ridden body covered in blood. Enough gore to fill four bathtubs. Brains shot out. Bloodied faces. Four-letter curse words pouring out like water. The leading characters all lying dead in pools of their own blood.

Such is "The Departed." David Ansen of *Newsweek* says the movie is "Profanely funny and savagely entertaining. The entire cast is firing on all cylinders." Richard Schickel of *Time* magazine says, "It stirs the soul of those who still treasure the power of movies and has the cunning and knockdown ferocity of a below-the-belt punch." Leah Rozen of *People* magazine says, "A tremendously satisfying film that will have you leaving the theater saying, 'Now that is a movie.'" These review snippets are headlined in *The New York Times* along with, "The best reviewed movie of the year is also the #1 movie in America."

Is there not enough violence in America? Civilizations rot from within, but America need not go the way of the Roman Empire. Hollywood has a moral responsibility to make movies that do not graphically mine the worst instincts and elements in human nature.

STEPHEN SCHOEMAN, Ph.D.  
Westfield

## Society to get a lesson in Greek mythology

WESTFIELD — Greek mythology will again be the topic at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society next week, as Anita Hogaboom gives additional interesting examples of how Greek mythology and astrology have influenced our everyday speech and lives.

The presentation will be made at noon Wednesday at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave..

Hogaboom has been interested in mythology in general and Greek mythology in particular for nearly 40 years. Over the years she has become convinced that its relevance and application are unending — at every level, she discovered leads to another level to be explored.

At the luncheon she will relate and illustrate many interesting and amusing tales, including the story of creation according to the Greeks.

Hogaboom recently retired as a freshman English teacher at Arthur L. Johnson in Clark. She received her bachelor's degree in education from West Virginia and

her master's degree in the humanities from Drew University. She began her teaching career at Governor Livingston Regional High School in 1968.

Regular attendees of the

luncheon will be contacted by a phone committee of the Society to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others may attend the luncheon by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon Monday.



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## Trading in hockey sticks for golf putters



Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's homecoming weekend will begin with a benefit for the school's ice hockey program at the new miniature golf course at Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains. Half of the gate receipts from Friday's rounds will support the JV and varsity ice hockey teams, which are funded by the players and their families. From 10 a.m.-6 p.m., the cost per round is \$6 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and kids 16 and under. From 6-10 p.m., the cost rises by \$1. The event, co-sponsored by the Scotch Plains and Fanwood recreation departments, will help provide funding for coaches, transportation, uniforms and ice time for the hockey teams. The varsity team's home season begins Dec. 3 at the Union Sports Arena on Route 22 West in Union; for more information, email [baucosn35@comcast.net](mailto:baucosn35@comcast.net).

## Rotary's Bailey Award goes to Wf. Foundation

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Foundation has been selected as the recipient of the Rotary Club of Westfield's 20th annual Charles P. Bailey Humanitarian Award, Rotary officials announced recently.

Said Darielle Walsh, the Rotary Club's vice president, "The foundation's roots run very deep within our community across more than three decades. The Rotary Club recognizes and admires the mission of this non-profit community foundation, created by civic leaders, that mirrors many of Rotary's own values."

Dr. Edred Shen, Rotary Club president, will conduct the awards ceremony next Wednesday at Echo Lake Country Club, in which various officials of the Westfield Foundation will participate. After Chen bestows the award, which recognizes extraordinary commitment and service to the community, Nancy Jackson, president of the Westfield Rotary Club Foundation, will present the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship designation from Rotary International.

Walsh, who is chairing the event, said the Rotary Club is expecting a large turn-out for the dinner and ceremony, including current and former trustees of the Westfield Foundation, its donors and representatives of community organizations that have benefited from \$3.2 million in foundation grants since its inception.

Local residents are also welcome; anyone wishing to attend should contact Walsh at (908) 612-7374.

After learning of the award, Barbara Frantz, president of the Westfield Foundation's board of

trustees, said, "The foundation is very gratified by this very special recognition from the Rotary Club."

"The Westfield Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide an endowment for the community and to fund, through its grants program, worthwhile projects and programs that benefit the community," said Betsy Chance, who has served as executive director for the past eight years. She said the foundation raises funds, makes investments and spends only the income so the principal continues to grow.

The foundation was established in 1975 with assets of \$2,000 and is the vision of a group of local citizens led by businessman H. Emerson Thomas. Now deceased, Thomas was a former mayor, a Rotarian and himself the recipient of Rotary's Humanitarian Award in 1988.

The foundation's growth was enhanced in 1981 by a transfer in excess of \$600,000 from the Westfield-Wallace Fund and by major gifts from the estates of long-time town residents Robert L. Rooke and Nancy F. Reynolds, who were also recipients of Rotary's Humanitarian Award. Expansion of the foundation has been fostered through the years by the contribution of numerous endowments made by individual citizens.

The Westfield Foundation is currently valued at \$9.8 million and is governed by a board of 15 civic leaders. There are currently 94 individual unrestricted, restricted and managed funds that comprise and are managed by The Westfield Foundation.

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### Machrone, Paterson are Volunteers of the Year

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Mayor's Gala Committee has announced the 2006 Volunteers of the Year.

The female Volunteer of the Year is Sharon Machrone, the male Volunteer of the Year is Tom Paterson, and the Organization of the Year, which will also receive 50 percent of the gala's proceeds, is the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club.

This year, the committee has also chosen a Couple of the Year, Jeff and Norell Baines.

The Mayor's Charity Gala will be held at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club from 7 p.m.-midnight Dec. 1. The

event will begin with a cocktail hour from 7-8 p.m. followed by a recognition ceremony dinner and dancing.

This non-partisan event serves to raise funds for the Municipal Alliance Committee.

There are several ways to be a part of this charitable community event. Tickets are \$55 and are available in the Recreation Office in Room 113 in the municipal building.

In addition, donations for the auction are being sought, as are contributions for the ad booklet, which is distributed on the evening of the gala. Call (908) 322-6700, ext. 222 for details.

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## HealthLink Radio

Saturday, October 28 at 8AM - WSOU 89.5 FM or at [www.TheUniversityHospital.com](http://www.TheUniversityHospital.com) HealthLink Radio with Bob Mann. Treatments that help children walk firmly on two feet, run & play. Dr. Sanjeev Sabharwal talks about limb lengthening.

Saturday, October 28 at 9:30AM - WMTR 1250 AM "Here's to Your Good Health" Call - In Show with Gloria Rose (973) 267-9687 Acupuncture!

Dr. Cynthia Paige discusses the types of ailments that respond well to acupuncture.

Sunday, October 29 at 8:30AM - WFDU 89.1 FM or at [www.TheUniversityHospital.com](http://www.TheUniversityHospital.com) HealthLink Radio with Bob Mann. Parents need to think about the new cervical vaccine for their daughters. Dr. Bernadette Cracchiolo discusses this advance in preventive medicine.



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## Education Fund supports the efforts of local schools

WESTFIELD — The Education Fund of Westfield, a non-profit, independent organization that provides grants to local teachers to complement the curriculum of the Westfield School District, recently announced its recipients for the fall cycle.

The fund is comprised of a volunteer board of trustees, which works cooperatively with the Board of Education. For more than 14 years, the trustees have been raising money to award grants to all of the nine Westfield Public Schools. Over \$20,000 in grant money was provided to the schools throughout the district in the past year alone, and more than \$230,000 has been allocated since 1992.

In the past 14 years, the grants program has allowed teachers at all grade levels to purchase new equipment, materials and programs for use in their classrooms. Additionally, grants have provided funds for many larger school-based projects.

The Ed Fund encourages innovative and creative proposals from teachers and professional staff in all curriculum areas in addition to projects for extracurricular activities. The trustees follow a step-by-step process for deciding how to allocate grants. There are two funding sessions per year — one in the fall/winter and once in the spring. The fall recipients are:

Robert Gardella, Grade 5, Franklin School. \$2,500. Smart Board.

John Cheddar, Westfield High School. \$3,000. Visiting Poets Series.

Kim Shepcaro, Grades K-2, Franklin, Special Services. \$900. Cooking Co-op with Kathy Cook.

McKinley School Library. \$600. "Celebrate to Learn" books and DVD.

McKinley School, Grades K-6. \$640. Language arts and technology.

All elementary schools, Grades K-5. \$995. Series of storytelling kits for Spanish curriculum.

All elementary schools, Grades K-5. \$900. Computer software for Spanish instruction.

Roosevelt School. \$595. After-school winter aerobics fitness club.

Nicole Tyminski, McKinley School. \$946. Project Read.

Michele Saltzman, Grade 3, Franklin. \$575. "Mysteries of Electricity."

Franklin School. \$400. Flashmaster instructional units for math.

Westfield High School. \$5200. Upgrade to the television studio.

Washington School, Grades 3-4. \$2,500. Two laptops for the Smart Board system.

The Education Fund's fundraising efforts include a "Back to School" annual appeal letter to parents every September, a wine tasting and auction that will be held on March 3, 2007 at the Echo Lake Country Club, and various events with local merchants in town.

For more information regarding the fund, visit [www.westfieldnj.com/edfund](http://www.westfieldnj.com/edfund).

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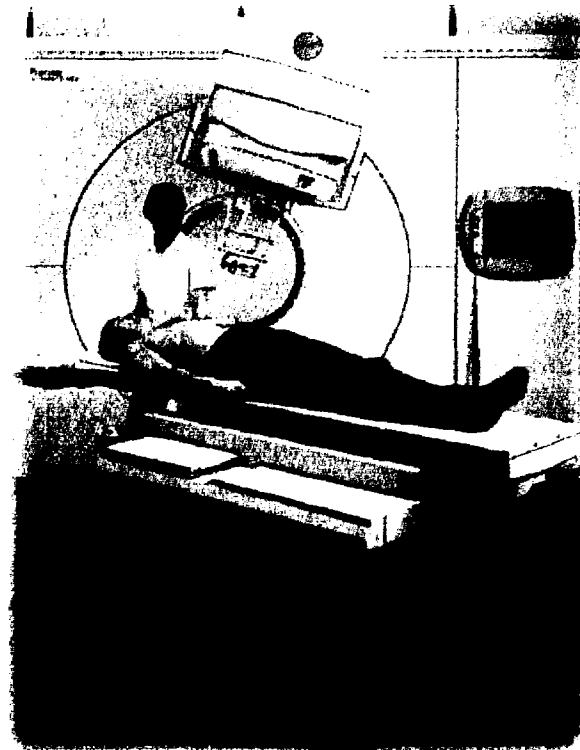
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Guitar legend Les Paul will return to Union County next month for a return engagement at Wilkins Theatre. See the details on Page B-2.

# Community Life

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## Learn how to spin a tale at the library

**WESTFIELD** — The Westfield Memorial Library is offering a two-part storytelling tutorial from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 5 and 12.

These sessions are intensive how-to workshops for adults who want to learn how to start telling stories to the children (and adults) in their lives. Parents, teachers and child care providers are encouraged to register for one, or both, sessions.

The workshops will be led by Julie Pasqual, a professional storyteller and instructor. Pasqual is also a professional dancer, clown and actress. She uses all of her performance skills to bring stories of all kinds to audiences of all ages in venues such as the Kennedy Center, the New Jersey Storytelling Festival, the Connecticut Storytelling Festival, and numerous schools, libraries, museums and festivals.

Advance registration is required for this free program, which is open to Westfield and MURAL cardholders. Call (908) 789-4090, ext. 3 or stop by the children's desk to register.

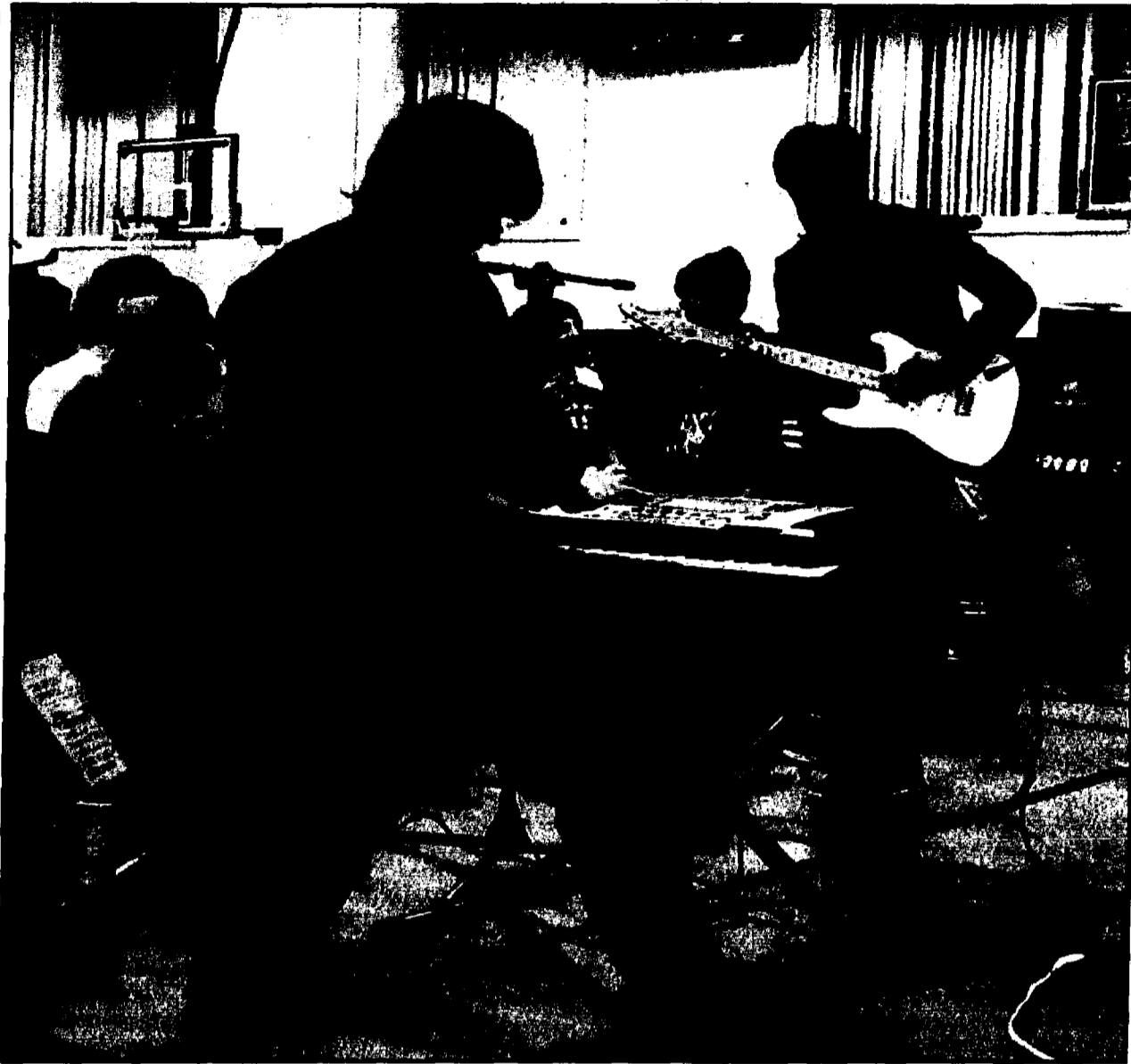
Other upcoming library programs for adults include the film "Girlfight," which will be screened at 2 and 7 p.m. Wednesday. The movie is a subtle coming-of-age story about boxing and love. Again, the free program is open to Westfield and MURAL cardholders. Registration is recommended.

