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Sectional champs

Josh Kay scored a goal in regulation and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer team defeated Middletown South in a penalty kick shootout Friday for its first sectional title since 1998 and 10th overall. The Raiders fell to Ramapo in the Group 3 semifinals in a shootout Monday. For the story see Sports, Page C-1.



This woman is a dog's best friend

Westfield resident and former Town Council member Peggy Sur is a leading advocate for a new animal shelter in Union County, and her efforts may soon bear fruit. For the full story, see Page B-1.



Holy smoke

Students at Westfield's Holy Trinity School recently excelled at the 32nd annual Scholastic Olympics. For all the details on their academic exploits, see Page A-4.

REMINDER

Blood drive is Saturday

The Westfield Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow. The drive will be located at the Knights Hall, 2400 North Ave. in Westfield.

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Learning about the Lenape

The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield Sunday offered local youngsters lessons in the history of the Lenape Indians, who lived in New Jersey at the time of colonial settlement. Above, Janet Murphy (right) and Sherry Lange teach a group of Cub Scouts how the Lenape said hello. At right, Lange displays an Indian mask and other artifacts of the Lenape.



JOHN FEI/CORRESPONDENT

Westfield restaurants oppose Wolfgang Puck application

Opponents cite concerns about parking, traffic safety

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Opponents of the proposed Wolfgang Puck Express restaurant, which is scheduled to open at 1 Elm St. in early 2004, brought their case to the town's Planning Board hearing Monday night. The opposition group consists of 10 restaurant owners from downtown Westfield who are collectively represented by attorney Richard Schkolnick of Hersh, Ramsey, and Berman, P.C.

According to Schkolnick, the group is opposed to the Wolfgang Puck restaurant not because of the added competition but because of concerns about safety and increased traffic. "The entrance to the

restaurant is 20 feet from the intersection (of Elm Street and North Avenue). Cars that want to make a right-hand turn will have to swing around a parked car," he said. Schkolnick says illegally-parked cars could make a busy, dangerous intersection even worse.

In a May 24, 2000 traffic circulation study conducted of the area, 23 accidents were reported at the intersection over the course of two years. The study cited as issues conflicting left turn movements at Elm Street and the railroad station exit driveway, heavy pedestrian volumes, and long queue lengths on Elm Street.

Schkolnick also said that Wolfgang Puck will be a high-volume restaurant and will attract significant takeout business by car. "This could be the straw that breaks the camel's back with the parking situation," he said.

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Parking policy gets approval from board

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Board of Education unanimously approved a policy to regulate pupil parking at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The new policy, which will not become effective until related ordinances governing pupil parking are enacted by the Town Council, will allow eligible seniors to park on specifically designated streets near the high school. These streets include portions of Trinity Place, Rahway Avenue, Dorian Road, Place, and Court; Coddling Road; Knollwood Road; Nottingham Place; Shadowlawn Drive; and Shackamaxon Drive. These streets would be subject to alternate-side restrictions to allow snow removal and leaf collection.

Eligible students must be seniors who live in an area that is generally more than one-half mile from the school. Other students would be permitted to drive to school, but must park outside the designated permit areas. Permits would be distributed by the Westfield Police Department.

The policy requires that eligible seniors abide by a code of conduct. These students must arrive to school on time in the morning, "demonstrate neighborly conduct and good citizenship," and avoid making disturbances during the lunch hours. Eligible seniors cannot park in the Armory parking lot, operate a motor vehicle at any time during the school day unless granted the Open Lunch privilege or otherwise permitted by a school official. In addition, students cannot pick up or discharge seniors or juniors leaving for or returning by car from lunch in the school parking lot.

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Commission continues its push for a turf field

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — In an effort to capture the support of the Town Council, the Recreation Commission met Monday night to discuss ways it can make the proposal for a new lighted turf field on Lamberts Mill Road more appealing.

The commission is seeking approximately \$50,000 in funds from the council for further studies related to traffic and environmental concerns. The meeting was attended by Councilman Andrew Skibitsky.

After concluding that their preferred site for the turf field would be at the Conservation

Center instead of an alternate location in Tamaques Park, members of the commission concluded that they would focus their attention on two primary issues of concern to members of the town council. First, they need to deal with legal questions related to past lawsuits involving the center. Second, they must determine whether the site will have a prohibitive impact on the needs of the Department of Public Works. Currently, the conservation center serves as a transfer station for leaves from Westfield and part of Scotch Plains.

The legal issues are unclear. "There have been several law-

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Town Council will scrap 'bump-out'

Measure aroused ire of residents

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — The Town Council voted to eliminate a recently-completed traffic obstruction at the corner of Chestnut Street and Benson Place at its regular public meeting Nov. 12. The move came after nearly 20 residents addressed the council and requested that contractors remove the obstruction, known as a "bump-out."

The bump-out, an extension of the curb into Benson Place, was constructed last week and was a component of a larger traffic-calming project along Chestnut Street. In addition, a stop sign was installed at the intersection in place of a yield, prompting motorists traveling on Benson Place to cross South Chestnut

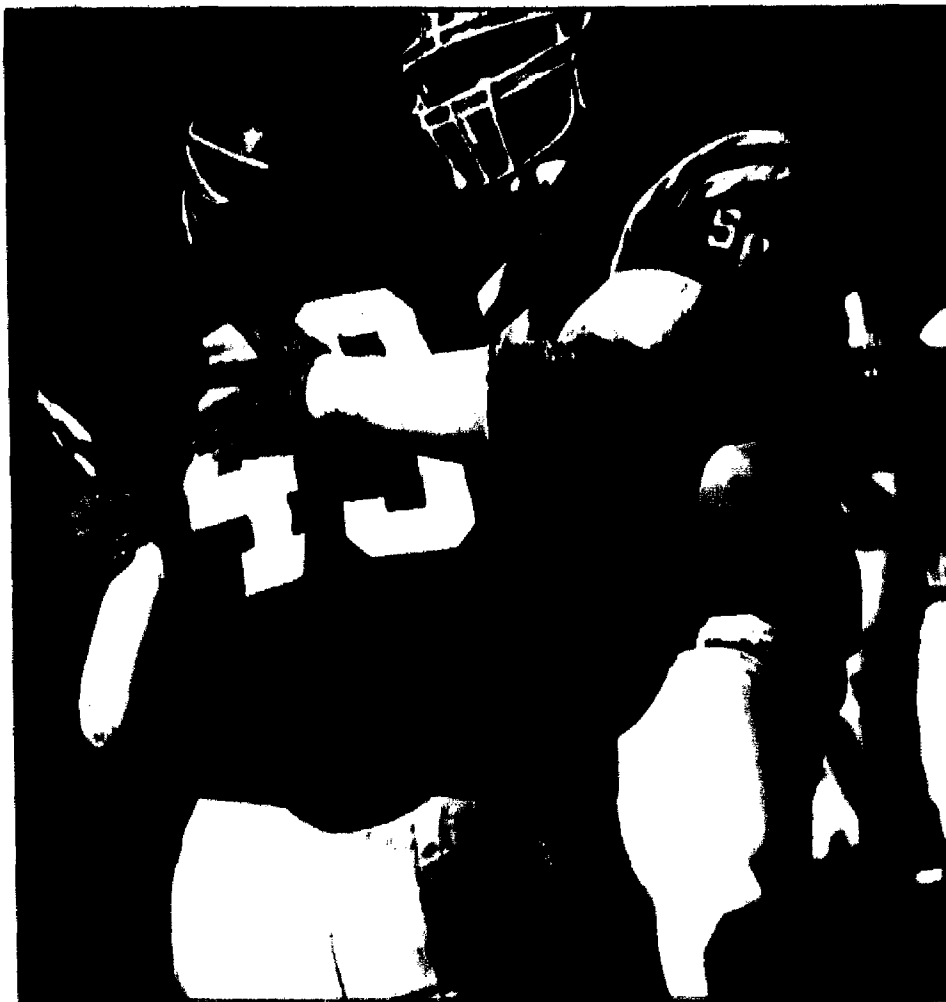
Street instead of merging onto it.

The bump-out was intended to make the merge from Benson Place onto South Chestnut Street more manageable and to define more clearly that traffic on Chestnut has the right-of-way. While the obstruction converted the intersection of the two roads into a more classic, perpendicular intersection, it eliminated maneuvering space for two Benson Place residents and may have routed more traffic onto Arlington Avenue.

The larger traffic-calming project was initiated in response to frequent resident complaints about unsafe traffic flow through the area, a situation exacerbated by the construction of the Garwood ShopRite several years ago. The project, expected to cost \$245,000, was developed over the course of nearly two years by Wilbur Smith and Associates, a consulting firm, and the town.

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Raiders are on a roll



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Scotch Plains-Fanwood tight end Charlie Bechi (42) gets congratulations from a teammate after scoring the only touchdown in a 10-0 Raiders win over Warren Hills Nov. 19. Scotch Plains faces off against Sayreville, which ousted Westfield, 1 p.m. Saturday for a trip to the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 final. For full coverage see Sports, Page C-1.

Crossing guards push for pay hike

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Members of the town's crossing guard contingent gathered together in a show of unity to request a pay raise at the Town Council meeting Nov. 12. Their request was backed by a letter of support from the Westfield Parent Teacher Council.

"Each year we submit a letter requesting a salary increase," said crossing guard Robert Lewis at the meeting, "and the request is always denied."

The town's crossing guards currently earn \$18.60 per hour. Lewis said that crossing guards do not want significant pay increases, but would settle for a cost of living raise. According to Lewis, the last pay raise for crossing guards came in 2001.

In its letter of support, the Westfield Parent Teacher Council cited the value of crossing guards in promoting safety for children before and after school.

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Traffic engineer Gary Dean, on the other hand, said the restaurant serves an existing customer base and is unlikely to bring in out-of-town shoppers. "It is unlikely to cre-

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Councilman-elect James Foerst attended the council meeting and pointed out that with the district's increasing enrollment, the number of students driving to school will also increase. "I hope you will take into consideration residents who live

Mitchell Berlant, managing member of 1 Elm Street Realty, near the schools," he said.

The board adjourned the hearing after Attonasio concluded his case and will reconvene 8 p.m. Monday. The hearing is open to the public.

Board President Arlene Gardner said that the parking situation has received adequate notice in the town. She pointed out that a community advisory committee consisting of res-

The code of conduct and other policy information relevant to the parking issue can be found on the community website at www.westfieldni.com.

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Also, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has yet to formally endorse or reject the turf field project. Currently, the DPW uses 10 acres of the 20-acre

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Grozuzek and Benson Place resident Eric Tunis was the two homeowners most directly affected by the changes to the intersection. Both said that backing out of their driveways had become significantly more dangerous since the implementation of the obstruction. Tunis was also one of many residents who felt he had not been adequately involved in the planning stages of the project.

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Lewis has served as a crossing guard for 10 years. "We're just trying to keep our heads above water," he said, pointing out that most crossing guards are seniors and

According to Hertell, there is not enough time for lacrosse, softball, baseball, and soccer teams to share existing fields, and the fields local youth athletes use are deteriorating. Maintenance of these fields only adds to the problem; when fields are refurbished it is difficult to reschedule activities elsewhere.

For now, the Commission will proceed slowly, seeking funds from the council incrementally, and resolving issues related to the turf field as they come up.

But Mayor Greg McDermott noted, "People were not happy with (the project at) Rahwa Avenue at first," and added that some of the measures in that project had been effective in reducing

It is unclear how much money removing the obstruction will cost, though Town Administrator Jim Gildea said it would be removed by Thanksgiving.

The remainder of the project will continue as planned. Town officials said they may revisit the issue and pursue improvements to the intersection in the spring, this time proceeding only after achieving consensus with residents.

Crossing guards in other towns make less than Westfield's crossing

Town administrator Jim Gilde acknowledged that while the crossing guards have not received a

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Scouts will collect food from donors this weekend

Boy Scouts, Webelos, and Cub Scouts from communities throughout Somerset and Union Counties will be collecting food for the benefit of local food banks in Scouting's annual good turn called "Scouting for Food."

After more than 10 years, this community service by the Scouts has become an important part of the food-supply picture in many community food banks. Last weekend, parent-supervised Scouts and Cubs distributed specially-marked bags, or descriptive requests, to homes in their assigned neighborhoods. The Scouts will pick the bags up on this Saturday.

Homeowners are asked to fill a bag with nourishing, non-perishable, not-in-glass food products that can be stocked at a food pantry, and to put the bags out in a visible place for pickup before 9 a.m. on the pickup Saturday or as directed in a note with the bag.

The Scouts will return to the same homes they visited previously to take the bags to a local food pantry, such as a church or a community facility. The food will be used to prepare Thanksgiving baskets and to serve needy families throughout the winter.

Local leaders take on the champ

Prominent leaders from the Westfield community will "fight" former heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney (right) next month to support an educational initiative for students with special needs. The Celebrity Boxing and Dinner will be held at Temple Emanuel-EI, 756 East Broad St. on Dec. 6, with a VIP reception at 6 p.m. and the dinner and matches following at 7:30 p.m. Funds raised will benefit the Community-Based Life Skills Program at Union County's Centennial High School in Westfield. Tickets range from \$75 for boxing and dinner to \$200 for the VIP Reception and ringside seating at the matches. For more information and reservations, contact Westfield Chief of Police Bernard Tracy at (908) 789-6070 or Michael Kenny at (908) 232-6770, ext. 129.



Residents appeal to Westfield council for help with water

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD — Several Orenda Circle residents complained about a flooding problem they say has created an "unsafe situation" at the Nov. 12 Town Council meeting. The residents say water from Mountainside has been flooding down to their properties, and they want either Westfield or Mountainside to alleviate the problem.

Alan Solomon, a 32-year resident of Orenda Circle, said the situation has been getting gradually worse each time a major storm strikes the area. "In heavy rain storms water enters both neighbors' homes," he said, adding that his property has developed numerous sinkholes from the flooding.

"Water comes down in buckets and creates a virtual mudslide," said resident Suzanne Minken. She said that there is danger of trees falling, since erosion caused by the water's flow has weakened the root structure of at least one large tree.

"The water gets waist high," said Solomon, who has notified the council about this issue in the past. He added that the flood waters combine with the sewer system, which backs up and floods raw sewage into neighbors' basements.

Both Solomon and Minken have properties which lie along the town's border with Mountainside. The properties are located at the bottom of a gently sloping hill. Midway up the hill, in an area which Solomon believes is within the

border of Mountainside, several culverts channel water underneath a dirt road.

Several deep, wide trenches have formed just below those culverts, and those trenches channel rainwater down toward the Orenda Circle properties. "This is not natural flow," said Solomon.

There is a viaduct nearby in Mountainside which could transport the rainwater safely out of the area, but Solomon thinks that a more elaborate concrete trenching system needs to be constructed to make the drainage system effective. The question is: Who will pay for it?

"We've researched the technical aspects, and we think we know where the water is coming from. Now we're trying to establish responsibility," said town engineer Kert Marsh. "Now we're trying to establish responsibility."

Marsh believes the flow may be the responsibility of private property owners in Mountainside, not the Borough of Mountainside. If that is the case, the flow would be a civil matter between the Orenda Circle residents and the private property owners.

"We've identified several plans which would require the assistance of Mountainside," Marsh said. "We'll know in a couple of weeks what action we'll need to take, if any at all."

But until the legal issues are decided, it appears Solomon may have to live with the situation, as he has for many years. "I just think that the people responsible for it should pay for it," he said.

Residents, plant operators meet about odor

By BRAD BISHOP
THE RECORD PRESS

CLARK — Approximately 40 area residents, most of them from Westfield, attended a meeting at the J. Manheimer plant Friday to voice their frustrations about an offensive odor they think emanates from the plant, located at 160 Terminal Ave.

Many flavors and aromas used in a variety of products are produced at the facility. Manheimer officials described the measures they are taking to correct the problem, and gave residents and media a tour of their factory.

"We want to live peacefully with you," one Westfield resident said. "But I don't want to open my windows and smell this," she added.

"This affects our quality of life," another said. "The odor burns our eyes and skin."

Top official Arnold Manheimer said the company has taken numerous safety measures to reduce offensive odor and plans to hire an independent engineer to study additional improvements the factory can pursue. According to Manheimer, the factory has updated its operations practices and procedures in simple ways such as keeping used containers covered, modifying the container cleaning process, and ensuring that

plant doors remain closed and exhaust fans do not release odors outside the plant.

"We are going to re-engineer the boiler room," Manheimer said. "We are going to install a new, rapidly closing door." Manheimer also said the plant may update ventilation equipment and procedures.

Some residents said the plant releases unpleasant odors so strong that the smell drives them indoors. They also reported being bothered both during the day and at night.

However, Manheimer said that nighttime smells are unlikely to come from his facility, since most major operations cease by 3 p.m. He added that some of the odors may not come from the factory but from other nearby industrial plants.

Several longtime residents disagreed with that, suggesting that they never had a problem until the Manheimer plant opened in 2000.

The Manheimer plant was issued a notice of violation Oct. 8 by the Union County Board of Environmental Enforcement. One day earlier, an inspector was able to follow the odor by nose to the factory.

If the plant were to receive a violation in the future, it would risk a fine of between \$1,000 and \$2,000. This year, approximately 30 complaints

have been filed by residents in the area related to unpleasant odors.

The Manheimer plant was purchased from Kodak Polychrome in 1999 and occupies a building which had been vacant for over a year. Manheimer says it has spent more than \$15 million to renovate the building and may add additional warehousing or storage areas for dry materials in the future.

The large complex stores many rows of barrels and other containers, and some rooms operate house-sized aroma processing equipment. The plant has specific rooms devoted to the processing of both dry materials and liquid products. Each operating area has a distinctive and powerful odor; smells range from aromas resembling garlic to others which smell more like perfume.

The company employs 125

people at the Terminal Avenue site.

A number of town officials from Westfield were present at the meeting. Councilman-elect Mark Ciarocco volunteered to serve as liaison between the plant and residents. An email list will be established to inform residents if any further official action is taken on the matter and to update residents on the varying measures taken by the Manheimer facility.

Residents wishing to report offensive odors can call the Bureau of Environmental Enforcement at (908) 302-1504. Manheimer officials said that anyone detecting an unpleasant smell can also call Vice President/General Manager Gerry Ferrara at (732) 574-3276 or Vice President of Legal and Regulatory Affairs Linda Lee Doschenes at (732) 882-0202, ext. 1788.

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Scotch Plains teen attends national leadership forum

SCOTCH PLAINS — Township resident Nicole Tanguy recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

This unique leadership development program, held Nov. 4-9, invites high school students — selected for scholastic merit, community involvement and leadership contributions — to interact with today's leaders. NYLC scholars work through many issues facing our country today in a series of simulations and meet face-to-face with members of the U.S. Congress or their staff as well as other influential personalities.

"By participating in the National Young Leaders Conference, students like Nicole Tanguy will become better equipped to address the challenges facing communities around the world," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors NYLC. "Rarely does someone so young come to our nation's capital to interact with today's elected officials, presidential appointees and nationally recognized opinion makers. This program offers young leaders

Washington, D.C. as their classroom."

Because leadership goes beyond what happens on Capitol Hill, Tanguy had the opportunity to interact with a panel of renowned journalists from Washington's press corps, including John Dickerson (Time Magazine), Anne Kornblut (Boston Globe), Ken Rudin (National Public Radio) and Helen Thomas (Hearst Newspapers). Students had the chance to ask questions regarding national and international current events, ethics in journalism and advice on how to start a career in the news industry.

CYLC is a non-profit, non-partisan leadership education organization. Founded in 1985, the council is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential.

More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 40 embassies participate in the Council's Honorary Board of Embassies.

For additional information on the program, visit www.cylc.org.



Getting a 'steak' in the VVA

Earlier this year, Foodtown of Springfield donated steaks for the picnic thrown by the Westfield chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Shown, from left, are John Ferry, president of Chapter 688 VVA Westfield; Mike Morris, manager of Foodtown of Springfield; Mark Ginsberg, owner of Foodtown of Springfield, and Bill Sinkowitz, member of Chapter 688 VVA.

Big bargains available now at Second Chance Resale Shop

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Best Friend Second Chance Resale Shop located at 1750 E. Second St. in Scotch Plains will hold a 50-percent-off "Getting Ready for Christmas" sale through Saturday. The shop will have many items at give-away prices on Saturday.

"We must make room for the hundreds of Christmas decorations we have been collecting all year. We need to clear out our shelves so that we can display all our Christmas gift items," said Marie Hudak, store manager.

This sale will include almost

everything in the store including furniture, baby items, gift items, crafts, CDs, records, books, housewares, clothing, and sporting goods. Christmas items, however, will not be on sale.

Good quality donations are always welcome and may be brought in any time during store hours. Especially requested are items of good quality in the following categories: collectibles, antiques, jewelry, small furniture, unused gift items, silver, china, etc. New clothes with tags on are also welcome. Crafts people are encouraged to donate original

craft items

All proceeds will directly benefit homeless rescued pets awaiting adoption, and will be used to pay for veterinary care, inoculations, neutering and spaying, and boarding of pets awaiting adoption.

The shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The shop is in desperate need of committed volunteers. For further information or to volunteer, call (908) 233-9041 or (732) 388-8930.

Applications sought for Marconi Award

WESTFIELD — Westfield UNICO, in conjunction with UNICO National, is accepting applications for the 2004 UNICO National Marconi Science Award which will be bestowed at ceremonies on March 13, 2004 at UNICO National's Board Meeting in Phoenix.

The applicant must be a full-time resident and citizen of the U.S., of Italian descent, and be involved in the physical sciences, such as electronics, physics, chemistry, etc. The award was established in 1995 to annually recognize a living

scientist who exemplifies Marconi's vast scientific and creative accomplishments through life achievements.

Applications will be judged on a number of factors including education, area of expertise, patents, publications, awards and a brief written essay.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is Feb. 6, 2004 and the winner will be notified by Feb. 20, 2004.

The application is available by calling Charles Grillo, Westfield UNICO president, at (908) 654-3717.

Adventure awaits at Camp Yachad

SCOTCH PLAINS — Exciting summer opportunities await children from age 2½ to those entering third grade at the JCC of Central NJ's Camp Yachad.

Children from ages 2½ through 5, enrolled in Chaverim (meaning "friends") spend the day in a nurturing, structured indoor/outdoor program.

Campers participate in Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons, and age-appropriate activities including story time, sports, arts and crafts, music movement, Israeli adventure, nature classes and more. Camp days and times vary by age and grow along with the Chaverim camper.

Children entering first grade become Yeladim ("children") campers and spend the day in a structured outdoor program. Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons are included, as are expanded age-appropriate activities including drama, gymnastics, tennis, Israeli culture, karate, and more. Yeladim meet Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp Yachad's Sabra ("native born Israeli") unit is comprised of children entering Grades 2 and 3. This, the most advanced program offered at the JCC facility, includes sophisticated

instruction in specialty areas and an action packed full-day program.

Red Cross swim instruction continues at this level and is joined by weeklong sports clinics lead by professionals. Sabra campers travel off-site each week for tennis and gymnastic instruction. New for 2004 is the NJ Y Camps overnight sampler program, available to third-grade campers.

All Camp Yachad units participate in special events and theme days, and a lively Shabbat celebration concludes each week.

For registration deadlines and to receive a 2004 Camp Yachad brochure, call Randi Zucker at 908-889-8800 ext. 236.

The JCC of Central NJ is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central NJ.

Driving in Fanwood? Stickers better be up-to-date

By BRAD BISHOP
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FANWOOD — Residents who have forgotten to update their registration stickers or fix their windshield may have gotten an unpleasant surprise last week. The borough police department has resumed random traffic stops to enforce regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"We used to do this in the '70s, and for different reasons we just got away from it," said Traffic Safety Supervisor Sgt. Howard Jarvis. Jarvis said the enforcement practice, which consisted of traffic checkpoints on North Martine Street, started again in October.

Jarvis said the police department plans to vary locations, although last week's stops were done at the same place as in October, at the corner of North Martine and Watson Road, near the police headquarters. He added that the checkpoints have not significantly affected traffic and are not conducted during rush hour.

"We're finding a substantial number of sticker violations," Jarvis said. Many times drivers do not affix registration stickers to their license plates, even though their cars are registered and inspected.

Jarvis said that Fanwood police will also cite drivers for not displaying inspection stickers and for other obvious violations such as flat tires or cracked windshields.

"So far, we have seen nothing out of the ordinary," Jarvis said.

