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THE RECORD-PRESS
Terence Jenkins led Westfield in rushing yards and touchdowns as the Devils finished the season 8-3. See story on C-1.

Briefs

Tiny Tim Fund to carol Wednesday

FANWOOD — The Tiny Tim Fund holds its annual Carol Night this week.

Singers will travel from house to house 4-9 p.m. Wednesday singing carols throughout Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Leave your porch lights on if you wish to be serenaded.

Donations will be collected at each stop for the Tiny Tim Fund, which helps needy Fanwood and Scotch Plains children with costs of medical care.

If you wish to participate in Carol Night as a singer, phone Mari McDevitt at (908) 233-6513 or Anne O'Brien at (908) 756-3079. Direct donations can be sent to Tiny Tim Fund, P.O. Box 181, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

Presbyterian Church holding blood drive

FANWOOD — Deacons of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church hold their annual blood drive 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. tomorrow in the dining hall of the South Martine Avenue church.

For more information, phone (908) 889-8891.

Seniors invited to Hanukkah party

SCOTCH PLAINS — Senior adults are invited to a Hanukkah party 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave.

Entertainment is by Mark Levy, a folk singer specializing in Yiddish, Hebrew and Ladino music. A kosher lunch of brisket and potato latkes follows the performance.

Cost is \$4.50 for JCC members and \$5.50 for nonmembers. For registration, phone Nan Statton at (908) 889-8800, Ext. 207 by Sunday.

Westfield contracts for seniors bus

WESTFIELD — The Town Council voted to buy an 18-seat bus for senior citizens.

Jersey Bus Sales of Bordentown won the contract with a bid of \$74,205.

A second bidder, Wolfgang Bus of Mount Holly, came in at \$63,000, but didn't meet certain safety specifications.

The Jersey Bus vehicle features a vehicle frame and floor of steel and includes a warranty of \$125,000. The bus is expected to be ready within a month.

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Teacher talks mediator walks out

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The state mediator assigned to the Board of Education and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association contract negotiations has thrown in the towel after two meetings.

"There was just no movement," said teachers' union President Ed Leonard of the Nov.

27 meeting at which the mediator walked out. "Health benefits are the sticking point."

Union members rallied before a meeting of the Board of Education on Nov. 20 and cast a vote of no confidence against board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon.

"The frustration level is very high," said Leonard, who added that the union's action committee was considering "...stepping up

job actions."

"We've been working a regular day and picketing (board) meetings," said Leonard, "It's not enough."

Sheldon indicated that a third meeting with the mediator would have occurred if there were some sign of progress.

Sheldon said that a fact-finder has been requested, though he couldn't say when one would be available. It could take six to

eight weeks.

Sheldon said "It was interesting that they make derogatory remarks against the board ... yet there are no negative comments by the board about the SPFEA."

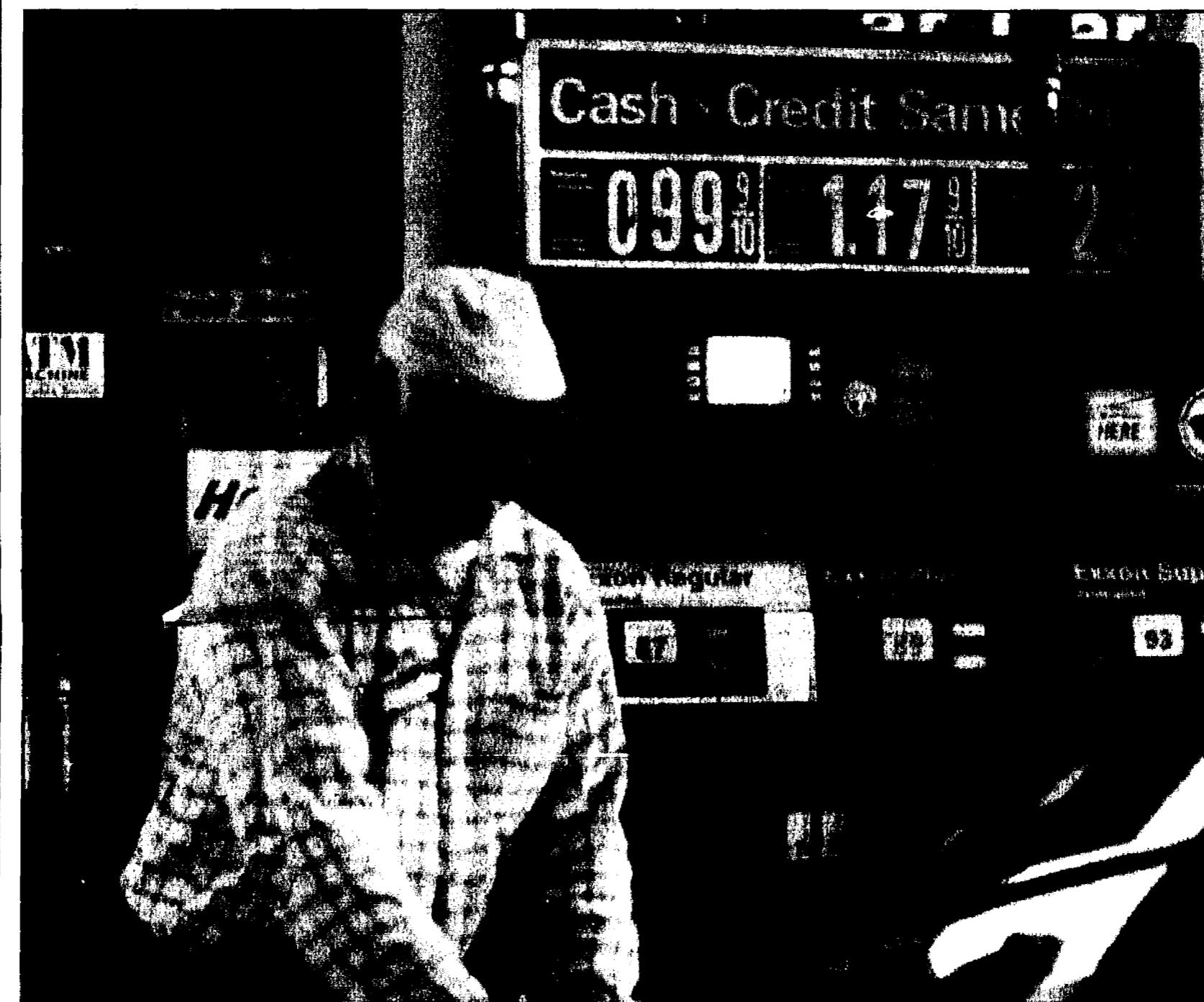
Sheldon noted that teachers had done nothing beyond their daytime teaching. There was no teacher participation in curriculum and professional development, for which teachers would have been paid, and teachers

were absent on Election Day and voted not to attend back-to-school night.

The board is concerned with the total cost of the budget and the impact on taxpayers, Sheldon said. Costly health benefits have to be considered as part of the budget, he added. "There is a point that exceeds what is available."

The two sides have scheduled another meeting for Wednesday. The mediator will not be present.

Fun while it lasted



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gas dips to \$0.99 a gallon for two days at the Exxon Car Center at Terrill Road and South Avenue in Fanwood, but then bounced back up again.

Gasoline prices dip below \$1 a gallon

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — Gasoline prices dropped to \$0.99 a gallon at stations along South Avenue late last week, but, in at least one case, they didn't stay there long.

The Exxon Car Care Center at Terrill Road and South Avenue dropped the price of regular gas from \$1.05 a gallon to \$0.99 on Thursday and Friday, causing a surge of business.

"People were very happy," said one Exxon attendant, who noted business was "...better than usual, very busy."

But what gasoline companies giveth, they also take away. By Saturday, prices were back up to \$1.03 a gallon. On Wednesday, they were back to \$1.02.

But the odds that they would go lower again were good.

"The chances are good they will go back again to \$0.99 a gallon next week," said the attendant.

Independent gas stations along the South Avenue corridor also cut prices.

At Fanwood Gas on South Avenue, the cost of regular gas was \$0.97 a gallon.

Across the street, the Getty station at South Avenue and Third Street dropped its price from a \$1.03 to \$0.99 last Thursday and the price was holding.

"The gas companies call and set the lower price," said an attendant, who withheld his name. "The station has no control over price."

Ward commissioners to be paid stipend

By THOMAS SCOTT
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council agreed Tuesday to pay the ward commissioners despite opposition from three council members.

The commissioners are appointed every 10 years following release of the U.S. Census numbers. Their job is to ensure fair representation in the town's four wards.

The three council members, Carl Salisbury, Claire Lazarowitz and Lawrence Goldman, objected to the commission's plan to divide the Cacciola Place neighborhood into two wards.

Salisbury proposed Nov. 27 that the council pass a resolution disagreeing with the new alignment, which is only slightly different from the boundaries set 10 years ago.

"A disservice was done," Salisbury said. "The council should be on record that we disagree."

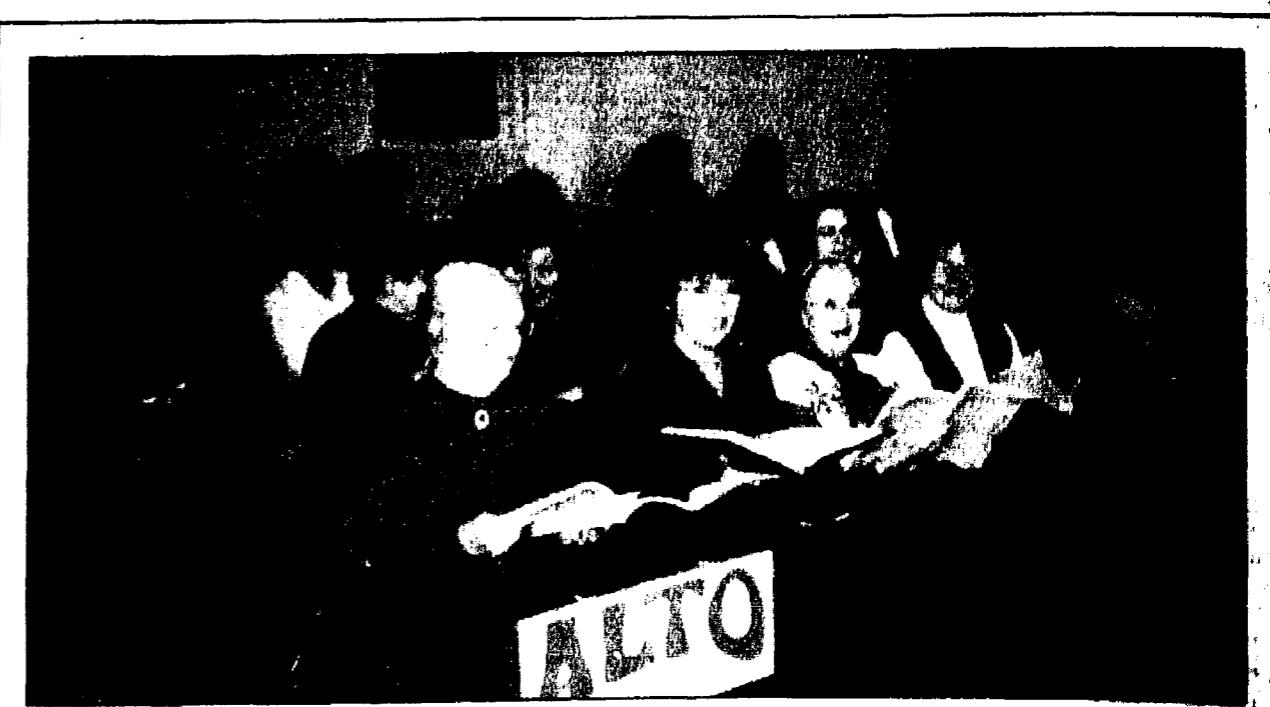
Goldman said that the new ward lines split a Democratic voting block.

"A Democratic voting block has been taken and diluted," he said. "That neighborhood was diluted by moving it into another ward, that's why it looks bad."

Councilman Matt Albano did not see a practical point to the resolution opposing the new ward lines.

In the end, the resolution was not introduced. The three council members chose to go on the record opposing the alignment by voting not to pay the commissioners.

Payment for the ward commissioners is \$350 per commissioner and \$450 for the chairman, said Town Clerk Bernard Heaney.



Community sing

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey rehearses for its annual Messiah Community Sing scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. James S. Little, musical director of the society, will conduct the Handel oratorio. Audience members are invited to join in the singing. Admission is \$10 at the door. Scores may be borrowed for the evening.

Board changes grading system for students at Westfield High

By THOMAS SCOTT

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — A new grading system will be in place for freshman at Westfield High in September 2002.

The current grading system at the high school assigns grades to number ranges as follows: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (65-69), and F (64 and below).

The following grading system was adopted by a 5-3 vote

Tuesday night: A (90-100), B (86-89), C (76-79), D (70-75), F (64-66).

"It's an improvement over what we have, it makes the grading system more competitive," said Dr. William J. Foley, superintendent of schools.

The high school faculty had recommended moving to a plus and minus system in 1989 and in 1998, Principal Dr. Robert Petix told the school board at its meeting last week.

"We should strive for a grading system that reflects student achievement, has integrity and is fair to students, parents, employers and colleges," Petix said.

The addition of plus, but not minus, to grades still works for Petix.

"Either one is fine," Petix said. "It allows teachers to make a distinction at the top or bottom of a grade and there is no adverse affect on the kids."

Pool membership fee to rise by 15%

By THOMAS SCOTT

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Except for senior citizens, membership fees at Memorial Pool will increase by 15 percent in 2002 to pay for pool improvements.

A resident family membership will go from \$210 in 2001 to \$242 in 2002, a difference of \$32; a husband and wife membership would go from \$170 in 2001 to \$196 in 2002, a difference of \$26; a family

with child care would go from \$265 in 2001 to \$305 in 2002; and an individual membership would go from \$125 for 2001 to \$144 for 2002. Resident senior citizen memberships will stay at \$60. Fees for nonresidents will increase 15 percent.

