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WESTFIELD COUNCILMEN SULLIVAN & ALBANO BEGIN NEW TERMS ON GOVERNING BODY

Republicans Vow to Put 'Customers' First in 1998 as New Town Council Members McDermott, Weinstein Take Office

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In a much different setting than a year ago, the Republican majority on the Westfield Town Council welcomed their newest members, Gregory S. McDermott and Janis Fried Weinstein, at a swearing-in ceremony Saturday afternoon at the Municipal Building.

With the start of the new year, Republicans now enjoy a 6-3 majority on the governing body. GOP members have pledged a program of "Consumer Focus '98" as their central theme for the new year.

Just a year ago, a Democratic Mayor — the first in eight decades — and two new Democrats on the council were sworn into office, leaving the GOP with a slim 5-4 majority.

On Saturday the Republicans officially gained one of those seats back.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., a resident of Sycamore Street with a background in banking, who was not present Saturday due to illness, was sworn in to a second term on the council Tuesday night.

As part of the Republican "Customer Focus '98" theme, he said in his speech Tuesday night that the council must use technology and management techniques "to make government easier to deal with; make it more economical; and make its services and information more valuable to the customer."

Mr. McDermott, a Lawrence Street resident and an executive with a commercial printing outfit, has taken the seat which was occupied by Norman N. Greco for the past six years. He said he plans to work to accomplish at least two of the major goals of his fall campaign.

These include the creation of a town ombudsman to act as an economic facilitator to guide businesses through regulatory and economic hurdles regarding the downtown business district.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, in his State of the Town Message delivered Tuesday night, endorsed the ombuds-



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

A HAPPY MOMENT...Newly sworn in First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott is welcomed by fellow Republicans Gail S. Vernick, who also represents the First Ward, former Mayor and now state Assemblyman, Richard H. Bagger, at right, and his father Frank X. McDermott, a former state senator and currently Chairman of the Union County Republican Committee.

man proposal, along with the customer focus theme this year.

The other goal Councilman McDermott wants to see to fruition is the publication of a town-wide directory of services which would include telephone numbers, addresses of the town's essential departments, commissions and boards.

"I understand the positive impact I can have on the community for which I serve," he said, adding that he will "work with great enthusiasm to protect the quality and uniqueness of

Westfield so that future generations will be able to enjoy the high standard of living for which Westfield is known."

In a news release issued by the Republicans and published in *The Leader* last week, the GOP promised to give Councilman McDermott's ideas top consideration as part of their platform this year.

The new councilman is the son of former State Senator and current Chairman of the county Republican Committee Frank X. McDermott.

The councilman, with his father looking on and his son, Bryan, holding the Bible, joked that "the second generation of McDermott politicians has officially begun."

Councilman McDermott serves on the Union County Improvement Authority and was appointed last year by Mayor Jardim to the Westfield Revenue Expenditure Committee, a committee assigned to look at reviewing the budget process and expenses in the municipal budget.

Returning to the council after a one-year absence, Councilwoman Weinstein, a resident of Knollwood Terrace, promised to "work tirelessly in moving Westfield forward to the 21st century."

She emphasized the importance of keeping Westfield's downtown attractive and viable. Repeating the Republican motto, Councilwoman Weinstein said the town government must be "customer friendly" and provide a "customer service" attitude.

The councilwoman, who is an office manager for a law firm, was named by the Westfield Republican Town Committee to fill the unexpired seat of Michael E. Panagos in 1996. She was defeated by some 14 votes by Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman in the general election that year.

The new councilwoman defeated Donnell Carr by 41 tallies for the Fourth Ward seat last November. Mr. Carr filled out the remainder of former Councilman James Hely's term last year.

The daughter of former council-



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

BACK ON BOARD...Janis Fried Weinstein, who served on the council in 1996, is sworn in as Fourth Ward Councilwoman by Town Clerk Joy C. Vreeland during Saturday's ceremony as her children, Alison and David, hold the Bible. Looking on are her husband, Loren H. Weinstein, and father, a former councilman himself, Arthur C. Fried.

man and Union County Freeholder Arthur C. Fried, Councilwoman Weinstein pledged a "spirit of cooperation" with Mayor Jardim and her fellow council members.

Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano of East Broad Street, an attorney beginning his second term on the governing body, was critical in his speech on Saturday of some of the Democrats who ran in the November election, noting that they had chosen to "make statements which were purely political in nature

and made to frighten Westfield residents.

"We, the Republican candidates, however, chose a more practical approach during the campaign last year," he said, referring to the surveys sent to residents by Republican candidates.

He said those surveys returned indicated residents' top concerns were a lack of sufficient parking in the downtown, the condition of the town

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Mayor Says Council Must Move Beyond 'Pettiness in Politics;' Planning Bd. to See New Leadership; Mr. Brandt Re-Appointed

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Committed to moving "beyond the pettiness in politics," Democratic Mayor Thomas C. Jardim promised Tuesday night to work with his Re-

publican colleagues on the governing body as he begins his second year as the chief elected official in town.

Through their speeches at Tuesday's organizational meeting and at Saturday's swearing-in ceremony, Republicans and Democrats

alike said it is important for the council as a unit to work together for the betterment of the town.

"There is no value in pointing fingers or placing blame. If we are to be

truthful to ourselves, both sides of the political aisle must take responsibility for at times (in 1997) allowing the prism of politics to blur our obligation to make policy," Mayor Jardim said in his State of the Town

Message.

Among the challenges facing the council are making sure the special improvement district, governed by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), flourishes "unhindered" thus allowing for a "balanced development of both local and national establishments."

He also said the town must begin enforcing its new exterior property maintenance code and shade tree preservation ordinance, adopted by the council last year, which he labeled as important to the quality of life of Westfielders as much as the quality of the local public school system, police and fire departments.

Also high on the Mayor's list of priorities this year are the development of a comprehensive road improvement program and the initiation of a plan to make "badly-needed" improvements to both Memorial Field and other parks and fields within the town.

He also said it is "imperative" that the council implement recommendations of the Westfield Expenditure Review Commission, including a proposal for the council to set strategic goals as opposed to "reacting to day-to-day crises."

Mayor Jardim also said the council will be assisted by the Westfield Solid Waste Advisory Commission in making a decision on solid waste collection that could have a "long-lasting impact on the residents" if the town contracts for such services in the municipal budget.

He also said the council, through the Westfield Raritan Valley Line Commuter Commission, must continue to push for improvements on the line — including direct service to New York City, thereby bypassing Penn Station in Newark.

Newly sworn in to a second term, Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr. said the council must "be all united in our love for our community and our commitment to getting things done for our community as a team."

Given the new 6-3 Republican majority, the list of appointments lacked the impasse witnessed last year when Democrats held an extra seat.

Charles H. Brandt, who was to retire this year with Paul Strauchler

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LEASE OF GARBAGE INCINERATOR FOR 25 YEARS IS MAJOR STORY AT COUNTY LEVEL

Naming of New Fire Chief, Approval of Maintenance Code, Beginning of Redistricting in Schools Tops 2nd Half of '97

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The second half of 1997 featured a number of news events, including changes in town government, in the downtown and the implementation of the redistricting plan for a number of school children. The following is a recap of the second half of the year.

July

Walter Ridge retired as Westfield Fire Chief after 16 years at the start of the month. He was with the department for 38 years. He retired after reaching mandatory retirement age which was reinstated by the state. Deputy Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr., was named Acting Chief.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim formed a special steering committee to begin looking at the feasibility of applying for a Neighborhood Preservation Program grant for the Central Avenue corridor. The grant program is utilized mainly for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing.

Janis Fried Weinstein was named to the Republican ticket as the candidate for the Fourth Ward seat on the Town Council. Mrs. Weinstein, who served out the remaining months of Michael E. Panagos' term in 1996, replaced Christian Sepe on the GOP ticket after Mr. Sepe bowed out to accept a job promotion.

In its plan to improve the economy of Union County, the Board of Chosen Freeholders took action to activate 12 miles of freight railway along the previously abandoned Staten Island and Rahway Valley Railroad lines.

The board also created a Transportation Development District whereby developers would be responsible for any infrastructure improvements that are needed to handle increased traffic flow as a result of new development.

The Westfield Planning Board granted preliminary and final site plan approval to the Windmill Restaurant for 256-260 East Broad Street, the former store front of Fine Toys Limited. The store, which features gourmet-style hot dogs among other foods, is located next to the Rialto Theatre.

Members of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce were present to express concerns that the town has too many restaurants.

The Board of Adjustment on July 14 granted preliminary approval for a non-conforming sign to Liberty Travel, Inc., for the former store front of Westfield Drugs & Surgical on East Broad Street at the corner of Elm Street.

Woolworth's announced it would close its remaining 400 stores, including the East Broad Street store — a staple in Westfield's downtown the past 68 years. The store is located next door to the former Auster's appliance store, leaving the area with a sizable amount of vacant storefronts. The store officially closed in the fall.

The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) hired Michael La Place from Gaithersfield, Maryland, as its first Executive Director of

DWC, the governing body which runs the town's Special Improvement District (SID). He received a salary of \$50,000.

Matt Sklar of Westfield, at 23, became one of the youngest conductors on Broadway when he was named Director for the month of August for the hit musical, *Titanic*.

August

Jesse Sayegh, the new owner of the Rialto Theatre, announced that he planned to double the number of screens at the 75-year-old landmark. Two additional auditoriums would be created on the first floor, with another screen planned for the balcony area, thus creating a six-screen theater.

The "Sweet Sounds Downtown," a weekly series of live jazz performances sponsored by the DWC, began at selective sights in the downtown.

Town Council members and officials vowed to keep a close watch on a developer building four homes on Tice Place. Residents showed up at a council meeting to state their concerns regarding damage to a sprinkler system which runs along the town easement.

One resident said as part of an agreement with the town the developer, Frank Pappalardo of Kenilworth, was required to return the town-owned land to its pre-construction state, including replacing grass, shrubbery and sprinkler heads and sewer piping.

Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt noted that \$35,000 was being held in escrow until the developer satisfactorily met the letter of the law of the agreement. If not, the town would use the money to make the necessary repairs.

Former Westfield resident Sally

Williams Cook releases a book she co-authored with former college and professional football coach Gene Stallings. The book, "Another Season: A Coach's Story of Raising an Exceptional Son," details the coach and his wife's experience in raising a Down Syndrome son. The coach was interviewed on national television to promote the book.

Liberty Travel was granted final approval to move into the former Westfield Drugs site. The travel agency was in need of a variance to place a sign on the Elm street side of the building.

During an interview with *The Westfield Leader*, newly-appointed Appellate Court Judge William L'E Wertheimer recalled his years as a Superior Court judge in Union County. He admitted that he will probably be remembered most for presiding over the case of John List. List was eventually convicted of murdering his entire family in 1971 and then leaving the state. He was captured in 1989 after a former neighbor saw the television broadcast of "America's Most Wanted" which featured the List case.

List was found guilty for the five murders and is serving consecutive life terms for the killings.

Westfield public school officials prepared for the opening of school and the redistricting of 80 students from Franklin Elementary School to Wilson Elementary School on the north side of town.

On the south side, nearly 100 students were redistricted from Tamaques Elementary School to Jefferson Elementary School.

A number of safety measures were

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Tree Disposal Announced by Town

Christmas trees may be deposited by residents at the lower parking lot in Tamaques Park (behind the shuffleboard courts). Christmas trees will not be picked up by the town.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader
END TO AN ERA...Woolworth announced in July that it was closing the remaining 400 stores nationwide, including the Westfield store — a staple in the downtown for nearly seven decades.



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CHEERS FOR THE CHIEF...Fanwood Police Chief Robert Carboy receives a round of applause after being sworn in on New Year's Day. The chief took his oath of office before a packed audience at Borough Hall. Joining the new Chief, pictured left to right, are his mother-in-law, Dorothy Kunstmann, his wife, Diane, and Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, who conducted the swearing in ceremony.

MAYOR PRAISES 'OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL'

Fanwood's New Police Chief Sworn in on New Year's Day At Borough Hall Ceremony

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

A standing-room only crowd filled the Borough Council chambers New Year's Day, as former Captain Robert Carboy was sworn in as Fanwood's new Chief of Police during an 11 a.m. ceremony. He is only the fourth person to hold that office since the borough was founded more than a century ago.

Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly administered the oath of office to the new chief, whom she described as "an outstanding individual," as his wife, Diane, held the Bible. Mrs. Connelly also presented the 38-year veteran of the Fanwood force with his new departmental badge.

She said that people who had spoken to her about the appointment unanimously agreed that Chief Carboy will be "perfect for the job." The new Chief had previously been a Captain since 1992.

Close to 100 people attended the half-hour ceremony. In addition to Mrs. Carboy, family members in attendance included his daughter and son-in-law, Cerinda and John Newcomb, and grandson, Rane, of Woburn, Massachusetts, and the chief's mother-in-law, Dorothy Kunstmann of Whiting.

Also on hand to witness the swearing in and offer congratulations to Chief Carboy were fellow officers and current and former borough officials. The event, broadcast live on Channel 35, was followed by a light reception at the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad headquarters adjacent to Borough Hall.

Chief Carboy succeeds his long-time law enforcement colleague and friend, former Police Chief Anthony J. Parenti, who retired on December 31 in compliance with the state's mandatory retirement law for all po-

lice and fire department personnel who have reached age 65.

Former Chief Parenti, who served with the department for 40 years, was honored by the Mayor and Council with a special presentation made during the governing body's December 23 meeting, which also drew a large crowd of well-wishers.

The former chief, who began his new position as Director of the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains on Monday, presented his own personal badge to his successor during the ceremony, "as a token of our friendship and the pride that I feel that you're taking my place. I would have preferred no one else."

Chief Carboy, 60, responded that when his own time comes to retire, he and his former superior would present the badge to the next Chief together.

Officer Richard Trigo, President of the Fanwood Policeman's Benevolent Association Local No. 123, also presented the new Chief with a plaque commemorating his appointment as head of the Fanwood Police Department.

"This is a very humbling day for me," Chief Carboy told members of the audience after being sworn in. He added that, "while I can thank the Mayor and council, it would not have been possible if not for the way

that each of you has touched my life."

The Borough Council confirmed its appointment in October of then Captain Carboy to succeed Chief Parenti upon the latter's retirement. Officials learned last July that the former chief, who assumed command of the police department in 1975, would have to retire by the end of 1997.

At the time the appointment was announced, Council President and Police Commissioner Bruce H. Walsh confirmed that the captain was selected for promotion based on his rank and his length of service with the department.

Chief Carboy also was recommended for the position by former Chief Parenti and by the Borough Council's Public Safety Committee, which had interviewed the candidate during the latter part of last year concerning his future role and his goals for the department.

Chief Carboy has lived in the borough since 1981. He previously resided in Fanwood from 1959 to 1971, then in Frenchtown for 10 years before returning to the municipality.

He completed his elementary and high school education in Scotch Plains, and earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Union College.

CUTTING OVERLAPPING, CONFUSING MEASURES ALSO HIGH ON LIST

Mayor Papen Lists Sewer Project As a Top Priority in New Year

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

Four-term Republican Councilwoman Joan Papen was sworn in as Mayor of Scotch Plains Township on January 1 for the fourth time in 16 years.

The township form of government requires the selection every year of a Mayor from among the five elected officials. Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr., who himself served as Mayor in 1994, will serve as Deputy Mayor under Mrs. Papen.

Veteran Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt stepped down as last year's Mayor and now returns to complete her fourth term on the council this year. Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins won praise from Mayor Papen for his "outstanding" work and will return to serve the municipality.

After a brief unexpected council "caucus" to "draw straws" over who would nominate Mrs. Papen, an audience seemingly amused by the election antics saw all three councilmen — Robert E. Johnson, Martin Marks and Mr. McClintock — nominate Councilwoman Papen for the top job.

Only Councilwoman Schmidt remained to second the measure, which was followed by a unanimous vote of approval by the all-Republican council. Mrs. Papen served as Deputy Mayor last year.

The township Mayor and Deputy Mayor may legally perform marriages while serving in office, with the collected fees returned to the township.

In her inaugural speech, Mayor Papen said a top priority for the township this year is the \$1.83 million sanitary sewer project to upgrade pumping stations on the south side.

The project includes adding pipes for increased waste flow. After nearly a year of preparation, a township contract with a Roselle Park company for the sewer project was put on hold last month, when it was revealed in a *Star-Ledger* article that the two contracting company owners were recently convicted of bribery,

theft and extortion in bid-rigging schemes, and had been sentenced to three years in prison.

Officials said the township owed Consolidated Design and Building Corporation a hearing next week before deciding how to proceed under the law, since Consolidated was the lowest of several bidders for the sewer work.

Mr. Atkins said township officials were unaware of the convictions during the bidding process or at the time the council approved the contract.

Mayor Papen emphasized that maintaining the township's infrastructure — sewers, roads, buildings, fire equipment and sidewalks, for examples — in good shape was an important issue.

"Our maintenance prevention approach is much more cost effective and keeps the township in much better condition," she said.

She added that the council will continue to look for state and federal grants to fund improvements to area

roads and rail lines.

Mayor Papen also said that she was looking to tighten up the township code of laws over the coming year by eliminating overlapping, conflicting or outdated measures.

She also said that after at least four years of study, it was time the township moved ahead to put its legal records into electronic form and thus eliminate a growing need for paper storage space.

She added that, legally, there are certain documents that must be saved in their original form, but that much could be converted to computer disks. No estimates on costs for the conversion were available yet, she noted.

Mayor Papen indicated a task force may be formed to consider suggestions that were issued by the Downtown Development Committee last month.

As tradition dictates, the new Mayor makes most appointments for the year during the January 1

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MAYOR FOR 1998...Joan Papen takes the oath of office from Scotch Plains Township Clerk Barbara Riepe to become Mayor. Holding the Bible are her daughters Cheri Santiago, and Laurie Fuchs. Mayor Papen was appointed for a one-year term by her fellow council members.

Communities Charge Pair In Robberies

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

Fanwood Police Chief Robert Carboy got to test his command skills after less than two full days on the job Saturday morning, as officers responded to a strong-arm robbery which occurred shortly after a departmental meeting at headquarters wrapped up.

Chief Carboy, who was sworn in on New Year's Day, had held a meeting with his officers which ended at about 9:20 a.m. Approximately 10 minutes later, an officer observed the robbery in progress from his car while traveling along Paterson Road, police said.

As he turned his vehicle around to investigate, the officer saw the victim, a 47-year-old man, lying on the ground. The latter sustained a broken jaw for which he later underwent surgery at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, police said.

The officer also spotted a male

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By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

Borough Councilmen William E. Populus, Jr. and Joel Whitaker took their oaths of office New Year's Day during the annual reorganization meeting of Fanwood's governing body. The meeting began at noon in the council chambers.

The two men were sworn in following the invocation, which was given by the Reverend Tony Kuizan of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. He also gave the benediction at the close of the meeting.

Councilman Populus, a Democrat, was returned for his second full term on the governing body in last November's general election, while Councilman Whitaker, a Republican, begins his freshman term as successor to former Republican Councilman Dr. Chester R. Lindsey.

The Democrats have held a 4-3 majority on the governing body since 1988, with council members split evenly along party lines. Democratic Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly serves as tie breaker when necessary.

Mr. Populus was accompanied by his wife, Marilyn, as he was sworn in by Municipal Court Judge Susan MacMullen. The incumbent was first named to fill a council vacancy in 1993, and was elected to his first full term the following year.

The veteran councilman ran with Patricia Plante on the Democratic ticket in last year's Borough Council race, against Mr. Whitaker and his runningmate, David Trumpp. Joining Mr. Whitaker as he was

sworn in was his wife, Donna, and his two young daughters, Anne, a student at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains, and Melissa. He was administered the oath of office by Superior Court Judge Melvin Whitten.

Democratic Councilman Bruce H. Walsh was named to continue as Council President following a split vote by the council, which was broken by Mayor Connelly.

The Mayor subsequently administered the oaths of office to members of the Fanwood Fire Department, including new Fire Chief John Piccola, and the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Officials voted to adopt the By-Laws for 1998 after confirmation was made that they could be amended later. Two council representatives said they wanted to review certain policies at a later meeting.

Republican Councilman Louis C. Jung said he hoped to discuss the option of allowing officials to abstain from voting on a matter; while Councilman Walsh said he wanted to review the policy on public comment.

A split between Republicans and Democrats on the council occurred once again over approval of borough appointments for 1998.

Councilman Jung motioned that the Borough Attorney's position — one of several Mayoral appointments — be voted on separately from the others. The motion was supported by Councilmen Whitaker and Stuart S. Kline.

Mr. Walsh, Mr. Populus and Councilman Jung

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OFFICIALS EAGER TO MOVE AHEAD ON AUTOMATING LOCAL LIBRARIES

New Township Officers to Be Sworn in on Tuesday; Sewerage Authority Seeks Raise for Commissioners

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

With newly-installed Mayor Joan Papen presiding, the Scotch Plains Township Council held its first conference meeting of the new year Tuesday night in preparation for a public meeting this Tuesday, January 13, at 8 p.m.

The township hired three new police officers to replace retiring Patrolmen Ernie Hines, David Palentchar and Michael Sachkowsky.

Scotch Plains residents Shawn Johnson, Theodore Conley and Jerald Brown (a captain in the local fire department) will begin classes at the John H. Stamler Union County Police Academy on Monday, January 26.

The new recruits will be sworn into service during the January 13 council

meeting. Other agenda items include renewal of the township's agreement with the Borough of Fanwood to provide transportation for the community's senior citizens.

With funds provided by the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, Fanwood pays Scotch Plains \$6,600 to manage the bus service.

In other business, Municipal Manager Thomas E. Atkins updated council members on Fanwood's interest in joining Scotch Plains in automating the local libraries. Councilman William L. McClintock called the program a "win-win" situation for the two communities.

According to Mr. McClintock, Fanwood could save 80 percent on

catalog costs alone by piggybacking on the Scotch Plains' library automation plan. Scotch Plains is eager to move on the plan, which represents the culmination of 18 months' work. A decision from Fanwood officials is pending.

The Scotch Plains Council was asked by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority to support its request to raise compensation levels for authority commissioners from \$600 to \$2,000 annually, and to increase the chairman's compensation from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year. This represents the first compensation increase since 1983.

Despite the proposed compensation increase, the authority's 1998 budget reflects a three percent decrease in assessments to member

municipalities. Mrs. Papen is the township's authority representative.

Approval from the township requires unanimous support from the council.

Mr. Atkins advised the council to consider several fund transfers within the 1997 budget. These would include moving money into a line item entitled "police-other expenses," to handle a three-year maintenance agreement on the township's 911 emergency program.

Other moneys would be channeled into "legal services," and, possibly, the "capital improvement fund."

In addition, council members planned to recognize golf professional John Turnbull for his receipt

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WELCOME TO COUNCIL...Republican Councilman Joel Whitaker takes his oath of office New Year's Day in the Fanwood Council chambers at Borough Hall as he begins his freshman term. Superior Court Judge Melvin Whitten swears in the new representative during the governing body's annual reorganization meeting, as Mr. Whitaker's family, pictured left to right, daughters Anne and Melissa and wife, Donna, look on.

MARKSMEN PROGRAM BEGINS JANUARY 13
County Distributing Fact Sheet
On Deer Reduction Program

To address the concerns of those who live near or visit the Watchung Reservation, the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation has announced it is distributing brochures about the deer reduction program for the park, which begins on Tuesday, January 13.

This brief summary answers some of the most commonly-asked questions concerning the county's program, and is being distributed to approximately 1,500 households surrounding the reservation, as well as to mayors, municipal offices, libraries and school superintendents in Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Summit, Springfield and Scotch Plains. Copies will also be available at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, and the Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, both in Mountainside.

The county's state-approved pro-

gram is designed to reduce the population of white-tailed deer in the Watchung Reservation to a density of 20 per square mile of park land.

According to the Union County Office of Public Information, surveys conducted from airplanes and helicopters with infrared photography and from the ground with spotlights, have shown that a density of 180 deer per square mile living in the reservation in 1993 has been reduced to a density of approximately 100 per square mile.

Thirty marksmen, who are licensed hunters and have demonstrated a proficiency in shooting, will carry out this program. One half of the agents are law enforcement officers. All will serve on a voluntary basis. Deer that are killed will be processed at a United States Department of Agriculture-approved butcher, and the venison distributed to the needy and homeless through the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.

Hours of the program will be dawn to 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to dusk on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only. Teams will be supervised by the Union County Police and representatives from New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Although the permit issued by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife allows for shooting activities through Tuesday, March 31, shooting will conclude after 30 separate days of operation or the removal of 189 deer, whichever comes first.

Union County Parks' officials have warned that anyone found hunting on any county park property outside of the terms of this program will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Citizens observing such illegal action are urged to immediately contact the Union County Police at (908) 654-9800.

The reservation will not be closed during the deer reduction program; however, portions of some roadways inside the park may be closed for short periods.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION... Union County Freeholder Nicholas P. Scutari presents a resolution to Helen Chokov of Westfield during her retirement party held recently at the Sphinx Restaurant in Roselle. "Helen was employed for 14 years as a Senior Key Punch Operator at the Union County Board of Taxation, and we wish her well after her years of dedicated service," said Freeholder Scutari.

Free Tax Assistance Offered
To Qualifying Residents

Catholic Community Services and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Union County are providing free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) county wide from Saturday, February 7, through Wednesday, April 15.

Assistance in filing federal and state income tax returns is available to all ages having a low to moderate income, the elderly and the handicapped who reside in Union County.

Individuals seeking assistance should bring with them pertinent tax documents such as a copy of last year's return, W-2 forms, bank interest statements and the tax package received in the mail.

Those filing for the homestead rebate will need to know their lot and

block number and the amount of property tax paid in 1997; and for renters, the name and address of the landlord and amount of the rent paid in 1997.

Taxpayers are encouraged to call one of the following sites after Thursday, January 15, to make an appointment:

- Catholic Community Services: (908) 497-3900.
 - Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: (732) 396-7100.
 - Roselle Library: (908) 245-5809.
 - Biertumpfel Senior Center: (908) 686-7887.
 - Vauxhall Library: (908) 688-1078.
- Walk-ins may receive tax assistance at the Main Library in Elizabeth, 11 South Broad Street, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Curtain to Rise Saturday
On WCP Comedy-Mystery

The Westfield Community Players (WCP) has announced that their production of *Out of Sight - Out of Murder*, a comedy-mystery, written by Fred Carmichael, will open on Saturday, January 10.

The cast features a mix of WCP veterans and newcomers, among them Meghan Smith of Westfield as "Addie." The theater is located at 1000 North Avenue, West, in Westfield.

Additional show dates are Fridays and Saturdays, January 16 and 17 and 23 and 24, at 8 p.m., with all tickets priced at \$12.

Theatergoers are invited to stay for WCP's opening night party on January 10, with light snacks and coffee served in the lobby after the curtain closes.

Tickets are available at Rorden Realty, 44 Elm Street, Westfield, or at the theater. For individual tickets or group sales, please call the box office at (908) 232-1221.

Funding has been made possible, in part, by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Freeholders Plan Program
On Value of Shared Services

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host a conference and workshop for local officials in March on the value of sharing services and cooperative purchasing.

Linda d. Stender, 1997 Chairwoman of the Freeholder Board, said that during the conference and workshop, county officials will highlight the successes of collaborative efforts during the past year and how they will continue to save taxpayer dollars with new initiatives in 1998.

"It is the responsibility of county officials and municipal leaders to take full advantage of the value of partnering," she said, adding that the conference also will identify potential areas for addition and plans to augment those that are ongoing.

Earlier this year, the Freeholder Board created the county's Department of Economic Development which identified sharing services and programs as an integral component in expanding Union County's economy. In meetings throughout the fall, officials from the 21 municipalities ex-

pressed concerns and offered suggestions on programs to be pursued by the department.