At 1:30 p.m. Nov. 3, the "TGIF" program will focus on famed dancer Fred Astaire, whose moves made everyone feel he could dance on air. This free program is open to Westfield and MURAL cardholders; no registration is necessary.

Then, at 10 a.m. Nov. 4, kids ages 2-5 are invited to share some quality time with Mother Goose herself (aka Anne Coppola) who will enchant the little ones with nursery rhymes, songs and other fun activities. Advanced registration is required; the program is open to full-service Westfield cardholders only.

For more information about these or other offerings, call (908) 789-4090, visit the library's Web site at [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org) or stop by the library on East Broad Street for a copy of the quarterly newsletter.

## AT THE JCC, IT'S SCOTCH PLAINS ROCK CITY



The Scotch Plains-based youth band Goodman Brown will open a Nov. 4 concert at the JCC of Central NJ.

## Concerts for and by teens also continue at the First Baptist Church of Westfield

Tunes-loving teens will have a pair of chances to enjoy live music performed by their peers at upcoming events at the First Baptist Church of Westfield and the JCC of Central NJ in Scotch Plains.

In the first of the concerts, set for 7-10 p.m. Saturday, the church will present "Band Nite @ 1st Baptist" in the downstairs fellowship hall at 170 Elm St. Fitting the season, the theme is "Nightmare on Elm Street 2," and attendees are encouraged to wear a costume.

The concert, which will benefit local charities and the bands themselves, will feature the youth bands Back Up Gravity Plan, Patent Pending, Infinite Detour, The Skautopsies and Stealing From Peter. Admission is granted to teens under age 18 and is \$8 at the door. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

The band night is coordinated by Westfield High School junior Mike Tarnofsky, a local student not affiliated with the church. "Band Nite @ 1st Baptist" was begun three years ago by Drew Skibitsky, who has now graduated from high school and attends American University in Washington, D.C.

During his tenure as student organizer, Skibitsky scheduled a total of 31 performances, brought in more than 1,900 audience members and raised over \$10,000 for local charities.

Before he departed, Skibitsky spent several months preparing and mentoring a replacement. Subsequently, Tarnofsky was selected, and he has planned and organized Saturday's entire show. A total of five concerts will be offered throughout the coming school year. For more details, call (908) 233-2278 or e-mail [firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net](mailto:firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net).

Then, from 8-11 p.m. Nov. 4, the JCC of Central NJ will kick off its own series of musical events for teens.

The concert, open to both JCC members and the community at large, will be opened by local legends-in-the-making and fan favorites Goodman Brown, whose members all hail from Scotch Plains.

The youth band will be followed by Durham, N.C. singer/songwriter Stuart Pierce. Headlining the evening will be Thao Nguyen from Falls Church, Va. — according to fans, Nguyen's "tangles of guitar and knots of singing make a rope fit for hauling the heavy machinery of your day."

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Ave. in Scotch Plains. For more information, contact Daniel Avissar at [davissar@jccnj.org](mailto:davissar@jccnj.org) or (908) 889-8800, ext. 254. Information is also available at [www.jccnj.org/teens.htm](http://www.jccnj.org/teens.htm).

## THIS WEEK

### THURSDAY, OCT. 26

**COLLEGE NIGHT** — Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will host representatives from 90 colleges. Open to local 11th and 12th graders. 7:30-9 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 27

**ART AUCTION** — a fundraiser for the McGinn School PTA in Scotch Plains. Preview starts at 7 p.m., auction at 8. \$20. Ads in the program may be purchased now; call (908) 928-1125.

### SINGLE-PARENT HALLOWEEN

**EVENT** — parents and kids can enjoy a parade, pizza, crafts and games at the Westfield Area Y's Family Branch, 422 East Broad St. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$5 per family. (908) 233-2700, ext. 415 or [jill.brown1@comcast.net](mailto:jill.brown1@comcast.net).



### SATURDAY, OCT. 28

**CLOTHING DRIVE** — the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Music Boosters Association will collect usable clothing, shoes, linens and more. 8-11 a.m. at the high school. For more, visit [www.spfk12.org/musicboosters](http://www.spfk12.org/musicboosters).

**SPECIAL RECYCLING EVENT** — dispose of unwanted tired and old electronic equipment at the Schering-Plough headquarters, 2000 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth. Donated cell phones will also be collected for victims of domestic violence. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Proof of Union County residency required.

**FOOD DRIVE** — the Fanwood Community Policing Alliance seeks canned goods, dry goods and other non-perishable food items. 10 a.m.-noon at the North Avenue QuickChek.

**'BAND NITE @ FIRST BAPTIST'** — a concert for and by teens at the church, located at 170 Elm St. in Westfield. Kids are encouraged to wear costumes. \$8. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., concert runs 7-10. (908) 233-2278.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 29

**PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** — annual Halloween event hosted by the Westfield Y's Men's Club. Gather at the Elm Street field at 12:45 p.m.; parade begins at 1:15. (908) 233-2700.

**HEALTHY FALL FEAST** — quality time with the family at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Games, arts and crafts, tattoos and storytelling. 1961 Raritan Rd., Scotch Plains. (908) 232-5678.

**UNICEF HALLOWEEN PARTY** — the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains uses the holiday to help impoverished children overseas. 9:15-10:15 a.m.; kids from age 3 through high school are welcome. 1171 Terrill Road. (908) 322-9222.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 31

**PARADE AND COSTUME CONTEST** — presented by the Fanwood Recreation Department. Festivities begin with "Trunk or Treat" at 5:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Memorial Library parking lot; parade departs for LaGrande Park at 6:15 p.m.

**HAUNTED HOUSE** — the Westfield tradition returns to the Memorial Pool Complex on Cumberland Street. 5-9 p.m. Hayrides will be offered in addition to the spooky fun. \$4; proceeds benefit Project Graduation. (908) 789-4080.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

**'ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: A WOMAN OF NOTE'** — Congregation Beth Israel hosts his first-person program on America's most famous first lady. 1 p.m. 18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains. Free, but register at (908) 889-1830.

**GREEK MYTHOLOGY TALK** — Anita Hogaboom will lead this program for the Westfield Historical Society. Noon. B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. RSVP by Oct. 30 at (908) 233-2930.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 2

**SENIOR SOCIAL** — the Westfield Recreation Department will host a talk by Gail Cassidy, author of "Discover Your Passion." 1-2:30 p.m. Community Room of the Westfield municipal building, 425 East Broad St. (908) 789-4080.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 3

**FAIR TRADE RUG SALE** — hand-knotted, heirloom quality Oriental rugs produced by fairly-paid adult artisans from Pakistan will be on sale at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave. 7-9 p.m. (908) 233-0301.



### SATURDAY, NOV. 4

**FAIR TRADE RUG SALE** — hand-knotted, heirloom quality Oriental rugs produced by fairly-paid adult artisans from Pakistan will be on sale at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (908) 233-0301.

**TEEN CONCERT** — the JCC of Central NJ will host a musical event for teens, featuring local favorites Goodman Brown as well as singer/songwriter Stuart Pierce and guitarist Thao Nguyen. 8-11 p.m. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-8800, ext. 254 or [davissar@jccnj.org](mailto:davissar@jccnj.org).

**RALLY FOR MIKE FERGUSON** — the group Union County Veterans for Ferguson will support the Republican nominee for Congress at this rally. 1 p.m. VFW Post 6807, 221 South Ave., Garwood.

**GRANDMA'S ATTIC BAZAAR** — annual holiday sale at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, 333 Park Ave. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (908) 322-5487.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 5

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC BOOK SALE** — the annual event returns to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield from 1 p.m. Nov. 5 through Nov. 7. Donations accepted Oct. 28-Nov. 4. St. Paul's is located at 414 East Broad St.; access is available via Euclid Avenue. (908) 232-8506, ext. 10.

### COMING UP

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** — start your shopping at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church's Thrift Shop from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 8 and 15. Enter from McDermott Place. Proceeds go to local charities.

**'BEFORE THE RUSH' BOUTIQUE** — early holiday shopping at Holy Trinity Interparochial School, 336 First St., Westfield. 7-9 p.m. Nov. 9.

**ARTWORKS WESTFIELD** — a juried art event featuring fine art and craftworks at the Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Ave. 5-8:30 p.m. Nov. 10, continues 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 11 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 12. Weekend pass is \$7 for adults. Parking is free.

## Ghouls on parade this weekend in Westfield

Explore the haunted house on Halloween; festivities in Fanwood, too

Looking for some frightful fun this Halloween season? There are plenty of places to find it, from parades in several local towns to the annual haunted house program at Westfield's Memorial Pool.

The festivities begin Sunday, when the Westfield Y's Men's Club will host its 46th annual Halloween parade and costume contest.

Children and parents wishing to participate in this year's festivities should gather at the Elm Street Field in Westfield at 12:45 p.m. Between 12:45 and 1:15 p.m., the judging of costumes will take place and free treat bags will be given to the participating children.

The parade will begin at 1:15 from the Elm Street Field and travel up Elm Street to East Broad Street and into Mindowaskin Park. The parade will be led by the Westfield Fire Department's "super truck" and the Westfield High School Marching Band.

Awards will be given following the parade at the bandstand. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third places for each age

group. For groups of five or more there will be cash prizes awarded for first (\$35), second (\$25) and third (\$15). Children of all ages up through fifth grade may participate.

Then, on Halloween, the Westfield Recreation Department and the Optimist Club of Westfield will present their 16th annual haunted house. The event will run 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Memorial Pool Complex on Cumberland Street; all Westfield residents and their friends are invited to attend.

This popular annual event features life-size creatures of all types in a uniquely spooking setting. Admission is \$4, and all proceeds are donated to Project Graduation for the Class of 2007 at Westfield High School.

Horse-drawn hayrides will also be available for a nominal fee. For more information, call the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080.

The festivities aren't just limited to Westfield, however. The Fanwood Recreation Department will present its annual parade and costume contest, also on Halloween.



Westfield High School student Sam Crossland volunteered to paint the art work for the haunted house, open 5-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Memorial Pool Complex.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of the Fanwood Memorial Library with a "Trunk or Treat" program, where a slew of surprise treats will await trick-or-treaters. Children and adults who want to join the parade are invited to assemble in front of the Library at 6 p.m. The parade will depart for LaGrande Park at 6:15 p.m.

Because of reconstruction of the LaGrande Park baseball fields, the parade's destination

has been changed this year to the skating rink near the tennis courts. There, the costume contest will be held for children of all ages at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Also, the Jack-o-Lantern contest will be held outside the LaGrande Park building; contestants should bring pumpkins there and fill out an entry form by 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and the best Jack-o-Lanterns. Free cider, donuts and coffee will be available.

## Highlights and hot spots

— THE NEW PARKWAY PLAYERS will return to Garwood's Crossroads to engage audiences with their unique style of improv comedy at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. There will be a \$5 cover.

Cast members Chris, Dot, Delia and Daniel will once again share their improvisational comedic skills and face new challenges.

The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. Call Chris at (908) 737-0954 with questions, reservations or other requests.

— THE 1923 FILM VERSION of Victor Hugo's classic "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" will be screened at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad St. in Westfield. Organist Trent Johnson will provide musical accompaniment on the church's organ. \$5 donation; advance tickets not required. (908) 233-4211.

— THE BORIS KARLOFF HORROR CLASSIC "Frankenstein" will gain new life next week when the Westfield Symphony Orchestra joins the Kean Stages program at Kean University's Wilkins Theatre.

In "Frankenstein Lives," the symphony will perform a selection of classical masterworks and original material to intensify the visual suspense of the film.

The program is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Kean University is located at 1000 Morris Ave. in Union. Tickets are \$30 for the general public, \$25 for seniors and \$20 for children and are available at (908) 737-SHOW (7469) or online at [www.keanstage.com](http://www.keanstage.com).

— THE UNION COUNTY EMERALD SOCIETY is celebrating its 25th anniversary with its annual "Pub Nite" at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, 33 South 21st St.

The fraternal organization of law enforcement officers and firefighters of Irish descent will honor Union firefighter Edwin Donnelly, co-founder of the Union County Police and Fire Pipes and Drums band, as Irishman of the Year.

Irish entertainment will be provided by the Bobby Byrne Show with Charlie Warwick. Tickets include beer, wine, soda and snacks and cost \$25.

The Union County Emerald Society has deep roots in the communities of Union County and strives to celebrate Irish heritage and culture while also supporting important causes including Project Children, the Union County Baseball League and Hurricane Katrina relief.

For tickets and more information, call Lester Sargent at (908) 272-8977, Jack Geoghegan at (908) 245-2471 or Jack Casey at (732) 382-5982. Tickets are also available at the door.

