



Miss Lauren V. Barrameda and Matthew A. Bilodeau

Miss Lauren Barrameda To Wed Matthew Bilodeau

Mrs. Lourdes G. Barrameda of Jackson Heights, N.Y. and Raul M. Barrameda of Woodside, N.Y. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lauren Virginia Barrameda, to Matthew Audet Bilodeau. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Bilodeau of Westfield. The bride-elect, a 1993 graduate of Hunter College High School in New York City, was awarded dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Communications and Psychology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. She is Regional Manager, Dis-

tribution and Field Marketing, for the Lifetime Networks, the corporate parent of Lifetime television.

Mr. Bilodeau, a 1991 graduate of Westfield High School, received his Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics and Spanish, cum laude, from Duke University in Durham, N.C. He was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University Business School in New York City. The future bridegroom is employed in Manhattan with American Express as Finance Manager for marketing programs in the domestic credit card division.

The couple plans to be married in April 2007.

La Leche League Posts Meeting For Next Week

WESTFIELD - The La Leche League of Westfield, a breastfeeding information and support group, will meet on Thursday, December 14, at 10 a.m. Topics of discussion will include "Starting Your Breastfed Baby on Solid Foods" and "Weaning, Gradually and With Love."

New, experienced and expectant mothers and their children are welcome to come and learn more about breastfeeding, have their questions answered and meet other breastfeeding mothers. For more information and the meeting location, please call Mari at (908) 233-6513 or Arlene at (908) 789-4772.

Hiking Club Presents Variety of Activities

COUNTY - The Union County Hiking Club offers a regular schedule of hiking and bicycling activities that provide wholesome recreation while contributing to physical fitness.

Most events take place in central and northern New Jersey. Membership dues are \$10 per year. To request a complimentary schedule, interested individuals are invited to call (908) 527-4900.

Miller-Cory to Celebrate German Christmas Sunday

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum will hold a program for families on German Christmas customs this Sunday, December 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. Youngsters will meet

the "Belsnickel," a folklore figure dressed in old clothes and a cape of old pelts who visits homes on Christmas Eve. The Belsnickel throws candy to the good children and then disappears until the next Christmas Eve.

Library Teen Group Announces Activities

FANWOOD - The Teen Group of the Fanwood Memorial Library will offer a series of three Wednesday afternoon activities. All will take place at the library and are open to teenagers in the community.

On December 13, Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) and Video Gaming will be featured from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The library's PlayStation 2 will be set up for the event. Refreshments and prizes also will be included.

Teenagers are invited to enjoy pizza and a movie with winter as its theme on December 20 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

"Winter Crafts for Teens" will be presented on December 27 starting at 1:30 p.m. during school vacation. Participants will be able to make "winter wonderland" crafts to take home.

The Fanwood Memorial Library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road. For more details about these activities or any other programs at the library, please call (908) 322-6400.

Rosary Society Party Set at IHM Church

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Rosary Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church will hold its annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 12. It will take place after the 7 p.m. Mass at the church, where new members will be inducted. The party will be held in the Father Byrne Auditorium, with "The Three Singers from Church" providing entertainment.

Gifts will be collected for residents of the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Any woman in the parish interested in joining the Rosary Society is asked to call the Nazareth Center at (908) 889-2100.

Visitors also will have an opportunity to learn about the Christmas tree, springle cookies and other traditions. In the museum's Frazee Building, a German Christmas dinner will be prepared over the open hearth. Taste treats prepared by the cooks will be available. Costumed docents will be on hand to give tours of the historic farmhouse, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. While at the museum, visitors also are invited to stop by the gift shop, which features a wide variety of Colonial toys, crafts, books and educational materials.

Admission to the museum is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for students and free for children under age four. Upcoming programs at the Miller-Cory House Museum include "Toys of Christmas Past" on Sunday, December 17. For more information, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

JCC Reveals Dates For Free Screenings

SCOTCH PLAINS - Staff from Overlook Hospital's Community Health Department will perform free stroke screenings and individual counseling on Tuesday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey.

Blood pressure, pulse, carotid artery, cholesterol and glucose level all will be checked. Participants also will have the opportunity to talk one on one with health counselors. This program, which is open to all, is funded by a grant from the F.M. Kirby Foundation.

The JCC is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Advance registration is required and space is limited. To schedule an appointment or obtain more details about the screenings, please contact Nan Statton at nstatton@jccnj.org or (908) 889-8800, extension no. 207. Information also is available at www.jccnj.org.



MR. AND MRS. BRUCE ADDISON PHILLIPS
(She is the former Ms. Mary-Beth Prokop)

Ms. Mary-Beth Prokop Marries Bruce A. Phillips

Ms. Mary-Beth Prokop, the daughter of the late John and Julia Prokop of Englewood, was married on Sunday, June 11, to Bruce Addison Phillips, a long-time resident of Westfield. He is the son of the late Max and Ruth Phillips of Dayton, Ohio.

The Reverend Arnold Taylor of Washington, D.C. officiated at the outdoor morning ceremony at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. A cocktail reception on the patio was followed by an elegant luncheon and dancing in the ballroom.

Mrs. Phillips wore an off-white dupioni silk gown, re-embroidered in leaves and vines. Designed by her cousin, Miss Violet Balogh of Englewood, it featured a basque waist, three-quarter sleeves, bell skirt and a sweetheart neckline enhanced by beaded trim of silver and pearl leaves. Oncidium orchids accented her cathedral-length veil of silk illusion.

In an unusual ceremony, the men processed together led by bagpiper Charlie Glendinning of Ashton, Md., carried photographs and mementos of the couple's absent and deceased family and friends and placed them on a table, creating an altar. Afterward the women, each carrying flowers, processed before the bride and formed an allée through which she walked to the altar.