The pool which is run as a utility, relies on funds generated through memberships for expenses. Construction and additional costs are paid from a combination of surplus and fee increases.

Recreation commissioners will review pre-construction plans on Friday night.

Contracts for the construction could be signed Tuesday. Weather permitting, work on the additions which include an eight-lane pool, a dive tank and a slide pool, will be finished toward the end of July 2002.

The main pool, the kiddie pool and wading pool will be opened as scheduled on June 8, recreation Director Bruce Kaufmann said.



Members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Marching Band performed at half-time at 10 football games this fall.

Raiders collect 12 trophies in total of 7 competitions

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band wrapped up its season Nov. 11 by collecting three awards at the U.S. Scholastic Band Association Championships at The Sandcastle in Atlantic City.

Competing with 13 other high school music programs, the band presented its repertoire entitled "Raider Jazz — Songs That Swing," a medley of classic jazz selections.

Within the Group III-A Gold Championships, the band was

pitted against schools from Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. The Raiders took first-place trophies for Best Music and Best Color Guard. They also captured a third-place award for Overall Performance.

The band is made up of 82 musicians and 28 color guard members. Directing the band were student drum major Laura Kavinski, drum major Bill Gonch and band president Catie Trombley. Tri-captains Nicole Bowman, Kristina Eide and Annmarie Klimowicz headed the color guard.

The Raiders participated in seven competitions, capturing 12 trophies. They also presented their jazz performance during half-time at 10 football games.

Menorah

(Continued from page A-1)

"We will return to the status quo for this year and form a committee in February or March to set forth a new policy," he said.

Councilman Neil Sullivan noted that the Nativity scene donation was offered 18 months ago and he believed that the town should not discriminate when considering donations.

Town Attorney Robert Cockren said that it was difficult to know what is permitted under law because each court case was very fact specific.

While there was a push for a council vote on accepting the nativity scene, the mayor indicated that he did not favor a vote Tuesday night but would allow one in the future.

Campus notes

Kelly Korecky of Westfield has received the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

The award, which Korecky received for the second time, recognizes superior academic achievement.

A senior majoring in English and education, Korecky is the daughter of Lorre and Ed Korecky of Westfield. She is a graduate of Westfield High School.

A dean's list student and member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, she has served as philanthropy chair of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She spent the spring semester of her junior year studying in Florence, Italy. An active member of the Bucknell dance team and instrumental in the women's lacrosse intramural program, she also has served as an intern in the library.

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Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco teaches civics to a fourth-grade class at Orange Avenue School in Cranford Wednesday.

Governor drives home his lesson

By CHRISTINE FEDERICO

CORRESPONDENT

CRANFORD — By the end of Wednesday morning, Greta Tate's fourth-grade class at Orange Avenue School had proposed a bill to change the legal driving age to 14, argued its pros and cons, and took it to the governor for his signature.

It was a surprisingly easy feat because he was right in their classroom.

Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco visited Tate's class and gave the 9- and 10-year-olds an hour lesson in state government. In front of a large paper American flag tacked to a bulletin board, the governor discussed his role and how laws are made.

"Let's make a bill," he told the class, and then asked for some suggestions.

One girl, Casey Bolinski, suggested the driving age be lowered to 14.

"Does anyone agree with that?" DiFrancesco asked. "It's 18, and you are asking me to lower it to 14. Why?"

"Because then you can get

'What if they are 14, and they can't see over the wheel?'
—Nick Romano

out and do stuff on your own," said Jay Chropas.

Nick Romano disagreed with the bill. "What if they are 14, and they can't see over the wheel?"

Another student argued the age should be 15, which DiFrancesco explained would be an "amended bill." If the bill is passed by a majority of the state Senate and Assembly, DiFrancesco said, it then heads to his desk for a signature, which means he agrees, or is vetoed, which means he disagrees.

"They learn a little bit about government, and they get to interact with somebody who is a person and is not in a textbook," DiFrancesco said after his visit. "You hope to leave them with a little bit of education, but you want them to know what they think is important to me."

In the long run, he said, it nurtures respect for government.

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Students get taste of life after school

By GREG MARX

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Knowing what you don't want to do in life can be just as valuable as knowing what you do.

That was one of the lessons delivered Nov. 20 to Cranford High School and Union County College students who participated in the second annual "Focus on the Future" day.

During the course of the day, 71 students, 26 of them from Cranford High School, had the opportunity to "shadow" professionals in a variety of fields, including public safety, education, sales, and veterinary care.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the students to learn something about a potential career," said Charlie Kiamie, who helped organize the day along with fellow teacher Carolyn LaCorte. At the Westfield law firm of Lindabury, McCormick, & Estabrook, three Cranford High students spent the day learning what it takes to be a lawyer.

The students — sophomores Carlo Rosales and Hayley Robinson and junior Emily Michaels — set about researching a case in which a rock concert patron had been hit on the head, apparently with a guitar, after the lights at the venue went dark. The facts of the case were identical to one currently being handled by the firm, though with a complainant named Mickey French Toast, the names had clearly been changed to protect the innocent.

The experience of poring through civil case law for precedent was an eye-opening one, the students said.

"I thought lawyers just went to court and talked, but you have to do all this research," said Carlo. "It's really hard work."

"I found out how much research is involved, and (being a lawyer) is not as cool as I thought," agreed Emily. "But it's still a good experience to find out about it now."

But if the students were daunted by the research, they



GREG MARX/THE RECORD-PRESS
Cranford High School students Emily Michaels, Hayley Robinson and Carlo Rosales (seated, left to right) learn what it's like to conduct legal research at the second annual "Focus on the Future" day. Standing (left to right) are associates Isabel Machado, Christine Martinez and Bruce McCoy of the Westfield law firm Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook.

were deeply engaged in a conversation with the firm's associates about how the case could develop.

At first, the students were cautious. "I don't think (the client) is very reliable," said Hayley. "You don't have real secure evidence."

"Whose side are you on here?" joked lawyer Dennis McKeever. "You want to defend the Meadowlands (not the actual venue)? The Meadowlands has deep pockets. We've got to eat."

Before long, the students had adopted a more aggressive approach. "A whole lot of people are at fault," Emily said.

"Sue everybody!" Carlo concluded.

"All the possibly responsible people," cautioned Bruce McCoy,

another associate for the firm.

The interaction with the lawyers was the highlight of the day — and may have provided a long-term resource for the students.

"I always wanted to be an attorney and didn't know anybody in the field," said associate Isabel Machado, who organized the day for the firm and encouraged the teenagers to keep in

touch. "I didn't have that opportunity. We have a community interest to give something back."

And at least one student may seize that opportunity, despite the rigors of law school and case research. "I found out today I want to be a lawyer," said Hayley. "You have to do a lot of research, and I'm good at that. I'm interested in being a lawyer because I want to help people."

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Commentary

A bleak holiday season in Trenton

The holiday season is not going to be very cheerful in Trenton.

The squeeze on the state finances is becoming more and more apparent. Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco has frozen state hiring and has transferred some appropriations into the state's reserve accounts.

But Governor-elect Jim McGreevey wants the DiFrancesco administration to do more. Members of the McGreevey transition team want a new certification of the state's finances so they know the size of the budget gap they have to fill in the new year. However, the DiFrancesco administration is claiming it cannot conduct a certification of the budget because more economic data is needed.

No matter how you look at it, next year is going to be tough for the state. And that means it's going to be tough for municipalities as well. Belts are going to be tightened all over the state. Members of local governing bodies and school boards, who are starting to formulate their budgets now, should remember that austerity will be the theme for 2002. That's going to be difficult, especially for those school districts with contracts calling for salary increases that may be greater than increases in state aid.

This is not the time to play political games. In the wake of the events of Sept. 11, Americans have lost their taste for partisan bickering. DiFrancesco and McGreevey should work together as much as possible to ensure a smooth transition in a difficult time.

Don't forget holiday fire safety

With only a few weeks left until Christmas, many people are busy preparing their homes for the annual festivities. This season's unusually warm weather was perfect for choosing the perfect Christmas tree that will be the centerpiece of the holiday celebrations. This weekend will be devoted to decorating the tree and putting the final touches on decorations both inside and outside the home.

However, in the rush of holiday preparations, many forget the simple elements of fire safety. Here are some tips that can help guarantee a holiday free of a tragic fire:

1. Inspect all lights before placing them on trees. Replace loose or broken wires.

2. Keep space heaters away from decorations.

3. Do not use candles near live decorations.

4. Keep all decorations away from doorways and exit paths.

5. Do not leave candles unattended.

6. Keep all live trees watered. Do not use lights if needles begin to drop.

7. Use a sturdy fire screen on your fireplace.

8. Remove trash and excess combustible waste immediately after opening gifts.

9. After entertaining guests, check all cushions, chairs and garbage cans for smoldering ashes. Flush all ashtrays.

10. Turn off all decorations and extinguish all candles when leaving home or going to bed.

11. Don't overload electrical outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways or near heaters. Be sure extension cords aren't pinched behind or under furniture.

12. If you hang decorations such as garlands or Christmas stockings on the mantle, don't light a fire in the fireplace until the decorations have been taken down.

These are simple common sense fire safety tips that bear repeating every holiday season. By being careful and following these rules, you can help ensure your holiday season will not be ruined by a senseless fire.

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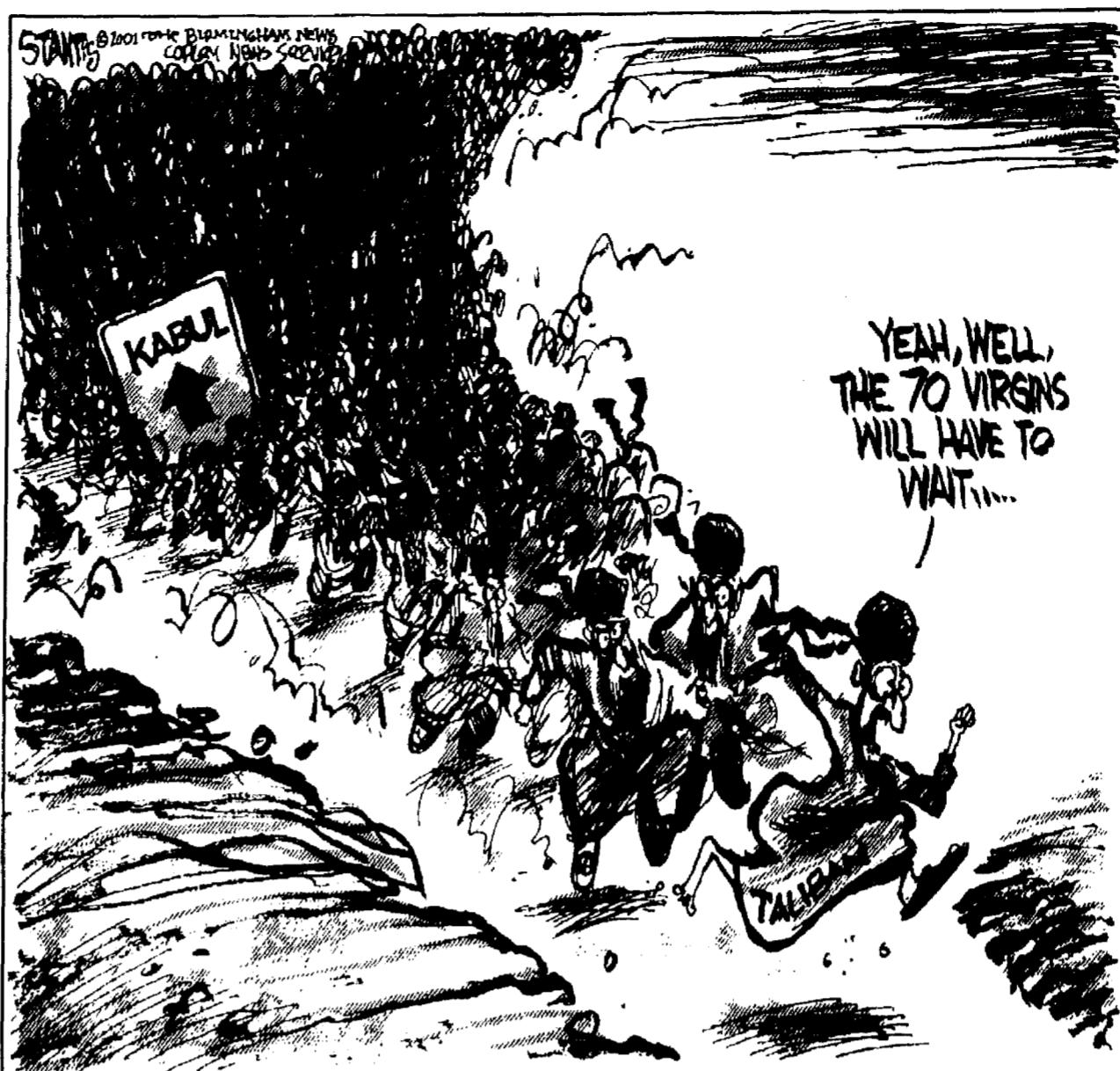
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Letters to the editor

Resident helped solve the crime

To The Record-Press:

On Friday night, Nov. 2, our son, Nicholas McDermott, was struck by a car as he crossed the street near 55 Burnsides Ave. in Cranford.

The car's driver stopped farther down the block, appeared to check her car for damage, and then pulled away, even though witnesses were running after her to ask her to stay.

An officer from Cranford police came and made a preliminary report, and our son was taken to Overlook Hospital for treatment. He needed stitches on his face and still cannot walk without crutches as he apparently has some fairly serious problems with his leg, but otherwise seems essentially okay. My wife and I wish to publicly thank the Cranford police and Cranford ambulance for their excellent emergency care.