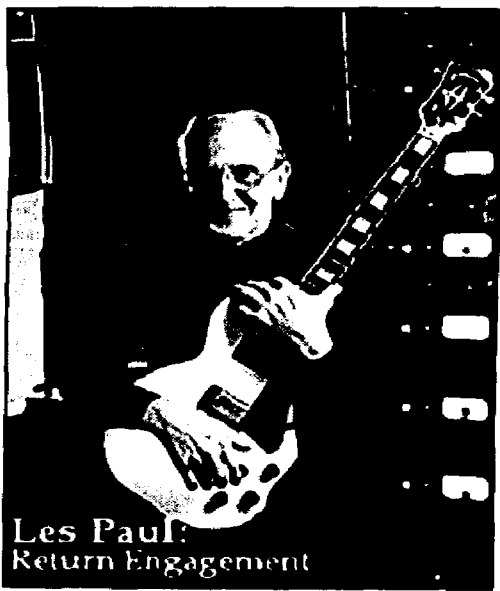
— A JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL co-sponsored by the JCC of Central NJ and Temple O'r Beth Torah of Clark continues this week at the Rialto Theater, 250 East Broad St., Westfield. Remaining films in the series include "Campfire" (Monday) and "The Ritchie Boys" (Nov. 6). Individual tickets are \$9 per film. For details, call (908) 889-8800, ext. 205.

— AN EXHIBIT OF NEW WORKS by Cranford artist Paul Casale remains on view through Tuesday at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. The exhibit features Casale's recent works in oil, pastel and watercolor and is open 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. (908) 756-1707.

— THE CRANFORD JAYCEES will host a cigar night at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Mayer Estate, 213 Walnut Ave., Cranford, starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and include a hot buffet dinner, premium cigars, and bar. All proceeds will be donated to local fundraising efforts.

For information or tickets, call Jim at (908) 497-1780 or Mark at (908) 276-1462.

— LEGENDARY GUITARIST LES PAUL will join the Kean Stage program at Wilkins Theatre, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4. The "Wizard of Waukesha" gave a sold-out performance at Kean last year. One of the pioneers of the electric guitar, he is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and a seven-time Grammy Award winner. Tickets are \$35 for the general public, \$30 for seniors and \$25 for children. For tickets, call (908) 737-SHOW or visit [www.keanstage.com](http://www.keanstage.com).



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— ORGANIST MICHAEL KAMINSKI will perform the season-opening concert at Trinity Episcopal Church in Cranford at 4 p.m. Nov. 5. The concert is dedicated to the memory of long-time parishioner Rose Barber, who had been an avid supporter of the church's concert series.

Kaminski is adjunct associate professor of organ at Brooklyn College as well as at Saint Francis College. He also is on the faculty of the Brooklyn Conservatory.

The organ recital opens the 11th annual Music in a Sacred Place concert series offered by the church, located at North Avenue at Forest Avenue. Featured in the Nov. 5 concert will be Bach's "Prelude" and "Fugue in G," as well as works by Grieg, Franck, Saint-Saens and more.

The concert series continues with an Advent presentation by the church's Adult, Bell and Children's choirs on Dec. 17. Attendees are invited to a reception following each concert in Wirthington Hall.

The 2006-2007 season will also feature a concert by the legendary Whiffnipoos of Yale University at 4 p.m. Jan. 21.

For details, call the church at (908) 740-4047 or go to [www.trinitychurchcranford.com](http://www.trinitychurchcranford.com).

## NJWA Band offers a wide-ranging program

The NJWA Concert Band, under the direction of conductor Howard Toplansky, will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday at the YMWIA of Union at 501 Green Lane.

The program will consist of waltzes, Americana, marches, popular music and a world premier of a waltz by the Russian composer Philip Teperov. Other composers to be featured at this two-hour concert include Chernetzky, Keler-Bela and Ivanov-Radkevich.

"Variag" by Ivanov-Radkevich celebrates one of the most epic battles in Russian naval history. Written in 1906, its rhythms employ heroic and sentimental folk melodies to commemorate this early event of the Russo-Japanese War.

Also, a ragtime selection entitled "Wild Cherries" by Ted Snyder will be featured during the second half of the program. "Wild Cherries" was a major ragtime hit when it was published in 1908. The

instrumental version alone sold over a million copies. Snyder was a partner with Irving Berlin in the music publishing company of Waterson, Berlin & Snyder.

Set against these melodies is the ever popular "The Shadow of Your Smile," which was the love theme from the movie "The Sandpiper." The music was written by Johnny Mandel and the lyrics are by Paul Francis Webster. Published in 1965, it was recorded by Shirley Bassey, Tony Bennett and Perry Como.

The eclectic selection of pieces also includes the "Song of the Night Squads" march written by Sambursky, which was composed in 1988 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Toplansky, author of "The Essentials of Bassoon Technique" is always on the search for new music. Over the past few years, he has made connections with and shared music with Russian com-

posers and conductors. As a result of his efforts, Toplansky met Philip Teperov, who was a member of the USSR Defense Ministry Band in Moscow from 1945-1950. This "Red Army Band" was under the direction of Semyon A. Chernetzky, who is considered the "Sousa of Russia."

After leaving the Soviet Union for Israel and then the U.S.A., Teperov worked as a specialist in the area of nuclear engineering. Now retired, he still does periodic consultations on engineering projects and has also returned to his interest in musical composition for band. His waltz entitled "Placid" was written this year, and the NJWA Concert Band will offer the debut performance at Sunday's concert.

To contact the NJWA Band about becoming a member, email Toplansky at [njwband@att.net](mailto:njwband@att.net).

## Concert spotlights young artists

Six exceptional Central Jersey young artists, all age 16 or under, will be featured at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 716 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. The program is the second in this year's Crescent Concerts series.

The young musicians, who were selected by audition early last month, include pianists Doris Lee of Watchung, Melvin Diep of Westfield and Steven Kuei of East Brunswick. They will be joined by soprano Yekaterina Gruzgina of Madison, flutist Kate Brooks of Scotch Plains and violinist Hannah Ji of Basking Ridge.

Having begun his musical training under Pamela Aslin of Cranford, Diep went on to study during the last three years with Ferdinand Gajewski of Westfield. He has competed in the Music Educators Association of New Jersey's annual piano competition and, in the past two years, he won four first and three second prizes as piano soloist.

He is also a violinist who was chosen to play in the Regional and All-State Orchestras and plays first violin with the Westfield High School Chamber Orchestra and



MELVIN DIEP



KATE BROOKS

New Jersey Youth Symphony. Diep's program will include J. S. Bach's "Tocatta in D," Franz Liszt's "Waldesrauschen" and Bartok's "Suite," op. 14, no. 3.

The other local student featured in the concert, Kate Brooks, began her flute studies in fourth grade. After receiving an award for her flute playing in fifth grade, she began private studies with Susan Graham of Fanwood, with whom she has studied for the last six years.

During that time she has won first place honors in the ACSI Music Festival Instrumental Competition. This year, she was chosen to

play with the Flute Forum of the New Jersey Youth Orchestra. For the Distinguished Young Artists Concert, Brooks will perform a concertino for flute and piano by Cecile Chaminade.

Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for students. Large print programs will be available. The church and sanctuary are handicapped-accessible.

For details, call the church office at (908) 756-2468 daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parking can be found in the church lots and on adjacent streets.

## Scripts are sought for playwriting contest

The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company, is soliciting entries for its fifth annual Young Playwrights Competition.

The contest is open to all New Jersey students in grades 9-12. Only original scripts may be entered — no translations or adaptations.

First, second and third prize winners will receive \$600, \$400, and \$200 U.S. savings bonds. The winning scripts will be honored with professional script-in-hand performances during New Jersey Family Week at the Theater in March 2007, when professional theaters in NJ offer free programming for young people.

The Young Playwrights Competition is made possible by a donation from Linden playwright, screenwriter and novelist Bill Mesce Jr. Guidelines are as follows:

- Scripts must be at least 10 but no more than 30 pages (excerpts of longer work are acceptable);
- Scripts must be typed in play format;

- Only one entry per author;
- Entries must be post-marked by Jan. 31, 2006; and
- All entries must include a self-stamped addressed envelope, a 50-word biography of the author including contact information, and the \$5 entrance fee (check or money order, payable to The Theater Project).

To enter, mail the script to The Theater Project, Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016.

To facilitate entries, playwriting workshops will be offered at Union County College in early January by award-winning playwright Jewel Seehaus-Fisher, whose "Wilde Night in the Rockies" was produced by The Theater Project in 2003. It is not necessary to attend a workshop in order to enter the contest, but they are offered to encourage more young people to participate.

The Theater Project is committed to developing and producing plays by young playwrights. This season, the company introduced a brand-new program, the Student Playwrights' Association, which is run for teens, by teens.

The Student Playwrights' Association invites teens from all over New Jersey to share their latest work with peers in a comfortable environment that allows for open, constructive criticism. It also provides an opportunity for the playwrights to hear their words read aloud and offers various writing exercises and workshops.

The Student Playwrights' Association was co-founded by high school students Matthew Daley of Howell and Kate Douglas of Westfield. The group is supervised by Mark Spina, artistic director of The Theater Project.

For more information, visit [www.geocities.com/studentplaywrights/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/studentplaywrights/index.html) or send an email to [studentplaywrights@yahoo.com](mailto:studentplaywrights@yahoo.com).

Or, for further information about the contest, the Student Playwrights' Association or the workshop, contact Mark Spina at (908) 659-5189.

## Poet Tucker opens arts and healing conference

Acclaimed poet and newspaper editor David Tucker will open the third annual regional Arts and Well-Being Conference with a reading from his new book, "Late for Work."

The conference, titled "Language and the Mind: An Arts & Well Being Initiative," will take place 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Hilton Hotel, 1170 Spring St. (Route One), Elizabeth.

Tucker's new book, "Late for Work," was chosen by Philip Levine as the winner of the 2005 Katharine Bakeless Nason Prize for poetry awarded by the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. A review in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* stated, "Veteran newsman David Tucker mixes the plainspoken... language of journalism with surprisingly lyric intensity."

A career journalist, Tucker has worked for the *Toronto Star*, United Press International and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He is currently deputy managing editor for investigations and enterprise at the *Star-Ledger* and was part of the team that won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news.

There will be two morning keynote presenters. Sayantani DasGupta of Columbia University's program in narrative medicine teaches courses on reading illness narratives and writing personal narratives to medical students and health advocacy graduate students at Columbia University and Sarah Lawrence College. Cheryl Hulteen, associate director and master artist at Artsgenesis, Inc., will speak on the role of the arts in healing and explain their successful application based on multiple intelligences and differentiated learning.

The conference also features six workshop sessions in the morning and afternoon, and a panel discussion, "Vision of the Future," featuring experts about programs in language and healing.

Pre-registration costs \$80; registration on the day of the conference is \$95. The fee for students with current I.D. is \$65. For details, call (908) 558-2550 or email [culturalinfo@ucnj.org](mailto:culturalinfo@ucnj.org).

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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club members create origami elephant ornaments for the upcoming house tour event Dec. 2.

## Garden club prepares for holiday house tour

WESTFIELD — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will present "Deck the Halls," a Holiday House Tour, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 2.

Five beautiful homes in Westfield will be decorated in holiday splendor; unique decorations and floral designs are created in keeping with the theme of each home. Tour visitors will also have the chance to shop at the artisan craft boutique and enjoy some holiday refreshments at Darielle Walsh's home on Grandview Avenue.

Chairwomen Nancy Smith and Maryann Pietruszki of the club are jointly coordinating the many aspects of preparation for the tour. Monthly meetings leading up to the event are geared towards design creations.

The club's Oct. 11 meeting, "The Always Beautiful Traditional Design" was presented by Betty Markendorf from Tinton Falls, a Master Judge in New Jersey. Markendorf is a designer who has presented numerous workshops for Rake and Hoe in the past.

The Nov. 14 program will be a joint meeting with the Garden Club of Westfield. Host Cheryl Wilks will be presenting "Dynamic Floral Designs for the Holidays."

Each home on the holiday tour will be decorated by committees of Garden Club members who have developed the theme and decor for the house. Groups of members plan their own workshops to create tree ornaments, floral arrangements, wreaths and additional adornments for the home.

The Rake and Hoe Garden

Club is a non-profit organization. The funds raised by this event will benefit the club's many community projects, which include the Lyons Veterans Hospital, the Cerebral Palsy Center of Union County and Mobile Meals, as well as the Miller-Cory Museum gardens, Shadowlawn garden and the Claire Brownell Memorial Wildflower Garden.

Details on how to acquire tickets will be available soon. For additional information, call Nancy Smith at (908) 654-9477.

## Peace Council hosts concert in Plainfield

The Union County Peace Council, Word Out! and the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield will sponsor a folk concert, "Voices for Peace," at 7 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave., Plainfield. The suggested donation is \$20.

The concert, featuring singer/songwriters Kathleen Williamson, Catherine Moon, Sharleen Leahey and Wooden Thomas as well as the Solidarity Singers of the New Jersey Industrial Council, will raise funds for an essay contest open to Union County college students during the Spring 2007 term.

The essay contest theme will be, "Why Does Peace Matter to Americans?" A \$500 prize and honorable mentions will accompany publication of the winning essay on the UCPC Web site and MySpace blog. The winning essay will also be submitted for publication in Union County College's literary magazine, *The Sheaf*, and student newspaper, *The Scroll*.

Brief biographies of Sunday's performers appear below:

Kathleen Williamson has been called a provocateur and an "impurist." Stylistically diverse, her music encompasses folk, country, pop, jazz, novelty and blues. But Williamson's commitment is to truth, simplicity and community. In Tammies 2006 awards for the Tucson, Ariz. music scene, she reaped honors for Best Songwriter and Best Folk Music Performer and runner-up for Best Vocalist.

Catherine Moon's ethereal dreaminess and hard-edged soul have been praised by New Jersey music critics. Her voice has been called unique, breathy and expressive, while her fero-

ciously honest songs reveal a deep strength of will. Her songwriting is both striking and diverse, with many moods and influences. Her latest studio album is "Out Here on the Road."

Sharleen Leahey has been performing songs for peace for more than 21 years, singing of the sanctity of life amidst war. On her debut CD, "So Frail," Leahey's lyrics again give voice to a cry for peace.

Last seen in Brooklyn performing requests with guitar in hand behind a giant jukebox he designed himself, Wooden Thomas has developed a reputation as a visionary. Truth, freedom and universal love have increasingly become the heart of his vision. With his earnest delivery, surreal, richly poetic lyrics and dark humor, Thomas upends the music industry and counteracts apathy with wit, innocence and charm.