The initiatives for 1998 include:

- A \$25,000 grant for the procurement of language assistance for school children in the county. The money will help those who are deaf and have hearing impairments, as well as those who have comprehension deficits.

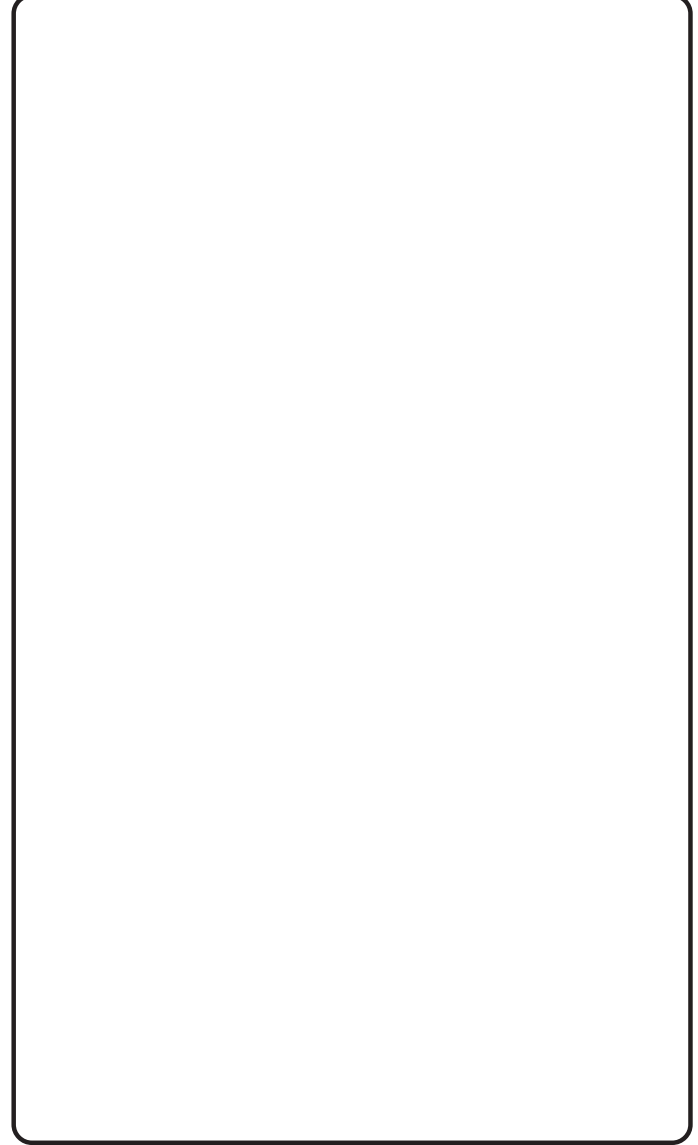
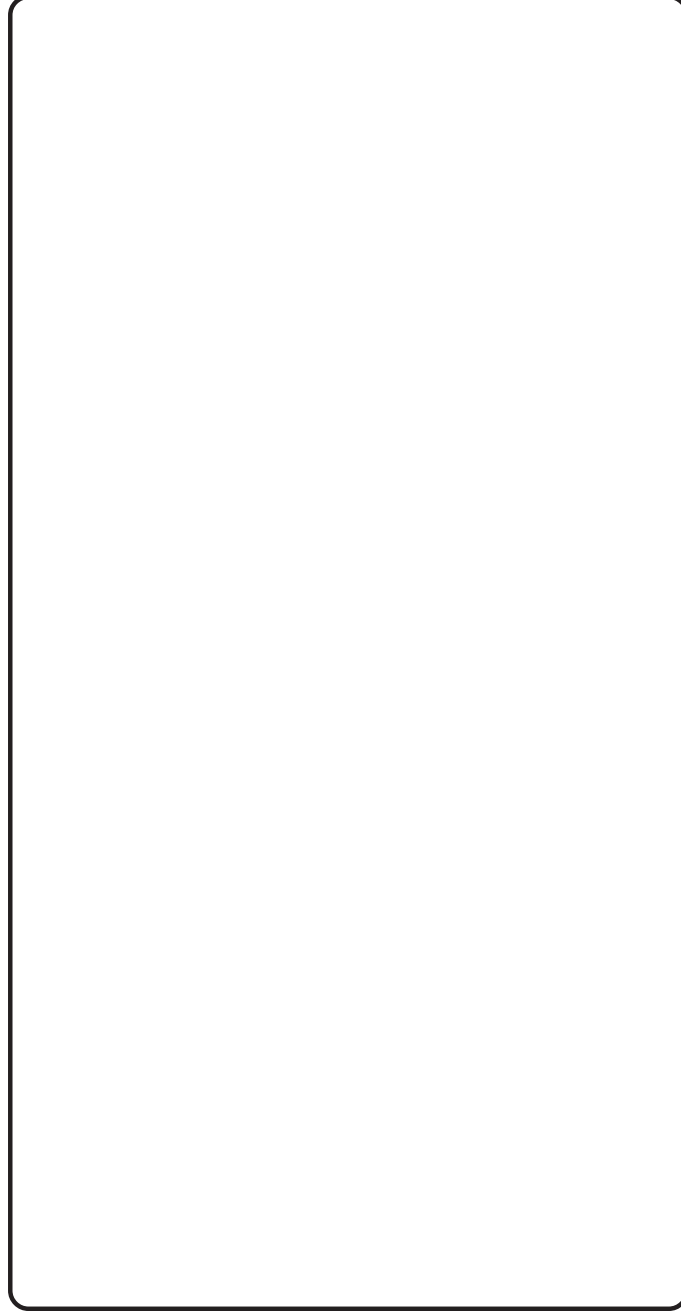
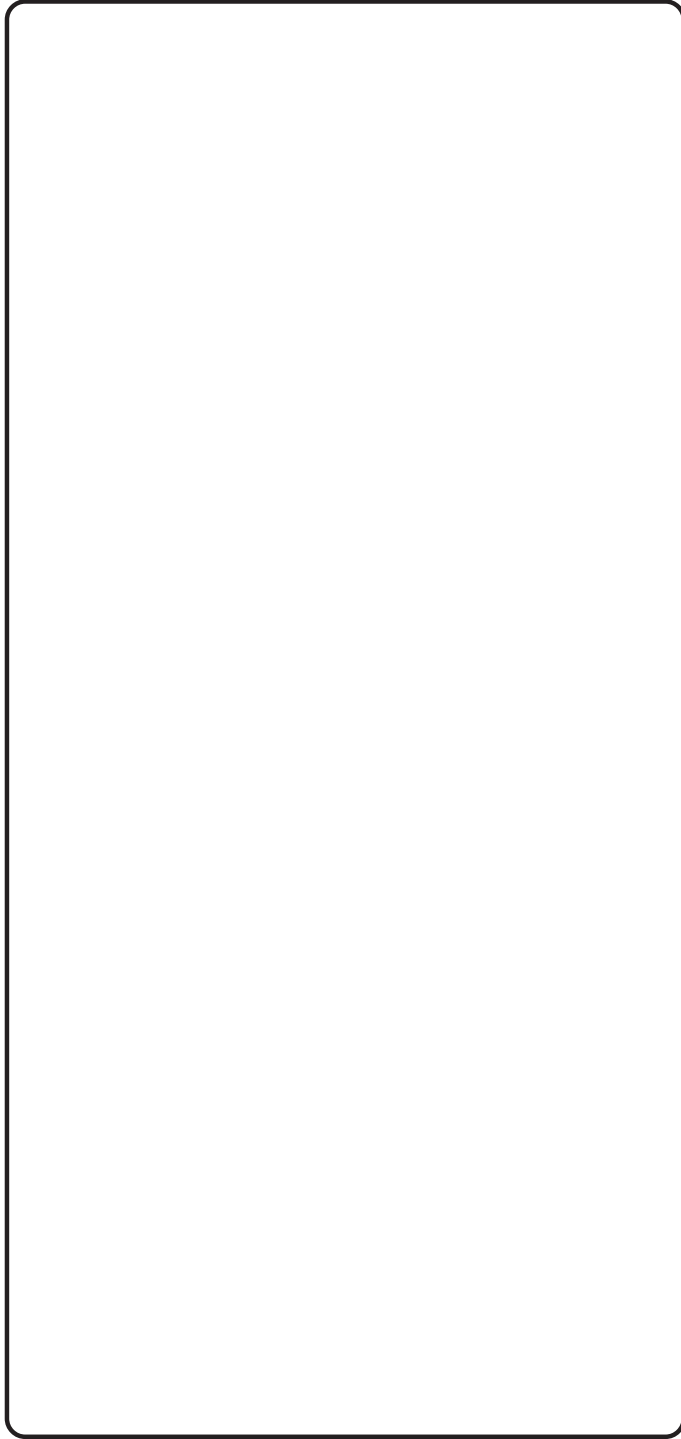
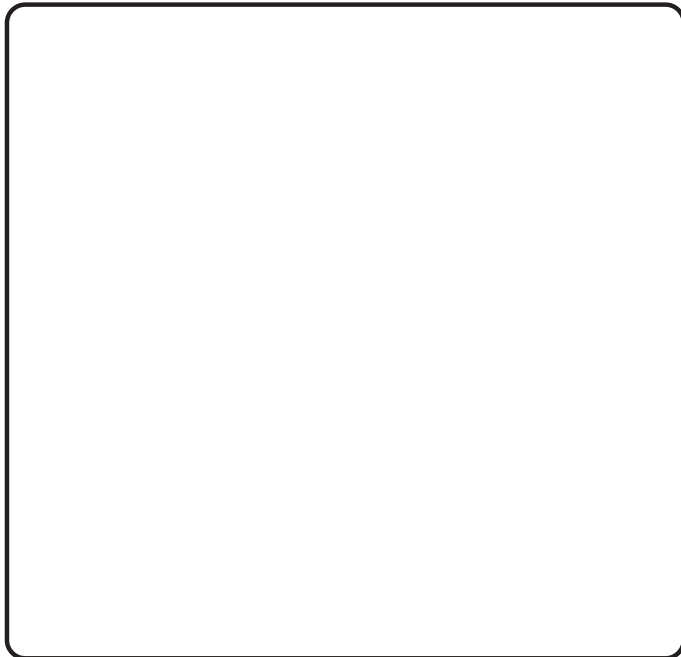
- A \$30,000 grant for educating residents in the care of Union County's natural resources. "A Path to the Future—the Greening of Union County" will emphasize the importance of caring for open space.

Union County also will be the lead agency in "GovConnect," a computerized access system that will enable local agencies to more efficiently obtain services via e-mail and other electronic functions, rather than relying on paperwork and telephones.

"GovConnect" features include providing access to all state purchase contracts, legislative updates and the ability to electronically communicate with state agencies.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON... Union County Freeholders Daniel P. Sullivan, Linda d. Stender and Donald Goncalves, along with Debra Marshall, Comcast Area Manager for Public Relations, applaud as the lights go on at the eighth annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Charity Drive, held recently at the Watchung Stable in Mountainside. The Freeholders thanked Comcast, which sponsored the event, along with Boy Scout Troop No. 23 of Elizabeth for serving refreshments and the Celebration Singers for providing holiday songs.



GRANTS FOR INTERNET ACCESS, ARTS, PARKS ARE INITIATIVES FOR '98

New Freeholders Join County Bd.; Daniel Sullivan Named Chairman

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Calling it a "proud day for the Democratic Party" of Union County, the party's Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo and other party leaders welcomed three new Democrats to the Board of Chosen Freeholders during a ceremony Sunday afternoon before a standing-room only crowd in the court room of Union County Superior Court Judge Edward W. Beglin, Jr.

By virtue of their sweeping victory last November against the last three Republicans on the board, Frank H. Lehr, Henry W. Kurz and Edwin H. Force, Democrats now have a commanding 9-0 majority.

Rahway Mayor James Kennedy, a Democrat, in addressing the press, asserted that despite these numbers, citizens can be assured that the board's members "both new and old" are "free thinkers" and that there will be "much debate" before conclusions are reached on issues facing the board in 1998.

Union Township Board of Education member Deborah P. Scanlon, retired Rahway Police Detective and City Councilman Chester Holmes and former Roselle Park Councilman Alexander Mirabella were all sworn into three-year terms on the nine-member board.

Also sworn in was Democrat Ann P. Comi of Mountainside, thus beginning her fourth five-year term as Union County Surrogate.

Freeholder Mirabella, recalling his past experience during his six years on the Roselle Park Borough Council, said he plans to institute meetings with county residents — similar to what he started in his home town. He said the meetings will be open to all county residents regardless of party affiliation.

He said at the end of this year county residents should see cleaner and safer parks, a greater investment in additional recreational facilities, continued county property tax stabilization, "creativity and wide investment of county resources in the area of economic development," and completing "the final chapter in lower cost solid waste management for our municipalities."

Freeholder Mirabella pledged to "work to make Union County a great place to own a business, be a proud and productive worker and a great place to raise a family."

Freeholder Scanlon was described as a "bright and innovative leader" by Joseph P. Cryan, Municipal Chairman of the Union Township Democratic Committee. He said Mrs. Scanlon is "someone who follows her convictions very, very well" and a person who "has her priorities in order."

Freeholder Scanlon said she is "eager" to get to work in her new capacity to begin on the board's goals of

projects and programs aimed at "improving the quality of life for children and families and women in need" in the county — all of which she said are high on her list of priorities.

Freeholder Scanlon also said she will work with the board in continuing its efforts to make Union County the "economic pace setter for the state" while implementing initiatives that "put people and industry together through private sector employment."

"Jobs build families; they build hope. They build a bright future for Union County and clearly our residents deserve no less," Freeholder Scanlon stated.

Citing her campaign pledge this past fall, the new Freeholder promised to ensure that all residents — particularly working women and children — "have a voice" on the board.

Freeholder Holmes' personality, dedication to public service, and pride in what he does was described by Mayor Kennedy as "second to none."

"We do not consider this our loss in the City of Rahway because we realize he will be pursuing in the steps of (former Freeholder) Walter McLeod who was somewhat of Chet's mentor much of his political career," said Mayor Kennedy.

Freeholder Holmes said watching young people grow up and guiding them in the right direction has always been of special concern to him and for which he will direct his efforts as a Freeholder.

In this regard, he said one of the paramount issues facing the 1998 board is to find a new facility to house juvenile offenders. Freeholder Holmes said the problem is not just the detention of youth offenders but prevention of such crimes as well.

"When the state announced last year that drug use among children was up it should be a shot to all elected officials; so we must do a better job of educating our children to the dangers of drugs," he emphasized.

Among other areas of importance, he cited the need to rebuild the Lawrence Street Bridge in Rahway as well as addressing the county's roadway system and solving the solid

waste disposal problem to "ensure the lowest rates possible for the users from Union County."

Sworn into leadership posts were Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan of Elizabeth, now in his fourth year on the board, as Chairman and sophomore Freeholder Nicholas P. Scutari as Vice Chairman.

Among the initiatives of Freeholder Sullivan for this year are "First Access 2000," a plan which will enable all classrooms in Union County, covering some 71,000 public school students, to have computers, access to the Internet and state-of-the-art equipment by the year 2000.

He proposed a capital commitment of \$3 million over the next three years for the program. In an effort to preserve open space in Union County, the new chairman has proposed a \$1 million matching grant program for towns for land acquisition and playground upgrades under a program called "Project Pocket Park."

Matching Grants of up to \$100,000 will be available for creation of parks or playgrounds, with \$25,000 available for towns looking to build or replace a playground.

Freeholder Sullivan has also proposed a \$100,000 grants program which will provide up to \$5,000 to local artists, theater groups, painters, potters, preservationists, etc. through a county-funded program entitled "Union Arts." He noted that the Democrats have elevated the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs to a full-fledged division in county government.

Freeholder Sullivan promised residents another reduction in the county tax levy, similar to the one in 1997.

"The Democratic majority believes in smart, efficient and effective government and we have the team in place to make that happen," he said.

FORMER COUNCILMAN BARRE NAMED PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mountainside Mayor Promises Another Tax Decrease in 1998

By MARK YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Pointing with pride toward last year's overall tax decrease, Mountainside Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti promised that borough residents will experience even more in overall savings for 1998 as both he and the Borough Council met for their annual reorganization meeting Tuesday night.

Mayor Vigilanti, who is beginning his 19th year on the governing body and his ninth as Mayor, said the borough is "projecting an additional reduction" of between \$350 to \$500 per household, some five times more than residents experienced in 1997.

At the same time, the Mayor added, the borough will seek increased services, such as additional parking "around" the borough's library, as well as a way "to improve and upgrade our roads," sewer and storm water systems.

"Last year this administration pledged to you that there would be a reduction in your 1997 tax dollars," Mayor Vigilanti stated, "and there was. I again assure you that this reduction will occur and that Mountainside will continue having the lowest effective tax rate in Union County and possibly being one of the lowest effective tax rates in Central New Jersey."

"I know that our local Board of Education is as concerned about your tax dollar as is this governing body," he continued. "I don't know about the (Board of Chosen) Freeholders.

"Their recent actions have led me to believe that they could care less about you and I, and that they are on a spending spree. I sincerely hope that I am incorrect," the Mayor stated.

Also, newly-re-elected Councilmen

Ronald W. Romak and Thomas Perrotta were sworn in to new three-year terms, while the council approved a package of appointments, including former Councilman Bart A. Barre as the borough's first-ever Public Defender.

John N. Post was reappointed once again as Borough Attorney.

Keith C. Turner received unanimous approval as Council President, replacing Councilman Werner C. Schon. Councilman Paul Mirabelli was appointed as Liaison to the Mountainside Planning Board.

At the same time, the council approved the hiring of Andrew Huber of Springfield, a recent graduate of the John H. Stampler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, as the borough's newest police officer.

A sizable portion of the meeting went toward the citation of several of the borough's police officers for recent duties performed.

Included among those cited by Police Chief William Alder were:

- Officers Michael Perrotta and Michael Jackson for restoring vital signs to a "man down" (electrocuted) on July 21 at a commercial business on Globe Avenue.

- Detective Sergeant Richard Osieja and Corporal Kenneth Capobianco for their efforts on December 8 in arresting three juveniles for attempted car theft the same day in the Sony/Loews parking lot on Route No. 22, East.

- Officer Andrew Sullivan for arresting three suspected car thieves on August 2, also at Sony.
- Detective Osieja, this time for assisting an Elizabeth patrolman in subduing and apprehending a suspect for an attempted carjacking on

December 11.

And Corporal Allan Attanasio, whose involvement in a high-speed car chase through six or more towns on July 23 helped lead to the arrest of a suspect wanted for both armed robbery and the attempted murder of an Essex County Police Chief.

"I thank you for coming," Mayor Vigilanti concluded shortly before adjournment of the meeting. "I also want to thank the police department; they are bright, dedicated young people.

"We get the cream of the crop; we get applications from all over the state. They want to make law enforcement a career, and they are doing extremely well," he remarked.

Petty Officer Meyer Serving Overseas During the Holidays

While most Americans are celebrating the holiday season at home or with family, Navy Petty Officer First Class Brian S. Meyer, whose wife, Diane, is the daughter of Howard D. Rodgers of Fanwood, is spending this time of year deployed to Gaeta, Italy, on the staff of Commander, Sixth Fleet.

Petty Officer Meyer is one of more than 65,000 Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen who are serving their country separated from their families and loved ones during this holiday period.

The 1987 graduate of Hastings Senior High School joined the Navy in August of that year.

The Sixth Fleet is divided into a variety of forces, including an aircraft carrier battle group, an amphibious ready group with an embarked reinforced battalion of United States Marines, support ships, land-based patrol aircraft and submarines.

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Incinerator Lease, Mayor's Race, Internet In Classrooms Will Make Headlines in '98

As the new year begins, so does our government. We expect the new year to be filled with news headlines — hopefully more on the positive than the negative side. This month the county is expected to enact its lease agreement for the Union County Resource Recovery Facility, the county's solid waste incinerator, in an effort to keep the facility financially solvent in a free market system.

While the deal means \$9 million in savings to taxpayers in the first year, according to the Freeholder board and the Union County Utilities Authority, the towns we serve are not likely to sign such a deal since they would have to change from a private hauler system to one of municipal contracts.

New Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, in his address on Sunday, has pledged a program to get all classrooms and 71,000 public school students in the county connected to the Internet by the year 2000. The county will pledge a campaign commitment of \$3 million over three years. The county will also initiate a \$1 million matching grant program for county towns for land acquisition and playground upgrades, and a \$100,000 county-funded grant program for county artists, theater groups, etc.

The board, now a 9-0 Democratic majority, welcomed its newest members Deborah Scanlon of Union, Chester Holmes of Rahway and Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park.

At the municipal level, we anticipate a better working relationship between Republicans and Democrats on the Westfield Town Council. Last year, the two-party format was new to both sides. We do not believe partisan politics belongs at the municipal level. We hope all council members will keep their council business separate from the 1998 campaign which, of course, includes a Mayor's race in Westfield.

The Town Council welcomed Republicans Gregory S. McDermott and Janis Fried Weinstein to the dais this past Saturday. The school board will continue its work with community volunteers to create a Strategic Plan, while the Planning Board and Town Council finalize an updated Master Plan, a document which encompasses land use, housing element and zoning documents.

Fanwood has started off the new year with some important transitions, the first being the appointment of Robert Carboy as the new Police Chief. He replaced Anthony J. Parenti, who retired from the force on December 31 and is now the new Director of the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

The Borough Council also welcomed new member Joel Whitaker, who succeeded Dr. Chester R. Lindsey as a member of Fanwood's governing body. Dr. Lindsey, who served two non-consecutive council terms, opted not to run for reelection last year.

Also, Democratic Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, beginning her third year as the chief elected official in the borough, recently announced that she is contemplating a run against incumbent Republican Congressman Bob Franks. This would be an interesting race given that both Mr. Franks and Mrs. Connelly are from Union County. The Congressman resides in Berkeley Heights. The Seventh Congressional District includes 17 communities in a four-county region.

In Scotch Plains, Joan Papen is beginning a new term as Mayor. The Township Council appoints the Mayor each year. Mrs. Papen last served in that capacity in 1993.

The new year should be interesting. We look forward to providing our readers with complete news and sports coverage in 1998.

Letters to the Editor

Letters From NJCAAN Members 'Inaccurate' and 'Mean Spirited'

The recent letters from Ira Bernstein and Frederick Obrock, attacking the Scotch Plains Township Council, are inaccurate and downright mean spirited.

Both parties claim the law firm of Cutler and Stanfield recommended that Scotch Plains join with other communities to support a regional solution to aircraft noise. This is not true.

Razing Dougie's Hill Day After Christmas Causes Heartache

Did they have to do it the day after Christmas — demolish Dougie's Hill? Did the men in their real-life Tonka trucks have any idea that they were scoring generations of memories?

Would the one who drove his big 'dozer straight toward us in a silly 'king of the hill' gesture have turned aside if he knew that one of the watchers was "Dougie's" son, or that a young girl visiting for the holiday shed tears for the destruction of her childhood playground on the day before the hill came down.

Dougie's Hill was a landmark within the Clarence Street woods between Austin and Warren Streets, nearer to Lamberts Mill Road. Through the years, hundreds of children flocked there with their sleds when the snow fell.

Each fall neighbors dumped their leaves on the spot to combat erosion and safety cover over several old appliances that had long ago been dumped there — all to preserve Dougie's Hill for the children.

Dougie's Hill was a hope that remained when the woods were destroyed this fall after attempts to have an earlier designation as wetlands upheld failed. The construction wasn't to have reached that far — so we were told — or at least not yet.

We've gritted our teeth and endured what has seemed more obscenity than progress — a massive field of raw red mud where nature stood in splendor. Houses will eventually be built. A generous neighborhood will welcome newcomers.

But, did they have to demolish Dougie's Hill the day after Christmas?

Sally O'Malley
Westfield

Cutler and Stanfield recommended that if Scotch Plains wanted to take the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to court, joining with other communities would spread the expense and increase the chances of success. Law firms litigate, they do not recommend "regional solutions."

As the founder of the aircraft noise movement in Scotch Plains, I have on file hundreds of letters and resolutions from our council to the FAA, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Congressmen, Senators, President of the United States, etc. I am appalled that a few extremists would question the integrity of our council.

The reality is that no matter what routes are used, someone will suffer aircraft noise. It is documented that Scotch Plains has more aircraft noise than surrounding communities. The FAA recognized this fact and tried to provide relief with the Solberg route.

How could Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Obrock want the council to reject the chance of relief for the people they represent? Over 2,000 Scotch Plains residents, via petition and letters, told the council they want relief from aircraft noise.

Mr. Bernstein, a Director of the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise (NJCAAN), and Mr. Obrock, a member of NJCAAN, are on record as opposing aircraft noise relief for Scotch Plains unless it comes from ocean routing.

They both ignore the fact that Newark International Airport is not next to the ocean and aircraft have to fly over people to get to the ocean. This was proven when NJCAAN chartered a plane and tried to fly its ocean route.

Radar flight track maps showed the plane flew over people 85 percent of the way before it reached the ocean. Two different environmental studies say that ocean routing is unsafe and not feasible. Even if ocean routing were deemed feasible, it would take years to study and implement, but we need relief now.

What we have here is a case of how a few extremists can put their own interests in front of the community's, and how everyone can lose. It is truly disturbing.

E. Dennis Hardie
Chairman
The Original Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise Inc.

Fanwood Government Praised for Support Of Air Noise Remedies

Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly and the Borough Council are to be strongly commended for a consistent and long standing policy of support for regional solutions to New Jersey's air noise controversy.

On December 11, the Mayor and Council passed a resolution commending Congressman Bob Franks on his "Bi-State Noise Correction Act of 1997." If enacted, this legislation instructs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to implement routes that would return our area to a pre-1989 level of quiet.

The Fanwood resolution also applauds the "Air Pollution Control Act of 1997," introduced by Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger and Alan M. Augustine. The legislation initiates a feasibility study assessing air pollution sources in and around Newark Airport, the fourth largest industry polluter in New Jersey.

After nine years of aircraft noise and pollution, we presently face a further decline in our quality of life with a new FAA route slated for implementation on January 1. The route moves planes away from unpopulated areas. It offers airlines a short cut, adversely affecting tens of thousands of citizens in densely populated communities of Union and Middlesex Counties.

The obvious benefactor of this citizen-unfriendly route is Continental Airlines, the major airport user of Newark. It has been clear to the elected officials of Fanwood for the last nine years that support for a regional solution will benefit Fanwood as well as its neighbors. It is a policy that deserves approbation.

Herbert Ribner
Fanwood

Rescue Squad, Police Came Out On Holiday To Assist Our Guest

As our family was finishing Christmas dinner on December 25, suddenly an elderly guest slumped in his chair and passed out. A quick call to 911 brought a courteous and competent police officer to our door within minutes.

Our guest had come to and it seemed that the crisis was over. Nevertheless, the officer questioned him about what had happened and performed a preliminary examination before the arrival of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad. Here it was — Christmas evening and four very professional volunteers were in our dining

POPCORN™
As Good As It Gets:
The Going Gets Good
By Michael S. Goldberg
One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent



In Webster's Illustrated Dictionary, next to the phrase "smart aleck," there should reside a likeness of Jack Nicholson. No Hollywood wisenheimer is more deserving of the sobriquet.

He is W.C. Fields with sex appeal; Peck's bad boy with a heart of gold beneath his caustic cover. Leave it to good ol' Jack, Film Land's last existentialist. The ultimate independent soul. He's been delighting audiences with his unmitigated chutzpah for over two decades. But alas, in *As Good As It Gets*, he takes a nasty turn for the curmudgeonly...at least for a while.

Ostensibly a star vehicle for Mr. Nicholson, the heads-up relationship comedy directed and co-written (with Mark Andrus) by James L. Brooks is a tad manipulative and a mite too canny, but wholly cognizant of the feel-good quotient to which most viewers fall prey.