We also wish to extend our thanks to Detective Marino of the Cranford Police Department and to

Mr. Alfred Hawkins of 55 Burnsides Ave. for their assistance in identifying the person who drove the car which hit my son. Mr. Hawkins, who I later found out retired as a lieutenant after years of service in the Newark Police Department, found the car's mirror in the street. He collected the mirror and turned it over to Detective Marino who traced the type of car from information on the mirror. A car fitting this information and description of witness was located at a home a few blocks away, and through follow up and interviews, the driver and car were identified.

We truly appreciate the diligence of Mr. Hawkins as a concerned citizen who protected the evidence and cooperated with the police, and of Detective Marino, who continued working until the case was solved.

John H. and Mita T. McDermott,
Cranford

'Tis the season for Toys for Tots

To The Record-Press:

The origin of Toys for Tots can be traced to a handmade doll and the desire of a Marine Corps officer to brighten the life of a child nearly 50 years ago. The seed was then planted when the late Col. Bill Hendricks decided to give a doll his wife had made to an underprivileged child for Christmas.

What seemed a simple gesture grew complicated when he found that there were no agencies organized to distribute toys to needy children. This was a gap he felt needed to be filled, and so was born the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

That was the 1947, and since that first year, in which only 5,000 toys were collected in the Los Angeles area, Toys for Tots has grown into a huge, successful nationwide Christmas charity. Each year nearly 200 Marine Corps Reserve units across the United States collect approximately 8 million toys for our nation's neediest children. To date some 100 million children have had their Christmas dreams come true through the hard work and dedication of the Marine Corps Reserve and Marine Corps League.

Traditionally, the medium of exchange for Toys for Tots has been toys only. By law, Marines are not permitted to solicit cash donations. In 1991, however, a new dimension was added when the Secretary of Defense approved the creation of a

not-for-profit foundation, which raises funds to buy toys to supplement local toy collections. This foundation is the Toys for Tots Foundation under the direction of Maj. Gen. (Retired) Cooper.

The Marine Corps League across the country is the right hand of the Marine Corps Reserves. They are able to solicit cash donations that then are used to purchase additional toys for the drive.

Now the BIG question: How can you help?

You can support Toys for Tots by donating a new unwrapped toy or by making a monetary contribution. Collection sites are located in every community.

The reason that we ask that all toys, games, etc. be unwrapped is that some people have a sick sense of humor and have caused problems in the past.

We also ask for new, or near new if in good condition, as some try to use this program as a vehicle to unload dirty, broken toys from their homes.

Deadline for toys and monetary contributions is noon on Dec. 18, 2001.

Again, I can't thank you enough for your help in making this Christmas a good one for some very special kids. God bless you all.

BILL SIEBEL
Marine Corps
Bound Brook Borough Council

Terrorists have done their job well

To The Record-Press:

Terrorists attacked us at work today. This morning one of our department heads retrieved her mail from her mailbox in the front office. Among the mass of loose papers and magazines she pulled out a square gray envelope, the name and address badly scribbled on the front. At first glance it appeared as if the sender of the letter was either an elderly person with shaky hands or someone who had difficulty writing in the English language. There was no return address.

She turned the envelope over, and on the back there were more illegible words scribbled in each corner. But above the scribbling in the left-hand corner stood the unmistakable letters, "FBI." We checked the stamp. The postage was purchased from a post office, and the postage tape announced the mailing origin: Monroe Township. You could see the fear in everyone's eyes as she slid the small

gray envelope into a large manila envelope and called the chief executive officer to the office. He put on a pair of rubber gloves and inspected the envelope, then immediately secured the front office and called the police. Two police officers — one in uniform, the other plainclothes — arrived in minutes. They took the envelope to the parking lot, examined it carefully and opened it. It contained a CD and an advertisement for a fly-by-night financial operation. No white powder. No anthrax. Just junk mail.

Everyone in the office let out a huge sigh of relief. I flopped on my chair, leaned back and washed down two Tylenol with a mouthful of tepid coffee. I could have used a Valium.

Terrorists attacked us at work today — without lifting a finger.

LAWRENCE J. IMBODEN
Piscataway

Menorah not religious symbol?

To The Record-Press:

Cranford Township Attorney Robert Renaud's claim that the menorah is not a religious symbol is laughable (11/29). The yule tree (and Santa) are secular symbols of the holiday season, but the menorah obviously represents the Jewish

faith. Why not display the menorah on private property? Will additional items representing Muslims and Atheists be installed in Mayor's Park?

John Cantilli,
Cranford

Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

Why I want to quit being a grownup

I recently got this through email:

ADULT RESIGNATION

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult.

I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8-year-old again.

I want to go to McDonald's and think it's a four-star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make ripples with rocks.

I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple and when all you knew were colors, multiplication tables and nursery rhymes. But that didn't bother you because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care. All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset.

I want to think the world is fair and that everyone is honest and good.

I want to believe that anything is possible.

I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again.

I want to live simple again. I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness and the loss of loved ones.

I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind and making angels in the snow.

So, here's my checkbook, my car keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements. I quit being an adult. And if you want to discuss this further, you'll have to catch me first, because...

TAG! YOU'RE IT!

This is the time of the year when we think about our childhood more than we really should. Who has not looked at a Christmas tree or heard a Christmas carol without being spun backwards through time? We hear the tree branches tapping on the church windows in a cold northwestern gale and we remember years ago when we thought the sound was God's fingernails scraping across the glass. The warmth of those memories comforts us, but what happens once that warmth fades away?

Adulthood complicates Christmas. The holiday is a ritualistic minefield. Who do we give gifts to? How much do we pay? Whose party do we attend? Who gets Christmas cards this year? How much do we tip the postal carrier? What do we do with Aunt Hattie? For a child, preparing for Christmas was as simple as remembering to be nice and not pouting; for an adult, it's a hassle.

For example, a snowstorm at Christmas is a wondrous miracle for a child. I still remember one Christmas watching from my bed the snowflakes glide through the glows of the Christmas lights around the back porch. And of course that was that blizzard on Christmas Eve back in 1966 when my cousin delivered a shovel full of snow in my face and I never felt happier. But, for an adult, a snowstorm brings all sorts of anxieties, worries and visions of life-threatening dangers.

As adults we should learn to appreciate the power of nature. Only a mighty snowstorm can reduce us to the same level of powerlessness that children have. A snowstorm forces us to slow down, ignore the everyday pressures and stresses and return to a world where we have no choice except to accept what the world has given to us. That's why so many of us literally wish for a white Christmas — it gives us a perfect excuse to behave like children and create snow angels in the back yard.

Holiday Gift Guide

Don't let your holiday season go up in flames

(NAPSI) - You don't have to let fire ruin your holiday festivities. Seasonal fire hazards often go unnoticed in the midst of holiday cheer and celebrations.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) reminds you that traditional decorations can be dangerous if not properly maintained. According to USFA, more than 1,200 fire deaths and 190 fire injuries are caused by improper tree and candle care each year. Faulty wiring on light strands and unsafe heating practices cause additional holiday fires.

So, as you enjoy the season's celebrations, be aware of fire risks. The following tips from the USFA will help you and

your family have safe and happy holidays:

Holiday Trees

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry the tree, causing it to be easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.

When a tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it picked up by a community pick-up service.

Never put holiday tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodstove.

Holiday Lights

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and

excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.

Only use UL approved lighting.

Do not overload outlets. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.

Do not leave holiday lights unattended.

Heating Safety

Unsafe heating practices can lead to fires and these fires are the second leading cause of residential fires and fire deaths in the United States.

Never leave fireplaces or space heaters unattended.

Keep a large screen in front of your fireplace to catch sparks and rolling logs.

Candles

Avoid using lit candles. If

you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down.

Never leave the house with candles burning.

Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test the batteries every month and change them at least once a year.

Having a working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire.

For more information on holiday fire safety or other fire safety topics, write to the United States Fire Administration, Public Fire Education, Building 1, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or visit <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>.

Tips to keep you in shape over the holidays

(ARA) - The average American apparently knows how to celebrate.

Between Thanksgiving and the New Year, most of us will gain seven pounds as a result of indulging in extra helpings, snacking on holiday treats, having an extra glass of wine and exercising less.

"This is an especially challenging time of year for those who are trying to maintain healthy habits such as working out and eating low-fat, low-calorie foods," says Jeff Zwiefel, president, Health Enhancement Division of Life Time Fitness. "We're constantly urged to have another helping, enjoy one of Grandma's holiday treats or skip the workout to go shopping instead. No wonder nearly everyone gains weight," he points out.

But complete deprivation is not the answer. "The holidays are meant to be enjoyed," Zwiefel says. "At Life Time, we think it's possible to balance healthy habits with enjoying special gatherings and traditions. We encourage balance and moderation in all areas of your life," he says.

Here are 10 great tips, courtesy of Zwiefel, for staying fit and eating well over the holidays.

1) Drink lots of water throughout the day. It suppresses the appetite and is something everyone should do year round.

2) If you're going to an evening party, don't starve yourself all day. It's a good idea to eat a smaller lunch than usual, but if you are starving by the time you arrive, you're more likely to make high-fat, high-calorie choices when you're at the buffet or table.

3) Snack on fruits, vegeta-

bles and high-fiber foods whenever possible. Dried fruits are healthy and a good alternative to many sweet snacks such as cookies and candy.

4) Limit alcohol consumption. Remember that alcohol contains almost as many calories per gram as fat. Alternate alcoholic drinks with water or club soda while you're at a party.

5) At a party, eat healthy foods first. Use a small plate so you can't load up as easily, or have a friend who has healthy eating habits make up a plate for you.

6) Enjoy the outdoors as much as possible: bundle up and take the dog for a walk, and try skating or sledding; squeeze 10-minute walks into your schedule. Any extra activity helps.

7) Enlist the help of a family member or friend to help keep you on track with healthy habits during the holidays. Choose someone who can provide not only encouragement, but a good example as well.

8) Acknowledge that you're

probably going to miss some workouts during this time and plan now to work around it. Schedule different times or substitute another activity, even if it's at home.

9) When you attend events or parties where there is a lot of food, leave at a reasonable hour. In addition to helping you get enough sleep during this hectic time of year, you'll also

be removing yourself from the temptation to continue eating unnecessary calories.

10) Remember that balance, variety and moderation apply to holiday celebrations as well as to most other things in life, so don't be too hard on yourself if you slip up. Keep your good intentions, spend time with family and friends and enjoy the holidays.

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6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Caroling at the corners of Quimby & Elm Streets sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church and School. Public is welcome to join in the singing.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Musical Performances in downtown stores sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Saturday, December 8

9:35 a.m. - 1:35 p.m. - North Avenue Train Station Santa Claus Train Ride sponsored by Jersey Central Railway Historical Society. \$12 adults, \$10 children under 12. Info. (908) 781-1896 or www.jcrhs.org 2 hour ride to High Bridge with Santa giving out candy canes, coloring books, crayons and one HO Train Set prize per train car.

Tickets available at Brunner's Opticians, 100 East Broad Street, Westfield NJ

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Watson Highlanders Pipe Band sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Yuletide Carolers sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Carolers dressed in "Dickens" attire will stroll through downtown Westfield, NJ entertaining shoppers

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Women's Barbershop Quartet sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Barbershop harmony group will perform throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

Sunday, December 9

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Musical Performance in downtown stores sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Thursday, December 13

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Caroling at the corners of Quimby & Elm Streets sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church and School. Public is welcome to join in the singing

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Musical Performances in downtown stores sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Saturday, December 15

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Watson Highlanders Pipe Band sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Yuletide Carolers sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Carolers dressed in "Dickens" attire will stroll through downtown Westfield, NJ entertaining shoppers

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Women's Barbershop Quartet sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Barbershop harmony group will perform throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

Sunday, December 16

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Musical Performances in downtown stores sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Thursday, December 20

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Caroling at the corners of Quimby & Elm Streets sponsored by the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School. Public is welcome to join in the singing

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Musical Performances in downtown stores sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

Saturday, December 22

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Watson Highlanders Pipe Band sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Bagpipers and drummers will perform traditional festive music throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Yuletide Carolers sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Carolers dressed in "Dickens" attire will stroll through downtown Westfield, NJ entertaining shoppers

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Women's Barbershop Quartet sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation; Barbershop harmony group will perform throughout downtown Westfield, NJ

Sunday, December 23

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Musical Performances in downtown stores sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation

For Additional Information on Events taking place in Westfield, NJ, please check the Downtown Westfield Corporation's website at: <http://westfieldnj.ataclick.com>

Garden Desires has perfect holiday gifts

CLARK -- According to a representative of Garden Desires, 95 percent of all Americans spend time relaxing outdoors, tending to their plants and gardens.

Americans derive great satisfaction from planting and nurturing their landscapes. So to find that perfect gift, buy a garden-related gift at a store that specializes in home and garden accents.

Garden Desires specializes in unique gifts, perfect for outdoor lovers. The ever-changing line of home and garden accents are easily adaptable to the indoors or out.

Over the years, the quality and quantity of garden accents have increased dramatically and is reflected in the growing trend of decorative home interiors with outdoor accents.

The highly detailed resin statuary and fountains at Garden Desires add a whimsical touch to any decor and brighten up every room.

However, Garden Desires is not just an outdoor store. It carries an ever-changing line of unique home accents to add a touch of home to the indoors as well.

Gift buying at Garden Desires never goes out of season because there are gifts for every reason.

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Victorian holiday sale

ELIZABETH — A Victorian Christmas sale, featuring ornaments, wreaths, flags, and many other items, will be held in the main lobby of Trinitas Hospital, 225 Williamson St., on Dec. 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Scotch Plains girl reports abduction attempt

WESTFIELD

Alice Salvatore, 53, of Central Avenue was charged Nov. 27 on a complaint filed by the manager of the Windmill on East Broad Street. Salvatore was issued a summons and released.

Omar Harris, 33, of Westfield was charged Nov. 27 on warrants out of the Plainfield Municipal Court. Harris was held in lieu of bail set at \$1,500.

Martin Garrity, 38, of Forest Avenue was charged Nov. 28 on a warrant issued by the Garwood Court. Garrity was held on \$500 bail and turned over to the Garwood Police Department.

