



Ms. Jane Blythe Shivers

### Ms. Jane Blythe Shivers To Wed Christian Hoffman

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Shivers of Bay Head and New York City have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Jane Blythe Shivers, to Christian Eric Hoffman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Hoffman of Basking Ridge.

The future bride and bridegroom are graduates of The Pingry School in Martinsville. Ms. Shivers is also a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. and is employed as an international equities trader at Merrill Lynch in New York City.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shorsher of Westfield and Stuart, Fla., and of the late Captain and Mrs. Carl Shivers, who were also residents of Stuart.

Mr. Hoffman is a graduate of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. and is employed as an underwriter at Chubb & Son, Inc. in New York City. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoffman of Naples, Fla. and Asheville, N.C. and of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wetlesen of East Stroudsburg, Pa.

The wedding will take place in New York City in December.



Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Di Iorio

### Mr. and Mrs. Di Iorio Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Di Iorio of Westfield celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at the Inn at Somerset Hills in Warren on Saturday, January 20.

In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Di Iorio's three sons, Domenick, Emilio and Alex, their families, and all living siblings of the anniversary couple.

These included Mr. Di Iorio's three sisters, Amerina Porchetta, Connie Recca and Rosa Carrelli and their spouses, along with Mrs. Di Iorio's brother, Diamante Del Monaco, and his wife.

The couple also took a golden anniversary honeymoon to Las Vegas, Nev., where they visited family and friends.

Mr. Di Iorio and the former Miss Angelina Del Monaco, the daughter of Emilio and Giovanina Del Monaco, were married on January 20, 1951 by Monsignor Henry J. Watterson at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Both were 18 years old at the time.

The Di Iorio and Del Monaco families emigrated to Westfield from Pietracupa, Italy, before and after World War II, and since then have been part of the Westfield and the Holy Trinity Church and School communities. Mr. and Mrs. Di Iorio have been residents of the town for 55 years.

Mr. Di Iorio, the son of Domenick and Maria Di Iorio, succeeded his father in the construction business in January of 1951.

He has been the Director and head general partner of New Jersey road construction and general contracting operations for more than 50 years.

Over the years, the company has operated from bases in Linden and South Plainfield.

The Linden office, Di Iorio & Di Iorio General Partners, was dissolved after the death of Mr. Di Iorio's partner, Nick Di Iorio. Alexander Di Iorio and his oldest son, Domenick, subsequently opened the South Plainfield operation base as Davcon Associates. The senior Mr. Di Iorio remains on board as a semi-retired Director of Operations.

Di Iorio & Di Iorio and Davcon Associates have been awarded achievement honors by many organizations, including *Utility Contractor* magazine.

### Sam Arthur Welcomed By Marthaler family

Hope and Todd Marthaler of Maple Grove, Minn., formerly of Westfield, have announced the birth of their first son, Sam Arthur Marthaler, on Saturday, January 6.

Sam weighed 8 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

He joins his two sisters, Tessa, age 5, and Emma, age 1.

The baby's maternal grandmother is Mary Jones of Sunset Beach, N.C., formerly of Westfield.

Wayne and Pat Marthaler of Keswick, Va. are his paternal grandparents.

Sam's paternal great-grandmother is Marjorie Tesar of Charlottesville, Va.

### Mr. Boothe to Share History Of Garden State Parkway

WESTFIELD - Former Westfield Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe will discuss the early history and planning of the Garden State Parkway. Next year will mark the Parkway's 50th anniversary.

The program, presented by the Westfield Historical Society, will take place on Friday, March 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street. Refreshments will follow.

"The early history of the Parkway, and its owner-operator, the New Jersey Highway Authority, is fascinating, and it is essential to understanding issues that are with us - and plague us - today. Heading this list is why tolls continue," Mr. Boothe explained as a preview to his upcoming talk.

"Long-time New Jersey residents will remember the post-war, pre-Parkway days, crawling down Route 9 to Lavallette, with more distant locations like Long Beach Island, pre-gambling Atlantic City and Cape May being almost impossible, horrendous, all-day traffic experiences," he continued.

"The Parkway changed all that, and had the additional effect of making Monmouth and Ocean Counties realistic locations for North Jersey-New York commuters to live," Mr. Boothe added.

Pivotal to creation of the Parkway's authority and construction was a 1952 bond issue presented to and adopted by the voters, according to Mr. Boothe. Some of those issues reverberate today.

Pro-referenda literature will be shown during the program, and audience members will have an opportunity to evaluate promises made in 1952, he said.

Mr. Boothe's presentation will be largely based on research he did on the Port Authority, Turnpike Authority and Highway Authority for his thesis at Princeton University.

In a ceremony preceding the regular program, Brian Mueller, a Society Trustee, and Major General Paul J. Glazer, Adjutant General for the State of New Jersey, will present a check for over \$21,000 to Charles A. Carroll, Department Adjutant/Treasurer of the Disabled American Veterans Department of New Jersey.

This check will represent the proceeds from the V2K Dinner Dance held by the Historical Society, the New Jersey National Guard and other veterans organizations on Veterans Day, November 11, 2000, in the Westfield National Guard Armory.

These proceeds will be used to purchase transportation for disabled veterans in New Jersey.

### Miller-Cory Plans Program On Colonial 'Spoon Dolls'

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will feature a "spoon doll" demonstration by Laurie and Amy Mills of Fanwood this Sunday, March 11.

In early America, dolls were made from materials at hand such as spoons, clay pipes, corn husks, apples and from bits of rags or straw. Dried berries, feathers, corn kernels, flowers, shells and stones were used as adornments.

Guided tours of the museum will be conducted by costumed docents. The museum will be open from 2 to 5 p.m., with the last tour beginning at 4 p.m.

Ellen Hess of Cranford and Penny Maslo of Elizabeth, both volunteer members of the museum's cooking committee, will demonstrate open

hearth cooking using authentic Colonial recipes, utensils and techniques. Visitors will be able to sample taste treats prepared by the cooks.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under 6. The museum's gift shop features a variety of Colonial reproductions, jellies, teas, cookbooks and reading materials.

A spinning demonstration will take place on Sunday, March 18. For more information about the museum and upcoming spring events, please call (908) 232-1776.

### Garden Club to Hear Program on Setting, Decorating Tables

WESTFIELD - Setting and decorating beautiful tables for the family or company will be the featured topic for the Garden Club of Westfield at its meeting on Thursday, March 15, at 1 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

"Tasteful Tables By Two" will be presented by Betty Markendorf, a master flower show judge and gardening consultant who also teaches flower arranging. Assisting her will be June Smith, who is also an accredited flower show judge.

There will be a \$5 fee for guests at the March meeting.

Hostess Chairwoman for the event will be Nancy Roff, assisted by Irene Ilaria, Dot Archer, Carolyn Fleder, Barbara Lewis and Daniel Belcher.

Members of the club who will provide flower arrangements for the Westfield Memorial Library during March are Carole Brendel, Jean Partner-Jones, Nita McHugh and Nancy Roff.

### Hypertension Clinic On Tap for March 12

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly Hypertension (high blood pressure) Screening Clinic on Monday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Room of the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

The intent of the clinic, which is free, is to identify new cases of high blood pressure. Individuals who are over the age of 30 and smoke or are overweight, or who have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

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