So it works, with special thanks to happily seductive acting. Brooks, whose *Broadcast News* also sported a modicum of sitcom affections, wisely calculates that only the most devout of filmgoers won't be willing to forsake a splash of stark realism for a comfy seat at this pot belly stove of a film.

The initially thin plot manages to thicken when its winning triptych of pal-to-be-start to interact. Nicholson is Melvin Udall, novelist, obsessive-compulsive, and self-centered ne'er-do-well. Helen Hunt is Carol, the waitress, a hard luck single mom painfully preoccupied with her asthmatic son; and Greg Kinnear is Simon the gay artist, replete with his own set of need-oriented baggage.

As the curtain rises, there is no love lost among the troika.

Predictably, that will change. But just exactly how, considering Melvin's give-or-take-quarter persona, is not clear. Hence the prospect of some life-affirming entente cordiale proves enticing if not entirely suspenseful. Following Melvin's vitriolic example, Carol and Simon contribute to the script's rich array of bon mots, barbs, quips, and wicked witticisms.

Dusted off and re-employed, the old dramatic theory at work here is that by elevating a mock-out contest to the intellectual level of a debate, inevitably adversaries will impress each other enough to become friends.

He's still driving waitresses crazy. Self-provided plastic utensils indicating just one of his many phobias, each morning Nicholson's creature of strange habits seats himself at a same restaurant table and barks for his breakfast. Charitable Carol complies, supplying more to this one-sided give and take than arrogant Melvin deserves.

But when her son's illness eventually dictates she leave the diner's employ, Melvin is beside himself; his groove is interrupted.

So it's out of compassion or beneficence that the acerbic author supplies a top notch doc (Harold Ramis in a compassionate stint) to help the waitress' kid.

He wants her back in his routine. Carol is grateful, but feels she must announce that she will "never" sleep with him. Nicholson does the "aw shucks ma'am" bit in his delightfully inimitable manner — always making us question his sincerity.

On the home front, Melvin's other personal war introduces next-door neighbor Simon. Deriding the gay neighbor's sexual preference is the caustic writer's special delight.

Yet, while symptomatic of homophobia, the script only flirts with the clinical possibility in the most casual of terms. The movie specializes in memorable moments of intensity. But actual situations in *As Good As It Gets*, like the characters, rarely evolve higher than two-dimensional status.

Occasionally, a contrivance is necessary to catapult the plot. Such is the convenient case when misfortune befalls Simon. Through a simple act of happenstance, Melvin becomes the improbable samaritan, first by dog-sitting and humorously bonding with Verdell, Simon's adorable Brussels Griffon, and then by heading up a pilgrimage to Baltimore on the injured neighbor's behalf.

More relationship raveling and unraveling is made possible when, at Melvin's behest, thankful Carol agrees to accompany them. Voila, Cupid is along for the ride. Let the serious bantering begin. Can pecking and cooing be far behind?

Wide-sweeping character transformations in two-hours time are a Hollywood specialty, as is impossible friendships blooming among natural enemies. And Director Brooks does his best to continue the fantasy in this lighthearted drama/serious comedy. Despite obvious inconsistencies in how Melvin is written, specifically in terms of his mental malady, Nicholson carries the day, eloquently fashioning a redemptive apology for the puffed-up cad.

Miss Hunt skillfully forges a sexy vulnerability, a considerable feat given the script's inherent constraints. And Mr. Kinnear does his part to exact Simon without slipping into caricature. All three factor big time in the likeability sweepstakes.

Mr. Brooks' put-down artists deliver their stingers and zingers with smart bomb accuracy, the by-product magically resulting in a warmhearted primer on friendship. Crammed with scads of self-help tips, popular lessons to live by and lots of good-natured psycho-babble, the film's left-handed delivery is what makes *As Good As It Gets* all the more better.

As Good As It Gets, rated PG-13, is a Tri-Star Pictures release directed by James L. Brooks and stars Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt and Greg Kinnear. Running time: 130 minutes

Ron & Sonja Burkett
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COMET
Edmund Halley, the noted English astronomer, was calculating the orbit of a comet in 1682 when he discovered a strange coincidence. He noticed that the elliptical orbit of this particular comet was similar to that of comets which had appeared in 1531 and 1607.

Halley speculated that all three comets were simply one and the same comet with a 76-year orbit. If he was right, Halley reasoned, the comet would return 76 years hence, in 1758.

The comet did return as predicted by Halley but, unfortunately, he was not alive to see it — he died in 1742. His celestial discovery, however, ensured his immortality.

In the process of "combing" through our sources, we discovered that the word comet can be traced back to the Greek word *komites*, meaning "the long haired." Therefore, these space travelers were named for the hair-like elongated vapor trails they emitted.

Hope you enjoyed this word history, even if it was a bit longhaired.

Tapping of a Woodpecker Not Music to One's Ears

By Louis H. Clark

Have you ever heard woodpeckers in the forest tapping away by the hour? I have, and I've always wondered why the woodpecker doesn't get a headache. I know I would. But what that has to do with a ballet company and the opera *Carmen* will soon become apparent.

About a year ago, a friend of mine, knowing I like *Carmen*, taped a PBS picture called, "Carmen." Only it wasn't the opera; it was a ballet company getting ready to put on a dance version.

The music itself was the only thing that held me glued to the VCR. The star was a man who looked like a real Spanish vaquero. His co-star was a blonde girl with the dearest blue eyes I have ever seen.

I am sure the night club he found her in is not a real Spanish night club, because it had as much bounce as an iron ball, but maybe the budget didn't allow for anything better.

The things that fascinated me, though, was the way everyone went clapping the floor with wooden heels. It wasn't the women — they wore ballet slippers. It was the men.

When the men got angry at each other, they pounded the floor with wooden

heels, clicking as fast as a woodpecker knocking on a tree.

The noise was very authentic. When I was much younger, I saw a picture where Gregory Peck was a general in the Air Force. In one scene, all the pilots in his command were assembled in a huge hall. When Peck came in, someone yelled, "Tenshun," and they all jumped to their feet and stood stiffly with their hands by their sides.

Then Peck walked down the aisle to the podium. His leather boots made such a commanding sound that you didn't see him coming down, but could you hear him! I went out the next day and got a pair of shoes with leather heels and wore them once. They gave me a headache in five minutes.

That's why I was fascinated by the clicking.

As for *Carmen*, I think it's interesting that the ultimate picture of Spanish life was written by a Frenchman. Just as a German named Offenbach wrote the ultimate in French music — the "Can Can."

P.S. My wife told me that lots of women wear shoes with wooden or leather heels. No wonder there are so many headache cures on the market.

HUNG UP!!
New Year's Advice Offered To Strengthen Relationships
By Milt Faith, Executive Director
Youth and Family Counseling Service

A very joyous New Year to my readers. Here are several of the questions which I was unable to answer at the end of the year:

To "Tara," the model, who becomes upset and saddened whenever someone criticizes her:

Your physical beauty has put you in the spotlight early in life, frequently receiving acclaim and attention. You are not used to criticism and your response is that there is something deeply wrong with you. You have to learn that you are as human as the next person. I suggest you do not automatically accept a negative remark as an indication of inadequacy.

Objectively, try to evaluate what the person is saying; if there is an element of truth, learn from it; if the person is wrong, one you do not respect and you wonder about his/her motivation, reject it and go on with your life.

To the divorced mother who sends lists with her 8-year-old son when he visits his remarried dad on weekends:

Why send lists which tell you exactly what time your son should go to sleep, which TV shows to watch, and so on? You admit that your ex is decent and a good father. What you are actually accomplishing is an ongoing power struggle to dictate what happens in the "other home" on weekends. This is called being too controlling. No one is happy and everyone loses. Let go and let your son and ex-husband (and his wife) enjoy the weekends. Are you sure you aren't feeling rejected and upset because you feel you are excluded?

To the reader who wants to know my favorite sayings this past year:

1) He who trims himself to suit everybody will soon whittle himself away (stand firm, if you give into others and become what they want you to, there will be nothing left of your own identity). 2) Strong, positive children are parents' most important, invaluable legacy (if immortality exists, it is through our children and our desire to create children with healthy self-images who care about themselves and the world.) 3) The past is the bridge to the present —

and you never stop paying the toll. (A healthy past leads to a gratifying future; an unhappy one, filled with hostility and pain, leads to unresolved problems, "emotional tolls," in the present and future.)

To the divorced mother who is deciding whether to marry "Jon.":

I know you state that he would make a good father to your two children, but nowhere do you indicate your feelings about him. You should want to marry him if you feel he is right for you, and vice versa.

To "Mr. Talker," who is always busy talking about himself, his health, his goals, etc.:

To have friends, one must be a friend. This includes the ability to listen to the other person, to truly be empathetic to difficulties as well as to the good news. I suggest that you had better look at your own behavior and stop criticizing others for not wanting to always hear about your accomplishments, your life.

To "Katie" who wonders why her best friend always belittles her:

I do not know why she does this, but I do know that it makes you feel angry and uncomfortable. Often, individuals criticize others because they have a need to feel superior. By finding fault with you, your "friend" is saying that she knows more and you know less; consequently she's superior, you're inferior. Your best bet is to tell her to stop the behavior or terminate the relationship. Good luck.

And finally, to the parent who insists that her daughter practice the piano in hopes of becoming a professional pianist:

Please reevaluate this, since you indicate that you never fulfilled your hope of becoming a classical pianist, a wish your mother had for you. You state clearly that "Monica" has no interest in playing the piano and, in fact, loves heavy metal music. Accept the fact that she is not an extension of you, and has a right to enjoy what she enjoys, even though you may have different hopes for her. Your acceptance of her should encourage closeness and sharing between the two of you.

Letters to the Editor

Fanwood Council Praised for Support Of Resolution Addressing Jet Noise

The Fanwood Borough Council is to be commended for passing a resolution supporting a regional solution to the problem of jet noise. Its resolution of December 11 supports Congressman Bob Franks' Bi-State Noise Correction Act of 1997 and Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger and Alan M. Augustine's Air Pollution Control Act.

The council added its note of approval to Governor Christine Todd Whitman's plan to remodel the ocean routes proposed by the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise (NJCAAN.)

On December 30, the Governor held a meeting which was chaired by Congressman Franks. Attending were Congressman Rodney Freylichguyen; Pamela Barsam-Brown, Executive Director of NJCAA; Michael Schatzki of New Jersey Citizens for Environmental Research (NJ CER), and NJ CER consultant Glenn Bales, who were joined by representa-

tives of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Port Authority.

At this meeting, the FAA announced its intention to honor Senator Robert G. Torricelli's request for a postponement of the proposed new airplane routes slated for implementation on January 1. The FAA further pledged that Automated Radar Terminal Data would be shared with NJ CER.

With this information, special computer software can be used to locate aircraft tracks over geographic areas. The noise impact of each flight path can help in the development of noise abatement procedures.

The Borough of Fanwood, with its consistent leadership on this issue, deserves its share of credit for this victory.

Greg Cummings
Vice President and Treasurer
Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise, Inc.
Fanwood

Miller-Cory to Spotlight Colonial Sausage Making

The Miller-Cory House Museum at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield will feature early-American sausage making on Sunday, January 11, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sausage was a very popular food during Colonial times, and was often prepared using meat or leftover foods such as stew. Cooked grain or bread crumbs were often used as a binder.

Mae Frantz of Cranford will demonstrate for visitors how sausage was made during Colonial times. Colonial cooks usually used beef, pork or lamb intestines as the casing for the sausage.

During the warm summer months, prepared sausages were smoked for preservation purposes.

A tour of the farmhouse, built in 1740 by Samuel Miller for his wife, Sabra, will be given by costumed do-

cents. The Miller-Cory House was named in honor of its two 18th century owners, both descended from the earliest settlers in this area. The last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.

The museum shop has an inventory that is appropriate to the historical era of the building, and includes educational materials, Colonial reproductions and handicrafts, including cookbooks of Colonial recipes prepared by Miller-Cory volunteers.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students over six years of age. On Sunday, January 18, the museum will feature a knitting demonstration by Barbara Flexner of Montclair. For information about the museum and its calendar of events, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.



FINALIZING PLANS...Members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Westfield met recently to finalize plans for the 11th annual interfaith memorial service to be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 19, at Temple Emanuel, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. Pictured are association members Reverend John Wightman, Donnell Carr, Patricia Faggins, Dolores Graves, William Shafer, Reverend Leon Randall, Carol La Pierre and new volunteer Elizabeth Wolf with her son, Malcolm.

Older Women's League Sets Talk on Women & Depression

Recognizing depression can be difficult at any age, according to mental health professionals, but recent studies by the National Institute of Mental Health of depression in older men and women found its symptoms often go unrecognized or are misdiagnosed by health care providers, family and friends — even the patients themselves — as a “normal” part of aging.

The Older Women's League of New Jersey (OWL), in an effort to promote greater public awareness of depression, particularly among women in mid and later life, will sponsor a discussion on “Preventing Depression as We Age” on Saturday, January 17, at 10 a.m., at the YWCA of Summit, located at Morris Avenue and Prospect Street. Among the topics to be included will

be the common features of depression, how to identify them, when and where to seek help and the aging issues of women as they pertain to depression.

Featured speakers will be Charles Lopez, Director of Behavioral Health Care Services for the Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Union, Somerset, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, and Dr. Cheryl Futterman, a licensed practicing psychologist in private practice in Millburn.

Mr. Lopez is a former Director of the Crisis Intervention Service at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, as well as a former Associate Director of Mental Health Services at South Amboy Memorial Hospital and Mental Health Center.

“Because of their greater longevity, women are more likely to become depressed after going through changes and losses common in mid and later life,” said Teresa D'Errico, President of the local chapter.

“If not diagnosed or treated properly, it can lead to serious physical and emotional ailments, loss of independence and even suicide, which occurs more frequently among those over 65 than any other age group,” she said.

OWL is a national grassroots organization working to improve the lives of mid-life and older women through research, advocacy and education, said Miriam Dickman, Vice President of the club.

For further information, please call (908) 272-5671 or (201) 467-8136.

Dr. Cohen to Read Favorites At Storytime on Elm Jan. 10

Dr. Solomon Cohen, a retired Westfield pediatrician, returns to town this Saturday, January 10, to visit Storytime on Elm, where he will read some of his favorite stories to the children visiting the store.

Among his favorites are Dr. Seuss' “The Lorax.” There are many other stories he looks forward to reading, including “Flat Stanley” by Jeff Brown, according to a spokeswoman for Storytime on Elm.

Before retiring from private practice at Westfield Pediatrics, Dr. Cohen had taken care of several generations of children in and around Westfield. He also served as a member of the Westfield Board of Education.

Although now retired from private practice, Dr. Cohen still serves on the teaching staff at Babies' Hospital, Columbia University Medical School in New York. He has 10 grandchildren.

“We're delighted to have Dr. Cohen read here at Storytime on Elm,” commented owner Elaine Zack. “For me, personally, it's a very special occasion. After all, he was our family pediatrician for all five Zack kids.”



Dr. Solomon Cohen

Dr. Cohen will be at the store from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and will read some of the children's favorites, too. All are invited to attend. No registration is required.

Storytime on Elm is located at 35 Elm Street in Westfield. For more information, please call (908) 232-1343.



HOLIDAY HOSTESSES...Members of the Westfield Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, pictured from left, Sally Wilt, Stephanie Mannino and Lillian Roesch, welcome members to the organization's annual Christmas party. The group also participated in the traditional gift distribution at the Veterans Medical Center at Lyons last month.

D.A.R. Celebrates Holidays; Announces Joint Meeting

The Westfield Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) held its annual Christmas party on December 14 at the home of Lawrence and Stephanie Mannino.

The hostesses were: Lillian Roesch and Sally Wilt. The chapter participated in the annual Christmas gift distribution at the Veterans Medical Center at Lyons on December 18.

Local Arts Association To Host Demonstration

The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association will kick off the new year with a demonstration in acrylics by Barbara Zietchick at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, at the Fanwood Railway Station.

A Westfield resident, Mrs. Zietchick received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hunter College in New York City and graduate degrees from Wagner College and Richmond College, both in Staten Island.

She has received awards from the New York City Art Teachers' Association, the Union County College Tomasulo Gallery, the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Members' Show and the Tincum Art Festival.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call Tom Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

The next activity of the organization will be a joint meeting with the Sons of the American Revolution on Tuesday, January 13, for a patriotic program on New Jersey and the Civil War.

Eligible women whose ancestors participated in the American Revolution may call the Registrar, Marjorie Gural, at (908) 686-5484, for membership information.

Nominees Sought For GOP Club In Mountainside

The first meeting of the new year for the Mountainside Republican Club will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 8 p.m. in the Mountainside Borough Hall.

At that meeting the slate of new officers for 1998 will be presented for election.

Anyone interested in running for any of the positions in the club should contact Nominating Committee members Bill Van Blarcom at (908) 233-0836, Glenn Mortimer at (908) 232-1107 or Dona Osiejaat (908) 232-4904.

New members are invited. For additional information, please contact Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Hart at (908) 233-4036.

Nature Club Plans Meeting, Slates Duck-Watching Trip

The Greater Watchung Nature Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 13, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room in the basement of the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue, near Park Avenue.

The program will be about testing devices to clean up oil spills, presented by James Nash, who is the owner of Chapman, Inc. which operates OHMSETT — the Oil and Hazardous Materials Simulated Environment Test Tank.

This facility in Leonardo tests devices for environmental cleanup

after oil spills.

On Sunday, January 18, the club will sponsor a trip to Long Beach Island, Barnegat Light, and Manahawken Marshes to view winter ducks, including Harlequin, Old Squaw, Eiders and Scaup.

The group will meet at 7 a.m. at the far end of the Bradlees parking lot near the Clark Liquor Store, and will then carpool to the planned destinations.

The group leader recommends that participants dress warmly, and bring binoculars and scopes for viewing.



Eugene L. Kemp and Miss Kristin L. Cicero

*Miss Kristin Cicero
To Wed Eugene Kemp*

Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Cicero of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kristin Lee Cicero, to Eugene Leo Kemp of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ero A. Selander of Southington, Connecticut.

The future bride is a 1993 graduate of Union Catholic High School in

*Son, Brennan,
Born to Wrights*

Mr. and Mrs. David Wright of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Brennan Davidson Wright, on Friday, December 19, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

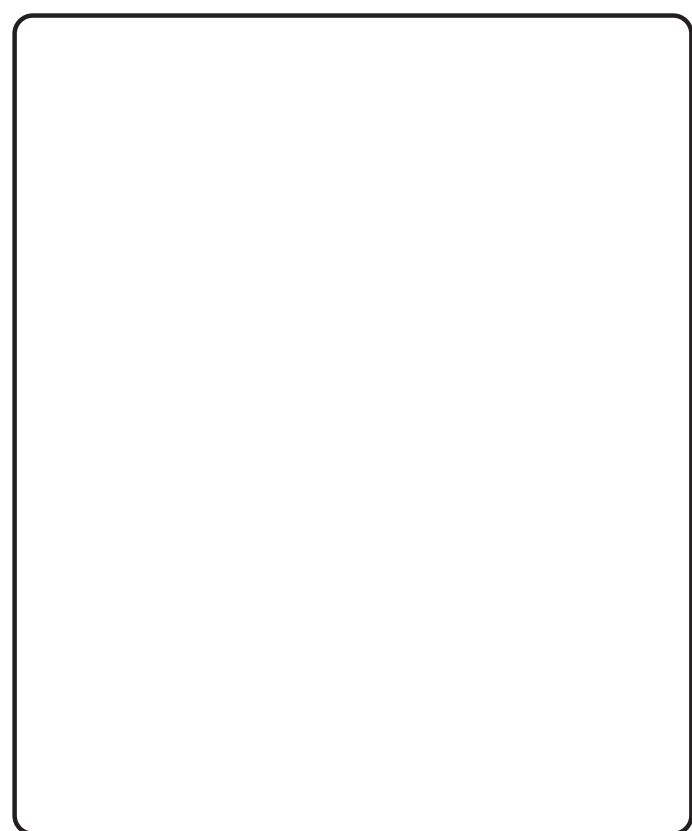
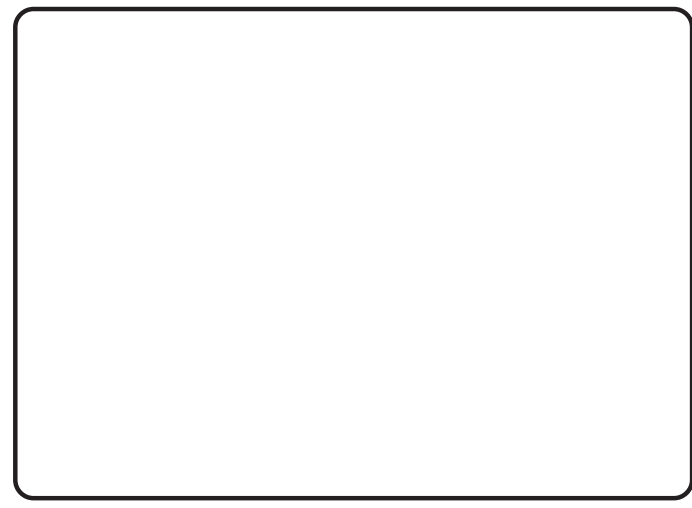
Brennan's maternal grandparents are John and Susan Davies of Brookfield, Connecticut.

His paternal grandparents are Herb and Marty Wright of Westfield.

**Nature Club Program
To Discuss Influence
Of Birds on Indian Life**

The Summit Nature Club will meet at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, Watching Reservation, located at Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountainside.

The program is titled "Northern India: The Link Between Birds and Culture." Brad and Joyce Payeur, with the help of friends, will share slides and memories of their study of birds in India. Snacks of that country will be offered as refreshments.



John T. Kitchens and Miss Carolee Ritter

*Miss Carolee Ritter
To Wed John Kitchens*

Mr. and Mrs. William Ritter of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Carolee Ritter of Lincoln, Nebraska, to John T. Kitchens, also of Lincoln. He is the son of Ms. Joan Adams of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Westfield High School and Rutgers University. She earned her Master of Arts

**Artist to Speak to Society
About Underpass Murals**

The first General Membership meeting of 1998 for the Westfield Historical Society will take place on Thursday, January 15, in the Community Room at Town Hall.

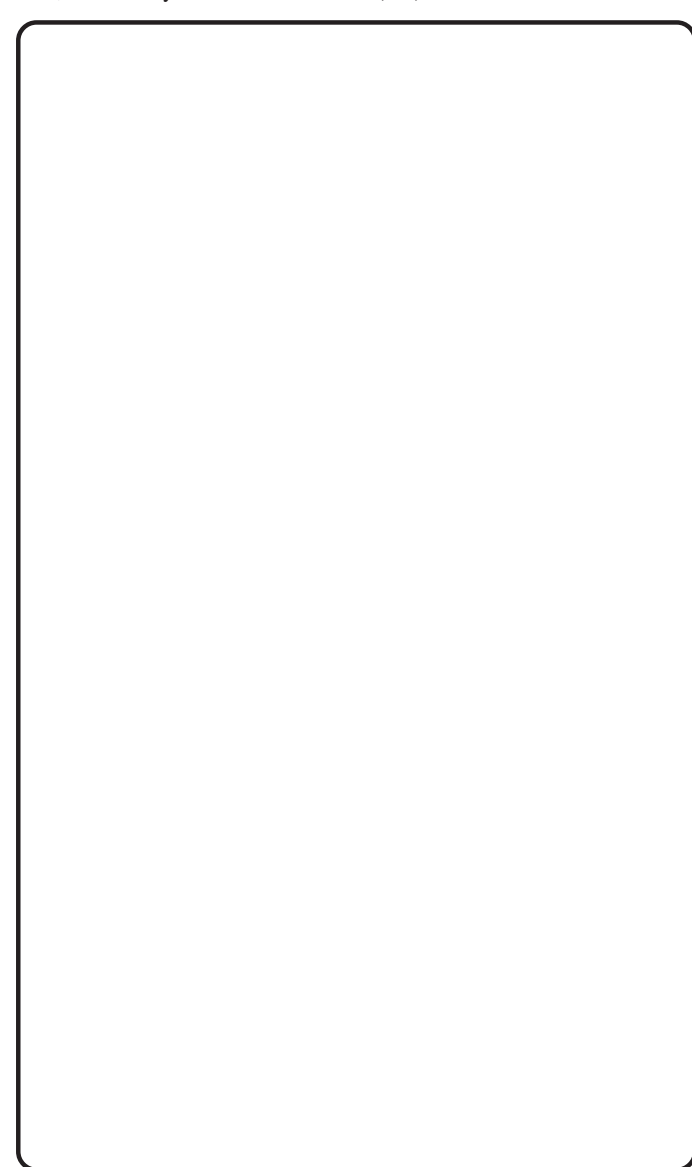
The program, which is open to all and will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m., is entitled "The Railroad Comes to Town: Growth and Progress in Westfield, 1864-1920."

The speaker will be Stacey Farley, a professional artist selected by New Jersey Transit to design the 18 murals (mosaic tiles) that will line the interior walls of the town's new pedestrian underpass.

This underpass, located 100 feet east of the existing underpass, will be shorter, have better lighting and be more attractive than the old one, according to a spokesman for the Westfield Historical Society.

In her talk, Ms. Farley will explain how the tiles were made and describe some of the scenes that will appear on them. She will also discuss public art in general and its use in public places like the underpass. Her talk will include slides and sample tiles.

To come up with potential subjects for the tiles, which feature transportation topics and scenes of old Westfield, Ms. Farley reviewed historic



pictures of the town with curator Ralph Jones, and she also looked at Stan Lipson's postcard collection and talked with former Mayor Bud Boothe.

Now a resident of Garrison, New York, Ms. Farley is a native of Westfield and a graduate of Westfield High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Brown University and a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Illinois.

A wedding is planned for July.

**Local BPW Chapter
Plans Dinner Meeting**

The Berkeley Heights/Clark/Westfield Business and Professional Women's (BCW/BPW) monthly dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Avenue, in Westfield.

Networking will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the dinner and program starting at 7 p.m. Non-members are invited to attend.

The topic will be "Better Health with Homeopathy — The Medicine for the 21st Century," which will focus on natural healing and the union of mental, emotional and physical health.

Speaker Katherine Peachey is trained in classical homeopathy and uses Reiki (Japanese stress reduction and energy healing) as a support to homeopathy.

BCW/BPW is part of BPW/NJ and BPW/USA. Membership in the organization offers opportunities for professional growth, individual development, personal empowerment and legislative awareness, according to a spokeswoman.

Advance registration is required. The cost of dinner is \$18 per person. The reservation deadline is Monday, January 19. For reservations and information, please call Marie Leppert at (908) 233-3829 or Kristi Hawkins at (908) 232-6845.

**Family Cited for Preserving
Legacy of USS Key West**

Members of a Springfield family have been honored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their efforts to preserve the heritage of a United States Coast Guard ship and its crew.

Vincent, Ruth and Karen Positan received a resolution sponsored by now former Freeholder Henry W. Kurz for their comprehensive work with the USS Key West (PF-17) Association, an organization founded by Mr. Positan to preserve the legacy of the ship on which he served as a signalman in World War II.

"As the driving force behind the creation of the association, Vincent has kept alive the memory of the USS Key West and those on board who served our country," said now former Freeholder Kurz, adding that Mrs. Positan was honored for her time, dedication and commitment to the association by assisting and encouraging her husband with numerous endeavors, while their daughter, Karen, was recognized for her

work as an ongoing communications specialist for the association.

Earlier this year, the Positans were honored by the association during its annual meeting in Charlottesville, Virginia.

"Because of the Positans, the ship and her crew will not be forgotten," Mr. Kurz said. "They have preserved its past and present patriotic legacy, and the camaraderie and friendship of those who served aboard the USS Key West."

