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Music Club to present concert

WESTFIELD — The third concert of the Musical Club of Westfield will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street.

A feature of the program will be the first public performance of "Sonata for Flute and Piano: St. Columba" by Trent Johnson, Minister of Music at First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

For information, call George Toenes at 233-3145.

Singers to perform at tree lighting

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Sunday, the Ontario Singers will perform at the tree lighting service at Scotch Plains Municipal Building 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Living gifts for Heifer Project

WESTFIELD — This Sunday First United Methodist Church of Westfield will sponsor a "living gift market" for Heifer Project International. Upon making a donation, purchasers will receive a card or fact sheet that will describe their gift: heifer, oxen, tree, etc. The market will begin at noon in the social hall and lunch will be served.

Santa to visit St. Bart's tomorrow

SCOTCH PLAINS — Parents and children are invited to meet with jolly St. Nick and enjoy a Christmas party complete with a Pancake Breakfast served all morning on a first-come, first-served basis at St. Bartholomew's.

Some of the party activities include special Christmas crafts and decorations, face painting, and three baskets of Beanie Baby raffles as well as a Santa train set raffle. Also, to cherish the memory have a photo taken with Santa, free.

The Home School Association will host Breakfast with Santa 9-11 a.m. tomorrow in the school gymnasium. Tickets will be sold at the door and will cost \$7 per person; children under age 2 will be free. Call Sandy DeKarski at (908) 654-5924.

Tiny Tim caroling fund drive

SCOTCH PLAINS — The annual Tiny Tim caroling fund drive will be 6-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Carolers will go house to house singing Christmas carols and conclude the program at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Tiny Tim provides financial assistance to Scotch Plains and Fanwood children who need medical care and cannot afford it.

For information, call Mari McDevitt at (908) 233-8618, Peggy Tan at (908) 233-2195 or Anne O'Brien at (908) 768-3079.

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Cops charge 19-year-old in nightclub slaying

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS—Scotch Plains police have arrested and charged the prime suspect in the fatal Thanksgiving shooting at the Malibu nightclub that left one man dead and another critically wounded.

Karwin Brown, 19, of Somerset was charged with first degree murder in the shooting of 19-year-old New Brunswick resident Trishawn Moody. Brown was arrested at his home on Lillian Street at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday. He was taken to Scotch Plains Police Headquarters for

booking and later transferred to Union County Jail in Elizabeth. He is being held on \$150,000 cash bail.

Police did not reveal the name of the second victim, a 19-year-old man from New Brunswick, who suffered a gunshot wound to his upper body.

"Frankly, he may be at risk if we do so," Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan admitted at a press conference Tuesday afternoon at the municipal building with Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien.

The unidentified victim is currently listed in fair condition at Robert Wood

Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick and is considered a key witness by police. Authorities would not reveal whether he had a prior relationship to either the defendant or the deceased victim.

Manahan and O'Brien characterized the events that unfolded Thanksgiving night as "happenstance" and "not planned by either party."

Moody was one of about 60 people who were on line waiting to enter the club on Terrill Road at about 12:30 a.m. on Nov. 27.

"We allege that the defendant arrives at the club, gets on line, spots the victim and

the shooting occurs moments later," said David Hancock, investigations supervisor for the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Brown fled in a car and the shooting victim who survived was found by Plainfield police running along Terrill Road.

"It's a very popular club, the hip-hop night is very popular and occupancy is limited so it is not uncommon to have people waiting on line to get into the club," Manahan said.

A .38-caliber revolver was recovered at the scene of the slaying but Manahan said there's "no indication that Mr. Moody fired" (Continued on page A-3)



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Natural glory

Parker Greenhouse Farm and Garden Center at 1325 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains will host its annual Christmas open house tomorrow 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hundreds of trees, decorated live and artificial wreaths, thousands of poinsettias, Christina's World Collectible Ornaments, all-weather Santas, lighted deer and lawn statues, scented candles, plus lots more. Free refreshments will be available and don't forget your camera for a picture with Santa Claus.

Board urges passage of bond Dec. 15 vote on \$11.7 million school improvement bond

By JON LEDERMAN
COURT REPORTER

WESTFIELD — With less than two weeks remaining before the Dec. 15 public referendum on a \$11.7 million school improvement bond, members of the Board of Education were in a hopeful and expectant mood at Tuesday's bi-monthly meeting.

"I really believe the bond will pass because so many people (more than 200) have been involved in the process right from the beginning," said Board member Susan Jacobson.

Annamarie Puleo said "The bond is on the threshold of being passed, which will lead to additional classrooms. This in turn will lead to additional teachers and other support staff necessary to maintain Westfield's high standards for education."

If passed, the bond will be used to cover costs associated with adding 16 elementary classrooms, establishing a district-wide technology infrastructure and providing capital improvements such as repairing roofs and lavatories and replacing windows.

It is estimated that 40 percent of the bond will be applied toward the additional classrooms (nine at Franklin School, six at McKinley and one at Wilson), 50 percent to capital improvement projects and 10 percent to technology infrastructure.

In the intermediate schools, Foreign Language will be included in the sixth grade team approach, which will decrease class sizes by distributing students more equally. In addition, the elementary Advanced Learning Program and Pre-School Handicapped Program, which currently occupy classrooms at Edison School, would be moved to the elementary schools

once the new classrooms have been added. These strategies will enable Edison and Roosevelt Schools to accommodate projected enrollment increases in the future.

At the High School, the bond will provide funds to convert vacant auto shop and graphic arts rooms into four classrooms. Two additional rooms will be gained by converting administrative space to classrooms. Anticipating enrollment growth of 25 percent by the year 2002, the Board is exploring the possibility of using six large classrooms at the Armory to accommodate the increase.

One of the more controversial aspects of the bond discourse is related to the Lincoln School, which is currently being leased to the Union County Educational Services Commission for an annual fee of \$122,000. The Citizen's Advisory Committee on Capital Projects, which recommended the bond to the Board in October, has estimated it would cost \$1.9 million to renovate the old school and bring it up to code. The Committee concluded it would be more economically sound to add rooms to existing schools.

Board members say that opening Lincoln School would also create the need for town-wide redistricting and busing. The cost of busing would have to be added to the operating budget, which is already stretched and is limited by a state-mandated cap on year-over-year increases.

According to Board members, this is an opportune time for the community to enter into a bond because the district will complete payment on existing debt by the year 2001. A new bond is expected to have minimal impact on the tax rate. For an average assessed

home of \$174,000, the estimated tax impact is \$18 per year in the first year, \$37 per year in the second year and \$56 per year in years three through five. In addition, interest rates are low which would allow Westfield to enter into a 20-year bond at a rate of approximately 4.73 percent.

Board members also point out that new State funding laws limit the town's budget growth to less than three percent annually, placing severe limitations on the district's ability to build a reserve and apply it to capital projects. They contend that long-term financing in the form of a bond will help fund needed capital projects that could not otherwise be funded.

The following is a comprehensive breakdown of where the bond dollars will be spent:

Wilson Elementary School — Replace flat roof, \$111,950; Lavatory renovation, \$350,000; Library expansion, \$254,400; Cabling classrooms and library, \$98,300. Total: \$814,250.

Washington Elementary School — Mechanical renovation, \$50,000; Lavatory renovation, \$150,000; Cabling classrooms and library, \$70,100. Total: \$270,100.

McKinley Elementary School — Roof replacement, \$100,700; HVAC upgrade, \$150,000; Classroom additions, \$2,026,000; Cabling classrooms and library, \$70,900. Total: \$2,552,900.

Tamaques Elementary School — Replace floor tile, \$100,000; Lavatory renovation, \$150,000; Cabling classrooms and library, \$98,300. Total: \$348,300.

Jefferson Elementary School — New roof, \$392,000; Lavatory renovation, \$150,000; Cabling classrooms and library, \$98,700. Total: \$640,700.

Franklin Elementary School — Lavatory renovation, \$150,000;

Classroom additions, \$2,552,000; Cabling classrooms and library, \$810,200. Total: \$2,864,800.

Edison Intermediate School — New windows, \$318,200; Lavatory renovation, \$310,000; Cabling classrooms and library, \$159,800. Total: \$788,000.

Roosevelt Intermediate School — New windows, \$437,000; Roof repair, \$165,700; Cabling classrooms and library, \$134,800. Total: \$737,500.

High School — New windows, \$459,000; Lavatory renovation, (Continued on page A-3)

Photos with Santa will help art grow

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Santa Claus won't be looking for a home to buy when he visits Rorden Realty tonight.

Instead, the North Pole resident will be in town extra early this year to pose for photographs with area children. He will be at the Town Bank of Westfield located on the circle 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 19.

Santa's photo shoot is part of a fund-raiser coordinated by The Westfield Coalition for the Arts, an art and music advocacy group offering programs, scholarships and grants to Westfield public school students and teachers.

"Our office always sponsors events locally that help the town and we think that this certainly is in keeping with that," said Warren Rorden who will be on hand to help children get on Santa's lap. "We are very pleased to help out."

This is the first fund-raiser for the coalition which is beginning its third year.

"So far in the two years we have been able to give 14 high school kids scholarships toward their programs in colleges," said Donna Pitt of the coalition. "They do not have to be art or music majors, but they are kids who contributed to the art and music programs while in the school system here."

The first year the coalition gave away six \$200 scholarships and eight \$250 scholarships the second year. This year, two teacher grants of \$150 were added so teachers could attend a class or seminar that interested them.

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Guest appearance

Santa greets his fans at Westfield's annual tree lighting ceremony.

Cops charge man in nightclub slaying

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Ballistic tests indicate that a .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun was used to kill Moody who was hit with two bullets - one to his right shoulder and the other to his back which severed his aorta.

"At this point we do not know if Mr. Moody was armed, only that there were at least two weapons on the scene," Manahan said.

Investigators believe the shooting was in retaliation for an earlier incident in September where Brown was allegedly stabbed by Moody in New Brunswick.

The nightclub, owned by Frank Ricciutti and Larry Ray, hosts "hip-hop" night on Thursdays. The 600-person capacity club has been in the township for decades. Responding to the changing times, the club's name and music have also changed through the years.

In the 1970s it was called the Arrow Lounge, in 1985 it became the Malibu, then JJ Rockers in the early 1990s, Amnesia in 1994 and, in 1996 became known as Malibu again. The club is open three nights a week, playing Top 40 music on Fridays and hosting Teen Night on Saturdays.

"I'd just like to thank the Scotch Plains Police Department who have done an excellent job to bring this investigation to a close," Ray said. "The police have always provided superior service to guarantee the safety of our patrons."

"We also have a well-trained security staff who follows a spe-

cific protocol to ensure the safety of our patrons," Ray added.

Officials said nothing like this has ever happened at the club before.

"The incident did not take place inside the club. It took place outside the club in the parking area," Manahan said. "It does not diminish the seriousness of the incident, it doesn't diminish the fact that there were many innocent people out there that evening in the parking lot waiting to get into this club and that their well-being was certainly placed in jeopardy by what took place."

"But at this point we can state that there has never been an incident of this magnitude or approaching this magnitude at this club prior to this case."

Chief O'Brien said he doesn't see any reason for the club to close.

"We are not taking any steps at this point to close them. As the prosecutor pointed out, this was an isolated incident of this magnitude," Chief O'Brien said.

"I am going to sit down with the owners of the club and discuss some concerns I have as to how they may improve the safety of their patrons, particularly those that are waiting out in the parking lot," the chief added. "But at this point as we speak there is no reason to close them down or to hold them directly responsible for this."

"We had some excellent police work," Manahan said. "This is not necessarily an easy case because it requires a lot of leg work and massive information from the earliest moments as to who might be involved."

"We still have to track them down, we still have to find witnesses and, frankly, it is difficult to find witnesses who are willing to talk about people who have shot other people for obvious reasons," Manahan added.

Key evidence in the case was developed by Detective William Schultz and Detective Kevin Foley of the Prosecutor's Major Crimes Unit.

"They have been working 12 to 14 hour days since this incident occurred," Chief O'Brien said. "While we were home enjoying Thanksgiving weekend they worked late into the night."

"Despite the fact the violent crime is going down, unfortunately, this type of conduct among teenagers has not gone down," Manahan said. "We are seeing more use of weapons, use of deadly force as a way some young people resolve disputes."

"Within one week, a nineteen year-old assaulted police officers, robbed a bank and had his own life taken during an encounter with the police," said Manahan, referring to Michael Howard who was wanted for murder in Baltimore, a bank robbery in Fanwood and shooting a man in Plainfield. The crime wave ended Nov. 25 when Howard was killed in a shoot-out with Mountainside and Scotch Plains police on Route 22.

"Two days after that, we have two 19-year-old males, one who is the victim and one who has been charged with taking his life," Manahan added. "It is a sad commentary and there is a reason why we take weapons very seriously and we will follow it up."

Leaf removal stirs complaints

By TINA GUARINO
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD-- When Mayor Tom Jardim answered his phone 4:30 a.m. Nov. 24, he heard the sounds of idling trucks picking up leaves.

The Charles Street resident who called him held his phone out the window for the mayor to hear the noise that disturbed the early morning hours of nearby residents.

"This is a serious issue, because that's the only time the trucks can get to places like Charles Street because during the day the streets are blocked with cars parking at the Y," said Mayor Jardim who got out of bed to meet the resident.

Even though the resident and the mayor shared dissatisfaction about the early morning wake-up call, another resident, Catherine Halderman, of Edgewood Avenue said the sounds of those trucks would be "music to my ears anytime."

Halderman, who bags her own leaves as well as her neighbors' leaves, said the leaf removal has been "very inefficient this year."

"I understand there was a problem with the trucks so now I know why they have just been by once," she said.

"They broke down, they weren't the right size and there weren't enough of them," said Charlie Brandt, town attorney, about the trucks.

"Even if the trucks were working, it still wouldn't matter if a lawn service comes the day after they get there and dumps their leaves in the street and then we have to wait another three weeks for the trucks to come," Halderman said.

Halderman said the problem is scheduling between leaf pick-up times and lawn services which many residents use.

"After our whole street was cleaned, up the neighbors lawn service came the very next day and dumped their entire yard of leaves into the street," she said. "So guess where they ended up? In our yard and we are continuously raking other peoples leaves."

Halderman regularly visits the Department of Public Works to get bags.

"I get bags and we bag everybody's leaves so we don't have the problem," she said.

"Years ago, we used to do our leaves our selves and help each other," she added. "There was a rule, no one put the leaves in the streets until the leaf trucks were due in your area."

But, other residents pointed out, even when they are due, they don't always arrive.

"Many years I had to wait a month between pickups and then had two within a week," said Victor Attanasio of Bates Way, who claimed he was only satisfied one year with the leaf removal process.

"And yes, I use a lawn service because I have about 15 big oak trees on my property. I definitely don't have the time, inclination or whatever to bag them or to get them out to the front and you try telling your lawn guy when to come," Attanasio said.

"I really think more work needs to be done to space this evenly, to give the perception that all parts of this town are handled equally and that there is a relatively equal spacing between collection," Attanasio added.

Halderman suggested residents be required to bag leaves if it is more than two days before the trucks are scheduled for a pick up.

Photos with Santa help art grow

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"We wanted the teachers to do something that they enjoyed," Patt said. "This year we hope to start bringing people into town to share art or music with the students."

The coalition has a six-member board with about 200 people who have donated to it.

"The fund-raiser allows people with children to support the arts group that is playing advocate for them," Patt added.

Linda King, supervisor of fine arts for Westfield public schools says the arts are crucial to a child's education.

"There are more studies now that are actually connecting music to brain power and development," King said. "Even the state is recognizing the impor-

tance of the arts by mandating standards for the schools."

"The support that the coalition offers is greatly appreciated and acknowledged throughout the district for all grade levels," King added.

"We have an excellent program and a dedicated staff and talented students," said Danielle Walsh, school board president. "This type of activity makes the community at large aware of our talented students."

"I think any association of community residents and parents is wonderful," Walsh added.

"We appreciate their support of fine arts in Westfield."

Helping the coalition as Santa will be Joseph DeAlessandro, a member of the Board of Directors of The Town Bank of Westfield. The Town Bank and Camera 3 on East Broad Street are underwriting the cost of the fund-raiser. Pictures cost \$7.

Appointments for a specific date and time are optional and can be made by calling 854-5790.

For more information about the coalition call Patty Minsky at 654-8348.

Board urges bond passage

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\$310,000; Convert auto shop and graphic arts, \$376,000, Total \$1,345,000.

Other Costs - Architect/engineering for additions, \$421,600; Contingency for additions, \$410,125; Bond counsel/accounting costs, \$100,000; Architect/engineering for renovations/repairs, \$404,000; Architect/engineering for cabling, \$79,600, Total - \$1,415,325
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Commentary

A holiday reminder

There are certain traditions of the holiday season that most of us hold dear — the spirit of good will and generosity, the warmth of family celebrations and the joy of opening Christmas presents no matter how old you are.

But there is one holiday tradition no one likes — drinking and driving.

Every year there are too many injuries and too many deaths from accidents involving the lethal mix of alcohol and gasoline. The irresponsible acts of revelers often leads to tragedies that leave a permanent scar on the holiday season.

We congratulate and support organizations such as SADD and MADD for conducting vigorous public relations campaigns against drunken driving not only during the holiday season, but the rest of the year as well. The organizations' simple message needs to be re-enforced as often as possible — when you drink and drive, you are placing your life and the lives of innocent people in jeopardy.

The best holiday gift you can give this year may be the ride you offer a friend or relative who's had too much to drink. That is a gift that may last forever.

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Letters to the editor

Candidate thanks the voters

To The Record-Press:

I wish to personally thank the 1,141 citizens for their votes of confidence as one of the two Republican Fanwood Borough Council candidates. Also, I wish to personally thank each person who served on the 1998 Fanwood Republican Council Campaign team for his or her support and dedication.

It was an honor and a privilege to have Will Coronato in my running mate. I believe that he will become a very successful and effective Fanwood Borough elected official in the near future due to his fine character and willing-

ness to serve. I know that his wife Darlene and their two children, Andrew and Peter, are proud of his first attempt to seek political office.

In closing, I would like to strongly emphasize to every citizen that voting is a privilege that should not be taken for granted and that our current governing body needs your support in order to represent you more effectively and for the general benefit of Fanwood.

Dave Trumpp
Fanwood



Letters to the editor

State STW program called 'noxious'

To The Record-Press:

The State of New Jersey has decided on 14 career majors from which ALL tenth graders will choose. Then they will work one day per week during their junior and senior years instead of attending school or they won't graduate. Students will have "job shadowing" days out of class beginning in fifth grade. It's called "School to Work" (STW) and it's a national program that has taken a particularly noxious form in New Jersey.

Gov. Whitman has received federal Goals 2000 money to establish this program. Workforce Investment Boards (WIB) have been setting up the infrastructure for the program since 1995. Some counties can only afford five or seven of the 14 majors. Child labor laws have already been amended to accommodate it. It's already part of the state's Core Curriculum Content Standards—the first 20 pages provide detail about "cross content readiness skills"—and they aren't academic.

The program is mandatory for ALL students, no exceptions. Thomas Henry from the state made this clear at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Board meeting on Aug. 27, a meeting at which the public wasn't allowed to ask questions. Couldn't happen in America you say? Think again! Read the state's content standards on www.state.nj.us/njded/cces/index.html. If local districts don't comply, state funds can be pulled away from virtually any category.

For some reason there has been a virtual media blackout on this subject in the larger papers. Many

educators believe that the pending legislation is a community service program; it is not. Proponents of the program whisper that opposition is small and right wing; it is not. This program will completely restructure education in our state, changing the focus from academics to developing "human capital", eliminating local control and forcing students to select a major from a very small pool of choices. Carnegie Unit requirements for graduation will disappear in favor of passing the minimal basic skills HSPA test and fulfilling the work requirement. The logistics of implementation and oversight are extremely expensive and will be borne by our local communities when the federal funds disappear after 2000. No wonder they're being so sneaky about it!

There has never before been such a blatant attempt for state takeover of the entire educational system. I haven't yet met a proponent with a child young enough to be affected by this draconian program.