Lions Club tree sale starts Dec. 1

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Lions Club is holding its annual Christmas tree sale. This event starts Dec. 1 and continues until Christmas. The hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on weekends, and 6:30-9 p.m. on weekdays.

Residents looking for a beautiful, yet very reasonably priced tree to grace one's home this holiday season are invited to inspect the trees on sale at LaGrande Park, located at LaGrande Avenue and Second Street in Fanwood.

Pick from a large selection of trees such as Scotch Pines, Balsams, Douglas Firs and Fraser Firs. Select a wreath or Christmas decorations, too.

The Lions thank neighbors in Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield, Plainfield and surrounding communities for continuing support.

The revenue from this sale goes to local charities and scholarships for local students to aid them in pursuing their educational goals. Through these activities the Fanwood Lions Club acts to fulfill its mission to community service.

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WHS tour to air on local TV

WESTFIELD — "The new state-of-the-art science wing at Westfield High School is something to see," said Principal Robert Petix, "and now you can tour it without stepping out of your home."

Petix and Superintendent William Foley invite Westfield residents to turn on cable channel 36 over Thanksgiving weekend to view many of the new science labs, classrooms and offices at the high school.

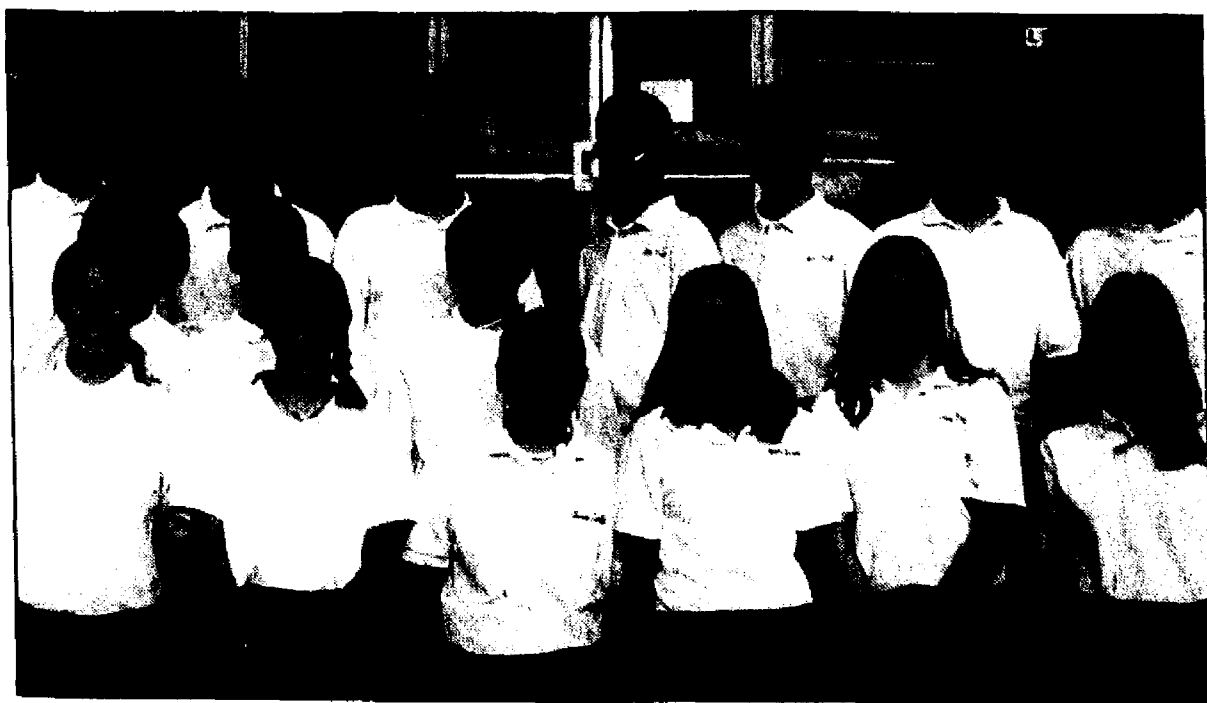
"The addition and renovations to our 50-year old high school have been made possible through the support of Westfield voters who approved the public bond referendum in December 2000," said Foley. "Now that the science wing is fully operational and many of the renovations to the original building have been completed, we wanted Westfield residents to see the results of their support."

"Thanksgiving is a perfect time to show our appreciation and to make the televised tour available to families, including students returning home for the holidays," explained the Superintendent.

"A Tour of Westfield High School's New Science Wing" will be shown on Thanksgiving Day at 8 and 10 a.m. and 12, 2, 4, 7 and 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, the tour will be shown at 10 a.m. 12, 2, 4, 7, 9 and 11 p.m. The tour will also be televised on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. and 12, 2 and 4 p.m.

Following each tour, the traditional Football Classics will be shown.



Among the Holy Trinity students to compete recently in the Scholastic Olympics are (from left, starting at top): Andrew Kulihin, Sean Smith, Robert Coloney, Luke Granstrand, Matt Loughlin, Keith Zukowski, Daniel Convery, Patrick McGowan, Daniel LiVolsi, Scott Muldoon, Allie Thek, Claire Moryan, Brittany Leonard, Carolyn Haggerty, Megan Rauch, and Cynthia Ritter.

Holy Trinity students shine at 32nd Scholastic Olympics

WESTFIELD — Seventeen eight-grade students from Holy Trinity Interparochial School were selected to compete in the 32nd annual Scholastic Olympics held at Roselle Catholic High School on Oct. 2.

Students from 15 Catholic Schools participated. The competition featured nine subjects including current events, English, history, math, religion, science, spelling, art and forensics.

Among the school's students, Megan Rauch won first place in English while Daniel LiVolsi won second place. Patrick McGowan won first in science, and Cynthia Ritter won second in the category.

Daniel Convery and Scott Muldoon won second

and third place, respectively, in current events, while Robert Coloney and Allie Thek won second and third place in spelling.

Kathryn Salvati won second place in religion, Carolyn Haggerty third place in history, and Luke Granstrand third place in math.

These students all received plaques and \$300 scholarships to Roselle Catholic High School for freshman year.

Certificates for participation were awarded to Holy Trinity students Claire Moryan and Sean Smith (math), Matt Loughlin (religion), Brittany Leonard and Andrew Kulihin (art), and Keith Zukowski (forensics).

Conroy is inducted into honors program

WESTFIELD — Caitlin M. Conroy, a town resident and graduate of Westfield High School, was one of only 14 sophomores recently inducted into the College of St. Elizabeth's Honors Program. Academically promising students are admitted to the college's honors program in their freshman year and are required to complete, in addition to their regular studies, a rigorous and challenging course of multidisciplinary study. Program participants are also required to maintain a high grade point average and demonstrate their leadership and service to the community.

After proving themselves during their first year at the college, qualified program participants are formally inducted into the program. College president Sr. Francis Raftery and program director, Professor Margaret Roman, presided over this year's induction ceremony.

After each inductee was presented with her Honors pin, she signed the college's Honors Register and took her place in the college's long and distinguished history.

In the Honors Pledge, each young woman acknowledged her responsibility in upholding the standards of the program, her dedication to "the ideals of scholarship, leadership and service," and to sharing her "gifts with the community and the world."

Conroy, who is considering a



CAITLIN CONROY

legal career, is pursuing a double major in history and psychology, and was awarded an Elizabethan Scholarship in recognition of her record of academic excellence and community service.

Conroy has been on the Dean's List since she commenced her studies at the College. She has been active in the Youth Ministry Program at St. Helen's Church, where she currently serves as a Lector. Conroy lives with her mother, Mary, her father, Bob, and her brother, Michael.

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Pneumonia vaccination available in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Regional Health Department will be sponsoring a Pneumonia Vaccination Program 9-11 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., Westfield. Pre-registration is mandatory.

The pneumonia vaccine will be available to those individuals that have not been vaccinated for pneumonia within the past 10 years. The inoculations are specifically geared to the senior population (age 65 and over), and those individuals with chronic illnesses.

Anyone interested in obtaining the pneumonia vaccine must pre-register with the Westfield Health Department by calling (908) 789-

4070 no later than Nov. 25. No exceptions will be made.

Pneumonia vaccination is recommended for individuals with: acquired or congenital heart disease; chronic kidney disease, chronic anemia or diabetes; any chronic disorder or conditions affecting respiratory function; conditions or therapy, which would lower an individual's resistance to infection; and senior citizens, age 65 or over, who are at increased risk of medical problems as a result of flu infection.

Medicare/Medicaid cards must be presented at the time of inoculation. This program will be open exclusively to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield.

Knights blood drive is Saturday

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a blood drive, sponsored by the New Jersey Blood Services, Saturday. The drive will be held at the

Knights Hall at 2400 North Ave. from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

There is still a great need for blood to be distributed to those in need. Donors are urgently needed.

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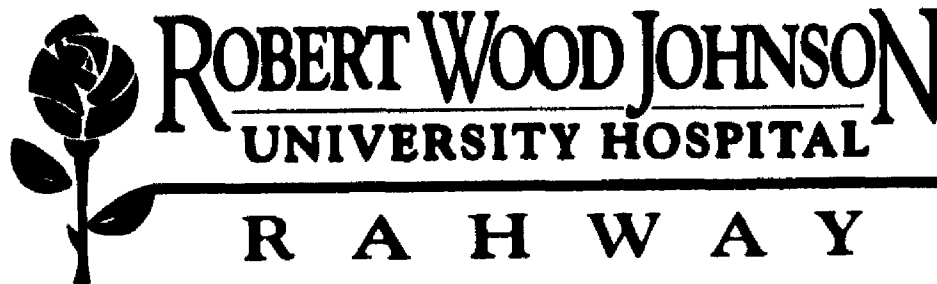
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I was sitting on a footstool polishing my shoes. The TV was on, and I kept seeing flashes of the presidential seal on the screen. When I heard the news I was devastated.

A resident of Country Club Lane reported her 2002 Nissan Maxima's head lights were removed. The incident occurred sometime between Wednesday Nov. 12 and Thursday, Nov. 13.

For more information, or to register, call the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at (908) 889-8880 or stop by the Member Service Desk at 1340 Martine Avenue.

To get your letters to the editor into The Record-Press, mail them to 301 Central Ave., Clark, NJ 07066; fax them to (732) 574-2613; or email them to union@njnpublishing.com. Letters to the editor should arrive by noon Monday for publication in the following Friday's edition.

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This week

FRIDAY

NOV. 21

'MY SISTER EILEEN' — fall comedy presented by Westfield High School Drama Department. 8 p.m., continues 8 p.m. Saturday. Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Rd. \$6.

SATURDAY

NOV. 22

HOLIDAY BOOK-BUYING — tips on the art from Grace Roth, owner of the Town Book Store of Westfield. 10 a.m. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. Free.

SLIME TIME — kids from kindergarten to Grade 2 can make their own slime and putty. 10 and 11:15 a.m. Westfield Memorial Library, East Broad Street. Registration required. (908) 789-4090.

TURKEY COLLECTION — for needy families during the holidays, sponsored by Community FoodBank of New Jersey. Drop off fresh turkeys at Franklin School, 700 Prospect St., Westfield. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (908) 355-3663.

BLOOD DRIVE — sponsored by the Westfield Council of the Knights of Columbus. 9:30

a.m.-3 p.m. Knights Hall, 2400 North Ave., Westfield.

BOOK-BUYING TIPS — for the holiday season, from Grace Roth, owner of the Town Book Store of Westfield. 10 a.m. Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Ave.

SUNDAY

NOV. 23

OPEN HOUSE — at the Wilf Jewish Community Center. Learn about the JCC's many programs. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. (908) 889-8800, ext. 218.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK — at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, part of the continuing celebration of the church's 275th anniversary. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. \$2.75 per person, maximum \$10 per family.

TUESDAY

NOV. 25

CHRISTMAS TREE CRAFTS — make your own at a meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. 8 p.m. Fanwood train station, North and Martine avenues. (908) 232-1199.

WEDNESDAY

NOV. 26

THANKSGIVING SERVICE — open to the public, sponsored by the Cranford Clergy Council. 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church, 100 High St., Cranford.

SUNDAY

NOV. 30

TREE LIGHTING — annual holiday event in Westfield, as Santa arrives in town. Festivities begin 5 p.m. at North Avenue train station parking lot. For more, call the Chamber of Commerce at (908) 233-2031.

COMING UP

CHRISTMAS PARTY — of the St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society. Featuring entertainment from the children's choir. Following the 7:30 p.m. Mass Dec. 1. St. Bartholomew's Church, Scotch Plains. (908) 889-2152 or (908) 322-5409.

'FAITH IN WESTFIELD' — awards dinner of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce. 6 p.m. Dec. 1. Primavera Regency, in Stirling. \$65. Reservations required at (908) 233-3021.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT — for Westfield High School students and their parents, presented by the Guidance Department. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2. Westfield High School auditorium, 550 Dorian Rd.

HOLIDAY VENDOR DAY — hosted by Friends of the Scotch Plains Library. Featuring vendors from Tupperware, The Pampered Chef, and more. 4:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 2. Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Bartle Ave. To rent a table, (908) 518-9370.

EL GRECO EXHIBIT — tour the works of the famous painter at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, sponsored by Friends of Westfield Memorial Library. Bus leaves library 8:45 a.m. Dec. 5, returns 5:30 p.m. \$63. (908) 233-2902.

LONGWOOD GARDENS — trip to Pennsylvania attractions

sponsored by Westfield Adult School. See 300 flower beds decorated for the holidays, and visit the Brandywine Museum to see artworks by Wyeth. Dec. 6. (908) 232-4050.

BOXING EXHIBITION — prominent Westfield residents take to the ring against former heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney to raise money for Centennial High School. Event begins 6 p.m. Dec. 6. Tickets \$75-\$200. (908) 789-6070 or (908) 232-6770, ext. 129.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS — annual house tour sponsored by the Cranford Junior Woman's Club. A chance to see the interiors of four distinguished local homes. Noon-4 p.m. Dec. 7. (908) 272-7971.

MAYOR'S GALA — in Scotch Plains, to benefit local charities. An evening of dining, dancing and socializing for the whole community. Snuffy's Pantages Renaissance, Park Avenue. 7 p.m.-midnight Dec. 5. \$55. (908) 322-6700, ext. 221.

WINTER STROLL — seasonal promotion returns to downtown Westfield. Many local stores participate in activities to benefit Education Fund of Westfield. Dec. 7. (908) 233-2646.

'ANTI-SEMITISM: Fanaticism, and Terrorism.' — Lecture by Jewish scholar Malcom Hoenlein. 10 a.m. Dec. 7. JCC of Central NJ, 1391 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. Reserve a seat at (908) 889-8800, ext 205 or slerman@jccnj.org

PNEUMONIA VACCINATION — sponsored by Westfield Regional Health Department, open to Westfield and Fanwood residents. 9-11 a.m. Dec. 8. Westfield Municipal Building, 425 E. Broad St. Pre-registration required by Nov. 25 at (908) 789-4070.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION — trip to Bethlehem, Pa., "America's Christmas City." Dec. 13. To register, call the Community School of Scotch Plains-Fanwood at (908) 889-7718 or the Scotch Plains Recreation Department at (908) 322-6700.

PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE — of audio/video materials, hosted by Friends of Scotch Plains Public Library. 1927 Bartle Ave. Donations now being accepted. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Michele Vernon joins staff at JCC



MICHELLE VERNON

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central NJ, located at 1391 Martine Ave., is pleased to announce the addition of Michele Vernon, assistant executive director, to its staff.

Vernon leaves her position at JCC Metrowest as grant writer, manager, project coordinator and trainer for Grotta Synagogue HOPE grant. Her work history includes assistant executive director of both the YM-YWHA of Wayne and Rosenthal YM-YWHA of Northern Westchester; founding director of the Joe Leavitt Family Parenting Center at the Houston JCC; director of Camp Wise at JCC Cleveland; and director of Camp Tel Yehudah, the national teen resident camp of Young Judea.

Vernon has been married to Rabbi Art Vernon for 34 years. They reside in West Orange and have four children and three grandchildren.

Her hobbies include cooking, gardening and handicrafts. The family has lived in Bergenfield, N.J.; Silver Spring and Rockville, Md.; Cleveland, Ohio; and Houston, Texas.

Wherever the Vernon family called home, the local JCC was a source of friendships and activities for everyone. The JCC of Central NJ looks forward to benefiting from Vernon's wealth of experience.

Nominations sought for Women of Excellence

The Union County Board of Freeholders and the Commission on the Status of Women are accepting nominations for the 12th Annual Women of Excellence Awards.

The Commission is looking for outstanding women nominees of Union County who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories: Arts and Humanities; Business/Entrepreneur; Community Service; Education; Government; Law; Law Enforcement; Medicine/Health Care; and/or Women's Advocacy," said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon, the liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women.

The women selected from the nominees will be honored at The Westwood, 438 North Ave. in Garwood 7 p.m. March 12, 2004.

The recipients of the Union County 2003 Women of Excellence awards were Edith Coogan of Cranford, honored in the field of Women's Advocacy; Stephanie Laucius of Elizabeth, honored in the field of Community Service; Carmella

Marucci, honored in the field of Business/Entrepreneurship; Nancy Piwowar of Plainfield, honored in the field of Arts and Humanities; Hon. Brenda Restivo, mayor of Union, honored in the field of Government; Avonia Richardson-Miller of Plainfield, honored in the field of Business/Entrepreneurship; Cynthia Roemer of Union County College in Cranford, honored in the field of Education; Harriet Gibbs Russell of Union, honored for her lifetime achievement in Education; Evelyn Stanislawczyk of Elizabeth, honored for her work in Medicine.

Due to the strong interest in this annual event, the Union County Commission on the Status of Women is encouraging all nominations to be submitted as soon as possible.

To submit a nomination, send a cover letter, resume and biographical statement about the woman, highlighting her accomplishment in a particular category to Joan Abitante, 322 Dier Street, Roselle, NJ 07203.

For more information call Abitante at (908) 241-4889.

St. Bart's School will offer pre-k in September

SCOTCH PLAINS — St. Bartholomew Interparochial School has announced that the school will be offering a full-day pre-kindergarten program for four year olds starting in September 2004.

The program will feature academic readiness skills in reading and math, art and music classes, a library and story time program, and religious education. Certified teachers will conduct the pro-

gram, and a full-time nursing staff will be available for the students.

To accommodate parents' schedules, flexible drop-off and pick-up periods between 8-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-3 p.m. have been planned.

Students registered in the pre-kindergarten program will be priority registration for entering St. Bartholomew's Kindergarten. The pre-kindergarten students will have access to a fully-equipped pre-kindergarten homeroom, arts and crafts classroom, an indoor gym, resource room, a library/media center.

St. Bartholomew Interparochial School, established in 1952, currently serves Grades K through 8 and is staffed by Religious Teachers Filipino and lay faculty. For more information about the pre-kindergarten program and registration information, please call the school office at (908) 322-4265 before Dec. 15.

Thanksgiving service at Presbyterian

FANWOOD — More than 200 years ago, the tradition of thanksgiving and prayer to God for the year's blessings began in New England after the first harvest in the new American colonies.

Community residents are invited to Fanwood Presbyterian Church for worship service to continue this tradition of giving thanks 10 a.m. Sunday.

After the service, all community residents, members and friends of the church are invited to attend a Thanksgiving dinner in the dining room, prepared and served by the Men's Fellowship. Reservations are required.

The church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, and is wheelchair-accessible. For further information, call the church office at (908) 889-8801.

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Community Life

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Colonial Thanksgiving at Miller-Cory House

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum will feature its annual Colonial Thanksgiving feast demonstration over the open hearth 2-5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave.

Visitors will experience the warmth and atmosphere of a traditional colonial Thanksgiving dinner. Laurie and Amy Mills of Fanwood and Janet and Judy Murphy of Kenilworth will prepare the feast using authentic recipes and cooking methods. Visitors may enjoy taste treats as prepared by the cooks.

A program on colonial table customs and table etiquette of the 18th century will be presented by Kathy Dowling of Clark.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults; 50 cents for students. Children under six years of age are admitted free of charge. For information about upcoming events or volunteer opportunities, call (908) 232-1776.

Thrift Shop toy sale is on now

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Thrift Shop, located at 1730 E. Second St., is now conducting its annual gigantic toy sale. Boxes and boxes of brand-new and gently-used toys, stuffed animals and children's books are available for sale.

On display at the shop is a six-room doll house, complete with furniture and family. The doll house will be offered as a drawing prize. No purchase is necessary to enter the drawing; just come to the shop and ask for the special entry form. The drawing will take place on Dec. 18.

The shop's Christmas Boutique will open Dec. 2.

Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The shop will be closed Nov. 25-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information, call the shop at (908) 322-5420.

Rotary raffle drawing is Dec. 10

FANWOOD — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club is conducting a 50/50 raffle as part of its annual Share in Youth campaign. The local community service group is raising money to benefit several organizations in the area, including the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, the David Ringle Scholarship Fund, the Resolve Community Counseling Center, the CONTACT We Care Crisis Hotline, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Leadership Fund, and the Fanwood Community Foundation.

The drawing for the raffle will be held Dec. 10. Last year's first prize was \$6,000. Tickets for this year's raffle are \$10 per chance and there will be first, second and third prizes in the drawing.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, Box 426, Fanwood NJ 07023, or by calling Janet Strunk at (908) 322-6627 or Joe Qutub at (908) 654-5511.

For more information about the FSP Rotary Club, log on to www.fsprotary.org

Boosters, Modell's work to raise funds

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Boosters are participating in the Modell's Team as a new fund raise on Nov. 14-28.

Modell's Team Week gives participants the opportunity to benefit from a 10 percent discount on any regular priced merchandise, at any Modell's location. Five percent of your total purchases will be returned to the Boosters as a donation. The Boosters will add the funds raised to the project's budget that supports all high school sports teams.

To participate and support Westfield High School athletics, shoppers need to bring the Westfield Boosters Modell's Team Week flyer to any Modell's location. The Team Week Flyers have been distributed through the Westfield school system and local sports organizations.

For full information on rules, see the store or "Team Week Rules and Regulations."

Working like a dog to help save animals



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Westfield resident and former Town Council member Peggy Sur takes a moment to relax with her German Shepherd mixed breed, Mindow (short for Mindowaskin) outside her home. An animal activist, Sur has been among the leading advocates for construction of a Union County animal shelter. Her efforts have helped make the issue a priority for the freeholder board.

Westfield resident Peggy Sur leads the effort for a county shelter

By ROZ GIUDITTA
CORRESPONDENT

Sheriff Ralph Froelich says Peggy Sur doesn't know the meaning of the word "can't," and she's a "spark plug" who doesn't believe in getting discouraged.

That's a good thing, because the former Westfield Town Council member and animal activist has been crusading for a county animal shelter for almost 10 years.

Sur founded and represents the Friends of the Union County Animal Care and Education Center, a volunteer support group of 30 veterinarians, animal rescuers, Sheriff Froelich, and others "working hard to get the shelter up and running."

"The (Union County) Freeholders seem to be very much behind us," said Sur. "They're going to the different towns to find out if they'd support a shelter if it was built. What we're looking to put into practice is shared services."

"Currently about 18 of the 21 municipalities (in Union County) are interested in a county shelter," Sur continued. "This is how we envision it: one level of government working with another."

Every one of the 666 municipalities in the state is responsible for animal control within its borders. Typically, towns contract with private companies for animal control services. The advantage of county-run shelters is centralization, government oversight and accountability. According to Sur, they also save taxpayers money.

Sur first became interested in a county shelter when she was a Town Council member (1990-95) and visited the sites that Westfield was using. She was horrified by the crowded conditions and poor care that the animals received, particularly at the Associated Humane Societies

shelter in Newark.

Sur also wondered why "people from local communities like Westfield or Scotch Plains or Rahway should have to go all the way to Newark to redeem or adopt a pet."

After a 1994 meeting with animal activists and representatives from Sheriff Froelich's office, Sur realized that the group could do a very good job with the help of the county. "I've always been an animal lover, I knew the political process ... I thought I could probably help get it done," she said. "That was the motivation."

It's more critical now than ever that the county have options other than the Newark shelter, which services more than 70 municipalities. In March 2003 the State of New Jersey Commission of Investigation released a 143-page report accusing the Societies, the largest shelter operation in the state, of raising millions of dollars in contributions but failing to provide the animals with the most basic level of care and treatment.