Garrity was also charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and controlled dan-

Police log

gerous substance paraphernalia. Garrity was issued a summons.

A resident of Jefferson Avenue in Rahway reported Nov. 28 the theft of her wallet while at Trader Joe's and the unauthorized use of her credit card.

The owner of Boogies Tickets reported Nov. 28 receiving a bad check for \$600 in payment for concert tickets. The check was returned for insufficient funds when it was deposited.

A Euclid Avenue resident reported Nov. 28 being assaulted outside her residence.

Melanie Ciullo, 19, of Ross Place was charged Nov. 29 on a North Plainfield warrant of \$200. Ciullo posted bail and was released.

Christian Eichner, 24, of Clark, was charged Nov. 29 on a contempt of court warrant. Eichner posted bail set at \$200 and was released.

A Lawrence Avenue resident reported Nov. 29 the theft of jewelry from the residence.

Brian R. O'Conner, 26, of First Street was charged on a warrant out of Ocean Township Municipal Court. O'Conner posted bail set at \$104 and was released.

The owner of Westfield Vacuum located on East Broad Street reported Nov. 30 the theft of two 7-

foot-high "No Parking" signs from the rear of the store lot.

A resident reported Nov. 30 a criminal attempt and criminal mischief to a vehicle parked at Lot #7 on Nov. 29.

Kelan Doyle of Prospect Street, Westfield, was charged Dec. 1 with possession of a controlled dangerous substance on North Scotch Plains Avenue. Doyle was released on his own recognition.

Keely B. Clark, 47, of West Seventh Street, Plainfield, was charged Dec. 1 on a warrant issued by the Westfield Municipal Court. Clark was held in lieu of \$100 bail.

Manju Batra, 52, of Scotch Plains was charged Dec. 1 with shoplifting. Batra was released on her own recognition.

SCOTCH PLAINS

The theft of a cell phone was reported Nov. 26 from an unlocked vehicle parked at Quick Chek on Westfield Avenue about 2:20 p.m.

A Portland Avenue resident reported Nov. 26 the theft of a Christmas lawn ornament overnight Sunday.

It was reported that an Hispanic male, driving a silver

sports utility vehicle, attempted to lure a 15-year-old Scotch Plains girl into his vehicle about 4 p.m. Nov. 26 on Grand Street near Park Avenue. The girl rode away on a bicycle without further incident.

The theft of license plates from a vehicle in an East Second Street parking lot occurred sometime over the past two weeks, it was reported Nov. 26.

Donald Twine, 58, of Sixth Street, Plainfield, was charged on Nov. 27 with trespassing after being found in Popeye's Restaurant on Terrill Road. Twine was found by a delivery man about 11 p.m. The restaurant was closed and a door was found unlocked. Twine was released on a summons.

The theft of a U-Haul trailer from a Route 22 lot was reported Nov. 27. The theft occurred sometime over the weekend.

The theft of a leaf blower from the Scotch Hills Country Club was reported Nov. 29.

Russell Decker, 18, of Spruce Avenue, Garwood, was charged and two 17-year-old girls from Scotch Plains were apprehended Nov. 30. Decker was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (suspected to be marijuana and cocaine). Officers

were investigating suspicious activity on Old Farm Road about 8:40 p.m.

Decker was placed in the Union County Jail in lieu of bail set at \$1150 by Judge B. Levine of the Scotch Plains Municipal Court. Charges are pending for the juveniles.

A Plainfield Avenue business reported Nov. 30 that a window was pried open overnight. Nothing was reported missing.

A Maple Hill resident reported Nov. 30 that about \$2,000 was withdrawn from her Fleet Bank account over several days by unknown persons making unauthorized ATM withdrawals.

It was reported Dec. 1 that a vehicle in the parking lot of Country Club Lane was damaged in an apparent attempt to steal it.

A North Plainfield man reported Dec. 2 that unknown persons threw bottles at his vehicle causing damage. He was driving on Route 22 about 3:30 a.m.

A Watchung Terrace resident reported Dec. 2 receiving harassing phone calls over the past several weeks.

A Park Avenue business reported Dec. 2 the theft of Christmas decorations sometime overnight.

A Cook Avenue resident reported Dec. 2 that entry was gained to the residence by forcing the front door open during the evening. About \$2,000 in cash was reported taken.

Briefs

Student organizing youth book drive

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library is wrapping up its children's and teens' book drive.

New books, plus used books in good condition, can be dropped off today and tomorrow in a special box inside the North Avenue library. All books will be given to needy children in Fanwood, Scotch Plains and other towns.

Leah Levine of Fanwood, Grade 8 pupil at Park Middle School, is organizing the book drive.

Glee Club first: Women soloists

WESTFIELD — For the first time the Westfield Glee Club will feature women as soloists in its winter concerts.

The concerts are 8 p.m. tomorrow at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford, and 4 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 E. Broad St.

Marge Priddy and Mary Ann Sennowich are in the tenor section for these two concerts which are held by the Glee Club for the 77th year. Priddy recently sang with the Hickory Tree Chorus.

Carol Bayard, soprano, joins the Glee Club as a featured artist with piano accompaniment by Thomas Booth, the Glee Club's director. Other soloists are Harry Allen, Greg Clarke, Howard Dreizler of Westfield, Misha Dutka, John Jacoby of Westfield and Chris Riley of Scotch Plains.

Accompaniment for the four-part harmony numbers is by Linda Eriksen, piano, and Ken Phillips, percussion. Booth also will perform a "Piano Selections Medley" by request.

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

Maccabi Games focus of event

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jewish teens who will be 13-17 years old as of Aug. 1 are eligible to participate in the 20th anniversary JCC Maccabi Games next summer.

The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey is holding an open house 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18 for interested teens and their parents. All teens who attend will be entered into a sports raffle.

The JCC Maccabi Games are scheduled for Aug. 18-23 in Quebec and Massachusetts. Boys basketball, girls basketball, boys soccer, girls soccer, baseball (boys only), softball (girls only), bowling, swimming and tennis are among the events.

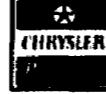
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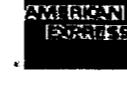
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Community Life



Emmy Kenney, 2, of Fanwood apparently enjoys her ride on a horse adorned with reindeer antlers before the tree lighting in Fanwood Sunday.

Fanwood gets in the spirit



Members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Glee Club sing Christmas carols before the tree lighting in Fanwood Saturday.

Model railroad club realizes its dream

By GREG MARX

THE CHRONICLE

UNION — The glory days of the American railroads may be long past. But at the headquarters of the Union County Model Railroad Club, visitors can re-enter a world where trains dominated the landscape, forging the connections that kept the country running.

The club, located since 1972 in a county-owned building at 295 Jefferson Ave. just across the Kenilworth border, recently completed a \$250,000 addition that will eventually triple the size of the railroad. The expansion was funded entirely through private sources, and built over seven years through the labor of the club's 111 members.

Monday, club members turned the key to the expanded premises over to Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, who also took a tour of the current facility.

"It's fabulous. It's one of the things every little kid dreams of," said Scanlon, as miniature models of World War II-era trains on the famed B&O railroad motored

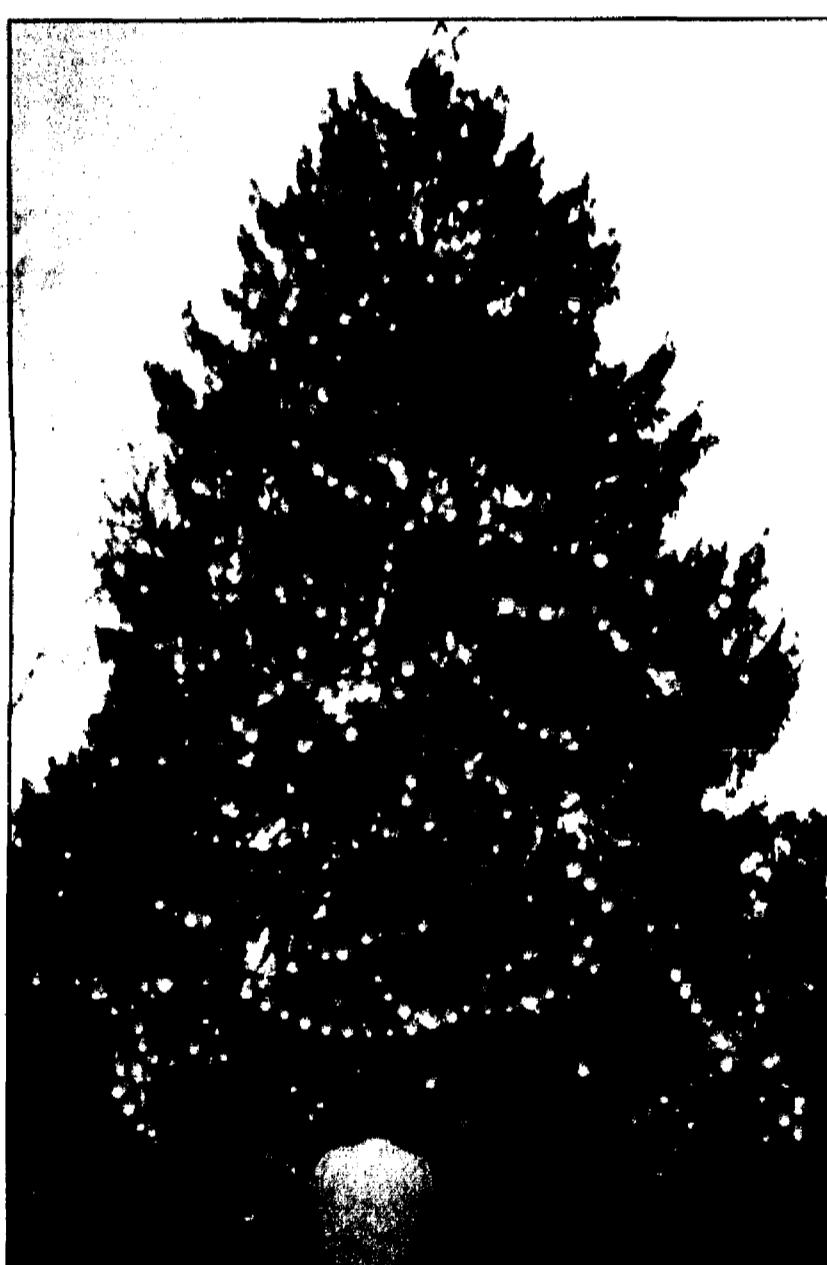
through the 40 ft.-by-40 ft. layout. "It's like being a little kid again."

Enthusiasts also focus on recreating the scenes through which the trains run — which include wooden railroad ties, treehouses, working streetlights, policemen stopping traffic, even a bakery with bags of flour inside. "I think of it as a play where the trains are the principal actors," said Vice President Bob Nalbone.

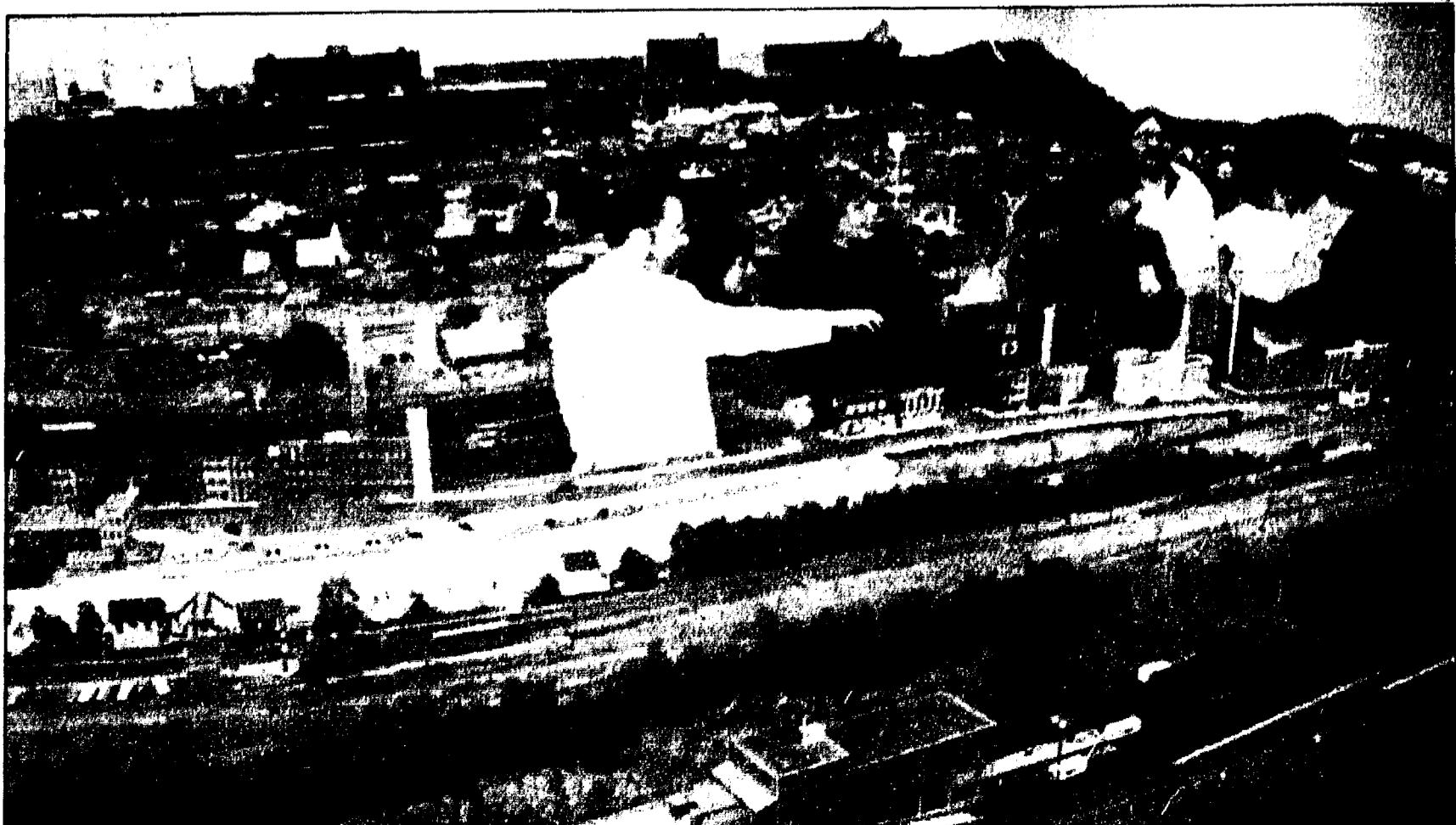
The current display, Nalbone said, is the product of 27 years of work. It should take about that long to complete the display in the expansion, he said. Members will design the railroad via computer-aided drafting, then lay out the track by hand.