It is vital to write to our state legislators, the governor and the Chairmen of the Senate and Assembly Education Committees to voice our opposition. Another round of hearings will commence in January. You may also submit written comments on this program to the State of New Jersey, Office of Standards and Professional Development, 100 River View Plaza, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625.

VICTORIA C. MANDUCA
FRANWOOD

Vote 'YES' for excellence Dec. 15

To The Record-Press:

On Dec. 15, Westfield voters will be asked to support a Bond Referendum for \$11.7 million. This referendum is very important for our community.

I was on the Citizen's Advisory Committee and I believe that our committee worked hard to find the right compromise for all taxpayers in Westfield.

Elementary enrollment is continuing to grow and some classrooms are already overcrowded. There is no space for any extra classrooms in any of our elementary schools. There are no music and art rooms. Children learn instruments in closets, halls and kitchens. All rooms are fully utilized. Previous construction and restructuring did not solve the continuing growth in our schools.

All schools will benefit from the renovations that are desperately needed on these old buildings. At WHS, the bond will provide funds for the conversion of the vacant auto shop and graphic art rooms into

four classrooms. High school enrollment will be increasing in the coming years. Our committee also recommends that the Armory be a consideration to cope with this increase.

We need this bond to continue the quality of education that we have come to expect from our Westfield schools. My two high school daughters will not benefit from this bond referendum yet I believe we owe it to all the children and those yet to enter school to continue the excellence. It is my hope that my son, who is in fourth grade, will have the excellence in education that his sisters are enjoying at high school. This bond is for all our children!

Please come out on December 15 to support our schools. Please vote "Yes" to continue the excellence.

Eileen Passananti
Westfield

PTA/PTO supports Westfield bond issue

To The Record-Press:

As presidents of the Westfield School PTO/PTAs, we strongly endorse the passage of the \$11.7 million school bond referendum. The projects included in the proposed bond benefit all of our schools.

First, the capital improvements are absolutely necessary to maintain the investment in our schools. Our schools are old (averaging 50 years), not only are items such as new windows, roofs, HVAC, toilets, and heating systems necessary, many of the facilities need to be upgraded for compliance with ADA requirements. The new state budget has severely limited our ability to include projects such as these in our regular budget.

Second, we are out of space in our schools. We already have class sizes greater than the district maximum, and continued enrollment growth is expected. The bond addresses the need for additional space at all grade levels. New elementary classrooms will be built, intermediate school space will become available after elementary programs are moved out, and the high school will reclaim rooms used for other purposes. Reasonable class sizes and adequate instructional space are critical to maintaining the quality of education here in Westfield.

Third and last, we need to wire our schools for technology. By installing the technological infrastructure at all schools simultaneously, we will have

a uniform system of a lower cost. The bond does not fund new computers, which have short life spans, but rather the wiring that will be used for many years to come.

We are writing this letter jointly to signify that we are one district. It is our schools that attract people to Westfield and keep our property values high. The tax impact is minimal, ranging from \$18 in the first year to \$57 by the third year for the average household. Our children are depending on this bond, and we believe the whole community will benefit from maintaining a strong school system. We urge voters to support the bond on Dec. 15.

WESTFIELD PTO/PTA PRESIDENTS
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Viagra, HOV lanes and Clinton

Here are three stories I hope you go away in 1999:

Viagra

The drug, second only to Monica Lewinsky as the subject of jokes this year, may not be funny after all. The Federal Food and Drug Administration has issued new safety warnings about the drug after noting 130 American Viagra users have died, most from heart attacks, since it went on the market.

There is a simple lesson for all this: let nature take its course.

I'm not one of those nuts who believe we should abandon all medicine and put our health only in the hands of the Almighty. I wouldn't be able to produce a newspaper every week without the kind intervention of Excedrin and Tums. But I'm suggesting there are certain non-fatal medical conditions associated with the aging process that are better left in the hands of the greatest urologist of all, Mother Nature.

T.S. Eliot's Prufrock said he did not want to measure his life in coffee spoons; men shouldn't measure their lives by their erections either. This, will probably be the unintended but lasting legacy of President Clinton.

There is so much more to being a man (or a woman) than sexual activity. And a mature, intimate relationship between a man and woman should be strong enough to withstand, in some cases, the natural withering of sex. In a culture that's obsessed with youth and the fulfillment of self through sex, it's difficult to leave behind the American dream of eternal adolescence. It's foolish and maybe a bit macabre and perverse for an elderly man with a heart condition to risk his life for just one more chance at a few minutes of what could be fatal pleasure. What does that say about the rest of his life?

HOV lanes

There have been many huzzas about the closure of the HOV lanes on Interstate Routes 287 and 80 this week. It is seen as a great victory for the common motorist and now only time will tell if the daily exhausting traffic jams will be eased.

What's missing from this celebration is the admission that New Jersey has gotten away with ripping off the federal government for hundreds of millions of dollars. At a time when most people want government to be smaller and smarter, we in Jersey have pulled off the most shameless rind on the public treasury since the savings and loan bailout.

This will have an unintended impact many local and state officials have not realized. The prospect of fighting the traffic on the interstates may have discouraged people, developers and businesses from settling in the "edge" communities of New Jersey. Now if the closure of the HOV lanes reduces traffic, one factor that may have inhibited development is now gone. It's going to be easier now to live in Bedminster for example, and commute both north and south on Route 287.

That's a sobering realization.

Clinton

I'm old enough to remember how somberly Peter Rodino, Judiciary Committee handled the impeachment hearings of Nixon. Rodino conducted the investigation with restraint and discipline. And there was no partisan gloom in the vote to OK articles of impeachment.

What is happening now in Henry Hyde's Judiciary Committee is a farce by comparison. In a committee that is supposed to act judiciously, both Republicans and Democrats are being recklessly partisan and further soiling the image of Congress in the minds of the American people, who clearly want this mess to be over.

My solution: forget impeachment and censure. Make President Clinton become a test subject for the antidote to Viagra.

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Letters to the editor

Salvation Army still helps

To The Record-Press:
 For over a century, since 1891, the bells of The Salvation Army have called upon the hearts of generous men and women to donate to the red kettles. This holiday season is no different. In the next week, the Salvation Army will be launching its red kettle campaign. Our New Jersey campaign is titled "KettleCare - Caring Put to Work 365 Days a Year." This is a call to action to the people of New Jersey, to show that you care every time you drop a donation in the red kettle. Your change and dollars go to feed a hungry family or clothe a cold child, or provide temporary housing to a disaster-ridden community, or provide holiday toys, clothes and food for a needy family.

The phrase "KettleCare" combines two concepts to reinforce The Salvation Army's name to the public. The first is that of caring. Caring is the motivation

behind all giving, especially during the holiday season. It is also the motivation behind The Salvation Army's ministry, which is to provide for basic human needs, physically and spiritually 365 days a year. Second is the timeless image of the red kettle, introduced in 1891 in San Francisco as a means to provide a free Christmas dinner to the poor of the communities.

In the short time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, The Salvation Army raises approximately 30 percent of its funds for the year. Last year, 1997, The Salvation Army in New Jersey was able to touch the lives of over 500,000 individuals.

We hope that you will respond to the "KettleCare" call and thank you for your continued support and love through your generous donations.

MAJOR WILLIAM LAMARR
 State Commander

Hospice community isn't like Kevorkian

To The Chronicle:
 Dr. Kevorkian is a self-serving, arrogant, unlicensed pathologist who executed an obviously uncared for, vulnerable man suffering from terminal illness. There was no evidence of comfort or caring and definitely no compassion for the ill man, who was propped in a chair and videotaped for millions of television viewers to see.

In his final moments, faced by his executioner-diabolical in every sense—a life was snuffed out while the spotlight shone on the self-righteous executioner. How terrifying this must have been for ill viewers and their family members to witness. I was saddened and disappointed that *60 Minutes* would feed into the ego of this score-keeping, destructive, sick man.

I have witnessed, as has any hospice care giver, hundreds of deaths but I have never witnessed such a scene as was aired on *60 Minutes*. The hospice community is outraged that it was insinuated that people should end their lives in such a bizarre

manner. This outrage defies all that is happening as we address end of life care today.

Totally denying the patient and family the opportunity to be treated with dignity and compassion while disseminating misinformation about illness, suffering and pain is unacceptable. Caring takes time and Kevorkian can't spend time. Compassion takes emotional involvement and this he totally lacks.

This was a life born with a purpose. Instead of validating his life and in caring affirm its purpose, it was put on display for all to see. We, as care givers, are charged with the responsibility to be present and to meet the needs of patients and families, not to hasten or prolong life but to set aside our personal agendas and care for and about another. Recognizing, in so doing, those whom we care for don't die at the hands of an executioner with a primitive instrument.

Margaret J. Coloney
 President
 Center for Hope Hospice
 Linden

School bond a good investment

To The Record-Press:
 If your roof was leaking you'd fix it, wouldn't you? If your bathroom facilities needed repair, it would be a top priority, right?

Well, your roof is leaking and the bathrooms do need repair. No, they're not in your home, they are in your schools, the Westfield schools, and to protect your investment in your own home, all Westfielders should vote in favor of the upcoming bond issue to repair school facilities on Dec. 15.

Our schools are one of the investments that makes your Westfield home so valuable. Think for a moment of who buys that home on your street with the "For Sale" sign on it. Overwhelmingly, Westfield homes are purchased by families with young children or plans to raise children. They choose Westfield, in part, for the same reason that my family did: its excellent public schools. And it is because of those choice schools that a home in Westfield

commands a premium in the resale market that families won't pay in surrounding communities. If the school roof leaks, if the school's physical plant is unsafe or unhealthy, young families will think long and hard about choosing Westfield as a place to raise their kids.

Yes, the bond issue will result in a small increase in property taxes, phased in from \$18 to a maximum of \$56 annually on a home with the Westfield average assessed value of \$174,000. Think of that total increase as the cost of a minor repair around your house each year; should you ever sell your home, it will be repaid 20 times over.

I urge all Westfielders to vote for the school bond issue on Dec. 15.

Meryl Justin Chertoff
Westfield

Albanese named to bank board

Unity Bancorp, Inc., parent company of First Community Bank, has announced the appointment of George J. Albanese of Scotch Plains to its board of directors.

Albanese is the president and founder of Alman Group, LLC, former Commissioner of Human Services of the State of New Jersey, the first Union County Manager under the new Charter Study Reform Act, and a former director of American Union Bank.

Robert Van Volkenburgh, chairman of the board, said, "Mr. Albanese's extensive background in government and business brings to First Community Bank a new level of expertise. His business base in Union and Middlesex counties corresponds to the new branch expansion plans previously announced by Unity Bancorp."

Record-Press photo policy

The Record-Press welcomes submitted photos — color or black and white — of community events.

If possible, we ask that individuals in the photos be identified and clearly visible.

If you would like to request a photographer at a community event, call at least 48 hours

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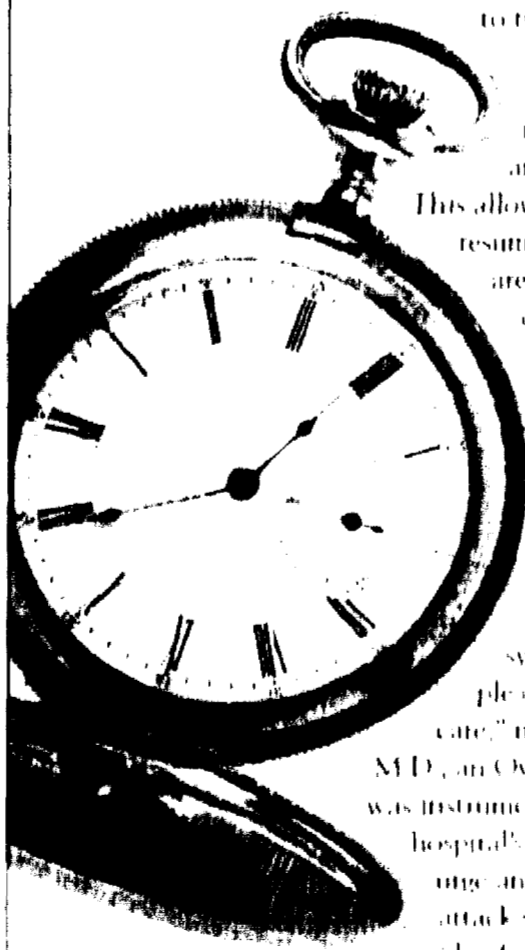
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Overlook Hospital Ranked Best in Nation for Quick Treatment of Heart Attack Patients

Minutes count when treating heart attacks, and nowhere are minutes counted more closely than at Overlook Hospital in Summit, where cardiac specialists in the Chest Pain Center of the hospital's Emergency Department have reduced the median "time to treatment" for heart attack patients to 16 minutes. The time, which is rated the best in the nation, represents the average number of minutes elapsed between a patient's arrival to the Emergency Department and the administration of clot-dissolving drugs (called thrombolytic agents).

Receives "Best Practice" designation.
 The Federal Health Care Financing Administration has designated the Overlook Chest Pain Center as "Best Practice" in the country for its leadership role in establishing protocols that rapidly treat heart attack patients, and ultimately, save lives. Federal health officials recommend that heart attack patients receive thrombolytic agents within 30 minutes of arrival at an emergency room to reduce the likelihood of death or disability.

Fast treatment is key to success.
 The national average for median time to treatment is 58 minutes.



Thrombolytic agents work to dissolve clots in the coronary arteries that are causing the heart attack. This allows the blood supply to resume flowing to the affected areas, preventing permanent damage to the heart muscle. The treatment works best if given within the first hour after the onset of heart attack symptoms. "More than half of all deaths from heart attacks occur within an hour of the onset of symptoms, usually while people delay seeking emergency care," noted William A. Lamsy, M.D., an Overlook cardiologist who was instrumental in the creation of the hospital's Chest Pain Center. "Warning anyone experiencing heart attack symptoms to err on the side of caution and seek immediate help, preferably by dialing 911."

Mobile units provide pre-hospital ECG.
 Overlook's mobile intensive care paramedic units are among a select few in the state equipped to transmit an electrocardiogram (ECG) to the Emergency

Department prior to a patient's arrival. The data helps the Emergency Department physician, along with the cardiologist on call, to quickly determine whether a patient with chest pain is experiencing a heart attack. "The pre-hospital ECG is a critical factor in our ability to deliver thrombolytic treatment in the most expeditious manner possible," observed James A. Espinosa, M.D., Director of Overlook's Emergency Department and co-chair, with Andrew D. Beamer, M.D. (an attending cardiologist), of Overlook's Chest Pain Performance Improvement Team. Patients undergoing thrombolytic treatment for proven heart attacks are continuously monitored by the Emergency Department staff and admitted to the Coronary Care Unit. Those patients with chest pain that is deemed not to be coronary related are monitored for several hours in the Chest Pain Center's Observation Unit. There, in the comfort of a private room, patients with laptop computers and portable fax machines can even resume work activities. In the past, these same patients would have been admitted to the hospital for several days of evaluation. Today, they are rapidly evaluated and released home with expert assurance that their symptoms are non-cardiac... without missing a beat in their daily routine.

Indigestion or a heart attack?
 "Many people have a heart attack and either don't recognize it or shrug it off as indigestion," commented Dr. Lamsy. "Recognizing and responding to the symptoms of a heart attack early on can help prevent damage to the heart muscle and reduce the likelihood of long-term hospitalization, disability or even death," he added. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), the symptoms of a heart attack vary, but usually include:

- uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of your chest lasting two minutes or more;
- chest pain that spreads to your shoulders, neck, jaw, teeth, arms or back;
- lightheadedness, dizziness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

These symptoms are warning signs that the heart is starving for oxygen, and the AHA recommends that those who experience chest pain lasting two minutes or more get to the nearest hospital emergency room immediately.

If you or someone you know is experiencing heart attack symptoms, call 911. For a referral to an Overlook Hospital Cardiologist, please call **1-800-AHS-9580** (1-800-247-9580). Or, visit us at www.AtlanticHealth.org to take a heart health risk assessment and learn more about what you can do to reduce your chances of developing heart disease.



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Community Life

This week

SATURDAY DEC. 5

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE — at Parker Greenhouses Farm and Garden Center, 1325 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 6. Call (908) 322-5555, Ext. 830.

CHRISTMAS SALE — clothes, toys and decorations for the holidays and parties, sponsored by Westfield Service League. Thrift Shop, 114 Elmer St., Westfield, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (908) 654-6977.

FLEA MARKET — and holiday bazaar to benefit Charlotte's Animals (animal welfare group). Veterans of Foreign Wars post, 6 Broadway, Clark, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Call (908) 233-9041.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA — fundraising event for Fanwood Junior Woman's Club. Community House, North and Martine avenues, Fanwood, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost \$3 per child; photos \$3 additional. Call (908) 322-1673.

DECK THE HALLS — holiday house tour sponsored by Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost \$15 in advance, \$18 day of event. Call (908) 654-4590 or (908) 232-5497.

MEMBERS' EXHIBITION — 74th annual art show of Westfield Art Association. Community Room of Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 5; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 6; 7-9 p.m. Dec. 7, 8. Reception 2-4 p.m. Dec. 5. Call (908) 232-7058.

SUNDAY DEC. 6

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION — sponsored by Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association. Towne Centre, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, noon-5 p.m. Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 221 or (908) 322-4874.

LIVING GIFT MARKET — benefit for Heifer Project International. First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St., Westfield, noon. Call (908) 233-4211.

COLONIAL CHRISTMAS — 26th annual open house of Osborn Cannonball House, 1840 E. Front St., Scotch Plains, 2-4 p.m. Free admission. Call (908) 889-4137.

ADVENT FESTIVAL — 20th annual pre-Christmas event of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, 4:15-7:30 p.m. Registration required; call (908) 232-5678 or (908) 322-7892.

TUESDAY DEC. 8

HOLIDAY PARTY — Hanukkah/Christmas event for Greater Watchung Nature Club (bring covered dish). Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Bartle Avenue, Scotch Plains, 6 p.m. Call (908) 232-3779.

OPEN HOUSE — for joint programs of Union County College with University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Health Education Center, 1700 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, 7-8 p.m. Call (908) 889-2481.

Scotch Plains offers holiday trips for tots

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Recreation Department is sponsoring two bus trips for events that appeal to adults and youngsters.

The first trip is for "Babes in Toyland" Sunday, Dec. 13. The bus will leave 2 p.m. from the Municipal Building on Park Avenue for the 3 p.m. show at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. Cost is \$11 for township residents and \$13 for non-

Junior Woman's Club to welcome Santa Claus

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Junior Woman's Club will hold its annual "Photos with Santa" fundraising event 10 a.m.-1 p.m. tomorrow (12.5) at the Community House, Martine and North avenues.

Santa will arrive at the nearby Fanwood railroad station 10:20 a.m. There will be refresh-

WEDNESDAY DEC. 9

MID-DAY MUSICAL — with Greg Giannascoli, marimba. First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, noon Dec. 9. Concert free; optional lunch \$4.50. Call (908) 233-2494.

TINY TIM CAROL NIGHT — throughout Fanwood and Scotch Plains (leave porch lights on), 4-9 p.m. Carolers wanted; call (908) 233-6513 or (908) 756-3079.

THURSDAY DEC. 10

CHRISTMAS SHOW — bus trip to Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. Bus leaves from Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St., Westfield, 6 p.m. Cost \$56. Reservations: Call (908) 789-4065.

COMING UP

WINTER CONCERT — Westfield Glee Club and Westfield Public Schools Children's Chorus. Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark St., Westfield, 8 p.m. Dec. 12. Adults \$12; senior citizens and students \$10. Call (908) 232-0673.

HOLIDAY SHOW — bus trip to "Babes in Toyland" at Union County Arts Center (Rahway). Bus leaves from Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 2 p.m. Dec. 13. Scotch Plains residents \$11; non-residents \$13. Reservations: Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.

WINTER CONCERT — Westfield Glee Club with George Lachenauer (organ) and Thomas Booth. First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, 4 p.m. Dec. 13. Adults \$12; senior citizens and students \$10. Call (908) 232-0673.

TODDLER TIME — stories for children 2 1/2 years old. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 15. Registration: Call (908) 789-4060.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS — Hanukkah program for children in kindergarten-Grade 3. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 3:45-4:30 p.m. Dec. 16. Registration: Call (908) 789-4060.