Cited were "deplorable kennel conditions, inhumane treatment of animals by workers, mismanagement and nonexistent or inadequate medical care." The group's executive director of 30 years denied the allegations and resigned after the report was released.

Would such a situation be prevented if the county operated the shelter? "The whole idea of a county shelter is good because it allows the public to demand accountability," said Sur.

"If somebody sees something that's not right, they can go down to a public meeting in front of the freeholders, in front of public TV and newspapers, and express their concerns and criticisms. There's a better chance of having problems solved," she said.

According to Sheriff Froelich, the freeholder board is currently looking at sites and re-examining the budget, "to be sure where we're going and doing it properly." In 1999 Suplec Clooney and Co. conducted a feasibility study with a \$25,000

grant from the state. The proposed shelter would cost \$2 million and could handle 9,000 animals per year, with 100 dog and 150 cat cages. It would house an Education Center, adoption area and spay-neuter clinic. Froelich indicated that the site of the Linden animal shelter off Lower Road is

still under consideration, and that Linden Mayor John Gregorio is very interested in having the county shelter built there.

The sheriff also said that he is "absolutely" willing to relocate his search-and-rescue dogs from Summit to the proposed shelter. Furthermore, he supports the use of the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program (SLAP) personnel and inmates to handle the "unpleasant duties" of running a shelter at "no expense to the county." Convicted of non-violent crimes, SLAP participants work on various labor intensive projects instead of serving jail time.

"There is some benefit for them, too," said Froelich of the inmates and SLAP

participants. "They would be both maintaining the animals and receiving affection in return."

Froelich also mentioned that many volunteers would be needed to help run the shelter. He envisions college students and healthy, mobile seniors being involved in educating prospective pet adopters in proper animal care.

Both Sur and Froelich agreed that the public can help make the proposed shelter a reality by letting local officials know of their interest and by speaking up at Freeholder meetings.

Union County Freeholder Al Mirabella agrees there is need for a Union County shelter. "It would benefit municipalities and would be great for animals," he said. Mirabella said that the freeholders have interest in the project and have been actively looking for a potential site. He says the potential animal shelter is a priority, along with the creation of a juvenile detention center.

"We would look at it in next year's budget," he said. "It would be a nice place for people to come and adopt pets, and for kids to learn about cats and dogs," Mirabella added.

Of the six county shelters that exist in New Jersey, Sur has seen five. She was particularly impressed with the Atlantic County shelter, outside of Atlantic City, which she described as a "very upbeat place, new, open and full of spaces where people could meet the animals and get acquainted."

"We would model ourselves on this (shelter)," she said. "We want people to feel that this is a place where you can come and adopt an animal and get training as well ... Hopefully, by 2004 we can say this is really going to happen."

Staff writer Brad Bishop provided additional reporting for this story.

'My Sister Eileen' concludes this weekend



"My Sister Eileen," the fall production at Westfield High School featuring Samantha Hooper-Hamerly, Ali Biko and Jason Mesches continues 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the high school auditorium. The 1940s comedy tells the tale of two Ohio women who relocate to New York City. Tickets are \$6 with all general seating.

'Westfield' book to be available soon

WESTFIELD — A new book entitled "Westfield, A Celebration of Community," will soon be offered for exclusive distribution and sale through The Education Fund of Westfield.

This hardcover coffee-table edition features the photography of a renowned photographer artist, Walter Chmielewski, who has produced numerous books and calendars on the state of New Jersey for over 20 years. "Westfield" is his newest project and features his personal eye vision, capturing the beauty and charm of the community. This special edition is filled with more than 100 color photographs of Westfield today and supplemented with historical photographs.

The book is being produced in cooperation with the Education Fund of Westfield, Inc. and the proceeds from the sale of "Westfield" will enable the Education Fund to continue providing resources to enhance programs for students of the Westfield Public Schools.

The Westfield Historical Society also contributed select historical photographs to be included as a retrospective look

of the Westfield community. The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) assisted the effort by sponsoring a photo contest during the month of June.

"Westfield, A Celebration of Community" will be available for \$25 through the Education Fund of Westfield. Limited copies will also be available for sale at The Town Book Store, Cheshire Thymes and the Downtown Westfield Corporation office.

The books will be featured at a special book signing and reception on 3-6 p.m. Dec. 7 at the James Ward Mansion, 169 East Broad St.

The Trustees of the Education Fund of Westfield invite residents to take part in this opportunity to celebrate the community. By supporting this project, they say, residents will enjoy a beautiful photographic keepsake of the town and will be supporting and enhancing the educational programs of our schools.

For book orders and additional information, contact the Education Fund of Westfield at edfundwestfield@comcast.net or call (908) 317-9813.

Felix Karlson

SCOTCH PLAINS — Felix C. "Skip" Karlson, 83, died Nov. 11, 2003 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

Born in Tonsberg, Norway, he was a son of the late Turre and Edelborg Christianson Karlson.

Mr. Karlson lived in Scotch Plains before moving in 1988 to Doylestown, Pa. A retired vice president of Federal Pacific Corp., he received a degree in electrical engineering from Syracuse University in 1950.

He also was a volunteer life-guard at the Crossroads Country Day School in Warrington, Pa. Mr. Karlson was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police; Our Lady of Queenship Council,

Knights of Columbus; and the New Life Christian Center in Jamison, Pa.

He was stationed aboard Navy submarines in World War II.

His first wife, Helen, is deceased.

Surviving are his second wife, Carole L. Hancock Karlson; four sons, Robert of Dunellen, Michael of Horsham, Pa., Erik of Jenkintown, Pa., and Matthew of Doylestown; two daughters, Patricia Shannon of Monroe, N.C., and Amy of Philadelphia; two brothers, Tom Carlson and James Carlson; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Shelly Funeral Home in Warrington.

Lorraine Albanese

WESTFIELD — Lorraine Eisenbeil Albanese, 42, died Nov. 14, 2003 at the Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Point Pleasant, she lived in Westfield and Garwood before moving to Woodbridge in 1988.

Mrs. Albanese was a New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. customer service representative in Scotch Plains from 1981-89.

Surviving are her husband, Steve; her parents, Frank and Joan Collins Eisenbeil; two

sons, Shawn and Kevin; two brothers, Paul Eisenbeil and Scott Eisenbeil; and her mother-in-law, Madeline.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Burial was in St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Donations may be sent to American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses, 75-20 Astoria Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11370-1177.

Lenore Britton

WESTFIELD — Lenore G. Britton, 60, died Nov. 8, 2003 at Southern Ocean County Hospital in Manahawkin.

Born in Trenton, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Grace Britton.

Miss Britton lived in Newark, Cranford and Westfield before moving to Manahawkin in 2000.

She worked 15 years with the Occupational Community Center in Roselle Park.

Surviving are a brother, Walter; a sister, Florence Slocum; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at the Mastapeter Funeral Home in Roselle Park.

Obituaries

Mary Weeks Garrity

FANWOOD — Mary T. Weeks Garrity, 57, died Nov. 16, 2003 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Garwood before moving to Fanwood in 1975.

Mrs. Garrity was a corrections officer the past 10 years with the Union County Division of Correctional Services. She earlier was a waitress at the Big Stash restaurant in Linden.

She was a member of Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 199 in Roselle Park.

Her father, George Weeks, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, John Lyle Garrity; her mother, Elizabeth Weeks; four daughters, Georgette Innamorato, Kelly Brisson, Elizabeth Amorin and Meredith; four brothers, David Weeks, George Weeks, William Weeks and Christopher Weeks; a sister, Rosalie Afflick; and 11 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford. Donations may be sent to PBA Local 199, P.O. Box 204, Roselle Park, NJ 07204.

Michael Piscitelli

WESTFIELD — Michael Piscitelli, 84, died Nov. 17, 2003 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

He was born in Newark and had lived in Westfield since 1978.

A master plumber, Mr. Piscitelli was a member of Local 24 of the plumbers union in Springfield for 35 years. He was stationed in the Atlantic as a Merchant Marine veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife,

Josephine Russo Piscitelli; two daughters, Rosalie Leonardi and Clementine Fennell; a brother, Frank; two sisters, Mildred Biase and Mary DePasquale; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday at the Galante Funeral Home, Union, followed by a funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

Lena Fuino Reif

WESTFIELD — Lena Fuino Reif, 91, died Nov. 15, 2003 at the McCutchen Friends Home in North Plainfield.

Born in Newark, she lived in Union before moving to Westfield in 1997.

Mrs. Reif was with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. for more than 25 years, retiring in 1979 as a long distance operator based in Union. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Her husband, Joseph A., and a brother, Anthony Fuino, are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph and Michael; a daughter, Eleanor Duzick; two brothers, Rev. Michael Fuino and Joseph Fulton; two sisters, Lucy Castelluccio and Frances Filandro; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Union, following services at the Bradley, Haebler & Barth Funeral Home in Union. Entombment was in the Hollywood Memorial Park mausoleum, Union.

Marie Alterizio

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marie A. McDermott Alterizio, 74, died Nov. 13, 2003 at her home in Pelican Island.

Born in Union, she lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Pelican Island in 1976.

Mrs. Alterizio worked for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in its catalog sales department in Watchung and Toms River. She retired in 1994 after 20 years with Sears.

Her husband, Nicholas, died in 2001.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna and Margaret; a brother, Joseph McDermott; a sister, Margaret DeLorme; many nieces and nephews; and her dog, Jack.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church, Seaside Park, following services at the Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals in Toms River. Entombment was in St. Joseph's Mausoleum, Toms River.

Carjack suspect faces new charges

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

A Plainfield man arrested last week after an alleged carjacking spree in Cranford made a brief, unsuccessful bid for freedom following his first court appearance Friday.

The man, 26-year-old Mwanze Mussa Saffa, also faces additional charges out of the township stemming from his alleged Nov. 11 attempts to carjack a number of vehicles along South Avenue.

Saffa made his first court appearance Friday in Superior Court in Elizabeth before Judge Joan Robinson Gross. During the hearing, according to Undersheriff Vincent DeTrollo, Saffa was pacing through the court area and generally being disrespectful to the judge.

Gross directed sheriff's officers to return Saffa to the Union County Jail. As the officers were escorting him from the building, Saffa struggled with them and briefly broke free, DeTrollo said. The suspect rushed for a nearby door, but that passageway did not lead out of the secure area.

Back-up officers responded, and quickly had Saffa under control, DeTrollo said. Despite the brief breakaway, the suspect never escaped the secure area or was free of police custody, he said.

DeTrollo said the sheriff's office contemplated filing charges in connection with the escape attempt, but decided to allow the county jail to take in-house administrative disciplinary measures instead.

Nonetheless, Saffa is facing additional charges this week. Cranford Lt. Stephen Wilde said the township police department has filed two additional counts of carjacking, two counts of assault, and one count of unlawful taking for means of conveyance in connection with the spree.

Those charges are in addition to the one count each of carjacking, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest and attempting to disarm a law enforcement officer filed last week in Cranford immediately after the incident.

Wilde said the additional charges did not increase Saffa's bail amount of \$180,000.

Saffa was also charged last week with another count of carjacking by the Roselle Police Department.

Saffa allegedly attempted to carjack one vehicle in the South Avenue train station parking lot and several more in the Krauser's lot in the span of 10 minutes Nov. 11. He is also accused of assaulting two people in the process.

When the last attempt was successful, say police, Saffa crashed the vehicle in Roselle, just over the Cranford border. There, he allegedly attempted to carjack another vehicle and tried to take the gun from the holster of Cranford Officer John Heesters.

The charges against Saffa have now been referred to a grand jury for an indictment, DeTrollo said.

Staff writer Lauren Trainor contributed to this report.

Another resident infected by WNV

By GREG MARX
THE RECORD-PRESS

A Cranford resident was diagnosed last month with West Nile Virus — the 31st case this year in New Jersey, and the second in the township alone.

The resident, a 31-year-old man whose identity has not been disclosed, first reported symptoms of fever, headache, stiff neck, photophobia, rash, nausea and vomiting Oct. 15, according to the state Department of Health and Senior Services. He was hospitalized Oct. 22 and diagnosed with meningitis. He was discharged Nov. 1 and is recovering at home.

The department did not specify where the man was treated or speculate where he might have contracted the disease. Mosquito populations have tested positive for the

virus across New Jersey.

Township Health Officer Warren Hehl said he had no additional information about the latest case.

The first case of the virus in Cranford this year affected a 74-year-old township man who was hospitalized Sept. 9 with an initial diagnosis of encephalitis. According to the latest information provided by the Department of Health, he was improving.

The number of cases in the state this year has already surpassed the total for 2002, 26. The disease has killed two New Jersey residents in 2003.

While the arrival of the first hard frost means the virus carrying-mosquito populations should be killed off for the winter, Hehl said the latest case stresses how important it is to take precautions against the disease during warmer months, such as wearing longer clothes, using insect repellent, eliminating standing water and avoiding outdoor exposure during dawn and dusk.

"Everybody thinks it's going to happen to somebody else and doesn't take any precautions," he said. "This shows that even young people can contract it."

For more information about West Nile Virus, visit the Department of Health website at <http://www.state.nj.us/health>. For more on how to control its spread, contact the Union County Bureau of Mosquito Control at (908) 654-9834.

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BEST BETS

Meet the authors at Town Book Store

The Town Book Store of Westfield will host two diverse author appearances Saturday. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Westfield native George Smith will be in the store to promote his children's picture book, "Journey of the Little Red Boat." This children's book is based on an actual incident in which a little red boat broke away from its mooring, floated down the tidal Medomak River near the coast of Maine, and was recovered by the author near the village of Medomak. It has several emotional encounters with rocks, sailboats, a seal and cormorant birds.

Then, from 2 to 4 p.m., New Jersey authors Laura Schenone will be in the store to promote her new book, "A Thousand Years Over a Hot Stove: A History of American Women Told Through Food, Recipes, and Remembrances" — a stunningly-illustrated book that celebrates the power of food throughout American history and in women's lives. Filled with classic recipes and inspirational stories, this book will make you think twice about the food on your plate. From church bake sales to microwaving moms, this book is a celebration of women's lives, homes, and communities. Over 50 recipes are beautifully presented along with over 100 images from artists, photographers, and rare sources.

For more information, call the Town Book Store, (908) 233-3535.

Talent showcase at Scotch Hills Nov. 28

Sisters Inq of the North Plainfield area will host a talent showcase 7 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Scotch Hills Country Club, Jerusalem Road, Scotch Plains. Tickets are \$15 in advance. Proceeds will benefit their scholarship fund. Seating is limited.

Singers, dancers, musicians, comedians and poets will showcase their talent. Cash prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be served.

For information or registration call (908) 412-1901 or e-mail sistersinq02@yahoo.com.

'Play it Again' at Elizabeth Playhouse

The Elizabeth Playhouse will present "Play It Again Sam" by Woody Allen, Nov. 21-Dec. 21 at 1100 East Jersey St. in Elizabeth. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The cost for general admission is \$10; students and seniors, \$6. For reservations call (908) 355-0077. For more information, visit on the web at www.elizabethplayhouse.com.

"Play It Again Sam," the best of Woody Allen's early plays, is about Allan Felix, the story's hero, who is a lonely, hapless nerd, socially inept, recently divorced, who is trying to cope with the sexual revolution of the sixties. He writes movie reviews for a living and is obsessed with Humphrey Bogart's uncanny ability to attract women and casually discard them. The original Broadway production opened on Feb. 12, 1969.

Country Folk Art back at Raritan Center

The Country Folk Art Craft Show returns to the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center at Raritan Center in Edison, Dec. 5-7, featuring more than 200 of the finest artisan-exhibitors.

Show hours are Friday, 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a \$7 admission fee. Admission is valid for show re-entry all weekend.

"We've had an overwhelming response to our Country Folk Art Craft Shows in Edison over the years," said Rhonda Blakely, show co-producer. "By popular demand, we're adding a beautiful holiday show this year with outstanding, hand selected artists and crafters from the greater Bay Area and nationwide." Every participant is juried and selected for their outstanding workmanship and integrity of creative design.

For more information on Country Folk Art Craft Shows, write: 15045 Dixie Hwy, Holly, MI 48442, call (248) 634-4151, fax (248) 634-3718, e-mail info@countryfolkart.com or visit www.CountryFolkArt.com.

Choral Evensong at St. Paul's



A choral evensong celebrating the Feast of Christ the King will be sung by the St. Paul's Choir in Westfield 4 p.m. Sunday. The service will include works of Hancock, Walmisley, Wesley and Mathias. A reception will follow, and the public is invited to attend. St. Paul's is located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield, across from the municipal building. For more information, call (908) 232-8506 ext. 17.

Skulski Gallery opens exhibit featuring tapestries, photos

Guests can meet artists Nina Kedzierska, Jim Hons Friday

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present an exhibit of tapestry by Nina Kedzierska and photography by Jim Hons Nov. 21-Dec. 19. A "Meet the Artists" reception is scheduled 8-10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Kedzierska is a tapestry artist famous and highly esteemed not only in Poland, but also in the world. She was born and raised in Gdansk, a city saturated with atmosphere of art and history. As early as grammar school, she was spending a great deal of time taking art lessons in the studio of an eminent local painter Ignacy Klukowski, a follower of the Parisian school of Impressionism. Her further education proceeded in the so-called "Sopot School," where she was influenced by the works of professor Jacek Zulawski.

"The world presented by the artist is not a concrete reflection of the outside reality but the effect of her subjective seeing, her vision of our world. (Kedzierska) transforms the inspiration coming from the outside world onto surface composition of her tapestry and makes it such a way to express a

formal order, aesthetic harmony and her own expression. Kedzierska manages to limit showing her emotions while consenting to decorativeness and clear simplicity," says Adam Pawlak.

Hons recently became serious about 35-mm photography, which has been a hobby of his for more than 20 years. His collection includes scenery and cityscapes from both Europe and the United States.

Hons' recent travels to Germany and Poland resulted in many photos and slides of Bremen, Bremen, Cologne, Gdansk and Krakow. His experience left him with a strong urge to return again to the latter two cities, which he found to be charming and uplifting.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Hons attained a Master of Arts degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Pittsburgh in 1985. His American ancestry includes both Pennsylvania Dutch and Native American relatives. He moved to New Jersey in 1989.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, just off Exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway. The Skulski Gallery is open to the public Tuesday to Friday, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For more information, call Aleksandra K. Nowak at (732) 382-7197.

'Sight and Sound' concert comes to Kean in December

Area residents are invited to stay tuned for a unique jazz experience in Kean University's newly remodeled Wilkins Theatre. Renowned jazz musicians will present a concert, "Jazz Pictures," 8 p.m. Dec. 11 in the 950-seat theatre on the main campus at 1000 Morris Avenue in Union.

The program will feature Kean's affiliate artist in saxophone and jazz, Andy Fusco, who will present the eminent Walt Weiskopf Sextet, of which Fusco is a member. The concert is the second in this year's Affiliate Artist Concert Series. It will feature a single composition, Weiskopf's "Sight to Sound," made possible by a grant from Chamber Music America's New Works Creation

Program, funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

"Sight to Sound" is a multi-movement work with each section reflecting a famous artist or aspect of the graphic arts. The movement titles are: Salvador (for Dalí); Pablo (for Picasso); Sight, Sound (for Van Gogh); Canvas; Toulouse (for Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec); and Camille (for Picasso).

The use of first or nicknames as movement titles is a reflection of a practice in the jazz community of identifying great musicians with only their colorful first names, like Dizzy, Miles, Ornette and Thelonious. "Sight to Sound" will be performed as a multi-media presentation; images and great art, appropriate to each musical section, will be projected as the band plays.

Walt Weiskopf and Andy Fusco are also musicians of the highest caliber, and Weiskopf, a tenor saxophonist, is famous in other jazz circles. He tours regularly with Steely Dan. Recognized as composer and teacher, Weiskopf has received three grants from the National Endowment for the Arts to fund New York performances of his

music. He has given clinics and concerts at the Paris Conservatory, the Richard Strauss Conservatory in Munich, Germany, and at a number of outstanding music schools in the United States. He has lectured and coached at the Manhattan School of Music, the Eastman School of Music, The Aaron Copland School of Music, and is currently on the faculty at New Jersey City University.

Fusco, in addition to being an affiliate artist at Kean, where he runs the jazz program, is the leader of several of his own jazz ensembles, and he also performs with the John Pizzarelli Octet, well known for its Foxwoods Casino commercial and CD.

Fusco first came to notice as a member of the Buddy Rich Big Band. From 1978 to 1983, he was the lead alto saxophonist of the band and has since toured with a number of esteemed performers including Gerry Mulligan, Mel Lewis and Frank Sinatra.

Weiskopf and Fusco are linked in a number of ways. Weiskopf credits Fusco as being a mentor and an important influence. Both performed with Buddy Rich. They often perform in small ensembles together, and both musicians have CDs that have been awarded impressive 4 1/2 - star reviews in Down Beat Magazine.

"Andy has performed a brilliant jazz recital at Kean every year since the Affiliate Artist Concert Program began," said Dr. Anthony Scelba, program founder and director. "This year, we anticipate his concert being the best ever. I can't wait!"

Admission is \$10, and tickets are available at the door and from the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at (908) 737-SHOW (7469). Discounts are available for students, alumni, faculty, staff and seniors.

CDC is set to go back to 'School'

CRANFORD — The Cranford Dramatic Club will be presenting its Children's Theater production of "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." Dec. 6-8. This fun and energetic musical is based on the Emmy-award winning educational cartoon series, and continues CDC's annual holiday tradition of shows for the young and young at heart.

Carl Barber Steele, a CDC veteran popular in both local and professional theatrical venues, directs this year's production. Art Kusiv, producer, says, "It's a lively show filled with catchy tunes, dancing and interaction with the audience. It's a great favorite of children of all ages, as well as adults, and will stimulate the imagination of all."

"Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr." includes a cast of both CDC veterans and newcomers. Rick Brown returns to the CDC stage as Tom, the schoolteacher who anxiously awaits his first day on the job. Arriving just in time to provide Tom with the inspiration he needs is the Schoolhouse Rock bunch, portrayed by CDC veterans Ed Witte, Melissa Lederstedt, Paul Sadowski, Jr. and newcomers Freddy Mack and Brittanee Smith McGee.

The Cranford Dramatic Club is located at 78 Winans Avenue, off Centennial Avenue near Exit 130 of the Garden State Parkway in Cranford. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6, 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6; and 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Dec. 7. Tickets are \$8 and can be reserved at the box office by calling (908) 276-7611.



Golden Lights lead a 'Celebration'

The Golden Lights, a performing group of senior citizens in their eighth year of presenting programs to senior groups in Union County and surrounding areas. The current presentation, "Celebration," is the fourth program by this group from Evangel Church in Scotch Plains. "Celebration" consists of secular songs as well as songs of the church observing holidays throughout the year. For further information about the group, which operates under the direction of Gail Tornquist, call (908) 322-9300. Evangel Church is located at 1251 Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains.

UCAC set to celebrate 75th anniversary

The Union County Arts Center will be "The Brightest Spot in Town" Jan. 17 when it celebrates its 75th anniversary and kicks off the second half of the season with a night of warm memories and great entertainment.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a cocktail party featuring hors d'oeuvres and an open wine and beer bar. Guests will be able to view visual displays and videos detailing the theater's rich history while enjoying the sounds of the mighty Wurlitzer organ. Then they will take their seats in the lavishly restored theater for a special performance by New Jersey comedy legend "Uncle Floyd" Vivino. Afterwards, coffee and desserts will be served and guests will have a chance to meet and chat

with Uncle Floyd, who performed at some of the Arts Center's early fund-raising events.

Tickets for the cocktail party are \$25 per person and can be ordered by calling the Union County Arts Center box office at (732) 499-8226.

The Union County Arts Center opened as the Railway Theatre on Oct. 16, 1928, and quickly earned its nickname as "The Brightest Spot in Town." After an early stint as a vaudeville motion picture showplace, it continued to show the latest in film entertainment until falling into disrepair in the late 1970s early 1980s. It was purchased Sept. 11, 1981, by Railway Landmarks Inc., an organization founded by a group of people committed to restoring the theater to its former

grandeur and operating it as a regional performing arts center. It was officially renamed the Union County Arts Center in 1985 and has been featuring a full season of performances for the past 17 years.