The club is currently in the middle of its annual holiday show. The show concludes this weekend, with the club open 7-10 p.m. Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday, and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2 for children 12 and under.

The building is also open every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$3 adults and \$2 children.



Strings of lights illuminate the Fanwood Christmas tree at the north side train station.



Members of the Union County Model Railroad Club give Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, third from left, a tour of their elaborate facility in Union.

Briefs

Union County plans holiday celebration

MOUNTAINSIDE — The county's 12 annual holiday tree-lighting ceremony and charity drive will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. tonight at the Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane.

In addition to the tree lighting, there will be a sing-along, a petting zoo, demonstrations by the K-9 unit, a mounted drill team presentation, a visit from Santa and refreshments.

Those attending are asked to bring canned or dry food, or an unwrapped toy. The items will be distributed to Union County charities.

Rain date is Saturday.

Free flu shots available today

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Residents of Union County age 60 and over can receive free flu shots at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County from 8 to 11 a.m. today.

No appointment is necessary, but you must be a resident of Union County with proper identification.

Blood drive planned Dec. 12

WESTFIELD — A blood drive will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Westfield Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

Hypertension clinic scheduled Dec. 10

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township will hold its free monthly hypertension screening clinic from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 10, in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room.

The purpose of the clinic is to identify new cases of high blood pressure. Those who are older than 30, smoke and/or are overweight, have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

Guild sponsoring Something Different

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — The Runnells Specialized Hospital Volunteer Guild is sponsoring "Something Different," a sale featuring products seen on TV. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the multipurpose room of the facility, 40 Watchung Way.

200 people treated to Thanksgiving dinner

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students, sponsored its 10th annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community Center in Plainfield.

Nearly 200 guests were treated to a sit-down dinner which included turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, corn, mashed potatoes, celery, carrots and desserts. Each was given a take-home dinner from the 25 turkeys roasted for the event.

More than 100 students were involved with raising funds and cooking the dinner.

Volunteers needed for reservation work

MOUNTAINSIDE — Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation.

Volunteers are asked to bring their lunch, a mug, a shovel and pickax and gloves.

Pre-registration is required. Please call (908) 789-3670.

Crime victims are remembered

ELIZABETH — The Union County Juvenile Officers Association teamed up with county employees and staff members from the Prosecutor's Office Victim Witness Unit to make sure that families in need have a nice meal on Thanksgiving.

More than 50 food baskets, stuffed with canned goods, turkeys and all the trimmings were packed at the county courthouse complex.

Members of the Juvenile Officers Association and DARE officers dropped off the baskets to families selected from the files of crime victims.

Among those who contributed food for the baskets were students from McGinn School in Scotch Plains, who chipped in with 20 turkeys and canned goods, and Cranford High School students, under the direction of teachers Bernard Flushberg and Jessica Wang.

\$200 collected for NYC victims

WESTFIELD — Family and friends of residents at Sunrise Assisted Living contributed more than \$200 for the World Trade Center Relief Fund at the facility's Autumn Harvest Festival on Oct. 21.

Vendors sought for flea market

RAHWAY — Vendors are needed for the St. Thomas Flea Market, planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at 1407 St. Georges Ave. An Ethnic Kitchen will be available. For more information, call (732) 382-2417.

Alfred Cummin

WESTFIELD — Alfred S. Cummin, 77, died Nov. 28, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a professor at Rutgers University and a corporate executive with Borden Co.

Dr. Cummin was born in London. He lived in Boston before moving to Westfield in 1966.

He was a professor of chemistry and packaging on the Rutgers University campus in New Brunswick. Dr. Cummin was a senior vice president for research and development with Borden in New York City; Columbus, Ohio; and Syracuse, N.Y.

He held a master's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a doctorate from the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. Cummin was a member of

the Chemists Club in New York City, the Rutgers Club in New Brunswick, Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains and the Glens Falls Country Club in Glens Falls, N.Y.

His first wife, Sylvia E. Smolok Cummin, is deceased.

Surviving are his second wife, Linda D. Krecsma Cummin; a daughter, Cynthia Cummin Barrett of Rochester, N.Y.; a stepdaughter, Tyra Rich of Columbus, Ohio; four nephews, Steven Barasch of Clearwater, Fla., Paul Barasch of Santa Rosa, Calif., Michael Gilchrist of London and Michael Simmons of Kent, Conn.; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery with arrangements by Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home.

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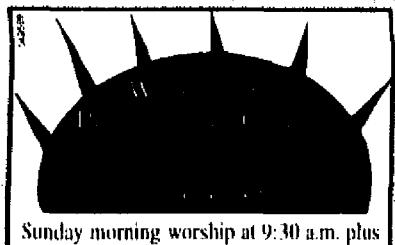
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10:30 am - Sunday Worship
5:30 pm - Sunday AWANA
6:00 pm - Sunday Eve. Service
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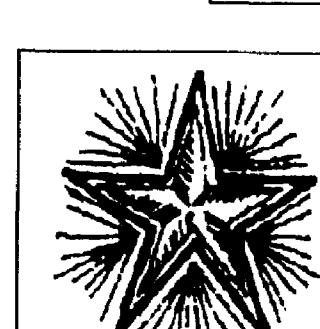
* CHRISTMAS EVE *

December 24th

4 p.m. - Children's Liturgy

9:30 p.m. - Christmas Carols

10 p.m. - Divine Liturgy of Christmas



St. John's Lutheran Church

587 Springfield Ave.
Summit, NJ
908-918-2500

The Rev. Dr. Wayne Dreyman

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. - Family Service
5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service of Holy Communion
9:45 p.m. - Organ & Brass Music
10:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service of Holy Communion
Childcare provided at all services until 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. - Informal Service of Holy Communion
www.stjohnssummit.org

Obituaries

Lloyd Bowser

WESTFIELD — Lloyd

Bowser, 87, died Nov. 26, 2001 at his home in Roselle. He retired in 1976 after 19 years as a steel-worker with the Volvo Brass and Copper Co. in Kenilworth.

Mr. Bowser was born in Baltimore and lived in Westfield before moving to Roselle in 1997. He participated in the liberation of the Philippines while serving in the Navy during

World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Alice; four stepsons, Warren, James, Matthew and Ollie Sr.; two stepdaughters, Mary Alice Scott and Corrine Counts; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Bethel Baptist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains. Arrangements were by Plinton-Curry Funeral Home.

Paul R.T. Hahn

WESTFIELD — Paul R.T. Hahn, 86, died Nov. 28, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been with Rodheim Reiss of Belle Mead for 30 years, retiring in 1980 as a vice president of the plastics company.

He was born in Woodcliff-on-the-Hudson and had lived in Westfield since 1942.

Mr. Hahn also founded the Flintlocks, a retired men's service organization for the Boy Scouts of America. He was a scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 171 for 20 years and received the Silver Beaver Award.

He earned a degree in

mechanical engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1937. Mr. Hahn was a deacon of First Congregational Church. His wife of 60 years, Eleanor A., died in 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Eleanor Lowery of Plainfield and Elsa Gail Hahn of Westfield; a son, Paul T. of Roselle; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at First Congregational Church. Burial was private with arrangements by Gray Funeral Home.

Donations may be sent to Heifer International, P.O. Box 1692, Merrifield, VA 22116-1692.

James M. Cole; longtime consultant

SCOTCH PLAINS — James M. Cole, 56, a management consultant to many corporations and a former banking executive, died Nov. 20 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

He co-authored three behavioral simulations as vice president and senior training manager for Bankers Trust Co. in Manhattan. Mr. Cole was responsible for giving training programs to Bankers Trust managers in America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

In addition, Mr. Cole served

on the board of the Financial

Services Forum of the American

Society for Training and

Development. The consultant

delivered presentations to three

national conferences held by the

society. He also gave presenta-

tions to the Management

Development Forum in

Manhattan, the National Society

of Bank Women and the Society

for Human Resource Management.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., and a master's degree from Rutgers University.

A native of Upper Montclair, Mr. Cole lived in Manhattan and Parlin before moving to Westfield in 1983. He had resided in Scotch Plains since 1994.

His father, Robert A., is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Langer Cole; his mother, Helen M. of Newtown, Pa.; and a brother, G. Alexander of Drexel Hill, Pa.

Services were held Nov. 23 at Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield. Donations may be sent to Williams College, the Fanwood Memorial Library or the public library of your choice.

Anthony Chiaramonte

FANWOOD — Anthony W. Chiaramonte, 75, died Dec. 1, 2001 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He

retired in 1991 as manager of the New Jersey One-Call System, which locates underground utility lines throughout the state.

He was born in Brooklyn and lived in Plainfield before moving to Fanwood in 1958.

Mr. Chiaramonte also was for 30 years a chemical engineer and systems analyst at the Perth Amboy refinery of Chevron Corp. He attended the College of William and Mary before earn-

ing a degree in chemical engineering from the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn.

He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Sue; a son, Robert A.; a sister, Anita Coleman; and a grandchild.

A funeral Mass was offered Tuesday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Scotch Plains, following services at Memorial Funeral Home.

Donations may be sent to Fanwood Rescue Squad, 218 Forest Road, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

Louis Sand

WESTFIELD — Louis Sand, 70, died Nov. 30, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. He had been a retired computer consultant and a professor of statistics at Montclair State University.

A native of Philadelphia, he lived in Plainfield before moving to Westfield in 1973.

Mr. Sand was a computer consultant to companies in New Jersey and Manhattan before opening his own firm. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Lehigh University and a master of business adminis-

tration degree from Montclair State.

He assisted the clergy with rabbinical duties at Temple Emanu-El on East Broad Street.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille Albert Sand; three daughters, Candice Singer, Thea and Paula; a sister, Carol Victor; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in B'nai Abraham Memorial Park, Union. Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

Duane Kuklis

SCOTCH PLAINS — Duane B. Kuklis, 42, died Dec. 1, 2001 at his home. He had been a landscaper for five years with Dave Burns Landscaping of Westfield.

Mr. Kuklis was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains all his life. A 1978 alumnus of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, he attended Union County College in Cranford from 1978-80 and the Union County Technical Institute from 1980-82.

His father, Jacob J., died in 1970.

Surviving are his mother, Anna Mae Oneschuk Kuklis of Scotch Plains; a sister, Diana Stahl of Somerset; an uncle, Daniel Oneschuk of Scranton, Pa.; and an aunt, Sophie Shuman of Freeland, Pa.

A Divine Liturgy was celebrated Wednesday at Holy Trinity Eastern Orthodox Church, Rahway, of which Mr. Kuklis was a parishioner. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were by Gray Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Christmas Day 10:30- Communion

New Year's Eve 7:30- Candlelight Communion



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Mass Schedule

December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm Mass, Family Liturgy

7:30 pm Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass (Choir 11:30pm)

December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

December 6 & 7, 2001

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BEST BETS

Concert features the didgeridoo

WESTFIELD — Those attending the Musical Club of Westfield's December concert will be treated to the unusual sounds of the didgeridoo, an Australian aboriginal instrument.

The concert, to be held on Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., in Westfield, will also include more traditional instrumentation. "Outback," a work for didgeridoo and piano, written by Trent Johnson of Scotch Plains, will be performed by Art Baron of Westfield on Didgeridoo, and the composer on piano. The didgeridoo, heard occasionally on television and in films, is a traditional Aboriginal instrument made from a hollowed log. The inclusion of Johnson's work on the program affords the audience a rare opportunity to hear this instrument in a live setting.

Also on the program is Allison Brokaw, soprano who will be accompanied by Cecelia Anne Slater, piano, in selections by J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, and Pietro A. Yon.

David Cates, a flutist and Matthew Goeke, cellist will perform the Duo for Flute and Cello in C Major by Ludwig van Beethoven.

John Blasdale, pianist, will round out the program with "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach, and Beethoven's Piano Sonata in F# Major, Opus 78.

Rosemarie Gilman, of Westfield is the program chairperson. The hospitality chairperson is Rosemary Bauer of Westfield, and will be assisted by Edna Borchers, Gwendolyn Butternore, Maryann Dolling, Helene Frieland, and Denise Wittke, all of Westfield and Ruth Obeid of Mountainside.

The performance is free and open to the public.

Auditions set for 'I Hate Hamlet'

CRANFORD — The Cranford Dramatic Club has announced auditions for its winter production of the comedy "I Hate Hamlet."

Auditions are 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 10-11 in the club theater at 78 Winans Ave. Characters and their requisites:

Felicia Dantine — real estate agent with an almost carnal passion for Manhattan apartments. Needs to speak with a hoarse, vibrant voice.

Andrew Rally — TV actor, late 20's-early 30's. Handsome and charming.

Deirdre McDavey — Andrew's girlfriend, 29 but appears younger. Breathless soul of romantic enthusiasm.

Lillian Troy — Andrew's agent. Striking, silver-haired woman in her 70's. Speaks with a regal German accent and no-nonsense attitude.

John Barrymore — famous 20th century actor, phenomenally sexual and dashing.

Gary Peter Lefkowitz — Hollywood agent in his 30's. An extremely happy, overgrown child. Reality is of very little consequence to him.

For more information, phone (908) 276-7611. Rehearsals begin in January with show dates Feb. 8-24.