Mr. and Mrs. Positan also were congratulated by the board on their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on September 13 at the Woman's Club of Westfield, where Mrs. Positan has held the position of Treasurer for the past seven years. Also honored was Ms. Positan for her two years as Director of the Union County Office of Public Information. She is now working in the Union County Prosecutor's Office in the position of Assistant Public Information Officer.



LEGACY OF USS KEY WEST...Former Union County Freeholder Henry W. Kurz, left, presents a resolution to Springfield residents Victor and Ruth Positan, congratulating them on their work with the USS Key West (PF-17) Association. Their daughter, Karen Positan, also honored for her service to the association, looks on.

**George Aronson to Present
Program to Woman's Club**

George M. Aronson, a Morristown-based photographer who specializes in nature, scenic and landscape photography with an emphasis on New



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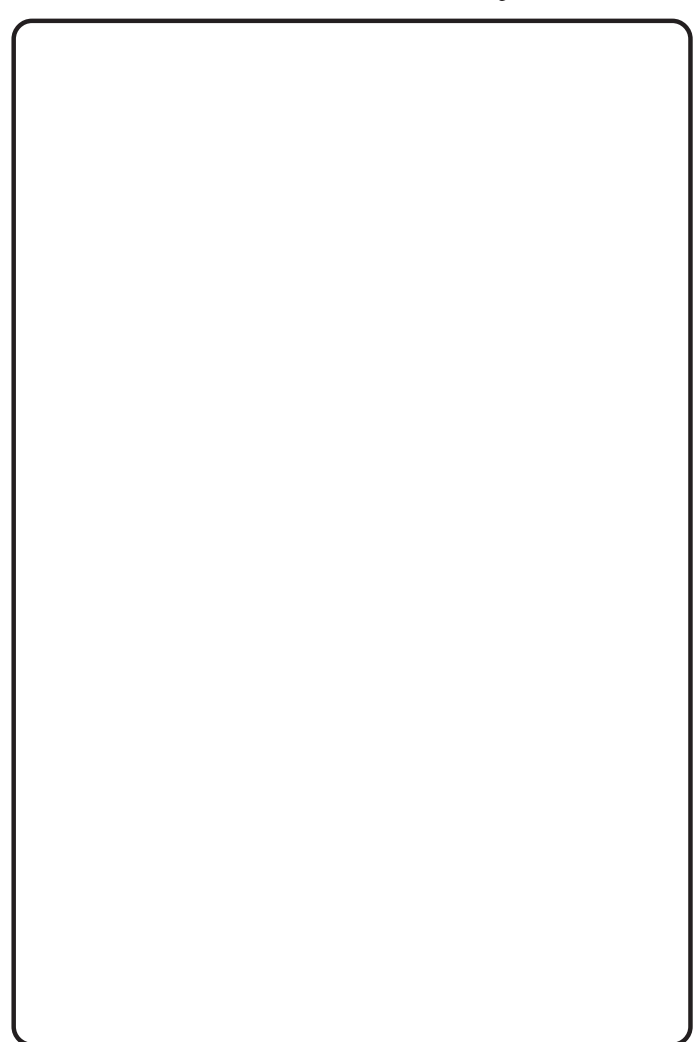
Jersey, will present a lecture and slide presentation to the Woman's Club of Westfield.

"New Jersey: A Study in Landscape Diversity" will be held on Monday, January 12, at 1:15 p.m. at 318 South Euclid Avenue in Westfield.

Mr. Aronson's slides will highlight the ruggedness of the Highlands of North Jersey, the cliffs of the Palisades, the Hackensack Meadowlands, the remoteness of the Great Swamp and the almost totally unknown Delaware Bayshore.

Guests are invited to attend this meeting. For further information about the program, the Woman's Club and its other activities, please call Patricia Campbell at (908) 233-4338 or the clubhouse at (908) 233-7160.

Hostesses for the tea which follows the program will be members of the Recreation Department.





HAPPY HOLIDAYS... Westfield UNICO recently made its annual donation of toys to some area schools and hospitals for children with learning and physical disabilities. Pictured are Barbara DeLoretto, Director of the Developmental Learning Center in Mountainside; "Santa" Manny Carlino, President of the Westfield UNICO, and Theresa Carlino a student at the Developmental Learning Center. Westfield UNICO was the sponsor of the center's holiday party on December 22, and gave out toys to all children attending the school. The club also donates toys to the Murray Hill Child Developmental Center and the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

SAT Class Featuring Author Slated at Temple Emanu-El

"Acing the New SAT," a Standard Assessment Test (SAT) preparation course that focuses on strategies for "dissecting" test questions to find the right answer, will be conducted by Marcia Lawrence, author of the SAT preparation book and the CD-ROM of the same title.

The course will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street, in Westfield for eight consecutive Mondays, beginning on January 12, from 7 to 10 p.m.

"Courses which stress 'beating' the SAT or 'gimmick' prepping are playing academic roulette with students," said Ms. Lawrence, who authored the first book on the techniques of "How to Take the SAT."

"They amount to nothing more than having students guess their way through the test," she said. "Coaching courses that consist of cramming, review and repetition are not going to make a great deal of difference in a student's score either."

The focus of the Lawrence program is to teach students how each question is constructed and to give them practical step-by-step techniques which will lead them to the correct answer.

Students learn how to "dig out" the



Marcia Lawrence

right answer by working backwards from clues found in the questions to the answers hidden in the text, according to Ms. Lawrence.

Ms. Lawrence, who developed the program, has been teaching it for more than 10 years. She is the founder of Lawrence Techniques of Test Taking and is an English teacher at Great Neck North High School on Long Island.

Enrollment information may be obtained by calling Ann Glickman at (908)232-4245.

Westfield Review SAT Programs Programs Start in Mid February

Westfield Review, Inc., Westfield's own comprehensive Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) review program, is now taking registrations for the upcoming SAT review classes for the SAT.

Classes will begin in mid-February, and are being offered in three different sections meeting either on Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday evenings.

According to Les Jacobsen, President of Westfield Review, Inc., students now have more flexibility in choosing a program from Westfield Review since the expanded offerings now include three different meeting days.

All classes meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and run for eight weeks to give each student 24 hours of comprehensive SAT review.

Westfield Review's program is offered to students of Westfield and the surrounding areas. The program concentrates on the important techniques and strategies that are essential for each student to know and master to ensure success on their SAT's, said Mr. Jacobsen.

The staff is made up of three professional teachers currently teaching in Westfield High School and offer a vast amount of expertise in their sub-

ject to each class.

Mr. Jacobsen, a mathematics teacher at the high school for the past 23 years, offers all instruction in mathematics. Karen Goller-Roberts and Susan Dugle offer their expertise in the area of verbal review.

Mrs. Goller-Roberts has been at Westfield High School for 24 years and Ms. Dugle for the past five years. Each teacher is experienced, and New Jersey State certified in English or mathematics, and offers each student unique strategies and techniques that will help each student maximize their scores, Mr. Jacobsen noted.

Each teacher also works well in reaching students of all levels and helps promote a friendly, non-threatening environment to help each student learn in a comfortable setting where questions are encouraged and alternative approaches to problems are discussed.

All classes meet at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and are limited to a small class size to encourage small groups and maximize student-to-student and student-to-teacher interaction.

Classes are filling very quickly. Please call (908) 317-2774 to register.



SANTA'S HELPER... Exxon retailers throughout New Jersey are serving as collection points for the United States Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program during this holiday season. The retailers also sold Exxon toy trucks, raising nearly \$26,000 for the Toys for Tots Foundation. Pictured, dropping off toys at a special collection event held recently in Linden, is Westfield resident and Exxon retailer Jeff O'Connor of Summit Exxon. Accepting the toys is United States Marine Corps Sergeant John Raftery. New toys for the Toys for Tots drive may be dropped off at participating Exxon retail locations through early January.



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN... Linda Klebe Larsen and Rosemary Lombard, Kindergarten teachers at St. Paul's Day School in Westfield, will give a talk on Wednesday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Parents interested in learning about a full-day, interactive Kindergarten program are invited to attend the talk, meet the teachers and visit the classrooms. For more information about the Kindergarten program, pictured above, or registration, please call the school at (908) 233-5417.

Storytime on Elm Supports National Reading Program

More than 400,000 free copies of the new book, "Read to Your Bunny" have been distributed to participating bookstores across the nation through a cooperative initiative entitled Prescription for Reading.

Prescription for Reading is based on the successful work of a Boston-based organization, Reach Out and Read, which corroborates the theory that reading to very young children enhances the child's overall intellectual, emotional, and physical development.

Storytime on Elm, located at 35 Elm Street in Westfield, is participating in this program, designed by the Association of Booksellers for Children (ABC) in partnership with the American Booksellers Association (ABA) and Scholastic Inc., to encourage parents and guardians of very young children to make reading a part of a daily routine.

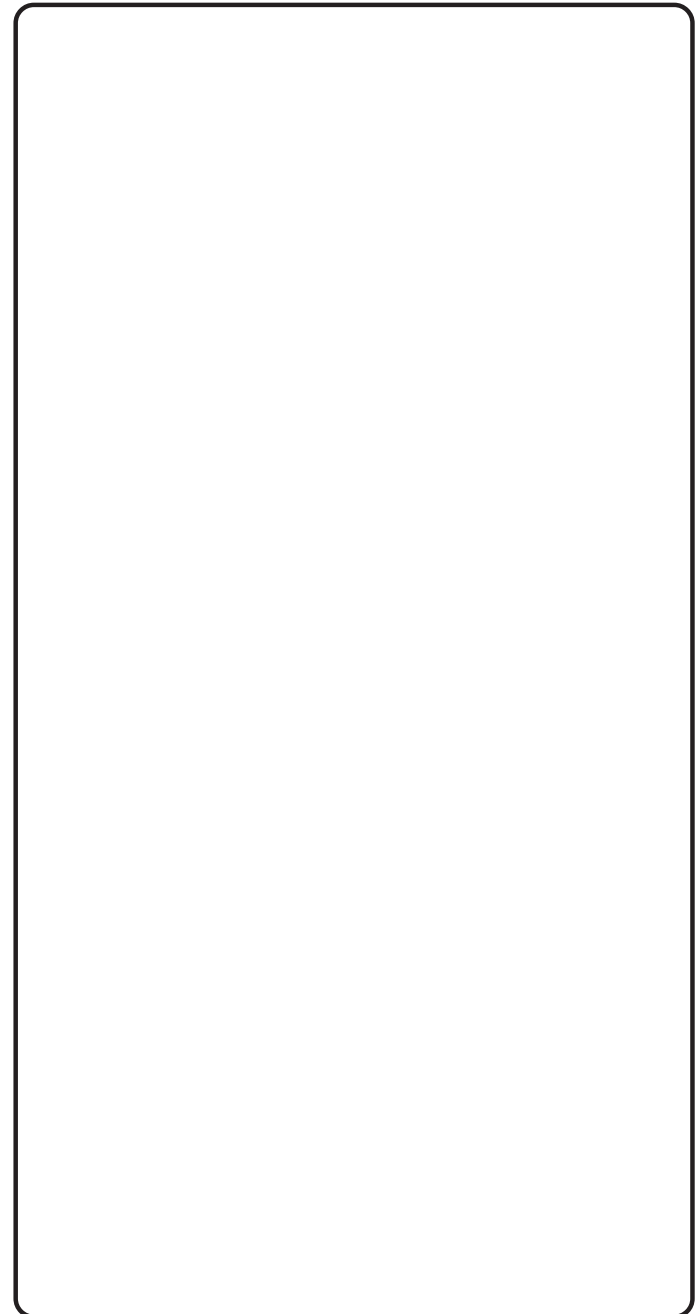
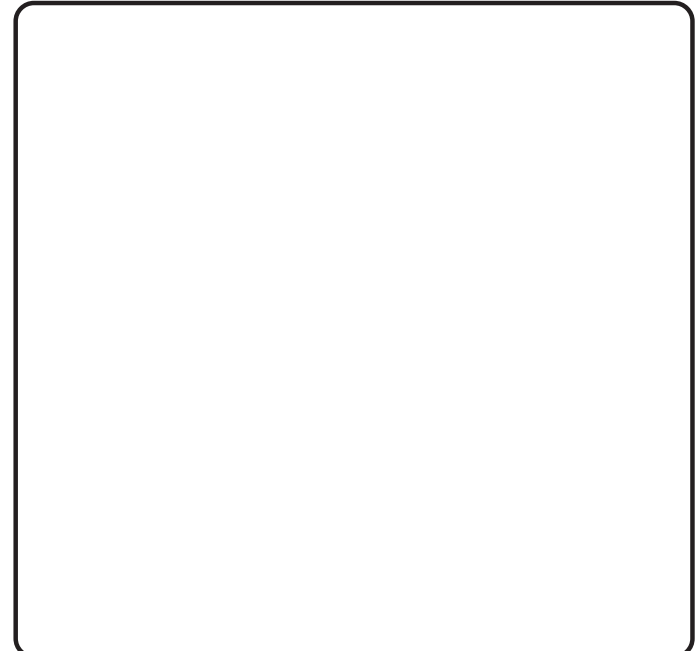
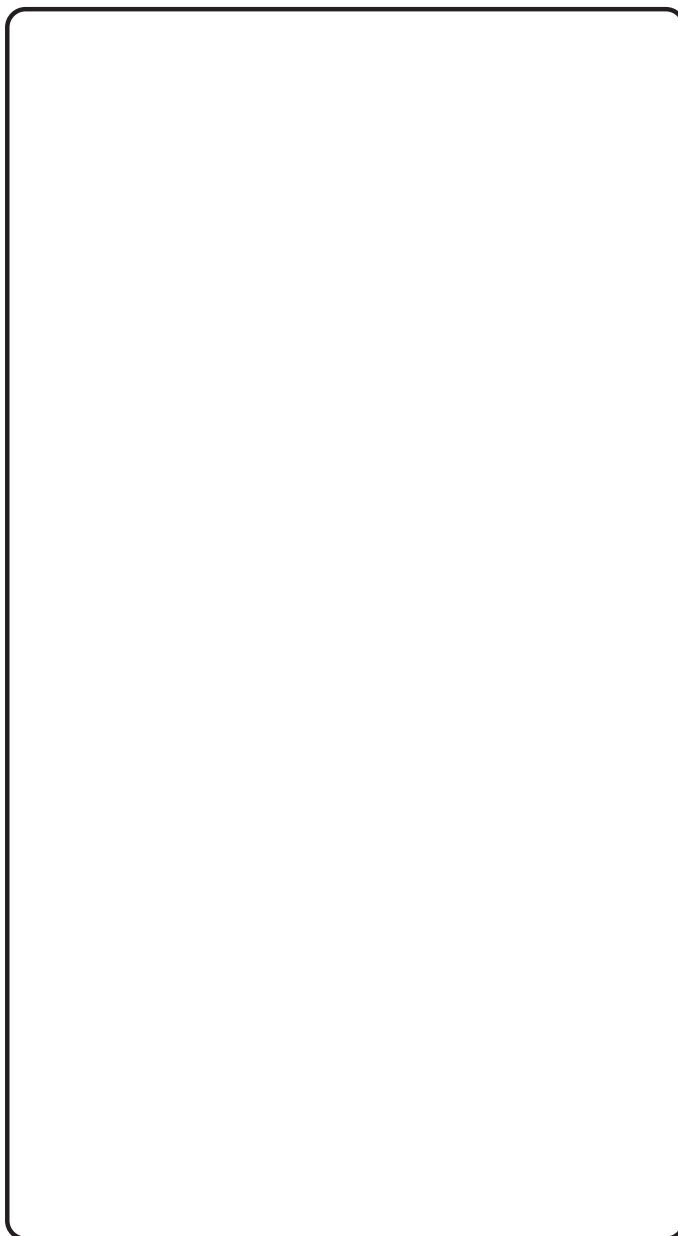
By working with local health-care providers to prescribe reading during "well baby" checkups, participants work toward meeting the goal of the America Reads Challenge launched

in Washington, D.C. in April, to ensure that all children learn to read well and independently by the time they enter third grade.

"Read to Your Bunny," a new Scholastic picture book by author and illustrator Rosemary Wells, delivers a simple message: Reading to a child is an important part of daily activities.

Storytime on Elm is distributing "prescription coupons" for free paperback copies of "Read to Your Bunny" to pediatricians, well-baby clinics and other health-care facilities, including Westfield Pediatrics, where they will be given to individual parents and guardians, to be redeemed at Storytime on Elm. The promotion will run through Sunday, March 1.

"We will also provide these parents with special reading lists for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Promoting reading in young children is important and we are glad for the opportunity to play a part in meeting the goal of the America Reads Challenge," said Elaine Zack, the owner of Storytime on Elm.



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ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-8047

The Reverend R. S. Griffiths, Interim Rector
Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, and 9:15 a.m., Education program.

Monday, 11 a.m., Fanwood Seniors, and 12:30 a.m., Overeaters.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Co-Dependents Anonymous, and 8 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous.

Wednesday, 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist.
Thursday, noon, Al Anon.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD EVANGEL CHURCH

1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9300

Sunday, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., worship, and 9:30 a.m., Sunday school.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

539 Trinity Place, Westfield
(908) 233-4250

The Reverend Kevin Clark, Pastor
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages; 11 a.m., worship service with sermons by Reverend Clark; Communion served on the first Sundays and Baptisms on the fourth Sundays of each month.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., New Members Class; 7:30 p.m., prayer service and Bible study.

Friday, 7 p.m., Weekly Youth Fellowship led by the Reverends James Turpin and Terry Richardson, Associate Ministers.

Monday through Thursday, 3 to 8 p.m., Student Tutorial and Mentoring Program. If interested, please call the church for an appointment.

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

108 Eastman Street, Cranford
(908) 276-2418

The Reverend George Freyberger, Pastor
Sunday, Baptism of Our Lord, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Services of worship with Holy Communion offered at the late service, and 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., Adult Forum and Sunday church school.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Operations, and 8 p.m., Youth Ministry and Arts Circle.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

1781 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-5556

Sunday, 10 a.m., sacrament meeting; 11:10 a.m., Sunday school, and 12:10 p.m., Priesthood/Relief Society.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Youth activity (12 to 18 year olds).

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MOUNTAINVIEW

1459 Deer Path
Deer Path and Meeting House Lane
(908) 232-9490

The Reverend Dr. Christopher R. Belden, Pastor
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., worship service with nursery care during service, and Holy Communion served the first Sunday of each month.

Men's Group meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

The choir meets Thursdays at 8 p.m.
There is ample parking and handicap accessibility.

CONGREGATION ARI YEHUDA

1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 541-4849

Located rear entrance of Assembly of God Evangel Church

Saturdays, 10 a.m., worship services.
Jewish and gentile believers in the Messiah of Israel.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

1920 Cliffwood Street, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-1830

George Nadel, Rabbi
Friday, 8:30 p.m., service.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m., service.
Sunday, 9 a.m., Minyan.
Thursday, 7 a.m., Minyan.

ECHO LAKE CHURCH CHRIST

East Broad Street at
Springfield Avenue, Westfield
(908) 233-4946

Dr. Ellis Long, Minister
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday worship.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Bible class.

Portuguese Speaking Services: Igreja De Cristo New Jersey-New York. Sunday, 6 p.m., Sunday school; 7:30 p.m., Sunday worship, and Tuesday, 8 p.m., Bible study.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

524 South Street, New Providence
(908) 464-5177

The Reverends Murdoch MacPherson and Michael Gebhart, Pastors
Sunday, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Worship services with Eucharist, and 9:40 a.m., church school forums.

FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Martine & La Grande Avenues, Fanwood
(908) 889-8891

The Reverend Stephanie Miller-McLane, Interim Pastor
Thursday, 3:30 p.m., Chorus Choir; 4 p.m., Celebration Ringers; 4:45 p.m., Celebration Choir, and 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir and Scottish dancing.

Sunday, 9 a.m., Adult education; 10 a.m., Public worship with Dr. Michael Livingston preaching, and 6:30 p.m., K Group.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., PNC and Commission Chairs, and Fanfare deadline.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thrift Shop; noon to 2 p.m., Pastor's lunch; 12:15 p.m., Area preschool directors meeting; 4 p.m., Genesis Westminster Ringers, and 4:45 p.m., Calvin-Westminster Choir.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WESTFIELD

170 Elm Street
(908) 233-2278

Dr. Robert L. Harvey, Minister
Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Hearing Society; 7:30 p.m., Bell Choir; and 8:15 p.m., Chancel Choir and Al Anon/Adult Children of Alcoholics.

Friday, 6 to 9 p.m., Parent's Night Out.
Saturday, 8 to 11 p.m., Second Saturday Open Microphone Coffeehouse for high schoolers.

Sunday, 9 a.m., Forty-five plus Interfaith Singles Continental Breakfast and Discussion Group, and Learning hour for children and adults; 10:30 a.m., Worship service with Reverend Harvey preaching on "Economic Distress"; 5:15 p.m., Youth Choir, and 6 p.m., Youth Supper and Youth Group.

Monday to Friday mornings, Mobile Meals prepared for delivery.
Monday, 12:15 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, and 7:30 p.m., Barbershoppers rehearsal.

Tuesday, 12:15 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous; 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Adult Bible study, and 7:30 p.m., Council meeting and Au Pair Fellowship.
Wednesday, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m., Weight Watchers.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

257 Midway Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 322-8481

Sunday, 11 a.m., worship and Sunday school for children and young adults up to age 20.
Christian Science Reading Room, on premises, open Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday, 7 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., evening testimony service.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

422 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 233-5029

Sunday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., services and Sunday school.
Wednesday, 8 p.m., evening meeting.

Christian Science Reading Room, 116 Quimby Street, open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ
125 Elmer Street, Westfield,
(908) 233-2494

The Reverend Dr. John G. Wightman, Pastor
Sunday, First Sunday after Epiphany, 10 a.m., Worship service with Reverend Wightman preaching and church school for all ages.

Visitors are always welcome.
The sanctuary is accessible to persons who are disabled.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1171 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9222

The Reverend Sam Chong, Pastor
Sunday, 10:30 a.m., worship with nursery care for infants and toddlers.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 233-1211

The Reverend David F. Harwood, Senior Minister
Sunday, First Sunday after Epiphany, 9 a.m., Seeker's worship service and Seeker's Sunday school for children ages 3 to 8; 9:45 a.m., Church school for children and youth and Continuing Education classes for adults; 10:50 a.m., Fellowship Time; 11 a.m., Morning worship with Reverend Harwood preaching his sermon entitled "On Not Living Under Your Moral Capacity"; Child care is available during both services and the education hour; noon, brunch and "Access-Now" congregation information session; 4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir; 5:30 p.m., Youth Choir; 6:15 p.m., Snack Supper; 6:35 p.m., Youth Fellowship, and 8 p.m., Parenting Teens.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., Stephen Ministry, and 8 p.m., Spiritual Renewal Group No. 1.

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study; 3:30 p.m., Primary Choir and Kids Discover and Create; 6:30 p.m., Pile and Drum, and 8 p.m., Council on Ministry.

Wednesday, 3 p.m., Wesley Choir and Kids Discover and Create, and 7 p.m., Disciple III; 7:30 p.m., Evensong, and 8 p.m., Spiritual Life, Vision 2000 Team and Getting Acquainted With Your Bible.

Thursday, 7 p.m., Oratorio Choir, and 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir.
Friday, noon, Noon Timers, and Away Retreat for Women begins.

GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1100 Boulevard, Westfield
(908) 233-3938 or (908) 232-4403

The Reverend Stamford M. Sutton, Jr., Pastor
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school with classes for all ages; 11 a.m., Morning worship (nursery provided) with Reverend Dean Gavaris, Director of the Pregnancy Center in Irvington, speaking 3 p.m., Service at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network; 5:30 p.m., Prayer time, and 6 p.m., Evening worship with Reverend Sutton preaching on "The Natural Man's Response to Christ."

Tuesday, 10 a.m., Women's Bible class will resume.

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

250 Gallovs Hill Road
Westfield
(908) 233-8533

Father Dimitrios Antokas, Pastor
Sunday, 9 a.m., Matins; 10 a.m., Divine Liturgy; 11:15 a.m., Sunday school, and 11:30 a.m., fellowship hour.
Weekdays, 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD

140 Mountain Avenue
(908) 233-0301

The Reverend Dr. William Ross Forbes, Senior Pastor
Sunday, Baptism of the Lord, 8 a.m., Worship service with Reverend Forbes preaching; 8:45 a.m., Coffee fellowship; 9:15 a.m., Church school for all ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship with Baptism and Reverend Forbes preaching and church school through grade 3; 11:40 a.m., Youth Choir; 11:45 a.m., Coffee Fellowship; 5 p.m., Middle School Fellowship, and 7:30 p.m., High School Fellowship.

Monday, 9 a.m., Monday Morning Craftsman; 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop No. 72, and 8 p.m., Women's Bible Study.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Evangelism Commission and Youth Commission meetings, and 8 p.m., Worship Commission, Christian Education Commission and Mission Commission meetings.

Wednesday, 9 a.m., Nursery School Open House; 9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Women Bible study; noon, Optimistic Widows Lunch Scene; 1:30 p.m., Program Staff; 4 p.m., LOGOS, and 6:30 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Thursday, 7 a.m., Middle School Breakfast Club; 9 a.m., Nursery School Open House; 9:30 a.m., Chapel Prayer and Presbyterian Women Coffee; 6:30 p.m., Discipleship; 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir, and 8 p.m., Cornerstone.

Friday, 9:30 a.m., Friday Morning Bible Study, and 4 p.m., High school ski retreat.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Clark and Coperthwaite Place, Westfield
(908) 232-1517

The Reverend Paul E. Kritch, Pastor
Sunday, 8:30 and 11 a.m., worship services; 9:50 to 10:50 a.m., Sunday Family Bible Hour, and Sunday morning nursery available.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Evening worship service.
Holy Communion will be celebrated at all worship services.

The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Westfield Avenue and
First Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8137

The Reverend Joseph Mastiello, Pastor
Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Evening Mass.
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m. and noon.
Italian Masses: 11 a.m., except in July and August.
Daily Masses: 7 and 9 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer, Monday, 8:45 a.m.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1571 South Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-2100

The Reverend James F. Kennedy, Pastor
Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Mass.
Sunday, 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon, Mass.

Weekdays, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., Mass.
Holy Day Masses, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Day Masses, 6:45 a.m., 8 a.m., noon and 7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays before First Friday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m. and before 5:30 p.m., Mass.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2032 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5192

Reverend Michael A. Merluzzi, Pastor
Saturday, 5 p.m., Mass.
Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon, Mass.

ST. HELEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lamberts Mill Road and Railway Avenue,
Westfield
(908) 232-1214

The Very Reverend Monsignor James A. Burke, Pastor
Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Mass.
Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., 12:15 and 6:30 p.m., Mass.
Daily Masses, 7:30 and 9 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

2387 Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-6972

The Reverend Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Pastor
Sunday, 9:15 a.m., Sunday school, and 11 a.m., Sunday worship.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Mid-week prayer service.

ST. LUKE'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

500 Downer Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2447

The Reverend Leon E. Randall, Pastor
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., church school, and 10:30 a.m., Worship service.
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., prayer service.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

414 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8506

The Reverend Eric K. Hinds, Curate
Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Healing Rite.
Sunday, 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist (Bible I), and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist (Bible II) and Church school.

Tuesday, 3:15 p.m., Children's Choir rehearsal.
Wednesday, 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist.

SCOTCH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

333 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5487

The Reverend Charles Carter, Interim Minister
Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Contemporary worship; 9:30 a.m., Sunday school and Christian Education classes; 10:45 a.m., traditional worship; 6 p.m., prayer and praise services (first and third Sundays), and 7 p.m., Baptist Youth Fellowship.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Midweek prayer and Bible study.