The Solidarity Singers of the New Jersey Industrial Council have made more than a hundred appearances on picket lines, at rallies for labor and progressive causes, and occasionally, in concert settings. The singers define themselves as "a street chorus, not a concert choir. Our preferred venue is a picket line. We try to lift the spirits of people engaged in struggle and help them to carry on. Only a few of us know how to read music, but we all know which side we're on."

For further information, contact UCPC Outreach Coordinator Diane Beeny at (908) 233-7344, email unioncountypeacecouncil@gmail.com, or visit on the Web at www.unioncountypeace.org.

For directions, contact the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield at www.fusp.org or (908) 756-0750.

## Scotch Plains students shine at annual spelling bee

SCOTCH PLAINS — Oct. 14 was a chilly Saturday morning, but at the annual Scotch Plains Spelling Bee, the kids were on fire. More than 80 third, fourth and fifth graders arrived at Park Middle School ready to use their brains, and they didn't disappoint.

At the third grade level, Daniel Zheng from Evergreen School won the exciting battle. The runner-up was Zachary Carter of Brunner School.

At the fourth grade level, Sam Mahler from McGinn School was the winner. The runner-up was Alex Wang of Far Hills Country Day School.

The fifth grade winner was Judah Axelrod and the runner-up was Jessica Banasiak, both from Terrill Middle School.

The winners were awarded \$25 gift certificates to Borders, and the runners-up each received a \$15 gift certificate.

The fourth and fifth grade winners will advance to the New Jersey State Federation

## WGPC hosts fall festival this Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — The air is getting crisper, the night is falling quicker, the kids are in from playing earlier — it's a chance for families turn over a new life and spend some quality time together.

There's an opportunity to do just that this Sunday, as Willow Grove Presbyterian Church hosts a fun-filled fall festival from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

There will be plenty of games, cookies to make arts and crafts, tattoos and storytelling for everyone to enjoy. All are welcome to attend.

Weather permitting, the festival will be held in the church parking lot. Otherwise, it will be held inside in Ryno Hall.

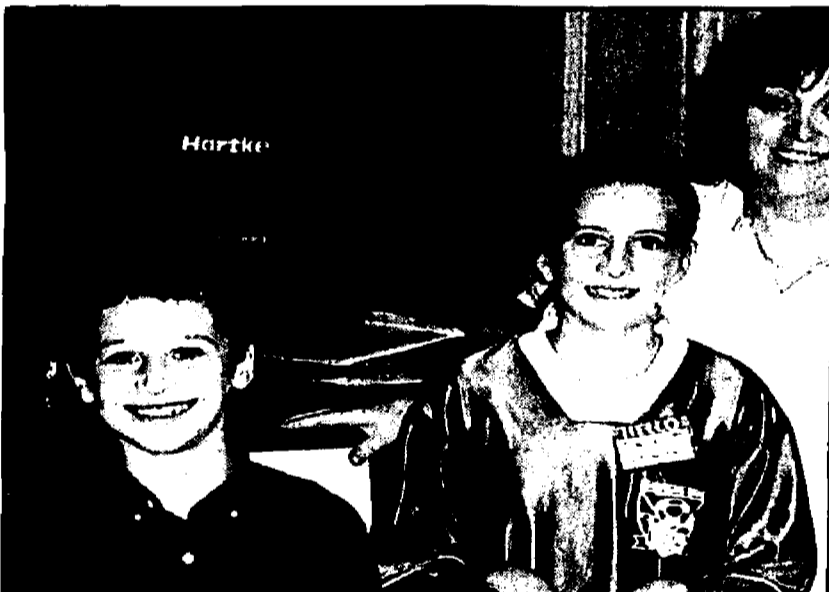
For more information about Willow Grove, call the church office at (908) 232-5678, e-mail office@willowgrovechurch.org or check the church's Web site at www.willowgrovechurch.org.

Willow Grove is located at 1961 Raritan Rd, across the street from the Scotch Plains south side firehouse and near the corner of South Martine Avenue. All the facilities are handicap-accessible.

of Women's Clubs—Junior Membership Liberty District Spelling Bee. The district bee will be hosted by the Westfield Junior Women's Club on Feb. 6 at Westfield High School.

The bee was sponsored by the Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club and the Scotch Plains Recreation Department. Judges included Terri Spencer, second grade teacher at Brunner School, Laura Coburn, media specialist at Brunner School, and Rich Alber, candidate for Fanwood Council. Dan O'Hara, custodian at Park Middle School, was instrumental in setting up the bee.

For more information about the Junior Women's Club, contact them at scotchplainsjrwomen@comcast.net.



Judah Axelrod, left, and Jessica Banasiak came in first and second, respectively, in the fifth grade spelling bee.

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## Ann Crescenzi

Ann Crescenzi, 89, died Oct. 20, 2006, in Punta Gorda, Fla., following a brief illness.

Born in East Orange, she resided in Scotch Plains for many years before moving to Florida.

Mrs. Crescenzi worked for more than 25 years in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system, retiring in 1995.

She was predeceased by her husband, John.

Surviving are her two sons, Lawrence J. Lodato and his wife, Marzena, of Lake Hopatcong and Anthony Lodato of Cocoa, Fla.; her sis-

ter, Rose Ritorto; her beloved grandchildren, Donna LaMar, Debbie Wagner, Diane Schefkind, and Anthony, Gary, Louis and Charly Lodato, and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Thomas More Church in Fairfield. Interment was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Orange. Arrangements were by the Norman Dean Home for Services, Denville.

Donations may be made to the National M.S. Society, 1 Reed St., Suite 200, Philadelphia, Pa. 19147.

## Peter D. Way

Peter D. Way, 67, of Westfield died Oct. 11, 2006, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center In-Patient Hospice.

Born in Elizabeth, he was a lifelong resident of Westfield.

Mr. Way was a branch manager for Chemical Bank in New York City before becoming a realtor in Westfield. He was a member of the National Association of Realtors.

A graduate of Hamilton College, he was a member of Delta Phi and served as a national board member of that fraternity after graduation.

Mr. Way was a medic in the Army. He was active in the Young Republicans, bowled with the Presbyterian Church

bowling team and played in a duplicate bridge group.

Surviving are a sister, Sharon W. Tittle of Westfield, and two brothers, Christopher S. Way of Seattle, Wash., and Curtis G. Way of Jacksonville, Md.

A memorial service will be held in the Chapel of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield at 11 a.m. Nov. 4. Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad St., Westfield. Donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson St., P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091, or to Haven Hospice, c/o JFK, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

## Robin M. Corbisiero

Robin M. Corbisiero, 46, died Oct. 20, 2006, at her home in Garwood.

Born in Rahway, she lived in Garwood for 40 years.

Surviving are a son, Ian A. Alfano; a daughter, Megan Alfano; her father, S. Joseph Corbisiero; her step-

mother, Joan; brothers, James and Anthony, and a sister, Debbie Duca.

She was predeceased by her mother, Doris (Dougherty) Corbisiero.

Services were offered Monday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park.

## OBITUARIES

### Jessica Elizabeth Boumans

Jessica Elizabeth Boumans, 23, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died Oct. 21, 2006, in Boca Raton, Fla.

A graduate student at Lynn University in Boca Raton, she had received her bachelor's degree in hospitality management from Lynn University in 2005.

Miss Boumans was a 2001 graduate of the Purnell School in Pottersville, where she had been the recipient of the Best Student award. She also graduated from the Winston School in Short Hills.

She was the beloved daughter of Paul J. and Rita V. (Brophy) Boumans; the sister of Rita Marie Masterson; the aunt of Nicholas and Joseph Masterson, and the best friend of Lelyte Seimoniet.

Friends are invited to visit 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Ave., Westfield. A funeral Mass will be offered 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. Entombment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

### Charles C. Laterra

Charles C. Laterra, 76, died Oct. 19, 2006, at Frankford-Torresdale Hospital in Philadelphia.

A self-employed businessman, he owned Charles Laterra, Ltd. of Westfield since 1973. Earlier, he owned Charlie's Italian Deli in Westfield.

Mr. Laterra was a member of the Nu Voices of New Jersey laryngectomy group, the Piscataway Amateur Radio

Club and the Jazz Record Masters of North Jersey.

An Army veteran of the Korean War, he served on the presidential honor guard.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; children, Frances, Douglas and Charlene Chavarria; a brother, John, and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield. Interment is in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

### Helen Scalza

Helen (Dippilito) Scalza, 81, of Westfield, died Oct. 21, 2006, at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Westfield for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Scalza was predeceased by a daughter, Karen.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Louis J.; five loving children, Patricia Koerner, Carol Villalobos, Linda Orner, Jeanne Scalza and Louis M. Scalza, and

eight beloved grandchildren, David, Daniel, Lisa, Christina, Caitlyn, Thomas, Louis W. and Michael.

She was also the sister of Bernardo, Vivian, Charles, Anthony and Josephine.

A funeral Mass was offered Tuesday in St. Helen's Church, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield. Entombment is in Woodbridge Memorial Gardens, Woodbridge.

## Wilma F. Catanzaro

Wilma F. Catanzaro, 76, died Oct. 19, 2006, at her home in Westfield.

Born in Wilkes Barre, Pa., she lived in Westfield for the past 40 years.

Mrs. Catanzaro was a lunch aide for more than 20 years at the Tamaques School in Westfield, where she was dearly loved by all the teachers and children.

Surviving are her husband, Lawrence; a son, Larry; a daughter, Lori Archambault and her husband, Steve; a sister, Dolores Samsel; grandchildren, Allison Lee Archambault, Jamie Lynn Carreiro and

Taylor Archambault, and a great-grandchild, Connor Steven Carreiro.

She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Betty Bertram.

Graveside services were offered Monday in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield. Donations may be made to the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway Hospice, 2865 Stone St., Rahway, NJ 07065.

## Kathryn B. Fusco

Kathryn B. (Blanton) Fusco of Westfield died Oct. 20, 2006, in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Wallingford, Pa., she lived in New York City, Brussels, Belgium, and White Plains, N.Y., before moving to Westfield in 1986.

Mrs. Fusco was a member of the Bible Study Fellowship International Springfield Chapter, the Westfield Bridge Group, the Service League and the Echo Lake Country Club.

She earned a bachelor's degree from St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa.

Surviving are her husband, Claude E. Fusco Jr.; a son, Claude E. Fusco III; two

daughters, Diana C. Fusco and Emily Fusco, and a brother, Daniel Blanton. She was predeceased by a brother, William Blanton.

A Mass was offered Thursday in St. Helen's Church, Westfield, after the funeral from the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be made to the Cancer Center at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit, NJ 07902 or the Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

## Frances Reilly Appell

Frances Reilly Appell, 95, of Westfield, died Oct. 18, 2006, in the Cornell Hall Nursing Home, Union.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she lived in Whiting and Livingston before moving to Westfield.

Mrs. Appell worked at

Burrelle's Press Clippings in Livingston before retiring. After her retirement, she and her husband traveled to many parts of the world.

She will be remembered for her passion for reading and her devotion to her family.

Mrs. Appell was predeceased by her husband, Gerard A. She is survived by daughters, Marie Gordon and her husband, James, of Roselle Park, and Gloria Few and her husband, Timothy, of Galveston, Texas; a son, Gerard Appell Jr. and his wife, Sandy, of East Dummerston, Vt., and grandchildren, Laura, Benjamin, Sarah, Allison and Andrew.

A funeral Mass was offered Monday at the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park. Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford. Interment was in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 U.S. Hwy. 1, North Brunswick, N.J., 08902-4301.

## Marjorie Odell

Marjorie Janice Odell, 93, of Fanwood, died Oct. 21, 2006, at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Scotch Plains, she lived in Fanwood since 1937.

Mrs. Odell was a bookkeeper with Meyer & Depew in Union for 15 years before retiring in 1985. Earlier, she was a seamstress at the Ida Gavit Dress Shop in Plainfield.

Mrs. Odell was a volunteer with Contact We Care, a member, past president and treasurer of the Westfield Business and Professional Women's Club, and an assistant editor of the bulletin of the Fanwood Lions Club.

She was also a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Scotch Plains, where she served as choir mistress, organist and as a member of the bell choir.

Mrs. Odell was predeceased by her husband, Harold Sherman Odell, in 1978.

Surviving are her son, William S. Odell and his wife, Denise, of Brick; her daughter, Judi Jones and her husband, Doug, of Fanwood; a sister, Priscilla Sockwell and her husband, Wayne, of Watchung; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church, Scotch Plains. Arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood. Interment was in Cloverleaf Memorial Park, Woodbridge.

Donations may be made to the Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.

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# Students get a theatrical lesson in respect

SCOTCH PLAINS — Absorbing messages such as "Be a leader, not a follower," students from kindergarten through fourth grade at H.B. Brunner Elementary School learned valuable character-building lessons at an Oct. 17 assembly, part of the school's "Week of Respect" program.

The hour-long show titled "I'm in Charge of Me!" used role-playing, student participation and humor to raise awareness about social issues such as respect, responsibility, peer pressure, bullying, name-calling and self-esteem. The show was performed by Cameo Cast, Inc., a professional touring theatrical troupe from New Jersey that specializes in character education assemblies.

"The assembly used creative skits, music and humor to reinforce very important life lessons about how to treat others with respect," said Jodi Frank, principal at Brunner School. "I was excited to see so many of our students raising their hands, laughing and participating in the performance."

In the first skit, Brunner students learned that telling secrets can hurt feelings and reputations. Another skit asked a student volunteer to stand up to peer pressure by saying "no" to smoking. Several students also participated in role-playing games in which they were asked to act out feelings of happiness, anger and sadness.

Brunner's "Week of Respect" program ran Oct. 16-20 and was sponsored by the school's Parent Teachers Association. The program used flyers, character-based teaching tools, giveaways and famous quotes of the day to reinforce respect lessons, such as "The Golden Rule: Treat others as you want to be treated." Students were also asked to write a "Respect Pledge" about how they would try to show respect to themselves and others, at home and at school.



Students from Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains listen closely to actors during a theatrical assembly to raise awareness about respect, peer pressure and bullying. The assembly was held during Brunner's "Week of Respect," sponsored by the school's Parent Teachers Association.