Free jazz concert at county college

CRANFORD — On Dec. 7, Union County College Adjunct Professor Vince di Mura, concert jazz pianist and composer, and his acclaimed ensemble, The George Street Project, will perform the first in a series of concerts dedicated to World Jazz.

This performance, funded by the Union County College Foundation, will be held in the Roy Smith Theatre at 1033 Springfield Ave. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free.

Di Mura formed The George Street Project in 1990 to establish an expert, ongoing ensemble that would help in the development and performances of his unusually eclectic music. Throughout his career, di Mura has performed with and composed for a variety of modern dance and ballet companies.

Children's Theatre presents 'Sleeping Beauty'

CRANFORD — The cast and crew of this year's Children's Theatre production of "Sleeping Beauty" are hard at work under the guidance of co-directors Hope Weinstein of Springfield and F. J. DeRobertis of South Plainfield.

Performances of "Sleeping Beauty" will be on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m., 1 and 3:30 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 1 and 3:30 p.m. The theatre is located at 78 Winans Ave. For further information call (908) 276-7611.

The casting committee, led by Bobbie Gleeman of Westfield, achieved a special blend of talented veteran and newcomer performers of act, sing, and dance in this lively rendition of the classic tale, written by 17th-

century writer Charles Perrault.

Acting for 40 years is Naomi Yablonsky of Springfield, portraying Trottarina, the temperamental Bad Fairy. Yablonsky who started acting at age 16, at the Newark YMHA in musical comedies and dramas, and went on to major in theater at NYU, is performing in her first children's show at CDC with "Sleeping Beauty." Yablonsky also studied acting at Herbert Berghof Studio in NYC.

Yablonsky's favorite roles included the chaotic, rollicking three-act farce "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn at CDC in 1990. She played dual roles with many funny entrances and exits as a satirical character Dottie-Mrs. Clackett. Yablonsky played

another balanced lead in 1998, as Kate, the mother, in Neil Simon's autobiographical play, "Broadway Bound."

Yablonsky began directing in 1994 on "Jake's Women" at Westfield Community Players, then continued with "Steel Magnolias" in 1995 at CDC, and in 1998 with another Neil Simon hit, "California Suite" at WCP. In 1999, she directed the Ken Ludwig's comedy "Moon Over Buffalo," and has also directed another of his comedies "Lend Me a Tenor" at both WCP and CDC. Yablonsky actually met Ken Ludwig at Paper Mill, and he was glad to learn of his presence in so many community theaters. She also just completed directing of Tennessee Williams'

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" last month at WCC.

No stranger to CDC is Matt Nazzaro of Cranford, who is the Blue Faun/Prince. Nazzaro, a 2001 graduate of Cranford High School, has appeared in several CDC productions, including Lamar in "Godspell" in 2000, Officer Brophy in "Arsenic and Old Lace" in 1999, and Arpad in "She Loves Me" in 1998. Nazzaro has acted in several shows at CHS also, including: Valentine in "Two Gentlemen of Verona" in 2001, Juror 3 in "12 Angry Men," Finch in "How to Succeed...." Narrator in "The Good Doctor," George in "Our Town," Perekik in "Fiddler on the Roof," Giles in "The Mousetrap," and in an original production performed at

Mystic Vision Players.

By coincidence, Nazzaro's first stage appearance was in different version of "Sleeping Beauty" at Livingston Avenue School in the fourth grade.

Carolyn Pender of Cranford is making her CDC stage debut, as Melisande, "Sleeping Beauty." Carolyn first started acting at age 12, when she played Skippy in "Robin Hood" at Orange Avenue School, although she had been active in the Orange Avenue School Chorus, since age 8. Pender's favorite role was Miss Hannigan in "Annie" at Orange Avenue School, as she said. "It was the exact opposite of my personality, and it was fun to become someone totally different."

There are lots of fun things to do this weekend

Theater

NOW PLAYING

BROOK ARTS CENTER

10 Hamilton St.
Bound Brook
(732) 469-7700;
www.brookarts.org

• "Nunsense," musical starring the Little Sisters of Hoboken. 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15; 2 p.m. Dec. 9. Admission \$20.

ENTERTAINERS

THEATRE
PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater
(732) 846-5032

• "More Than Meets the Eye," comedy by Fred Carmichael. 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 8; 2:30 p.m. Dec. 9. Admission \$10; discounts available.

GEORGE STREET

PLAYHOUSE
9 Livingston Ave.
New Brunswick
(732) 246-7717;
www.georgestplayhouse.org

• "Talley's Folly," romance by Lanford Wilson. To Dec. 23. Admission \$45-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

KEAN UNIVERSITY

Wilkins Theatre
Route 82, Union
(908) 527-2337

• "Me and My Girl," university production of Broadway musical. 8 p.m. Dec. 6-8; 2 p.m. Dec. 9. Adults \$12; seniors, Kean faculty and staff \$10; students \$8.

MIDDLESEX

COUNTY COLLEGE
Route 514, Edison
(732) 906-2589

• "Only an Orphan Girl," musical drama. 8 p.m. Dec. 7, 8; 2 p.m. Dec. 9. Adults \$8; students, seniors \$6.

SOMERSET VALLEY

PLAYERS
Route 514, Neshanic
(908) 369-SHOW;
www.svptheatre.org

• "Miracle on 34th Street," local production of pre-WWII movie. 7 p.m. Dec. 8, 15; 3 p.m. Dec. 9, 16. Admission \$9 with food donation, \$10 without.

SOURLAND HILLS

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

• "Oliver!" local production of Broadway/movie musical. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15; 2 p.m. Dec. 9. Admission \$8.

Events

COUNTRY FOLK ART
CRAFT SHOW
Garden State Exhibit Center
I-287 Exit 10, Somerset
(732) 469-4000;
www.countryfolkart.com

• Holiday edition, 5-9 p.m. Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 9. Adults \$7; under \$10 \$2.

FESTIVAL OF TREES
Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Rd., Basking Ridge



Art at motorcycle dealer

Williams Harley-Davidson, Route 22, Lebanon, is presenting works by renowned Harley-Davidson artists Scott Jacobs this weekend. Jacobs, a Westfield resident, will be at the dealership 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

(908) 766-2489

• Held for the 28th year, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 10-15; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 9, 16. Adults \$3; children, seniors \$1.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Lord Stirling Stable
256 S. Maple Ave.
Basking Ridge
(908) 766-5955;
www.park.co.somerset.nj.us

• Third annual Christmas event, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 8, 9. Free admission.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Somerville
(908) 725-7983

• Tour of six historic homes in the Somerset County seat, Dec. 8. Includes brunch at United Reformed Church 8:15, 9, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Cost \$28 for one, \$50 for two.

SPORTS CARDS AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

North Branch firehouse
Route 28, Branchburg
(732) 583-7915

• Timed for the holidays, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 15. Adults \$1; children under 6 free.

For Kids

COUSIN KENNY
3 p.m. Dec. 8, 15
Circle Playhouse, 416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway
(732) 968-7555

• Comedy, magic and juggling with Kenneth Savoy. Admission \$5; group rates available.

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SHRIMP-FILLED RAVIOLI
(Ravioli con gamberetti)

1 1/2 c. flour
2 eggs

1/4 c. water
1/2 c. olive oil
1/2 tbsp. butter or margarine

1 medium onion, minced

1 clove garlic, minced

1 lb. shrimp, peeled, deveined and minced

1/2 c. white wine

1/4 c. chopped fresh parsley

1. In a bowl make a well in the center of the flour. Add eggs and water; mix thoroughly with a fork. Work mixture until dough forms a ball.

2. Turn dough onto a well-

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER

1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15
Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St., Bound Brook
(732) 469-7700;

www.brookarts.org

• Featuring some of Santa's little helpers. Admission \$6.

FRANKLIN'S BIG ADVENTURE

2 and 5 p.m. Dec. 8, 9
Paper Mill Playhouse
Brookside Dr., Millburn
(973) 376-4343;

www.papermill.org

• Live show based on the children's TV series. Admission \$30-\$12.

JACK FROST

HOLIDAY REVUE
3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 15; noon and 3 p.m. Dec. 16; Dunellen Theatre, Route 28, Dunellen
(732) 968-9010

• Puppet show with a larger-than-life Jack Frost. Admission \$20.

SANTA'S HELPERS

3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15
Brook Arts Center, 10 Hamilton St., Bound Brook
(732) 469-7700;

www.brookarts.org

• Some of whom are getting ready for his trip on Christmas Eve. Admission \$6.

THE SNOW QUEEN

1 and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 9
Theatre at Raritan Valley

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HOLIDAY DINING

Traditional comfort foods can be the centerpiece of a celebration

BY SUSAN WESTMORELAND

(NAPSI)-What we refer to as "comfort food" today was once known simply as "American Food."

There was a time, long before adventurous chefs introduced us to such finds as Chilean sea bass, lemongrass and chipotle peppers, that a great dinner meant sitting down to a meal of meat loaf, fried chicken, or macaroni and cheese.

These dishes have become more and more rarified, but the rapidly changing times in which we live have inspired a new craving for the foods of our

collective, simpler past.

As the holidays approach, I see an opportunity to make comfort food the centerpiece of a soul-nourishing open-house celebration. Opening your doors to friends and family for a Saturday or Sunday afternoon is the ideal way to give the gift of hospitality-in turn, your home will be filled with company and good cheer.

To prepare for such a celebration, I'd refer to The All New Good Housekeeping Cookbook, which makes it easy with triple-tested versions of traditional recipes that bring back

memories of happy holidays past.

Set out a buffet featuring a little something for everyone: Cobb Salad, Winter Vegetable Chili or Curly Mac 'n' Cheese, for starters. If you begin early enough for brunch-seekers, include Overnight Baked French Toast, a Potato and Ham Frittata, Popovers and/or Apple Gingerbread Muffins. Round out the menu with a fish dish (Salmon Cakes, perhaps) and a selection of decadent desserts such as Angel Food Cake or Deluxe Cheesecake.

Whatever the occasion, it's also crucial to have a selection of suitably festive drinks on hand. Some of our favorites are Spiced Hot Tea, Hearty Hot Cocoa, Hot Mulled Wine, Holiday Champagne Punch and Holiday Eggnog.

Of course, one of the most traditional of all holiday drinks is Warm Spiced Cider, and we are pleased to share our version here.

Happy holidays!

Warm Spiced Cider
(adapted from The All New Good Housekeeping Cookbook)

1 large orange

12 whole cloves
1 lemon
6 cinnamon sticks (3" each)

1 gallon apple cider

1. Cut two 1/2-inch-thick slices from middle of orange.

Insert 6 cloves into skin of each orange slice, spacing cloves evenly. Cut remaining orange into thin slices for garnish. With vegetable peeler, remove 1" wide continuous strip of peel.

(Refrigerate lemon for another use.)

2. In nonreactive 5-quart saucepot, combine clove-studded

orange slices with cloves, lemon peel, cinnamon sticks, and apple cider; heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 minutes.

3. Pour hot cider into 5-quart heatproof punch bowl. Float remaining orange slices in cider.

Makes about 16 cups, or 20 servings.

Susan Westmoreland is the Food Director of Good Housekeeping magazine and the editor of The All New Good Housekeeping Cookbook, which is available at bookstores nationwide.

Here's the 'TRICK' for stress-free entertaining

(NAPSI)-'Tis the season to be jolly, but whoever wrote those lyrics obviously never felt the mounting pressures of holiday entertaining.

Before your chestnuts are roasted, consider these simple and unique party planning tips from Laurin Sydney, author of Why Bother? Why Not!, co-anchor of CNN's Showbiz Today, and entertainment consultant to Home Made Simple (www.HomeMadeSimple.com).

The important thing to remember is to not take entertaining so seriously," Sydney says. "The word is not 'enter-pain-ing.' Whenever something goes wrong, relax and just have fun with it."

Use Sydney's simple "TRICK" system to organize and plan any type of gathering with the following elements:

T = Theme
R = Refreshments
I = Invitations

C = Centerpieces and Creative Eye Candy
K = Kudos (that you'll receive after your great party)

Theme

According to Sydney, once you commit to a theme, the rest of the "TRICK" easily falls into place. "Most people end up hosting holiday parties year after year with the same guests," Sydney says. "If you keep repeating the same ideas, celebrating can get stale." The

theme for Sydney's gathering this year is going to be "Whimsical Holiday," an evening filled with simple creative touches to bring smiles to the souls of her guests.

Refreshments

When planning the refreshments, Sydney suggests thinking about food presentations that are simple, yet unique. She recommends serving Christmas Crudite for all ye faithful who are faithful to their diets. Stuff a pretty holiday bag with crumpled tin foil. Add cut veggies to the top of the foil and it will look like a bountiful presentation. Serve dip out of a hollowed red pepper and green pepper.

Invitations

"Whether you purchase or hand-make the invitations, be sure you personalize them in some way," Sydney says. One simple and inventive way is by sending guests a mini Christmas stocking-a simple red sock stuffed with a note that says, "Come hang with us" and the rest of the details.

Centerpieces

"Eye candy is all those special little touches that are sprinkled around your home as well as your table," Sydney says. To create a spectacular Chanukah centerpiece, all you need is an empty soup can with the label removed, a glass fish bowl, blue and white flowers and Chanukah gelt. Fill the soup can with water and place it in the middle of the fish bowl. Inside the fish bowl, surround the soup can with gelt and place the flowers in the can. The result is a centerpiece masterpiece!

Kudos

"Remember to take your bows and give yourself some kudos for a job well done," Sydney says. For more of Sydney's tips, visit www.HomeMadeSimple.com. In addition to holiday entertaining tips, visitors to www.HomeMadeSimple.com prior to December 31, 2001 can enter to win \$150,000 towards a new home and other home prizes in the Seasonal Solutions Sweepstakes. Laurin Sydney

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Briefs**Museum features
Polish customs**

WESTFIELD — "Wesolych swiat" and "Bozego Narodzenia" are how "Merry Christmas" is said in Poland.