The Union County Arts Center is the hub of a richly diverse arts district. The theatre, located just two blocks from the New Jersey Transit train station, is a jewel in the midst of the city. Recent renovations have transformed the RKO movie house into a magnificent performing arts center complete with burgundy velvet curtains and gold leaf. Local restaurants are within walking distance of the theatre and represent the various cultures that are part of the district.

The Union County Arts

Center is a not for profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performances. The theatre is handicapped accessible and group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased by phone by calling Ticket Central at (732) 499-8226, or in person at the Union County Arts Center box office located at 1001 Irving St., Railway Master Card, Visa, American Express, and Discover are accepted.

Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Rahway Savings Institution and Liberty Bank. Other funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

'Winnie the Pooh' production takes the stage next weekend

The Forum Theatre Company of Metuchen is proud to announce the acclaimed A Kid's Forum production of "A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol," playing Nov. 29 through Dec. 28.

A perennial favorite at the Forum, "Pooh" is written by the team of New Jersey artists, Paul Whelihan (book) and Paul Farinella (music and lyrics). The tale is an adaptation of the classic Charles Dickens novel as retold with the beloved A.A. Milne Hundred Acre Wood characters. Filled with wit, warmth and whimsy, it recounts the events of one fateful Christmas Eve for the miserly "Rabbinezer Scrooge" (Rabbit).

Scrooge is taught some valuable life lessons, including the true meaning of giving and the importance of family as he is visited by the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future (all embodied by Pooh Bear). Along this look at his life's journey, Rabbinezer encounters his long lost business partner, "Jacob Meeyoreley" (Eeyore the Donkey) and his teacher from his school days, "Professor Owl Fezzwig" (Owl).

Rabbinezer must examine his relationships with his clerk, "Tigger Cratchet" (Tigger) and Cratchet's family, "Kanga Cratchet," (Kanga) and "Piggy Tim" (Piglet). All occurs with the help and guidance of Pooh's owner and friend, Christopher Robin.

The production is directed by Paul Whelihan and features the playful and inventive costumes of Inbal Gildin, whose fanciful pieces made from foam, fabric and textiles have graced stages, trade shows, industrials and revues in America, Israel and Paris.

The cast features the following performers: Rabbinezer Scrooge is played by Glenn Klein, Christopher Robin is Anthony Claus, Winnie the Pooh is Patrick Starega, Kanga is Aileen Goldberg, Piglet is Keara Hailey, Tigger is Eben Gordon, Owl is Howard M. Whitmore and Eeyore is Sean Morris. Musical Direction is by Christine Cardino and choreography is by Patrick Starega.

A Kid's Forum productions are performed by professional actors (Actors' Equity Association) with colorful sets and imaginative costuming. Cast members meet and greet the children after each per-

formance, signing autographs and having their pictures taken with new friends from the audience. Tickets are \$15 for general admission with group rates available, and can be ordered by calling the box office at 732-548-0582. For more information, visit the Forum website at www.forumtheatrecompany.com.

The Forum Theatre Company, a not-for-profit regional theatre, is a member of NJ Theatre Alliance (the State's coalition of professional theatres) and Actors' Equity Association (the union for stage performers) and is funded in part by NJ State Council on the Arts, a partner agent of the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional funding comes from Yellow Book USA, Lucent Technologies, Schering Plough Corporation, Hyde & Watson Foundation, PSE & G, Pfizer Foundation, Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation, The Grand Marier Foundation, E.J. Grassman Trust, Target Stores, The Stephanie E. Laucius Educational and Charitable Foundation, Chase Manhattan Foundation, Exxon Mobil Corporation, McMaster Carr and numerous individuals.



Local resident stars in college production

Cranford resident Edward Egan is featured in a production of "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" at Rider University running Friday and Saturday in the Fine Arts Center's Yvonne Theater on Rider's Lawrenceville campus. The curtain rises on each show at 8 p.m. Egan, a fine arts major, makes his acting debut at Rider as Randall P. McMurphy. Egan, shown above, is the recipient of a four-year acting scholarship at Rider. He has performed major roles at Forum Theater, a professional company located in Metuchen. Last summer, he was a Theater Scholar at the New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts. A graduate of Seton Hall Prep, he is the son of Edward Jr. and Cheryl Egan. For information on the show, call (609) 896-5303 or the fine arts department at (609) 896-5168.



Thanksgiving Dining



Some tips on how to keep that silver shiny

(ARA) — If you're anywhere near typical, your finest silver and flatware gets at least three-quarters of its use during one-quarter of the year — the November through January holiday season. Paradoxically, this is also the season of greatest risk to the beauty and long life of your treasured silver pieces.

"As we approach the holiday season, consumer calls and letters skyrocket on how to 'undo' a damaged piece of silver," said Alison J. Guterman, COO of Jelmar, makers of Tarn-X (R) Tarnish Remover and Silver Glaze. "The best advice that we can give consumers is to know what caused tarnish and to give their silver a consistent care program."

The biggest myth among consumers, says Guterman, is that tarnish is caused by exposure to air, and therefore silver should be

hidden away in cupboards and sideboards until ready to use. "The opposite is true — the more frequently you use your silver, the less it will tarnish," says Guterman.

"Tarnish is actually the result of a chemical reaction between the silver and sulfur," she explains, "and trace amounts of sulfur occur everywhere, including in the air." Consumers might be surprised to learn that sulfur is a natural by-product of heating fuels and gas used for cooking — both of which have their heaviest usage during the winter months. Sulfur is also naturally present in many foods. The familiar dark spots that peas often leave in silver serving dishes, for example, are caused by the sulfur in peas. Although it's harmless, tarnish gives silver a dark, unpleasant appearance.

Another holiday season threat to silver comes from flowers — sil-

ver reacts to the acids and sap from flowers. A silver piece used as a vase for a cut flower arrangement or to hold the holiday poinsettia needs protection.

While silver pieces that are actually in use are less likely to tarnish, Guterman points out, they are exposed to greater risk of damage in handling. Silver pieces should always be washed individually by hand and never in the dishwasher because the detergent film may build up. Here is the three-step care program recommended by the Tarn-X experts:

— First Step: Hot, Soap-and-water Wash. The first line of defense with any silver piece, whether sterling or silver plate, is to remove dirt and grime by washing each piece in hot soapy water and drying it thoroughly immediately after each use. Frequent use and washing lessens the ability of tarnish to form. You need hot water and soap to remove dripped wax on a silver menorah, for example, or the dirt, dust and grease that build up on the surface of silver bells hung from the doorway. Don't be alarmed if you see some tarnish developing on the tines of your silver forks, even though they are frequently washed. The points often tarnish because of their almost-constant contact with food.

— Second Step: Removing Tarnish. This is actually the easy part. Simply apply Tarn-X or a sim-

ilar product with a soft cloth, wiping it on the clean piece of silver, and it will remove the tarnish; the mild "chemical" odor is actually from the sulfur coming off the silver. Don't rub — rubbing is not necessary, and may be harmful to the silver. If the tarnish is extremely heavy, use a second application. Unlike silver polishes, Tarn-X is faster acting, less messy and less abrasive to silver. This is the key to preserving your silver — remove the tarnish, but limit the frequency of polishing silver, as all polishes remove some of the silver.

After the tarnish is removed, rinse the piece completely, this time in cold water, and immediately dry it thoroughly to avoid spots. Don't use hot water for this wash, as it might cause some streaking.

— Final Step: Polish with Silver Glaze. This finishing touch will show your silver at its best, and will help minimize the effect of wear spots and other marks. Be wary of products that combine tarnish remover and polish, as excessive rubbing and buffing can damage the silver.

"With this simple three-step process, you can bring your silver up to its finest appearance without a last-minute rush, and get the fullest enjoyment from it all through the season," says Guterman.

For more tips on caring for your silver, visit www.jelmar.com.

This holiday season, prepare a meal every guest can enjoy

(ARA) — Turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry and pumpkin pie will be on the menus at a lot of holiday parties this year, but not everyone will be able to enjoy these traditional holiday treats. People who have diabetes — a disorder of the metabolism in which their body has trouble converting food into energy — must pay close attention to everything they eat. Their bodies do not have the mechanisms necessary to properly regulate their blood sugar levels.

Diabetes affects about 17 million Americans so chances are good someone who has the illness will attend your next holiday party. Since you don't want anyone to feel left out, here are some tips to help you get through the party planning season:

— For the main meal, offer your guests variety. Have fish, poultry and lean cuts of beef, veal or pork available so there will be something for everyone. Remove the skin — which is high in fat — from poultry. This will benefit not only diabetics, but everyone at your party.

— Instead of creamy mashed potatoes, which are high in carbohydrates, offer a variety of grains and fresh vegetables for side dishes. Those items are all on the Diabetic Food Pyramid and good for everyone. Keep in mind, basic foods are always the safest. Avoid sauces, and casseroles, especially those with cheese and cream sauces.

— For dessert, provide your guests with healthy, low-carb alternatives to the sweet holiday treats. Put out platters with bagel chips, pretzels, low fat crackers, raw fruits and vegetables.

"People with diabetes must avoid foods high in carbohydrates because they send the body's blood sugar levels soaring," says Gary Janson, president of American Medical Supply, a Florida-based diabetic supplies company that serves clients in all 50 states. "When you eat, your body breaks down all carbohydrates, and some portion of proteins, into a sugar substance called glucose. The hormone, insulin, directs glucose to enter the cells, creating energy."

In a regular, healthy person, the body carefully monitors the amount of sugar which is circulated in the blood and removes it when high levels are detected. Diabetics' bodies either produce inadequate levels of insulin or none at all, so their blood sugar level is chronically high. Over time, patients with diabetes can develop such complications as blindness, kidney disease, nerve damage, heart disease, stroke, increased risk of infections or even amputations.

During the holidays, especially, when temptation is great, it's a good idea for people who have diabetes to regularly check their blood sugar levels. The cost of testing supplies can exceed \$1,200 a year for someone who tests their blood sugar three times a day. To help patients avoid this expense, companies such as American Medical Supplies specialize in taking the hassle out of ordering and paying for supplies by billing insurance providers and Medicare directly, with no upfront cost to the patient.

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Kean Choir performs Sunday at Trinity Church in Cranford

The Kean University Concert Choir will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday as the opening concert of Trinity Church's 2003-04 Concert Series in Cranford. The suggested donation is \$10.

Under the direction of Dr. Mark Terenzi, the choir's 50 singers have performed Vivaldi's "Magnificat" and "Gloria" as well as Mozart's "Laudate Dominum" and the first movement of Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms." The choir's repertoire also includes world music sung in French, Spanish, Russian, German, Zulu, and Chinese.

Prior to this year's tour, the group toured Washington, D.C., Montreal and Baltimore. In Washington they were honored

with a standing ovation in Foundry United Methodist Church and, in Montreal, the group performed at the prestigious Chapelle Historique de Bon Pasteur. The choir toured Boston in April 2003, including a performance at historic Old North Church.

Terenzi is a tenured Associate Professor of Music at Kean. He joined the faculty in 1997 as department chair and choral director. He studied piano at the Juilliard Pre-College Division, and holds a masters and doctorate in choral conducting from Indiana University. As a pianist, he won the Young Artists Competition of the South Orange Symphony and he played Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 with the orchestra.

He has taught at Rutgers University, William Paterson University, and Blackburn College in Illinois.

Trinity's "Music in a Sacred Place" concert series is a non-profit, self-supporting program that brings professional musicians into Trinity's sacred space for the enjoyment of Trinity's congregation, the Cranford community, and music lovers throughout New Jersey.

Next up in the concert series, at 4 p.m. on Dec. 14, is an Advent program featuring the Trinity Choir.

Trinity Episcopal Church is located at the corner of North and Forest Avenues in Cranford. Call the church, (908) 276-4047 for more information.

Receive 'Gift' of music this Sunday

Music lovers, mark the calendar. At 3 p.m. Sunday, the Musical Club of Westfield will present a special concert at the Westfield Baptist Church on Elm Street.

Titled "A Musical Gift," the event will celebrate great music, great local talent with a gift for music, and the club's scholarship gifts, which advance the studies of promising young musicians.

Twelve performers, comprising vocalists and instrumentalists, scholarship winners and seasoned musicians, will perform a varied program of solo and ensemble pieces. Works by Fauré and Debussy, Brahms and Beethoven, Debussy and Ravel, Schubert, Mozart, and Haydn, among others, will be presented.

Tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased at the door or by calling (908) 789-9353. Proceeds from this biennial event will support the club's scholarship fund.

A reception and refreshments will follow the two-hour concert.

Co-chairpersons of the concert are Audrey Feathers and Mary Beth McFall. Committee members are Rosemary Bauer, Bill Belcher, Daniel Belcher, Jenny Cline and Kay Macrae.

The program will include solo performances by three current scholarship recipients: Andy Bhasin, violin; Elizabeth Grausso, flute; and Kristin Joham, horn; all college juniors at New York University, Vanderbilt University, and Cincinnati Conservatory, respectively. They will join club members George Toenes, clarinet, and Peggy Tristram, cello, in an instrumental ensemble performance of Ravel's "Valse des Nobles et Sentimentales."

A former scholarship recipient while an undergraduate at

Carnegie Mellon, Christina Martos Hilton, soprano, now a master's candidate at Yale University's Opera Program, will sing selections by Strauss, Debussy, and De Falla.

Club members Mary Beth McFall, Beverly Thomson Shea, and Marie-Danielle Mercier will be accompanists. Club member and pianist Sanja Rathkovic, a native of Yugoslavia, will perform "Chaconne in D minor" by Bach-Busoni, and "Three Intermezzi, Op. 117," by Brahms.

Soprano Olive Lynch, also a club member, a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory with a Master's in Opera from the Curtis Institute, will sing selections by Mozart, Fauré, and Haydn. She will be joined by Paul McCullen, guest clarinetist, in a performance of Schubert's "Shepherd on the Rock."

and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2560. NJ Relay users can dial 711 or send email to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Deutsch photos on display at Pearl St.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the opening of an exhibit by photographer Martin Deutsch in the new gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 833 Pearl St. in downtown Elizabeth.

"The exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery is by award-winning photographer Martin Deutsch of Springfield," said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah P. Scanlon. "We are pleased to display a retrospective of Mr. Deutsch's impressive body of work."

Deutsch was awarded first prize in the Merck 2003 Union County Juried Art Show. His photo of the old train station in Springfield won the Star-Ledger's Photos of New Jersey contest and the photograph hangs in the newspaper's permanent collection.

Deutsch also won a *Parade Magazine* photo contest and various other prizes.

"We are proud to see the beautiful and historic St. John's Parsonage great hall put to use as a gallery to showcase county visual artists," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

Deutsch's photographs have been published in many magazines and newspapers, including *Women's Day*, *Modern Photography*, the *New York Daily News*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and the *Bergen Record*. His photographs are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery until Dec. 18. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural

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416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway (732) 968-7555; www.circleplayers.com

"Jane Eyre," musical adaptation of Charlotte Brontë novel. 8 p.m. Nov. 21, 22. Admission \$15; discounts available.

FORUM THEATRE

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

"The Little Mermaid," live musical version of animated movie. To Nov. 22. Admission \$12.50; group rates available. Call for showtimes.

GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (732) 246-7717; www.georgest-playhouse.org

"A Walk in the Woods," Cold War drama by Lee Blessing. To Dec. 14. Admission \$52-\$28; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE Performing Arts Center Route 514, Edison (732) 906-2589; www.middlesex-cc.edu

"Inspecting Carol," comedy that borrows from "A Christmas Carol." 8 p.m. Nov. 21, 22; 2 p.m. Nov. 23. Adults \$10; students, seniors \$7.

THE NEW THEATER, Rutgers University

85 George St., New Brunswick (732) 932-7511; mgsa.rutgers.edu

"The Elephant Man," local production of stage play/movie about the real-life John Merrick. 8 p.m. Nov. 20-22. Admission \$20-\$10.

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"Oliver!" Broadway/movie musical with multicultural cast. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 22, 2 p.m. Nov. 23. Adults \$12; seniors, under 12 \$8.

VILLAGERS THEATRE 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 873-2710; www.villagers-theatre.com

"Kiss Me Kate," local production of Broadway/movie musical. 8 p.m. Nov. 21, 22; 2 p.m. Nov. 23. Admission \$18.

COMING UP

VILLAGERS THEATRE 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset (732) 985-3084, (732) 355-1147

"Honk!" a quacking comedy with an all-child cast. 8 p.m. Nov. 28, Dec. 5; 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 29, Dec. 6; 2 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7. Admission \$10; group rates available.

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THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

10 A.M. Nov. 29, 30 Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Dr., Millburn (973) 376-4343; www.papermill.org

Musical based on the C.S. Lewis story. Admission \$10, \$9.

SIMPLE GIFTS

1 and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 30 Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.rvccarts.org

Hanukkah and Christmas in the same venue. Admission \$9.

SNOW WHITE

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Events

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New Jersey Exposition Center, Raritan Center, Edison (800) 631-0062; www.pcshows.com

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Concerts

CHERISH THE LADIES

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 Theatre at Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28, Branchburg (908) 725-3420; www.rvccarts.org

Christmas music from an all-woman Irish band. Admission \$27, \$22.

CHICAGO

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatre-nj.org

Began life as a rock band with horns, then morphed into an 80's power-ballad group. Admission \$78-\$36.

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8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 State Theatre, 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick (877) STATE 11; www.statetheatre-nj.org

Afro-Cuban musician fronts the Turtle Island String Quartet. Admission \$28-\$18.

FOLK, BLUES AND ROOTS

8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 Watchung Arts Center, Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchung-arts.org

Singer-songwriter showcase featuring Jamie Glass and Shane Salek. Admission \$15, \$10.

KINGS ROAD

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 Watchung Arts Center, Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchung-arts.org

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BONNIE RIDEOUT

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RANDY SANDKE/HOWARD

ALDEN/GREG COHEN 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24 Watchung Arts Center, Watchung Circle, Watchung (908) 753-0190; www.watchung-arts.org

Jazz trio of trumpet, guitar and bass, respectively. Admission \$13.

Star Shows

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Route 28, Branchburg (908) 231-8805; www.raritanval.edu/planetarium

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"Laser Lite" show, 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 22. Admission \$5.

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Toni Bentley on the "Sisters of Salome," 3 p.m. Nov. 23. "Soviet Artists, Jewish Imagery," to Nov. 21.

"The Illustrator's World: The Art of Maginel Wright Barney," to Jan. 4.

Cartoon "Themes in Focus," to Jan. 4.

Old Soviet "nonconformist" art, to Jan. 4.

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Committee member Robert Allen has assembled a slide show presentation largely from publicly available photos from the occupation depicting what the group considers to be the very repressive nature of the United States and its allied occupying forces.

Said organizer Leigh Davis, "The slide presentation is designed for a broad audience, not necessarily only for those who opposed the U.S. invasion. We encourage all to attend, to bring an open mind, and to participate in the discussion that follows with their questions, statements, concerns. We are confident that a growing consensus is questioning and even opposing the U.S. occupa-

tion and that through such discussions, the consensus can be galvanized into a movement that will effectively and eventually bring about the end of the occupation."

Among the issues to be addressed are the "weapons of mass destruction" scandal, the effects of the "shock and awe" bombings and invasion, the rise of the Shiite political power in Iraq, the role of the Kurdish parties, the failure of U.S. occupation authorities to provide rudimentary needs in parts of Iraq, the control of Iraq's oil by the U.S., the role of the United Nations and other nations in the Iraq occupation, and the aspirations of the Iraqi people for independence and national sovereignty.

For more information about the program or to schedule such an event, call the Committee to End the Occupation of Iraq at (908) 881-5275 or visit <http://www.EndOccIraaq.org>.

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Pictured from left are Janet Weston, director of volunteer services at CSH; Kim Davis, co-chair of the MPI Marketing Committee; Christine Schmieder, past president of MPI-NJ; Phil Salerno, executive director of the CSH Foundation; Joanne Joham, co-chair of the MPI Marketing committee; and Craig Hendrick of Hilton International.

MPI picks Children's as its charity

The New Jersey Chapter of Meeting Professionals International has announced that Children's Specialized Hospital has been chosen as the organization's designated charity.

Members of MPI-NJ presented Phil Salerno, executive director of the hospital's foundation, with toys to be used for the patients at the hospital facilities. In addition, a check in the amount of \$3,125, reflecting a percentage of the proceeds from the MPI-NJ Golf Tournament and the MPI-NJ Gala Dinner, was also donated to the hospital to directly benefit the children.

According to Christine Schmieder, under whose presidency the charity partnership was designated, "One of the goals I set forth when accepting the presidency of MPI-NJ was to promote and solidify a relationship with a charitable organization which reflected the ideals of MPI-NJ and one which the entire membership could embrace. I am pleased to present Children's Specialized Hospital with our gifts and

donations which are representative of the generosity of our entire membership."

Coordinating the charitable giving effort is the Public Relations and Marketing Committee under the leadership of Joanne Joham of Mountainside and Kim Davis of Staten Island. "The support of our members during the recent toy drive was overwhelming and far exceeded our expectations," said Joham. "We are so pleased to form this partnership with Children's and look forward to implementing additional programs during the next year. Most importantly, we are delighted to be able to share our professional talents to improve the lives of special needs children and look forward to being considered a key contributor to Children's Specialized Hospital."

The membership of MPI-NJ is comprised of meeting planners, event managers, hoteliers, and industry suppliers. For further information about MPI-New Jersey, contact Chapter Headquarters at (732) 536.5135.

Take tour of new CSH facility

The public is invited to an open house Dec. 12 for Children's Specialized Hospital's new 8,500-square-foot ambulatory services center at 316 West Westfield Ave. in Roselle Park. Tours, a light breakfast and ribbon cutting ceremony will highlight the open house, which will be held 9-11 a.m.

Those interested in attending should contact Children's at (908) 301-5424 by Dec. 4. Children's Pediatric Practice for chronically ill children and the hospital's Pediatric Medical Day Care Center for medically fragile children provide services at the new site, which will serve approximately 1,000 children annually.

"This new site in Roselle Park will provide a beautiful environment to serve children with both medical concerns and developmental issues," said Amy B. Mansue, Children's President and CEO. "These children have many medical needs and our talented staff can help them learn to walk, eat and play. Among the many medical issues addressed are premature birth, chronic lung disease and feeding problems."

The Pediatric Medical Day Care Center, previously located in Elizabeth, provides a comprehensive program to meet the special health, education and social needs of medically involved and/or physically disabled children. Services include nursing, special education, physical, occupational and speech therapies, nutritional counseling, parent education, support group and transportation.

"While it is important that a child's medical and nursing needs are taken care of, it is equally important that a child is involved in activities to promote their cognitive, emotional, physical and social growth," said Barbara Slagous, manager of Medical Day Care. Typical daily activities at the center include:

- Circle time: singing, finger play, music, story time
- Educational activities
- Group and individualized developmental play activities
- Free play time, indoors or outside

To enroll in the program children must be between three months old and age 3 and must be medically involved and/or have a physical disability requiring skilled nursing care. Children cared for at the center can include those with tracheostomies, gastrostomies, seizure disorders, heart and cerebral palsy, lung disease, hydrocephalus, spina bifida, asthma, down syndrome, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, visual/hearing impair-

ments, and metabolic disorders. Transportation to and from the center, within a limited distance, is provided for families unable to transport their children. For more information, please call the center at (908) 259-4330.

The Pediatric Practice, which also offers services in Newark, provides quality pediatric healthcare for children and adolescents from birth through 21 years with single or multiple disabilities. All aspects of primary and preventive care are provided. Siblings of chronically ill children treated at the practice can also receive care, so families do not have to take their children to multiple providers.

"The family and the practice staff work together as a team," said Maria Regan, Pediatric Practice Manager. "Each child's family is encouraged to be involved in his or her care and all decision-making. Most importantly, the Pediatric Practice provides convenient access to an experienced physician who is familiar with the patient and his or her medical needs."

The Pediatric Practice staff includes pediatricians from Children's Specialized Hospital who are experienced in caring for children with special needs and a patient care coordinator and registered nurse. Physicians are on call 24 hours a day.

The comprehensive pediatric care provided by the practice covers routine as well as acute health issues. Physicians can care for health problems that are due to a disability, problems that are a general health concern such as an ear infection, provide immunizations and screenings, and provide follow-up care after a hospitalization or special procedure. For more information, please call the practice at (908) 259-3300.