BEANIE BABY SHOW — at Kenilworth Inn, 31st Street and Boulevard, Kenilworth, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Adults \$5; children 4-12 \$3. (Early admission \$10 for 9-10 a.m.) Call (732) 291-1632.

CHRISTMAS DANCE — for singles 25-45, sponsored by Youth Single Catholic Adults Club. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1571 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, 8 p.m.-midnight Dec. 19. Cost \$10. Call (732) 827-0093 or (732) 382-2754.

HOLIDAY FAMILY NIGHT — Christmas program for kindergarten-Grade 4 pupils and their families. Westfield Memorial Library, 550 E. Broad St., Westfield, 7-8 p.m. Dec. 21. Registration begins Dec. 7; call (908) 789-4060.

ICE SHOW — bus trip to "Anastasia on Ice" at Continental Airlines Arena (Meadowlands). Bus leaves from Municipal Building, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 1:45 p.m. Jan. 24. Scotch Plains residents \$22; non-residents \$25. Reservations: Call (908) 322-6700, Ext. 222.



This fine example of Southern tradition will be one of the homes featured on the Rake and Hoe Garden Club's annual "Deck the Halls" tour on December 5.

Tour Westfield's beautiful homes with Garden Club

WESTFIELD — The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield is having a Holiday House Tour fundraiser, entitled "Deck the Halls," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

There are four Westfield homes on the tour, plus a boutique located at the Community Players on North Avenue. Each of the homes will offer different holiday decoration themes. There will be a "Williamsburg Christmas" motif house, a "Cranberry Christmas" house, a "Holiday Wedding" theme house and a "Twas the Night Before Christmas" storybook inspired home. About 15 members of the club work together in each house and fully decorate the entire home with their respective holiday themes.

The house pictured is the "Williamsburg Christmas" house. The Southern hospitality-inspired decorations echo throughout this charming Colonial home. As you enter, you will immediately feel the warm traditions of Williamsburg. The front door will be graced with the spirit of Colonial Williamsburg and will feature wreaths with fruits, nuts and berries. As you enter the elegant dining room, the symmetrical display of topiaries on the side board exhibit a requisite for a successful party in the 18th century. You will then find the living room filled with mixed greens, magnolia leaves and flowers.

Other highlights of this home are the "gentlemen's room" and "ladies' room" flanking the gracious living room, where you'll notice the message of "JOY" spelled out in holly.

Next you will enter the charming kitchen, where a children's Christmas party is about to begin. The table is laid with gingerbread men, sandwiches and specialty gifts. As you leave you will see the family room decorated in true Williamsburg style with holly swags, fruit arrangements, nut trees, as well as a tree covered with ornamental cookies and paper chains. This house is a wonderful delight to the eyes as well as the senses.

At the end of the house tour there is a holiday boutique where you will find on display many of the items you noticed on the tour.

Tickets for the tour are on sale for \$15 at Clyne & Murphy, Lancaster, Ltd., Periwinkle's, and Rorden Realty, Inc. in downtown Westfield; tickets may also be purchased for \$18 at the door.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the Westfield community. The club's objective is to educate its members by increasing their knowledge of horticulture and floriculture and to work with the community on various beautification and educational projects.

Westfield Library marks 10 years Gala evening planned to celebrate anniversary

WESTFIELD — To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Westfield Public Library, the Friends of the Library will throw a festive party at the library on Dec. 12. On that date exactly 10 years ago the new library opened its doors to the public for the first time.

"It will be a gala evening of dining and dancing from 7-11 p.m.," said party chairman Eva Wiley, "and we're inviting everyone in town. You can come as a single, a couple, or bring your whole neighborhood to join in the fun."

Upstairs and downstairs, the library will be aglow with flowers and balloons. Food, wine, and soft drinks will be provided by Westfield merchants and a bevy of birthday cakes will be donated by local bakeries. The William Ray Orchestra will play a medley of popular music. Reservation forms for the party can be picked up at the library; the cost will be \$35 per person.

Ten years after the opening of the new library, the Friends take quiet pride for their pivotal role in a well-organized campaign to build the new facility. In the early

1980s, when it became evident that the old library at the municipal building was bursting at its seams, library trustees decided that a new facility was a must and the Friends went into action lobbying for a new library with extra shelf space and up-to-date equipment.

The arguments were persuasive: 81 percent of Westfield residents had library cards, making Westfield's library one of the nation's most active — and crowded; shelf space was so scarce that one book had to be discarded for every new book purchased; on an average evening or Saturday, every table and chair were occupied and the noise level was disorienting to anyone trying to study.

The effort began to pay off in 1984 when local voters overwhelmingly approved a \$3.5 million bond issues referendum to finance a new library. In 1986 a cost-conscious town council approved the bond ordinance, although cost estimates had by then risen to \$3.7 million. A groundbreaking ceremony took place in the summer of 1987 at the side of the old Grant school on

East Broad Street and construction began.

But costs continued to spiral and it became evident in 1988 that a further \$200,000 would be needed for furnishings and a state-of-the-art computer system that would eliminate the need for additional librarians.

Reluctant to ask the town for more tax money, the library trustees and the Friends went into action once more with a community-wide fund drive to raise the \$200,000. In a few months the fund drive chairman, trustee Jody Melloan, was able to announce that townspeople and various foundations had responded so generously that nearly \$300,000, almost 50 percent above the goal, had been donated.

Another example of Westfielders' enthusiastic support of the new library occurred on a Saturday in November, 1988, when more than 300 townspeople helped to physically move the 100,000 book collection to the new site, with the aid of trucks provided by the National Guard.

For more information on making reservations for the gala Dec. 12 birthday party call 789-4060.

Mid-day musicales begin on Dec. 9

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer St., will continue its Mid-Day Musicales series of free, half-hour concerts noon Wednesday, Dec. 9, with marimbist Greg Giannascoli performing works of Ray Heible, Keiko Abe and J.S. Bach.

The concerts, now in their 15th season, are followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon available for \$4.50 in the church social hall.

Marimba artist Giannascoli was top prize winner of the 1997 Patrons of Wisdom young artist competition in Toronto, which resulted in three years of appearances and a cash award. Currently, he is touring North America presenting master classes and performances, including James Baata's "Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra," three works for marimba and percussion ensemble, and "World Music Marimba," his presentation for young people.

This season Greg and his duo-marimba partner Andy premiered the "Concerto for Two Marimbas and Wind Ensemble" by Istvan B'Racz. Next season he will be premiering a work for marimba and brass ensemble with the Canadian Brass, written by Christopher Dedrick. He is also a recording artist for the Helicon label.

Greg has received awards from the Philadelphia Music Foundation, the Aronfreed Scholarship Competition, the National Music Teachers Association/Wurlitzer Collegiate Artist Competition, the Montpelier Cultural Arts Society, and the concerto competitions of the South Orange Symphony, Rutgers University, Rowan University and Virginia Commonwealth University. He has also received a "Meet the Composer" grant to compose a work for percussion ensemble, "Concertino for Percussion," which will be premiered in May of 1999.

He will receive his doctor of musical arts degree from Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts in May 1999. He received a bachelor's degree from Rowan University and a master's from Virginia Commonwealth University. His teachers have included William Moersch, Donald Bick, Dean Witten, Leigh Stevens, Gordon Stout, Nancy Zeltman, and Michiko Takahashi. He is a faculty member at Rowan University.

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



CAROLYN KLINGER-KUETER

WHS teacher is honored

WESTFIELD — Carolyn Klinger-Kueter has been selected for the 5th edition of "Who's Who Among American Teachers."

The longtime resident has taught piano classes in Westfield for the past 10 years and been a music instructor with a number of preschools. Klinger-Kueter is a "music facilitator" in the nursery school at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and conducts Kindermusik classes.

She was nominated for the publication by Tracy Van Cort, herself a student of Klinger-Kueter for 10 years.

SPFHS grads are honored as Advanced Placement Scholars

SCOTCH PLAINS — Twenty students who graduated in June from Scotch Plains Fanwood High School achieved additional distinction as Advanced Placement Scholars.

They attained that designation through a high score on the Advanced Placement examinations administered by the College Board.

SPFHS graduates named Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction were Jenny Finkel, Molly Johnson and Sheri Weingard. They had an average score of 3.5 on a scale of 1-5 on all the related examinations with scores of 3 or higher on at least five of those exams.

Graduates named Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors were Douglas Bishop, Cynthia Delast, Masayuki Gibson, Michael

Grossman, Micky Hingorani, Nicole Kroger, Carla Lewandowski and Marisa Mangione. They had an average score of 3.25 on all the related exams and 3 or higher on at least four of those exams.

Also named Advanced Placement Scholars were Jennifer Bonner, Joyce Chen, Ian Doobler, James Hills, John Lazzarotti, James Luciano, Amanda Palmatier, Jean Sali and Jessica Warhol. They had scores of 3 or higher on at least of the exams.

The examinations were administered in May but the results were not made public until the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education issued a press release Nov. 10.

Fred Ducatman

SCOTCH PLAINS — Fred Ducatman, 73, a vice president and officer for a chemical company, died Nov. 25 at his home.

He was associated with Dart Industries of Paramus from 1954 until his retirement in 1983. Mr. Ducatman was responsible for strategic planning, accounting, personnel and office services for a Dart division that had more than 1,100 employees in five plants and eight offices.

With Dart he was chairman of the joint venture strategic planning committee, a member of the joint venture operating committee and a member of a division board of directors.

Mr. Ducatman received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in chemical engineering, both from

Columbia University, plus a master of business administration degree from the Newark campus of Rutgers University. He was a member of the Beta Gamma business honor society along with Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Upsilon, engineering and science honor societies.

A native of New York City, Mr. Ducatman lived in Plainfield and Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1997.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; two sons, Alan and Stephen; a daughter, Amy Dunn; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Rosa Ceccomancini

SCOTCH PLAINS — Rosa Menna Ceccomancini, 84, died Nov. 24, 1998 at her home. She retired in 1981 after more than 15 years as a seamstress with the Hodes Dress Factory of Plainfield.

Mrs. Ceccomancini was born in Hibbing, Minn., and moved to Italy in 1923.

She settled in Scotch Plains when she returned to the United States in 1954.

She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Her husband, Joseph, died in July.

Surviving are two daughters,

Lucy Mancini of Scotch Plains and Anna Piersante of North Plainfield; a son, Anthony of North Plainfield; two sisters, Iolanda DeLuca and Angela; two brothers, Albert Menna and Victor Menna; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muhlenberg Hospice, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield, N.J. 07061.

Ruth Anspach

WESTFIELD — Ruth Anspach, 82, died Nov. 15, 1998 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. A longtime volunteer at that hospital, she was a founding member of Overlook Twig 8 in 1964 and served for many years as its treasurer.

She was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., and had lived for many years in Westfield.

Miss Anspach received a degree in home economics from Purdue University in 1937. She was a member of the College

Women's Club, in Westfield; Chi Beta Chapter of Chi Omega sorority; the Purdue alumni association; and the Maplewood Country Club.

Surviving are a sister, Dorothy H. Thiele; and a nephew.

A memorial service was held yesterday at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crystal Cathedral Ministries, P.O. Box 100, Garden Grove, Calif. 92842.

Alexis T. Williams

SCOTCH PLAINS — Alexis Taylor Williams died Nov. 20, 1998 at her home. She was the 4-month-old daughter of Kevin Williams and Tabitha Millette Williams.

Alexis also is survived by a sister, Nicole; her maternal grandparents, Mary and Joseph Millette; her paternal grandparents, Keith and Barbara; her maternal great-grandparents, Moise and Danny Millette; and

her paternal great-grandparents, Ken and Alice.

Funeral services were held Nov. 24 at the First Baptist Church of Westfield. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Families of SMA, P.O. Box 196, Libertyville, Ill. 60048-0196.

Carlo P. Cuccaro

WESTFIELD — Carlo P. Cuccaro, 68, died Nov. 24, 1998 at his home in Garwood. He had been with the Westfield post office for 40 years and retired in 1990 as a supervisor.

Mr. Cuccaro was born in Italy and lived in Westfield before moving to Garwood in 1971. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of Monsignor Walsh Council 5437, Knights of Columbus, in

Garwood.

His wife, Joanne E. Shouffler Cuccaro, is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Carla A.; two sons, Thomas J. and James E.; a sister, Ursula; and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, Garwood, following services at the Werson Funeral Home in Linden. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Obituaries

Edward L. Eggleston

WESTFIELD — Edward L. Eggleston, 69, died Nov. 22, 1998 at Easton Hospital in Wilson, Pa. He had been with IBM Corp. for 30 years and was a technical specialist based in Cranford at the time of his retirement.

A native of Illinois, he lived in Westfield before moving to Pittstown in 1964.

Mr. Eggleston served on the Environmental Commission, Recycling Commission and Cable Television Committee in Franklin Township, Hunterdon County. He was a sergeant in the Army during the Korean War and active with Boy Scout Troop 119 in

Hunterdon County for the past 26 years.

His wife, Jean A. Tussel Eggleston, is deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Renee Donatella and Nadine Hinrichsen, both of Scotch Plains; two sons, Matthew of Lebanon and Brian of Kingwood; a sister, Barbara Moore of Westfield; and seven grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by the Martin Funeral Home in Clinton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Quakertown Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 225, Pittstown, N.J. 08867.

Anthony J. Grausso

FANWOOD — Anthony J. Grausso, 87, died Nov. 23, 1998 at the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center. He retired in 1988 after 20 years as a consultant to the New Jersey Gasoline Retailers Association in Springfield.

A native of Plainfield, he lived in Fanwood from 1959 until he moved to Cranford in 1994.

Mr. Grausso owned a service station in Scotch Plains before

joining the Gasoline Retailers Association.

He was a member of the Scotch Plains Lions Club and the Elks lodge in Elizabeth.

His wife, Josephine, died in 1992.

Surviving are a son, Louis A. of Highland Mills, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Mary Jo Harris

FANWOOD — Mary Jo Harris, 70, died Nov. 26, 1998 at the Gwynedd Square Center in Lansdale, Pa. She once was a trustee of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and a job evaluator with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

A native of East Orange, she lived in Madison before moving to Fanwood in 1956.

Mrs. Harris was with Equitable at its home office in Manhattan until she left the insurance company in 1956. She graduated in 1950 from the Connecticut College for Women in New London, Conn.

She was formerly a trustee of the Union County Homemakers

Association and formerly a member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield. Mrs. Harris was a member of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, the Music Boosters Club at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and the auxiliary to Children's Specialized Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas R.; two sons, Edward Mason Harris of Hong Kong, China, and Richard Townsend Harris of East Brunswick; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, N.J. 07092.

Gilbert A. Guarino

SCOTCH PLAINS — Gilbert A. Guarino, 80, died Nov. 25, 1998 at his home. He once was an administrator at what is now the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in East Orange.

He was born in the Bronx and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1957.

Mr. Guarino retired in 1984 after 42 years on the staff of the VA hospital. He received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and in 1940 earned a master's degree from Columbia.

He was a first lieutenant in the Army in Europe during World War II.

His first wife, Helen Chashin Guarino, is deceased.

Surviving are his second wife, Joan Eisenheil Guarino; twin daughters, Patricia Burdulia and Roberta; a son, Gilbert B.; a brother, Christopher; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, the Bronx.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Memorial contributions may be made to Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Humsa St., Linden, N.J. 07036, or Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Box E, 1275 York Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.

Joseph Macaluso

WESTFIELD — Joseph S. Macaluso, 88, died Nov. 18, 1998 in Naples, Fla.

He owned the New York Carting Co., one of the largest trucking and demolition companies in the New York metropolitan area, prior to his retirement.

Mr. Macaluso, who was born in Italy, lived in New York City and Westfield before moving to Naples.

He was a member of the planning committee and Founders Board at the Urgent Care Center in Naples.

Mr. Macaluso was a charter member of the Island Country Club in Marco Island, Fla., and a founding member of the Knights of Columbus council in Marco Island.

He was a fundraiser and contributor at San Marco Roman Catholic Church in Marco Island.

Surviving are his wife, Anita Garliss Macaluso; two sons, Charles and Robert; two daughters, Maria McDonald and Josephine; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 25 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Demarest. Entombment was in the Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements were by the Barrett Funeral Home in Tenafly. Memorial contributions may be made to Marco Healthcare Center Building Fund, 40 Heathwood Drive South, Marco Island, Fla. 34145.

Robert E. Mitchell

SCOTCH PLAINS — Robert E. Mitchell, 81, died Nov. 22, 1998 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been an engineer prior to his 1987 retirement.

He was born in Herculaneum, Mo., and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1954.

During World War II Mr. Mitchell worked in Oak Ridge, Tenn., as an instrument engineer on the Manhattan Project, which developed the first atomic bombs. After the war he was associated with Monsanto Corp., in St. Louis, Mo.; the Blaunox Chemical Co., in Pittsburgh, Pa.; the Scientific Design and Chemical Construction Corp., in

Manhattan; the C.F. Braun Co., in Murray Hill; and Jacobs Engineering, in Springfield.

He attended Washington University in St. Louis and was a 32nd-degree Mason.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Sanders Mitchell; two daughters, Sandra Crandall of Liberty, N.Y., and Barbara Childress of Jacksonville, Fla.; and a grandson, David Crandall of Pittsburgh.

Private arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Memorial contributions may be made to Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

Mieczyslaw Mundziakiewicz

WESTFIELD — Mieczyslaw Mundziakiewicz, 90, died Nov. 22, 1998 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

As a member of the Polish army during World War II he was one of the first Allied soldiers to take command of Monte Cassino abbey in Italy in 1944.

He was born in Poland and lived in Newark before moving to Westfield in 1973.

Mr. Mundziakiewicz retired in 1978 after 25 years as the owner of a Newark butcher shop bearing his surname. He was a member of the Polish National Alliance chapter in Irvington and Polish Veterans of World War II Post 35 in Newark.

Surviving are his wife, Stephanie Rybicka Mundziakiewicz; two daughters, Christine Kozlowski and Basia Duris, both of Westfield; two brothers, Kazimierz and Stanislaw, and a sister, Bronislawa Kucher, all of Poland; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Stanislaw Roman Catholic Church, Newark, following services at the Parkway Wozniak Memorial Home of Clark. Burial was in Our Lady of Czestochowa Cemetery, Doylestown, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to Polish Veterans of World War II Post 35 in Newark.

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Charles Lonergan

SCOTCH PLAINS — Charles J. Lonergan, 59, died Nov. 19, 1998 at his home. He was a U.S. Treasury Department agent in Newark from 1991 until his 1997 retirement.

He was born in Newark and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1967.

Mr. Lonergan was the treasurer of the Clark Door Co. in Cranford and worked for Merrill Lynch & Co. in Short Hills before becoming a Treasury agent. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Seton Hall University in 1961.

He served in the Army and was a member of the Father Nelligan Council, Knights of Columbus, in Scotch Plains. Mr.

Lonergan was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Joan M. Bradley Lonergan; two sons, Dr. Terence and Kevin; a daughter, Karen Robinson; his mother, Bridget Freeman Lonergan; and a grandchild.

His father, Charles J. Sr., is deceased.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 23 at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at the Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery, Linden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad or Muhlenberg Hospice.

Stella Mazick Jarosz

FANWOOD — Stella Mazick Jarosz, 99, died Nov. 23, 1998 at the Cranford Hall Nursing Home. She was born in Poland.

Mrs. Jarosz lived in Irvington and Miami, Fla., before moving to Fanwood in 1991.

Her first husband, Michael Mazick, died in 1932.

Her second husband, John, died in 1966.

Surviving are a son, Martin Mazick of Fanwood; three grand-

children and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Scotch Plains, following services at the Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cranford Hall Nursing Home, 600 Lincoln Park East, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

Obituaries

Irene Koller

SCOTCH PLAINS — Irene Koller, 91, died Monday (Nov. 30, 1998) at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York City, she had lived in Scotch Plains most of her life.

She was a personnel assistant at Chemical Bank of New York, retiring in 1945.

Upon moving to Chicago, she became a Gray Lady at the Veterans Hospital and later in Providence, R.I., where she logged some 20,000 hours of service. She was one of the organizers of Woodridge Congregational Church in Cranston, R.I., and served as a deaconess. She organized and was first president of the Garden Club of Garden City in Cranston, R.I.