TEMPLE BETH O'BETH TORAH

111 Valley Road, Clark
(732) 381-8403

Rabbi Sharon B. Zell
Thursday, 6:55 a.m., Minyan.
Friday, 7 a.m., Minyan, and 8:30 p.m., Shabbat.
Saturday, 9:15 a.m., Shabbat afternoon Mincha, Seuda, Maariv and Havdalah.

Sunday, 9 a.m., Minyan.
Monday, 6:55 a.m., Minyan.
Tuesday, 7 a.m., Minyan.
Wednesday, 7 a.m., Minyan.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

756 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-6770

Rabbi Charles A. Krolloff
Friday, 7 a.m., Minyan; 7:15 p.m., Shabbat L'Yeled, and 8:15 p.m., Shabbat service.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Tiny Tot Shabbat, and 10 a.m., Minyan.

Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Minyan, and 10 a.m., Sisterhood/Social Action Brunch.

Monday, 7 a.m., Minyan, and 7:30 p.m., Israeli dancing and Nursery School Open House.

Tuesday, 7 a.m., Minyan; 9:30 a.m., Bible class, and 8 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Wednesday, 7 a.m., Minyan; 7:30 p.m., 3 Nights in the Tropics course and Congregational meeting, and 8:30 p.m., Temple Board meeting.

Thursday, 9 a.m., Minyan, and 7:30 p.m., Adult B'nai Mitzvah class and Renaissance Bridge.
Wednesday, 7 p.m., prayer service.

TERRILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

1340 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-7151

Sunday, 9 a.m., Children's choir; 9:30 a.m., Sunday school and adult Bible study; 10:45 a.m., Morning worship; 5:45 p.m., Youth Group; 6:15 p.m., adult choir, and 7 p.m., evening worship.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., prayer service.

TERRILL ROAD BIBLE CHAPEL

535 Terrill Road, Fanwood
(908) 322-4055

Sunday, 11 a.m., Family Bible hour and Sunday school.
Thursday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Ladies' Bible study.
Nursery provided for all meetings.

Please telephone Allan Wilks at 322-1929 or Paul Haggan at 322-9867.

WILLOW GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5678

The Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel, Minister
Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10 a.m., Fellowship time; 10:30 a.m., Morning worship with Reverend Hetzel preaching on "Out of Egypt"; 6:30 p.m., Junior High Fellowship, and 7:45 p.m., Senior High Fellowship.

Monday, 7:15 p.m., Prayer meeting.
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., Reverend Hetzel teaches preschool Bible lessons.

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reverend Hetzel teaches preschool Bible lessons, and 4 p.m., Mid-week Bible studies resume.

Thursday, 10 a.m., Mid-week Bible studies resume, and 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

The church and all meeting rooms are handicap accessible.

Downtown Corporation Plans Budget Meeting

The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) will hold an open board meeting to discuss its proposed 1998 budget for the Special Improvement District (SID) on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:30 a.m. in the Administrator's Conference Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

All stakeholders of the downtown SID are encouraged to attend.

The meeting is designed to offer district property owners, business operators and the public at large an opportunity to review the budget program before it is submitted to the Town Council for approval.

Advance copies of the 1998 budget are available in the Downtown Westfield Corporation office at 125 Elm Street, second floor.

The SID, comprising properties in the central business area, was created in 1996 by ordinance of the Town Council to revitalize downtown growth and development.

For further information, please call the DWC at (908) 789-9444.

Hadassah Chapter Sets Meeting for January 12

The next meeting of the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will take place on Monday, January 12, at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

A short board and business meeting will be conducted by President Renate Bieber, followed by the program entitled "What Does 235 Mean?"

Rabbi Renee Goldberg, Assistant Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, will be the guest speaker.

The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah is part of the national organization of 300,000 members which concentrates on fund raising for projects in the United States and Israel.

Among its many American Affairs programs, it has launched a campaign, in partnership with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, called "Girl Power" to help young women in America grow up strong and self confident, according to a spokeswoman.

In cooperation with the United States Department of Education, it has launched "Read*Write*Now!," a nationwide partnership between preschool to sixth-grade children and reading partners, to improve children's reading and writing skills.

Community Players Hold Benefit Raffle

Frank Librandy, Sr., 77, Veteran; Owned Home Improvement Store

Frank V. Librandy, Sr., 77, of Scotch Plains, died on Friday, January 2, at home.

Born in Italy, he came to the United States in 1937 and lived in Plainfield and North Plainfield prior to moving to Scotch Plains in 1960.

He had owned Rehmo's Home Improvements in Scotch Plains for 40 years prior to retiring in 1982.

Mr. Librandy was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army.

He was a member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, the North Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 506 and

the Scotch Plains Golden Agers.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine Giordano Librandy; two sons, Daniel F. Librandy of Fanwood and Frank V. Librandy, Jr. of Brick; a daughter, Marianna Clausen of Fanwood; two sisters, Donna Fantini of Scotch Plains and Frances Hendricks of Port Monmouth, and three granddaughters.

A funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, January 6, at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muhlenberg Hemodialysis Unit, Randolph Road and Park Avenue, Plainfield.

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Alexander G. Jasman, 77, Trustee; Award-Winning Court Reporter

Alexander G. Jasman, 77, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, January 3, in St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Born in New York, he had lived in Clark for 33 years before moving to Scotch Plains five years ago.

A court reporter for 45 years, Mr. Jasman was President of William C. O'Brien Associates Inc., a Springfield court reporting firm that had been located in Newark.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Jasman had been President of the Certified Shorthand Reporters Association of New Jersey. He received the 1988 Legal Services of New Jersey Equal Justice Medal for pro bono work.

He also received the 1994 National Court Reporters Association Pro Bono Award. In 1995, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Certified Shorthand Reporters Association of New Jersey.

He had been President and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Kiwanis Club of Clark, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Gran Centurions Club of Clark and a member of the National, New Jersey and Clark Republican Clubs.

Surviving are his wife, Marguerite Jasman; two daughters, Diana Marcantonio and Vicki Read; a son, Michael C. Jasman; four stepsons, John S. Voynick, Jr., Dr. Brian T. Voynick, Thomas M. Voynick and Glenn R. Voynick; a sister, Marion Stampone; a brother, George Jasman, and eight grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered on Wednesday, January 7, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Ellen Dorothy Yokelson

Ellen Dorothy Yokelson of Scotch Plains died Friday, January 2, at the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

Born in Brooklyn, Miss Yokelson had been a long-time resident until moving to Scotch Plains 10 years ago.

Miss Yokelson had been employed as an office clerk for B. Herman & Sons in New York City for many years until retiring 20 years ago.

She is survived by two brothers, Marshall V. Yokelson of Westfield and Bernard J. Yokelson of Atlanta, Georgia.

Arrangements were handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

January 5, 1998

Joseph Martorana, 68, Navy Veteran; Was Minor League Baseball Player

Joseph Martorana, 68, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, December 31, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Trenton, he had lived in Bayonne and Jersey City before moving to Scotch Plains in 1966.

Peter A. Alikas, 99

Peter A. Alikas, 99, of Westfield died on Saturday, January 3, in the Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank.

Born in Greece, he had lived in Matawan and Keyport before moving to Westfield 15 years ago.

He had been the owner of the Keyport Diner for 28 years prior to retiring in 1967.

Mr. Alikas had been a member of the Caesarea Masonic Lodge No. 64 Free and Accepted Masons of Keyport and a charter member of the New Brunswick Chapter of the American Hellenic Education Philanthropic Association.

Surviving are two sons, Harry Alikas and Thomas Alikas; two daughters, Georgia Christopher and Sophia Crocco; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, January 5, in the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Holmdel.

Arrangements were handled by the Holmdel Funeral Home.

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Edward V. Ehlers, 70, Business Administrator In Westfield From 1960-1969, Morristown Clerk

Edward V. "Ned" Ehlers, 70, died Saturday, January 3, at the Pascaque Valley Hospital in Westwood.

Born in Morristown, he had lived in Cape Haze, Florida, for 10 years, moving there from Harrington Park, where he had lived for 15 years.

Mr. Ehlers retired in 1986 from the position of Vice President of the Hackensack Water Company, a position he held from 1969 until 1986. He served as Town Clerk for the Town of Morristown from 1955 to 1960.

He then served as the Business Administrator for the Town of Westfield from 1960 until 1969.

Mr. Ehlers also had been a sports broadcaster for the radio stations WMTR of Morristown and WERA of Plainfield during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, June Daniher Ehlers; two sons, David Ehlers of Atlanta and Daniel Ehlers of Monroe, New York; a sister, Ruth Jayne of Chatham; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A funeral Mass will be held today, Thursday, January 8, at 11 a.m. at Saint Vincent Martyr Church in Madison.

Interment will be at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Burroughs, Kohr

Mr. Martorana had worked in the transportation department of Thompson Materials in Whippany for two years before retiring in 1981. Earlier, he had been employed by International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Warehousemen Local Nos. 408, 617, 241 and 560 of Hudson County.

Prior to his employment with the Teamsters, Mr. Martorana had been a minor league baseball player with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Mr. Martorana had served in the United States Navy during peacetime. He was an amateur boxer in the service and was on the Navy's United States All-Star baseball team.

Mr. Martorana was a member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains and the American Legion Post No. 165 in Bayonne.

Surviving are his wife, Angela Durante Martorana; a son, Frank J. Martorana of Annapolis, Maryland; a daughter, Joan M. Peters of Great Falls, Virginia; a brother, Thomas J. Martorana of Venice, Florida, and two grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was offered on Monday, January 5, at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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and Dangler Funeral Home in Madison.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Ehlers memory to the American Cancer Society.

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Nancy C. Scrudato, 90

Nancy Castiglione Scrudato, 90, of Normandy Shores died on Friday, January 2, at Point Pleasant Hospital.

Born in Sicily, Italy, she had lived in Jersey City, Carteret and Scotch Plains before moving to Normandy Shores in 1960.

She had been a quality control manager at Carteret Novelty Dress Company in Carteret for 12 years before retiring in 1948.

Mrs. Scrudato was a member of Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church in Normandy Beach.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank Scrudato, in 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Joe Scrudato and Phil Scrudato, both of Brick; two sisters, Grace Magnotti of Silver Beach and Vinciss Castiglione of Toms River; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 6, at Our Lady of Peace Church in Normandy Beach. Arrangements were handled by the Thomas E. Ryan Home for Funerals in Lavallette.

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Obituaries

Barbara Finneran, 64, Sales Assistant; Volunteered With Girl Scout Troops

Barbara J. Finneran, 64, of Livingston died on Tuesday, December 30, at home.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Westfield and Woodbridge before moving to Livingston in 1982.

Mrs. Finneran was a sales assistant for Gruntal and Company, Inc., a stock brokerage firm in Roseland, for four years. Prior to that, she had been a

collection coordinator for the General Electric Company in Fairfield for 23 years.

Mrs. Finneran had been a volunteer for Girl Scout troops in Woodbridge. Surviving are her husband, Joseph I. Finneran; a son, Charles Bendel, 3rd; three daughters, Barbara and Nancy Bendel and Patricia Van Eiten; four stepdaughters, Dr. Patricia Thrower, Therese McLaughlin, Susan Langdon and Joanne Lukowiak; her mother, Alice Settemire; a sister, Lois Cooke; a stepbrother, James R. Settemire, Jr.; 21 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 3, in the First Presbyterian Church of Whippany, following the funeral from the Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home of Livingston.

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George R. Mayer, 79

George R. Mayer, 79, of New Bern, North Carolina died on Sunday, December 28, in the Horton Medical Center in Middletown, New York.

Born on Staten Island, Mr. Mayer had lived in Westfield before moving to New Bern.

He had been the Vice President of Chubb Insurance Companies in Warren, where he worked for many years before retiring.

Mr. Mayer was a Captain in the United States Army during World War II.

He was a member of the Emerald Golf Club in New Bern.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Mayer; a daughter, Christa Mayer, and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 31, in the Applebee-McPhillips Funeral Home in Middletown.

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Elizabeth LeBert

Elizabeth LeBert of Maplewood died on Thursday, January 1, in St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in Kearny, she had lived in Mountainside before moving to Maplewood 28 years ago.

Mrs. LeBert had worked for La Louise Dress Shop in Irvington for 38 years before retiring.

She was a member of the Senior Citizens Group No. 2 in Maplewood. Surviving is a sister, Josephine Ventola.

A funeral Mass was offered on Monday, January 5, in Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in South Orange, following the funeral from the Joseph W. Preston Funeral Home in South Orange.

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Edward Klaniecki, 77

Edward M. Klaniecki, 77, of Whiting died on Sunday, December 28, at home.

A Jersey City native, he had lived in Fanwood before moving to Whiting in 1991.

He had been a dispatcher for the Western Electric Company in Kearny for 40 years before retiring in 1980.

Mr. Klaniecki served in the United States Army during World War II. Surviving are his wife, Christina A. Klaniecki; two sons, Stephen Klaniecki and Michael Klaniecki; two daughters, Christina Balicki and Susan Gleiberman; two sisters, Helen Miller and Sophie Kryzynski, and nine grandchildren.

January 8, 1998

Walter Schofield, 66

Walter Schofield, 66, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, December 31, at home.

Born in Minooka, Pennsylvania, Mr. Schofield had lived in Newark for many years before moving to Scotch Plains eight years ago.

He had been an actuary for many years before retiring.

Mr. Schofield was a volunteer with the Foundation for the Blind in Princeton.

A funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, January 3, in St. James Church in Totowa, following the funeral from the Festa Memorial Home in Totowa.

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Samuel Dunn, 75, Company President; Army Veteran Received Purple Heart

Samuel L. Dunn, 75, of Fanwood died on Tuesday, December 30, at home.

Born in Scotland, he had lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, before moving to Fanwood 46 years ago.

Mr. Dunn was President of the K&R Tool Company in Roselle for 42 years. A United States Army veteran of World War II, he was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mr. Dunn was a member of the Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 Free and Accepted Masons in Westfield. He was also a member of the Salaam Temple

in Livingston, Scottish Rite and the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Miller Dunn; two sons, David Dunn of Westfield and Gordon Dunn of Palm Harbor, Florida, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 31, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, West, in Fanwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, care of Salaam Temple, 369 East Mount Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, 07039.

January 8, 1998

David C. Grieve, 94, Firefighter; Bell Atlantic Agent for 49 Years

David C. Grieve, 94, of Mountainside died on Tuesday, December 30, at home.

Born in Scotland, he had lived in Newark before moving to Mountainside.

Mr. Grieve had been employed as a right-of-way agent for Bell Atlantic in Rahway for 49 years before retiring 19 years ago.

He served with the United States Army during World War II, achieving the rank of Sergeant.

Mr. Grieve had been a volunteer firefighter in Mountainside, and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers H.G. McGulley Chapter No. 12.

Surviving is his wife, Helen Grieve.

A funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, January 3, in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside. The funeral was from the McCracken Funeral Home in Union.

January 8, 1998

Dmytro Nykolyn, 78, Was Machinist; Soviet Army Veteran of World War II

Dmytro Nykolyn, 78, of Bloomfield, formerly of Westfield, died on Monday, December 29, at home.

Born in Koropec, Ukraine, he immigrated to England in 1944. Mr. Nykolyn had lived there for 31 years before coming to the United States in 1975.

He settled in Westfield, where he had lived until moving to Bloomfield last year.

He had been a machinist at Handler Manufacturing Company in Westfield for 14 years, retiring in 1990.

Mr. Nykolyn was a communicant of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

He was a Soviet Army veteran of World War II.

During the war, Mr. Nykolyn was imprisoned for Ukrainian nationalist sympathies. He escaped from prison and walked home over the course of a year.

Surviving are his wife, Alessandra Moschetta Nykolyn; a son, Michael Nykolyn; a daughter, Anna Canova, and three grandsons.

The funeral was held on Saturday, January 3, from the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford, followed by a funeral Liturgy at Holy Trinity Church. Interment took place in Fairview Cemetery

in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either The Hospice, 3 High Street, Glen Ridge, 07028, or to Deborah Hospital, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, 08015.

January 8, 1998

Mary Beylon

Mary Beylon of Westfield died on Thursday, January 1, in the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Miss Beylon had lived in Elizabeth before moving to Westfield in 1969.

She had been employed as a payroll clerk for Thomas and Betts Company in Elizabeth for 43 years before retiring in 1965.

Miss Beylon was a member of the 25 Year Club of Exxon in Elizabeth and the Rosary Society of St. Anne Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

Surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Beylon.

A funeral Mass was offered on Monday, January 5, in St. Anne Church.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford.

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Mayor Lists Sewer Project As a Top Priority in 1998

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reorganizational meeting.

Mayor Papan will serve on the Planning Board along with Building Inspector Robert LaCosta. James Walsh was appointed to the Library Board for a five-year term, along with Councilman McClintock. Mr. McClintock will represent the Mayor on the board.

Sharon Pachler was named to the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Council, along with Road Supervisor Walter DiNizo, who was named as an alternate member.

Councilman Johnston was appointed as Council Liaison to the Union County Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board.

The Holiday Decorating Committee will be chaired by Vincent Losavio, of John's Meat Market; with Mr. DiNizo and Mayor Papan as members.

Marcia Anderson was named as the council's representative to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling Association.

Mayor Papan will represent the governing body on the Parent-Teacher Council, while Deputy

Mayor McClintock will serve as Council Liaison to the Board of Education.

Fanwood Republicans Slate Jan. 12 Meeting

The Fanwood Republican Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 12, at 8 p.m. in the Community Center (at the train station), located on North Avenue in Fanwood.

The meeting will be the beginning of the year organizational and planning meeting. Nominations will be held for new municipal and county committee positions.

Monthly meetings are held the second Monday of the month. This past year, guest speakers included Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, Fred Chemidlin, Family Investors President, and Paul Mulshine, a *Star-Ledger* columnist. If you have topics you wish to have presented, please bring your ideas to the meeting.



SECOND TIME AROUND...Democratic Councilman William A. Populus, Jr., accompanied by his wife, Marilyn, is sworn in for his second full term New Year's Day by Municipal Court Judge Susan MacMullen during the governing body's annual reorganization meeting at Fanwood Borough Hall. Mr. Populus had originally been named to fill a vacancy on the council in 1993, and was elected to his first three-year term the following year.

Fanwood and Scotch Plains Charge Pair in Robberies

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suspect, later identified as Clifford X. Jenkins, 34, of Edgewater Park, attempting to drive away in a 1979 black, two-door Pontiac Bonneville which was parked nearby, authorities said.

When he was unable to start the car, the suspect fled north along the right-of-way where the power lines are located, police confirmed. Meanwhile, police apprehended a second suspect, identified as Lisa D. Minder, 25, of Plainfield, who was in the Pontiac.

The officer who had witnessed the robbery had radioed headquarters for backup - and 12 to 15 Fanwood officers who were still there after the meeting with the chief were dispatched to the scene.

The officers, with assistance from Plainfield police, set up a perimeter to keep Jenkins from getting out of the area, said Officer Richard Trigo of the Fanwood Police Department. Jenkins was discovered hiding behind a house on Stewart Place at 10:12 a.m.

He was subsequently charged with robbery, aggravated assault and receiving stolen property, according to Fanwood police. Minder was charged with receiving stolen property, robbery and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

The victim had just bought a car, Captain Carboy stated, and was cleaning it out in front of his home when he was apparently targeted at random for the robbery. A white bag he had been using to clean out the car was taken from the victim, along with his car keys, according to police.

The stolen car keys, which were identified by the victim as having

been taken from him during the robbery, were recovered in the suspects' vehicle, according to police.

The suspects were remanded to the Union County Jail, police confirmed, where Jenkins was being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail and Minder was being held on \$2,500 bail.

Chief Carboy praised the efforts of his officers in nabbing the suspects, noting that "it just goes to show you that whether they're on duty or off, they're more than willing to pitch right in. That's the kind of professional dedication that you hear about but don't often see."

Scotch Plains police have also charged Jenkins and Minder in connection with the theft of a handbag from a township woman at 8:18 a.m. Saturday morning at Terrill Road and King Street, near the Fanwood border.

Authorities are additionally investigating whether the suspects may have been involved in a Plainfield carjacking.

The Scotch Plains victim sustained minor injuries, according to township police, which reportedly did not require her to be hospitalized.

In that case, Jenkins was charged with robbery by force and with inflicting bodily injury, while Minder was charged with being his accomplice, according to Captain Joseph Protasiewicz of the Scotch Plains Police Department.

Detective William J. Schultz led the investigation of the Scotch Plains incident, Captain Protasiewicz said. Scotch Plains Municipal Court Judge Joseph Perfilio set bail for the suspects at \$25,000 each on the township charges.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

• Damage was reported to a motor vehicle in the 500 block of Rolling Peaks Way.

• A resident of Swans Mill Lane reported that his house was hit with a number of paintballs.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

• A victim reported that while at a convenience store on Westfield Avenue his vehicle, which was left running in the lot, was stolen. The vehicle was later recovered in Plainfield by Union County Police. Two juveniles were arrested, police said.

• Terrill Middle School was reportedly hit with paintballs.

• A patron of a night club on Terrill Road reported the theft of a cellular telephone from his vehicle.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

• Harold Reyes, age 45, of Linden, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Route No. 22.

• A resident of Spruce Mill Lane reported the theft of an undetermined amount of cash from inside the house. There was no sign of forced entry, according to police.

• The burglary of a residence on Stocker Lane was reported. Forced entry was reported. An undetermined amount of cash and jewelry was taken along with some electronics.

• Joseph Margiotta, 24, and John Margiotta, 24, both of Scotch Plains; and Robyn Zwickel, 20, of Staten Island, were arrested and charged with possession and use of marijuana, under 50 grams. The arrest was the result of a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

• Richard Catena, 3rd, 19, of South River, and Frederick Flynn, 2nd, 20, of Easton, Pennsylvania, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, under 50 grams, following a motor vehicle stop on Route No. 22.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

• An area resident reported a purse snatching that occurred on Terrill Road and King Street at approximately 8:15 a.m. The man reportedly shoved the victim and fled to a parked car and fled onto Terrill Road.

The pocketbook and an undetermined amount of cash were taken. At approximately 9:40 a.m., the Fanwood Police

Department had a similar incident and apprehended a suspect. Scotch Plains Detective William Schultz is conducting the investigation on the Scotch Plains incident and coordinating his efforts with the Fanwood Police Department.

• A Country Club Lane resident reported the theft of several hundred dollars in coins taken from inside his apartment. The theft occurred over the past several weeks.

• A patron of a pharmacy located on Park Avenue reported the theft of a cellular telephone from a vehicle while parked in the lot at approximately 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

• A resident of Cellar Avenue reported the theft of a glass "targa" top and golf clubs from his corvette. The incident occurred during the night.

• A resident of Mountainview Terrace reported that someone had entered his garage and had stolen two smoked glass T-tops from his vehicle. The incident occurred during the past month.

• Approximately six residents of the Terrill Road and Martine Avenue area reported thefts and damage to their mailboxes.

FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

• An assault incident was reported at a South Avenue supermarket between two people known to each other, according to police.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

• Police reported that an assault occurred at a South Avenue coffee shop during an altercation between a customer and an employee of the shop. No complaints had been signed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

• Craig Stewart, 20, of Fanwood was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated under the legal age to consume an alcoholic beverage, following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road near Midway Avenue. He was released on his own recognizance.

• A bicycle was reported stolen after it was left on the side of a building on South Avenue, according to police.

New Scotch Plains Officers To Be Sworn in Tuesday

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of the 1997 Junior Golf Leader Award from the Professional Golfers Association (PGA), and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School 1997 Boys' Varsity Soccer Team for its highly-successful season.

Like his predecessor George Reider, newly-appointed Emergency Management Coordinator Don Wormley refused compensation for his services.

However, Mr. Atkins said he believes an annual salary of \$2,000 is warranted for the three-year appointment. As a result, the council is set to act on Mr. Atkins' recommendation to amend the salary ordinance for the position from its present range of \$5,000 to \$10,000 to \$1,000 to \$4,000 annually.

In other business, Mr. Atkins announced that council members will receive his "preliminary recommendations" regarding the 1998 budget on Friday, January 16. Data will include some general comments on the township's revenues for the past year, which he graded "B to B+."

"They're in good condition," Mr. Atkins added. He also advised the council that a township auction of the property located at 2682 Plainfield Avenue, a 10,000-square-foot lot, will take place January 13 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The minimum bid is \$60,000.

The council also considered the private sale of municipal property at 765 Jerusalem Road, a standard lot of 5,000 square feet.

Council members were disappointed by the rejection of the township's application for funding under the state's Historic Preservation Bond Program to support preservation of the Osborn Cannonball House.

Among the 30 sites selected for funding were two Union County locations: the Plainfield Friends Meeting House in Plainfield, and the Merchants and Drivers Tavern in Rahway.

During the meeting, the council applauded the Technology Advisory Committee report submitted by Ken Anderson on what the next steps should be in the ongoing effort to

"clean up" the township's in-house personal computer and create a "united enterprise-wide network."

The contents of the report, which includes a proposed budget of \$18,560 and a recommendation to use the services of Orion Systems Integrators, Inc., is under review.

The council elected to review likely candidates for the Downtown Committee Task Force in closed session. The task force will be charged with implementing recommendations from the Downtown Redevelopment Committee and consultants to enhance Scotch Plains' business district.

According to Councilman Martin Marks, these include: a logo and theme for the downtown; the renaming of East Second Street, Plainfield and Westfield Avenues as "Center Boulevard;" and the acquisition of banners and benches.

The Township Manager's office will draft a letter charging the task force to present detailed plans for the implementation and proposed funding of these improvements.

The council agreed to draft a letter to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding new board Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan's recent decision to provide \$3 million to schools for the purchase of computers and access to the Internet over the next three years under a county grants program.

"This is not under the job description for a Freeholder board," said Mayor Papan.

Councilman Marks agreed. He said he would prefer to see the money returned to the towns to be used as they see fit.

In a final matter, the council agreed to support a request from the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise to support a test of the 260-degree turn flight plan proposed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Under the newest plan, air traffic routes appear to bypass the Scotch Plains/Fanwood area, passing over industrial tracts first, then climbing to higher altitudes before passing over residential areas, officials said.



MEETING AND GREETING...Elementary School One "pilgrim," Sharon Yutz, left, greets "Native American," Freddy Feller, from Brunner Elementary School during a recent gathering to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Pre-Kindergarten youngsters from the two Scotch Plains schools shared food and conversation, wore costumes of the groups they represented, made crafts and sang songs.

Two Fanwood Councilmen Take Oaths of Office Jan. 1

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councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz voted in favor of keeping the attorney's position inclusive with the other appointments, which was supported by Mayor Connelly. Dennis Estis will continue to provide legal services in the new year.

Councilwoman Schurtz was reappointed for a one-year term as the council's representative to the Fanwood Planning Board, which effective this month has assumed the responsibilities of the now-disbanded Fanwood Board of Adjustment. The combined board will continue to be known, however, as the Planning Board.

Llewellyn Fisher was also reappointed as the governing body's representative to the Union County Revenue Sharing Committee.

Among other people reappointed to positions were Barbara Brennan as the borough's Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer.

The Mayor announced standing Borough Council committees for 1998. They are as follows: Administration and Finance, Councilman Populus, Chairman; Public Safety, Councilman Walsh, Chairman, and Public Works, Councilman Jung, Chairman.

The others are Land Use and Historic Preservation, Councilwoman Schurtz, Chairwoman; Education, Health and Welfare, Councilman Kline, and Recreation and Community Services, Councilman Whitaker. Several committees are expected to address goals for the borough as the turn of the century approaches.

In addition to the already-established Fanwood Downtown Redevelopment Committee and the Fanwood Assessment Committee, two new groups are expected to get underway in 1998. These include Strategic Planning for Year 2000 and the Millennium Committee.