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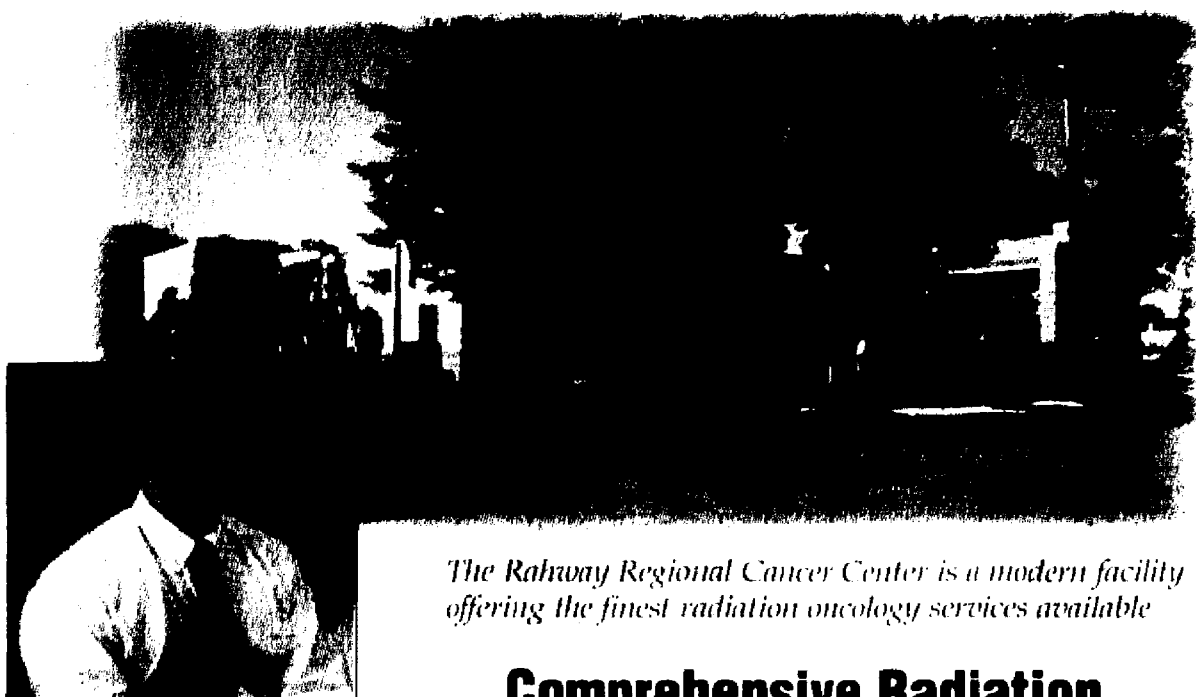
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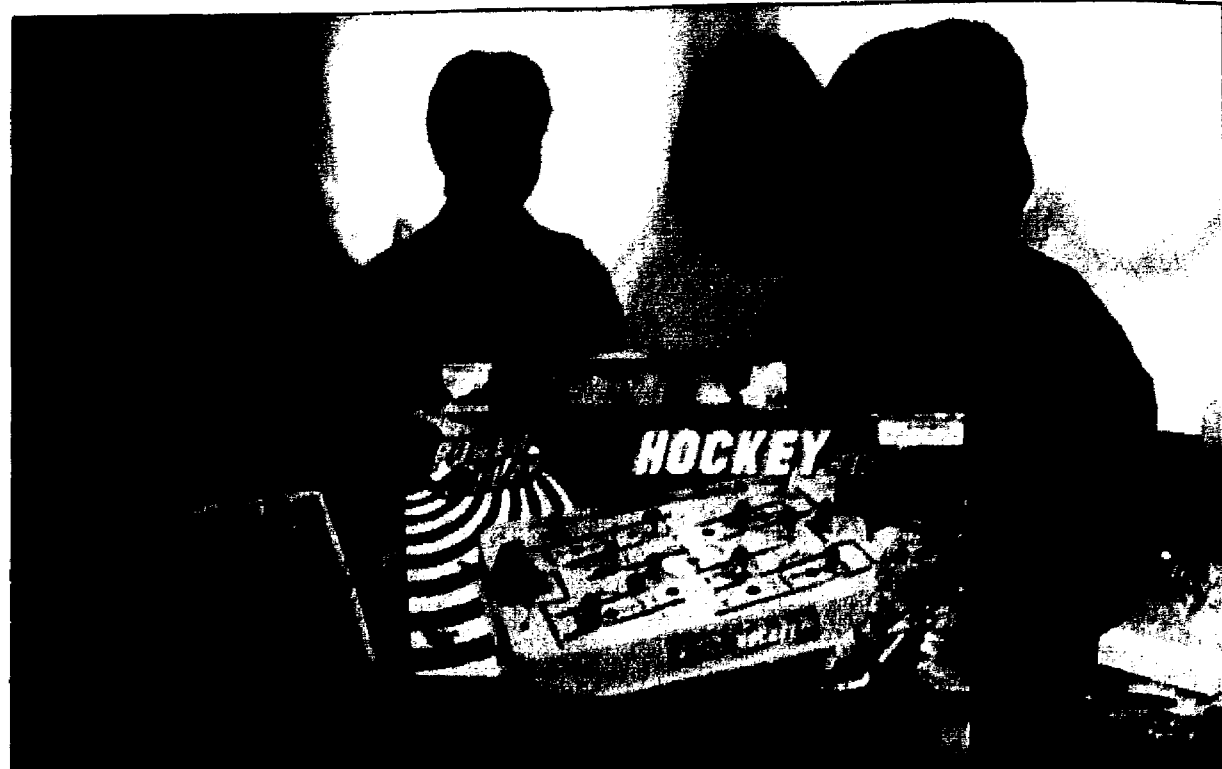
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Service League plans a sale

The Westfield Service League will hold its annual holiday sale at the Thrift Shop, 114 Elmer St. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 6. The sale will feature special holiday and party clothing, holiday decorations and a toy section with new toys available at Thrift Shop prices. Toys have been donated by Service League members. Gently-used clothing will be available, as well as items appropriate for gift-giving. Proceeds from the sale will benefit local charities. For further information, call (908) 233-2530. From left to right are Pat O'Connor, Carla Molowa, and Linda Thayer, Service League volunteers, organizing new toys to be sold at the holiday sale.

UCC to offer Winter Session

Program allows students to get college degree more quickly

CRANFORD — For the sixth consecutive year, in recognition of the fact that college students are often interested in accelerating the pace at which they can complete their college degree, Union County College is offering a wide array of popular courses during what has been the traditional winter holiday break. These intensive three-week courses will provide students who successfully complete them the same number of credits that they would earn over a traditional 15-week semester.

Beginning Dec. 29, and ending Jan. 15, 2004, the College is offering 28 of its most popular courses. During the session, in observation of the holiday, no classes are scheduled for New Year's Day.

Winter Session courses include Biology of People and the Environment, Introduction to Contemporary Business, Organization and Management, Introduction to Chemistry, Principles of Marketing, Introduction to Chemistry, Principles of Economics I & II, English Composition I and II, Public Speaking, Music Appreciation, Physical Geology, Introduction to Western Civilization I & II, Introduction to Mathematical Ideas, Algebra, Concepts of Adult Fitness, Decisions for Wellness, Beginning Golf, General Psychology, Principles of Sociology, and Beginning Spanish I and II, Conversational Spanish

I. Most sections are offered on the college's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Ave., while some are offered as distance education telecourses.

Students from UCC, as well as other colleges, will recognize that many of these are required for completion of their degree programs. Area residents from local colleges as well as students at home for the holidays can get a head start on a future semester's work by enrolling in and completing them in the space of 12 class days.

In past years, students from many other colleges and universities have joined UCC students for the Winter Session. Among these were students from NJIT, Rutgers, Drew, Fairleigh Dickinson, Kean, Monclair, New Jersey City and Rowan Universities and Bloomfield College, the College of New Jersey and the College of St. Elizabeth, in New Jersey. Students attending college outside of New Jersey came from schools that included Johns Hopkins University, Bloomsburg University, the universities of Delaware and Maryland, Quinnipiac and Marist colleges, Virginia Military Institute, and Rochester Institute of Technology.

According to Dr. Wallace Smith, UCC's vice president for academic affairs, both traditional students who enter college directly after high school graduation and adult students who have delayed their education recognize the value in securing credits at convenient times and locations.

"With the pressures that both traditional and non-traditional students face with regard to balancing school, families, and careers, any opportunity to accelerate their education should be a welcome one," said Smith. "At Union County College we are committed to providing educational services which will help relieve today's students from the 'time poverty' with which they are faced."

"This three-week Winter Session has proven extremely popular and is one of our efforts to help them out," Smith added. For information on the Winter Session call Union County College at (908) 709-7518 or visit the admissions office on any UCC campus.

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JCC plans a trip to art museum

SCOTCH PLAINS — The JCC of Central NJ, located at 1391 Martine Ave., is sponsoring a bus trip Dec. 18 to view "The Jewish Journey: Frederic Brenner's Photographic Odyssey," on display at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. The bus leaves the JCC at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m.

Frederic Brenner is a French photographer/social anthropologist who has been chronicling the evolution of Jewish civilization by producing visual histories of Jewish communities. More than 140 of his most compelling photographs are presented in this exhibit.

The Brooklyn Museum of Art is the second largest art museum in New York City with a permanent collection ranging from ancient Egyptian masterpieces through contemporary art. The cost for the trip is \$25 per person, which covers transportation and a self-guided tour of the exhibit. Lunch is available for purchase in the museum.

For more information or reservations, call Nan Statton, director of adult and senior services, at (908) 848-8400, ext. 207. The deadline for registration is Dec. 1.

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Sports

MURPHY'S LAW

When do the indoor sports start?

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD PRESS

For some strange reason, not quite sure what it is, I've been asked many times recently which sport I enjoy covering the most and why.

It is always hard for me to choose a favorite among my top-three, because football is the sport I most enjoy watching, I played high school basketball and coach it a little now, and covering a baseball game encompasses sitting in the bleachers on a sunny afternoon with a scorebook and a snack and kicking back for a couple of hours.

But this past weekend reaffirmed why basketball always wins out.

It's indoors and the gyms are heated — usually.

I hate the cold. I'd rather go to the golf course and carry bags for five hours on a 90 degree day with a heat index of 105, then brave 40 degree days with wind gusts of 35 miles per hour.

When I finally defrosted Saturday evening, after covering two soccer games and two football games over the previous three days in sub-arctic conditions, I was ready to auction off my soul and baseball card collection on eBay to build heated press boxes at every single field in Union County.

There is a movement in Westfield to build turf fields where its conservation center currently rests, which sounds to me like the perfect site for a domed sports stadium, big enough to house football, soccer, baseball, basketball, track — everything. Get all of the county municipalities to pass another referendum, pool the money and build me my field of dreams.

About midway through Thursday's girls soccer sectional final between Cranford and Governor Livingston, shortly after my left eyelid froze shut and a wind gust knocked me backwards 10 feet, I thought I saw Mary Poppins soaring in over top of Walnut Ave. School, ready to land in the middle of the field — kinda like Fan Man. And I was hoping she had brought some hot tea with her.

Strange things to be thinking about during a sectional final, but those are the types of thoughts you have when your body temperature has dipped below the dew point, your blood is frozen and oxygen is no longer getting to your brain.

After the game ended, a heart-breaking 2-1 defeat for the Cougars, I spoke to Cranford Head Coach Nickie Malanda but found the batteries had died in my tape recorder and I was forced to scribble notes while not being able to feel the pen or the paper. Surprisingly enough, the ink in the pen didn't freeze. A team of graphologists and code breakers worked around the clock to decipher my handwriting.

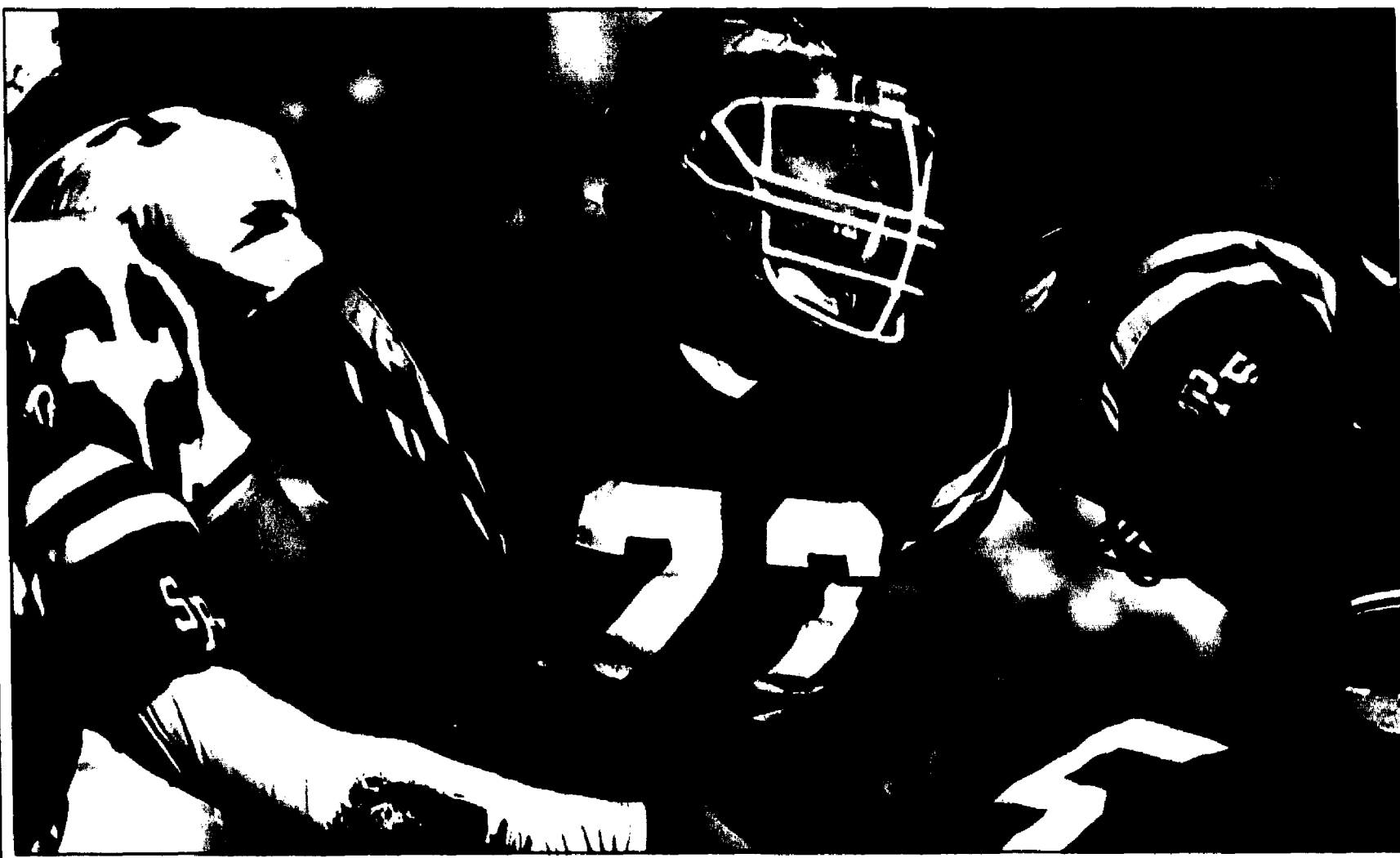
There was a little bit more sun and a tad less wind Friday afternoon at the Scotch Plains-Middletown South boys soccer sectional final, but, naturally, the game went into overtime, then another overtime, then shootouts and the sun was soon setting behind the school and the wind was kicking up again and I still didn't have fresh batteries in the tape recorder and all of the Raiders were so excited after their victory they spoke way too fast for my frozen hands to keep up.

Friday night at the Cranford football game wasn't much better, but I was smart enough to buy some mini hand warmers, the best 99 cents I ever spent. Saturday afternoon wasn't too bad, the sun was up and the wind calmed down and it was a decent fall day.

I don't want to complain too much, because I can't imagine what the players were dealing with, especially the psychotic football players who decide sleeves are for winners. But let's just say I am eagerly looking forward to basketball season when the gyms sometimes get so stuffy, cramped and hot you regret wearing a sweat-shirt.

Assuming, of course, that my request to be transferred to Haiti doesn't work out.

Raiders getting defensive



Senior captain Tim Karis celebrates after making a tackle during the Raiders 10-0 shutout of Warren Hills in the first round of the playoffs Saturday. The Scotch Plains defense will face its biggest challenge tomorrow when it tries to shut down Sayreville.

NICOLE DIMELLA/THE RECORD PRESS

Scotch Plains shuts out Warren Hills to reach semis

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — The offense showed a little more flash and balance but once again it was the defensive effort of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team that was the difference.

The Raiders shutdown and shutout a potent Warren Hills offense in the first round of the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 playoffs Saturday, coming up with one defensive stand after another for a 10-0 win.

Charlie Bachi scored on an eight-yard touchdown reception from Dan LaForge and Mike Baumwoll added a 27 yard field goal in the second quarter as a swarming defense ensured it would hold up.

"We heard they were a lot like us, they had a good defense and

we heard they thought they were going to roll right over us into the second round so that fired us up," said Bachi. "Everything is coming together right now. We're running the ball good, throwing the ball good and playing good defense. It's all about defense."

Warren Hills was averaging nearly 23 points per game and hadn't been shutout during the regular season, but Kyle Baker and Matt Powers contained the Blue Streaks' dangerous wide out Mike Fitzgerald and the defensive line and linebackers engulfed running backs Tera Tucker and Dexter Bullard, limiting the Blue Streaks to just 106 total yards and only five first downs.

Quarterback Brendon Hydock was just 4 for 20 passing for 37 yards and one interception. Bullard carried the ball 11 times

for 39 yards and Tucker had 26 yards on six carries. Fitzgerald caught just three passes for 30 yards.

"We did a great job," said Head Coach Steve Cicciotelli. "To shut them out I think is an accomplishment. Our defense just did an outstanding job. They came up big. Our guys came to play."

"We thought our front-four would get enough push and we thought we'd drop a lot of guys underneath to find them on the crossing routes and take away their delays underneath. Kyle Baker is a corner at the next level. He can play and he's a leader on our team. Matt Powers is a little rugrat and he shows up and just plays."

Scotch Plains, on the other hand, used LaForge's arm to set up the legs of Baker, Lakiem Lockery and Travis Boff. LaForge

was 11 for 21 for 98 yards and a touchdown and ran four times for 22 yards. Baker carried the ball 19 times for 84 yards, Powers caught three passes for 39 yards and Bachi had three catches for 20 yards.

"LaForge did great," said Bachi. "As each game goes on we're just getting better and better and in this one we really started to click. Everything is clicking right now. We're just steamrolling right now. Everyone stepped it up."

The Raiders dominated time of possession throughout the game, piling up 17 first downs to just five by Warren Hills and the second quarter belonged to the Raiders' offense. The Blue Streaks ran just three plays in the final 10 minutes of the half

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Looking to ground Bombers

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD PRESS

Buckle up you chin strap a little tighter and get ready for a good ol' fashioned gridiron slugfest.

When the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team takes the field 1 p.m. tomorrow for its North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 semifinal showdown with Sayreville, two physical teams that like to pound the ball at their opponent are going to collide in a battle of strength versus strength.

Sayreville has won all nine of its games this year behind the irresistible force of its dominating running game. Scotch Plains has won all but one of its nine games due in large part to the immovable object that is its run defense. Something's got to give tomorrow and whoever does will be on the outside looking in at a sectional final.

The Raiders defense was dominant Saturday in pitching their second consecutive shutout and third of the season but will need to step it up even more tomorrow. The Bombers ran for 285 yards on 47 carries (6.1 yards per carry) and threw the ball just six times for 26 yards with two interceptions.

Quarterback Mark Poore, a converted fullback, directs the Sayreville option offense and carried 11 times for 92 yards Saturday. Leading rusher Keith Simpkins was sidelined with a shoulder injury but backup Shaune Thomas ran for 104 yards on 15 carries. Simpkins could be back in action tomorrow.

Scotch Plains has advanced this deep in the playoffs and compiled an 8-1 record in large part because of a defense that has allowed just 10.1 points per game and an average of less than 70 yards rushing in its victories. The defense has seen all kinds of offensive attacks this

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Out of ammo

Raiders win first shootout, fall to Ramapo in second

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD PRESS

Some people love penalty kick shootouts and some people hate them. Right about now the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High boys soccer team is agreeing with both parties.

The Raiders went to two shootouts in four days, defeating Middletown South for the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 championship Friday but falling to Ramapo in the Group 3 semifinals Monday.

Ramapo surged to a 2-0 lead Monday, scoring in the 27th and 45th minute but the Raiders didn't go away. Ryan Brzantitsky headed home a cross from Ed Zazzali in the 57th minute to cut the deficit in half, then fired home a direct kick from 20 yards away in the 68th minute to knot the score.

The two squads played evenly through the two 10-minute overtime periods, the shootout began. Scotch Plains went first and Ryan Brzantitsky and Mike Hessemer each buried shots into the upper right hand corner but Middletown South answered each one to pull even at 2-2. Casey Haynes O'Connor buried a third straight shot into the right side for a 3-2 edge.

With Head Coach Tom Brzantitsky pleading for just one save, Meredith then dove to his right and smothered the shot to give the Raiders the edge.

"I tried to react to where the ball went," said Meredith, who was mobbed by fans and autograph seekers following the win. "I just tried to read his body and figure out where he was going."

Terrence Charles then buried

at the Middletown South goal. Scotch Plains launched 12 shots in the half, five on goal and had two corners compared to just two shots on goal and one corner by Middletown South.

Josh Kay got the Raiders on the board 10 minutes into the first half. Ed Zazzali fired a 30 yard shot that the keeper bobbed as Kay raced in and took advantage of the opportunity, banging home the loose ball for a 1-0 lead. The Raiders kept applying pressure, but with 16:48 remaining the wind that was at the Raiders' back actually became a disadvantage as Tom Gray sent a direct towards the goal that was suddenly knocked down by the wind and Ryan Leahy slipped the ball past Bryan Meredith during a scramble in front of the goal to tie the score.

After the teams remained deadlocked through the two sudden death overtime periods, the shootout began. Scotch Plains went first and Ryan Brzantitsky and Mike Hessemer each buried shots into the upper right hand corner but Middletown South answered each one to pull even at 2-2. Casey Haynes O'Connor buried a third straight shot into the right side for a 3-2 edge.

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Josh Kay pounced on a rebound and scored the Raiders' lone goal in Friday's sectional final. Scotch Plains defeated Middletown South 4-2 in a shootout to win its first sectional title since 1995.

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Scotch Plains fourth attempt into the left side and Middletown South missed the goal wide on their final attempt to give the Raiders the 4-2 shootout win and their first sectional title since 1995.

"We've been working on our penalty kicks for weeks, so everybody knew where they were going," said Hessemer. "Everybody

know where their spot was. If we hit spots the way we wanted to, we knew we'd be fine."

"Every day after practice we work on penalty kicks and (Meredith) stops at least half of them. We knew he was going to stop one. As a freshman, he's been amazing. I can't wait to see what he is like as a senior."

Devils fall in first round

By DANIEL MURPHY
THE RECORD PRESS

The Westfield High football team didn't exactly have Sayreville precisely where it wanted at half-time of Saturday's state playoff matchup, but the Blue Devils were feeling pretty good about the situation.

Trailing 14-7 at the start of the second half Westfield was kicking off with the wind at its back and figured a defensive stand would get them the ball back close to midfield and in prime position to draw even with the sections top seeded club.

But holding the kickoff at the 10 yard line Sayreville's Shaune Thomas need 53 yards to the Westfield 37 to give the Bombers another short field and set up a nine play scoring drive that put the Blue Devils in an insurmountable 20-7 hole.

"We could have beaten a 9-0 team," said Westfield Head Coach Ed Tranchesi. "That kickoff return was the biggest play in the game. They blocked it okay, but we should have tackled better."

"They had short fields all day. All three of their touchdowns came on short fields. When you run the ball as well as they do you can't afford to give them that type of field position. We had to go 60 yards for our touchdowns, they went 50."

Sayreville took advantage

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A kinder, gentler dentist treats patients in Uruguay

By KATHLEEN G. SUTCLIFFE
STAFF WRITER

For those who wince at the sadistic squeal of a dentist's drill — meet Jeannette Grauer, a kinder, gentler dentist.

Once a year Grauer, a Bedminster resident who has practiced in Union and Springfield, takes a break from treating her relatively affluent patients in Union County to travel with a team of medical professionals to Peru, providing free medical care to underserved populations.