Mrs. Koller was a Girl Scout leader and later became an instructor for Girl Scout leaders. She was a member of the Board for the Visiting Nurses Association and served on the American Red Cross, the Cranston (R.I.) Chapter.

She was elected to the Cranston (R.I.) school board and served as its finance chairman.

When she moved to Scotch Plains, she became active at First Congregational Church of Westfield. Mrs. Koller was a member of the Women's Fellowship and served as secretary, chairman of the World Services Committee and as a member of the nominating committee for the church Board of Trustees.

She served on the environment committee in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Henry F. Koller; two brothers, Edward S. Gluck of Queens, NY, and Alfred E. Gluck of Toms River.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at First Congregational Church in Westfield. There is no visitation. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield.

Rita Murphy Coulbourn

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ruth Murphy Coulbourn, 90, died Monday (Nov. 30, 1998) at home here.

Born in Baltimore, she had lived in Astoria, NY, before moving to Scotch Plains in 1935.

Mrs. Coulbourn was a news reporter for The Courier-News for 30 years, retiring in 1970. She was also a writer for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in Westfield.

She was active in the Scotch Plains Republican Club and served as a Republican committeewoman in District 4 for many years.

Mrs. Coulbourn was a charter member of the Scotch Plains Woman's Club and a member of First United Methodist Church in Scotch Plains.

Her husband, William H. Coulbourn, died in 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Jane Haiback of New Jersey and Nancy C. Ike of Ohio; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Private services will be arranged by Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains. Visitation is from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Thank you

Scotch Plains resident Robert D. Blair, former treasurer of the Northern New Jersey chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, receives a plaque honoring his long efforts against Alzheimer's Disease from Patricia Lombreglia, immediate past president of the chapter at the group's annual meeting.

First Congregational welcomes Rev. Gilchrist

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church of Westfield has announced the appointment of Reverend Pamela Gilchrist as Pastoral Associate. In this position, she has primary responsibility for the church's Christian education and outreach ministries as well as assists with worship and pastoral care.

Reverend Gilchrist was ordained at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in Williamstown, MA, in June 1998. She received her master's of divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1996.

As a seminary student, she interned with and later served as acting director of Crossing 96th Street, an interfaith coalition of community groups in East Harlem and the Upper East Side aimed at dismantling racism. She completed her requirements for ordination with the Clinical Pastoral Education unit of Berkshire Medical Center last spring.

Prior to joining the seminary, Reverend Gilchrist was director of Christian Education at the First Congregational Church of Williamstown. From 1987 to 1993, she was director of

Berkshire Peace Action, an organization focused on economic diversification of local military-dependent industries.

At First Congregational Church, Reverend Gilchrist is the staff member in charge of youth ministry, including Christian education, middle high fellowship, and the Pastor's Class, a new program for senior high students.

She also oversees the church's involvement in social outreach, including working with St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Newark in a ministry to the Aspen Riverpark housing project and the Bridges program of bringing food and clothing to the homeless in New York City.

"I see my role as facilitator for the many ways that members find to practice their faith in their daily lives," said Reverend Gilchrist. "From organizing church service projects to forming mutually beneficial relationships with people in the community, we reflect and act and deepen our relationship with God."

Reverend Gilchrist has two grown children and one grandchild. As a New England transplant, she is enjoying the Westfield area with its proximity to urban centers.

Library book drive will run through Saturday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library has begun its annual "Books for Kids" donation drive.

Donations of children's books for preschool through 14 years old will be accepted at the library through Saturday, Dec. 5. All books will be presented to disadvantaged children during the holidays and throughout the year.

"Books for Kids" is a statewide program now in its eighth year. Last year more than 6,000 books were distributed to children throughout New Jersey from donations at more than 100 libraries, according to a press release from the Westfield Library.

For more information, call (908) 789-4090.

Service League to hold Christmas sale

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League will hold its Christmas sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. tomorrow at the Thrift Shop, 114 Homer St.

All toys in the Thrift Shop are new toys donated by Service League members.

Also available will be holiday clothes, party clothes and holiday decorations, along with gently used items suitable for gift-giving.

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Forum play goes to London

METUCHEN — Peter J. Loewy, producing artistic director of Metuchen's Forum Theatre Company, has announced plans for a London production of the theatre's hit drama, *Hannah Senesh: The Mission Home*.

In addition, Loewy announced the world premiere play and its playwright, John J. Woolen, have been nominated for the prestigious American Theatre Critics Association's New Play Award.

Hannah Senesh: The Mission Home was commissioned by the Forum Theatre and premiered Oct. 10.

The play dramatizes the true story of World War II freedom fighter, Hannah Senesh and her heroism leaving Palestine to return to war-torn Europe in an attempt to save the Jews of her native Hungary.

Because of the production's overwhelming success, Dan Crawford, artistic director of the King's Head Theatre in London, became interested in the play. After reading the script, Crawford scheduled *Hannah Senesh* for production at the King's Head in May and June 1999.

The King's Head Theatre will hold a series of three readings of the play in London during the first week of December in preparation for the production, which Mr. Loewy will direct. The King's Head Theatre is a leading non-profit theater in London that has had seventeen plays transfer to the West End.

Watts to play with Philharmonic

MORRISTOWN — Pianist Andre Watts will join The New Philharmonic of New Jersey in a performance of Johannes Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-Flat Major at the Community Theatre, 100 South Street, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

This will mark the first Morristown appearance of Watts, who is considered one of America's foremost keyboard artists.

Also on the program will be orchestra performances of Felix Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture and the Symphony No. 1 in B-Flat Major, the Spring Symphony of Robert Schumann. The concert will be conducted by Leon Hyman, music director of The New Philharmonic.

Individual tickets at \$40, \$30 and \$20 are available by calling the orchestra office at (973) 267-0206 or at The Community Theatre box office.

'Messiah' sing in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Choral Art Society of New Jersey will have its annual Messiah Community Sing 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street.

Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth, musical director of the Society, will conduct the Handel oratorio. Audience members are invited to bring scores and join in the singing both chorus and solo sections, or simply come to listen. The Community Sing has become a Westfield tradition and is an ideal way to kick off the holiday season. Admission to the Messiah Community Sing is \$8, at the door, where scores may be borrowed for the evening.

Ms. Healy-Wedsworth is widely known in New Jersey as a recitalist, accompanist and conductor and is the minister of music at United Reformed Church in Somerville, where she oversees a ministry of five singing choirs, five handbell choirs and a choir chime group.

A native of California, she is national past president of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, has been reappointed Director of the Montreal Worship and Music Conference in the year 2000, and is a member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Reformed Liturgy and Music*.

She is also a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Choristers Guild, the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and the Hymn Society of America. She is the accompanist for the Somerset Hills Children's Chorus.

For tickets or further information, call (908)232-1120.

Around the world in New Brunswick

State Theatre will present international celebrations of holidays

NEW BRUNSWICK — The joy of the holiday season knows no national boundaries. That is evident from the international holiday celebrations this week at the State Theatre.

The State Theatre has your passport to the south of Spain this Christmas season, where you will be greeted with electrifying dance, brilliant costumes, hypnotic rhythms, and a medicinal dose of Spanish culture from the Carlota Santana Spanish Dance Company and guest musicians in the joyous celebration of Navidad Flamenca.

The company will present a performance 8 p.m. Sunday and student matinees 10 a.m. and noon Monday.

Centuries of Andalusian gypsy culture will be unveiled in one evening with a collection of dances and songs, both secular and religious, from the traditional repertoire of the holiday season. Navidad Flamenca brings to the stage the most colorful costumes, spectacular dancing and heartfelt music of the Spanish people. The Carlota Santana Spanish Dance Company have perfected a centuries old art form while creating a unique new vocabulary of Spanish dance and music.

This performance utilizes a number of traditional instruments including the guitar, tambourine, castanets, zambaba, and almirez as well as the voice and thundering "hand and heel" rhythms.

The Carlota Santana Spanish Dance Company was founded in 1983 with the mission of preserving traditional flamenco while experimenting with new incarnations of dance. Founder and Artistic



The Vienna Choir Boys (left) and the Carlota Santana Spanish Dance Company will usher in the holiday season this week at the State Theatre.

Director Carlota Santana is immensely popular in her workshops and master classes in New York City where she teaches the art and history of flamenco. Ms. Santana has served on panels for the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York State Council on the Arts.

Tickets for Navidad Flamenca are on sale now for \$25 (Premium Orchestra/Loge), \$23 (Orchestra/Front Balcony), \$21 (Rear Orchestra/Balcony), and \$16 (Gallery) at the State Theatre Box Office located at 15 Livingston Avenue.

One of the world's oldest and best-loved musical organizations, the Vienna Choir Boys celebrate their landmark 500th anniversary during this 1998 North American tour. The choir will perform 8

p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at the State Theatre.

Internationally renowned for their pure, angelic singing and unique charm, this renowned ensemble is sure to enchant audiences of all ages. This extraordinary holiday program, with live orchestral accompaniment by the Vienna Chamber Orchestra, ranges from perennial works by the great composers associated with the Choir — Mozart, Schubert, and Haydn — to Viennese waltzes, sacred works, traditional holiday music and Christmas carols.

The Vienna Choir Boys were founded by Imperial decree on July 7, 1448 by the humanist Emperor Maximilian I to fulfill his wish to have choristers in the Imperial Chapel. From its inception, this organization



has attracted the finest musicians in the West. Christoph Willibald Gluck, the founder of the modern operatic form, spent his most creative years as composer to the Hapsburg court in Vienna and wrote for the Imperial Chapel. Mozart did the same upon becoming Composer to the Court in 1787. Although Josef Haydn was not a member of the Imperial Chapel, he experienced the life of a choirboy, and many of his works are to be found in their repertoire.

The greatest prodigy, and without a doubt the most famous choirboy, was Franz Schubert, who sang as a choirboy from 1808 to 1813.

Today, the rich traditions of Vienna's musical life thrive in the perpetuation of this world famous choir. The ensemble

presently consists of four separate groups of 24 members each, ranging in age from 10 to 14. Often, two of the groups are on tour simultaneously, with at least one choir remaining in residence in Vienna to perform the weekly services at the Chapel and sing at the Vienna State Opera. They have visited the United States more than 60 times since their first tour here in 1932, and regularly perform in Asia, Australia, Europe, South Africa, and South America.

Tickets are on sale now for \$38 (Premium Orchestra/Loge), \$34 (Orchestra/Front Balcony), \$28 (Rear Orchestra/Balcony), and \$20 (Gallery).

For telephone ticket orders or information call (732) 246-7469, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Art exhibit focuses on the environment

WATCHUNG — The New Art Group is proud to announce its newest exhibition focusing on issues and ideas about the environment at the Watchung Arts Center through Dec. 31. The opening reception will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Environ is an exhibition which looks at the various perspectives on environmental issues which the members of the New Art Group have. The works capture some of the conditions, circumstances and influences affecting the development of all life on the planet.

A special feature of the show will be a lower gallery exhibit using water as both metaphor and message about the environment.

The New Art Group is comprised of 7 working, professional fine artists covering various visual art disciplines. What makes the New Art Group unique is that it is a group of artists unified by purpose rather than style.

The group was formed out of the members of the Visual Arts Committee whose function is to develop opportunities and implement exhibitions at the Watchung Arts

Center featuring fine artists from all over the Northeast region.

The name for the group was chosen for its association with turn of the century Vienna and the Neununstgroup of artists, including Egon Schiele, who wanted to set themselves apart for their unique ideas.

The members of the New Art Group represented in the exhibition are: Paul Pinkman, Jim Fuoss and Muriel Harris, painting; Frances Heinrich and Susan Ahlstrom, three dimensional, mixed media work; Nancy Ori, photography, and Thom Lynch surrealist tableau.

"As long as there are people on the planet there is a need to be aware of the affects humanity has on the nature world," commented Jim Fuoss, charter member of the New Art Group and vice president of visual arts at the Watchung Arts Center. "As artists we feel a special need to communicate our reactions to these conditions and in so doing hopefully provide insight into what is beautiful and good about our relationships with the earth and what is harmful."

Annual Festival of Trees will mark its silver anniversary

BERNAARDS — Twinkling lights, shimmering stars, angels galore, and ornaments created from natural materials play a prominent role in the Environmental Education Center's 25th Annual Festival of Trees. Co-sponsored by the Somerset Hills YMCA and the Somerset County Park Commission, the nine-day show features over 50 innovative variations of holiday trees and wreath decorations, displayed indoors from Friday, Dec. 4 to Sunday, Dec. 13 at 190 Lord Stirling Road in Basking Ridge.

The festival is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Trees are decorated by scout groups, clubs, businesses and individuals from the greater Somerset County area. Among the highlights of this year's show are the "July at Christmas Tree," the "Rock 'n Roll Tree" and the "Tree of Lights, Cappi Style."

Girl Scout Troop 812 will present their "Girl Scouts Lead a Helping Hand Tree" decorated with mittens, and Cub Scout Pack 153 of Bedminster will decorate their "Giving Tree II" adorned with baby items. At the conclusion of the show, all mittens and baby items will be donated to the Paige Whitney Babies Center in Basking Ridge. The glove and mitten decorations from the Brownie

Troop 378 "Giving Tree" will be donated to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Newark.

Basking Ridge resident Helen Davidson and Bishop James United Methodist Church have participated in each of the previous twenty-four Festivals. This year Ms. Davidson will present her "Cute Tree" and Bishop James will feature their "Angels of God."

A Silent Auction of holiday centerpieces, wreaths and seasonal arrangements donated by area florists will give visitors the opportunity take a little of the Festival home.

Musicians will donate their talents at various times throughout the Festival.

Visitors may call for a schedule of performances.

There is a suggested donation of \$3 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors. Groups of 12 or more who schedule in advance will receive a 20 percent discount.

For information, contact the Environmental Education Center at (908) 766-2180, the Somerset Hills YMCA at (908) 766-7898 or TDD (908) 766-2575 for individuals with a hearing impairment.

Information on this event and other Somerset County Park Commission activities may be found on the Internet at www.park.co.somerset.nj.us/



Jim Fuoss's "Lion" will be on display at the Watchung Arts Center this month.

NJIO to give free concert

CRANFORD — On Dec. 13, the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra will perform a holiday concert, *Tour of the World*, at Cranford High School, 201 West End Ave. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium and is free to the public.

It will feature Cranford composer Mario Lombardo's Gavotte for oboe and orchestra, commissioned especially for the NJIO. The oboe soloist will be Oscar Pett, renowned oboist and faculty member of Arts High School in Newark.

Now in its fifth year, the NJIO is made up of musicians whose members represent about 31 communities. The orchestra has appeared on CBS, NBC, Lincoln Center Plaza Fountain Series, and has performed for numerous charity organizations, including the Union County Chapter for the American Heart Association, the Reader Institute for Rehabilitation, and the Special Wishes Foundation, Inc.

For more information on the NJIO, call (908) 769-0081, or visit the website at <http://www.hobbitshin.com/njio.html>

Two women artists in college show

NEW BRUNSWICK — "Reclaiming the Dress: A Journey," an exhibit of mixed media images by Highland Park artist Danielle M. Marin, and "True Love: Discursive Paintings about Bonnard, Soutine, Monet, Matisse, Etc.," by New York artist Joy Walker, will be on display at the Mabel Smith Douglass Library from Dec. 7 through Jan. 30.

The two-person exhibition is the second in a series of four shows in the 1998-99 Mary H. Dana Women Artists Series at the Douglass Library.

Marin's images use the idea of the dress, in different forms, to "recover the memory of the silenced feminine nature, together with a new understanding of its reality." Her work has been exhibited at New York's Noho Gallery, Ridge Street Gallery, Pratt Institute, and as part of group exhibits at the Forrestal in Princeton and the Autonomous University in Barcelona, Spain. In 1994, Marin was an artist-in-residence at Ellarslie, the Trenton City Museum, in Trenton.

Walker's exhibit of shaped metal and wood paintings that "represent space within" uses art history references to convey her ruminations about her favorite painters, sharing she says "what she can learn from them, what she can say about them. Not appreciation, but love." Her work has been exhibited at 55 Mercer in New York and the Mason Des Arts in Leval, Quebec, in Canada.

Established in 1971, the Dana Women Artists Series is the oldest and longest running continuing series of exhibitions dedicated to increasing the visibility of women artists in the United States.

For more information, call Ferris Olin at (732) 932-9407.



Highland Park artist Danielle M. Marin's mixed media "Visitation/Departure" will be on exhibit at the Mabel Smith Douglass Library through Jan. 30.

Central Jersey Symphony will perform RVCC holiday concert

NORTH BRANCH — The Edward Nash Theatre will ring with music of the season when the Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra (CJSO) and Master Chorale, resident ensembles of Raritan Valley Community College, present their annual Gala Holiday Concert 8 p.m. Saturday on the campus on Route 28. The program, the second of 1998-1999 season, will be conducted by music director Roger Briscoe.

This year's Gala Holiday Concert is part of the season-long journey through "A World of Music" which will feature music from countries and cultures around the world. The orchestra and Master Chorale will be joined by five vocal soloists in works by Corelli and Handel. The popular annual sing-along of traditional Christmas carols, in which the audience joins the onstage performers, will conclude the festivities.

Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8 ("Christmas Concerto") for Two Violins, Continuo, and Orchestra by Arcangelo Corelli will open the program. The Master Chorale and vocal soloists will perform the early Handel cantata "Dixit Dominus" (Psalm 109) and Christmas selections from "Messiah" as arranged by Mozart. "Dixit Dominus" was composed in 1707 when the 22-year-old Handel was living in Rome. The Psalm setting is in the style of a virtuoso Italian concerto for five vocal parts and five string parts.

The English oratorio "Messiah" was composed in 1741, at the height of Handel's career. "Messiah" has been performed continually in the English-speaking world since 1742, and in German-speaking countries since Mozart arranged it for several Viennese concerts in 1788. That is a record no other classical work can match.

Mozart's contribution was to arrange the work for "classical" orchestra, including flutes, clarinets, French horns, and trombones and rewriting the

parts for oboe, bassoon, trumpet, and timpani. Soloists in the Handel will be soprano Clare Mueller of Bernardsville, mezzo-soprano Diantha Clark of South Plainfield, alto Debra Patchell of Lebanon, tenor Geoffrey Friedley of Edison, and baritone Rodney Briscoe of Oldwick.

Dr. Briscoe will host a concert preview, "Speaking of Music," at 7 p.m. prior to the program. This informal conversation with the music director and guest artists is presented in a half-hour discussion free to all ticketholders.

The Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale are in their 14th season as the resident orchestra and chorus of Raritan Valley Community College. The CJSO and Master Chorale are partially sponsored by grants and contributions from private individuals and many of the region's major businesses and corporations.

Dr. Briscoe, who earned Ph.D. and M.M. degrees from Indiana University, was a student of Nadia Boulanger, Julius Herford, and Tibor Kozma, and he studied in France and Germany. He has conducted widely in the U.S., and in France, Germany, Romania, and Moldova. He will be journeying to Lithuania in 1999 and 2000 to guest conduct and teach master classes at the State Music Conservatory. He is professor of music and chairman of the college's performing arts programs (music, theatre, and dance) and resides in Scotch Plains.

Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$9.50 for seniors, and \$5 for students and children. Information and tickets are available by phone (908) 725-3420 or FAX (908) 526-7890.

The Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College is located on Route 28 and Lamington Road in the North Branch section of Branchburg Township (just off Routes 22 and 78) on the border of Somerset and Hunterdon counties.

'Holiday Swing' concert Sunday afternoon

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Ferraro's brings a little piece of Italy to downtown Somerville

Joe Bonfantino is in his element. He loves to cook and socialize and he has developed an atmosphere at Ferraro's in Somerville in which he can do both to his heart's content. And both he and his customers are glad to have it this way.

The new Ferraro's is more rustic in design with a truly Italian atmosphere. A cozier, more intimate setting has been created that emanates the old world charm of Italy. Rustic lanterns are mounted on the walls and hung over the tables. I understand Joe's sister Grace was responsible for this touch. In addition, the walls are attractively decorated with pictures from Basilicata, the Bonfantino's home town south of Naples in Italy.

