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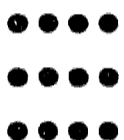
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HOLIDAY GREETINGS



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MARY ANN
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The publisher and staff of THE TIMES wish a happy holiday season to all our loyal advertisers and readers.

TIMES COPY DEADLINE MOVED UP

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, copy deadline for the January 1st issue of THE TIMES has been moved up to Friday, December 20th at 5:00 p.m.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS...

The following letters to the North Pole were submitted to THE TIMES and are reproduced, for your reading enjoyment, exactly as the authors presented their Christmas wishes to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you had a very good year since last Christmas. I hope all the elves are all Feeling well.

I've had a good year and I've been a good boy. For Christmas I want:

G.I. Joes, trucks, The Monster Machine, Transformers.

Love,
Bobby Koeckert
Fanwood

Der Sanoclos:

Mare Crismoss. Have a saff tip to my hows. I will bee watan for you. Bot I will bee a slep.

Nicole Triggs
Age 6

Dear Santa,

I hope you give me all the presents I want. I didn't belive in you before but now I do. I love you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

I've been sooo good!

Love,
Jennifer lyn Melvin

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\$5,000 reward for information leading to defendant's arrest

Law enforcement authorities released a composite state police sketch of a defendant wanted in connection with a violent burglary and assault in Scotch Plains on November 27.

Scotch Plains Police also issued a detailed description of the burglar and the Union County Crimestoppers Program announced that a cash reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered in connection with the case.

The victim in the case was approached around 8:15 a.m. by the suspect, who asked if she wanted her leaves raked, authorities said. A short time later she heard her

garage door open and was confronted by the man, who assaulted her and demanded money. The victim's college-age daughter came to her mother's aid and was also attacked, police said.

"We are looking for anyone who may have seen anything unusual on that day around that time to call authorities," said Scotch Plains Police Capt. Biagio Mineo. "We also want anyone who recognizes the photograph or the description to call."

Persons who do not want to give their name can also call the Crimestoppers tip line, 654-TIPS, to give information. Please turn to page 2



State police have released this sketch of a defendant wanted in connection with the November 27th burglary and assault in Scotch Plains.

Santa selects six budding new artists



Sporting their TIMES t-shirts are front row, left to right, Jessica Novak, Christine Hoyer and Becky Ginder. Back row, left to right, Robert Muselli, Nicole Maroulakos and Peter Kane.

It was six days before Christmas and Santa had a problem making a decision. He and his elves visited The Times' office on Friday, December 19th

to pick the Create-A-Santa winners. Santa and his helpers carefully looked at so many colorful and decorative entries. They found it very difficult deciding the contest winners. They pondered and finally decided to award two prizes in each category, instead of one, because every entry was a work of art.

Winners in the 5-year and under category were Becky Ginder of Fanwood and Jessica Novak of Scotch Plains. Create-A-Santa winners in the 6-8 year category were Christine Hoyer of Fanwood and Peter Kane of Scotch Plains. Robert Muselli of Fanwood and Nicole Maroulakos of Scotch Plains were the winners in the 9-12 year category. All winning artists received toys generously donated by T'obie Productions of Scotch Plains. Congratulations again to all of you on your talented creations and a special thank you to each and everyone who sent in their version of Santa Claus. Keep up the good work!

...and we heard him exclaim as he left the Times building— "Be kind to each other and a Happy Holiday Season!"

Students nominated for service academies

One student from Scotch Plains and one from Fanwood are among the 31 students from the 7th Congressional District nominated by Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldo, R-N.J., to compete for appointments to U.S. service academies for the 1986-87 academic year.

William McClary, of Scotch Plains, has been nominated for the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and Michael Citrano, of Fanwood, for the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo.

The appointments will be made by the respective academies following an evaluation of the candidates' test scores, second-year school academic and extracurricular records, and potential for careers as officers in the armed forces. The appointments are to be announced in the spring.

"Each of the 31 applicants has exhibited superior academic, athletic and leadership abilities," Rinaldo said. "I am confident that they possess the character, ability and motivation to succeed and to distinguish themselves as military officers. They are truly outstanding young men and women."

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Sugar & Spice winners make everything nice

Holiday confections kept all the cookie tasters off their diets recently at The Times. From among the many delectable entries in the "Sugar & Spice Contest" the Times cookie monster chose two favorites. First place went to Gloria Smith of Scotch Plains, recipient of a \$50.00 gift certificate from Made In America for her delicious Candy Cane Cookies.

For her tasty cheese cake cookies, Cindy Greco of Neshanic Station won 2nd place—a \$35 gift certificate, also to be used at Made In America. A former area resident Cindy was glad she kept up with The Times!

The "Cookie Monster" & staff wish to thank everyone for their delicious confections and recipes entered in The Times' Sugar & Spice Contest. Now we can all get back on our diets...Oh me; "I'll start tomorrow."