"I always wanted to do this. Dentistry is part of a healing profession. I myself am committed to an international community of healthy members," said Grauer, a native of Uruguay. "I believe that health is what enables every developing country to empower its citizens. This is the way to work toward peace, development, and autonomy."

Perched on the windowsill of her office are trinkets which hint at Grauer's membership in a global community. She has amassed a collection of dentist figurines she's collected from her travels: one made of scrap metal from Uruguay, a second made of corn husk and cotton from Bolivia. A stout wooden dentist bending over a patient is from Peru, and a smiling dentist and dental assistant made from putty are from Italy. A ceramic blonde female dentist, perched on a stool is American.

Grauer, a redhead, turns the figure over in her hand, and reads the label. "Actually, no. 'Made in China'."

Grauer said her collection is a tribute to life's serendipity. "I just seem to come across them."

The same could be said for Grauer's participation in Team Medical Rescue. "I was looking for a way to participate," she said. "...This just landed in my lap."

Grauer was approached by a fellow South American native and Union County medical professional, Jose Arrunategui, to join the fledgling medical mission. Grauer agreed and joined a convoy of 50 volunteers traveling to Ayacucho, a barren and isolated region two hours south of Lima.

In 2002, Grauer's first year with the project, the team traveled from town to town to treat crowds of people.

"Every day we had to pack early in the morning and arrive there, set up the table. We were in the streets, no water, no electricity... when the wind blew, dust would cover the equipment."

In one location, when the team attempted to derive power from the town's sole street light. "We blew the whole circuit," Grauer said.

In another town, the team occupied a yarn factory and cordoned off exam rooms with yarn-filled boxes.

In her first year, Grauer was the only dentist traveling with the group and tried to see as many patients as possible each day. Flipping through a scrap book of the trip, Grauer pointed to a photo of her receiving a massage and said, "After a day of seeing so many patients, that was absolutely necessary."

Grauer said another immediate side effect of her work on the trip was a sense of helplessness.

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— Jeannette Grauer

When darkness fell on a community, the team would be forced to pack up for the day.

"I was paralyzed. I couldn't get on the bus," Grauer said. "It was very hard to leave the community every day. Very hard."

"I understand the Spanish, so I heard all the voices around me as the clinic was closing and we were getting on the bus."

Grauer described a commotion of voices, each one explaining why they arrived at the clinic late, offering futile excuses and pleas for her to stay.

"Knowing that I had the physical ability to do and not having the time..." Grauer's voice trailed off. "That was the hardest moment of the trip for me."

But Grauer's sentiments are tempered by her interactions with the people she treated.

She recalls a 16-year-old boy with a 10 year old in tow who called after her, "He was saying 'I want to pick him up because he's an orphan and he's in pain.' I just couldn't believe that at 16 years old this boy was taking care of a 10-year-old. And they were not even related. There was a lot of that. They were so generous with each other."

Grauer described the region's population as Amazonian natives who, displaced to Ayacucho by deforestation in the nearby rainforest, have found their new home equally dangerous. "The people live in a very precarious position... they are caught between guerillas and the military," Grauer said, referring to clashes between the Peruvian army and a guerrilla group that calls itself the Shining Path.

Next year the team hopes to journey farther into the Amazon, treating indigenous tribal populations. The work is necessary, but culturally sensitive.

"We will have to be cleared by some medicine person. They have their centuries-old health-care system. I feel we have to respect them and ask, 'How can I help?'"

Grauer said she was pleasantly surprised by the dental hygiene of her Peruvian patients, most of whom had never visited a dentist.

"I actually found the teeth over there not quite as destroyed as I thought it would be. They have less-refined sugars, they eat more natural foods. The decay is not as aggressive."

"But they also wanted to have a nice smile," Grauer said of her Peruvian patients who requested cosmetic dentistry which mirrors the requirements of Americans, whose teeth, she says must be "brightest, the straightest, the whitest."

And Grauer was willing to grant their requests, to the extent she was able. She acknowledged the role teeth play in a person's self-image.

Grauer also extends her talents and generosity to New Jersey residents. She offers free cosmetic dental services to victims of domestic violence for a nonprofit she founded, called "Women's Smiles. Women's Power."

"Victims of domestic violence have usually been abused financially and emotionally. But if they leave an abusive relationship and try to support themselves financially, find a job, it's difficult. And sometimes not having teeth doesn't help," Grauer said.

Grauer also participates in the New Jersey-based Donated Dental services for which she provides free dental services to disabled patients.

"I think as a community and as human beings we all want to be healthy. We all want to be strong. We all deserve to be healthy. We all deserve to be complete."



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Jeannette Grauer, a dentist who practices in Union County, has traveled to treat impoverished patients in South America.

Residents take part in nationwide Smoke-Out

Throughout this week, members of the Union County Communities Against Tobacco Coalition (CAT), will be in the student center of Union County College distributing free information and giveaways to raise awareness about the potential risks from tobacco use and secondhand smoke that face residents in New Jersey today.

"It's important to raise awareness about this issue not only on this day," said Diane Litterer, executive

director of Prevention Links, "but all year-round because nearly 13,000 New Jerseyans die each year of tobacco related diseases."

Statistics also show that 45,900 young people (those under age 18) try cigarettes for the first time each year, and 398,000 young people are exposed to secondhand smoke at home.

The Union County CAT Coalition is made up of concerned citizens, health educators, parents and community based organizations whose mission is to change or establish community norms, attitudes and behaviors surrounding tobacco use in Union County.

For more information on The Great American Smoke-Out or additional smoke-free events, call Prevention Links (732) 381-4100 or email unioncountycat@aol.com.

St. Paul's to ordain Hess as new pastor

GARWOOD — St. Paul's United Church of Christ, located at 213 Center St., will be ordaining and installing their new pastor, Kenneth C. Hess later this month. The service will be held on Nov. 30 at 3 p.m.

The pastor first came to St. Paul's July 15, 2003. He is a graduate of Drew Theological School in Madison. He has his bachelor's degree in education from William Paterson University.

Hess brings his experience as a school teacher to the parish; he has also previously owned his own business. He served as director of Christian education at the Community Church of Cedar Grove.

Hess has been married to his wife, Jane, for 31 years. They have two children, Jim and Renee. The family formerly lived in Roxbury.

St. Paul's United Church is open to all young and old, divorced and single, men and women, rich and poor. Regular Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m., along with Sunday school.

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Take precautions when applying herbicides this fall

Most homeowners carry on with the annual ritual known as "spring cleaning." But for arborists, landscapers and grounds managers, fall and early winter are horticulture's cleaning time. Leaves are swept away for composting or disposal, perennials are cut back, shrubs are pruned and hedges are trimmed.

Fall is also a good time to inspect walkways, driveways and patios for those annoying trapped seeds. Despite drought and frequent sweeping, some seeds from weeds, grasses and trees will have germinated, lining joints with unsightly green. Other seeds simply lie in wait until the spring. This new growth must be stopped before the growing season arrives and

those small cracks become gaping holes filled with weeds.

Products that kill weeds are called herbicides. They are the most cost-effective way of eliminating unwanted growth, and will be much faster than people on hands and knees pulling or scraping along joints in paving.

But homeowners need to be careful when using herbicides. When they are used improperly, they can just as easily kill your valuable mature trees and shrubs as sprouting weeds.

Only products approved for use on non-crop areas should be considered. Users should read the product label to ensure proper application methods. Herbicides

should not be applied on or near desirable trees or on areas where their roots may extend or in locations where the herbicide may be washed or move into contact with their roots.

Even properly applied chemical applications may be affected by rainfall. Some herbicides can be washed off paved surfaces or soak into the ground through the cracked joints — the very place with the greatest concentration of fine tree roots. If this happens, the next spring, emerging leaves on some trees and nearby shrubs will fail to develop normally. They will be deformed, small and clustered, or they will simply turn brown and fall early. What happened?

Often, chemical analysis of damaged foliage will reveal unusually high levels of herbicides or their breakdown products.

Trees can and do store chemicals, so damage can be revealed and confirmed by chemical analysis months after a herbicide is applied.

What can the homeowner do?

If you are thinking about using herbicides, hire professional arborists. They will choose the correct type of herbicide for the job. If you suspect herbicide damage, hire professional arborists to help determine the best method to help the tree recover. Some professional tree care companies also offer consulting services if you suspect your tree was damaged by a her-

bicide application. So act now to avoid "hidden" damage during this autumn's cleanup and make next spring a less troublesome time!

Home owners looking for an arborist in their area can contact the National Arborist Association (NAA), a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. The NAA has more than 2,800 company-owning members who recognize stringent safety and performance standards, and are required to carry liability insurance.

Find a tree care service provider in your area by calling (800) 733-2622 or by doing a zip code search at the NAA's Web site, www.natlarb.com.

Wilson tapped as top listing agent at Burgdorff ERA

Susan Wilson, a top producer in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield Office, has been honored as Listing Agent of the Month for September 2003 with listings of 4.5 units and a dollar volume of more than \$1.2 million.

Wilson is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Distinguished Sales Club in recognition of achieving the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club for more than 10 years. She is a member of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors and has served on its Education Committee since 1994.

She knows the importance of continuing education in her career; she has a GRI (Graduate, Realtor Institute) designation and has completed the requirements towards a CRS (Certified Residential Specialist). In addition to her sales associate license, Wilson completed the additional educational hours, sales transactions and licensing exam to obtain a NJ Broker's License in 1989. In 2000, Wilson completed the Historic Real Estate Program presented by The National Trust for Historic Preservation signifying her training in the designation, reg-

ulation and classification of historic properties.

As a 30-year-resident of Cranford, she brings an in-depth knowledge of her market territory. She is well informed about local school systems, recreational facilities, and the quality of life available in Westfield, Cranford, and the surrounding towns.

To contact Wilson, call her on her direct line (908) 233-2381 or email her at Susan.Wilson@burgdorff.com.

George Kraus, vice president and manager of Burgdorff ERA's Westfield Office, added that, "Once again, Susan's hard work and experience have combined for a most productive month. The highest achievement in our profession is earning clients trust, and Susan continues to do this day in and day out. Congratulations Susan!"

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ReMax sales associate Conrado joins Miracle Network program

Ubirajara Conrado, a sales associate at ReMax United in Union, has joined the national ReMax Children's Miracle Network Home Program. Under this program, Conrado will donate a specified amount of money to the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) per sales transaction.

Conrado will display a colorful "Miracle Home" rider on top of his ReMax yard signs. This signifies to the home buyer and seller that their transaction helped make a positive change in the lives of local children.

"The Miracle Home Program is a great opportunity to give back to the community," said Conrado. "It's a wonderful feeling knowing that with every house I sell, I'm making a difference in a child's life."

To contact Ubirajara Conrado call ReMax United in Union at (908) 851-2323, or email him at brcrator1@yahoo.com.

ReMax is the exclusive real estate sponsor for CMN, a national non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for children's hospitals. This year ReMax associates made a record contribution of \$7 million to CMN.

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Children's Specialized Hospital — an affiliate of the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital with locations in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Newark, Union and Elizabeth, and Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University in New Brunswick. The hospitals associated with CMN treat children with all types of afflictions such as cancer, heart and muscular diseases, birth defects, AIDS and accident victims. They pride themselves on treating the whole child, rendering service based on need, not the ability to pay.

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This level of success can be attributed to the quality agents and service consistently found in all ReMax organizations. ReMax of New Jersey, based in Moorestown, is a privately-owned and operated division of ReMax International.

Johnston leads effort for Goodwill

SCOTCH PLAINS — As holiday months grow closer, the ERA Suburb Realty team of professionals engulf themselves in the holiday spirit. Each agent looks to give back in some way to community, friends, past customers and new ones, too.

This year, Millicent Johnston, realtor with the ERA Suburb Realty, is taking charge of the collection of a few items for the Goodwill Rescue Mission. This association is based in Newark and helps all the children whose fathers are in the recovery program.

Some of the items needed include: Stuffed animals, board games, basketballs, footballs, chil-

dren's sneakers, watches for teens, video, and card games. One of the main purposes is to help get the homeless back on their feet. ERA Suburb Realty has many spirited agents who are volunteering to help this community at the Goodwill Rescue Mission, along with offering their services to many others this holiday season. This all includes being involved with various community activities and fundraisers.

For more information or questions on how to help with the Goodwill Rescue Mission, contact Millicent Johnston at (908) 322-4434, ext. 114.

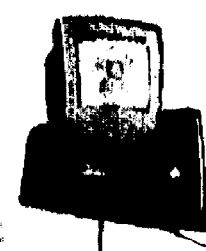
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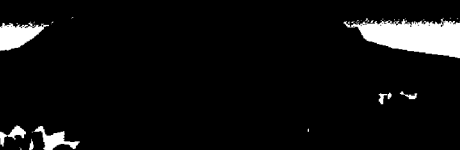
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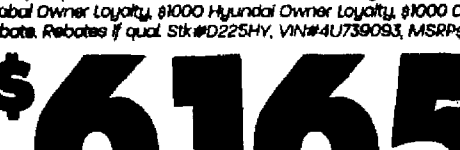
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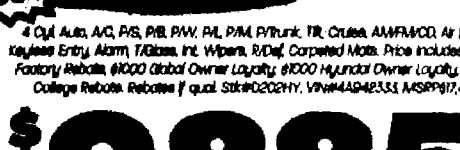
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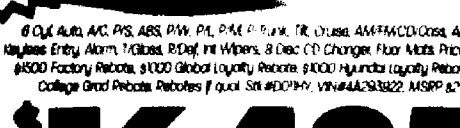
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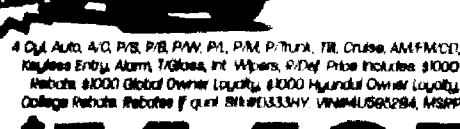
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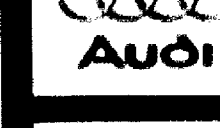



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(9AM-6PM) • Sports Inst./Coordinators • Teacher's Asst. (M-F, 2:30-6:00pm) Comp. sal. & excel. benefits. Apply Westfield - Attn: HR Dept., 220 Clark St. Westfield, NJ 07090 or fax 908-232-3306</p> <p>PT/FT Positions Transportation Care Co. Clark, NJ • Mini Bus Aide Caring individual to monitor student transport between home and school. • FT Driver/Headstart Van Personable individual w/ clean driving record to transport clients to medical appts. Some lifting req'd. CRAPT Certification a +. English & Map reading skills req'd. • Driver P/T Personable individual w/clean driving record to transport clients in company vehicle. Daytime hours. English & map reading skills required. 1-800-675-9522 Ask for Mr. Charles</p> <p>SIMPLE WORK/ TOP PAY Honest workers needed to assemble refrigerator magnets. Serious Workers ONLY! National Home Assemblers. 1-570-549-3600 RC#1007</p>	<p>General Help 240</p> <p>Specialists Wanted Gap America's premier specialty retailer seeks individuals with exceptional talent, uncommon drive, outstanding customer service skills, and strong team spirit for the following positions: STOCK ASSOCIATES VISUAL ASSOCIATES REPLENISHMENT SPECIALISTS SALES ASSOCIATES (FT, PT & overnight shifts are needed) All interested candidates should apply in person at the following store locations: Short Hills Mall, Westfield, Bridgewater Commons Mall, Menlo Park Mall, & Woodbridge Mall.</p> <p>gap.com EOE</p> <p>SUBSTITUTE NURSES RN's & LPN's needed. Minimum of 80 credits required. Please send letter of interest and current resume to: Cranford Board of Education Dr. James McLaughlin Special Services Dept. 132 Thomas Street Cranford, NJ 07016</p> <p>TELEMARKETERS Wanted: Selling Laundry Detergent from your home. Exc. spk skills req'd. PT. 908-487-4775</p> <p>TELEMARKETING Trainees—\$8-\$10/hr. 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Call Sandy 973-301-0632 or fax resume: 973-377-3348</p> <p>DENTAL HYGIENIST 2-3 days week, for GP in Cranford. Call 908-273-5222</p> <p>DENTAL HYGIENIST PT in Summit, NJ area 908-273-2152 lv. msg.</p> <p>DENTAL HYGIENIST PT one day/week hygienist in friendly Summit dental office. call 908-273-0653</p> <p>MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST FT for busy medical office in New Providence. Medical manager a plus. Please call 908-478-0100.</p> <p>RECEPTIONIST 4 days a week, 9-5. Experience preferred. Call Sandy 973-301-0632 or fax resume: 973-377-3348</p>	<p>Medical Help 250</p> <p>PHLEBOTOMISTS needed PT, M-F, 8am-12:30 in Westfield. Must be organized, dependable and a people-person. Fax resume to 908-232-1920</p> <p>RN After hours pediatric office 908-916-1666 x 1</p> <p>Part-Time Employment 255</p> <p>CUSTOMER RELATIONS Are you bored? Looking to get out of the house? Want FT pay for PT hrs? Ask for Ryan 908-245-8919</p> <p>BILINGUAL INTERVIEWERS NEEDED Cranford market research company seeks English/Spanish interviewers to conduct telephone research studies (no telemarketing). Must be fluent in both English and Spanish and have a clear speaking voice, plus good communication and typing skills. Reliability is essential. Excellent pay and bonuses. Openings for mornings, afternoons, evenings and weekends. Call Cathy at 908-497-8048. EOE</p> <p>CUSTOMER RELATIONS Are you bored? Looking to get out of the house? Want FT pay for PT hrs? Ask for Ryan 908-245-8919</p> <p>NEED CASH FOR HOLIDAYS OR TUITION? Cranford market research company hiring part-time interviewers to conduct telephone research studies (no telemarketing). Must be reliable and have good communication and typing skills, plus a clear speaking voice. Openings for afternoons or evenings (7-11 PM or 8PM-12Mid) and weekends. Call Cathy at 908-497-8048. EOE</p> <p>PT/STAFF Experience preferred Westfield area. 908-497-8911</p>	<p>Professional Help 260</p> <p>TODDLER TEACHER FT. For day care center. Please call 908-233-9151</p> <p>TODDLER TEACHER FT. For day care center. Please call 908-233-9151</p> <p>Sales Help 265</p> <p>SALES \$5,500 Weekly Goal Potential! If Someone Did It... So Can You! 2 - 3 Confirmed Appointments Daily! Benefits Available... Call Catherine McFarland 888-566-9144</p> <p>SALES \$5,500 Weekly Goal Potential! If Someone Did It... So Can You! 2 - 3 Confirmed Appointments Daily! Benefits Available... Call Catherine McFarland 888-566-9144</p> <p>Retail Help 270</p> <p>RETAIL SALES PT. Flexible hours. Asian specialty store in Short Hills. 973-376-5400</p> <p>SALES ASSOCIATE, SEASONAL PT Established Party store has several openings for the Holiday Season. Work from 10:00-3:30 Mon.-Fri. Good pay. \$400 bonus paid in December. We offer pleasant surroundings with friendly people. For more information call: The Paper Pedlar 581 Morris Turnpike Springfield, NJ 07081-3385</p> <p>WELDER FT, 8-5, automated equipment, will train. Benefits. Resume to: PO Box 300, Summit, NJ 07901.</p> <p>WELDER FT, 8-5, automated equipment, will train. Benefits. Resume to: PO Box 300, Summit, NJ 07901.</p> <p>SALES ASSOCIATE, SEASONAL PT Established Party store has several openings for the Holiday Season. Work from 10:00-3:30 Mon.-Fri. Good pay. \$400 bonus paid in December. We offer pleasant surroundings with friendly people. For more information call: The Paper Pedlar 581 Morris Turnpike Springfield, NJ 07081-3385</p> <p>RETAIL SALES PT. Flexible hours. Asian specialty store in Short Hills. 973-376-5400</p> <p>It Fast In The Classifieds</p>	<p>Retail Help 270</p> <p>SALES ASSOCIATE, SEASONAL PT Established Party store has several openings for the Holiday Season. Work from 10:00-3:30 Mon.-Fri. Good pay. \$400 bonus paid in December. 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2004



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- Power Brakes
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Power Seat
- Power Trunk

- Air Conditioning
- AM/FM Stereo CD
- Rear Defogger
- 18" Wheel
- Cruise Control
- Leather Interior
- SIR
- VIN #4B1G0540
- MSRP \$34,360

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RED CARPET OPTION

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2004



TOWN CAR SIG.

- V8
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- Power Steering
- Power Brakes
- Power Windows
- Power Locks
- Power Seat
- Power Trunk
- Air Conditioning

- AM/FM Stereo CD
- Tinted Glass
- Rear Defogger
- 18" Wheel
- Cruise Control
- Leather Interior
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- SIR
- VIN #4B1G0540
- MSRP \$41,940

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RED CARPET OPTION

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1997 Nissan Pathfinder 4x4

V6, auto trans, per air/bk/wind/rk/seats/trunk, A/C, AM/FM stereo, CD, 18" wheels, 1 def, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

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2002 Mercury Sable GS

V8, auto trans, per air/bk/wind/rk/seats/trunk, A/C, AM/FM stereo, CD, 18" wheels, 1 def, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

\$12,995

2001 Mercury Sable LS

V8, auto trans, per air/bk/wind/rk/seats/trunk, A/C, AM/FM stereo, CD, 18" wheels, 1 def, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

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2001 Mercury Mountaineer Monterey SUV

V8, auto trans, per air/bk/wind/rk/seats/trunk, A/C, AM/FM stereo, CD, 18" wheels, 1 def, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

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2003 Mercury Grand Marquis LS

V8, auto trans, per air/bk/wind/rk/seats/trunk, A/C, AM/FM stereo, CD, 18" wheels, 1 def, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

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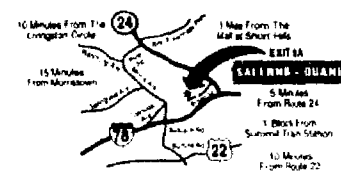
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Home For The Holidays House Tour In Cranford

CRANFORD—With the holiday season fast approaching, Cranford Junior Women's Club will host the 14th annual Home for the Holidays House Tour, Dec. 7, noon-4 p.m.

Four area homes and the tour's Hospitality House will be featured during this year's self-guided tour. Visitors will enjoy the distinctive architecture as well as interior designs of these beautiful homes. A hostess at each home will point out the antiques and special features of each home as well as provide some Cranford history. All homes are decorated for the holidays with centerpieces and floral arrangements donated by local florists.

All proceeds from the house tour will benefit Project Home of Cranford, and other charities of the Cranford Junior Women's Club.

One of the homes exemplifies "Southern Comfort" since the homeowners have recently made Cranford their home when they relocated from Atlanta, Georgia.

The next home is a stucco, circa 1904, late Victorian boasting a distinctive two-story bank of bay windows.

The third house is "splendor on the river." Situated on an historic street lined with Victorian era homes, this residence stands tall with imposing arched entryway, corner tower, and open front porch.