An interesting touch is the window that separates the dining room from the kitchen. Patrons can now enjoy watching chef Carlos Manfredi and his staff at work.

Along with the wonderful interior design changes at the Main Street restaurant, Joe is introducing "Tableside Cooking."

On Tuesday thru Thursday evenings, Joe will prepare one of the evening's specials "tableside." As he prepares the dish, he explains each step and why he is doing it that way (you might want to bring a pad and pen to jot down all the instructions).

Our waiter Peter took our order, while we were waiting, we dipped the warm, homemade rolls in a tasty blend of oil, garlic and onion. My husband and I shared an arugula salad. We couldn't help but wonder, "How can something as simple as arugula, onions, olives, olive oil and lemon taste so good?"

I decided on a chicken and shrimp dish to be cooked "tableside." Joe came over with all the necessary ingredients. To the chicken he added shallots, porcini



mushrooms, cream, and flamed cognac. Joe described it as "Northern Italian cooking gone south." Shrimp were carefully — but not completely — sauteed. He then covered the pan and WOW! I was very impressed and completely enjoyed the finished dish, which was accompanied by potato crochets.

The "tableside" feature gave me the feeling of being on the inside of something special, something that was being prepared just for me. It really is a special touch.

It was difficult to choose an entree; the menu offered so many

tempting choices, including a good mix of appetizers, salads, soups, pastas (including baked pasta), seafood, chicken and veal. My husband ordered Veal Airabbiota with capers, anchovies and garlic in a spicy brown sauce (\$15.95).

Ferraro's also offers lunch specials which include chicken, salad and pasta for only \$5.95, subs for \$3.95 and a lunch buffet for \$6.95.

The night we were there we were lucky enough to meet the newest addition to the Bonfantino family, baby Giovanni. Joe, Joe's wife, sister Grace, Maria, Mom and Dad are at Ferraro's, making this eatery a real family affair.

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Handbell choir joins Somerset Valley Orchestra in concert

BOUND BROOK — Holiday sounds will peal when Somerset Valley Orchestra takes the stage at Bound Brook High School, Route 28, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Director Don Kalbach will lead the 60-member orchestra in a classical and pop concert designed to celebrate the season and to encourage children to appreciate music. The Congregational Church Handbell Choir of Bound Brook will appear as guest artists and will join the orchestra in some traditional Christmas music.

Children in the audience will also get a chance to play along with the orchestra in a popular holiday tune and all audience members will get to sing along to help instill them with holiday spirit.

"Music is an important part of the holiday season and if we can entice children to listen to the sounds of a classical orchestra by entertaining them with songs they're very familiar with, so be it," Kalbach said.

"We want to spread holiday spirit to children and adults alike in the best way we know how — by making good music," he added.

The holidays are family time, which is

another reason why Kalbach said he created a program to appeal to both adults and children. Family also figured in his choice of the Congregational Church Handbell as guests artists: both his wife Joyce and daughter Janice are members of the group.

"Participation in a program such as this gives the handbell choir a chance to display their achievements as well as providing incentive for the group, both with the present members and in recruiting in the future. It's hoped that the choir will eventually expand from its present three-octave configuration to a four- or even five-octave choir," Kalbach said.

The concert program includes "Radetzky March" by Johann Strauss Sr., the overture to Gioacchino Rossini's "Barber of Seville" and "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Gustav Holst.

The handbell choir will join the orchestra in the appropriate "Silver Bells" and the orchestra will mark the season with "Jingle Bells Forever," "Hava Nagila" and "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" The audience is invited to sing along with a medley of holiday carols.

Tickets to the concert are available at

the door and are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors. Youngsters under age 12 are admitted free.

For more information, call Anita Memet at (908) 722-0122.

Somerset Valley Orchestra is a family of players who range in age from preteen to octogenarian and who have an equally wide ranging playing ability. Some of the members just recently took up a musical instrument and others have been playing for decades, some in a professional capacity.

But all share a love of music and a love of performing. It's one thing to make music alone but quite another to try to blend with 60-plus other people, all working together toward the same goal. There's nothing more satisfying after the months of rehearsals and practicing at home than the applause of an appreciative audience. Once someone joins SVO, they rarely quit. Members usually only leave if they are moving away, or are called to that great orchestra in the sky. Yet the orchestra welcomes new members all the time.

Here's a little bit about some of the members:

Steven Moersdorf, 27, of Branchburg, has been playing with SVO for three years. He plays baritone horn and also performs with the Rutgers Alumni Wind Symphony. Like many orchestra members, he started playing an instrument at an early age, in his case in fourth grade, but it took awhile before he tried several instruments and got comfortable with the baritone horn.

A certified public accountant, Moersdorf says rehearsals are "a great stress break, especially around tax time." When he's not working or making music, he's working on a project researching his family history.

Dorothy Landon, 59 of Bridgewater, a member of the flute section, considers herself a late bloomer. Although she has played the handbells for 30 years, and still performs with the North Branch Reformed Church Handbell Choir, she didn't take up the flute until about 12 years ago. She's been a member of SVO for four years and heads up the patron drive before each performance. She also works as a preschool teacher.

"I'm thrilled to be able to be part of an orchestra," she said. "The members have

been very helpful and friendly." SVO's newest, and youngest, member is Tom Killian, 12 of Westfield, who performs on the tuba. A seventh grader, Tom also plays the violin and piano. He came to orchestra with his mother, who plays the viola, but she also performs with another group and has a conflict for this concert. She started teaching Tom instrumental music at about age 5, so that he doesn't find it intimidating at all to be performing with adults old enough to be his parents, grandparents, and possibly even great-grandparents.

"I've been playing duets with my mother and also playing with her and some other friends and I've also been in competitions on the piano, so I've pretty well got it under control now," Tom said.

He's not sure if he wants to make music his profession but he enjoys listening to good music as well as making good music. He's also an avid model railroad buff.

Anyone who is interested in joining us can attend any rehearsal from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Bound Brook High School music room. All orchestra instruments are welcome.

Holiday Catering Guide

Safety first when preparing holiday meals

Great food is an eagerly anticipated ingredient of holiday celebrations.

When you're preparing a spectacular menu and inviting friends and relatives to partake, you want to be certain that the food is safe as well as delicious.

Just keep in mind the three P's — processing, packaging and preparation.

With ninety percent of American homes feasting on turkey for Thanksgiving (and 50 percent doing it again at Christmas), there is a natural desire to avoid harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli.

Safety actually begins with processing.

The USDA requires a comprehensive poultry inspection

system, which relies heavily on chlorine to assure a safe and clean processing environment.

In fact, all poultry processing equipment must be cleaned with chlorine and all birds must receive a disinfecting bath before they may appear on your holiday table.

Plastic is the packaging of choice for the poultry industry, primarily because it keeps the product fresh and safe.

You can do your part to keep it safe by freezing uncooked birds in a plastic bag and storing poultry leftovers in tightly sealed plastic containers.

Even with the safest processing and packaging, poultry and other foods can be exposed to bacteria in your own home. "If consumers prepare and handle their food safely, 85 percent of all foodborne illness can be avoided," notes Sylvia Rowe, president of the International Food Information Council.

Here are some tips on keeping food safe:

The USDA recommends cooking poultry until the meat reaches 180 degrees Fahrenheit, and don't let it sit at room temperature for more than an hour or two. If your guests are going to be late, carve the bird, refrigerate it and reheat it when they arrive. Be sure to remove the stuffing and refrigerate it separately. (Note: Health care experts do recommend cooking stuffing in a pot rather than in the bird.)

Always wash raw fruit and vegetables thoroughly before serving. Disinfect all counter tops, cutting surfaces, sponges, dish rags and utensils with a disinfecting soap or chlorine bleach solution (one to three tablespoons of chlorine bleach per gallon of water). Do not use cooking utensils for serving, unless they have been cleaned in between.


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GEORGE PACCIELLO/WEEKEND PLUS

'Messiah' Sing-Along at Somerville church

SOMERVILLE The Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale, resident ensembles of Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC), will present their 13th annual Handel's "Messiah" Sing-Along 3 p.m. Sunday at the United Reformed Church, 100 East Main St.. The Sing-Along is the third program of the CJSO and Master Chorale's 14th season. The public is invited to come and listen or sing. Anyone interested in singing this traditional holiday music may join soloists and the Master Chorale as it swells to several hundred singers from the community. This Sing-Along is unique in the Central Jersey area because the singers are accompanied by the Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Music director Roger Briscoe, of Scotch Plains, will conduct.

Soloists for the Sing-Along include mezzo-soprano Diantha Clark of South Plainfield, tenor James G. Adams of Phillipsburg, and bass Donald Eaton of Bridgewater. Organist Rosetta Bacon, the Master Chorale's new accompanist and a resident of Flemington, will perform the continuo parts at the organ with cellist Leo Wang of Fanwood. Dr. Briscoe has conducted or sung in performances of "Messiah" nearly every year for the past 44 years (he first sang "Messiah" as a boy of 13). The public is invited to come and sing or listen. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$9.50 for seniors, and \$5 for students, and children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For advance tickets or information, call (908) 725-3420 or FAX (908) 526-7890.

Holiday Catering Guide

Careful serving alcohol at holiday parties

Holidays and a cup of good cheer — they often accompany each other at parties around Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's. With the holiday season and all its parties rapidly approaching, Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey Inc. reminds party hosts to use care when serving alcohol to guests. "Home hosts have a double duty now more than ever — to be courteous and entertaining and to be responsible and conscientious about the alcohol they serve. Most important, they must see that intoxicated guests do not get behind the wheel of a car," said PIANJ President Andrew C.

Harris, CIC, CPCU, ARM. If guests become intoxicated, it is the host's duty to oversee their transportation arrangements. If any of your guests has had too much to drink, take the keys and call a taxi, or ask someone who was not drinking to drive your friend home. Liability responsibility has been expanded by the New Jersey Supreme Court so that homeowners now can be held liable for serving too much alcohol to a guest who is later involved in an accident. PIANJ said. PIANJ recommended several tips to help hosts ensure safety when serving alcohol at holiday parties.

* Serve alcoholic drinks only upon request and offer nonalcoholic beverages such as sparkling water, juice drinks and soft drinks. "Eggnog can be just eggnog this year," Harris said. * Avoid making alcohol the main focus of the social event. Entertain guests with music, games and dancing.

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190
* Manhattan-based comedian.
Admission \$10.

BROAD STREET BRASS
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6
1840 House, 124
Montgomery Rd., Skillman
(908) 921-3272
* Christmas concert. Adults \$10, stu-
dents \$5; children 12 and under free.

**CAROLS FROM
AROUND THE WORLD**
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13
Watchung Arts Center
Watchung Circle, Watchung
(908) 753-0190
* Performed by Ars Musica Antiqua on
17th-century instruments. Admission
\$10.

CAROLS OF OUR TIME
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12
First Reformed Church
Gayard St., New Brunswick
(732) 972-8070
* Christmas concert of the Philomusica
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zens and students \$9.

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5
Edward Nash Theatre
Raritan Valley Community
College, Branchburg
(908) 725-3420;
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* Christmas concert featuring works of
Tchaikovsky and Handel. Adults \$12;
senior citizens \$9.50; students \$5.

CHORUS SONG NIGHT
8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4
Meyersville Inn, 632 Mey-
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(908) 647-6302, (973) 335-9489;
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DENA DEROSE
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tional.

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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12
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with Beau Farmer, caller. Lessons 7:30
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4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6
Christ Church Episcopal, 5
Paterson St., New Brunswick
(732) 249-6999
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\$12; senior citizens and students \$8.

**HEAR THE GLAD TIDINGS
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Osceola Presbyterian
Church, Clark
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Church, Piscataway
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Chorale. Adults \$10; senior citizens \$8;
children \$3.

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3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6
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* Big band show with Bud Forrest and
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MADRIGAL SINGERS
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13
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MAGNIFICENT LIGHT
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* Hanukkah/Christmas concert of the
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senior citizens and students \$10. Group
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8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11
First Baptist Church
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presented in "singalong" format.
Admission \$8.

MESSIAH
(Masterwork Chorus)
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13
State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New
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* Oratorio by George Frederick Handel.
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* Monthly open-mic coffeehouse show;
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8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5
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University, New Brunswick
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* Conducted by Gordon Tedeschi. Free
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A SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10
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(732) 246-7469;
www.statetheatre.com
* Yuletide and New Year's songs from
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SILVER DOLLAR SINGERS
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\$20.

VOORHEES CHOIR
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Roosevelt School, Westfield
4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13
First Baptist Church, Westfield
(908) 232-0673
* Christmas and Hanukkah songs from
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GEORGE WINSTON
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www.statetheatre.com
* Christmas concert of the jazz pianist.
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7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7
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Sunday (dessert included).

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Admission \$60-\$33; discounts available.
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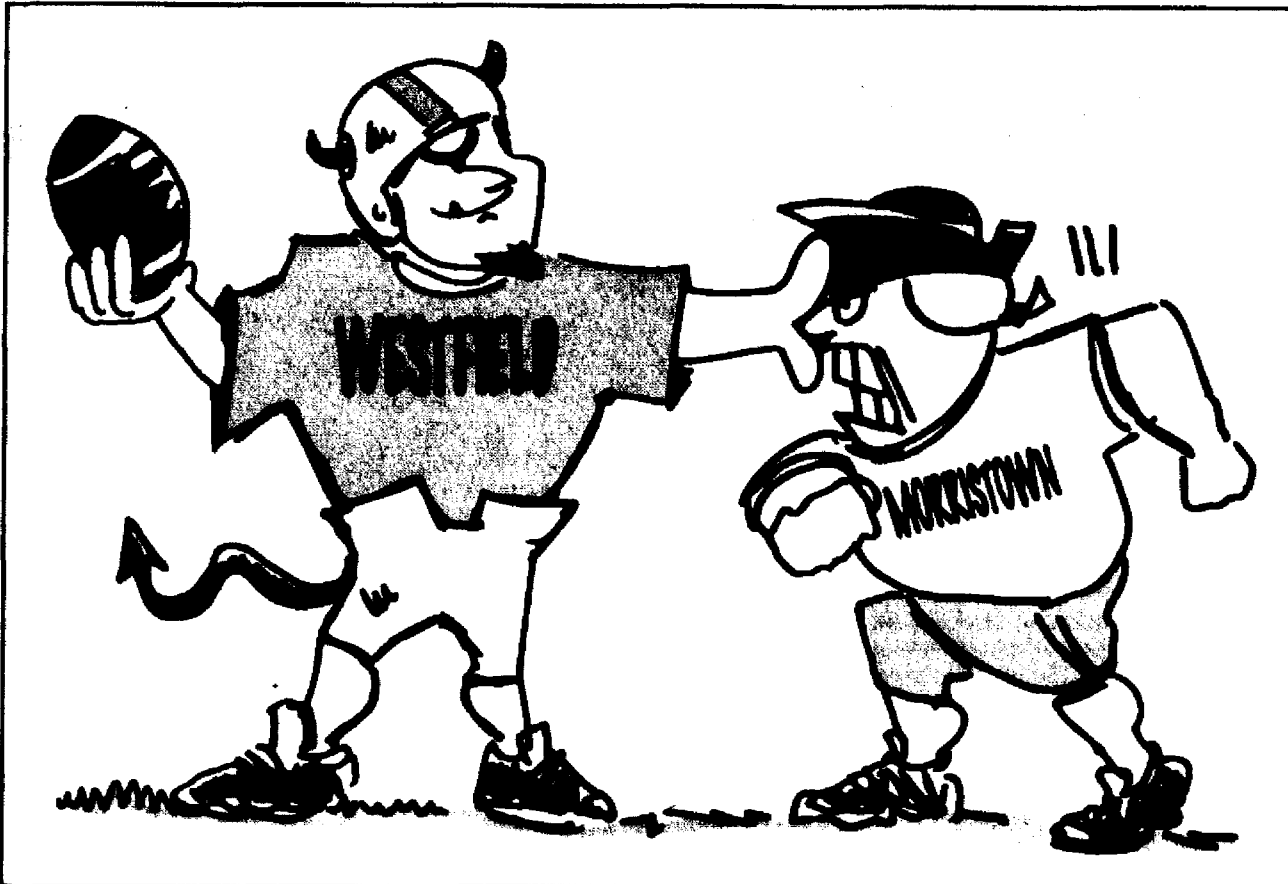
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Sports

Westfield on brink of return to glory



Top seed Morristown stands in Blue Devils' path for state championship

By RICH DEVENEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Both teams will bring potent offenses to the plastic turf of Giants Stadium when the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 championship trophy will be contested between top-seeded and unbeaten Morristown (11-0) and No. 3 Westfield (9-2).

That's why both clubs agree the defenses are the units bound to make the biggest statement when they meet for the 10:30 a.m. kickoff.

"We have different philosophies in offense," said Morristown Head Coach John Porcelli, who installed 5-8 senior Stewart Winston as the man to operate his option attack. Winston responded by driving the Colonials to an 11-0 record and a chance to repeat as sectional champions and win the program's third title overall. Morristown won last year and in 1993.

"It will come down to defense," Porcelli said. "It's going to be a great matchup."

"We're definitely pumped up and thrilled inside to be able to bring back the Westfield tradition," said senior tri-captain Brandon Doerr, a two-year starter at linebacker and the starting quarterback.

Porcelli said he thought Westfield had a definite size advantage on both sides of the line, but he is counting on his team speed to offset that disadvantage.

Winston and backfield turbo units Ahmad Hagler (senior, 5-11, 190) and Dorell Humes (senior, 5-7, 175) are all two-year starters, with Humes being the fleetest of the three. Hagler has rushed for 1,600 yards and 21 touchdowns.

"The size differential when they're on defense concerns me greatly," Porcelli noted. "And they are pretty much in position all the time. I don't know if we can consis-

tently run the ball against them."

Humes was lost for two games this season with a sprained knee while the Colonials struggled to beat Roxbury and West Morris Central. Ironically, Westfield pounded West Morris in the state quarterfinals, 30-6.

"Our defense is very similar to Westfield's 40 defense," Porcelli said. "We had to replace eight kids from last year, which was one of our biggest concerns in the beginning of the year. But the defense has been consistent week in and week out."

Doerr has made it his business to exploit teams which think highly of their defenses. Doerr said the Blue Devils should do well as long as the offensive line remains its usually consistent self.

"I don't consider us unstoppable. We just have so many weapons."

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MARCH TO THE MEADOWLANDS

- Sept. 18: Westfield d. SNYDER (H)
- Sept. 26: Westfield 55, CRANFORD 14
- Oct. 2: WESTFIELD 42, Scotch Plains 20
- Oct. 10: Westfield 16, RAHWAY 9
- Oct. 17: SHABAZZ 12, Westfield 9
- Oct. 23: WESTFIELD 14, Linden 0
- Oct. 31: WESTFIELD 29, Union 10
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- Dec. 5: Westfield vs. Morristown, 10:30 a.m., Giants Stadium
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Krug anchors Devilish defense

By RICH DEVENEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Numerous times this season, the Westfield High locker room was filled with high praise for the football team's offensive unit, and rightly so. The group's explosiveness has accounted for 287 points in 10 games, and four times the offense has chalked up 40 points or more.

But the defense, anchored by senior tri-captain Matt Krug, can boast its own gaudy numbers as well. In its last five wins, Westfield has allowed 13 points or less and has posted two shutouts.

Krug exudes that Blue Devil stubbornness, an attitude the players were forced to learn gradually, according to the third-year starter. Westfield struggled through a 1-8 season two years ago, and Krug, then a sophomore, had to not only deal with losing, but losing with the pressure of playing with upperclassmen.

"It didn't feel strange, but it was a lot different," Krug said. "As I moved on, I played with more people in my grade. Then



you don't have the pressure of messing up. It's a lot different now. Game time, I loved it then, but now I'm totally focused. I'm happy to step up and plant someone."

The Blue Devils have done so much planting this season, the opposition's backfield has often resembled a greenhouse rather than a full house. Krug said Head Coach Ed Tranchina has stressed defense since the first scrimmage, and there has been no let up since.

"We're all out to hit," Krug said. "Coach writes on the chalkboard, '11 as 1,' and we're together on every play. The first scrimmage at Livingston, we played like wild men out there."