The Cameo Cast, Inc. has been touring the tri-state area for the past 15 years. The cast performs at several conferences each year, including Peer Mediation and the National Conference for SADD in Washington D.C.

# Book sale nets \$6,000 for Fw. library improvements

FANWOOD — Booksellers, neighbors, residents from three towns, and Friends members — all poured into the Forest Road Park building to find a bargain at the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library 2006 book sale from Sept. 28-30. The unprecedented three-day event directly benefited the library, in the form of contributions toward capital improvements, programs and furniture that fall outside the library's budget.

Chaired for the first time this year by Nancy Eisenbarth, who worked under the tutelage of Carol Campbell, the sale netted over \$6,000, nearly doubling the amount from recent years.

Eisenbarth and her committee began collecting books last spring, storing them in the Valley National Bank, her house and volunteers' offices. Nine days before the sale, they transferred the materials to the park building, accepted even more donations, and oversaw the sorting by dozens of volunteers, some of whom came from Westfield and Scotch Plains. The camaraderie among the book-loving volunteers set the tone for the three-day sale.

The Friends opened the sale with members-only night. Members of the Friends and anyone who purchased a membership at the door could buy any sale item of their choice, including especially valuable books on the special books table.

Children's titles stretched along one entire wall on tabletops and in boxes below, arranged according to reading level. Other tables groaned from the weight of

hard covers and paperbacks that had been sorted into major categories and then sub-divided. Beneath every table were boxes of additional titles.

Book buyers found much more than bargains. Some discovered a second chance to read a title once buried on a long list. Others met like-minded bibliophiles who could talk the talk of authors, plot lines, and themes. Wives bought gifts for husbands across the room. Fathers hunted for their child's favorite authors. Kids yelled with glee upon finding a favorite addition to a series. And teachers bought

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bags and bags of books for their classroom.

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Three charitable organizations took the bulk of leftovers for nursing homes, retirement centers, libraries and schools, as well as Peace Corps groups in the U.S. and abroad. Angela Goldman is continuing the sale by offering special titles in auctions on the Internet.

People interested in serving on the Book Sale Committee for future years are invited to call Eisenbarth at (908) 322-6559.

# Rake and Hoe on the lookout for birds in Plainsboro



Jerry Kozlansky, program director for the Plainsboro Preserve in Cranbury, with Rake and Hoe members who attended an informative bird identification program at the site.

WESTFIELD — Members of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club traveled to the Plainsboro Preserve in Cranbury on Oct. 17 to learn about birds in the area and to view them at the sanctuary.

Though the day was rainy, many interesting birds were spotted. The sanctuary is a 1,000 acre natural area with a large lake which supports a diversity of wildlife. The new Education Center offers classrooms, nature exhibits, a library and nature store.

Jerry Kozlansky, program director of the facility, presented a program to the members about indigenous birds, how to read a bird identification book and how to use binoculars. Kozlansky spent time discussing magnification, distance and the appropriate binoculars for various functions. After the presentation, he gave each participant a bird guide book and binoculars. The group then geared up and went outside to observe the birds. Among many other birds, the members spotted yellow-rumped warblers, a species most had never seen before.

For more details about the preserve, which offers five miles of trails, visit [www.njaudubon.org/centers/plainsboro](http://www.njaudubon.org/centers/plainsboro).

# Kids can get treats — and give them, too

SCOTCH PLAINS — This Halloween, residents of Scotch Plains, Fanwood and nearby towns can expect kids to trick or treat — not just for their candy, but also for change to help needy kids.

Sunday School students from the First United Methodist Church in Scotch Plains will launch their fall mission project with a UNICEF party from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Sunday. Kids from ages 3 through high school are welcome to join. Register in advance by leaving a message with the church office at (908) 322-9222.

This year, Linda Naugle, a UNICEF representative from the organization's New York headquarters, will join the kids as they play games to collect change for the familiar orange UNICEF boxes. The children will also watch a UNICEF DVD about the kids they are helping and will hear some words of inspiration and thanks from Naugle on behalf on UNICEF.

The "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" program lets kids help improve the lives of their peers in far-away places. For example, 6 cents can buy oral rehydration tablets to save the life of a child dying from dehydration caused by drinking contaminated water, \$1 provides a lifetime of immunization against polio or measles, and \$12 buys 20 high-nutrition biscuits for malnourished children.

The First United Methodist Church is located at 1171 Terrill Rd. The Sunday School UNICEF Kick-Off Party begins at 9:15 a.m.; the high school class is hosting a UNICEF bake sale immediately following the 10:30 service.

For more information, call the church office at the number listed above. To learn more about Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, visit [unicef-usa.org/trickortreat](http://unicef-usa.org/trickortreat) or call (800) 4UNICEF.

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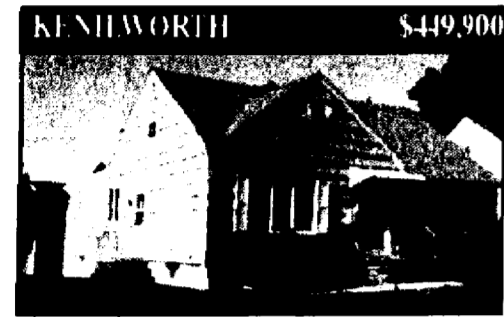
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An area resident and real estate professional for more than 20 years, D'Antico serves the residential communities of both Union and Middlesex counties. A member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listings Service, D'Antico still finds time to participate in his community.

He is a coach for Cranford's baseball and softball leagues, a PAL basketball coach and a board member of the Cranford Indoor and Outdoor Pool.

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FRANK D'ANTICO

week Academy Sales Training Program, D'Antico completed a hands-on course that includes simulated real estate situations created to help sales professionals refine various skills.

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## WHS boys, SP-F girls cross country teams win at WCC

### SP-F's Biner comes back to take first overall in boys' race

By DAVID LAZARUS  
CORRESPONDENT

Trailing Mike Sacca of Union with 400 meters to go in last Thursday's Watchung Conference Boys Cross Country Championships at Warinanco Park, it would have been easy for Adam Biner of Scotch Plains-Fanwood to ease up and be happy with a second place finish.

Considering that the previous Monday night, he was lying in a bed at Overlook Hospital with an intravenous drip in his arm after suffering a severe stomach virus, it was no small miracle that Biner was even running. He had only returned to school on Wednesday after missing three days. Biner had not been able to finish a workout and had

also lost ten pounds during the ordeal in which he couldn't eat solid food for nearly a week.

But Biner summoned up whatever strength he had left and with a tremendous finishing kick out-ran Sacca to finish first in a personal best time of 17:09 for the 3.19-mile, dual-meet course.

"With 400 yards to go I started doubting myself because of all the training I had missed," said an exhausted but elated Biner following the race. "But coach (Jeff Koegel) got in my face during that last part and told me I was better than him and I could win."

Biner was part of a large pack of runners that included Sacca and Alex Tarlow and Evan Friedman of Westfield as the mile went through in a modest 5:25.

"I liked the slow pace because I thought if it came down to a kick I would do well," said Biner, a 4:27 miler last spring.

The second mile featured numerous surges by the leading runners as they passed two miles in 10:47. Sacca finally took command near the end of the third mile as the runners approached what is called "The Alamo."

As they approached the three mile mark, Biner was even with the Union runner and unleashed a fearsome kick that had him widening the gap as he passed through the finish line in near exhaustion.

"Adam really showed what he was made of out there," said Koegel, SP-F's head coach. "He has worked so hard all (Continued on page C-2)



DAVID LAZARUS/CORRESPONDENT  
SP-F's Adam Biner (middle) running among the leaders during the boys' race at last Thursday's Watchung Conference Championships.

## Wf, SP-F football teams endure tough weekend

### Blue Devils fall to Elizabeth, Raiders lose against Union

By JOE SERZAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Last weekend was a tough one for both Westfield's and Scotch Plains-Fanwood's football teams. The Blue Devils fell to Elizabeth, 38-6, Saturday afternoon at home while SP-F lost to Union, 38-19, Friday night on the road.

Westfield (2-4) fell behind early in its home game versus the Minutemen, who came into the game ranked number one in Union County according to *The Star-Ledger*. Elizabeth (5-1) turned two early offensive turnovers by the Blue Devils into two touchdowns during the first quarter and never looked back.

"We gave up too many big plays," said Westfield head coach Jim DeSarno following the game. "And that has been a problem for us all season. It's tough to come back when you put yourself in a 14-0 hole early, especially against a good football team."

The Minutemen would score two more times on offense following the two early defensive scores to take a 25-0 lead midway through the first half. However, the Blue Devils responded after that, putting together an eight play, 65-yard drive that cut into the Elizabeth lead.

The drive progressed because of the running of junior Malcolm Allen and senior Pete Cornell. Allen accounted for 39 yards on the drive while Cornell accumulated 26 yards for the Blue Devils. Allen capped the drive with a 25-yard touchdown scamper through the heart of the Elizabeth defense. The extra point by junior Ryan Scanlon missed following the touchdown run but the Blue Devils were on the board, 25-6.

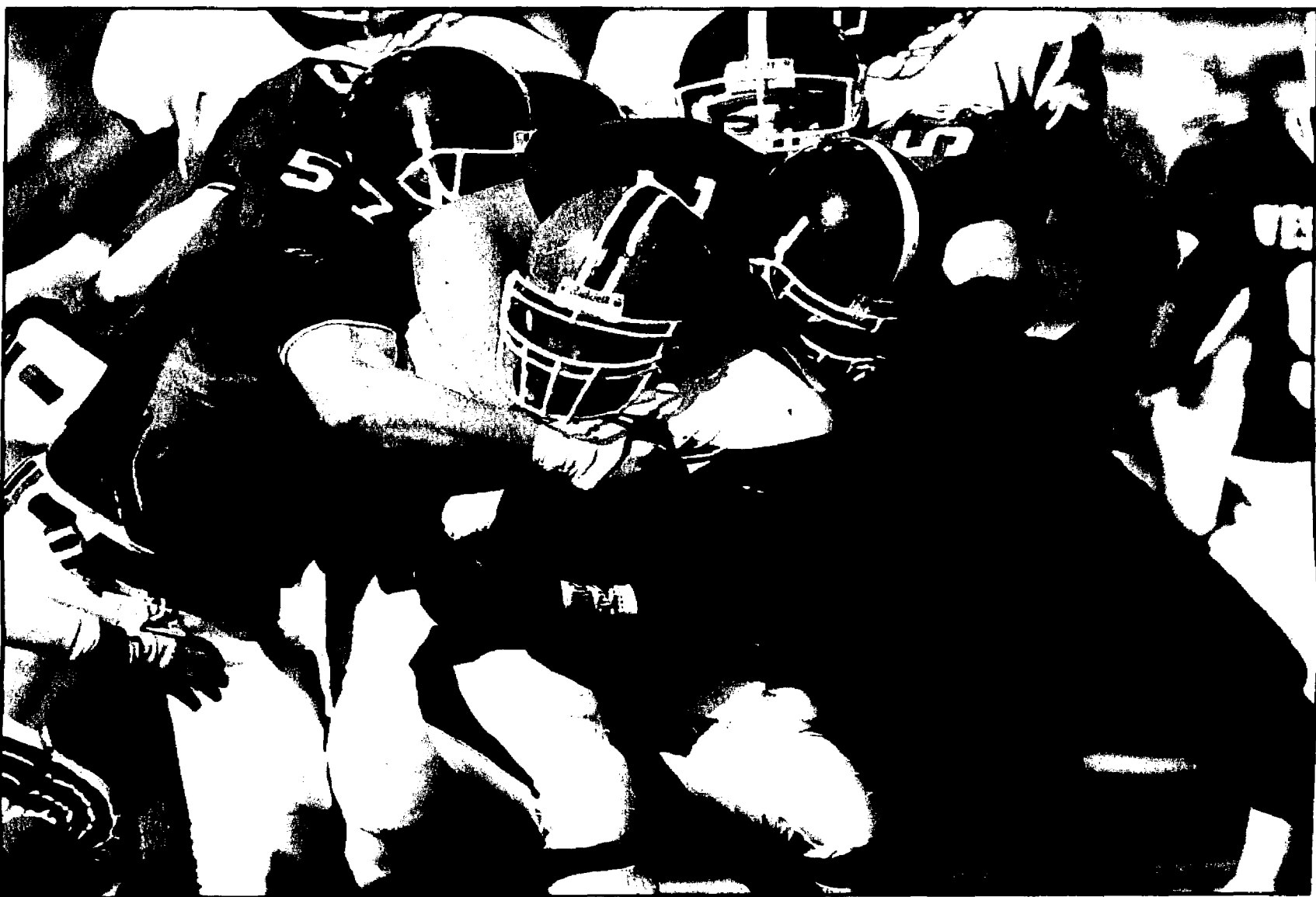
"I was pleased with the way we were able to move the ball on the ground," DeSarno said. "Elizabeth hasn't let up a point on defense in a couple of months and we scored in the first half. So I felt confident that we could run the ball and we did for the most part."

However, Elizabeth's defense buckled down thereafter, not allowing the Blue Devils anymore points during the game. The Minutemen put together two more big scoring plays and iced the game during the second half.

Another bright spot for the Blue Devils on offense was the play of senior backup quarterback Mark Boyd, who came in and ran the offense pretty effectively Saturday after starter Tom Bonard went down with an injury during the game.

"Your backup quarterback is one of the most important positions on any football team," DeSarno said. "Mark stepped up and did a good job. He came in and ran the offense."

The Blue Devils looked to put the loss to Elizabeth behind them this week and prepared to face Shabazz on the road in Newark this weekend. Westfield will play the Bulldogs



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT  
Westfield defenders attempt to curtail an Elizabeth running back during the Blue Devils' 38-6 loss Saturday at Kehler Stadium.

Saturday at 11 a.m. at Shabazz Stadium.

Shabazz is coming off of a loss of its own. The Bulldogs ran into a game Cranford squad Friday night at Memorial Field. The Cougars defeated the Bulldogs 27-13 on their senior night, thanks to the running of junior running back Chad Faulcon, who accumulated 200 yards rushing for the game.

"Our team speed and athleticism has got to improve," DeSarno said. "And when we can get those big plays under

control, we are a good football team."