Preceded by flower girl Miss Casey McNally, age four, of Somerset, who sprinkled yellow and white rose petals in her path, Mrs. Phillips carried but a single rosebud, named for her late mother, which she placed in her groom's lapel.

She then gathered together her bridal bouquet of roses, orchids, astilbe and veronica as proffered by each of the women. As part of her vows, Mrs. Phillips surprised her groom with an a cappella rendering of the Lennon/McCartney classic "In My Life."

Mrs. Barbara Martin of St. Louis, Mo. and Mrs. Niel Lorenz of Dayton, Ohio served as the attendants for their sister and brother. During the ceremony, the guests enjoyed musical performances by young friends and

family members, including Charlie Redd, 14, of Takoma Park, Md. playing classical guitar; Ms. Emily Forsyth Queen, 19, of Springfield, Va. on cello and soprano Ms. Julia Martin, also 19, of St. Louis, Mo.

Following Scottish tradition, the newly married couple was led into their reception by the bagpiper. The reception jazz band was composed of musical colleagues of the bride from the Washington, D.C. area and she later sang with them.

The newlyweds departed their wedding in a horse-drawn carriage, riding through Echo Lake Park, Mindowaskin Park (the site of their first date) and downtown Westfield to their home on West Dudley Avenue in Westfield.

A former resident of Washington, D.C. and Annapolis, Md., Mrs. Phillips graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is currently at ease. Mr. Phillips graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. and has a master's degree from Columbia University. He is the director of Databases for Platts, Inc. in Manhattan, a division of McGraw-Hill.

A rehearsal dinner was held the evening before the wedding at the couple's home in Westfield.

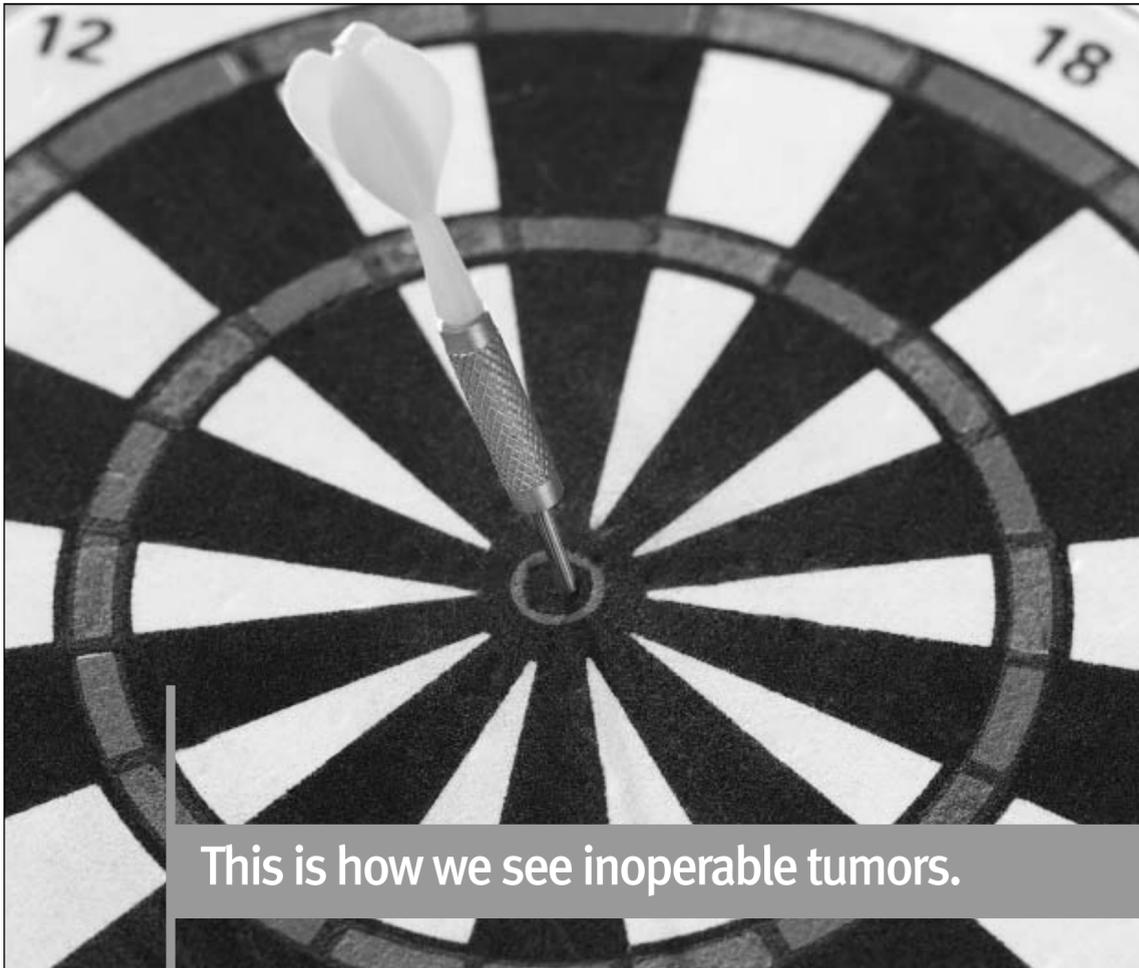
A wedding trip is planned for next spring.

Fluhrers Welcome Sydney Nicole

Patti and Randy Fluhrer of Plantation, Fla. have announced the birth of their daughter, Sydney Nicole Fluhrer, on Thursday, October 12, at 8:17 p.m. at Plantation General Hospital.

Sydney weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and measured 19 inches in length at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Jack and Nancy Meeker of Bonita Springs, Fla., former long-time residents of Westfield. Bill and Carol Fluhrer of Pittsburgh, Pa. are her paternal grandparents.



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