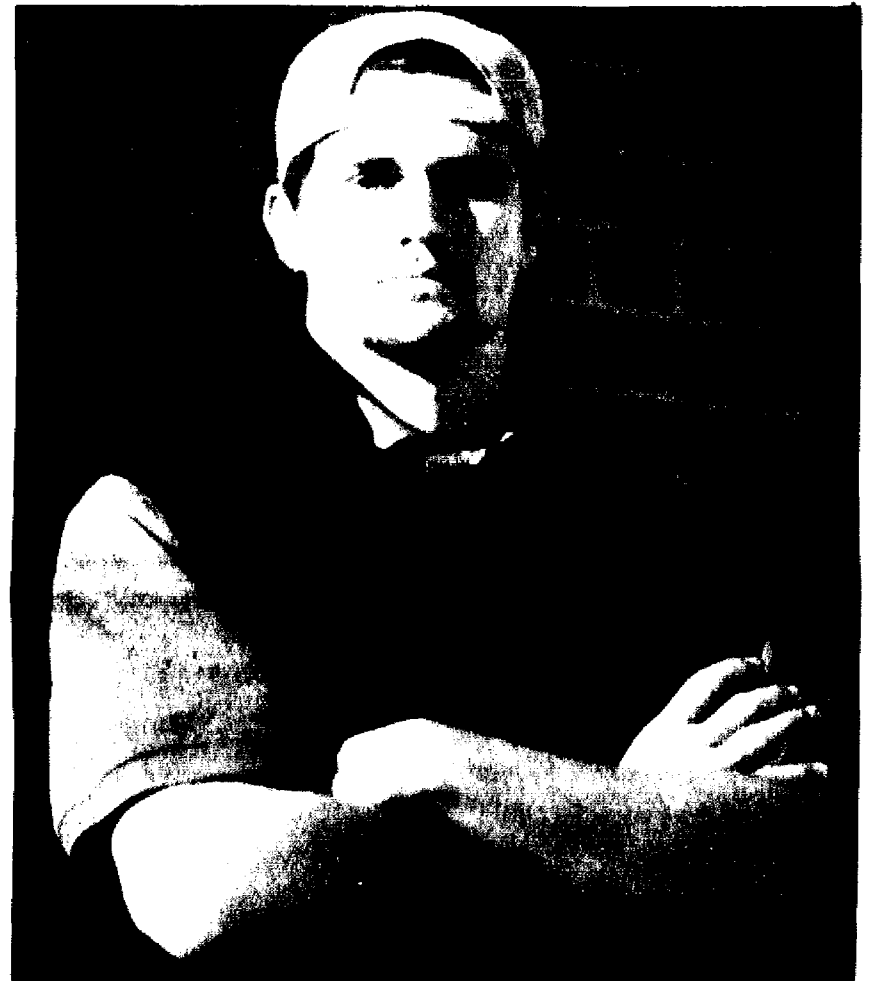
Westfield named its captains for this year at the conclusion of the 1997 season. Krug said the title, and honor, have helped him to intensify work habits for his

two-way duties. Krug also starts at right offensive guard.

"It caused all of us (quarterback Brandon Doerr and full-back/linebacker Todd Dowling are the other captains) to be more focused," Krug said. "Really, all of our seniors are leaders. Each player tries a lot harder every down."

As a junior, Krug started three games on defense at inside linebacker when two starters (Greg Gorshin and Dowling) went down. Now an outside linebacker playing with a healthy supporting cast, Krug said one reason the team is almost always on the same page on every down is because the lineup is senior dominated, that is to say the players know each other from being together outside the locker room as well as inside.

"They're the best bunch of guys," Krug said of his offensive line mates — Tom Langton, Rob Albino, Will Hannis and Greg Jackson. "We're the best of friends. We're like brothers. We know what each other does as soon as we get to the line. At first that takes a while to develop, and now we have it."



MATT KRUG

WHS expecting big returns from swimmers

By RICH DEVENEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Westfield boys swim team's slogan, "Stay Alive," may be a bit misleading.

The Blue Devils program, hard by a picture of hardship, chalked up their 42nd consecutive Union County championship last season, and the Devils want to keep that streak alive. It is because of the narrow margin by which Westfield defeated Scotch Plains in last year's meet that staying alive is important this season.

"I'm not going to say we'll dominate the county Scotch Plains has a strong team again," Westfield Head Coach Martha Hentzelman said. "But the great thing about this team is we're much more flexible than last year. I felt stuck in what everyone could do."

Westfield will have to watch for Scotch Plains again this season, especially since the Raiders, a red team, rebounded from their slim defeat at county to beat the Devils in the state team sectional.

Hentzelman, in her second year

at the helm, is blessed with a load of returning talent, including senior co-captains Jay Pollack and Seth Burstein. Both swimmers qualified for the Meet of Champions, and Burstein placed in two events (100 butterfly, 200 IM).

Adding to Westfield's depth and flexibility are juniors Scott Kautzmann (fly, back), Kyle McCloskey (freestyle and sprints), Matt Cahill and Chris Driscoll, and sophomores Cliff Haldeman (free, breast) and Matt Vidovich (breast, IM). Hentzelman said versatile freshman Michael Smith is already poised to post qualifying times for the MOC in as many as five events.

WHS girls at full strength
The Westfield girls are not exactly looking to rebound from last season, but they did close their campaign with a bitter taste in their mouths.

A highly successful campaign was sandwiched between an season opening loss to Bridgewater, and a heartbreaking, five-point set back against Cherry Hill East in the state team final.

Westfield lost just two seniors,

and Head Coach Bev Torok, in her sixth season with the Devils, expects to be competitive. Senior co-captains Kitty Frompling and Kristina Barabas will pace this year's squad, while twin juniors Jesse and Abby Coxson are expected to anchor distance freestyle events.

Burstein to compete at U.S. Open meet

By DAVE ALLEMA
RECORD-PRESS

Sometime today, five members of the Metuchen Edison YMCA swimming team will go after national titles at the U.S. Open Swim Meet at Texas A&M University.

The 400 medley relay squad of James Giarratano (backstroke), David Ross (breaststroke), Nick Kozyra (butterfly) and Craig Dolan (freestyle) will compete today in their division, while Kozyra and Seth Burstein will swim in the 100 butterfly.

Kozyra also earned a spot in the 200 butterfly and will race

The heart of the team also includes sophomores Ashley Saul (IM, backstroke, free), Chrissy Schwedel (distance freestyle) and Kerry Hart (distance), junior Katie Bartholomew (breast), and freshmen Chrissy Kolenut, Chrissy Romano and Tina Christakos.

tomorrow. The U.S. Swimming organization hosts the meet on an annual basis.

Giarratano and Dolan, both of Metuchen, along with Kozyra of Carteret, all swim for the St. Joseph's High squad, while Ross is from Finwood and attends Scotch Plains High and Burstein is a Westfield student. All are 17 years old and seniors.

Dave Kessel, in his second season as the Metuchen Edison YMCA coach, took swimmers last year as well, and looks for this year's group to simply improve their times to gain spots in other national qualifying events.

SPORTSCENE

Makowski, LaForge pace Azurri

Amanda Makowski and Colleen LaForge each scored once to help the Scotch Plains Finwood under-10 girls Azurri escape a two-goal deficit and forge a 2-2 tie against Montgomery Her Ricans.

The game marked the first time the Azurri (8-0-1) trailed in a match. Makowski assisted on LaForge's goal with just minutes remaining. Also playing well were sweeper Lauren Weisbrod, full-backs Samantha Butens, Brittany Larkin and Maggie McLaughlin, and striker Liz Halpin.

Rosander closes Moravian career

Moravian College senior Kevin Rosander, a Scotch Plains Finwood graduate, closed his football career Nov. 14 as the Greyhounds lost to Muhlenberg 33-14 to finish the season 3-7, 3-6 in the Middle American Conference, 2-3 in the MAC Commonwealth League.

Rosander, an all-conference punter, averaged 37.8 yards on 56 punts this season, with a long of 64 yards against Albright. At

Lycoming, he punted eight times for 312 yards, both season highs.

Consistency was DeVito's mark

Westfield's Jeff DeVito, a kicker for Marist College, recently completed his college career by connecting on 58 of 63, including 29 of 31 this season. He set a school record for 30 consecutive successful kicks, and ranks second in school history for total kicking points.

DeVito, the son of Dominic and Joan DeVito, of Westfield, is a psychology major and has twice won the NCAA scholar athlete award as having one of the top 20 GPAs in the Middle American Conference.

Local pair boost Bucknell women

Bucknell freshmen Cathie Baker and Karen Haight, both Scotch Plains graduates, were two of 14 newcomers that helped the Bison women's soccer team endure a 7-12 season, 2-1 in the Patriot League.

Baker, who played in 17 games and started twice, had one goal in her initial collegiate campaign. Haight played in 11 contests and started twice.

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Bagpiping coach brings Scottish culture to Westfield

RICH BEVENSEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Picture a long, grassy pitch soaked with morning dew, and a tall, bearded Scotsman slowly walking back and forth along one side of the pitch, his steps nearly marking time for the beat he keeps with his bagpipes. Scattered about the pitch are the men he plays for, but they aren't watching his gait. They're listening to the musical strains of the pipes while they prepare for battle.

This is not a scene taken from the History Channel's documentary on the British Empire. It's actually a scene that has taken place every weekend this fall. With a couple minor changes, it will be the scene tomorrow at the Meadowslands.

Tomorrow, that grassy pitch will be substituted by 100 yards of AstroTurf at Giants Stadium. The tall Scotsman with the pipes will be blue-and-white sweat-suit-clad Ron Barner, the defensive coordinator for the Westfield High football team. He'll be playing to psych his players up for the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 championship, a 10:30 a.m. battle against top-seeded Morristown.

"The players love it," said Barner, who's been playing for 19

years and coaching at Westfield for 24 years. "There's just an absolutely natural connection between a battle and the rousing, military sound of the bagpipes."

Barner used to perform at graduations, weddings and funerals in full Highlander regalia, complete with bonnie and kilt, which he owns. The high school English teacher has since given up such public performances to play almost solely for his Blue Devils.

There's no rhyme or reason for an occasion to play in the company of the team, he said. On Friday nights at the team dinner, on Saturday mornings in the locker room while players are dressing, on the field 45 minutes before kickoff while the team stretches. He enjoys the tradition, and he knows the players enjoy the sound.

"A lot of players were listening to the 'Braveheart' CD as sort of their psyche song," Barner said, referring to the 1995 Mel Gibson movie about William Wallace's crusade for Scotland. "We just went from the electronic version to the real thing."

Four head coaches have passed through the Westfield halls since Barner joined the staff, and each (Gary Kehler, Dick Zimmer, Ed Tranchina, Jim Benedict and Tranchina again) heard the pipes'

echoes, which range from "Scotland the Brave," to "Wearin' of the Green," to the "Marines Hymn." According to Barner, these melodies are called "Tunes of Glory," and they were made famous by the Kilted Regiment of the British Army.

Barner, whose mother is from Scotland, said he took an early interest in the bagpipes. "My father loved the pipes and we saw the Highland Regiment whenever they toured," Barner said.

Barner began to take lessons from a Scotsman named Duncan McCaskill; Barner learned later in his lessons that his tutor was a world-renowned bagpiper. McCaskill had such an effect on his pupil that Barner, then a Kean College graduate student, wrote his masters thesis on McCaskill's contributions to American bagpiping.

While the extent of his performances is somewhat limited to the Blue Devils now, Barner has been known to tote his 8-year-old son, Colin, and the pipes to Hacklebarney State Park in Chester so he can play in a secluded place and hear the sounds echo off the boulders there.

"Most people associate me with hot air anyway," Barner said. "There is no plan to my playing. It's just as the spirit moves me."



GEORGE PACIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Ron Barner, center, enjoys being surrounded by senior members of the Westfield High football team when he plays the bagpipes, which he has done for 19 years. Barner, who has coached in the football program for 24 years, is the Blue Devils' defensive coordinator.

Raiders' hopes for playoffs caught in downward spiral

RICH BEVENSEE
RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — What once was a promising season for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood football team turned into a tailspin.

The Raiders, blind-sided by their double-overtime loss to East Side in Week 8, thus determining their postseason fate, fell twice more to cap a season that otherwise should have been remembered for the emergence of junior tailback Nathan Jones.

The Raiders closed the season on a three-game slide, ending a frustrating autumn with a 21-20 loss to

Union Saturday, finishing at 3-7.

"It was disappointing, yes, and I wish it could have been better for the kids," said Scotch Plains Head Coach Ed Ciccotelli. "I had a great bunch of kids to coach but we faced a lot of adversity. We had several injuries and never really got to put our best team on the field."

Cruelly enough, the loss of one offensive weapon meant the arrival of another. With senior Blair Woodward's injury in the second game of the season, which for all purposes ended his prep career, Jones was inserted into a new I-formation offense and the junior responded with the first 1,000-yard

season in Coach Ciccotelli's eight-year tenure.

Woodward returned to the lineup for the season finale against Union and grabbed two touchdown passes of 67 and 10 yards. Raiders fans are left to think where the team would be if both Woodward and Jones had been able to step on the field together for an entire season.

"If I had to do it again, I'd probably keep Nathan in the backfield and use Blair as a wideout," Ciccotelli said. "Then again, we probably would not have used Nathan as much as we did if Blair had not gotten hurt."

Franzone hit Woodward on a slant play on fourth down from the Union 8. Scotch Plains tried another slant and drew an interference call, bringing the ball half the distance to the goal line. Jones was called on to run off tackle, and Union stuffed him at the line.

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- U - Knox 4 run (kick failed)
- S - Jones 9 run (Gillie kick)
- U - Calhoun 11 run (Knox run)
- U - Javias 21 pass from Hupertz (Javias kick)
- S - Woodward 10 pass from Franzone (run failed)

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- FRIDAY, DEC. 4**
Ice Hockey
Westfield at Bayonne, 8:15 p.m.
Swimming
Westfield boys, girls at Bridgewater, 5:15 p.m.
SATURDAY, DEC. 5
Football
North Jersey Section 2, Group 3
Championship
Westfield vs. Morristown, 10:30 a.m., Giants Stadium
Ice Hockey
Westfield at Randolph, 6:15 p.m.
TUESDAY, DEC. 8
Ice Hockey
Westfield Holiday Tournament
Westfield vs. Mendham, 6 p.m. at Warinanco Park
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9
Swimming
Westfield boys, girls at Pingry, 3:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, DEC. 10
Ice Hockey
Westfield at Montclair, 8:15 p.m.
Swimming
St. Joseph's at Westfield boys, 2:15 p.m.
Bishop Ahr at Westfield girls, 2:15 p.m.

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Westfield icers offensive group in need of defense

RICH BEVENSEE
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Brian La Fontaine is hoping there's enough defense on Westfield High's ice hockey team to even out the heavy offensive machinery the Blue Devils are carrying.

With seniors Ron Kasblak and Josh Falcone and sophomore Brandon Kape returning to forward slots, the Devils return one of the state's top lines. What concerns Head Coach La Fontaine is what Westfield will do once one of those three doesn't have the puck on his stick.

"They were responsible for 90 percent of our goals last year. Those kids can flat-out fly," said La Fontaine, who enters his fifth season after guiding the Devils to a 13-13 mark last year. "Defensively we're weak and we don't have a lot

of depth. Basically, we'll score, but it will depend on how many we give up."

Kasblak, a co-captain with classmate Mike Bird, is the stat's leading returning scorer, with 93 points his junior season.

La Fontaine said he'll be waiting to see newcomer Max Langford break into a serious offensive weapon. Langford, a 6-5, 190-pound junior, transferred to Westfield from Oklahoma.

Part of the defense does have some experience, with seniors Kevin Anton and Eric Lund returning to the lineup. Lund, slated for goalkeeping duty, is an unknown since injuries caused him to miss most of the 1997-98 campaign.

The Blue Devils tuned up with a scrimmage against Hun Monday (a 7-5 loss), and opened the regular season against Clifton Wednesday

Morristown in Blue Devils' path

(Continued from page C-1)

said Doerr, speaking of teammates Todd Dowling, Lamont Turner, Thomas Lee and Kevin McCormick, to name a few. "Having an experienced line is a tremendous help. They're aware of every situation and can handle anything."

Senior tri-captain Matt Krug is a three year starter on the Blue Devils offensive line and a two year starter at linchbacker. Krug said because the solid game experience they got from Union and Plainfield, they could not be more ready for whatever the Colonials brings to the game.

"If we come off the bat hitting them and hitting them, we'll win," Krug said. "It comes down to stopping their running game. We believe we can. Our strength is we're good against the run. That's how we stopped Union. Plainfield only beat us with a few big plays. As long as we stop big plays, stop them on the line, we can win the game."

From Saturday, Nov. 28
Regular Season

Westfield (9-2)	0 0 7 0 7
Plainfield (13-0)	7 7 0 7 14
P - Davis 18 run (Kennedy kick)	
P - Davis 65 run (Reid kick)	
W - Turner 42 run (Doerr kick)	
P - Kennedy 79 run (Kennedy kick)	

From Saturday, Nov. 21
North Jersey Section 2, Group 3
Semifinal

Westfield (9-1)	14 8 14 10 44
Parsippany Hills (9-1)	0 7 0 6 13
W - Turner 1 run (Doerr kick)	
W - Turner 44 run (Doerr kick)	
W - Lee 1 run (kick failed)	
U - Collins 5 run (Bocchino kick)	
W - Dowling 53 run (Doerr kick)	
W - Doerr 4 run (Doerr kick)	
W - Doerr 42 field goal	
W - Lee 15 run (Doerr kick)	
P - Morant 96 kickoff return (run failed)	

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Franklin School chorus to sing with Westfield Glee Club

WESTFIELD — The usual pre-school quiet at Franklin School has been changed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to the joyful songs of the public schools' Children's Chorus.

The 54 children from all areas of Westfield are rehearsing under the direction of Elsa Gail Hahn to sing at Roosevelt Intermediate School 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 in the Westfield Glee Club Winter Concert. As in past years, they are coming on their own time before school hours to sing.

The Children's Chorus program includes the following numbers: "Welcome, Yule!" by Eric Gritton, "Light One Star" by Dadee Reilly, "The Shepherd's Rocking Carol," a Polish song arranged by Roberta Black, and "My Favorite Things" by Richard Rodgers from "The Sound of Music." In another section of the program the children will sing "He is Born," a French song arranged by Sherman, "Bashana Haba-a" by Nurit Hirsh and edited by Henry Leck, "Nuttin for Christmas" by Tepper and Bennet and arranged by Kerr, and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by Noel

Regney and Gloria Shane. At the end of the program, the Children's Chorus will join with the Glee Club to sing "Happy Winter," a partner song with "Frosty the Snowman" by Jill Gallina, and "Winter Fantasy" by Jill Gallina, inspired by "Jingle Bells."

The children in this year's chorus are Norite Bercovicz, Caitlyn Berkowitz, Courtney Fox-Sherman, Andrea Gordon, Kaley Graham, Kelly haussseguy, Katherine Jarmas, Anya Kaplan, Kimeya Kopackar, Christopher Ludewig, Georgia Mierswa, Samantha Miller, Christopher Mouton, Julia Nelson, Julienne Niemiera, Ashley Papa, Cara Paulan, Courtney Philips, Markel Pitt, Elizabeth Riddle, Amanda Sabino, Al I Siko, Jacqui Snyder, Katherine Tutela, Brian Ye, Chloe Zeitanian, and Kyle Zeitanian. Also singing are Audrey Ambinder, Philip Anton, Julia Brundage, Caitlin Bludgus, Nicholas Delpopolo, Nichole Carson, Clair Fox, Lindsey Gerrity, Tegeat Hailu, Meaghan Hanley, Julian Harris, Emily Kieczkowski, Meaghan Klie, Brittany Lanam, Irish Levert, Michael Marks, Elizabeth



Fifty-four children from all parts of Westwood rehearse for their parts in the Dec. 12 Westfield Glee Club Winter Concert.

