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## Band of teachers in S.P. practice what they preach

by Karen F. Oliver-Howell  
There's an old saying that those who can, do, and those who can't, teach. Well, there is a band of three music teachers in the Scotch

Plains-Fanwood schools who give the lie to that old saying. They can, they do, and they teach. These teachers are all members of the City Limits band, and each

plays a prominent role in the local schools. The City Limits emcee and saxophone and clarinet player is Vinnie Turturiello, who is also the music supervisor for the entire school

district, director of the High School Marching Band, and director of the Moon Glowers High School Jazz Band. Mary Lu Marinaro-Farrell, City Limits founder, lead

vocalist, and keyboard player, is the chorus director at Park and at Terrill middle schools. City Limits drummer, Joe Reo, teaches instrumental music at School One and drums at both middle schools and the high school, and is the percussion director for the High School Marching Band as well as its assistant director. A fourth City Limits member, guitarist Rick Langmaack, is an arranger and composer who gives private music lessons.

make sure that the bride and groom, the hosts, and the guests have a wonderful time," says Mary Lu.

Vinnie, Mary Lu, and Joe all agree that teaching helps keep them aware of the songs and types of music younger people are listening to.

"But it sometimes can get hectic. For instance, Joe and I can spend all day Saturday with the marching band, then do a wedding that evening, and the next day go to a marching band competition. I think my performance work has made me a better teacher. For instance, if I'm trying to get a new song just right for my performances, I'm also going to be able to play it exactly the way it should sound for my students, and that's what they're going to emulate," says Vinnie.

City Limits performs at the Old Mansion in Elizabeth and plays at weddings and a variety of other social occasions. "We each have totally different tastes in music and the band can play a variety of different styles. When we do a wedding or a party, our aim is to

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## During this season of Thanksgiving we reflect on our own ancestry



The Frazee Lee House, located at 11 Black Birch Road in Scotch Plains. This is a composite of 2 different pre-revolutionary homes. The largest 2 1/4 story built in the late 1690s by Thomas Lee Sr. was on Cooper and Terrill Roads. It was moved in 1928 to

the site of the present Union County Vocational-Technical Institute and was joined to a 1 1/4 story portion built in 1760, by Moses Frazee. In 1963 it was moved again to its present location and added to another wing.

by Betty Lindner  
In this age of townhouses and condominiums, it's nice to know that Scotch Plains and Fanwood have many 18th century homes still standing and being lived in.

The Osborn Cannonball Museum is located at 1840 Front Street, Scotch Plains. It is a charming 18th century farmhouse built circa 1740. Jonathan Osborn and his wife Abigail lived in it with their eight children.

Jonathan was a farmer, innkeeper and tailor. He and three of his children served in the Revolutionary War. David became a Captain and in later years inherited the house and became post-  
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### ANNIVERSARY...

The Scotch Plains Lions Club celebrates their 40th anniversary! Turn to page 2 for details.

### SCHOOLS...

DECA students visit Polish Embassy in NYC. Page 14 has photo and story.

## They're Number 1... SPFHS Raiders take title!

Dynasty — "a powerful group that maintains its position for a considerable time." That's what the dictionary says. In sports, a dynasty is a program that is a consistent winner. In pro sports (or New Jersey parochial school sports), one builds a dynasty based on the people the program can attract. In NJ public schools, a consistent winner comes from solid

preparation in a strong youth program. SPFHS soccer coach Tom Breznitsky recently said, "If your town doesn't have a strong soccer association, you won't be a consistent winner year after year." It's no small coincidence that this year's soccer Raiders have ten senior starters and that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association is in its twelfth year. It's no small

coincidence that this year's Raiders have finished an outstanding 21-1 year complete with a Watchung Conference, Union County Tournament, and NJ Group 3 Sectional and State titles and that many of this year's Raiders have perfected their soccer skills since first grade in the SPFSA.

As for the dynasty, the 1989 Raiders continued a five year run at the top of NJ soccer. SPFHS has racked up 89 victories, captured three straight Watchung Conference championships, and won three Union County titles plus three North Section 2 and two NJ State crowns. That's eleven major titles out of twenty possible.  
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**Mrs. Chester L. Henry Catches a Timely Turkey!**

The winner of our "Catch a Timely Turkey" contest was Mrs. Chester L. Henry of Scotch Plains. Mrs. Henry received a Grand Champion Turkey from John's Meat Market in Scotch Plains.