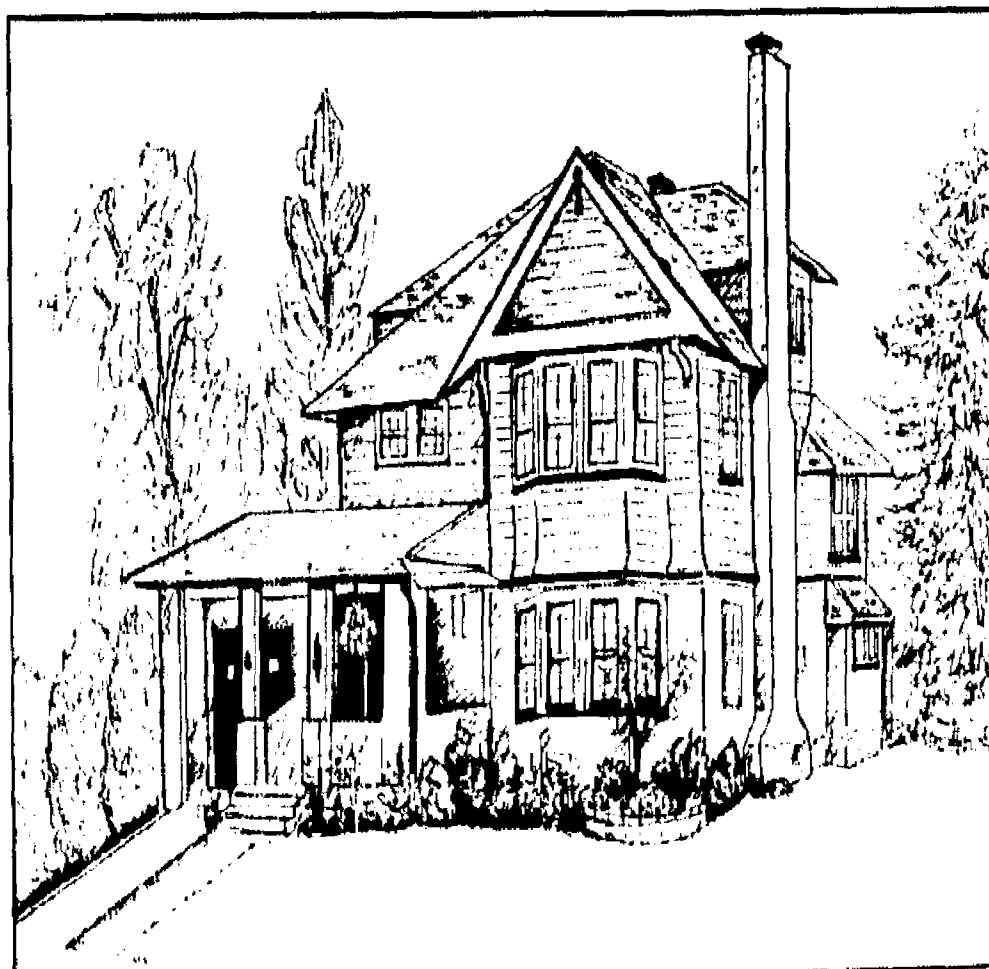
The fourth house on the tour brings a modest early 1940's Colonial in Heathermeade Hills which has been embellished and updated by its current residents while retaining its original character.

Tour guests are encouraged to visit the Hospitality House where light refreshments will be served. Be sure to take advantage of the other offerings of the Cranford Junior Women's Club such as, *What Can I Bring* cookbook (there are only a few left), the Cranford Jaycee's Cranford holiday ornament. In addition, the Green Thumb Garden Club, who provided the wreaths on the front doors of the tour homes, will be conducting a holiday greenery sale at the Hanson House during the tour.

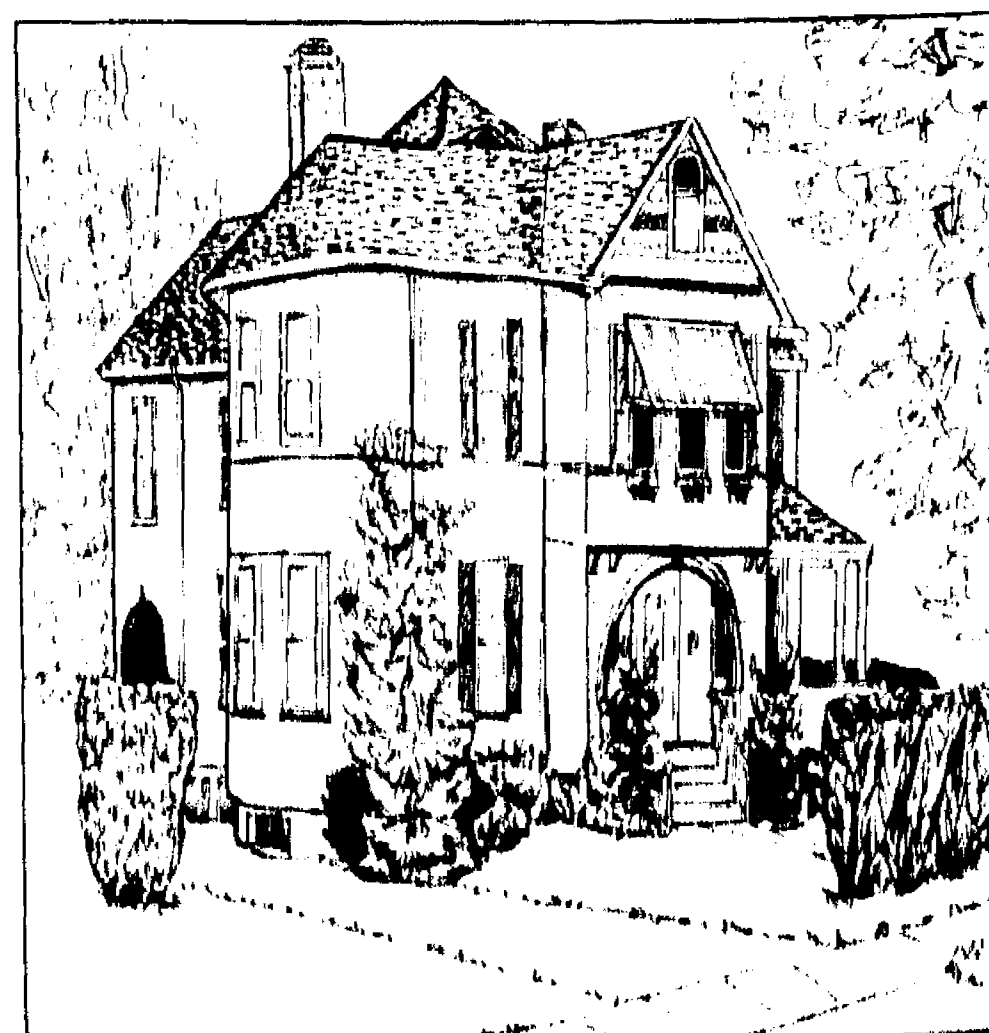
Tickets for the tour can be purchased from several local businesses: Cranford Corner at Crisanti Shoes, Four D Jewelers, Jude, Uptown Peddler, the UPS Store, Serendipity and Gullotine in Westfield.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$20; \$25 when purchased the day of the tour at the Hanson House and the homes on the tour. Children under 12 are not permitted. No photography or videotaping will be allowed. It is asked that ladies wear flat shoes to prevent scuffs and markings on the hardwood floors and rugs featured in the tour homes.

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Take A Winter Stroll Through Westfield Dec. 7

WESTFIELD--As the holiday season draws nearer, officials planning the Third Annual Westfield Winter Stroll announce that this year's event, scheduled for Dec. 7, will run from 3-7 p.m.

Participating merchants can be identified by posters in their windows, along with luminar-

ies placed in front of the stores the night of the event.

Refreshments will be provided at several locations as well as exciting street entertainment. Returning to date will be The Little Opera Company of New Jersey, the Watson Highlanders Pipe Band and Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, Executive Director

and Founder of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will be back to play his famous alphorn.

Childcare for the event will be provided through the Westfield Y and proceeds from the evening's childcare will benefit the Westfield Y Teen Programs.

The Education Fund of Westfield, Inc. was established to provide a source of additional funds and resources to assist the public schools in maintaining and enhancing the quality of education in Westfield. This past year, the organization provided over \$30,000 in grants for programs and projects that were not included in the school's operational budget.

According to Joanne Santoriello, president of the Education Fund, "The Education Fund has enabled teachers at all grade levels to purchase new equipment and materials used in their classrooms. Since its founding, we are proud to have raised and distributed over \$100,000 in grants to the Westfield Public Schools."

According to Merry Wisler,



TISH & CYNTHIA ALEXANDER from the Gift Monkey, one of the Winter Stroll's strongest supporters, and Tom Murtishaw.

event co-chairperson, "we are very excited about our Stroll this year. Last year's event was a huge success and this year we have even more stores on board." For information on the event, contact Beth Psychojos at (908)-651-8954 or Merry Wisler at (908) 233-2646.

Holiday Crafts Fair Comes To Morristown

AREA - During the weekend of Dec. 12, 13 and 14, the Holiday Crafts at Morristown fair comes to the National Guard Armory on Western Avenue in Morristown.

The event features 150 American crafters who will sell their one-of-a-kind and limited production work.

Among the exhibitors are Rebecca Zhukov of Woodstock, NY who produces king and queen solid glass sculptures; Agelio and Gil Batle of San Francisco, Cal., who produce solid graphite sculpted pens; Carl Pabst of Portland, Maine, who carves custom canes and walking sticks.

Each one is unique and ergonomic. Some are made for solid walnut, others are decorated with inlay.

See Sue Sachs of Parsippany who expresses her passion for gardening and cooking with a collection of silver jewelry depicting miniature tools; Sandy Vohr's leather bookends, paper weights and bookmarks shaped as elephants, bulls, lions, bears and dogs.

Michael Merriman of Tahoe City, Cal., creates color coordi-

nated knife sets made from stainless steel and crafted wooden handles. These can be purchased individually or with matching knife blocks.

Holiday Crafts exhibitors come from 18 states.

Parking is free and show hours are 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14.

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Pop, Tango, Classical And Big Band Sound Coming To Cranford

CRANFORD—The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band will present a concert for young and old alike featuring an exciting variety of music right before Thanksgiving. The concert will be held at the Cranford United Methodist Church, at the corner of Lincoln and Walnut Avenues, Cranford, on Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. The concert will be held in Randolph Hall adjacent to the church.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. Toddlers aged 2 and under are free, and child care will be provided.

With over 75 musicians in the group, the NJWA Concert Band, led by Howard Toplansky, has been heard in many locations. "Not only do we give regular

concerts, we also try to offer benefit concerts to help worthy organizations in their fund-raising efforts," explained Toplansky. Two members of the band, Russell Jackson, bassoonist and Don Young, trumpeter have a particular interest in this concert, as they are also members of the Cranford United Methodist Church.

The NJWA Concert Band is now entering its eighth year and is devoted to offering high quality music of many types. The NJWA Concert Band boasts an astonishing array of talent. Composed of professional adults, and high school and elementary students, the band members come from Union, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Roselle, Edison, Mountainside, Basking Ridge, Springfield, Dunellen, Warren, and



BIG BAND SOUND COMING TO CRANFORD—Don Young, Russell Jackson and Howard Toplansky get ready for the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band's performance to be held on Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. in the church hall of the Cranford United Methodist Church.

Garwood as well as Cranford.

Over the years, the Concert Band has helped raise money for the Gift of Life, the Jaipur Limb Project, the 9-11 Fund, and the Kenilworth Music Boosters. At a recent benefit concert to help the JFK Hartwyck Nursing Facility, the Band performed selections including the lively "Ballet Parisien" by Offenbach, the "Presidential Polonaise" by Sousa, highlights of Kurt Weill's music, overtures, tangos, and popular pieces such as "Mission Impossible" and a "Disney Spectacular." "We are dedicated to offering the public a wide variety of music, an eclectic and exciting combination that allows people to sit back and enjoy two hours of sheer entertainment," said Toplansky.

For further information, or to inquire about ticket sale locations, call (908) 276-6172 or (908) 486-2069.

Donate Turkeys For Thanksgiving

PLAINFIELD—The American Red Cross, In County Chapter is seeking donations of turkeys and non-perishable foods at the Plainfield Chapter house, 332 W. Front St. Non-perishable items will be accepted Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Turkeys can only be accepted on Nov. 23.

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Rahway Prepares For Hometown Holiday Festival Weekend

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003

RAHWAY — For many years the tree lighting ceremony at Rahway City Hall Plaza on the Friday after Thanksgiving has been a time for families from Rahway and the surrounding communities to gather and kick off the holiday season. Last year was the introduction of the first Holiday Festival of Trees and everyone had an opportunity to experience a magical, enchanted forest of decorated (artificial) holiday trees and actually own one by bidding in a silent auction.

This year, Rahway downtown takes the next step in becoming a primary destination for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. There will be the first Rahway Hometown Holiday Festival Weekend packed with enchanted forests, a fun display of holiday giants, and a gourmet taste of Rahway's best restaurants. This year will be a collector's dream with festival posters depicting a nostalgic scene of Irving Street in downtown Rahway at Christmas during the 1950's as painted by hometown artist, Lloyd Garrison. Everyone may purchase special nostalgic holiday cards with the new 2003 Lloyd Garrison Rahway Christmas card depicting Main Street during the holidays in the 1950's.

An enchanting part of the festival starts with the festival of icicles, the second annual Festival of Trees and this year, the addition of a Festival of Wreaths. The trees and wreaths are donated, fully decorated and with festive lights by local business, employee groups, organi-

zations, individuals, retailers and corporations. These trees and wreaths will be displayed at the Masonic Hall at 1550 Irving St. in downtown Rahway for public viewing on Nov. 28 through Nov. 30. The trees and wreaths will also be available for a silent auction with the winner taking home a holiday masterpiece. Anyone wishing to participate should call the Rahway Center Partnership (RCP) at (732) 396-3545. Participants are able to obtain the tree or basic wreaths of their choice at 50 percent off wholesale from corporate sponsor National Tree

through the RCP.

On Friday enjoy the annual tree lighting and arrival of Santa, the Holiday Craft Market on Main Street, a special presentation of "A White Christmas" at the Union County Arts Center, and this year a special Festival of Giants down Main and Cherry Streets, which will be a massive display of dozens of holiday blowup favorites.

Saturday is breakfast and lunch with Santa at the Masonic Hall (call RCP for reservations) and new this year a Taste Of


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The tasting will be held on Saturday at the Masonic Hall on Irving St. from 6 until 9:30 p.m. with tickets available at participating restaurants (who will be displaying signs identifying their participation) and the RCP

for \$25 per person.

All weekend long there will be art shows at the Arts Guild of Rahway at 1670 Irving St. and the Edge Art Gallery at 1571 Irving St.

Throughout the weekend there will be a special child car seat safety demo by the Rahway Police Department at the Festival of Trees and Sunday the continuation of the Festival of Trees and munching with Santa and the elves.



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Rail Historian Writes Book About The Jersey Central

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Mail. To get a copy, send a check payable to the author to Frank Reilly, 460 Elm St., Stirling, NJ 07980-1126.

The author's subject is the railroad that operated between 1836 and 1976 and served every county in New Jersey as well as the Pennsylvania coal mines, steel mills, and industries in the Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys.

In his book, Mr. Reilly chronicles the development and operations of the railroad from its modest beginning in 1836 in down-

town Elizabeth through the pioneering westward expansion to Plainfield in 1839, Somerville in 1842, Phillipsburg in 1852, and in Pennsylvania to Allentown, Jim Thorpe, Penobscott, Ashley, Wilkes-Barre, and Scranton in 1871. Also in 1871 it began service through southern New Jersey to Bridgeton, Bivalve, Winslow, Lakewood, Toms River, Red Bank and intermediate towns. Branch lines served towns in Morris and Sussex Counties as well as many seashore towns ranging from Keansburg and Atlantic Highlands to Sea Bright, Long Branch, Point Pleasant and Atlantic City.

Says the author, "The railroad set the standard for other railroads in customer service and community relations as well as innovations in railroading, including the introduction of two deluxe trains beginning in 1929 the Blue Comet (Jersey City

Atlantic City) and The Bullet (Wilkes-Barre - Jersey City)."

Much of the Central Railroad in New Jersey is now part of NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line and New Jersey Coast Line, although large portions of the railroad beyond those lines have been abandoned for many years.

Hundreds of former employees of the Central Railroad are named and many are shown in photographs while at work on trains, in terryboats and in offices.

The author is a former employee of the Central RR of NJ who advanced from a clerk typist in the locomotive roundhouse in

Jersey City to sales manager. He is also the president of the Central RR of NJ Historical Society and the past president of the Central RR of NJ Veteran Employees Association.

The book is 64 pages and is 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size and has color covers with photos of steam and diesel locomotives. Inside it has numerous photos of trains, terryboats, tugs, freight and passenger cars, employees at work, and structures.

Other illustrations include an old map of the railroad, advertisements from the 1920's and before, and other interesting items.

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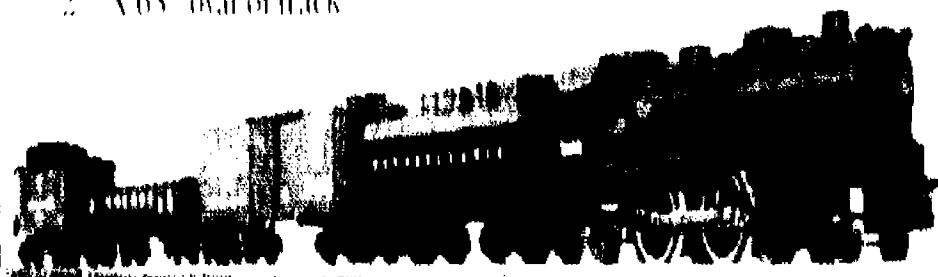
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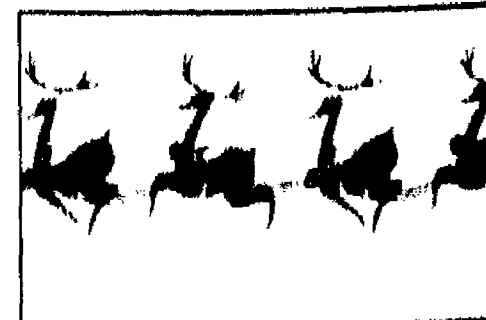
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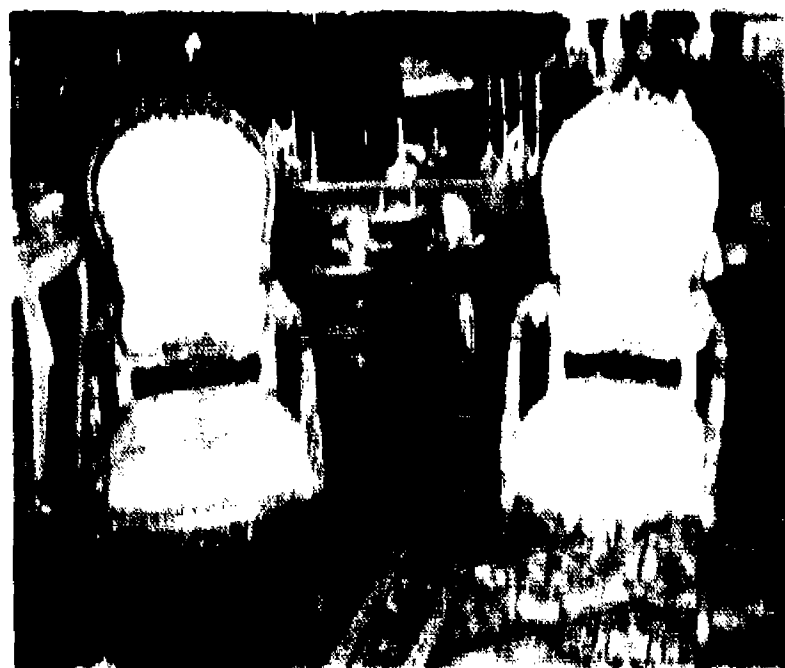
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Dietrition Tips For The Thanksgiving Holiday

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003

WESTFIELD — Thanksgiving is fast approaching. It traditionally kicks off the holiday season. It is a festive time of the year, but what most of us are left with is extra weight. The turkey gets stuffed, and we along with it.

We will soon usher in 2004, but not before all of the season's festivities. Holiday gatherings

are not complete without food and drink. Unfortunately, if your weight is a concern, temptation lurks everywhere.

If you have foods in the house that are lower in calories, even though you may be preparing for loved ones and friends, you will have access to eating the right foods. So while you are buying all the goodies for com-

pany, buy yourself and for those who will appreciate it, raw vegetables, non-fat yogurt for dipping, fat-free cheese, etc. A fat-free salad dressing mixed with a fat-free sour cream or yogurt makes a tasty dip for vegetables. Have turkey and chicken on hand, even though you may be preparing roast beef for dinner.

If you think in terms of a snack for everyone but yourself, you are not utilizing the word substitution. If you do not have

anything in the house that helps you through a trying time, like entertaining, you are going to eat the wrong foods.

If you are the host or hostess, you can count on being showered with boxes of chocolates, fancy cookies, wine, etc. The weight-conscious person who says, "I will just have a taste," is not being realistic. Once started, this is a beginning that may not end there. If candy is a weakness of yours, eating one piece may

start you on a roller coaster. That is why you must have alternative foods in the house.

Take care of yourself. Shop for the holidays wisely, and pay attention to how you prepare those holiday foods. Remember, your needs are important too.

For those who may need help, contact Dietrition, Inc., the nutrition and weight loss consultants, 203 Elm St., Westfield. The day and evening telephone number is (908) 789-3399.

Stop & Shop To Raise Money For Community Food Bank

AREA — Local Stop & Shop supermarkets in Berkeley Heights and Madison are raising money for the Community Food Bank of NJ and two statewide food banks as part of the supermarket chain's 14th Annual Food For Friends program.

The annual campaign has set a goal to raise more than \$1 million for more than 300 hunger relief organizations throughout the Northeast.

Both the Madison and Berkeley Heights stores will host fund-raising events such as hot dog and bake sales, and will sell paper turkeys for \$1 apiece at checkout. The turkeys can be personalized by each customer and will be displayed throughout the stores.

Stop & Shop will match a portion of the funds contributed by customers and employees.

"This is a critical year for fund-raising; many families have to decide whether their money will go towards food or heat, because they can't afford

both," stated Barry Berman, executive vice president for Stop & Shop.

"In the United States, five million people live at or below the poverty level, and nearly a third of them are children. Providing meals to those who need help is a cause that directly impacts each community in which we operate and gives each store the opportunity to form a lasting partnership with a local food pantry and make a difference," Mr. Berman said.

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a member of America's Second Harvest national food bank network, distributes food to more than 1,500 agencies that fight hunger throughout New Jersey.

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Making Holidays 'Bear-able' For Those In Need

By PAT KELLEY

MILLBURN — The December holidays are a time for hustle and bustle, shopping and gift giving.

They are also a time to remember those less fortunate who may not have the means to celebrate. In Millburn Township, the Welfare Department will once again this year participate in programs to make sure that those in need can celebrate, too.

The holidays are just around the corner for Welfare Director and Senior Citizen Coordinator Mary Ann Moore, who has already started to plan this year's toy and book drive. "We're definitely in the thick of things," she said as she described plans for the township's 20th Toy and Book Drive for needy children.

Each year all township employees, board and committee members are asked to bring a new children's book to the township's holiday party which is held in early December. Residents as well are encouraged to bring a new book or unwrapped toy to town hall to be included in the collection.

All items collected will go to the local United Way office on Millburn Avenue to be distrib-



NO BARE BEARS - All dressed up with some place to go are bears dressed by employees of Millburn Township. Contribute bare bears to Millburn Town Hall through Dec. 12.

uted to families in need. About a week before Christmas, the toys and books will be displayed in the United Way office so that "it looks like a little mini toy store," Ms. Moore said. Parents will be invited to come in and choose a couple of items for each of their children. Those items that are left over will go to the Toy Bureau sponsored by the United Way of Essex County which will set up a similar holiday shop at the First Presbyterian Church in Orange so that parents from any of the Essex County suburbs can come and choose presents for their

children.

Last year the township collected at least 100 books and dozens and dozens of toys, according to Ms. Moore.

Township employees have also participated in the Salvation Army's Holiday Bear program for the past 20 years and hope to do so again this year, Ms. Moore said. Each year undressed teddy bears are deposited at town hall to be dressed by township employees before being donated to needy children. Ms. Moore said the program has become such a tradition that workers are already

asking where the bears are and some have already bought outfits for them.

Last year approximately three dozen bears were dressed by township employees before being donated to the Toy Bureau of Maplewood and the Oranges, the United Way, the Red Cross, and a few local families.

In addition to all the donations provided by township employees and residents, Ms. Moore said she often gets offers of help from local businesses. This year Dunn and Bradstreet has offered to anonymously adopt a local family for the holidays. Ms. Moore will help the

family compile a wish list, then the employees of Dunn and Bradstreet will help make those wishes come true.

Individuals wishing to contribute to these programs can drop toys and books off at Town Hall through Dec. 12. For those who don't like to shop, Ms. Moore will gladly accept cash donations which she will use to purchase grocery store food certificates to be given out to local families who could use some help buying food for the holidays. Gift certificates to the local malls would also be appreciated.