The many Poles who came to America brought with them the "Wigilia" dinner served in every Polish home on Christmas Eve. This custom is brought to life for modern-day Americans 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Miller-Cory House Museum.

Thomas Sherry, vice president of the historical site, leads the program. Will Goldberger of Westfield, Diane King and Jean Peters cook Polish holiday food on the open hearth using authentic Old World recipes.

In addition, docents in period dress will lead guided tours of the 18th century farmhouse with the last tour leaving 4 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. For more information, phone (908) 889-1776.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is at 614 Mountain Ave., where "A Holiday Gathering in Elizabethtown" takes place 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

**Psychic to attend
singles event**

SCOTCH PLAINS — Singles Bon Vivant plans "An Evening with a Psychic" 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Brianna's, 1595 E. Second St.

Italian cuisine and a psychic friend are planned for the social dining club. Cost is \$52 for members and \$61 for nonmembers. For reservations, phone (908) 273-6868.

'Santa Clause'
at Fanwood library

FANWOOD — "The Santa Clause" can be seen 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 at the Fanwood Memorial Library on North Avenue.

Admission is free. "The Santa Clause" stars Tim Allen, whose new movie "Joe Somebody" opens four days before the coming Christmas.

For more information, phone (908) 322-6400.

**Biblical scholar
to lecture Sunday**

SCOTCH PLAINS — The

Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey presents Bruce Feller as its "Scholar for a Day" 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

He is the author of "Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses." The volume connects stories in the Pentateuch to the sites in the Middle East where these tales actually occurred.

Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, phone Susan Lemerman at (908) 889-8800, Ext. 205. The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Ave.

**Taste of Silence
is retreat theme**

SCOTCH PLAINS — Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church offers "A Taste of Silence" as the theme of an Advent retreat.

Two separate sessions are offered in the church at 1571 Martine Ave. Evening sessions begin 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, Dec. 9-11. Morning sessions begin with Mass 9 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 10-11.

"Just as there are moments of intimacy in friendship, so there are in prayer," said Rev. Carl Arico, retreat leader and vice president of Contemplative Outreach Ministry.

"Centering prayer is a means of preparing ourselves for the gift of contemplation because it opens us to God's communication," he said. "Contemplation is a long, loving look at God."

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Obituaries**Joseph Szabo Jr.**

SCOTCH PLAINS — Joseph Szabo Jr., 64, died Dec. 2, 2001 at Rahway Hospital. He owned the Lincoln Marble Works for many years, first in Newark and later in Rahway.

Mr. Szabo was born in Newark and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Clark. He served in the Naval Reserve.

Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Maryann Downey Szabo; three sons, Joseph Downey III of Clark, John Downey of Jersey City and James Downey

of Virginia; three sisters, Mary Ready of Cranford, Ann and Margaret, both of Union; and a grandchild.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Clark, following services at the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Clark.

Donations may be sent to American Cancer Society, 507 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07208.

Fred Shults

Elks Lodge 1585 in Mountainside and the Fraternal Order of Eagles aerie in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Burger Shults; and five brothers, Theodore, Edward, Wallace, Warren and George.

Services were held Monday at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Lake Nelson Memorial Park, Piscataway.

Sheila D. Brown

FANWOOD — Sheila D. Brown, 45, died Nov. 27, 2001 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She had been a customer service worker for five years at the Murray Hill offices of AT&T Corp.

She was born in Bluefield, W.Va., and lived in Fanwood before moving to Plainfield in 1997.

Ms. Brown earlier worked for 15 years at the Bargain Fair furniture store in East Orange. For 20 years she was an usher for ser-

vices at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are her father, Horace Sr. of Fanwood; two daughters, Shakira N. and Rashawn A., both of Plainfield; two brothers, Horace Jr. and Robert, both of Fanwood; and a companion, Rickey Jones.

Services were held Monday at Christian Fellowship Gospel Church in Plainfield. Arrangements were by Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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Let's Ask Jill

by Jill Guzman

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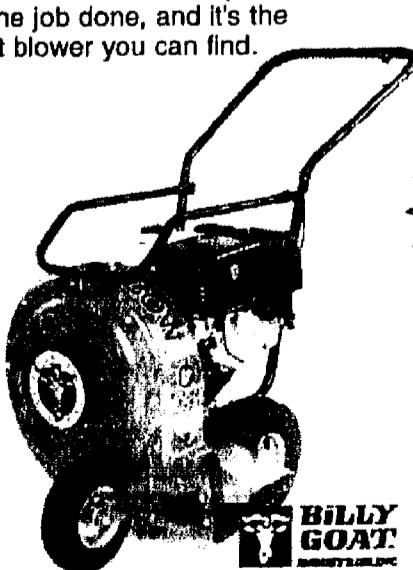
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Sports



LARRY MURPHY/RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Terrence Jenkins led the 8-3 Blue Devils in rushing with 578 yards and touchdowns with eight.

Raiders hoping to take the next step this winter

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

Having both reached the state semifinals last season, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys and girls swim teams are hoping to take it to the next level this time around.

The boys squad won the North B sectional championship by defeating North Highlands, won its semifinal meet against Princeton 94-75 before falling to Haddonfield in the state championship meet 104-66.

The girls captured the North Public B championship by edging Madison 86-84 before falling to

Moorestown 93-73 in the state semifinals.

With the success the squads experienced in their first season as split teams last year optimism surrounds the Raiders program.

"All the kids are really experienced," said Head Coach Jess Hulnik. "A lot of them swim year round, they're used to swimming in meets, and in big meets. Those who don't swim year round still have the experience of being with the team in the past."

"We have a lot of returning kids. We have a group of seniors who have been to the sectional final every single year and they don't know what it's like to not go

to it. And they don't want to find out."

"But it's too early in the season to start thinking that far ahead."

Leading the boys team this year will be senior Steve Swenson, who will specialize in the breaststroke and the 200 free. Younger brother, sophomore Eric Swenson, will swim in the 50 free, breaststroke and individual medley.

Junior Ryan Hauptman returns after a strong sophomore season and will specialize in backstroke. Sophomore John Sheffield will swim distance events and butterfly.

After being one of the top IM performers last season, Deryck

Cardiac Devils had a memorable season

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

Most of the pieces were in place from the get-go and the coaching staff of the Westfield High football knew they had a good squad.

But as the season progressed the entire puzzle came together and the Blue Devils put together another memorable season, reaching the semifinals of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 tournament, winning the Watchung Conference National Division title, knocking off rival Plainfield in another classic Thanksgiving Day clash and finishing with an 8-3 record.

Westfield knew it had the skill position players on offense and a quality defense ready to go when camp opened late in August, but it was the emergence of senior quarterback Louis Mercer, the constant improvement of the offensive line and the development of junior Brian Butts at tight end that helped spark the Blue Devils to a season filled with late-game comebacks and upset victories.

"We were very optimistic

because we knew we had good players coming back, some of whom had started as sophomores," said Assistant Coach Ron Barner. "There were a lot of kids that we knew from their sophomore year were going to peak as seniors."

"But we had some concern's about the offensive line and the quarterback. (Mercer) came in and did a great job, he played within himself and the offensive line came together and really gelled."

Mercer finished the season with 693 yards passing and six touchdowns, completing 43 percent of his passes. He led several game winning drives, throwing the game winning touchdown pass against Scotch Plains, and sneaking in from the one to defeat Plainfield in the final minute.

The offensive line only had one returning starter in tackle Chris MacKay. But the rest of the players stepped in and got the job done.

Senior Mike Stanley started at center, with Matt Andzell and Matt Brinkman playing at guards, the most important spot along the line, and Mike Charmatz playing left tackle after being switched from

tight end.

"We had people slotted in at those positions and the question was whether they were going to rise to the occasion, and they did," said Barner.

What the Devils knew they had going into the season, and what they relied on throughout the year was the running game, led by three-year starters Terrence Jenkins and Diana Reavis. Jenkins finished as the Devils leading scorer, scoring 48 points on eight touchdowns and rushing for 578 yards on 76 carries for a 7.6 average.

Reavis was the second leading scorer, with five touchdowns, and carried for 337 yards and a 4.9 average.

Fullback Matt Daly was second on the team in yards, carrying 107 times for 551 yards, a 5.1 average.

Daly was also the leader on defense, the backbone of the squad. He and fellow inside linebacker Andzell led the squad in tackles and were aggressive defenders who could get to the ball quickly. Daly finished with 121 tackles and Andzell had 76.

(Continued on page C-2)



GEORGE PACCIELLO/RECORD-PRESS

Nada Simaike and the Westfield girls swimming team fell to Bridgewater-Raritan in the first dual meet of the season Tuesday.

By DANIEL MURPHY

RECORD-PRESS

This year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball team will take on a much different look than the squad that advanced to the quarterfinals of the sectional tournament — a much younger one.

The Raiders return three starters from last year's squad, and a total of six players, but will rely heavily on the contributions of three freshman who figure to play prominent roles for Scotch Plains.

The Raiders are still led by veterans Erin Gillooly, Kellie LaForge and Lindsey Pennella but the key to success this season will be how well freshmen Hillary Klimowicz, Jenny Burke and Maura Gillooly adapt to the varsity level.

"We're going to rely on the freshman a lot," said Head Coach Brian Homm. "They're capable. They're good players and capable of coming in and holding their own. They'll see a lot of time."

"I'd seen them play at the junior high level, but I didn't know if they'd be ready until I

saw them play with the varsity girls and see if they could hold their own. It's a nice surprise to know they can."

While the freshman will be counted on to make contributions and improve the depth, the backbone of the squad will still be the three returning starters — Gillooly, LaForge and Pennella.

Gillooly, a senior, will play mainly forward after playing mostly center last year. She can shoot from the outside, but can also score from the post and will be looked to to score from both the inside and out.

"We're going to rely on her for scoring, but also offensive rebounding and defense inside," said Homm.

LaForge, also a senior, returns to the two-guard slot where she'll be needed mostly for defense, steals and sparking fast breaks. Pennella, a junior forward, will be counted on for scoring from the outside and has the ability to create her own shot off the dribble. Freshman Maura Gillooly will see time behind LaForge and Pennella and is a dangerous outside shooter who can handle the ball.

Klimowicz, who stands 6 foot 1, will start at center where Homm expects her to be able to score with a variety of post moves as well as be a force on the glass.

Junior Megan Reddington will start at point guard, but split time with Burke. Reddington is a good ballhandler who makes smart decisions. Both her and Burke will be counted on to keep the offense running.

Also returning from last year's squad and providing valuable frontcourt depth will be junior Colleen Coyle and sophomore

Kate Feeley and Jen Russell.

Homm likes the weapons the Raiders have on offense and believes they will be able to score in a variety of ways, both inside with Erin Gillooly, Klimowicz, Coyle and Feeley and outside with Pennella, Maura Gillooly and Burke.

"We have a lot of scoring threats," said Homm. "We have a diversity of offensive player who will be able to score for us. We have to overcome the young mistakes. It's going to take some time to gel."

Freshmen to play a pivotal role for the Raiders

By DANIEL MURPHY

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REBELS WIN RAHWAY

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rebels U-10 girls soccer team closed out the regular season undefeated after a 2-1 victory over the East Brunswick Rago, then went on to win the Rahway Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Rebels first game in the tournament Nov. 23 was the toughest against the Cranford Arsenal. The game was a competitive, quality match with both teams battling for position and penetration, while seeking weakness in the defensive line. With 30 second left in the first half, Cranford scored first, despite excellent defense by Ali Prestridge, Cassie Zito and Sarah Canfield.

In the second half, Michelle Goldberg led Morgan Burke, who sent a hard left footed shot which caught the goalie off balance and she fell back into the net to tie the game. The Rebel goalie also managed to grab two wins.

ring hard shots by Kathy Dinizo to preserve the 1-1 tie.

In their second game, the Rebels met the Westfield Breakers, with the Rebels controlling from the start. Sarah Canfield scored the first goal off an assist by Colleen Sweeney. Sweeney then followed with her own unassisted goal. Jen Kickenweitz sent a perfectly placed pass to Morgan Burke, who fired in a shot for a 3-0 lead. Burke then took a lead from Michelle Goldberg for a 4-0 lead. Goldberg closed out the scoring with two unassisted goals for a 6-0 final.

On Saturday morning, in a steady rain, the Rebels took on the Rahway Hurricanes. The Hurricanes tied the Rebels in the regular season so the Rebels badly wanted to win. The Hurricanes scored first, which set fire to the Rebels. The game came down to the Rebels beating their opponents to loose balls, while the unshakable defense of Ali Prestridge, Devon Daly, Kim Many and goalie Becky

Krakora refused to let the Hurricanes storm. Lyndsey Douglas scored off an assist by Jen Kickenweitz to tie the game. Morgan Burke sent an unbelievable shot from the right corner, which whizzed over the goalies head into the top of the net for the go ahead goal. Burke added the insurance goal on a breakaway from the backfield, charging through three defenders. Kim Many sent in a left footed shot to end the game with a 4-1 decision.

In their last game, the Rebels needed a win against the Westfield Riptide to take the trophy. The only score of the game came off a pass from Kim Many to Colleen Sweeney, who fired off an unstoppable shot. The always strong defense of Becky Krakora, Kim Many, Sarah Canfield and Ali Prestridge turned it up a notch to shut down the Riptide scoring.

Rebels 2, Rago 1 — The Rebels defense of Ali Prestridge, Devon Daly and Sarah Canfield did not allow a single Rago shot on goal in the first half, while midfielders Becky Krakora, Kathryn Dinizo and Jen Kickenweitz aggressively pushed the ball up the offensive front line and often made their own shots on goal. The Rebels offense dominated the first half, bombarding the Rago goal area with shots by Cassie Zito, Michelle Goldberg, Kim Many, Lyndsey Douglas, Morgan Burke and Colleen Sweeney, which the Rago goalie valiantly fended off.

It was a perfectly placed corner kick by Sweeney, which bounced off a Rago player into the net, that put the Rebels on the board. Near the end of the first half, Sweeney again scored with an unassisted left footed shot into the corner of the goal to go up 2-0.