The *Times of Scotch Plains* and *Fanwood* was again named as one of the official newspapers for advertising by the borough.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Mayor Connelly reflected on the highlights of 1997 in Fanwood. She cited the municipal budget, which represented a 0 percent tax increase, and the receipt of more than \$400,000 in grants by the community as two of the borough's major achievements last year.

Mrs. Connelly also touched on events such as the opening of the Chelsea in Fanwood and the successful "Fanny Wood Day" celebration, as well as Environmental Commission Chairman Dean Talcott's efforts in planting 1.5 acres of wildflowers in the right-of-way of the Public Service Electric and Gas company property.

The Mayor also noted several transitions in municipal government and accomplishments by local residents last year, and fondly recalled those in the community who had passed away.

Wrapping up her review, Mayor Connelly predicted that 1998 would be "a great year." She also thanked residents for "all your contributions and for making Fanwood a great place to live."

Recreation Commission Sponsoring Classes At La Grande Park

The Fanwood Recreation Commission will again be sponsoring art classes studying drawing, painting and sculpture in an eight-week course. Instructor Barbara Prestridge is a local artist and a New Jersey-certified art teacher.

Monday classes, held from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., are for 6 to 9 year-olds and will begin January 12. Wednesday classes, running from 3:45 to 5 p.m., are for 10 to 14 year olds and will begin on January 14. All classes are held at La Grande Park.

Registration for this winter session of classes will be held at La Grande on Saturday, January 10, at 9 a.m. for Fanwood residents and 9:30 a.m. for non-residents.

The fees are: Monday class, \$30 for Fanwood residents and \$45 non-residents; Wednesday class, \$35 for Fanwood residents and \$50 for non-residents.

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The Times

WALT'S MOUNTAIN DELI
2385 Mountain Avenue, Scotch Plains

QUICK CHEK FOOD & PHARMACY
1928 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains

WALLIS STATIONERY
441 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains

QUICK STOP
1819 East Second Street, Scotch Plains

FANWOOD CORNER STORE
34 Martine Avenue, Fanwood

FANWOOD TRAIN STATION
North Avenue, Fanwood

QUICK CHEK
572 North Avenue, Fanwood

SHOPPERS EXPRESS
190 South Avenue, Fanwood

SEVEN ELEVEN
1200 South Avenue West, Westfield

Adoption of Town Exterior Maintenance Code; Redistricting in Schools Tops Second Half of '97

put into place by the police department to ensure students' safety at school crossings, given the increase of students at Jefferson and Wilson Schools. Six classrooms were added to each of the schools to handle increased enrollment district-wide.

The state Division of Motor Vehicles announced that the Westfield inspection station and 10 other stations would stay operational until more modernized facilities are built nearby to replace them.

Abigail Stotler was crowned Miss New Jersey American Teen on August 24, thus moving on to the national pageant in Orlando, Florida.

September

The Laws and Rules Committee of the Town Council unveiled a draft of a proposed property maintenance code. The code addressed open excavation sites, storage of rubbish and garbage on private property, overgrown grass and vegetation and vacant storefronts, among other things.

Several local businessmen announced that an application had been made to the State Department of Banking and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for the Town Bank of Westfield, which, if approved, would become the first locally-owned, independent commercial bank in Westfield in 70 years.

It was announced that the proposed Chief Executive Officer would be Frank N. Goffreda, who has 25 years in the banking industry under his belt. The bank would be located in the former Plastics Palace at 520 South Avenue.

Paul A. Battiloro, Jr., was named Westfield Fire Chief. He was chosen over Deputy Chief John Castellano. The fall campaign began with the Westfield Town Democratic Committee holding its annual picnic at Echo Lake Park, and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger holding his annual brunch at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside.

The Town Council's discussions on the maintenance code turned ugly when Laws and Rules Committee Chairman Lawrence A. Goldman and Republican committee member Norman N. Greco argued over the intentions of the code. Mr. Greco was sensitive when references were made to a section of East Broad Street where the former Auster's appliance store and Woolworth's were located. The buildings are owned by Mr. Greco's in-laws.

Mr. Greco later presented a proposed code which includes the word "exterior" throughout to guard against the possibility of officials coming into residents' homes other than in cases of rat infestation.

First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick announced that a proposal was being considered to form a Westfield arts council. The proposal included the selection of an individual to become Westfield Arts Coordinator.

Democrats on the Freeholder board demanded the resignation of Blanche Banaziak as a Commissioner on the Union County Utilities Authority after they learned she had moved to Somerset County. Republicans countered that her experience was vital given that the county was in the middle of a solid waste crisis following a federal court's decision striking down waste flow controls in the state.

The Freeholder board announced that the county was pursuing state funding for lake restoration projects. Among the sites considered for funding were the lower sections of Echo Lake in Mountainside, Nomahegan Lake in Cranford, Warinanco Park in Elizabeth, Rahway River Park in Rahway and Meisel Pond in Springfield.

Westfield Municipal Court Judge Marion S. Mogielnicki resigned suddenly on September 18, citing time constraints — both in her law practice and her family life. Mayor Jardim announced that he would appoint a council committee of two Democrats and two Republicans to begin the search process for a new judge.

Governor Christine Todd Whitman made a campaign swing through downtown Westfield during the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's annual FestiFall street fair. Although her visit was expected to be just 45 minutes, the Governor wound up staying for close to two hours after getting mobbed by supporters and visitors.

The eighth annual FestiFall attracted a crowd of 40,000 — making it the most successful street fair to date.

Residents in the area of an undevel-

oped section on Dunham Avenue turned out to tell the Town Council they support the use of the area as a play area for middle and elementary school dirt bikers and skate boarders. Residents asked that the mounds of dirt be kept so as to be used for stunts by youths.

Union County officials and delegates from Wenzhou, China reinforced their relationship, established in 1994, by forming a committee to generate economic trade, cultural exchange and educational programs.

The agreement, aimed at strengthening the county's economy, was signed by Deputy County Manager and Director of the Department of Economic Development George Devaney and Zhan Youyu, Chairman of the People's Congress of Wenzhou.

October

Burton and Nancy Michaels, and their two teenage daughters, filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against McDowells Oil Heat, Inc., of Westfield, Prudential Insurance Company, Utica Mutual Insurance Company and MacArthur Fuel Oil.

The 38-count complaint includes claims for property and punitive damages, personal injury and fraud stemming from the spilling of 400 gallons of home heating oil into the basement of their home on Emerson Place in 1995.

The Friends of Mindowaskin Park announced plans for the second phase of improvements to the park, this time centering around the concrete overlook of the park.

Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh announced his proposal for a \$2 million bond issue, once the \$6.5 million bond for the Westfield Memorial Library is paid off, which would be used for the town to undertake a comprehensive road improvement program.

The Freeholder board appointed Dr. Erica Fried of Westfield to the newly created voluntary position of Patient Advocate, where she will work with citizens to resolve issues concerning health-care services.

The Concerned African-American Parents of Westfield, in a presentation by Melba Nixon, asked the Board of Education to redistrict 37 kids from the Cacciola Place area to Jefferson Elementary School. The children were being bused to Wilson, Tamaques and Washington Elementary Schools under the town's current desegregation plan.

Lee M. Hale was named the 1997 recipient of the Charles P. Bailey Humanitarian of the Year Award by the Westfield Rotary Club.

Katherine L. Brohier resigned as Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce to become Manager of Group Tours with the New York Botanical Garden.

The Planning Board granted major site plan approval, thus paving the way for The Town Bank of Westfield to open in the spring at 520 South Avenue, West, the former home of Plaster Palace.

The Freeholder board appropriated \$3 million to renovate the third and fourth floors of a building owned by the county at 24-52 Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth. The space is used to house the county's youth detention center. The Democratic majority is searching for a new site for the center. The state has cited the facility for not meeting state safety codes.

The county Freeholders hosted an economic development conference on October 16 entitled "Transporting Union County into the 21st Century: A Leadership Conference on Economic Development." The conference featured decision makers from all levels of government, private industry, academia and the non-profit sectors.

The county published an advertising supplement in *The Wall Street Journal* which was prepared by the Economic Development Department. The supplement was geared toward promoting Union County as a great place to do business, under the heading, "Union County, New Jersey: The Left Side of New York Harbor; The Right Side for Your Business."

The *Westfield Leader* published its pre-election issue on October 30 with 14 pages in full color — the first full color in the 108-year history of the paper.

A bomb scare led to the evacuation of 227 residents of the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network.

November

Republicans swept their Democratic foes in the three contested races for the

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Town Council, thus increasing their majority to 6-3 in the new year. Gregory S. McDermott beat Marc A. McCabe by over 450 votes in the First Ward; incumbent Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., defeated Kenneth Rotter by some 120 tallies in the Third Ward, while Janis Fried Weinstein edged out Councilman Donnell Carr in the Fourth Ward race by 41 tallies. Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano, who was unopposed, was elected to a second term.

Democrats Alexander Mirabella, Deborah Peer-Scanlon and Chester Holmes were elected to the Freeholder board over Republican incumbents Frank H. Lehr, Henry W. Kurz and Edwin H. Force, thus giving the Democrats a 9-0 majority this year.

An Election Day bomb threat at Westfield High School was determined to be unfounded. The threat forced the evacuation of staff, students and poll workers and voters. The school is one of the town's polling places.

A 17-year-old Westfield High School student was later charged with telephoning in four bomb threats to the school. Calls were reportedly received November 4, 7, 10 and 12.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William J. Foley, informed the school board that additional redistricting may be necessary at the intermediate school level.

The Chamber of Commerce named Debbie Schmidt, formerly with the Suburban Chambers of Commerce in Summit, as its new Executive Director.

The council introduced an amended exterior maintenance code. The jail penalty was removed. Violators, however, will be subject to a \$1,000 fine for each day a violation is not corrected.

The Planning Board approved a proposal to renovate a property at 159-169 East Broad Street. Two stores will be combined for retail space for Ann Taylor, which is planning to come to Westfield. The space currently includes the former Milady's store and Village Curtain Apartments on the second and third floors will be renovated.

The council met the day after Thanksgiving at 9 a.m., at which time they held a public meeting before voting to rezone 32 properties in and around Westfield Avenue. The council had to approve the new zoning before the Planning Board meeting on Monday night, when action would have been taken on the application.

The move was done to prevent a developer from tearing down a 100-year-old home on Westfield Avenue and replacing it with two new homes.

Milton A. Steinfeld, the owner of the house, had claimed a hardship case in that the house was in such bad condition that he could not sell it and that his family did not have the funds to make the necessary repairs.

The rezoning forced the developer, Michael Mahoney, to look at filing a new application before the Planning Board since under the new zoning, with regard to lot size and frontage, the subdivision application for building two houses would no longer be permitted.

The Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee proposed doubling commuter parking fees at the south side train station lot from \$20 to \$40 a month. Users can presently pay permit fees quarterly, twice a year or annually.

A proposal was also considered for a new Parks Department to maintain the town's parks and playing fields. The department would be self-funded.

Dr. Foley announced that he believes the school district may not be able to afford an Interactive Television studio. The ITV studio was originally planned for the former auto body shop at the high school. The \$225,000 price tag was said to be \$100,000 more than the district had planned.

Donald Hamilton, a former Westfield attorney, admitted to embezzling \$1.25 million over a period of eight years from the estates of five clients. He faces 10 years in prison for the crime.

Reports were issued by the Westfield Solid Waste Advisory Board and the Westfield Raritan Valley Line Commission, the latter of which reported on a number of improvements sought by Westfield train commuters to make their trip more enjoyable and more efficient. The ultimate goal is direct service into Manhattan.

The solid waste report provided the council with an explanation of all its options for solid waste including contracting with one or more carriers, starting a town operated program or staying with the current private haulers program.

The report came at a time the council was considering whether to contract with the utilities authority for long-term access to the solid waste incinerator in Rahway. The town would have to have a

contract in order to direct its hauler or haulers to send its trash to Rahway.

December

The council adopted an exterior maintenance code. The goal of the new law, Councilman Goldman said, was to help address cases where properties not properly maintained were impairing on the rights of their neighbors. Mr. Goldman also asked for a quick appointment of an enforcement officer for the code.

The council also unveiled a shade tree code aimed at saving trees on land capable of being developed. The code would end the practice of clear-cutting trees to make room for new homes. This is a practice whereby a developer takes down all trees on a lot rather than what is needed to build the home and open up space for front and back yards.

School board member Ginger Hardwick recommended that the district explore using the ITV studio operated by the Union County Educational Services Commission at their facility on Lamberts Mill Road as an option to funding the district's own such studio.

The Town Bank, in development, was given permission to begin raising capital. The bank needs to raise a minimum \$5 million; \$2 million of which has already been committed.

The bank gained conditional charter status from State Banking and Insurance Commissioner Elizabeth Randall. The bank would serve an estimated 15,000 households, as it would also serve surrounding communities. The names of the bank's Board of Directors were released, all being people who live or work in town. The bank's Chairman will be former Mayor Ronald J. Frigerio.

Town, state and federal officials held a public hearing at the Municipal Building on December 3 to address the prospect of gaining a ban on train whistles along the Lehigh Valley Railroad tracks on the far south end of town. The first step would involve the town implementing safety measures at grade crossings on Rahway Avenue.

The council allocated \$10,000 toward installation of non-mountable median barriers in 1996; however, they have yet to be erected. Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh said he would come before the council in 1998 for an additional request of \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the project.

Residents in the area of Myrtle Avenue were critical of a plan to build high-density housing in their neighborhood, which town officials said was in accordance with a Mount Laurel low-to-moderate income housing lawsuit settlement brought by a developer six years ago.

A hearing is expected to be conducted by the Building and Town Property Committee in early 1998. The developer now involved is seeking an increase in housing units per acre and also the closing off of Grandview Avenue so that a town-owned lot could be combined with existing land the developer already owns to make for a larger development. The developer is seeking to buy the town land in accordance with the settlement.

Susan Noon was named Tax Collector effective in January, replacing Violet Jacob, who retired. Mrs. Noon has been a town employee for nine years. School officials and staff supported the concept of Student Assistance Counselors on the elementary level. Two such counselors were proposed at a total cost of \$100,000. The program would replace an existing one involving part-time assistance to students.

As promised by Republicans at the council's December 9 conference meeting, Mayor Jardim's appointment of Jeffrey M. Gechtman for Municipal Judge was defeated in a 4-4 vote on December 16, since tie-breakers count as a defeat.

Mr. Gechtman will continue to serve as judge in an acting capacity until and if a permanent replacement is found. Councilman Greco noted that there are two years remaining on the term of Ms. Mogielnicki.

The county Freeholder board approved an amendment to the county's Solid Waste Management Plan which will allow the Union County Utilities Authority to enter into a long-term contract with Ogden Martin Systems of Union, Inc. to run the incinerator. The plan also allows towns to voluntarily enter into contracts with the authority to send trash to the incinerator.

All county-generated trash not sent to the incinerator will have a charge placed on it that will go towards paying off the incinerator debt. This charge is included in the disposal fee as part of the agreements being offered to towns to sign with the authority.

The council acknowledged the efforts of Councilmen Carr and Greco as they participated in their final meeting on the governing body.



WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Joseph Rybka, 28, of Dayton, Ohio was arrested and charged with driving while suspended in the 800 block of Central Avenue, according to police. He was held in lieu of \$500 bail.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

A 1989 Mitsubishi Galant was reported stolen from in front of a South Avenue eatery, according to police. The vehicle had not been recovered.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

A woman reported that someone broke a rear basement window at her Tamaques Way residence and scratched the plastic rear bumper of her Ford Explorer.

A Scotch Plains man reported that the rear window of his vehicle was broken out by unknown means while it was parked on East Broad Street.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

David Hansen, 29, of Hillsborough was arrested and charged with the theft

of \$200 from a woman's purse at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street.

The suspect, who was taken into custody at the Westfield train station, was additionally charged with possession of a hypodermic needle. The money taken from the woman's purse was recovered, according to police.

Hansen was also arrested on a fugitive warrant from Somerset County for probation violations, with no bail. Westfield police turned him over to Somerset County authorities.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Joy Thompson, 21, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated at Central Avenue near South Avenue, according to police. She was released on \$375 bail.

Nine hundred dollars in cash was taken from a purse at Holy Trinity School on First Street on December 23, according to police. There are no suspects and the money has not been recovered.



WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

Twelve hundred block of Rahway Avenue — smoke scare.

Five hundred block of Dorian Road — system malfunction.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Five hundred block of Parkview Avenue — water evacuation.

Five hundred block of Boulevard — water evacuation.

Six hundred block of South Avenue West — hazardous condition.

One hundred block of East Broad Street — unintentional alarm.

Eight hundred block of Rahway Avenue — water condition.

One hundred block of Lincoln Road — hazardous condition.

One hundred block of Clifton Street — system malfunction.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Nine hundred block of St. Marks Avenue — water evacuation.

Two hundred block of Canterbury Road — system malfunction.

Fifteen hundred block of Lamberts Mill Road — unintentional alarm.

Five hundred block of First Street — power line down.

Three hundred block of North Avenue East — good intent call.

Seven hundred block of First Street — excessive heat from refrigerator.

One hundred block of Prospect Street — system malfunction.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

One hundred block of Prospect Street — system malfunction.

Three hundred block of Orenda Circle — lock out.

Six hundred block of Drake Place — system malfunction.

Two hundred block of East Broad Street — gas odor investigation.

Two hundred block of Watchung Fork — system malfunction.

Two hundred block of East Broad Street — carbon monoxide inspection.

Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — unintentional alarm.

Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — smoke scare.

One hundred block of Carol Road — carbon monoxide detector activation.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Two hundred block of Watchung Fork — system malfunction.

One hundred block of Elm Street — unintentional alarm.

Seven hundred block of Willow Grove Road — hazardous condition.

Seven hundred block of East Broad Street — smoke scare.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Six hundred block of St. Marks Avenue — odor investigation.

Appointments to Result In Changes on Town Boards

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taking over as Town Attorney, was re-appointed for a year. Mr. Strauchler will continue to serve as Assistant Town Attorney. Also re-appointed was Frederick T. Danser, 3rd, as Labor Attorney.

Among the new appointments, Mayor Jardim named Martin Robbins a full member of the Planning Board. He was an alternate in 1997 after being appointed by the Mayor.

Also appointed as a full member was Marc A. McCabe, last year's Democratic challenger for the First Ward council seat. Robert Newell, who was a full member and served as Vice Chairman, was named as an alternate — a one-year term. Full terms are for three years. Todd Evans was named as an alternate, as well.

Not re-appointed were Robert T. Schwarz, the board's Chairman the past five years, and Vic Trzesniowski, who was an alternate on the board and is a former Republican candidate for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Councilman Sullivan will also continue to serve on the board.

The Planning Board will meet Monday night, at which time a new Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected by the board. Mayor Jardim serves on the board.

Another Democratic council candidate, Kenneth Rotter, was appointed to a three-year term on the Insurance Advisory Board. Republican William Kravec was re-appointed to the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Board along with new appointee John Salerno, a candidate for the State Assembly as a Democrat in 1985.

Seymour Koslowsky was re-appointed for three years to the Recreation Commission and was named Chairman again. Dr. William Bonsall was moved up from an alternate to a full member.

New appointees to the commission are Thomas Cusimano and, as an alternate, Maureen Regan. They replace former Board of Education member Melba Nixon and Daniel M. Schwebel.

Glenn de Brueys was named a full member of the Board of Adjustment along with new member William Heinbrockel. Realtor Frank Isoldi was named an alternate. They replace G. Graydon Curtis, who had been Vice Chairman, and Thomas C. Phelan.

Re-appointed to the Board of Health for three years was former Republican Councilman W. Jubb Corbet, Jr. He served as board President last year.

Jeffrey M. Gechtman will continue to serve as Municipal Judge in an acting role as the Mayor did not put a nominee up for the appointment.

The Mayor's attempt to name Mr. Gechtman to the permanent post to fill the remaining two years of former Judge Marion S. Mogielnicki's term was defeated by Republicans last month. The GOP has said they want Edward J. Hobbie, who served for 12 years prior to 1997, re-appointed.

Named to the Westfield Memorial Library Board were Lee Miller, for three years, and Betty Barcan and Michele Albano, wife of Councilman Matthew P. Albano, for three-year terms. Former Westfield Main Street Manager Michele Picou, who was board secretary, was not re-appointed.

In terms of council committees, Mayor Jardim has split the Public Works/Solid Waste Committee back into two committees with Councilman John J. Walsh chairing Public Works and Councilman Gregory S. McDermott, Solid Waste.

Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick will chair the Public Safety Committee, with Councilwoman Janis Weinstein heading the Personnel Policy Committee.

Councilman Sullivan will take over as Chairman of the Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee. In an unusual move, Mayor Jardim will serve on that committee this year.

Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman will continue to serve as Laws and Rules Committee Chairman, with Councilman James J. Gruba remaining intact as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Republicans Vow to Put 'Customers' First in '98

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parcs, fields and roads, the continued improvement of municipal services such as collection of leaves and snow removal, and the vibrancy of the downtown.

He said the council's challenge will be to accomplish these objectives while also "keeping taxes in check despite receiving less county and state aid."

"Let's face it, good government does not happen — ask (Assemblyman) Rich Bagger (who was present at the ceremony); it takes hard work," he noted.

Councilman Albano said Republicans are committed to "put political differences aside and truly work in the best interests of the Town of Westfield."

The three concepts that Councilman Sullivan said he believes the council

must focus on this year are treating taxpayers as customers, bringing attention to the quality of the delivery of municipal services, and teamwork by the council as a whole.

"Our efforts must not be distracted by those who choose to pursue their personal agendas and seek to divide our community," he said.

"We must not be diverted by others who choose to pin labels on those they disagree with or launch attacks based on half-truths or hearsay in an attempt to secure what they perceive as 'power' in our community's government," the councilman stated.

He noted instead that the governing body "must build a team that endures through electoral cycles to promote the greater good of Westfield."

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

FEIGNER'S 15 FORGES THE WAY

Raiders Prevail in OT; Ruin #12 Union, 65-58

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A big upset occurred as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team hung with the 12th-ranked Union High School squad and pulled out a stunning, 65-58, overtime victory in the finals of the Cindy Pools Classic in Scotch Plains on December 29.

All did not look well for the Raiders, as the mighty Farmers jumped out to a 20-7, first-quarter lead, but the determined Raiders whittled their way back, outscoring the Farmers, 17-11, in the second half and, 16-14, in the third quarter.

The Raiders had a three-point lead with only five seconds left in the fourth quarter, but Farmer Dave Hoffman bombed a three pointer to send the game into overtime. Senior Jeff Feighner got the offense blazing in the overtime period, as he hit for four of the 11 Raider points while the Farmers' offense went cold.

Feighner and Donald Patterson had a big impact, as each contributed 15 points to the exciting victory. Dave Gewirtz and Ben Martinez had 11 points apiece, and sophomore Ron Jennerette added eight

while senior Doug Bishop contributed five points.

"I thought it was really a great team effort offensively and defensively," commented Raider Head Coach Willie Leonardi. "It was really gut-set time for us when they tied the game, but we came back to win it in overtime. I thought we played very well in the overtime."

Leonardi continued, "We did not play particularly well in the first half, but we played well in the second half. We played great defense in the second half. In the end, when they started fouling us, we made all the foul shots and that was another gut-check time for us."

When asked if the Farmers may have lost a little of their confidence due to the constant Raider persistence, Leonardi responded, "Well that could be, that could be. They are very well coached. They are defending Group 4 Champs. Their coach does a great job with them, but I think we sneaked up on them a little bit."

The Raiders upped their record to 4-0, while the Farmers slipped to 4-1.

Union	20	11	14	9	4	58
Sch Pl-Fnw	9	17	16	12	11	65



William A. Burke for The Leader and The Times
THE LAYUP...Raider senior Dave Gewirtz, No. 44, gently lays the ball in for a basket as a shocked Farmer looks on during the finals of the Cindy Pools Classic game with Union High School. The Raiders stunned the 12th-ranked Farmers. Gewirtz along with teammate junior Ben Martinez struck for 11 points apiece.



William A. Burke for The Leader and The Times
THE REBOUND...Senior Raider Donald Patterson, No. 14, leaps way over his Union High School opponent to eventually pull down a rebound. Patterson hit for 15 points in the game. Scotch Plains-Fanwood stunned the Star Ledger's 12-ranked team in Scotch Plains.

WATCHUNG CONFERENCE GIRLS TEAM OUTCOMES:

December 29:						
Columbia 66,	Cranford 38					
Columbia	24	13	20	9	66	
Cranford	9	6	13	10	38	
Bridgewater-Raritan 45,	Plainfield 29					
Plainfield	2	9	10	8	29	
Brdgwtr-Raritan	8	18	14	5	45	
New Providence 42,	Rahway 36					
Rahway	15	6	2	13	36	
New Providence	9	12	15	6	42	
December 30:						
Governor Livingston 37,	Rahway 19					
Immaculata 70,	Plainfield 33					
Plainfield	8	8	11	8	33	
Immaculata	11	23	18	18	70	
Union 75,	Bayley-Ellard 20					
Union	20	15	15	25	75	
Bayley-Ellard	2	4	8	6	20	
January 3:						
Elizabeth 50,	Kearny 33					
Kearny (2-4)	11	6	7	9	33	
Elizabeth (5-0)	8	13	6	18	45	
Linden 50,	Newark East Side 41					
Linden (1-2)	12	9	17	12	50	
Nwk E. Side (2-4)	11	6	9	15	41	
Union (4-2)	11	19	14	6	50	
Plainfield 65,	Union 50					
Plainfield (2-3)	9	21	17	18	65	
Shabazz 51,	Rahway 30					
Rahway (1-3)	10	2	8	10	30	
Shabazz (4-1)	13	16	6	16	51	

MCKEON SINKS TWO IN LAST :18

Revived Devils Come Back to Beat Raiders

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls' basketball team, down four points at the beginning of the fourth quarter, had to battle back to overcome the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' second half surge to pull out a 24-22 knee-knocker on January 3 in Scotch Plains. The steady hand of junior Liz McKeon made the final difference.

Situations appeared under control for the Blue Devils in the first quarter when their defense hung tough and held the Raiders to only two points. By the end of the quarter, the Devil girls held a 7-2 lead.

Each team effectively used a stubborn defensive strategy in the second quarter. The Raiders crept two points closer, out-pointing the Devils, 4-2, and the half time score tightened to 9-6.

With the help of junior Nikki McCoy, the Raiders broke through in the third quarter to outscore the Blue Devils, 12-5, and carried a four-point lead into the final period.

The Devils' offense rose in the fourth quarter as their defense revived and played stubbornly once again. Senior Vicky Nusse started hitting the mark and scored six points to help tie the score, 22-22, with less than a minute remaining. As the clock ticked to :18 left, McKeon drew a foul. The pressure was on; however, McKeon coolly sank the first shot, then the second. The Blue Devil defense continued its revival and prevented the Raiders from scoring as the final second ticked off the clock.

Nusse led the Blue Devils in scoring with 10 points, followed by McKeon

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BATTLE FOR THE BALL...Several members of the Blue Devils and the Raiders battle for possession of the ball in the first quarter in Scotch Plains on January 3.

CERCHIO DETHRONES KING, 6-5

Raiders Fall to No. 12 Roselle Park Matmen

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Several events had to occur in order for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team to pull an upset of the 12th-ranked Roselle Park squad. The Raiders needed to win big in each of the first three weight classes; win by decision at 130, 145 and 189, and come up with mild upsets at 215 and heavyweight. Unfortunately, that scenario did not occur and the Panthers won, 48-15, in Roselle Park on December 30.

Raider sophomore David Loewinger did his part at 103 when he easily disposed of Lou Panetta in 1:12; but Mike Loewinger was narrowly defeated by Rory Adams, 7-4, at 112 and Charlie Triplet lost a 3-2 heart stopper at 119.