O'Shea, Joseph Penzak, Sarah Pantakar, Courtney Ogue, Daniella Regencia, Hope Skibitsky, Laura Straus, Kelsey Sullivan, Benjamin Thomas, Leigh Weissman, and Jennifer

Zhu. At the Sunday concert at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., the Special Artists will be George Lachenauer playing seasonal

organ solos, and Thomas Booth playing concert arrangements of requested songs. Tickets for either concert are available from Glee Club members, from the Music Staff, 102

Quimby St., and at the door at each concert for a donation of \$10 for students and seniors, and \$12 for adults. For more information, call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

Attention Skiers & Snowboarders!

America's wonderful snow playground

By S.R. "SANDY" BLACK
CORRESPONDENT

Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing are the three things that you will most definitely find at America's ski areas that offer wonderful fun in the snow for the entire family. Add blue skies and beautiful sun on a day of fresh powder and you'll see why the world comes to America for its snow fun.

I am a 36-year veteran of the sport and whether it is the dry, fresh powder of Brian Head of Utah, Vail of Colorado or the great snowmaking systems of Hunter Mountain, Sunday River or Brodie Mountain of the Northeast, America's skiing is a great act in itself.

Let's take a look at America's eastern ski mecca and what they have to offer.

Eastern ski areas of Vermont's Jay Peak, Sugarbush, Mount Snow, Killington, Suicide Six, Burke Mountain, Okemo, Stowe, Smugglers Notch and Ascutney Mountain all have reputations for large snowfalls up to and sometimes over 350 inches per ski season, coupled with the biggest snow-making power systems and state-of-the-art grooming, which makes the best possible ski conditions that weather permits.

You'll find plenty of big mountain skiing, long, magnificent runs, vertical drop varieties and elegant accommodations, such as the Woodstock Inn (that owns Suicide Six ski area), as well as the Equinox, which makes for easy access to the Bromley Mountain ski area.

Vermont has a world reputation as a paradise for big mountain skiing with its magnificently designed ski trails. Its next-door neighbor,



New Hampshire, has plenty of power snow terrain offerings for skiers and snowboarders. Top-shelf conditions and sharp grooming complement New Hampshire's big mountains of skiing, which include such ski gems as Bretton Woods, Attitash/Bear Peak, Cannon Mountain, Loon Mountain and Mount Sunapee, where former World Cup ski champ Holly Flanders began.

New Hampshire has plenty of fresh snow, which may arrive with the cold, compliments of Mother Nature. In any event, plenty of snowmaking power exists to blanket these beautiful mountains that give world ski and board prestige to winter snow fun in this state.

Sunday River and Sugarloaf USA of Maine are the best skiing opportunities in Maine. Like

Vermont and New Hampshire, Maine has plenty of natural snow, world-renowned snowmaking and grooming. In addition, the state boasts a wide variety of slopes and trails that will please all skiers and snowboarders who visit these mountain giants of snow fun.

My best skiing on Massachusetts' Berkshire Mountains was Brodie Mountain, which has an absolutely wonderful slope and trail design. Great snow-making and grooming complete the package, making this ski and board resort the gem of snow fun in Massachusetts.

Plenty of special events, such as the pro and NCAA ski race activities, snow tubing and torchlight parades, provide glamour to these prime New England ski and board meccas. There, you'll find plenty of chairlifts, particularly high-speed detachable quad chairlifts that exist in America more so than in Europe.

Hunter Mountain in New York's

Catskill Mountains tops any European ski resort in snowmaking capabilities, and has become the worldwide snowmaking king.

The western ski states of Colorado, Utah and California are America's greatest showcase of snowboarding and skiing adventures.

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Brian Head, Park City

Mountain Resort and The Canyons are my three favorites in Utah, which is known for the world's driest snow. Identity properties of Park City include a massive selection of top-shelf accommodations. As a whole, Utah has deep yet light snow. Anywhere you turn, you see people enjoying the wide slopes and trails that make Utah — especially Brian Head, The Canyons and Park City Mountain Resort — an extremely popular ski state to visit.

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See you on the slopes. S.R. "Sandy" Black is a nationally known ski columnist who has covered skiing and other snow sports for 17 years.

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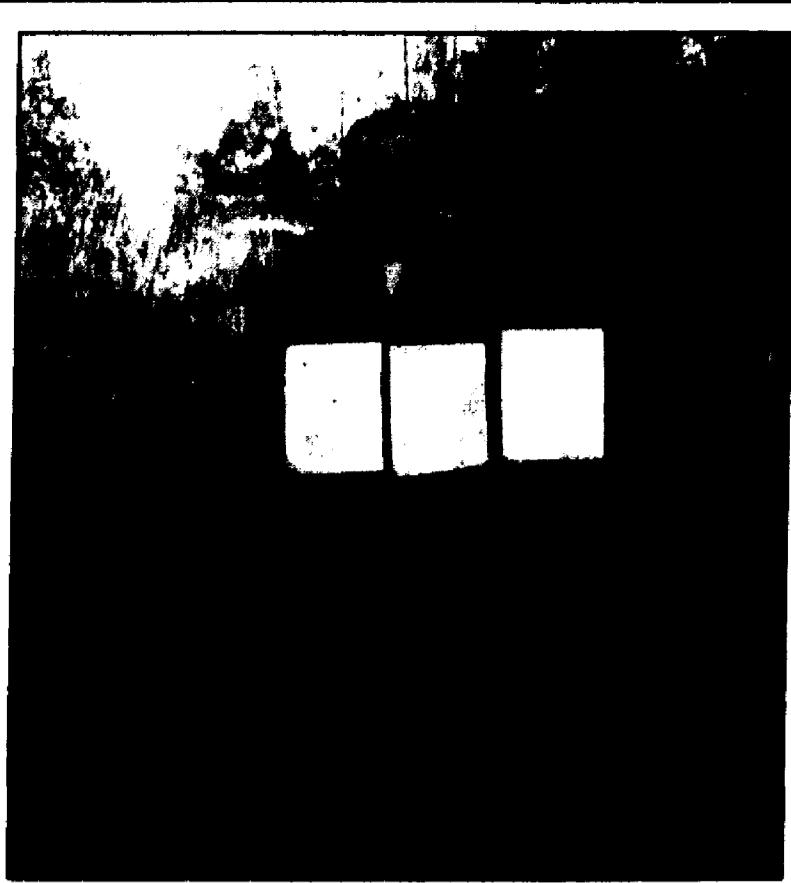
The Old Guard will hold its last regular meeting for 1998 at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Westfield "Y."
 The Madrigal Singers from Cranford High School will perform.
 A Christmas luncheon will run from noon-4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at The Westwood in Garwood.
 Membership in the Old Guard is open to retired and semi-retired men from Westfield and nearby towns. For more information, call Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.
 Regular meetings will resume Thursday, Jan. 7.

Catholic Golden Age Club Chapter 88-A

The Catholic Golden Age Club will sponsor a Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Pantagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains.
 For more information, call John at (908) 322-1804 or Bill at (908) 232-4842.

Union County Division on Aging

Outreach services are available to all seniors in Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Westfield.
 The program will be available Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Lakewood Plaza apartments in Elizabeth and Monday, Dec. 14 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Plainfield. Hours both days will be 10:30 a.m.-noon.
 You can get help if you want to enroll in the Lifeline (gas/electric), PAAD (prescription drugs), HEAP (Home Energy Assistance), Supplemental Security Income, CHIME (health insurance for Medicare participants) and SHARE (food) programs. County officials will be on hand to provide assistance.
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Wildflower winner

Holding the tree awards received this year for the wildflower project is Fanwood Environmental Commission Chairman Dean Talcott. The site is located on the PSE&G Co. property between Cray Terrace and LaGrande Avenue. The area covers about 1.5 acres. Recently, the project won a merit award from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissioners. Earlier in the year, the project received resolutions from Union County Freeholder Linda Stender and from Fanwood Mayor Maryanne Connelly. Since the picture was taken, Director Ray Manfra's Public Works personnel mowed the area, which helps keep saplings from growing and by distributing the seeds that are contained in the "browned" wildflowers. Next spring additional seed will be planted and the flowers will be back.

Scotch Plains to hold 'old fashioned' celebration Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — Downtown Scotch Plains will once again come alive with the hometown holiday spirit Sunday, Dec. 6 with its fourth annual "Old Fashioned Holiday Celebration."
 The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association (SPBPA) and its 185 members have organized the day's events in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

There will be live entertainment, hay rides, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, a bake sale, sidewalk promotions, the annual tree lighting, the arrival of Santa and more. The Historic Osborn Cannonball House will be having an open house and all are invited to visit the museum, where they will be serving food and refreshments.
 The Oratoria Singers of Westfield, the New Apostolic Church of Plainfield and the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School Chorus will be performing on the Village Green throughout the afternoon. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be going on around town from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2; children younger than age 2 ride free.
 There will be a merchant holiday walk contest with no purchase necessary and a chance to win an assortment of prizes

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The annual tree lighting will take place at 5 p.m., followed by the arrival of Santa. Children from toddler through age 7 can visit with Santa at the Gazebo and will get a treat. Parents may take photos.

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Fanwood to offer poetry readings

FANWOOD — Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly recently announced that the Borough of Fanwood has received a grant to begin a poetry reading series in the Carriage House, located at 134 Watson Road, on the grounds of Borough Hall. Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered through the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Additional funding has been provided by Fanwood Borough.

The project was designed by Fanwood poet Adele Kenny who authored the grant application and who will direct the series. According to Ms. Kenny, "the purpose of the project is to provide a venue in which the finest contemporary poets will read from their works and meet with the public, affording both poets and audience members opportunities to share superior written art in a personal

manner which recalls poetry's earliest oral traditions." Ms. Kenny, an internationally published poet and nonfiction writer, is the recipient of numerous awards for her own poetry, and her books on antique Staffordshire figures have become standard references in the field.

Widely acclaimed poet Gerald Stern, winner of the 1998 National Poetry Award, will inaugurate the series on Thursday, December 10. Born in 1925 of immigrant Eastern European parents, Mr. Stern was featured in the PBS series *The Power of the Word* and in the companion volume *The Language of Life with Bill Moyers*. He is a recipient of the Ruth Lilly Prize for Lifetime Achievement, the Lamont Prize, a Bess Hoekin Award, the Paterson Prize, the Melville Cane Award, and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Academy of American Poets, and the National Endowment for the Arts. He has

taught at many colleges and universities, including NYU, Columbia, Sarah Lawrence, and the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Mr. Stern has been called "a poet of exile and ruins, laying claim to places and things other people have abandoned and investing them with new value through his incandescent imagination."

Mayor Connelly says, "I am so pleased that we are enhancing the cultural programs in Fanwood. This reading series is extraordinary and I compliment Adele Kenny for her initiative and accomplishments. The Carriage House is truly becoming a cultural arts center."

Each reading will begin at 8 p.m. and the 1998-1999 calendar is as follows:

December 10 - Gerald Stern; February 11 - Stephen Dunn; March 11 - Renee Ashley; April 8 - Pablo Medina and BJ Ward; May 13 - David Keller and Maria Gillan; June 10 - Alicia Oetrikler.

Births

Tony and Teresa Carvalho of Scotch Plains are parents of their second daughter, Francesca Marie, born Sept. 14, 1998 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Francesca weighed 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. She joins a sister, Marina Lisa, who is 2 years old.

Maternal grandparents are Antonio and Angela DiNardo of Scotch Plains. Paternal grandparents are Carlos and Mary Carvalho of Cranford. The paternal great-grandmother is Mary Greer of Westfield.

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Willow Grove Church welcomes choir director

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jared Daugherty has joined the staff at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains to serve as the new Choir Director. He will be working part-time at the church while pursuing a Master's Degree in Sacred Music at Westminster Choir College, Princeton.

The son of a minister and a teacher, Mr. Daugherty grew up in Fayetteville, Ga. He earned a B.A. in Music Education from Georgia Southern University and served for three years as a part-time Minister of Music at Reidsville United Methodist Church, Reidsville, Ga. He has ample work experience as an orchestra conductor, church

pianist and private voice coach. Citing the fact that Mr. Daugherty has been the recipient of several honors and scholarships in the fields of music education and choral direction, a spokesperson for the church session reported that "The members of Willow Grove, and particularly those involved in the music program, are delighted to have Jared here, sharing his musical talents and expertise."

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Jared Daugherty, will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. worship services held every Sunday morning at Willow Grove Church, located at 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

Angela Miller named Presidential Scholar

Angela H. Miller of Westfield was named a presidential scholar for the spring 1998 semester at Siena College in Loudonville,

N.Y. She achieved a grade point average of 3.55 or better while majoring in psychology.

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For an application, call Detective Diorio at (908) 527-4465 or (908) 527-4487 between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Catholic women to hold annual lunch

SCOTCH PLAINS — Court Trinity of the Catholic Daughters of America will have its annual Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 9, at 12:30 p.m. at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains. Jeannette Ceres of Westfield is in charge of arrangements. The Regent, Anna Checchio, will hold a short meeting, preceding the luncheon.

At the Court's November meeting, the members voted to forego the usual gift exchange,

and to donate the money to Raphael Life House of Elizabeth, which provides assistance and a home to expectant mothers.

A donation was also given to the N.J. State Court's Disaster Relief fund, to assist the victims of Hurricane Mitch. Support for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry continues through the year.

Court Trinity's next meeting will be held on January 13, with Julia Piscopo in charge of hospitality.

Torah Center plans Hanukkah program

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center will present a Hanukkah Crafts and Gifts Program for children aged 3-12 on Dec. 6, 2-5 p.m. at the Center, 418 Central Ave., Westfield (next to West Coast Video).

A variety of crafts will be available.

There will be a minimal charge per project.

Various Hanukkah gift items, including books, toys, and menorahs, will be sold at very reasonable prices. Reservations for the crafts are preferred but not required. For more information call (908) 789-5252.

Service League seeks holiday donations

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Service League is accepting donations for its Christmas sale, scheduled for early December.

Ornaments, decorations, toys, new clothes and gently used

clothing will be accepted. All donations may be brought to the Thrift Shop at 114 Elmer St. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Proceeds from the Christmas sale will benefit local charities.



Lift every voice and sing

Members of the Westfield Glee Club rehearse for the upcoming holiday concert season.

Soprano Schybchyk to sing at First Congregational Church

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, announces the continuation of their Mid-Day Musicales series of free, half-hour concerts on Wednesday, December 16, at noon, with Ukrainian soprano Luba Schybchyk and pianist Pamela Gilmore performing a program of opera arias featuring works of Verdi and Puccini.

These concerts, now in their fifteenth season, are followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon available for \$4.50 in the church social hall.

Luba Schybchyk is a lyric soprano possessing a rich, agile

voice and a magnetic stage presence. She made her American debut to critical and public acclaim in the title role of the new production of *Madama Butterfly* conducted by Adrian Bryttan at the New Rochelle Opera in May, 1998.

She has performed the leading roles in *Rigoletto*, *La Traviata*, *The Impresario*, *Eugene Onegin*, *Iolanta*, and *The Tsar's Bride* with the opera companies of Lviv and the Ukrainian capital Kyiv. In addition she has appeared frequently in solo recitals and with orchestra. She is equally at home with art songs and the "cross-over" genre of Gershwin, Porter,

and Kern.

Ms. Schybchyk has also won competitions as a pianist, and has been honored in Ukraine for both her musical accomplishments and her contributions to the community. She is also active as a vocal therapist in the otolaryngology department of the National Research Institute in Kyiv, and her studies have been published in medical journals.

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



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The guide covers the four strategic steps that Weichert, Realtors' sales agents use: Identifying Your Market; Adding Value to Your Home; Determining Maximum Price; and Maximizing Marketing.

According to the guide: "Good offers more typically are the direct result of good marketing - and that begins with the research and plan-

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The type of research and planning that your sales agent should do includes targeting people who are most likely to buy your house, promoting your house through advertising, the Internet, and open houses, and pricing your home accurately right from the start.

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In the "Selling Your Home" guide, Weichert, Realtors reveals important suggestions for getting your house ready for customers.

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Coldwell Banker unveils online directory

The growing international population throughout New York, New Jersey and Connecticut offers a loyal customer base for area businesses that understand and identify with its different languages and customs, according to Bruce Zipf, president of the Greater New York region of Coldwell Banker.

To accommodate their diverse, non traditional needs while enhancing communication, the residential brokerage firm has introduced a vast on-line directory of more than 250 agents in the tri-state region who are fluent in foreign languages.

The free directory is available at www.nymetro.coldwellbanker.com.

Buyers who are seeking real estate agents with foreign language expertise can access the directory for instant information about an associate's fluency skills and location.

Coldwell Banker offers the services of more than 250 multi-lingual agents through out the tri-

state region whose language proficiencies include Spanish, French, Hindi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Swedish, Arabic, Danish, Irish, Russian, Polish, Persian, Japanese, Yiddish, Armenian, Portuguese and more than 30 others.

"Buying and selling a home should be pleasant and convenient in any language," says Mr. Zipf.

"We want our customers to be at ease, and in many cases, that means communicating with an

agent who literally speaks the same language."

The foreign language directory is the most recent addition to the Coldwell Banker on-line network.

The Coldwell Banker regional Web site, www.nymetro.coldwellbanker.com offers specific information about services and listings throughout the tri-state region while nationwide services and listings are accessed at www.coldwellbanker.com.

Century 21 plans celebration

CLARK — On Dec. 13, from 10 a.m.-noon, a free Pancake Breakfast will be served to children from grades 1 through 4 at the American Legion Hall on Westfield Avenue in Clark.

Free pictures with Santa will also be taken for each child.

Coffee and cookies will be available for Moms and Dads.

Please come and join Century 21's Holiday Celebration.

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Burgdorff ERA sales associates headed for San Diego for '99

In March of 1999, qualified sales associates at Burgdorff ERA will be flying off to one of the nation's most popular and beautiful locales, San Diego, Calif., to attend the ERA International Business Conference (IBC).

Each year, thousands of ERA brokers and agents from 19 countries, converge for four days of networking, seminars, enlightenment and personal improvement.

"The annual ERA convention has become an event we all eagerly anticipate," says Judy Reeves, president of Burgdorff ERA. "Since the upcoming meeting will be the last of this century, it promises to be a thoroughly memorable experience. One of the perks for real

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Bregman earns Silver status from NJAR at ceremony

WESTFIELD — The Board of Realtors has honored Nancy Bregman, an associate in Coldwell Banker's Westfield office, with membership in the prestigious New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Silver Level Million Dollar Club.

The coveted Silver Level NJAR designation is awarded to agents that have an annual sales volume in excess of \$5 million.

Mrs. Bregman also earned membership in NJAR's Distinguished Sales Club for qualifying for NJAR's Million

Dollar Club for 10 consecutive years. In addition, Bregman is a member of Coldwell Banker's International President's Circle, another select group of high performance sales associates. She has been among the industry's leading agents throughout her 25 year career in real estate.

Nancy is a long time resident of the area and provides her customers with all the benefits of her years of expertise. Kelly, manager of the Westfield office noted, "We are very fortunate to have Nancy as part of our outstanding team."