In the second half, the Rago got their offensive momentum together and scored off a wide shot that bounced off the crossbar into the goal. Rebel's goalies Dinizo and Burke had several aggressive saves to preserve the lead and the Rebel's undefeated 9-0-1 record.

SPARK TAKE THIRD

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Spark took third place in the eighth annual Rahway

Thanksgiving Soccer Festival, winning two games with a tie and one loss.

Spark 1, Westfield Wave 1 — In the first game, the Spark battled the Westfield Wave to a 1-1 tie playing a spirited match despite having no players available to substitute. Olivia Francavilla was able to deflect a clearing kick by the Wave goalkeeper into the goal in the opening minutes to give the Spark the lead.

In the second half, the Wave answered right back with a booming shot over the goalies head to tie the score. The Spark always strong backfield of Samantha Bremer, Sheryl Markovitz and Stephanie Glover kept the wave in check, and the game ended in a draw.

Spark 3, Staten Island Blue Thunder 0 — Allison Goldberg started the scoring for the Spark by sinking a pass from Jaclyn Law. Jenna McGarry followed with a great shot from 20 yards out to make the score 2-0. After a diving save by goalie Saxony Nielsen, the Blue Thunder rarely got back into Spark territory due to the stellar midfield play of Britney weck, Erika White and Becca VonLangen. Olivia Francavilla scored her second goal of the day for the final 3-0 margin.

Spark 4, Colonia Wildcats 0 — The Spark took it to the Wildcats immediately in the third game, with a shot by Sheryl Markovitz in midfield that just sailed over the crossbar. Goalie Saxony Nielsen made a diving save on a gold Wildcat opportunity, and that was about all the offense the Wildcats could muster, due to the crushing defense of Stephanie Glover, Sheryl Markovitz and Samantha Bremer.

Jaclyn Law scored first on an assist by Olivia Francavilla, who quickly scored two goals of her own, one off an assist from Saxony Nielsen to go up 3-0. Nielsen sent a perfectly placed pass, off a throw-in from Jenna McGarry to Allison Goldberg who broke in on goal and scored to make it 4-0.

Hazel Shooting Stars 2, Spark 0 — The Spark battled a rough and tumble Hazel team in what sometimes looked more like a football

game than a soccer match.

Olivia Francavilla was taken down from behind on a breakaway, which set the tone of the game. Having to play all weekend without substitutes finally took its toll on the Spark, as the Hazel coach was able to rotate in fresh players. Hazel took advantage of the Spark fatigue, and won the game 2-0.

SWIMMING

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Girls B Swim team opened their season with a 106-95 loss to the Western Monmouth Y.

WMYC jumped ahead in the opening individual medley, despite first place finishes by FSPY Jillian Murphy in the 11-12 IM (1:16.40), Judy Wicker-Briscoe in the 15-18 IM (2:38.85) and fine second place performances by Emma Nagle and Diane Fitzpatrick.

The home squad enjoyed a little more success during the freestyle events. Piranhas Kim Weston (34.89), Kate Johnson (31.19) and Nicole Zoller (1:04.57) captured first place for 9-10s, 11-12s and 13-14s. Eight and under Nicolas Buzzanca and 15-18 Jesse Foster swam hard for their second place touches.

In breaststroke events, Gabrielle Titone (29.09) and Marelle Mital finished one-two in their eight-and-under 25-yard sprint while Diane Fitzpatrick furthered the effort by taking second place in the 13-14 100. Kim Many and Haley Middleton swam well to finish third in the 9-10 and 11-12 50s.

Piranha backstrokes regained ground with one-two finishes by Carol Monteiro (39.07) and Katelyn Cavagh in the 11-12 50 and Rachel Dohlin (1:15.24) and Alison Salisbury in the 15-18 100. Also placing for the FSPY were eight-and-under Melissa Keiser and Gabrielle Titone, 9-10's Cheryl Monteiro and 13-14's Nicole Zoller.

Alison Hagan (41.27), Jillian Murphy (34.27) and Judy Wicker-Briscoe (1:14.74) chalked up butterfly victories for the 9-10s, 11-

12's, and 15-18's. Marelle Mital placed second in the eight-and-under 25 fly sprint and Kim Many placed third in the 9-10 50. Danielle Zoller and Julian Hobson captured second and third place in the 13-14 50 race.

FSPY continued to narrow the gap, capturing first in three of the five relays. Winning squads were eight-and-under Mital, Buzzanca, Titone and Ewaska, 11-12's Johnson, Daly, Cavanagh and Murphy and 13-14's Dolgin, Fitzpatrick, Zoller and Zoller.

Teammates B. Adison, C. Albanese, Dohlin, R. Clapp, S. Faria, C. Feury, M. Fitzgibbon, J. Fitzpatrick, A. Gianni, T. Guitre, J. Harries, L. Hauptman, J. Juba, K. Klesch, S. Schwartz, E. Tomljanovic and J. Weigel also exhibited quality Piranha swimming during the first meet of the season.

BASKETBALL

The fifth grade IHM girls basketball team of Scotch Plains recently won first place honors in the Colts Neck Derby held Saturday and Sunday.

Coached by Tom Decataldo, IHM beat Middleton 19-18 in an exciting game on Saturday. On Sunday, IHM then beat Marlboro and the Howell Hawks to advance to the championship game which was held at the Colts Neck High School Sunday evening.

The championship game was played against a talented Colts Neck team that led most of the game. The score was 24-23 with less than a minute to play when Lauren Harry of IHM converted her two foul shots to seal the 26-23 win as IHM was then able to run out the clock.

The IHM team members are Kathryn Decataldo, Rachel Kruper, Maggie Bounadies, Shannon Deegan, Tara Handza, Saxony Nielsen, Kelly Dyckman, Nicole Desando, Michelle Rossinello, Catherine Verdic, Lauren Harry and Danielle Sette. George Handza is the assistant coach.

SPORTSCENE

FOOTBALL DINNER

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL 201 "B" football team presents a holiday dinner dance on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 7 p.m. - 12 a.m. Price per couple is \$150 and includes open bar, buffet, and music. The event will be held at the Italian American Club in Scotch Plains.

All proceeds from the evening are to benefit the 2002 "A" football team's participation in a five day football tournament during Thanksgiving 2002. This event is open to the entire community.

This is the first of many fundraisers for the tournament. For tickets or more information contact Jerilyn Campbell at 322-8327 or Debbie Maina at 322-4724. Charitable contributions are also accepted.

WINTER GOLF

The change in seasons brings schedule adjustments to Union County's three public golf courses.

Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth will be closed for the winter season. The closure will occur from Dec. 16 until approximately March 4, weather permitting. According to Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella

"this 'rest period' will allow the turf and other course improvements to mature and provide a more pleasurable golfing season in the spring."

Eighteen regulation holes will continue to be available throughout the winter at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains, and Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark will also be available, weather permitting. Winter hours of operation at both courses will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March.

All ID cards purchased in 2001 will be de-activated by the golf course computerized photo ID system on Dec. 31. It is important for golfers to keep these cards and bring them when renewing for 2002, beginning Jan. 1. All the courses are open for identification card purchases and renewal. Golfers must show proof of Union County residence through two forms of identification, a driver's license and either a current annual lease, tax, utility or credit card bill, or a bank statement. Non-residents owning property in Union County may also purchase ID cards upon providing a current tax bill showing the address, lot and block number of the property. All ID card renewals or purchases must be done in-person.

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

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

(all times p.m. unless otherwise noted)
FRIDAY, DEC. 7
Ice Hockey
Westfield vs. Hudson Catholic

SATURDAY, DEC. 8
Bowling
Westfield at Bishop Ahr Tournament, 4
Carlier Lanes

TUESDAY, DEC. 11
Swimming
Westfield vs. Kearny, 2:15
Bowling
Westfield vs. Seton Hall Prep, 4

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12
Ice Hockey
Westfield vs. Bishop Ahr, 4
Ice Hockey
Westfield vs. Summit, 3:45
Bowling
Westfield vs. Linden, 4

THURSDAY, DEC. 13
Girls Swimming
Westfield vs. Bishop Ahr, 4
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Bowling
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Devils

(Continued from page C-1)
"We knew we had two very athletic inside linebackers," said Barner. "They were as good as two some as we've had in many years."

Jay Cook, who was a valuable receiver at split end and one of the best punters in the conference, was also a valuable player in the defensive backfield, tying the school record for interceptions with seven.

Several of the Westfield seniors are hoping to play in college, but it is still early in the process and they've only started to talk to coaches. While the future is bright for the senior class, Barner is excited about the prospects of the upcoming classes, and believes Westfield will continue to be a tough squad to beat in the coming years.

"We're very optimistic about the next several years," said Barner. "For the first time in quite a while we're going to have some big linemen, and we don't usually have big bodies. We're going to be pretty solid on both lines, and we've got some inside linebackers coming up, and some good running backs."

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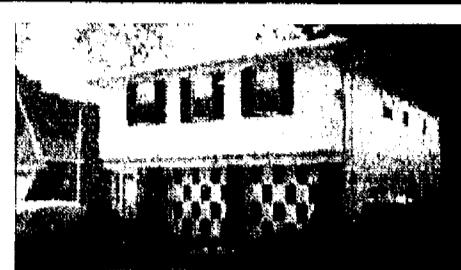


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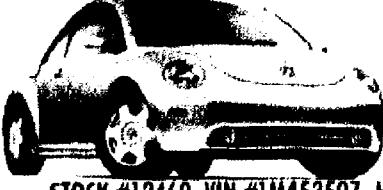
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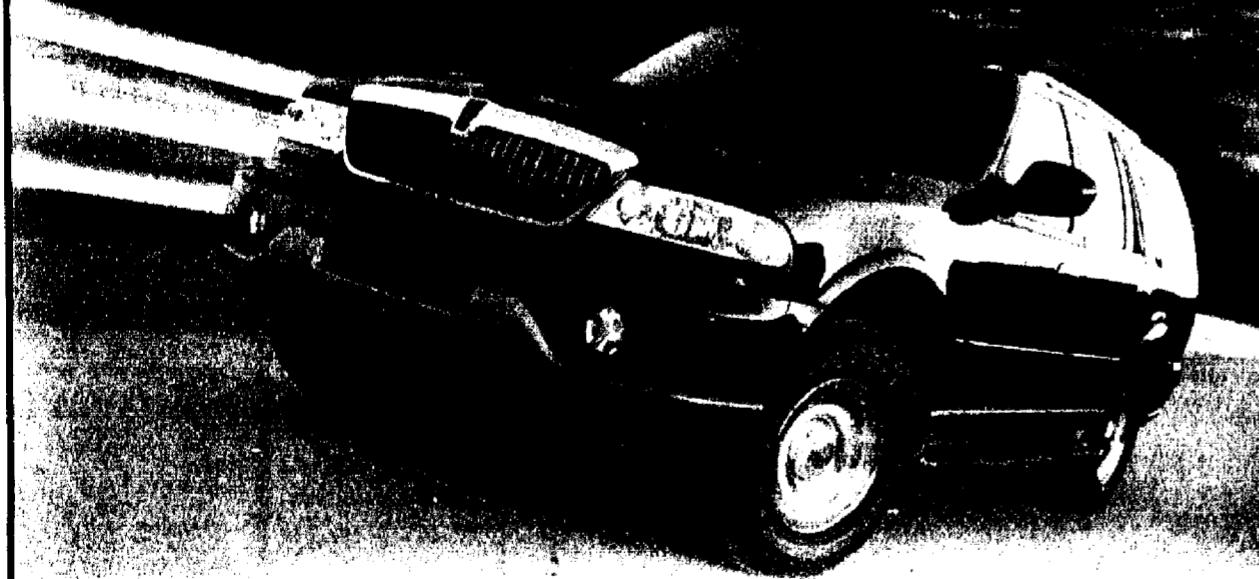
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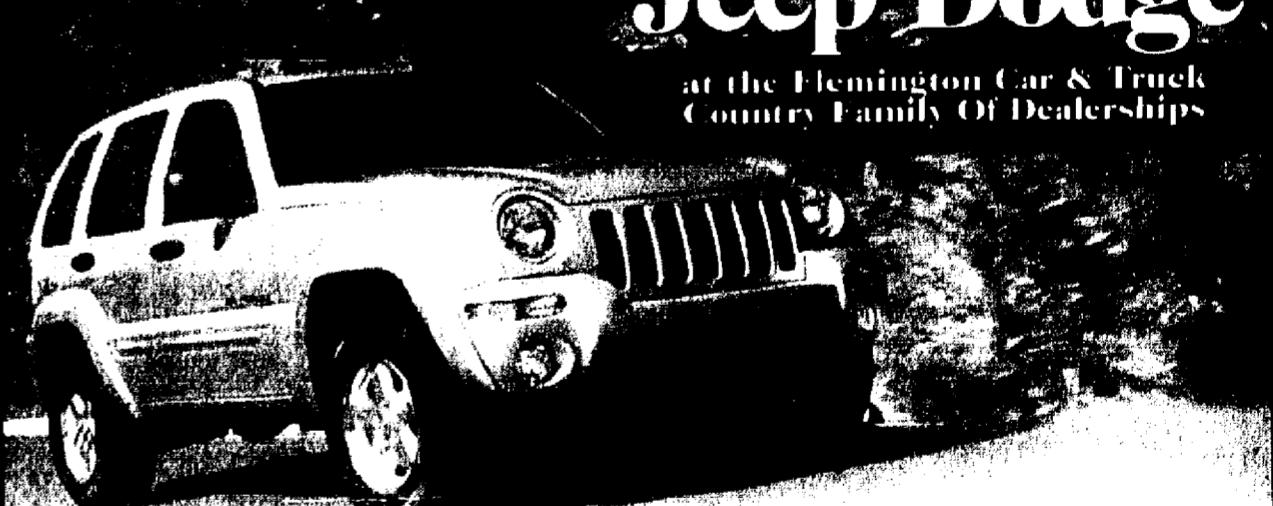
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