Junior Tony Melendez had his work cut out for him at 130 when he had to face Craig Frost, who placed fifth in the state last year and recently placed first in the Blue Devil Invitational. Frost pulled off a beautiful throw-by takedown just before the end of the first period, to carry a 2-0 lead into the second.

Known for his ability to control his

opponent from the top position, Frost defended his reputation well by slipping a single-leg cross-body ride constantly on Melendez throughout the second and third period, to pull out a 5-1 victory.

Senior Luke Cerchio got involved in a nail-biting bout with Chris King, who recently won the 145-pound title at the Blue Devil Invitational. After trading one-point leads throughout the bout, Cerchio dethroned King, 6-5.

Senior Tony Zardecki was on fire and added six points to the Raider team score with a 3-5 pin over Nick Tokarski at 189. At 215, Frank Thorne fell short of his needed upset, losing 5-2 to Blue Devil Invitational Champ Pat Appello.

Heavyweight Jim Feeley dropped an unfortunate 2-1 decision to Mike Munoz. After a scoreless first period, Feeley was the first of the big men to score when he came up with a one-point escape. Just before the end of the second period, Feeley drew a warning for backing up. In the third period, Munoz tied the score with an escape. Neither wrestler could take the 2-0 lead into the second.

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PATTERSON PUMPS IN 29; MCCULLAM SCORES 14

Unbeaten Raiders Roll Over Blue Devil Boy Cagers, 63-43

By DAVID B. CORBIN and STEVE ABELLES
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School boys' basketball team lost a disappointing game to an undefeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood squad, 63-43, on January 3 in Westfield. The Blue Devils had difficulties containing all of the Raider scoring threats; especially, senior Donald Patterson who netted 29 points in the game.

Both teams played to a 4-4 stalemate halfway through the first quarter; however, Patterson broke loose and started his scoring assault on the Blue Devils. The Raiders then, hit four out of their next five shots to grab a 12-4 lead. The Devils woke up and battled their way back to make the score 14-8 by the end of the quarter.

Patterson continued on the offensive in the second quarter; however, the Blue Devil offense regained its composure and traded the Raiders point-for-point as senior Rob McCullam fuel the fire by scoring six points. Patterson fired in ten points to maintain the Raider lead.

Blue Devil senior Martin Seimoniet played strong defense in the first quarter and had five defensive rebounds. At the half, the Raiders had a 32-24 lead. Devil junior Lamont Turner commented, "We had a lot of trouble making our shots in the first half. Our offense was lacking some intensity and we weren't getting the job done on defense."

The Raider offense resumed its attack in the third quarter while the defense threw ice water on the Blue Devils' offense. The Devils had trouble finding the inside of the net as they hit just 2 of 11 from the floor. Junior Maurice Boatwright tossed in four of the Blue Devils' five points in the third quarter. Patterson exploded for eight of the 13 Raider points scored in the quarter.

Assisting Patterson's offensive outburst was senior David Gewirtz who scored five points, but caused the Blue Devils to key off him because of his dangerous scoring ability. Also, the need to keep senior Jeff Feighner in check, spread the Blue Devils' defense thin and allowed Patterson more freedom.

McCullam and junior Pete Anzelone added four points each in the fourth quarter; but the Blue Devils' defense was unable to stop the rugged Raider siege as they continued to grind out 18 additional points. With five minutes to go in the game, Turner made a spectacular blocked shot against Patterson, saving two points for Westfield.

McCullam and Boatwright led the scoring for the Blue Devils with 14 points each and Turner finished with seven points. Patterson scored 29 points, Ben Martinez sank 15 points and Feighner put in 12 points for the Raiders.

Seimoniet said, "Our offense was unsettled for most of the time so we were a little confused and that made it hard for us

to hit our shots. Overall we just didn't play a very good game."

Raider Head Coach Willie Leonardi stated, "I did not think we played very well in the first half, but I thought that if it weren't for Martinez and Patterson in the first half keeping us in the ball game, playing well offensively. Defensively, we didn't do a bad job, but offensively, we let down a little bit."

Leonardi further stated, "In the second half, we started to play a little bit better. Everyone started to get involved in the offense. I thought we played better then;

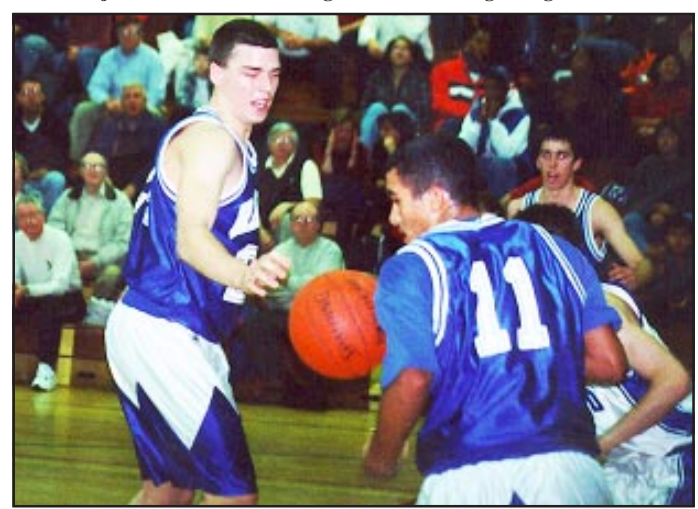
but overall, I thought it was a real good defensive effort. We held them to 43 points."

Having been asked if Westfield had their hands full because of all the Raider scoring threats, Leonardi responded, "They were concentrating on Gewirtz so Donald was wide open on this night. On other nights, Gewirtz has had two great games recently. They can't really concentrate on everybody because we have three or four people who can put the ball in the basket."

Sc Plains-Fnw	14	18	13	18	63
Westfield	8	16	5	14	43



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YANKING DOWN THE REBOUND...Blue Devil senior Greg Frieseen pulls in the rebound as junior teammate Tom Langton watches in the game against the Raiders.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SURROUNDING THE BALL...Raider Ben Martinez, No. 11, and Jeff Feighner, left, surround the basketball to gain possession in their game against the Blue Devils. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys defeated Westfield, 63-43, in Westfield on January 3.

KASLUSKY, McMAHON BLAZE THE WAY IN RELAYS

Blue Devil Girls Tie for First; Boys, 3rd at Brunswick Relay

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Gordon Kaslusky and Maura McMahon blazed the way as the Westfield High School girls' winter track team placed in a tie for first, and the boys finished in third at the East Brunswick Relays on December 20. The Blue Devil girls totaled 42 points and the boys finished with 33.5 points.

McMahon paced her way to a time of 2:32.1 and teammates Heather Dennis at 2:39.1, Laura Brucia at 2:39.1 and Sage Stefiuk at 2:34.8 combined for a time of 10:25.2 to seize first in the girls 4 x 800.

The Devil girls also took three additional firsts. In the Sprint Medley, Susan Hinds with a time of :31.9, Aubrey McGovern at :29.8, Mary Korfmacher at :64.6 and Katie Egan at 2:28.2 put together a first-place time of 4:32.8*.

Stefiuk turned in a time of 2:37.7 in her leg of the distance medley and Laura Brucia, Sara Carpenter and Alexis Anzelone had respective times of :67.6, 4:19.1 and 5:56.5 to total 14:01.5* and grab first place. The Blue Devil "B" squad of Tanya Tran at 2:49, Andrea Constandis at 1:12, Tara Bhandari at 4:13 and Adrienne

Blauvelt at 5:59.1 actually placed second in the event; however, their combined time of 14:13.1* was not counted in the varsity team point total.

Korfmacher, Dennis, Egan and Stefiuk had times of :65.2, :66.1, :62.8 and :65.8, respectively, to cross the line first with a total of 4:20.6* in the 4 x 400 relay.

The foursome of Hinds, McGovern, Paige Corbett and Becky Hamilton totaled 1:59.3* with respective times of :29.7, 30.7, 30.5 and :28.3 to come in fifth in the 4 x 200 relay.

Kaslusky was involved in the two first places and the one second place that the Blue Devils captured. Steve Dennis, Frank Ianni, John Cognetti and Kaslusky turned in times of 2:06.4, 2:06.2, 2:09.8 and 2:00.2, respectively, to breeze to a first-place total of 8:22.8* in the 4 x 800 relay.

Mark Mathews at 2:09.5, Dave Geissler at :54.7, Bill Zachar at 3:25.2 and Kaslusky at 4:47.6 totaled 12:14.1* to grasp a firm grip on first in the distance medley. In the 4 x 400 relay, Ianni, Dennis, Cognetti and Kaslusky had respective times of :53.2, 52.5, 56.5 and 53.5 to take second with a total time of 3:36.4*.

Seth Augenstein with a time of :24.8,

Dennis at :23.3, Jon Atkins at :26.5 and Geissler at :23.2 finished sixth in the 4 x 200 with a combined time of 1:38.5*.

*Note - All the individual times may not add up due to various judges being assigned to do the individual runner and some judges being assigned to time the collective event time.

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GRABBING THE REBOUND...Senior Suzanne Vinegra of the Blue Devils grabs the basketball before Kate Vanderheyden, No. 25, of the Raiders came get to it.

FEIGNER GRABS 20 REBOUNDS

Raider Girls Rebound; Bounce J.P. Stevens

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' basketball team rebounded from an earlier defeat from Columbia and bounced J.P. Stevens, 43-34, in the consolation round of the Cougar Classic in Cranford on December 29.

Both teams held the other under double figures in each of the first two quarters, as each team demonstrated a tight defense. The Raiders managed to penetrate the J.P. Stevens defense with slightly more success as they carried a 16-10 half-time lead. Katie Feighner led the Raider charge

with a big night both offensively and defensively, scoring 11 points and pulling down 20 rebounds. Teammate Bianca Gray also hit for 11 points and senior Kate Vanderheyden had nine points and added six assists.

Junior Nikki McCoy sank eight points, while Samantha Kanarek and Najwa Glover contributed two points each for the Raiders.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood improved to 2-4, while J.P. Stevens plunged to 0-4.

J. P Stevens	2	8	11	13	34
Scotch Plns-Fnw	7	9	15	12	43

Revived Devils Come Back to Beat Raiders

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with eight. Senior Suzanne Vinegra put in four points and senior Megan DeVitt added two. McCoy led all scoring with 12 points while senior Kate Vanderheyden and freshman Bianca Gray contributed four apiece. Sophomore Kate Feighner hit for two points.

Raider Head Coach Brian Homm commented, "It was a tough loss. I felt we played very well, considering our youth and inexperience." Homm added, "We

even took the lead by four."
As to the downfall, Homm explained, "We actually gave the game to them. We could not hold the ball. We started committing too many turnovers. McCoy hit the two foul shots and that was it."

Westfield improved to 2-2 while Scotch Plains-Fanwood slipped to 2-4.

Westfield	7	2	5	10	24
Sc Plns-Fnw	2	4	12	4	22



SCORING THE OMEGA GOAL...Blue Devil hockey player Erik Kolb, center, dark uniform, battles for the puck then, later, blasts in the final goal of the game, as Westfield High School put West Essex High School on ice, 13-3, on December 27. The Blue Devils upped their record to 6-2. See additional ice hockey picture on page 14.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

PREVENTING THE STEAL...Sophomore Valerie Griffith, No. 33, pulls the basketball away from Raider freshman Bianca Gray in the first half in Scotch Plains on January 3 and helped the Blue Devils a nail-biting, 24-22, victory.

Raiders Fall to No. 12 Roselle Park Matmen

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remaining. Feely was hit with his second warning for backing up and Munoz was awarded a point and the victory.

WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
103: — David Loewinger (SPF) p. Lou Panetta, 1:12

112: — Rory Adams (RP) d. Mike Loewinger, 7-4

119: — Travis Meadows (RP) d. Charlie Tripet, 3-2

125: — Bryan Garrison (RP) p. A. J. Romeo, 3:04

130: — Craig Frost (RP) d. Tony Melendez, 6-1

135: — Kevin Davis (RP) p. Mike Natale, 1:29

140: — Phil Torino (RP) p. Mike Grabel, 3:55

145: — Luke Cerchio (SPF) d. Chris King, 6-5

152: — Eric Swick (RP) p. Josh Ricca, :41

160: — Keven Kolbeck (RP) d. Chris Stiglitz, 6-0

171: — Doug Schoening (RP) p. Doug Keeton, 1:25

189: — Tony Zardecki (SPF) p. Nick Tokarski, 3:51

215: — Pat Appello (RP) d. Frank Thorne, 5-2

Hwt: — Mike Munoz (RP) d. Jim Feely, 2-1

OTHER LOCAL UNION COUNTY WRESTLING RESULTS:

January 3:
Newark East Side 42, Cranford 41

WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
103: — Justin Torales (N) p. Dan Genovese, 1:13

112: — Augusto Pinto (N) p. Adam Sylvester, 3:05

119: — Rob Verhoenen (Cr) p. Pedro Santos, 2:29

125: — Florio Hawkins (Cr) p. Joseph Hernandez, 2:47

130: — Rodrigo DaSilva (N) p. Maz Elwardany, :52

135: — Abraham Slocum (N) p. Mike Kelly, 1:09

140: — Frederica Baraviera (N) p. Chris Symanski, :58

145: — John Donofrio (Cr) p. Israel Estrelia, 5:49

152: — Bill Bennett (Cr) tf. Rui Mortagua, 23-8, 5:05

160: — Fernando Lama (N) p. Jason Swanson, 1:07

171: — Wayne Pestano (N) p. Rob Enriquez, 1:16

189: — Efran Ortiz (Cr) won by forfeit

215: — Nick Fekete (Cr) p. Rinaldo Nigron, :47

Hwt: — Pat Ekstrom (Cr) p. Kevin Filian, :46

Roselle Park 57, Union 18

Iceman Kashlak 'Kontinues' to Lead State in Scoring

Westfield High School junior Ronnie Kashlak continues to lead all ice hockey players in scoring. After nine games, Kashlak has scored 31 goals and added 15 assists to amass 46 total points. Adam Dilly of Mendham High School has a total of 43 points to rank second.

In the public school scoring, John Healy of Cranford is third in scoring with 24 goals and nine assists, totaling 33 points. Blue Devils Brandon Kape ranks 11th with 10 goals and 10 assists and Mike Bird ranks 13th with six goals and 12 assists.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 4, 1998

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, un-specified service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 15-98
AWARDED TO: DeMaria, Ellis, Esqs., 744 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide legal services to represent the County of Union in connection with labor negotiations with the various collective bargaining units representing County employees.

COST: These services shall be performed at the set rate of \$150.00 per hour plus all disbursements for a total amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 for the year 1998.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 1/8/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.99

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Notice is hereby given that the ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, after a public hearing, granted approval to Mr. and Mrs. David Bencivengo for a variance to erect a deck on the property at 181 Coriell Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey being Lot No. 1 c Block No. 104.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bencivengo
181 Coriell Avenue
Fanwood, NJ 07023

1 T - 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of Bond Counsel during 1998 and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, that the firm of McCARTER & ENGLISH, Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, New Jersey be appointed as Bond Counsel from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of said Local Public Contracts Law because the services are of such a qualitative nature and will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that the ethical requirements of such profession will not permit such bidding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all contract documents with the firm of McCARTER & ENGLISH in accordance with their proposal.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk

1 T - 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$34.68

Blue Devils Rank High in Swimming

The Westfield High School girls' swimming team have been pushing for the top position in *The Star-Ledger Girls' Top 20*. The Blue Devil girls have been ranked fourth in the recent selection.

The Blue Devil boys' swimming team filled in the ninth position of the Top 20 list.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Public Defender during 1998; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, that Douglas Hansen, 1824 Front Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, be appointed as Public Defender from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of said Local Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by persons authorized to practice a recognized profession, which practice is regulated by law, and which practice requires the knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged, formal course of specified education and instruction; and because it is impossible at this time to know the exact dimensions of the services to be performed and the exact nature of the various tasks to be performed, and accordingly, the services to be rendered cannot reasonably be described by written specifications, and additionally, because the said services are of such a qualitative nature as will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that ethical requirements of such profession will not permit such bidding.

A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk

1 T - 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$42.84

PUBLIC NOTICE

FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on January 28, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Keith English to erect a fence on the property at 243 Belvidere Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 110, Lot No. 3 on the Fanwood tax map.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith English
243 Belvidere Avenue
Fanwood, NJ 07023

1 T - 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$21.42

LIZ McKEON STRIKES FOR 19 VS. ISELIN, 16 IN LOSS

Devils Ostracize Iselin, 69-45; Get Nipped by S. Brunswick

By STEVE ABELS
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

After a decisive 69-45 win over Iselin Kennedy during the first round of the Westfield Holiday Tournament, the Westfield girls' basketball team lost a close contest to South Brunswick to receive second-place honors on December 29.

The Blue Devils came ready to play in the first round of the tournament. Playing a two-three zone in the first half, Westfield limited Iselin to a mere 15 points in the first half. The Blue Devils were able to force their opponents to outside shots and then took advantage of the defensive rebounds.

On offense, the Blue Devils jumped out to a quick lead, as junior Liz McKeon

scored eight points in the first quarter to pace the Blue Devils. At the end of the first quarter, Westfield had garnered a comfortable 17-8 lead.

In the second quarter, the team defense stood tall and allowed only three Iselin points to enter the basket. Senior Megan Devitt tossed in nine points and contributed six rebounds on offense. Seniors Vicki Nusse and Suzanne Vinegra also added four points apiece in the second quarter. Westfield increased its half-time lead to 31-15.

The Blue Devils continued to fuel its lead in the second half. Senior Missy Franz netted a season-high eight points, as the Blue Devils rolled to a 16-12 third quarter. The offensive rebound domination continued as junior Jessica Lutkenhouse, Vinegra and Devitt pulled down a total of 10 boards. Sophomores Emily Lieberman and Valerie Griffith and freshman Caroline Matthews all contributed baskets for the Blue Devils. McKeon led all scorers with 19 points, and Devitt finished with 15.

Blue Devil Head Coach Kathy Hauser said, "I think the defensive zone we were in helped us win. We had a lot more height than they did and were able to pull down some more rebounds. It was also a good team effort."

The winner of the Blue Devil Holiday Classic was not decided until Denise

Andreco of South Brunswick nailed two foul shots with only 38 remaining to break a 35-35 tie with the Blue Devil girls on December 30 in Westfield. Late turnovers by the Blue Devils played a key role in turning back a nearly outstanding comeback.

Each team sparingly traded point for point in the first half. South Brunswick held an 8-6 lead in the first quarter, then the Blue Devils came back to tie the game 16-16 by the half.

South Brunswick yanked ahead by four at the end of the third, but the Blue Devils zoomed back to tie the game at 35 when junior Liz McKeon put in a layup with just a minute left; but Andreco's successful foul shot sealed the fate for the Blue Devils.

McKeon totaled 16 points. Seniors Suzanne Vinegra sank 11 points, Vicki Nusse hit for four and Megan Devitt added three. Jessica Lutkenhouse had one point for the Blue Devils.

Senior Heather Simpson said, "South Brunswick was a really good team. We played pretty even until the third quarter when they had a four-point lead."

The loss dropped Westfield's record to 1-2, while the win elevated South Brunswick to 3-1.

JFK-Iselin	8	7	12	18	45
Westfield	17	14	16	22	69
South Brunswick	8	15	8	38	
Westfield	6	10	11	9	35

JORDAN FLOWS WITH 16 POINTS

Viking Cagers Pillage Rahway Boys, 45-39

The Union Catholic High School boys' basketball team broke into the win column by snuffing out an early Indian blaze in the first quarter to pull out a 45-39 victory in the consolation round of the Tri-County Tournament in Rahway on December 30.

After Rahway pulled ahead, 10-4, by the end of the first quarter, the Vikings edged two points closer by outscoring the Indians, 9-7, in the second half. The big roar came in the third quarter, when junior guard Carlos Jefferson speared for nine points and aroused the Vikings to outscore Rahway, 19-8.

Viking Quentin Jordan was consistent throughout the game and wound up with a game-high 16 points. Darrell and Morgan each had six points for the Vikings and Simon added three. Hilton and Smith scored two points each, while Conrad contributed one point to the win.

Union Catholic upped its record to 1-3, while Rahway slipped to 1-3.

Union Catholic	4	9	19	13	45
Rahway	10	7	8	14	39

OTHER WATCHUNG CONFERENCE TEAM OUTCOMES:

December 29:
St. Joseph's 63, Elizabeth 33
St. Joseph's 13 18 16 16 63
Elizabeth 13 6 7 7 33
Don Bosco Prep 87, Cranford 69
Don Bosco Prep 20 28 20 19 87
Cranford 21 10 11 27 69
Plainfield 48, Dickinson 46



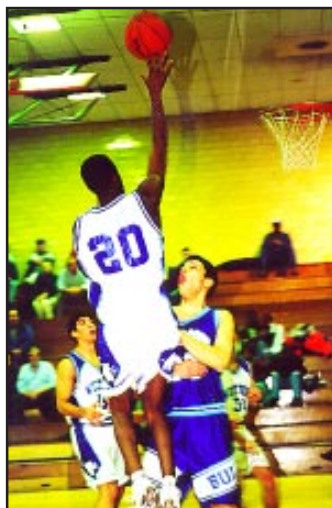
William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times
REBOUNDING...Blue Devil sophomore Valerie Griffith, left, battles for the rebound with Sarah DeRollo, No. 32, of Iselin Kennedy.



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times
THE FOUL SHOT...Blue Devil junior Liz McKeon attempts to sink her foul shot during the first round of the Westfield Holiday Tournament on December 29. McKeon sank 19 points as the Devils sank Iselin Kennedy, 69-45.



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times
PURSUIT OF POSSESSION...Senior Greg Friesen, left, of the Blue Devils lunges for the ball and gets it before Mario Lugo, No. 3, of Emerson can respond during the first round of the Westfield Holiday Tournament on December 29. Emerson won in overtime over the Blue Devils.



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LEAPING SHOT...Blue Devil senior forward Martin Siemoniet, No. 20, leaps high in the air and takes a shot at the basket against Emerson High School.

Devils Sink Brandeis, 65-29; Fall to Emerson in OT, 65-53

By STEVE ABELS
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield boys' basketball team lost a heartbreaking game to Emerson of Union City in overtime by a score of 65-53 on December 29 in the opening round of the Westfield Holiday Tournament.

The next day, the Blue Devils rebounded from the loss with a 65-29 romp over Brandeis of New York City to capture third place in the tournament.

In the first quarter, Westfield got off to a sluggish start and allowed Emerson to score eight unanswered points. The first quarter ended with Emerson ahead, 12-8. The Blue Devils traded baskets with Emerson for the majority of the second quarter. With two minutes left in the half and trailing by 15, Lamont Turner, Greg Freisen and Rob McCullum netted consecutive three pointers to cut the deficit to 6.

The Blue Devils came out on fire in the third quarter, outscoring Emerson, 17-8. With the Blue Devils up by three in the fourth with only :30 remaining, Emerson swished three straight foul shots to send the game into overtime. The Blue Devil offense ran out of steam and turned cold, as the Emerson offense caught fire and came through with the 65-53 victory.

McCullum led the team in points with 17. Maurice Boatright and Turner scored 12 and 11, respectively, while Freisen and Tom Langton hit for four points each. Pete Anzelone added two points.

Turner said, "The team played really well

up until overtime. After half time, we started hitting a lot of our shots and we didn't make as many turnovers as in the first half. It was a disappointing game to lose."

The Westfield High School boys' basketball team erupted in the consolation with offensive fury and sprayed Brandeis High School of New York, 65-29, on December 30.

Missed shots and turnovers plagued the Blue Devils, as they got off to a slow 8-4 lead in the first quarter. McCullum had a tremendous first half, scoring 15 out of his season high 19 points.

The first quarter began with a fizzle with both teams missing shots and having several turnovers. The Blue Devils finished the quarter with a modest 8-4 lead. In the second quarter, both offenses boiled as the Blue Devils outscored Brandeis, 18-15; however, Rob McCullum was on fire throughout the entire first half as he burned the net with 15 points.

The Blue Devils were still blazing in the third quarter, adding another 13 points with Martin Siemoniet adding more fuel by dousing the Devils' fire with four points. During that quarter, the flaming torch was turned over to Maurice Boatright who really caught a hot hand, striking like lightning for nine points. The

excitement created by Boatright ignited the fuse which would soon set off the 26-point Blue Devil scoring explosion in the final period.

The fireworks of the fourth quarter began. Greg Freisen and Dan Sabren clicked for seven points apiece, while Turner threw in five points. Tommy Langton responded to the bellows of the super fans when he attempted a slam-dunk late in the fourth quarter. Langton finished the game with four points and 10 rebounds.

Siemoniet said, "The offense did a great job in the third and fourth quarters. I think we played well as a team throughout the whole game and that's what won it for us."

McCullum finished with the game-high 19 points; Boatright totaled 13, and Siemoniet had six. Turner scored five points and Anzelone contributed two points.

The Blue Devils improved to 2-1 while Brandeis slid to 7-8.

Emerson	12	17	8	11	17	65
Westfield	8	15	17	8	5	53
Brandeis	4	15	4	6	29	
Westfield	8	18	13	26	65	

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS LIST OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AUTHORIZED FOR PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a).

PROPERTY	MINIMUM BID PRICE
Lot No. 15 of Block No. 7303	\$60,000.00

BIDDERS SHALL TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- The Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains has determined that the real property known as Block 7303, Lot 15 on the Tax Map of the Township of Scotch Plains, also known as 2682 Plainfield Avenue (the "Property") is not needed for public use and appears to conform to the zoning ordinances of the Township of Scotch Plains.
- The Property is hereby offered for public sale pursuant to the Local Lands and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a). The Township Council has set a minimum acceptable bid price of \$60,000 for the aforesaid Property.
- The open public auction for the property shall occur in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, at 4:00 p.m. on January 13, 1998, such date being no earlier than seven (7) days following the advertisement herein required, at not less than the minimum acceptable bid price of \$60,000.00. Except as otherwise provided herein or by law, and subject to right of the Township Council to accept or reject the bid(s) received, the Property shall be sold to the highest qualified bidder. The Township Council reserves the right to reconsider the sale. Once bidding has been completed, the highest qualified bidder, as designated by the Township Manager, shall within five (5) days submit cash or certified check in the amount of 10 percent of his/her bid price, and shall simultaneously execute an offer to purchase at the bid price, which offer shall include the terms and conditions specified herein. Said offer shall be irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the date of the public sale. Failure to comply with any of these requirements or to close on or before March 16, 1998, shall entitle the Township of Scotch Plains to rescind its approval, terminate any and all rights of the designated bidder in said property and retain all monies heretofore deposited.
- Title to the Property shall be conveyed by Bargain and Sale Deed, With Covenants Against Grantor Acts, the Property to be described by Lot and Block designation on the Scotch Plains Township Tax Map, or such other description furnished by the purchaser and acceptable to the Township. The balance of the payment shall be made at the time of closing by cash or certified check for the full amount of the accepted bid price plus recording costs and costs for a survey and/or title search of the Property. If such survey and/or title search are necessary.
- The Property is sold in "as is" condition. No representations are made as to the condition of the Property, and no representations are made as to the dimension or description of the Property herein. All descriptions furnished are only furnished for the convenience of prospective purchasers.
- The sale shall be subject to any and all easements, rights-of-way, covenants, conditions and restrictions of record and to such state of facts as an accurate survey may disclose. The sale shall be further subject to zoning and other municipal ordinances and applicable state, municipal, county, federal or other statutory provisions. The conditions as aforesaid shall be incorporated in the deed of conveyance of the Property and be deemed to be covenants running with the land. The Township Council may, by Resolution, waive all or part of the restrictions encompassed in this paragraph. Possession shall be delivered upon closing of title. The Township of Scotch Plains makes no warranties of title either implied or express. The Township of Scotch Plains shall be held harmless from any damages, claims, and/or causes of action whatsoever in the event that the Township is unable to convey marketable title to the Property, subject to the conditions set forth above, for any reason whatsoever.