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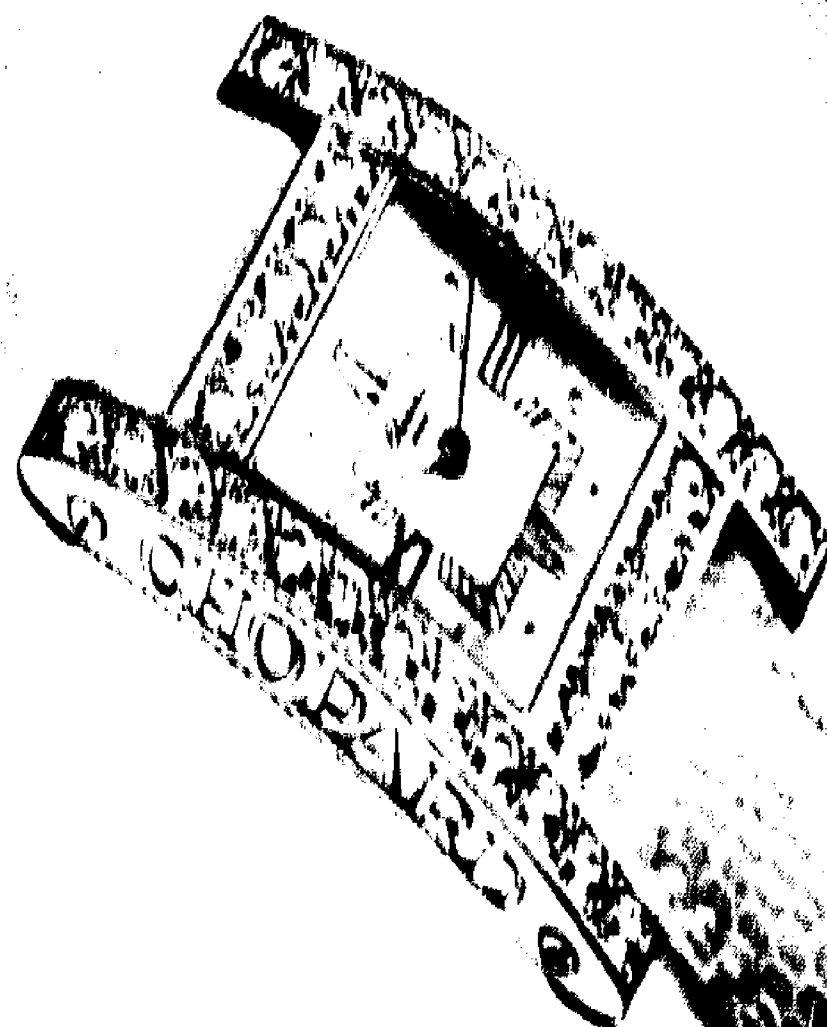
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Chatham Adult School Plans Holiday Craft Classes

CHATHAM - The Adult School of the Chathams, Madison and Florham Park will help participants begin their holiday crafts.

Learn to weave ordinary strips of paper into extraordinary Christmas ornaments known as Moravian Stars or Stars of Bethlehem. This traditional craft will add an old world touch to home, indoors and outdoors. Linda Raedisch will teach this class from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Chatham Middle School, 480 Main St., Chatham. The fee to attend is \$23.

Also, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, at Chatham Middle School, Cindy Radcliffe, Ph.D., owner of Radcliffe Farms, Bedminster, will help you create an heirloom tabletop decoration to accent your buffet table, mantle

or to give as a gift. Planted in an antique gilded container, this 24 inch design is formed with preserved leaves and branches and accented with faux fruits, gold-dusted botanicals, burgundy florals and finished with a sheer French wired ribbon. The fee to attend is \$60.

Make a holiday centerpiece, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Chatham Middle School.

Kaneko Field will create an arrangement of floral fruit and greens such as artichokes, pineapples and apples using basic floral arrangement techniques. Size of the centerpiece will be 15" oval. Please bring floral scissors to class. The fee to attend is \$40.

Call the adult school at 973-443-9222 to register for any of these holiday classes.



KIDS CRAFT DAY AT DEERFIELD SCHOOL-Deerfield School will once again have its popular PTA Craft Day on Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children of all ages will have a chance to make homemade crafts to keep for themselves or to give to someone as a holiday gift. Some of the crafts that will be offered are "rein-bear" gift boxes, sand-art cookies in a jar, potpourri sachets, winter welcome door hangers and marbleized glass ornaments. Children can also design their own cards to be used as holiday or birthday cards or thank-you notes. Seashell ornaments, votive candle holders and decorated gingerbread cookies can also be made. Prices for crafts will range from \$1.50 to \$5 per craft. All area children are invited to attend. For more information, call Sheila Hibberson at (908) 233-6150 or Lori Palladino at (908) 301-9116. Displaying their holiday crafts are, from left, Lori Palladino and her daughter, Noelle, and Sheila Hibberson and her daughter, Jamie.

Stars Of Tomorrow To Perform At Evening Of Giving

CRANFORD- Stars of Tomorrow's Counselors will be providing entertainment at Simon's Seventh Annual Evening of Giving, which is being held at Menlo Park Mall beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 23. Counselors will be doing face painting, balloon animals, and performing an improv show with audience participation. Camp representatives will be available to answer any questions concerning the performing arts camp's programs for the summer of 2004.

Stars of Tomorrow Performing Arts Camp is an exciting Summer Theatre Program offering intensive theatre arts with an emphasis on the creative process and group experience in a warm and supportive environment. This is a camp where young performers learn how to work and create together. Stars of Tomorrow campers experience all aspects of theatre including auditioning techniques, musical theatre, scenic design, make-up, and much more. There will be weekly workshops and special guest artists. Programs are available for campers beginning at age 3 through high school. For additional information about camp programs, special discounts, and open house dates, visit our website at www.StarsOfTomorrow.com or call (908) 276-5073.

An Evening of Giving is an exclusive after hours shopping event benefiting the Simon Youth Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, and local charitable organizations. Enjoy shopping, entertainment, and the best values of the season. Among the events of the evening will be a Silent Auction, special in-store sales, and entertainment for everyone. Retailers from American Eagle, Bath & Body Works, Brookstone, Cold Water Creek, Eddie Bauer, and many others will be offering exclusive discounts for this evening only. This fund raising event is a spectacular kickoff to the holiday season. In addition to the entertainment provided by Stars of Tomorrow, shoppers will enjoy the sounds of carolers, choirs, bands, and other musical acts. Tickets may be purchased at the Simon Marketplace / Customer Service for \$8.00; they will not be sold at the door. Ticket sales will be a donation to the Edison Municipal Alliance, BRIDGES Program, and the Simon Youth Organization.

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Designer Demonstrates Fragrant Holiday Décor

SUMMIT - Holiday entertaining is the theme for two workshops coming up at Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

Sylvia Bird, AIFD, a British floral designer, will visit the arboretum for two days, to demonstrate historic holiday floral decorations. The decorations use fragrant plants and herbs such as laurel, olive, box, cinnamon, dried fruit and pine to appeal to the nose as well as the eye.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, Ms. Bird will demonstrate table centerpieces and wreaths. The centerpiece will feature pine and fresh flowers. Participants will create one design to take home.

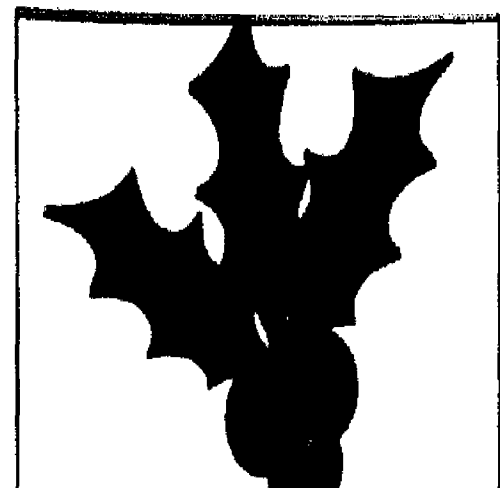
On Thursday, Nov. 20, she will teach participants to assemble topiary trees with cinnamon sticks, aromatic spices and fruit. She will also show how to make swags or garlands to decorate doorways, mantels and chairs. Participants will create either a topiary tree or a swag.

There will be two workshops each day, from noon to 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. The fee for each workshop is \$94, including the cost of the materials.

Those interested in making wreaths may also want to consider taking the arboretum's Natural Holiday Wreath class, taught by Summit resident Carolyn Lydon.

Ms. Lydon will teach how to enhance a basic balsam wreath with small bunches of fresh greens, then adorn it with dried natural elements such as pepper berries, pinecones and dried lichens. This class will be taught Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. The fee for the class is \$56, including the cost of all materials.

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St. Hubert's Warns Against Pet Giving For The Holiday

MADISON - St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, with shelters in Madison and in North Branch, warns that giving pets as holiday gifts can have heartbreaking consequences for both the animals and recipients.

"You should never surprise someone with a pet as a gift at any time of the year, because choosing a pet is an important decision that pet owners should make personally," cautions St. Hubert's vice president Nora

Parker. "Owning pets involves a long-term commitment to love and care for them."

In addition, the hectic holiday season might be an extremely difficult time for many people to properly train their new pets. Forming a bond, especially when a new pet first joins the family, is also crucial in the development of an animal companion.

Many novice owners eventually decide to surrender the animals after the novelty of hav-

ing a new pet subsides. Each year, animal shelters like St. Hubert's receive many rejected gift pets.

Rather than giving pets for the holidays, St. Hubert's suggests giving potential pet owners a gift certificate from its shelters, so that after the holiday they can choose the pets that are just right for them. Prepare loved ones for

their future companion animal responsibilities by giving them a pet care book or instructional item such as St. Hubert's dog training CD, "Dogs Will be Dogs."

"St. Hubert's and other animal shelters are great places to find a new best friend. We always have wonderful dogs and cats of various types waiting

for responsible, loving homes," says Ms. Parker. "Best of all, you'll be giving two gifts - a loving companion for the owner and a second chance at life for the pet."

For information about St. Hubert's gift certificates, call the Madison shelter at 973-377-2295 or the North Branch shelter at 908-526-3330.

Enjoy White Christmas On Holiday House Tour

SUMMIT - Even if there should be no snow on the ground, tour goers on Reeves-Reed Arboretum's Holiday House tour can revel in a variety of decorations, including one house decorated in antiques,

"mostly white ones," said Jan Barrett McLean of Summit.

Ms. Barrett is the chair of this year's house tour on Dec. 11. The tour features six Summit houses decorated for the holidays. Proceeds from the tour benefit

Reeves-Reed Arboretum, a non-profit conservancy in Summit.

Three of the houses on the tour are Tudor-style. One is Georgian, and one is Arts-and-Crafts. Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum will be decorated in a Victorian style, appropriate to its 1889 Colonial Revival design. House tour participants are invited to enjoy punch and cookies at Wisner house during the tour.

More information about the tour, and a printable order form for tickets, are available on the Arboretum's website, www.reeves-reedarboretum.org. Tickets will be available for \$25 at The Garden Shop at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Avenue, after Thanksgiving. The Garden Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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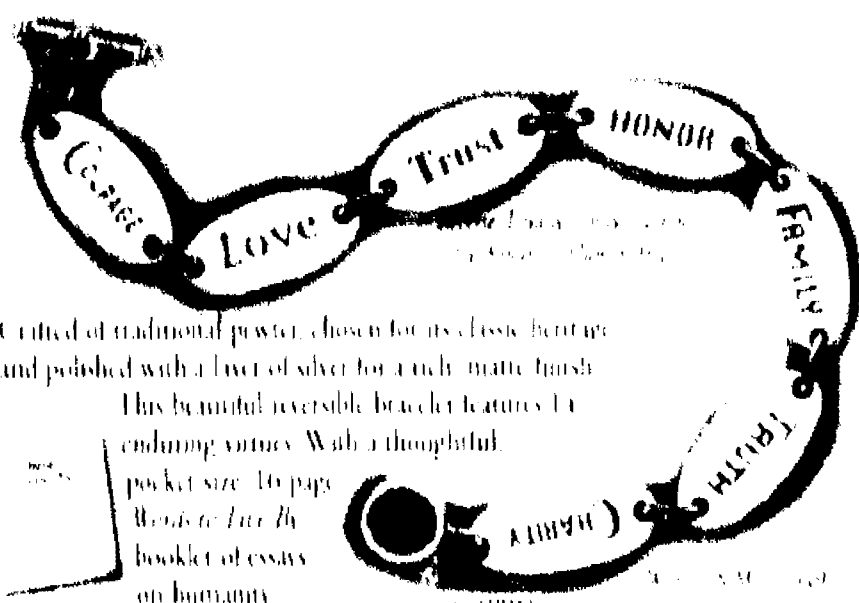
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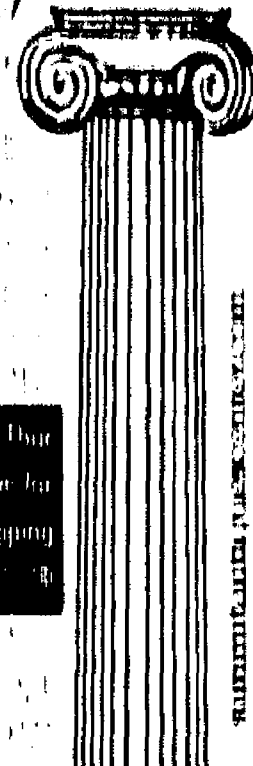
Cornell Crafts

UNION—Attend Craft Wonderland, a complimentary event hosted by "The Craft Lady" Lisa Olender at Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 234 Chestnut St. Union on Dec. 17, 1:30-3 p.m.

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Suburban Chiropractic Supports Food Bank

CHATHAM - Suburban Chiropractic Center, 301 Main St., will sponsor a Beanie Baby raffle to support the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. The raffle will be open to the public. To enter, bring a can of food to the chiropractic center through Dec. 5. The food will be donated to the Community Food Bank for its annual food drive in December. Call the Suburban Chiropractic Center at 973-635-0036.

Grange plans turkey and food drive

LONG HILL TWP - The Meyersville Grange, 500 Meyersville Road, Gillette, invites neighbors to spread the spirit of Thanksgiving to those in need and to help the Community Food Bank of New Jersey by driving up to the Grange to drop off a frozen, never thawed turkey or non-perishable groceries, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22. For information, call 908-647-6363.

Summit Federal collects for the holidays

SUMMIT - As it does each year, Summit Federal Savings is reaching out to the communities it serves and asking for donations to help make the holidays brighter for the less fortunate. During the month of November, Summit Federal Savings will collect for local food banks. Donations of canned or dried food items can be made at any Summit Federal office during regular banking hours, Monday through Saturday. Items most needed by the food centers include dry milk, peanut butter and jelly,

dry cereal, canned soup, meat, vegetables, fruit or 100 percent fruit juices, packaged pasta, and tomato sauce, as well as sugar-free items and holiday foods. The bank is headquartered in Summit and has four branch offices: Berkeley Heights, Clinton, Dumellen and Washington, N.J. Among the organizations that will benefit from Summit Federal Savings collections is Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights.

Bridges welcomes support

SUMMIT - Help is needed at Bridges, the Summit-based outreach organization serving the homeless in downtown Manhattan, Newark and Irvington. There is an immediate need for donated clothing, toiletries and bagged lunches, according to executive director Ellen Maher.

Recent increases in the homeless population in these areas have contributed to a shortfall of needed goods, she said. Specifically, men's, women's and children's casual clothing and travel-sized shampoo, soap, lotions and oral hygiene products should be dropped off at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Bagged lunches in quantities of 10 or more can also be brought to the church on Fridays only, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each bagged lunch should include a sandwich (please avoid peanut butter and jelly), a juice box, soft fresh or canned fruit and a package of cookies, snack bar or chips. Bagged lunches should be packed inside a larger shopping bag, labeled with the donor's name, address and telephone number. For information about Bridges, call the office at 908-273-0176.

Paper Mill, Community Theatre collect coats

AREA - The Paper Mill Playhouse on Brookside Drive, Millburn, will collect coats for the Jersey Cares annual coat drive through Sunday, Dec. 14, during the run of "The Sound of Music." Receptacles for coats and signage have been placed in the Brookside entrance to the lobby. Call the Paper Mill at 973-379-3636.

Also collecting for Jersey Cares is the Community Theatre, 100 South St., Morristown through Dec. 15. Theatre patrons can donate prior to performance or at the administrative offices during regular business hours. Call the Community Theatre at 973-539-0345.

The Jersey Cares Coat Drive collects gently used coats, rain coats, parkas, winter jackets and overcoats, for men, women, children and infants. The coats are distributed to 150 non-profit agencies in New Jersey, including shelters, churches, child services, soup kitchens, hospitals, and inner-city public schools.

The goal of the eighth annual coat drive is to collect and distribute more than 25,000 winter coats. Over the past eight years, Jersey Cares has collected, sorted and distributed more than 100,000 winter coats through this program.

YMCA holds breakfast food collection for Pantry

MADISON - Throughout November, the Madison Area YMCA will collect breakfast food to benefit the Interfaith Pantry of Morristown. Collection boxes will be set up in the lobby at the YMCA Family Center at 111 Emory Road,

and at the front entrance to the YMCA's E.M. Kirby Children's Center at 51 East Street. All non-perishable breakfast food items are requested, including hot and cold cereals, oatmeal, pancake and muffin mixes, canned and dried fruit, coffee, tea, sugar and syrup. This is the seventh year that the YMCA has held a breakfast foods collection in November.

For information, call 973-822-9622, ext. 2248.

Madison Area YMCA Seeks Christmas Tree Volunteer support

MADISON - The Madison Area YMCA seeks volunteers to staff its 11th annual Christmas tree sale, which will be open from Saturday, Dec. 6 through noon on Christmas Eve day. The proceeds from the sale support the YMCA New Program Fund. Volunteers will help set up the lot on Saturday, Nov. 22. Volunteers are also needed when trees are delivered from Nova Scotia and Michigan, from the Thanksgiving weekend through the first week of December. Volunteers will help unwrap, sort and tag trees. Sale begins when the lot

is open, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. Call 973-822-9622, ext. 2244 or ext. 2279.

Phi Mu Alumnae conducts pecan sale

AREA - The Greater Summit Area Phi Mu Alumnae is conducting an annual pecan sale for the benefit of Children's Miracle Network. One-pound bags of jumbo halves are available for \$6.50. All proceeds will benefit the two children's hospitals in New Jersey, which include Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineer and Jom's River and the Bristol Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson in New Brunswick.

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open to children between the ages 5-13. Call the church office at (973) 379-4320 to put a child's name on Santa's helper list. Only the first 40 children will make the list; so call quickly. There is a \$5 charge to help pay for craft supplies and refreshments.

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'The Pipes Of Christmas' Returns

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Featured performers include Pipe Major Kevin R. Blandford of California, on the Highland Bagpipes and Scottish Smallpipes. Blandford, president of the Western States Pipe Band Association, will be joined by members of the R.P. Blandford & Sons Pipe Band. Also performing will be New York City and Metropolitan Opera star, Mark Delavan, Celtic fiddler Paul Woodiel of Maplewood and the Solid Brass ensemble from Chatham.

Seating is limited and tickets will only be sold in advance of the concert. No tickets will be sold at the door. All seats are \$25.

To purchase tickets, send payment, along with self-addressed, stamped envelope to The Clan Currie Society, P.O. Box 541, Summit, NJ 07902-0541. Specify matinee or evening performance. For more information call (908) 273-1509, visit on the web at www.clancurrie.com or e-mail clancurrie@gmail.com.

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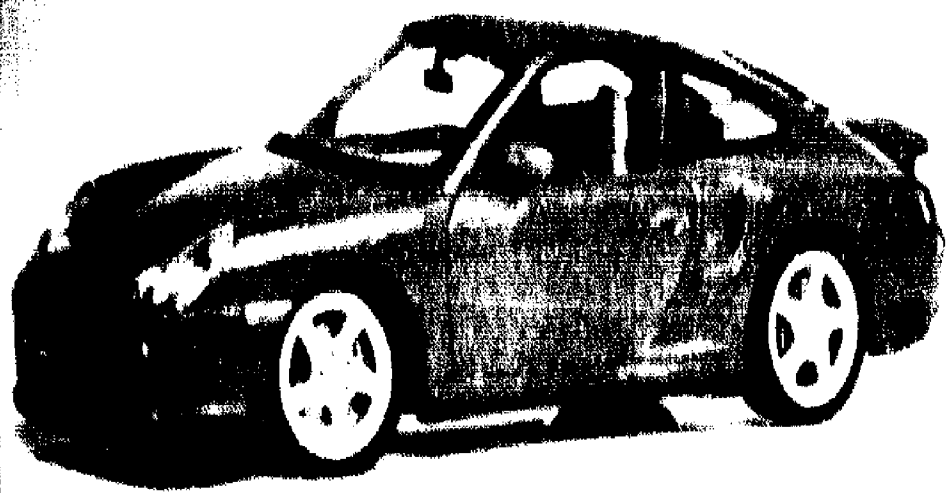
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Finally, in 1997, it moved to its present location at Salt Brook

find a wide variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items of silver, pewter, linen, wood, paper, wool and straw.

This sale represents one of a few remaining sources for traditional Scandinavian goods and it draws patrons from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, who begin their holiday shopping and enjoy the annual celebration of the Scandinavian culture.

endars, Christmas cards, stationery, and prints suitable for framing. An assortment of table linens will be available, including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and year-round use. For the home, one will find Danish stainless steel items, baking needs, aprons, knives, a large variety of Danish wrought iron candleholders, wooden candleholders, and decorative crystal pieces for Christmas and every-

clogs.

A large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee buns, and pastries will be sold. Imported foods include authentic farmers cheese, several types of herring and mackerel, lingonberries and cloudberries, and various chocolates and marzipan.

Coffee and Danish pastries will be served beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a light lunch of Scandinavian open faced sandwiches and pastries from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

At 2 p.m., children ages three to 14 dressed in traditional Scandinavian costumes will perform a selection of Scandinavian folk dances. These young members of the Dalarna-Blaklockan Children's Scandinavian Dance Club are supported in their cultural

studies by Lodge Linne.

Vasastjarnan, a teenage folk dance group, will also perform at the sale.

Lodge Linne No. 429, Vasa Order of America, is a nonprofit organization for individuals of Scandinavian descent. The Lodge meets on the third Friday of each month in the Community Volunteer Firehouse, Community Place, Warren.

Proceeds from the import sale benefit many local organizations and charities such as the first aid squads, volunteer fire departments, local libraries, high school scholarships, and the Greater Newark Fresh-Air and Christmas Funds. A portion also is donated to the local Vasa Order to be used for Scandinavian cultural programs and scholarships.

For information, call 908-665-1292, 973-539-1859, or 908-461-6526.



COLORFUL SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS and everyday linens will be sold by Margareta Warlick of Wrightstown, Birgitta Micheller of Warren, Jerry Meloskie of Rockaway, Elsie Giegerich, Marion Jensen and Will Giegerich all of Cranford and Pat Bell of Watchung. These items will be sold at Lodge Linne's 25th Annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale, which will be held on Nov. 22 at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St., New Providence. The doors will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3:30.

School, 40 Maple St.

The sale, sponsored by Lodge Linne No. 429, Vasa Order of America, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, at Salt Brook School. Admission is free.

Lodge Linne features merchandise hand-crafted and manufactured in Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. Visitors will

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf like tomtens, Jul Boek of straw goats in all sizes, painted Dala horses, Danish mobiles, and many Christmas ornaments.

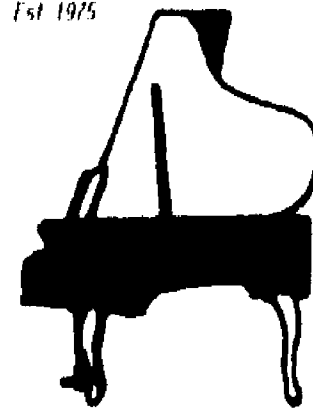
Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of Advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy, Carl Larsson cal-

day use.

Personal items will include sweaters from Dale of Norway, for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department has been expanded to include Norwegian silver soap, pewter and amber pieces designed as necklaces, earrings, and pins. This year the sale will also have a selection of Swedish

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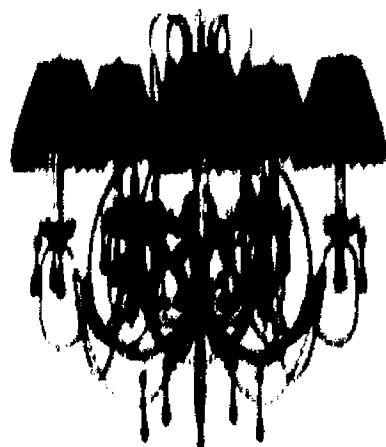
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The Tchekmazov-Nuzova Duo was formed in Moscow, Russia in 1998 when Mr. Nuzova and Mr. Tchekmazov were students at the Gnessin Academy of Music and at the Moscow Conservatory.

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