#### SP-F FOOTBALL

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood football team did not fare much better this past weekend, falling to Union, 38-19, on the road. The Raiders' defense, which had been extremely impressive (Continued on page C-2)

## Westfield boys soccer team wins seventh straight game

### Blue Devils one of four local teams in UCT

By JOE SERZAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Westfield High School boys soccer team won its seventh straight game Monday night, defeating Cranford 1-0 at Memorial Field. Senior midfielder Vincent Clark scored the lone goal for the 10-5-2 Blue Devils.

Clark's goal came 36 seconds into the second half, as Westfield injected life into its game with a furious rally following halftime. The goal came after Blue Devil junior Daniel Strauss made a great pass into the middle of Cranford's goalkeeper's box and Clark kicked it by Cranford's Derek Englese to put Westfield ahead.

"Cranford had more of the ball during the first half," said Westfield head coach George Kapner. "And we told our guys at halftime what we wanted them to do to change things and they did literally everything that we told them to do at halftime."

Westfield continued to attack the Cranford defensive zone during the beginning of the second half but Cranford was eventually able to stop the Blue Devils rally. The game then settled back down for Westfield and they hung on for the victory.

"Cranford played a great game and we were able to hang on," Kapner said.

One of the big reasons why Westfield was able to hang on was the play of its sweeper, senior Chris Mattes, and its defenders, including seniors Barba, Kevin Hennessey, and James McManus. Mattes was all over the field versus the Cougars, setting up would-be goals with free kicks and throw-ins and playing extremely good defense throughout the game. Hennessey also played particularly well on

both sides of the ball for the Blue Devils and this caught the attention of his coach.

"I thought Kevin was the best player on the field," Kapner said. "Chris has been playing great since we put him back as sweeper and Jimmy, Nick, and Chris Franks also played well. They were able to clear some of our mistakes off the line. I was really happy with how they all played tonight."

Also playing well for the Blue Devils was sophomore goalkeeper Mike Lessner, who had five saves during the shutout.

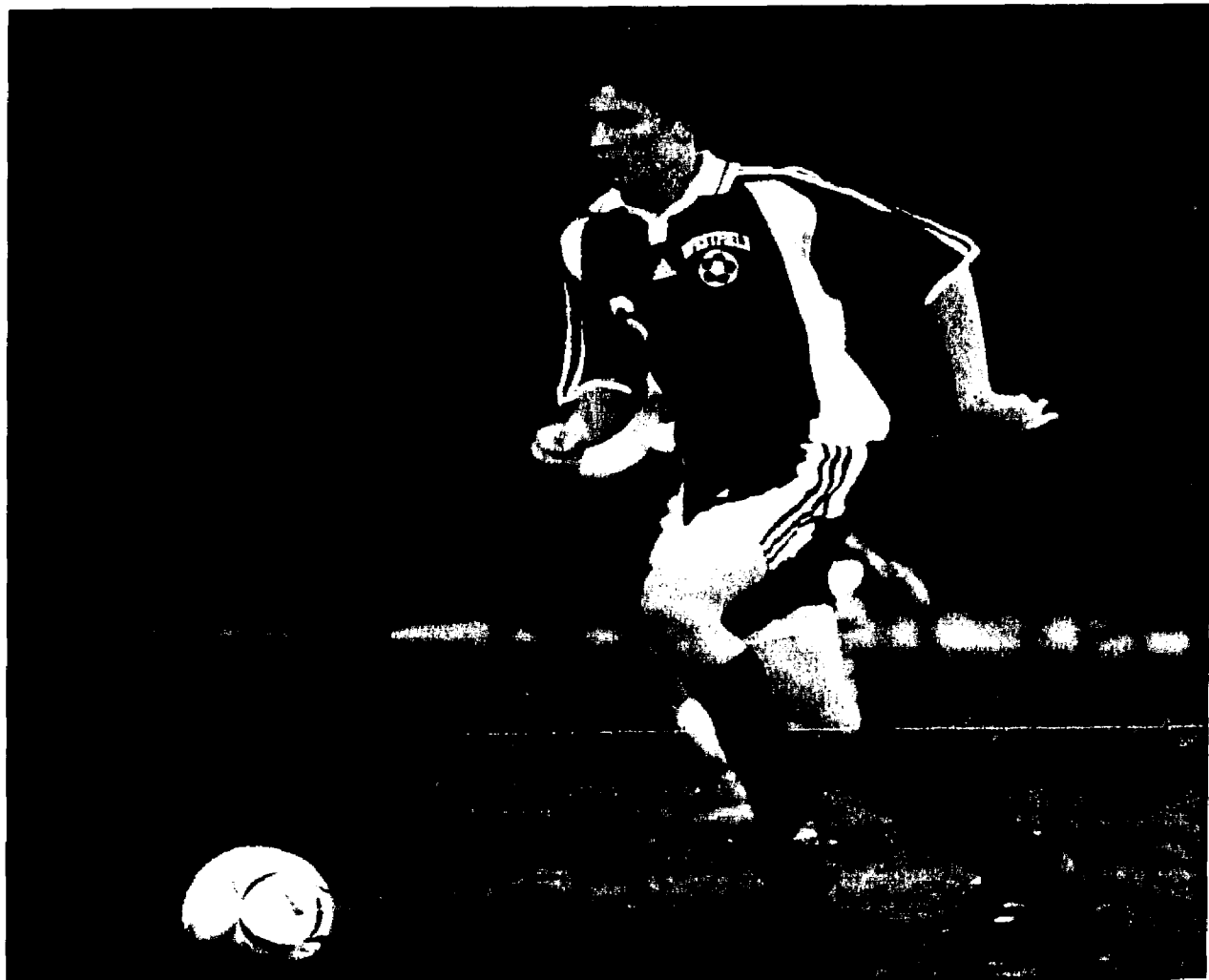
Fourth-seeded Westfield will play in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament Saturday versus number one seed Union. The last time the Blue Devils played the Farmers, they pulled off the upset, defeating them 3-1 at Union High School on Oct. 9.

"I have been telling our guys that if we play to our ability, play with passion, and we stay inside the system we can beat almost everybody we see," Kapner said. "Union overlooked us last time and they are not going to do that this time."

The Blue Devils played Wednesday against Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's boys soccer team, which has also played pretty impressively over the past couple of weeks. The Raiders improved to 12-4-1 overall with their 6-1 victory Monday over Linden High School at home.

Junior co-captain Mike DiVizio had three goals for SP-F in the win over Linden Monday. SP-F, the number 15 ranked team in *The Star-Ledger* Top 20, is also still alive in the Union County Tournament. The second-seeded Raiders will face third-seeded New

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JIM OCCI/CORRESPONDENT  
Westfield sophomore Mike Irving races downfield during Monday night's 1-0 road victory over Cranford at Memorial Field. The win was Westfield's seventh straight.



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT

Blue Devil junior running back Malcolm Allen eludes Elizabeth defenders on his way to the end zone during his 25-yard second quarter touchdown run. Allen's touchdown was the only score for Westfield Saturday.

## Wf, SP-F teams endure tough weekend

(Continued from page C-1)

thus far this season, could not stop the Union offensive attack Friday night at Union High School.

Union running back Chris D'Andrea rushed for 230 yards and three touchdowns and fullback Isa Abdul-Quddus added 90 yards and a touchdown for the Farmers.

The offensive explosion by the Farmers was a first for the Raiders defense, which had yielded an average of only one touchdown per game to its opponents coming into the game versus the Farmers.

The Raiders offense produced three touchdowns during the game, and two of them came from junior quarterback Mike Chervenjak. Chervenjak ran for a 96-yard touchdown and threw for a 45-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Jason

Zelesnik.

However, it was not enough offense to contend with the Farmers, who improved to 4-2 on the season with the victory. SP-F fell to 4-2 with the loss but still has hope of a playoff berth with three games remaining this year (Cranford, Westfield, Elizabeth).

The Raiders prepared to face off against Cranford this week in their final home game of the fall season. SP-F will play host to the Cougars at home Saturday at 1 p.m. at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The Cougars are 3-4 and coming off of an impressive home victory Friday night over Shabazz. The Raiders' defense will have their hands full yet again, as Cranford features an impressive junior runner in Faulcon, who has rushed for over 200 yards in his last two games.

## Cross country teams win at WCC

(Continued from page C-1) through the summer that he had enough conditioning to get him through this period. We have had many champions since I have been here but this one was pretty special."

However, Biner's heroics were not enough to prevent Westfield from defending its title.

Led by Friedman in fourth (17:23) and Alex Tarlow in seventh (17:38), the Blue Devils used their depth to outscore the Raiders 43-56. With junior Patrick Doliber fifth in 17:28 and sophomore Martin Sweeney ninth in 17:42, the Raiders led 15-19 after three runners but Westfield took 10th, 14th and 16th with Brendan Berkowitz (17:50), Brent Souders (18:02) and Neil Fitzpatrick (18:11) respectively to win the meet.

The Blue Devils won despite the absence of their number three runner, Matt Harris, who has been fighting some nagging injuries. Veteran Westfield head coach Jack Martin decided to be cautious with Harris and was gratified that his team was still able to win.

"We have a very deep team and we needed those guys to step for us" said Martin, who expected a close and competitive Union County Championship race on Wednesday. "Roselle Catholic is the favorite and Union Catholic looks pretty good, but hopefully we can show everybody what Westfield is made up."

"We will show up and be competitive," noted Martin who expects Harris to run.

SP-F's other scorers were junior Mike Ragan 19th (18:23) and freshman Brian Walsh 22nd (19:12). Just behind Walsh was another freshman, Bobby Evans 23rd (19:19) and junior Greg Bencivengo was 30th in 20:06.

### SP-F GIRLS WIN

Although there were officially six teams competing in the Watchung Conference

Girls Cross Country Championships last Thursday at Warinanco Park, the event had the distinct feel of a second dual meet between Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Earlier this season the two had tangled at Tamaques Park with Westfield pulling out a 27-32 victory, the Raiders' only loss in an 8-1 season, but SP-F avenged that by putting all five of its runners in the top ten to take their third conference title in the past four years 25-38.

As was the case in the dual meet, the Raiders took the top two places and Westfield girls were third and fourth. But unlike the previous contest when Westfield was fifth, seventh and eighth, the Raiders' third, fourth and fifth runners all finished before Westfield's last two runners. Overall, the schools took eight of the top ten places in the revamped conference setup which for the first time included both the National and American Divisions.

"This counts for more than the dual meet," said Koegel. "We knew what we had to do today and came through. I'm very happy with their performance."

Westfield head coach Thom Hornish said, "Scotch Plains did a great job today and they deserve the championship. We knew the key was going to be breaking up their pack like we did last time but they did a better job of not letting that happen."

The SP-F duo of sophomore Brittney Veeck and junior Cassidy Valdes finished second and third overall to pace the victory. Veeck lowered her personal best with a 19:42 on the muddy course, finishing behind overall winner Jahliia Smith of Plainfield, who pulled away in the final mile to run in 19:30. Because Plainfield did not have five finishers, Smith's place did not count in the team score.

"Brittney ran an excellent race but Smith is an incredible runner," Koegel said.

Veeck said, "I would have liked to win the race but this

is more about the team and I'm so happy the way everybody ran. She has so much speed that I knew to win I would have to pull away but she was able to stay with me and had more left."

Valdes, who got second a year ago, ran 20:21 and was followed by the Westfield duo of Nicole DiBenedetto and Kim Legones. Senior Allie Hoynes-O'Connor, a member of championship teams her freshman and sophomore years, ran 21:11 to finish sixth.

Hoynes-O'Connor's recovery from injuries, which sidelined her most of 2005, has been a big plus for the team according to her coach.

"We weren't sure what we would get from her this year," Koegel said. "Allie has been a huge factor in our success."

After Ayn Wisler of Westfield finished seventh in 21:21, sophomore Emily Carow and junior Cathy Harley put the race away for the Raiders with a ninth and tenth place finish, running 21:32 and 21:33 respectively.

Westfield runners Aileen Grogan (21:45), Ali Lowenstein (21:48), Marissa Mumford (21:51), and Rose Driscoll (22:10) were 13th, 14th, 16th and 18th, respectively.

"Mumford and Driscoll came back after missing several weeks with injuries. We're optimistic that they can keep improving through the championship meets," said Hornish, who was optimistic that the Blue Devils would improve their times at the Union County Championships which were contested yesterday and finished too late to be included in this edition.

The defending Watchung Conference team champion, Cranford, left the league and competes in the Mountain Valley Conference but the Cougars were expected to be among the top contenders for the county title along with Summit and Scotch Plains.

"Summit is very good as is Cranford and Westfield," Koegel said. "We need to be at our best."

## Westfield gymnasts win County title

By JOE SERZAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Westfield High School gymnastics team continued its dominance last weekend, winning the Union County Championship Saturday at Union High School. The Blue Devils scored 105.6 points, three more than second place Union (102.625) to win the title. Scotch Plains-Fanwood came in sixth during the tournament.

Westfield freshman Jenna Rodrigues continued her impressive season, finishing first on the floor exercise and second in the all-around competition. Rodrigues compiled a total of 36.125 points for the Blue Devils during the meet.

But it was the Blue Devils' depth that won them the championship. Senior co-captain Claire Macdonald finished second on the beam, sixth on the bars, sixth on the

floor, and fifth all-around for Westfield. Macdonald finished with 35.175 points during the meet. Blue Devil freshman Lacy Cummings was also impressive, finishing fifth on the beam with a score of 9.15.

Westfield looked to tune up for the state tournament when it headed to Randolph High School Wednesday to face Randolph for a dual meet. The Blue Devils are 9-0 in dual meets thus far this season and should prove to be a tough team to match during the state tournament, which is scheduled to start on Nov. 4.

### Wf GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Westfield girls volleyball team advanced to the semifinals of the Union County Tournament Wednesday versus Cranford. Cranford, Union Catholic, and Union will compete with the Blue Devils for the County crown.

digs, and one block; her sister Paige had five kills and two blocks; and Tara Daly had 10 assists while Molly Williams registered eight assists.