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Apple Tree Mortgage						Kastle Mortgage						National Future Mortgage					
30 YR FIXED	7.125	0.00	7.125	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.750	0.00	6.800	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	5.750	0.00	5.900	5%	45 DAY
1 YR ADJ	4.875	0.00	4.875	5%	45 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.580	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	5.125	0.00	5.400	5%	45 DAY
15 YR FIXED	6.875	0.00	6.875	5%	60 DAY	1 YR ADJ	4.250	0.00	7.500	10%	90 DAY	1 YR ADJ	4.000	0.00	5.100	5%	45 DAY
First Savings Bank						Kentwood Financial Svcs						Summit Federal S & L Assn					
30 YR FIXED	6.250	1.00	6.587	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.750	0.00	6.880	5%	60 DAY	30 YR FIXED	7.500	0.00	7.500	20%	75 DAY
15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.504	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.650	5%	60 DAY	15 YR FIXED	6.500	0.00	6.500	20%	75 DAY
5/1 30 YR	6.250	0.00	6.800	5%	75 DAY	5 YR ARM	6.500	0.00	6.850	10%	60 DAY	1 YR ADJ	5.250	0.00	7.500	20%	75 DAY
Hudson City Savings Bank						Loan Search						United National Bank					
30 YR JUMBO	7.125	0.00	7.132	10%	90 DAY	30 YR JUMBO	7.000	0.00	7.000	20%	90 DAY	30 YR YR	6.500	0.00	6.725	10%	90 DAY
15 YR JUMBO	6.825	0.00	6.864	10%	90 DAY	15 YR JUMBO	6.625	0.00	6.625	10%	75 DAY	15 YR YR	7.000	0.00	6.750	10%	90 DAY
10/1 30 YR	6.750	0.00	6.815	10%	90 DAY	20 YR JUMBO	6.875	0.00	6.910	5%	75 DAY	1 YR ADJ	6.250	0.00	6.711	10%	90 DAY
Intercounty/CEI Mortgage						WFS Mortgage Services											
30 YR FIXED	6.750	1.20	6.882	20%	45 DAY	30 YR FIXED	6.875	0.00	6.941	20%	45 DAY	15 YR JUMBO	6.500	0.00	6.542	20%	45 DAY
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85 Belmont Ave. from Frank A. Fernicola to Philip & Joanne McGovern for \$257,500.
3A Cranford Towers from Leg T. Farmer et. al. to Albina Esposito for \$130,000.
12 Edgebrook Place from John N. & Laura Thompson to James & Dianne Trotter for \$150,000.
106 Hillcrest Ave. from Jane G. Burke to Kimberly J. Bridle et. al. for \$166,000.
105 Makatom Drive from Ronald G. & Claudia K. Birn to Matthew P. Weiland & A. Evans for \$240,000.
42 Mansion Terrace from Donald R. & Cecilia Williams to Kristen L. Wolansky-Bretz for \$164,000.
406 Prospect Ave. from Sharon A. Larkin to Gregory & Kathleen Hartnett for \$420,000.
313 S. Union Ave. from Lyman L. & Edythe M. Parks to Elizabeth A. Parks for \$180,000.
6 Venetia Ave. from Gregory & Kathleen Hartnett to William & Karen Struthers for \$253,000.
FANWOOD
46 Ashworth Court from John R. & Linda J.S. Conrad to Howard Olafson for \$195,000.
112 La Grande Ave. from Louis J. & Kathleen D. Daniele to Anil B. & Usha A. Patel for \$165,000.
10 Shady Lane from Bruce & Sandra L. Bonsall to Edmund J. & Helen D. Smyth for \$172,000.
GARWOOD
516 Beech Ave. from Richard J. & Helen P. Beyerl to Carlyn Ryan for \$180,000.
344 Hazel Ave. from Stephen M. & Deborah Lefebvre to Mark A. & Deborah A. Saenger for \$182,000.
KENILWORTH
611 Cranford Ave. from Joseph Pinder to Zbigniew & Dorothy A. Zbek for \$179,000.
44 S. 20th St. from Frances Manderrichio to David J. & Patricia Gassmann for \$151,000.
SCOTCH PLAINS
2094 Aldene Ave. from George A. Oberle to Mark D. Hampton for \$225,000.
25 Autumn Drive from Monique J. Serena to Brooks & Jill Crandall for \$400,000.
2135 Bayberry Lane from Richard G. & Dolores Plunkett to Robert P. & Diane McGuinness for \$315,000.
1720 Cooper Road from Francisco J. & Lenita Cuervo to

Christopher J. & Constance Palmer for \$340,000.
13 Donsen Lane from Mervin & Min Marcus to Jon McMahon & Lori Liput for \$250,000.
2289 Evergreen Ave. from Edward J. & Marie A. Laskowski to Burel & Laura A. Gomillion for \$202,500.
2110 Gamble Road from Frederick R. & Nettie P. Baser to Michael J. & Danielle I. Borik for \$315,000.
235 Katherine St. from Kevin A. & Libby Shelby to Thomas Hockswender et. al. for \$209,900.
11 Marion Lane from Gary & Robin Price to Steven P. & Mary B. Lapham for \$482,500.
2130 Meadowview Road from Michael E. & Joanne Sato to Barry & Donna Merer for \$252,500.
215 Westfield Road from Robert & Diane Buckland to Antonio & Gisella Appezzato for \$130,000.
308 William St. from Peter & Elizabeth Evins to Robert J. & Diane E. Buckland for \$178,000.
433 William St. from Alice A. McKenna to Kenneth & Tracy Abar for \$225,000.
519 Willow Ave. from Ralph Fantini et. al. to Ralph Fantini Jr. for \$165,000.
18 Winchester Drive from Edward & Sharon Jastrzebski to Louis & Kathy Daniele for \$625,000.
1886 Winding Brook Way from Richard H. Hagan Jr. to Robert J. & Judith L. Lauster for \$300,000.
2061 Wood Road from Michael & Margaret Schenberg to Richard & Tracey Verdiramo for \$320,000.
WESTFIELD
301 Baker Ave. from Gloria A. Nelson to David & Robin W. Bailey for \$315,000.
35 Carol Road from Linda I. Sitnik to Angela C. Jones for \$312,000.
914 Coolidge St. from Alfred F. Patterson et. al. to Jeffrey & Ami Levy for \$233,000.
159 N. Cottage Place from Daniel V. & Deirdre H. Doherty to William M. & Bonnie O'Donnell for \$190,000.
833 Fairacres Ave. from Charles W. & Anne Peters to Mark B. & Catherine Heineman for \$285,000.
100 Golf Edge Drive from Robert F. Weldon to Richard T. Weldon for \$1,350,000.
1445 Grandview Ave. from

Gregory O. & Maureen L. Berry to Daniel L. & Laura B. Weinstein for \$280,000.
446 Grove St. from Walter J. Froehlich to Joseph J. Rea Agency P/S Plan. for \$95,886.
810 Highland Ave. from Philip & Carole E. Ucciferri to Thomas G. & Elizabeth W. Dwyer for \$550,000.
620 Maye St. from Glenn & Sally Berry to Stephen C. & Constance Jennings for \$321,000.
249 Myrtle Ave. from Philip P. & Joann Graye to Richard & Theresa W. Schlenk for \$128,000.
520 Topping Hill Road from Virginia Holschuh to Brenda B. Weiss & K. Burns for \$265,000.
534 Washington St. from Michael A. & Joanne S. Krueger to Patrick & Georgia T. Murphy for \$230,000.
BEDMINSTER
85 Encampment Drive from Steven A. & Monica M. Hershey to Brenda K. Mutterer for \$155,000.
9 Jordanna Court from Lamington Developers Inc. to Bala & Prema Andrapalliyal for \$456,666.
35 Revere Drive from Pulte Home Corp. to Gary M. Edmonds & H. Gaviotis for \$434,700.
36 Revere Drive from Pulte Home Corp. to Robert & Lynne Hendrickson for \$526,660.
24 Smoke Rise Lane from Stanley H. Oakes & Gerri Gold to Mildred Lindner for \$352,500.
43 Spruce Court from Joseph & Maria T. Ketterer to Patricia Epps for \$85,000.
40 Tansy Court from Walter & Dale M. Histrand to Craig M. Dudas for \$121,000.
406 Timberbrooke Drive from Bret A. & Beth A. Lang to Robert B. & Margaret Farrell for \$215,000.
69 Wendover Court from Janet L. Anderson to Beverly J. Heller for \$177,000.
64 Wescott Road from Michael Hlatke IV & Elyse L. Hlatke to Vic Teslenko for \$125,000.
BOUND BROOK
527 Imlay Place from Lucia T. Alberto to Jesus Blanco & Maria Montero for \$138,200.
5 Krams Trail from Jeffrey & Shelley Silverman to Steven & Eliassa Lerner for \$442,775.
269 S. Metape Circle from Frederick & Catherine Ellein to Chester & Elizabeth M. Wnuk for \$178,500.

18 North St. from William Pozsony to William R. Hicks for \$124,000.
BRANCHBURG
110 Brandon Court from Stanford R. & Sandra R. Banks to Tarun & Ruchi Arora for \$315,000.
115 Carriage Hill Way from Thomas A. & Andrea L. Pannullo to Gabriel & Carolyn F. Sasso for \$319,000.
64 Kingswood Court from Eva M. Jendreski to Joyce M. Rems for \$125,000.
10 Mohegan Trail from Henry A. Evangelista et. al. to Brian Goryczynski et. al. for \$281,000.
35 Oak Tavern Circle from Richard C. & Lorraine Mitchell to David C. & Carol A. Henning for \$379,900.
201 Post Road from Joseph M. & Valerie Degati to Edward C. & Christine Ciempela for \$288,500.
395 River Road from Jurone M. Jonikas to Michael J. Pillion et. al. for \$225,000.
71 Robbins Road from Anthony R. & Gina M. Orlando to John W. Amundsen for \$175,000.
41 Susquehanna Trail from Carl F. & Meryl R. Mallery to John Insabella & K. Jelenik for \$236,000.
600 Whiton Road from John G. & Terrilee Ciarfello to Laur Whitney for \$150,000.
58 Windy Willow Way from Paul & Denise Wermuth to Denise Wermuth for \$40,000.
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12 Argonne Farm Drive from Ruben R. & Karen S. Vogel to Peter R. & Christina Lindroos for \$494,000.
290 Ascot Lane from Kay M. & Michelle G. Larsen to Ross W. & Kaira O. Haycock for \$190,000.
1208 Bayley Court from Eric & Susan Shapiro to Donald & Nicol E. Ritchey for \$187,000.
1077 Buxton Road from Stephen M. Carson & R. Olawski to Jeffrey A. & Melinda Koehler for \$242,000.
1086 Buxton Road from Stephen M. Carson & R. Olawski to Scott W. & Carol L. Brandon for \$276,500.
120 Chimney Rock Road from Louis A. Izzo to Kenneth C. Schaal for \$150,000.
1267 Cornell Road from William H. & Gail Van Fabrice to Jean P. & Marie C. Battikha for \$345,000.
13-4A Dartmouth Ave. from Pat Trecozzi & L. Demarest to John Krawz for \$65,000.
12 Deer Run Drive from Maria M. & Eileen T. Moretti to George

J. & Andrea E. Yurchak for \$251,000.
252 Dutch Farm Road from Owen G. & Carolyn L. McNaboe to George F. Dimock & L. McTavish for \$285,000.
1157 Evergreen Drive from Jerome Prestinario to Mark & Manuela Amadeo for \$353,500.
175 FINDERNE AVE. from Douglas J. & Jean L. Kelly to Olga J. Cabral for \$217,000.
643 Glen Ridge Drive from John R. Sinibaldi to Joseph R. Pope Jr. & Megan R. Pope for \$280,500.
370 Hannah Way from K. Hovnanian at Bridgewater V to Norma J. Branker for \$208,462.
6 Hawkes Court from Norman B. & Anne P. Cooling to Frank Marfino for \$820,000.
17 Heinrich Way from Steven K. Schafer to Vincent & Angela Pataen for \$300,000.
838 Madison Ave. from New Century Custom Homes L.L.C. to Ronald A. & Mary A. Vitali for \$454,275.
264 Marcia Way from K. Hovnanian at Bridgewater V to Kenneth S. Pizza Jr. for \$196,359.
1301 Mount Horeb Road from Engelbertha McNamara to Robert P. Nowicki & S. Ciancio for \$310,000.
1923 Mountain Top Road from Marie Fiore to James & Rosaline Lopa for \$330,000.
163 Northfield Road from Jacob W. Moore Jr. to Joseph Shedlock for \$150,000.
838 Papen Road from Patrick J. & Joan M. Costello to Prudential Residential Services for \$494,000.
1052 Route 202 South from Anthony & Lidia Dimore to Stephen M. & Marguerita Marvin for \$365,000.
132 Somersset Ave. from Charles Hartrum to Alan P. & Jaclyn L. Hartrum for \$145,000.
836 Thomae Ave. from Maureen L. Amy to Marc R. Hichens for \$195,000.
7 Thruway Drive from Joyce W. Stark to Alan & Jane Kronenwetter for \$287,500.
3103 Vroom Drive from Cheryl A. Graham to Monica Guadagno for \$115,000.
FAR HILLS
1 Milburn Way from Robert & Lorraine Grimmig to Christopher & Deborah Heins for \$421,000.
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44 Blue Ridge Ave. from Joseph V. & Dana M. Waszczak to John W. & Maria F. Calindas for \$210,000.

4 Brook St. from Erich F. & Tunde S. Gaiser to Joao D. & Anabela D. Antunes for \$181,000.
28 Fairway Drive from Herbert Maslo to Robert & Joan Wellbrock for \$830,000.
206 Fourth St. from Nevar Inc. to Walter & Anne J. Perkowski for \$315,000.
1 Greenbrook Road from Walter M. & Sherry P. Adamczyk to Mark DeRogatis & A.M. Murphy for \$185,000.
86-90 Rock Road East from Gary & Susan Dalton to Mary B. Campau & P.G. Wirry for \$577,500.
6 Scherman Terrace from Stanley Ehlin & F. Grossman to Susan DiDonato for \$437,500.
39 Spruce Hollow Road from Pulte Home Corp. to Armand Ursino Jr. & Elizabeth Ursino for \$489,710.
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194 Amwell Road from Catherine Gerechka to Joseph & Margaret Canica for \$198,000.
514-173 Andria Ave. from Gregory I. & Miriam Rudd to George N. Kochis for \$49,000.
18 Beverly Drive from Martin B. & Cara Rosenthal to Charles J. & Catherine Martino for \$225,000.
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42 Kilmer Drive from Janet Davis to Chiang N. Lin for \$276,000.
110 Kimberly Road from Richard J. & Patricia M. Rau to Scott E. & Zoann M. Schnatter for \$198,000.
11 Lane Road from Rohill Village Inc. to Nagakumar R. Sridhar et. al. for \$237,900.
23 Magda Lane from Wayne A. & Mary E. Glass to Peter D. & Michelle A. Roth for \$198,000.
83 Meadowbrook Drive from Richard W. & Joann Florio to John & Joyce Bordonaro for \$164,000.
78 Michael Lane from Richard L. & Jean M. Rash to Philip K. & Ellen L. Hesse for \$293,000.
14 Poppy Drive from Carmine A. & Barbara Salerno to Michael A. & Jennifer Delphidio for \$317,500.
39 Riverview Terrace from David J. O'Neil Jr. & Judith D. O'Neil to John R. & Amy C. O'Neill for \$260,000.
891 Robin Road from Thankam & Chandra Sekhar to Michele E. Kurtz for \$101,000.
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9 Stonewyck Drive from Edwin R. & Sandra L. Ernst to Harry & Cecilia Rotz for \$194,000.
2202 Tudor Court from Nancy D. Buckley to Timothy & Gleason D. Reiner for \$99,000.
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1634 Colorado Ave. from Eleanor Groza to Robert E. Stockey Jr. for \$150,000.
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243-247 Carol Road from Agnes Dombroski to Dorothy Egan for \$95,000.
210-212 Glenside Place from Thomas J. & Kathleen Governale to Ronald & Charlene Gibson for \$144,500.
190-149 2 Greenbrook Road from Dennis A. & Janice Whitmore to Pablo V. Chamorro & D. Vizuete for \$104,000.
44 Harrison Ave. from Irene M. Tarnoski to Rita Srivastava for \$104,500.
347-349 Harvey Ave. from Stephen J. & Jennifer Carley to Denise Jefferson for \$141,500.
182 Jackson Ave. from Linda Evans to John & Sonikay Bowles for \$114,000.
238 N. Jackson Ave. from Robert W. & Lynne W. Murry to Barbara L. Stewart for \$128,500.
60-62 Jennings Lane from Dorothy E. Acker to Bart D. Peterson for \$60,000.
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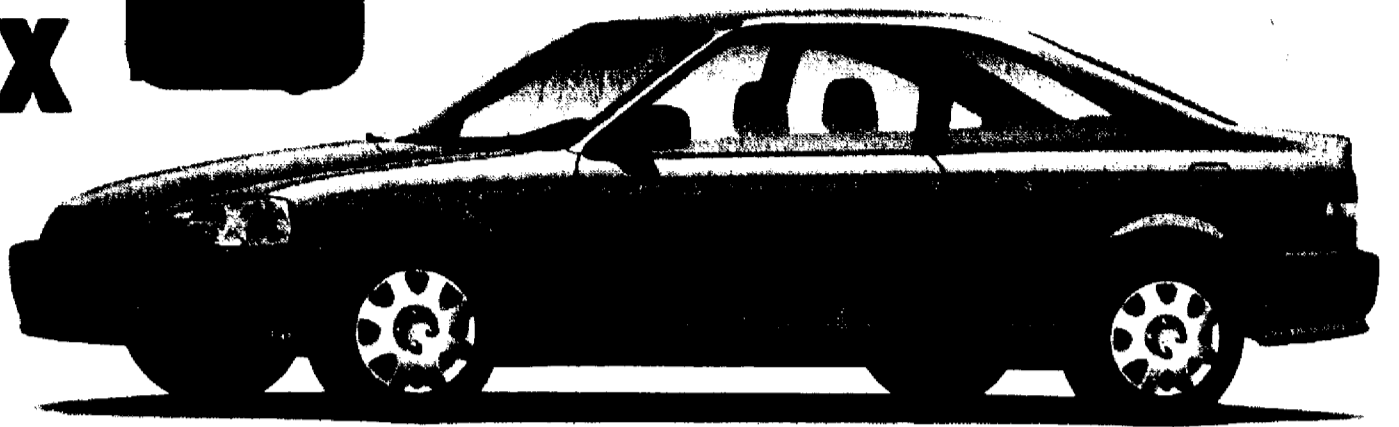
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<p>'94 CUTLASS CIERRA S 6-cyl., auto, PS, PB, PW, PDL, ABS, A/C, cruise, R/def., 66,761 mi., VIN#R6396661.</p> <p>\$6,912</p>	<p>'93 FORD EXPLORER 4x4, 6-cyl., 2-dr., auto, PS, PB, PW, PDL, AM/FM cass., cruise, R/def., 78,042 miles, VIN#UB86519.</p> <p>\$9,986</p>	<p>'93 FORD AEROSTAR Eddie Bauer, 6-cyl., auto, PS, PB, PW, PDL, AM/FM cass., bucket seats, tilt, alloy whls., A/C, R/def., 83,681 mi., VIN#PZA64207.</p> <p>\$8,713</p>	<p>'93 HONDA CIVIC EX 2 dr., 4-cyl., auto, PS, PB, PW, PDL, A/C, AM/FM cass., cruise, 83,505 miles, VIN#L016412.</p> <p>\$8,318</p>	<p>'92 HONDA ACCORD EX 4-cyl., auto, 4 dr., PS, PB, AM/FM cass., A/C, R/def., PW, PDL, cruise, 92,957 mi., VIN#AO35018.</p> <p>\$8,586</p>	<p>'92 MERCURY TOPAZ GS 4-cyl., 4 dr., auto, PS, PB, PW, PDL, AM/FM cass., A/C, cruise, alloy whls., 81,760 mi., VIN#K655115.</p> <p>\$3,976</p>
<p>'91 MAZDA MX6 4-cyl., auto, 2-dr., PS, PB, A/C, R/def., cruise, AM/FM cass., 133,511 miles, VIN#M5115763.</p> <p>\$3,922</p>	<p>'90 VOLVO 740 S/W, 4-cyl., auto, PS, PDL, PB, PW, AM/FM cass., A/C, R/def., driver's car! 173,393 mi., VIN#L1308324.</p> <p>\$6,316</p>	<p>'90 CHEVROLET LUMINA 6-cyl., 4 dr., auto, PS, PB, PW, PDL, cruise, AM/FM cass., A/C, R/def., 76,170 mi., VIN#1195994.</p> <p>\$4,286</p>	<p>'89 VOLVO 240 SW 4-cyl., 5 spd., PS, PB, PW, PDL, A/C, R/def., 3rd seat, 152,813 miles, VIN#K1824395.</p> <p>\$5,419</p>	<p>'89 HONDA ACCORD LXI 4-cyl., 2 dr., auto, PS, PB, AM/FM cass., A/C, R/def., PW, cruise, tilt, 145,283 mi., VIN#KA038138.</p> <p>\$4,736</p>	<p>'86 HONDA ACCORD LXI 4-cyl., 4 dr., PS, PB, AM/FM cass., A/C, R/def., PW, PDL, tilt, 78,269 mi., VIN#GA132312.</p> <p>\$3,992</p>

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