The 18-3 Blue Devils are scheduled to play Scotch Plains-Fanwood on Monday. SP-F defeated Linden 25-23, 17-25, 25-10 on Friday. Morgan Finkel had four kills, three serving points, one ace, and six digs; Maetal Rozenberg had 11 assists and eight serving points; Alicia Matthews had two assists, eight serving points, and five aces; and Izzy Blatch had eight kills, 10 service points, six aces, two digs, and two blocks.

After the match with SP-F, Westfield hosted the semifinal round of the Union County Tournament Wednesday versus Cranford. Cranford, Union Catholic, and Union will compete with the Blue Devils for the County crown.

## Soccer team wins seventh straight

(Continued from page C-1) Providence Saturday in the semifinals of the tournament.

### GIRLS SOCCER

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls soccer team is also still alive in the Union County Tournament. The number one seeded Raiders have lost only one regular season game all season thus far.

Monday, SP-F improved its record to 14-1-1 overall with a 4-0 victory over Linden at Linden High School. Tina Camarda, Tyler DelMauro, Kim Appezato, and Allie Zazalli all scored for

the Raiders during the game. With the win, the Raiders clinched the Watchung Conference regular season title.

The Raiders played the 12-3 Westfield High School girls soccer team Wednesday at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The Blue Devils are also playing well and are still in the Union County Tournament, too. The Blue Devils' scheduled game for Monday night against Cranford was cancelled due to Cranford having to play its Union County Tournament quarterfinal game that night. The Cougars defeated New

Providence, setting up a meeting with the Blue Devils anyway in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament.

The second-seeded Blue Devils will face the third-seeded Cougars Saturday at 5 p.m. at Linden High School.

Westfield got to the quarterfinals of the tournament with a 3-1 victory over Summit on Saturday in Berkeley Heights. Junior Corrine Parkinson scored two goals for the Blue Devils while senior Erin McCarthy added another. Junior goalkeeper Claire Bennett made six saves for the Blue Devils during the game.

### SPORTSCENE

**Cheerleading and baton twirling at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA**

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Girls in grades 1-6 can enjoy learning baton twirling skills on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m., also at Grand Street. Participants will master individual and group maneuvers and routines involving finger twirls, a variety of tosses, exchanges and catches, leading to a demonstration for parents and friends during the last class of the session.

Open registration begins Nov. 4 for the late fall session, which runs from Nov. 20 to Feb. 4. For more information, call 908-889-8880 or visit the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at 1340 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.

**Skate-A-Thon at Warinanco on Nov. 4**

The Westfield High School Ice Hockey Team would like to invite their fans to Skate-A-Thon 2006. Come skate with the Blue Devils! Shoot on the goalies, relay races, snack bar will be open, WHS team apparel available for sale. All proceeds benefit the WHS hockey team. Sticks, helmets, and gloves are suggested but not mandatory. Date: Saturday, Nov. 4th, 2006 from 6-8 p.m. Place: Warinanco Skating Center in Roselle. Cost: \$5 admission for skaters (rentals extra). Directions to Warinanco from Westfield - Take South Avenue East through Cranford. Go past the

**SP-F Soccer Assoc. Honored**

New York Red Bulls President Marc du Grandpre announced today that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association has been named their 2006 Youth Soccer Club of the Year award winner for the tri-state area. The club was honored at half-time in an on-field ceremony during Saturday's play-off game against DC United.

The award is in recognition of the hundreds of volunteers in the 1,900 member association and for the club's creative, age-appropriate training programs, dedicated social conscience through community activism and the overall success of its teams and player development. Everyone connected with the SPFSA is congratulated and warmly thanked for their efforts.

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FANWOOD — When the Boy Scouts of Fanwood-Scotch Plains' Troop 33 sat down to write their "What I did last summer" essays this fall, it wasn't the same old story.

Over the summer, the Scouts — ranging in age from 11 to 17 — took off for points north, west and south seeking high adventure and new outdoor experiences.

Opening the summer was the traditional weeklong Boy Scout camp experience at Resica Falls, Pa. A special orientation program taught younger Scouts outdoor skills and Scouting traditions, while the popular COPE program engaged older troop members in team building and high course challenges.

Meanwhile, nine adventurers and their leaders were heading off to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, where they completed a 10-day hiking trek of more than 80 miles. While the highlight was summiting the camp's highest peak, 12,400-foot Mount Baldy, there also was time for activities like burro racing and prospecting for gold.

Water-borne adventures also promised new experiences for 18 Scouts and leaders. Journeying to the Boy Scouts' Adventure Camp Sabattis in July, a hardy crew paddled 38 miles of Adirondack waterways, pulling in at quiet coves to camp, fish and swim. The sightings of herons and loons,



Padding rivers and lakes in upstate New York, this crew from Boy Scout Troop 33 of Fanwood-Scotch Plains (above) enjoyed Scouting at its best over the summer. At right, setting off enveloped in the early morning mist was an awe-inspiring experience for the Scouts and their leaders.

and the time spent canoeing through the quiet morning mists, are experiences never to be forgotten.

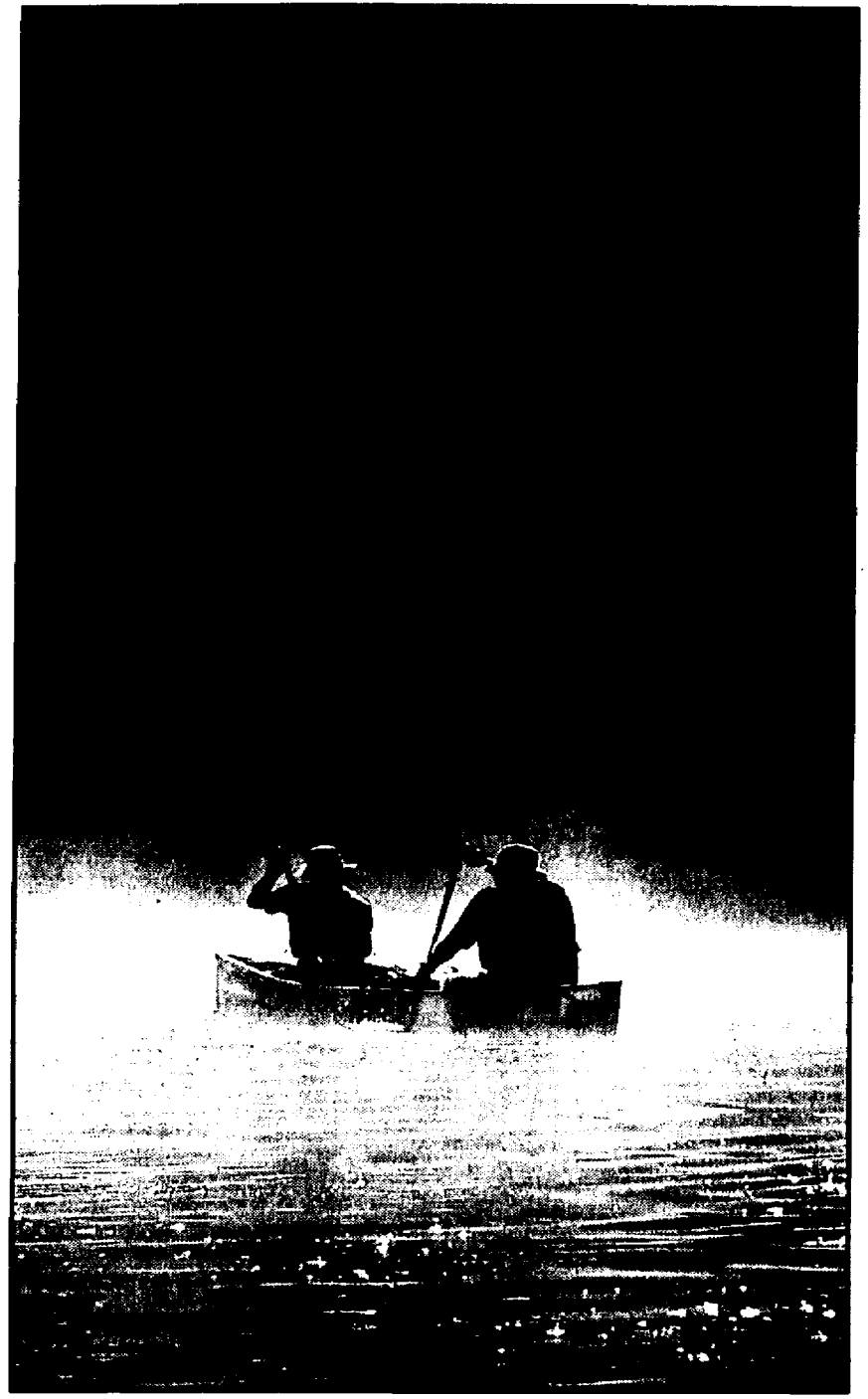
For the second year running, another crew traveled to the Florida Keys to take part in the Boy Scouts' Sea Base program — a weeklong seafaring excursion highlighted by

reef snorkeling, fishing and sleeping under the stars.

Experiences like these, along with opportunities for leadership and community service, have attracted boys to Troop 33 for more than 50 years. The troop is chartered at Fanwood Presbyterian Church, where it holds meet-

ings every Monday.

Troop 33 welcomes new members at any time of the year. Previous Scouting experience is not necessary. For more information about the troop's activities or membership, visit the Web site at <http://bsatrop33.com> or call Scoutmaster Tom Loop at (908) 755-7634.



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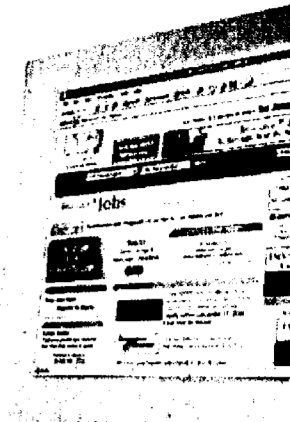
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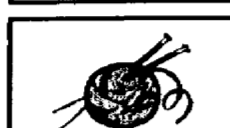
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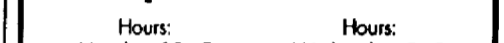
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Honda Civics on the production line in Alliston, Ontario, Canada. The company is increasing production capacity for the Civic to meet demand for fuel-efficient vehicles.

## Fuel-efficient Civic in high demand, Honda says

Honda announced this week that it will seek to meet market demand for fuel-efficient vehicles by adjusting manufacturing capacity to increase North American production of fuel efficient 4-cylinder Civic models in early 2007 by up to 60,000 units on an annual basis.

As higher fuel prices have rekindled consumer interest in fuel economy, the company said it is striving to meet demand for its popular 4-cylinder passenger cars in a timely fashion. Key components of the plan include:

From February 2007, production of Pilot sport utility vehicles in Canada will be gradually shifted to Honda's Lincoln, Ala. plant. This will return the Alabama plant's production to a full annual capacity of 300,000 vehicles and engines and will make it the sole source for both Pilot and Odyssey models after the shift.

From April 2007, production of Civic Sedan models will be added for the first time to Honda's Plant 2 in

Alliston, Ontario, Canada, which has produced only light truck models since opening in fall 1998. Plant 1 in Canada already builds Civic Sedans and Coupes. The added Civic production will not impact the plant's current production capacity of 390,000 units.

"We have been challenged to keep up with record customer demand for our lineup of fuel efficient cars and trucks," said Dick Colliver, executive vice president of American Honda Motor Co. Inc. "Our flexible production system is a wonderful tool that enables Honda to better meet the demand of our customers and dealers in an efficient and timely way."

Sales in the U.S. of the Civic lineup are up 7.1 percent through September 2006 in comparison to 2005, while overall passenger car sales (up 3.9 percent) and light truck sales (up 8.2 percent) are leading American Honda toward a 10th consecutive annual sales record and a 13th straight year of increasing sales.

As previously announced, Honda has added production this year of two light truck models at its Ohio auto plants. Honda's East Liberty Plant in Ohio began production of the 2007 Honda CR-V in September, and the Marysville Auto Plant began producing the all-new Acura RDX in July, after building only passenger cars since opening in 1982.

Currently, Honda builds Civic models at two North American plants — the East Liberty Plant and the Alliston Plant. Over the past few months, both plants have added overtime production in an effort to meet customer demand.

Further, on June 28, Honda announced plans to increase its North American capacity by an additional 200,000 units with the construction of an auto plant near Greensburg, Ind. for the production of 4-cylinder vehicles and a 200,000-unit engine plant in Canada to build 4-cylinder engines. These plants are scheduled to begin operation in 2008.

## AAA warns: Leaves are slippery when wet

Wet roadways make for hazardous driving, but conditions worsen when fallen leaves are added to the mix, says the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

With autumn upon us, AAA reminds motorists to slow down and take care when driving in wet, leafy conditions.

"Leaf-covered roads are dangerous even in dry conditions," said Michele Mount, the Club's public affairs manager. "Leaves prevent a vehicle's tires from maintaining a firm grip on the pavement by coming between the tire and the road surface. Wet leaves also increase the danger of hydroplaning and loss of vehicle control."

"Leaves often stay wet after the road has dried off, fooling motorists into thinking that conditions are safer than they actually are," Mount added.

To assist motorists in navigating wet, leaf-covered roads, AAA provides these tips:

— Slow down. Many crashes associated with wet weather occur at speeds of less than 35 mph, especially on curves. Remember that speed limits are set for ideal conditions.

— Use a light touch on the pedals and wheels. Make all your adjustments gradually, preventing any sudden changes in speed or direction.

— Allow a greater following distance than usual. Under good conditions, the rule of thumb is to maintain a following distance of two seconds. In wet conditions, increase that distance to six seconds. Pick a stationary

object down the road in front of you (such as a lamp post or road sign), and make certain that six full seconds have passed from the time the car in front of you passes the object until you do. If you reach the object before you've counted the six seconds, you're too close to the vehicle in front of you.

— Regularly check the condition of your tires. Make sure they're properly inflated and have sufficient tread.

"If you find yourself in a skid or hydroplaning, ease off the gas and shift into neutral," Mount advised. "Shifting into neutral depowers the drive wheels so that the turning force is stopped and the brakes can affect all four wheels equally."

"If you have anti-lock brakes, put your foot on the pedal and hold it down — don't pump the pedal," she continued. "You'll feel a pulse, which means the system is doing the pumping for you. With conventional brakes, you should gradually squeeze the pedal with your toes until you can feel the wheels begin to lock. Let up at that instant, then resume squeezing to the threshold of lock-up."

"Look and steer in the direction you want your car to go," Mount added.

Mount also stressed that motorists should not park on a pile of leaves. "Not only do you not know what may be in the pile, such as broken branches and other debris, but your car's catalytic converter, located underneath the vehicle, may be hot enough to start a fire on dry leaves."

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<p><b>CHATHAM</b> GARAGE SALE <b>SATURDAY OCT. 28</b> 9AM - 2PM</p> <p>12 HILLTOP TERRACE (Off Southern Blvd)</p> <p>Household items, kids stuff, toys &amp; more!</p>	<p><b>CLARK</b> <b>GARAGE SALE</b> *** <b>Saturday</b> October 28<sup>th</sup> (9am-4pm) <b>Sunday</b> October 29<sup>th</sup> (9am-2pm)</p> <p>63 Emerson Rd. (off Valley Rd.)</p> <p>Household Items, Clothes, Shoes, Purses, etc. A little bit of everything!</p>	<p><b>CLARK</b> <b>Yard Sale</b> <b>Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup></b> Rain Date: Sun, 11/5 9 am - 2 pm</p> <p>13 Liberty St.</p> <p>*** Exercise Equipment, Furniture, Craft Items, Antiques and Much More! ***</p>	<p><b>CRANFORD</b> <b>GARAGE SALE</b> <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> <b>October 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup></b> 8am-4pm</p> <p>31 Burchfield Ave. (off Centennial Ave.)</p> <p>HH Items, Furniture, Books, Coffee Makers, TV's, Coffee Tables. Everything for the Home!</p>	<p><b>EDISON</b> MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE <b>Fri. 10/27 &amp; Sat. 10/28</b> 9 am - 3 pm</p> <p>252 W. Hegel Ave (off Featherbed Lane)</p> <p>Household, Men's, Women's, Kid's Clothing, Toys, Men's Stuff, Bedding, Misc.</p> <p>Great Variety! Great Prices!</p>	<p><b>KENILWORTH</b> *GARAGE* *SALE* <b>Friday, Saturday, &amp; Sunday</b> <b>October 27-29</b> 9am-4pm</p> <p>12 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.</p> <p>Household Items, Furniture, Knick Knacks, etc.</p> <p>23 Years of Accumulation. Don't Miss This ONE!</p>	<p><b>RAHWAY</b> MOVING SALE CONTENTS OF HOME <b>Sat. 10/28</b> 9 am - 4 pm</p> <p><b>Sun. 10/29</b> 9 am - 3 pm</p> <p>1042 W. Lake Ave (corner of Lake &amp; Rudolph)</p> <p>Antiques, Collectibles, Fridge, Washer &amp; Dryer, Vintage BR &amp; Dressers, MINT '50 Cougar 1 1/2 mi Misc HH Items All Priced to Sell</p>	<p><b>ROSELLE PARK</b> YARD SALE <b>SATURDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 28</b> 9AM - 3PM No Early Birds</p> <p>319 E. LINCOLN AVE Between Galloping Hill Rd. and Chestnut St.</p> <p>Furniture, toys, books, baby items... and much more...</p>	<p><b>SUMMIT, NJ</b> GARAGE SALE No 7 &amp; 14 Shadyside Ave <b>Sat 10/28</b> 9am-2pm</p> <p>Lots of household items &amp; kids stuff</p> <p>Everything must go!</p>
<p><b>CLARK</b> <b>Garage Sale</b> <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> <b>October 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup></b> 8 am - 1 pm</p> <p>46 Ridge Rd. (Off Lake Ave.)</p> <p>*** Old Tools, Clothing, Toys, Baby Items, Furniture, Etc... ***</p>	<p><b>CLARK</b> <b>Huge Multi-Family Garage Sale</b> <b>Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am - 4 pm</p> <p>658 Madison Hill Rd.</p> <p>*** Children's Clothes, Toys, Games, Household Items and Much More! ***</p>	<p><b>CRANFORD</b> <b>Furniture Sale</b> <b>Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am - 2 pm</p> <p>14 Broad Street (Between Walnut &amp; Centennial)</p> <p>Refinished and Hand-painted Furniture, Tables, Chairs, Headboards and Children's Items. Nothing over \$50.</p>	<p><b>CRANFORD</b> MULTI FAMILY *GARAGE SALE* <b>Saturday</b> <b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9am-3pm</p> <p>15 Georgia St. (off Lexington)</p> <p>HH Items, clothing, tools, lamps, hats, Knick Knacks, purses. A little bit of everything!</p>	<p><b>GARWOOD</b> *GARAGE SALE* <b>Saturday</b> <b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b> Rain Date: 10/29 9am-3pm</p> <p>526 Beech Ave. (off of Center st.)</p> <p>New tag items; HH items; Men's, Women's, &amp; Kids clothing, Toys, outdoor toys, high chair, baby equipment. To much to List!</p>	<p><b>LINDEN</b> BASEMENT/GARAGE SALE <b>SAT &amp; SUN</b> <b>10/28 &amp; 10/29</b> 9AM-3PM</p> <p>2842 Verona Ave off Raritan Rd</p> <p>Tools, records, old dolls, children and adult clothes and household, etc.</p>	<p><b>RAHWAY</b> PRE MOVING SALE! <b>SAT OCT 28<sup>th</sup></b> Rain Date Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 9AM-3PM</p> <p>889 RIFFLE AVE Off Madison Hill Rd to Revolv to Riffle</p> <p>Tools, clothes, etc.</p> <p>Too Much To List!</p>	<p><b>SCOTCH PLAINS</b> <b>Garage Sale</b> <b>Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am - 3 pm <b>Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup></b> 9 am - 1 pm</p> <p>29 Canterbury Dr. (Off Glenside Ave.)</p> <p>Men's &amp; Women's Clothes, Sports Equipment, Small Appliances, Kitchenware, Luggage, Garden Tools, Skis, Collectible Dolls &amp; More!</p>	 <p><b>Yard Sales</b> Continue on D-2</p>



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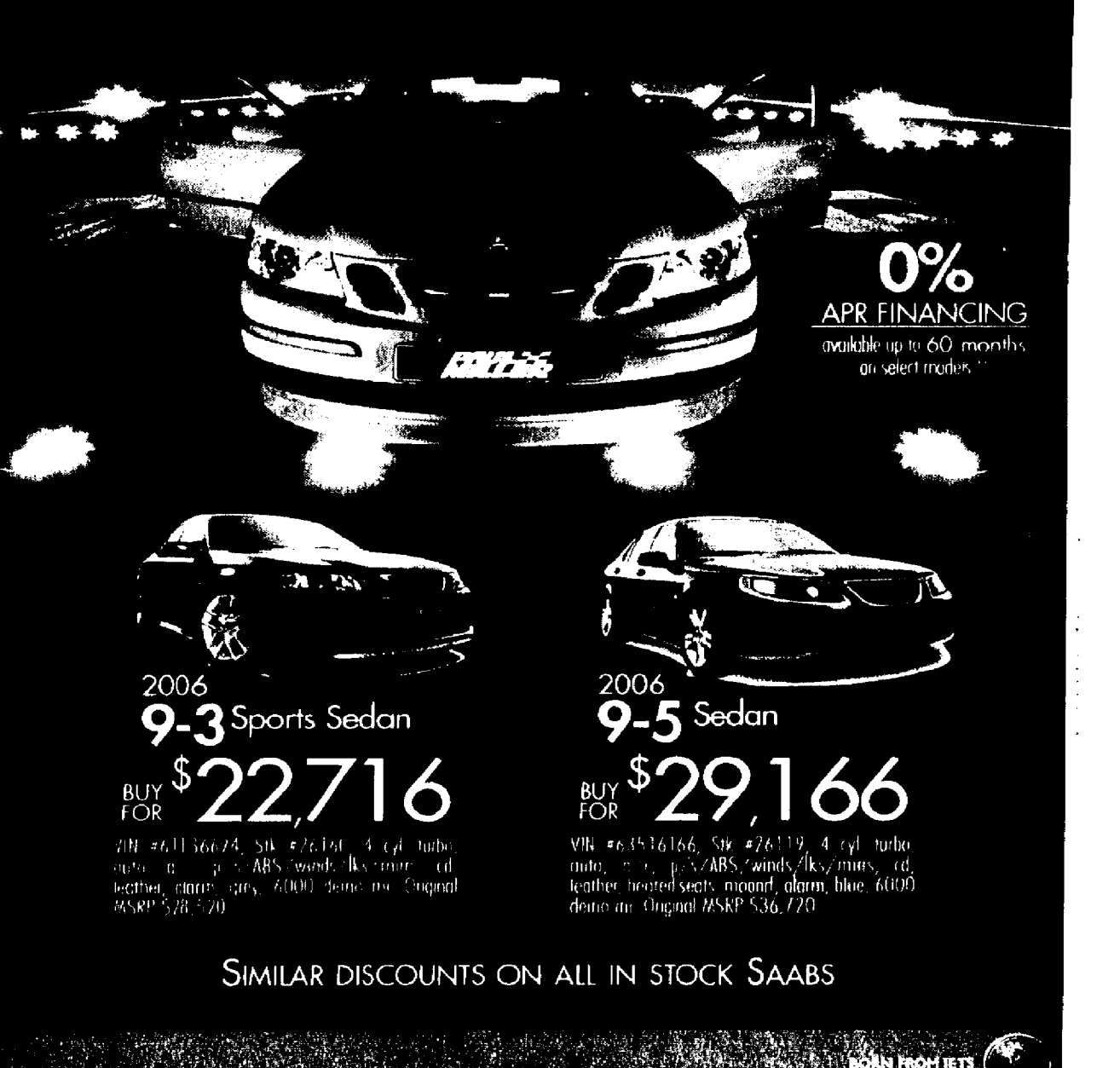
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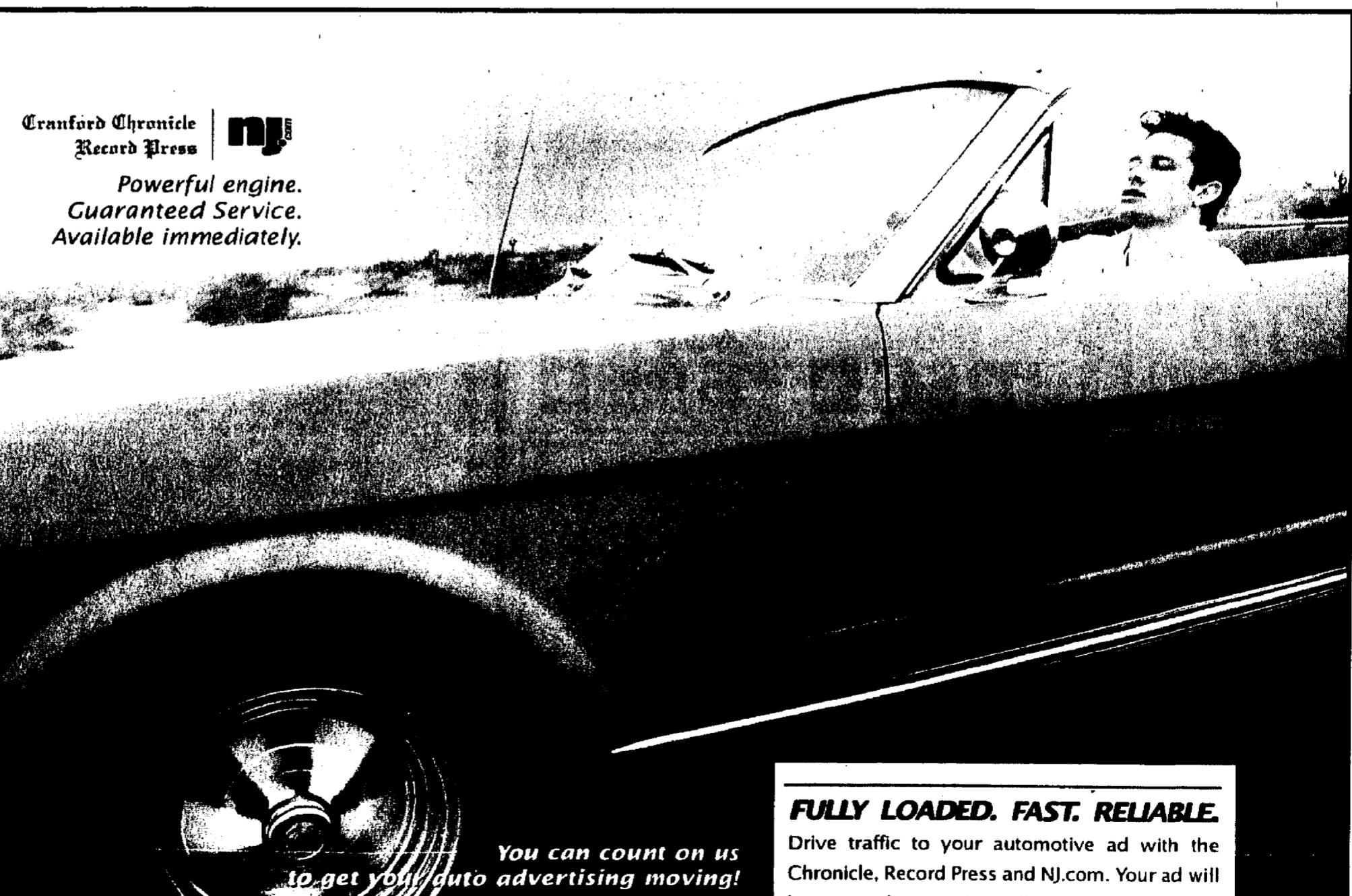


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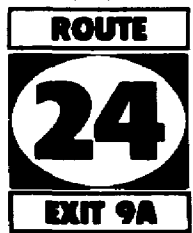
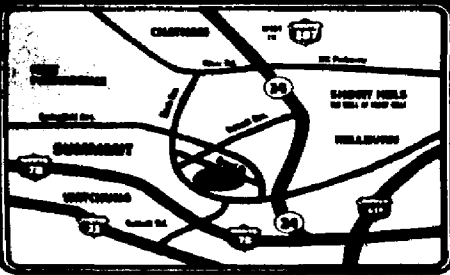
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