MARK BOYNTON - are the heir of the deceased mortgagor, **BENNIE BOYNTON**, and as such may have an interest in the mortgaged premises, and you have a right to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to, or against the said mortgaged premises.

MARTIN BOYNTON - are the heir of the deceased mortgagor, **BENNIE BOYNTON**, and as such may have an interest in the mortgaged premises, and you have a right to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to, or against the said mortgaged premises.

DONALD F. PHELAN - are the heir of the deceased mortgagor, **BENNIE BOYNTON**, and as such may have an interest in the mortgaged premises, and you have a right to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to, or against the said mortgaged premises.

FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C.
4 BRIGHTON ROAD
CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY 07012
Date: December 18, 1997
1 T - 1/8/98, The Leader Fee: \$86.70

Viking Girls Roll Over Cougar Cagers, 36-19

Seniors Kathryn Rooney, Jen Britton and Devin McDonald provided the offense and Katie Santo stole any hopes of winning the game away from the Cranford High School girls basketball squad, as the Union Catholic High School girls teamed to a 36-19 victory on January 3.

In the first quarter, it was the Britton and Rooney show as they scored eight and seven points, respectively, to give the Vikings an influential 15-5 lead. The Viking defense took over and prevented the Cougars from having any points in the second quarter.

With a half-time lead of 24-5, the Vikings dictated the flow for the remainder

of the game, matching the Cougars point for point. Santo had five steals in the game and also contributed seven points.

Rooney finished with a game-high 11 points, McDonald and Britton totaled eight apiece, and Shiria Smith added two points. McDonald also pulled down five rebounds. Cougar Megan Zambelli hit for six points, while teammates Jackie Sabo, Eileen Gantry and Annette Matlosz scored three apiece. Joanne DeVito and Rebecca Severs had two points each for the Cougars.

The win lifted the Vikings to 3-0, while the loss lagged the Cougars to 2-3.

U. Catholic (3-0)	15	9	10	2	36
Cranford (2-3)	5	0	11	3	0

PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey
AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency
ACTION: Proposed rule.
SUMMARY: Federal information or comments are solicited on the proposed modified base (1% annual chance) flood elevations shown on your community's preliminary Revised Flood Insurance Rate Map. These base flood elevations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The proposed base flood elevations modify the base flood elevations shown on your community's presently effective Flood Insurance Rate Map.
DATES: The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in the community.
ADDRESSES: Preliminary Revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps showing the proposed modified base flood elevations and their delineation are available for review at the Township of Scotch Plains Engineering Office, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Send comments to: The Honorable Irene Schmidt Mayor of the Township of Scotch Plains 430 Park Avenue Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick H. Sharrocks Jr., Chief Hazard Identification Branch Mitigation/Incorporation Federal Emergency Management Agency Washington, DC 20472 (202) 646-2796
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency gives notice of the proposed determinations of modified base flood elevations, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 980, which added Section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-448)), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR 67.4(a). These elevations, together with the floodplain management measures required by Section 60.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and their contents. Pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 605(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, hereby certifies that the proposed flood elevation determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe how high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement; if itself it has no economic impact. Proposed base flood elevations along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the Preliminary Revised Flood Insurance Rate Map. Lessees and owners of real property in the Township of Scotch Plains, are encouraged to review these maps and related materials at the address cited above. The proposed base flood elevations are as follows:

Source of Flooding	Range of Base Flood Elevations #Depth in feet above ground	
	Existing	Modified
Green Brook	*137	*136
	*196	*198
	*196	*198
	*243	*240
Blue Brook		
2 T - 1/1 & 1/8/98, The Times		Fee: \$234.60

Knights of Columbus to Hold Free Throw Championship

Boys and girls age 10 to 14 are invited to take part in the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship.

Council Grand Knight Michael Dempsey said this week that the local competition, sponsored by the Monsignor Henry J. Watterson Council of Westfield, will be held Saturday, January 24, at noon at the Holy Trinity Interparochial School, located at 336 First Avenue.

Dempsey said that boys will compete against boys and girls against girls, in five age divisions: 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The event is sponsored annually with winners progressing through district, regional and state-level competition. Knights of Columbus staff at the international headquarters will determine international winners in each age

group from the best scores submitted by state-level jurisdictions.

Last year over 200,000 youngsters participated in 3,400 local competitions in the United States, Canada and the Philippines, Dempsey said.

The international champions averaged a shooting efficiency of 98 percent.

Participants will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Those interested in entry forms or additional information should contact Keith Gibbons at (908) 654-1807 or Mark Szollar at (908) 654-8024.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18208-96.
NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY, PLAINTIFF vs. FERNANDO SIERRA AND MARIA G. SIERRA, HIS WIFE; 432 OWNERS, INC.; ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$129,923.51.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 502 CLIFTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.
Tax Lot No. 0387B in Block No. 04.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 20.50 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Pulaski Street.
Situate at a point on the southwesterly side-line of Clifton Street distance approximately 40.58 feet northwesterly from its intersection with the northwesterly side-line of Pulaski Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$133,373.56 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, Attorneys
Suite No. 201
7 Century Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
CH-753523 (WL)
4 T - 1/8, 1/15
1/22 & 1/29/98 Fee: \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-8304-97.
RYLAND MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. BURTON MICHAEL FEINSMITH, SEENALYN FEINSMITH, HIS WIFE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 29, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$205,804.63.
Property to be sold is located in the Township of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as 6 Pine Court, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.
BEING KNOWN AS Lot No. 21, Block No. 762 on the official Tax Map of the Township of Westfield.
Dimensions: (approximately) 36.04 feet by 156.21 feet by 100.11 feet by 163.92 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Radley Road.
There is due approximately the sum of \$211,169.85 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorneys
Suite 505, Sentry Office Plaza
216 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-753515 (WL)
4 T - 1/8, 1/15
1/22 & 1/29/98 Fee: \$165.24

FSPY Swimmers Shine At Princeton Holiday Classic

The Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) Piranhas were doing what they could do best this time of year on December 12 to 14—swimming. Head Coach Ed Foeri took 37 of his top swimmers to compete at the annual Holiday Classic meet at Princeton University, a highly-competitive invitational meet, attended by over 1,500 swimmers from 48 "Y" teams and aquatic clubs as far away as Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. The Piranhas placed 23rd, and many personal best times were achieved.

For the 9-10 year old girls, Kelsey Foy had a super 50-yard breaststroke at :39.42 to take eighth place in the event. In the 50-yard freestyle, Amanda Cameron, Maggie Gousman and Kelly Peeler each had their best swims, while in the 200-yard freestyle Sarah Zukowski posted her fastest time. In other breaststroke events, Evelyn Yuen had her best 50, and Foy swam to her best time in the 100-yard race. FSPY backstrokers looked strong as Amanda Dickson, Hillary Klimowicz and Zukowski each produced their fastest times.

The 9-10 boys were having a great weekend as well. David Hauptman placed 11th in the 200 individual medley at 2:49.80 and in the 50 freestyle at :30.11, and captured 12th in the 200 freestyle at 2:26.50 and the 100 freestyle at 1:06.57. Billy Matos dropped his 100 freestyle time, while Billy Swenson improved in both the 100 and 200 freestyle, and his 50 backstroke. Brendan Jones had his best 50 freestyle.

New personal best times in the 50 freestyle were also turned in by 11-to-12-year-olds Morgan Larkin, Mariela Lemus and Xiao Lan Wong, and by 13-to-14-year-olds Julia Sheffield and Alexis Zukowski. Lemus also improved her 50- and 100-yard backstroke times.

Ryan Hauptman turned in two sparkling backstroke performances in the 11-12 group, taking second in both the 50 at :28.41 and the 100 at 1:02.05. Those times qualified him for the YMCA Summer Nationals. Hauptman also placed 9th in the 200 individual medley (2:26.48) and 11th in the 50 freestyle (26.56).

Eric Swenson also swam exceptionally well, turning in best times for each of his six events, including a fourth-place finish in the 100 breaststroke at 1:14.27 and sixth in the 50 breaststroke at :33.82. Brian Gartner had his best 50-freestyle time, and, with the addition of Adam Siegal, these four boys

made up an 11-12 medley relay that captured sixth out of 17 at 2:05.92.

Several senior Piranhas had fine swims to qualify them for Nationals in Florida this April. Annie Espinoza in the 100 butterfly 59.10, Jessie Zentmeyer in the 100 breaststroke at 1:09.65, Charlie Rowe in the 50 freestyle at :22.91, Jeff Wagner in the 100 butterfly at :54.71 and 200 butterfly at 2:01.80 and Dave Russ in the 50 freestyle at :22.36, 100 freestyle at :48.84 and 100 breaststroke at 1:02.54. Summer National Times were made by Chris Karelus in the 200 individual medley at 2:07.64, Rowe in the 100 freestyle at :50.57 and 100 backstroke at :59.46 and Wagner in both the 50 at :28.49 and 100 :58.43 backstroke.

The women's 200 medley team of Sarah Milligan, Zentmeyer, Espinoza and Sheffield; the women's 400 medley team of Milligan, Zentmeyer, Espinoza and A. Zukowski; the men's 200 freestyle team of Rowe, Karelus, Wagner and Russ; the men's 400 freestyle team of Rowe, Michael Cinkewicz, Wagner and Russ, and the men's 400 medley relay team of Karelus, Russ, Wagner and Rowe all qualified for Summer Nationals.

POSTERS

The Westfield Leader and The Times have the capabilities of making large color posters (24x18 and smaller) of sports photos or any photos you may wish to be reproduced. Prices are reasonable. Call David Corbin at (908) 232-4407 or e-mail Dave for information at dave@goleader.com.

Knights of Columbus To Sponsor Free Throw Championship

On Saturday, January 10, at 1 p.m., the Father John S. Nelligan Council No. 5730 of the Knights of Columbus will sponsor its 22nd Annual Free Throw Championship at St. Bartholomew's auditorium, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

This contest is open to girls and boys ages 10 to 14. Participants will receive certificates. First-place winners will be awarded trophies at the council's annual awards presentation in February. The winners will advance to the district finals, county and state finals.

For additional information, please call Michael A. D'Antonio at (908) 889-1735. Parents are invited to attend this competition.

Membership in the Knights is open to practicing Catholic men age 21 and over.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18467-96.
CITICORP MORTGAGE INC., PLAINTIFF vs. EDISON W. PEREZ, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 20, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1997 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$176,316.87. All that certain land and premises situated in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows:

Lot No.: 922; **Block No.:** 4 on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.
Nearest Cross Street: Carteret Street.

Approximate Dimensions: 25.00 feet x 189.28 feet x 12.80 feet x 18.00 feet x 200.00 feet.

Being more commonly known as: 678 Maple Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.

There is due approximately the sum of \$180,935.58 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
HILL WALLACK, Attorney
202 Carnegie Center
Princeton, New Jersey 08543-5226
CH-753494 (WL)
4 T - 12/25/97, 1/1,
1/8, & 1/15/98 **Fee: \$167.28**

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20223-91.
AMERICA'S MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. HAFEZZA RASUL AKKA DENISE STANFORD, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 28, 1993 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1997 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$63,249.03. All that tract or parcel of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the Northwest-erly line of Jefferson Avenue distant North-erly 60.00 feet from the intersection of the said line of Jefferson Avenue with the Northeastly line of Fairmount Avenue; thence (1) North 62 degrees 37 minutes West 130.00 feet to a point; thence (2) North 27 degrees 23 minutes East 33.50 feet to a point; thence (3) South 62 degrees 37 minutes East 130.00 feet to a point in the said Northwestly line of Jefferson Avenue; thence (4) South 27 degrees 23 minutes West 33.50 feet along the said line of Jefferson Avenue to the point and place of BEGINNING.

BEING also known as No. 606 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

BEING known as Tax account 12-396 of the official tax map of the City of Elizabeth.

There is due approximately the sum of \$88,707.47 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., Attorney
Suite 300
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Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962
CH-750614 (WL)
4 T - 12/25/97, 1/1,
1/8, & 1/15/98 **Fee: \$208.08**



SETTING UP FOR THE ATTACK... Blue Devil seniors Steve Wlazlo, front, and Erik Kauter, await the puck so they can attack the West Essex goal. The Westfield Ice Hockey team won 13-3 on December 27.

Laura Silverman to Join 'Habitat Bicycle Challenge'

While most other college students are only beginning to make plans for the summer, Laura Silverman, a University of Rochester senior and a Westfield native, already has her summer mapped out.

As one of approximately 50 college students involved in the "Habitat Bicycle Challenge," Laura will bicycle 4,000 miles from Washington D.C. to San Francisco this summer to benefit Habitat For Humanity.

The journey will begin on Sunday, May 31, and end on Sunday, August 2, after the group crosses the Golden Gate Bridge. Participants will ride approximately 70 miles each day, with several work days planned in which the group will help to build Habitat For Humanity homes in Kentucky and Colorado.

Additionally, the group will give a presentation each evening in a church, temple, or community center in order to help communities organize their own Habitat For Humanity chapter.

In order to participate in the Habitat Bike Challenge, each student must raise \$2,500, which is donated directly to the Collegiate Build a Habitat For Humanity project which is completely organized, funded and constructed by college students.

In working to raise the money, Laura has started a recycling campaign at her university in New York, where soda cans can be recycled for five cents each. While it is a small start, every penny counts, and she has already made \$400 in recycling, and has collected nearly \$600 through the support of friends and Westfield merchants.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3339-97.
DAISY M. MORALES, ET AL., PLAINTIFF vs. DAISY M. MORALES, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 7, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on WEDNESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$132,160.18. All that certain land and premises situated in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows:

Lot No. 670; Block No. 4 on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows:

Nearest Cross Street: Summer Street.
Approximate Dimensions: 50.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 50.00 feet x 100.00 feet.

Being more commonly known as: 560 Grier Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206.

There is due approximately the sum of \$135,670.01 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
HILL WALLACK, Attorney
202 Carnegie Center
Princeton, New Jersey 08543-5226
CH-753494 (WL)
4 T - 12/18, 12/25/97,
1/1 & 1/8/98 **Fee: \$165.24**

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 4, 1998

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, non-judicial service under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 exempts from bidding such work performed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4. This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 14-98
AWARDED TO: Suplee, Clooney and Company, 151 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

PURPOSE: To provide statutory audit of accounts of the County of Union and its agencies as determined necessary by the Department of Finance, such audit(s) to conform as closely as practical to the single audit(s) to be done for the year ending December 31, 1998.

A. The County of Union (including those Departments not required to perform the statutory audit pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:5-4.
Fees: 1998 — \$119,000.00

B. The County of Union's Annual of these documents by the Department of to assist in preparation and review for compliance with New Jersey State Statutes.
Per Diem: NOT TO EXCEED
Fees: 1998 — \$20,000.00

C. J.E. Rannels Hospital
To perform the statutory audit of the Fees: 1998 — \$12,925.00
Hospital, and to furnish appropriate report of findings.

D. Single Audit
To perform a Single Audit as required.
Fees: 1998 — \$32,750.00

E. Deferred Compensation; Two (2) Plans
To perform a review of the financial statements of our Deferred Compensation Plans, as required by the Division of Local Government Services.
Fees: 1998 — \$8,000.00

F. J.T.P.A.
Provide Audit Services.
Fees: 1998 — \$15,500.00

G. Office on Aging
Provide Audit Services.
Fees: 1998 — \$34,500.00

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
Fee: \$87.72

1 T — 1/8/98, The Leader

Habitat For Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds homes in partnership with low-income families. Families contribute 400 hours of labor in the construction of their new homes.

Because the cost of the trip for each rider is covered by corporate sponsors such as Cannondale, Gatorade and Snapple, every dollar donated is used to underwrite construction costs of the homes.

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to this college student-initiated project to benefit Habitat For Humanity may send a check to Habitat Bicycle Challenge, P.O. Box 7900, New Haven, Connecticut, 06519.

Contributors should indicate on their check that their contribution is in support of Laura Silverman.

Ski Trip Scheduled At Shawnee Mountain

The Scotch Plains Recreation Department of Parks is sponsoring a one-day ski trip to Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, Shawnee-on-the-Delaware, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, February 8, the bus will leave from the Municipal Building on Park Avenue at 7 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. Registration begins on Monday, January 12, and the offerings include skiing only, skiing with rental of equipment, snowboarding, and lessons for beginners in snowboarding and skiing in a bargain package, according to a spokeswoman.

All offerings include bus transportation. For further information, please call (908) 322-6700.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-8585-95.
SPENCER SAVINGS BANK, S.L.A. PLAINTIFF vs. DONALD J. LONGO, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 9, 1996 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$31,827.62. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 466 Fourth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey,
Tax Lot Number 5 in Block Number D.

Dimension of Lot: 109 feet x 25 feet x 105 feet x 25 feet approximately.

Nearest Cross Street: Loomis Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$33,692.15 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
JONES AND JONES, Attorney
45 Essex Street
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
CH-752638 (WL)
4 T - 12/18, 12/25/97,
1/1 & 1/8/98 **Fee: \$155.04**

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-7519-97.
CHEMICAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. HENRY A. BETANCUR, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$101,271.39. MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth, COUNTY AND STATE: Union County, State of New Jersey.

STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 12 Kerly Court (a/k/a 12-14 Kerly Court).
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot No. 547, Block No. 6.

DIMENSIONS: Approximately 27.60 feet by 26.70 feet by 42.80 feet by 20.00 feet by 39.83 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Approximately 252.75 feet from South Elmora Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$104,000.54 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
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One Gateway Center
Newark, New Jersey 07102
CH-753513 (WL)
4 T - 1/8, 1/15,
1/22 & 1/29/98 **Fee: \$165.24**

Raritan Valley Edges FSPY Coed Swim Team, 105-103

Despite some brave performances, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA (FSPY) coed team lost, 105-103, to Raritan Valley "Y." In the individual medley, Diane Fitzpatrick and Sarah Schwartz opened the FSPY attack in the first race and fought it out to the end to come in second and third, respectively, in the 9-10 group. Amanda Del Grosso improved her time to take third place in the 11-12 group.

Girls' Softball League To Hold Registration

The Girls' Softball League of Westfield will hold registration for the spring softball season on Saturday, January 10. Registration for all divisions will take place from 9 a.m. until noon in the cafeteria of Roosevelt Intermediate School.

All girls who are residents of Westfield in grades 2 through 12, as well as women interested in playing in the Women of Westfield (WOW) Division, are invited to sign up. The registration fee is \$40 for one girl and \$60 for two or more from the same family.

Volunteers are needed for a number of positions in the league this year that range in time commitment from minimal to moderate, according to a league spokesman.

For further information about volunteering or registration, please call Bob Guerrero at (908) 654-1799, Bill Nicol at (908) 233-7081, Teri Tracy at (908) 654-3836 or Tom Kemps at (908) 233-9261.

Stephen Moonesar and Michelle D'Addona set the pace in the freestyle events with a first and second, respectively, for the U-8 group. Chloe Sundstrom snatched second in a tight race for the 11-12 group, and Chris Wetlesen grabbed second with a great last lap in the 15-18 category.

The U-8 group did a great job in the breaststroke with Matt Miller taking first place. The 11-12 race was very close with four swimmers finishing within a second of each other. Whitney Smallwood and Jessica Chour ending up in first and third. Devang Doshi improved his time to take second for the 13-14 group.

The U-8 showed the way in the backstroke with Moonesar and Neil Merchant taking first and third, respectively. Quale took first again for the 9-10 group and David Ng made a great finish to take second for the 13-14 group. Wetlesen led from the start to take a comfortable first in the 15-18 group.

The U-8 group struck again in the butterfly with D'Addona and Hayley Middleton taking first and second, respectively. Fitzpatrick and Schwartz followed this lead and took first and third, respectively, for the 9-10 group in a close and exciting finish. Group followed up with another exciting finish to take first, just one tenth of a second in front of the Raritan swimmer. The meet closed with some exciting relay races but FSPY were not able to close the gap in points.



THE PUCK STOPS HERE... Blue Devil goalie and team captain Brian Garrison, center on knees, stopped 25 shots on goal against top-ranked Hudson Catholic on January 2 at Pershing Rink in Jersey City. Brendan Hickey, No. 5, and Mike Bird, No. 9, flanked Garrison in defensive assistance. Westfield lost a close, 5-4, game. The Devils got revenge on January 5 when they took it to Hudson Catholic and defeated them 6-4. Garrison was hot once again as he stopped 23 shots on goal.

DEADLINE INFO.

Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
RESOLUTION 98-01-105
CONTRACTOR: Suplee, Clooney & Company, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
NATURE OF SERVICE: Auditing services and other financial consultation services.
DURATION: For a period ending no later than December 31, 1998.
AMOUNT: Not to Exceed \$18,225.00.
A copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.
1 T — 1/8/98, The Times **Fee: \$16.83**

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
RESOLUTION 98-01-104
CONTRACTOR: Dennis A. Estis, Esq.
NATURE OF SERVICE: Legal Representation.
DURATION: Period ending December 31, 1998 or until his successor is appointed.
AMOUNT: \$120,000/hour.
A copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.
1 T — 1/8/98, The Times **Fee: \$15.30**

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-7519-97.
CHEMICAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. HENRY A. BETANCUR, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 7, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$72,770.80. MUNICIPALITY: ELIZABETH. STREET ADDRESS: 425 FULTON STREET.

TAX LOT NO.: 490. BLOCK NO.: 3. THE NUMBER OF FEET TO THE NEAREST CROSS STREET: APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF FULTON STREET AND FOURTH STREET.

THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PREMISES: APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET BY 100 FEET.

THE FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION CAN BE FOUND IN BOOK 3330 PAGE 259 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OR REGISTER OF UNION COUNTY.

There is due approximately the sum of \$74,789.20 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
DAVID B. WARD, Attorney
Suite 5
95 West Main Street
Chester, New Jersey 07930
CH-753492 (WL)
4 T - 12/25/97, 1/1,
1/8, & 1/15/98 **Fee: \$183.60**

Girls U-19 Soccer Players Needed For Select Side

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association Select Program is looking for highly-skilled soccer players to form a new U



MEETING AND GREETING...Elementary School One "pilgrim," Sharon Yutz, left, greets "Native American," Freddy Feller, from Brunner Elementary School during a recent gathering to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Pre-Kindergarten youngsters from the two Scotch Plains schools shared food and conversation, wore costumes of the groups they represented, made crafts and sang songs.

As long as the world keeps turning and spinning, we're gonna be dizzy, and we're gonna make mistakes.

— Mel Brooks

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www.goleader.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 4, 1998
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unспецифический service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 19-98
AWARDED TO: (Retaining) the following individuals: Charlotte DeFilippo, Chairman, Hillside, New Jersey; Anthony LaPorta, Westfield, New Jersey; Joseph E. Infante, Linden, New Jersey; A. Tony Monteiro, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
PURPOSES: To provide professional assistance in reviewing and recommending an overall insurance program in conjunction with the Division of Risk Management and Employee Benefits to the County of Union and Board of Chosen Freeholders.
AMOUNT: For a sum not to exceed \$4,000 for the Chairman of the Committee for the year 1998, and the sum of \$4,500 for the Chairman of the Committee for the year 1998.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T — 1/8/98, The Leader Fee: \$29.58

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date: January 4, 1998
RESOLUTION NO.: 13-98
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that UVW/The Elizabeth Agency, of Elizabeth, New Jersey be and hereby is appointed, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(m) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 as set forth on the attached Certification, Insurance Brokers of Record to the County of Union for the year 1998, and all placement of insurance shall be subject to the further approval of this Board by appropriate Resolution.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board shall cause to be published in a newspaper authorized by law to publish its legal advertisements such notice of this award as required by the Local Public Contracts Law.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T — 1/8/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.44

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Township Physician during 1998 and
WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, that NICHOLAS YATRAKIS, M.D., 261 Orchard Street, Westfield, New Jersey, be appointed by the Township Manager as Township Physician for the period effective from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.
This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of said Local Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, which practice is regulated by law, and which practice requires the knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged, formal course of specified education and instruction, and because it is impossible at this time to know the exact dimensions of the services to be performed and the exact nature of the various tasks to be performed, and accordingly, the services to be rendered cannot reasonably be described by written specifications, and additionally, because the said services are of such a qualitative nature as will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that the ethical requirements of such profession will not permit such bidding.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign an Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, with Dr. Nicholas Yatrakis.
A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T — 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$47.94

Pre-Kindergarten Students Share Spirit Of Thanksgiving

Students in the pre-Kindergarten TIP TOP classes at Brunner Elementary School and the Pre-Kindergarten Title One classes from Elementary School One, both in Scotch Plains recently gathered for a celebration of fellowship and sharing in the spirit of the first Thanksgiving.

Some of the children participated as Native Americans and wore Indian garb that they had crafted. Some of the students participated as pilgrims and wore white collars and hats which they had made.

Each class sang songs about the group of people they represented and brought a food item to share. The children also made a craft. Colonial-style wreaths, made with natural items, were taken home as a family gift for Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Township of Scotch Plains Continued Hearing Date: January 21, 1998
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Better View Homes, Inc., and Ernest Fantini have filed an application with the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains for preliminary major subdivision approval with respect to lands known as Block No. 15601, Lot Nos. 18.01, in Scotch Plains, and Block No. 7, Lot Nos. 56 and 64 in Plainfield, located on Pheasant Lane, Scotch Plains and Prospect Avenue in Plainfield, which lands are located within 200 feet of property owned by you.
Applicant is presenting alternate subdivision plans. Plan A provides for a cul-de-sac off Pheasant Lane in Scotch Plains while Plan B extends Prospect Avenue in Plainfield to Pheasant Lane in Scotch Plains. Plan B requires no variances. Plan A requires the following variances: lot area as to all proposed lots (40,000 square feet required; 25,884.91 through 33,111.68 square feet proposed); lot width as to proposed lots 18.10 and 18.13 through 18.18 (160 feet required; 112.87 through 159.55 feet proposed); front yard setback as to proposed lots 18.11 through 18.16 (60 feet required; 30 through 52.19 feet proposed); total side yard setback as to proposed lots 18.13, 18.15, 18.17 and 18.18 (65 feet required; 60.02 through 62.91 feet proposed); rear yard as to proposed lot 18.11 (50 feet required; 30 feet proposed).
With the exception of the foregoing the applicant believes that no other variances and/or waivers and/or other relief are required in order to grant the preliminary major subdivision approval. However, if the Planning Board directs that any other variances and/or waivers and/or other relief are required, the applicant may seek the same in accordance with such direction.
A copy of the proposed plans and application are on file in the Planning Board Office and are open for inspection at said Office at 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, during regular business hours.
The application will be considered by the Planning Board of Township of Scotch Plains at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on January 21, 1998, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, and a hearing will be held by the said Planning Board at that time during which members of the public will be heard on the matter.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who might require special accommodation should contact the Planning Board office during regular business hours so that these needs can be addressed.
Barbara Horev
Secretary to the Planning Board
1 T — 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$58.65

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 4, 1998
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unспецифический service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 24-98
AWARDED TO: Ruderman & Glickman, Esqs., 75 Morris Avenue, Suite 100, Springfield, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide specialized legal services to represent the County of Union in connection with personnel matters in general.
~~**COST:** These services shall be performed at the set rate of \$150.00 per hour plus all disbursements for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the year 1998.~~
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T — 1/8/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.99

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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 4, 1998
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unспецифический service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 exempts from bidding such work performed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4. This contract and Resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 23-98
AWARDED TO: Mendonca & Suarez, L.L.C., Certified Public Accountants, 1338 North Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
PURPOSE: To provide an audit and various services for the period ending December 31, 1998.
A. County Surrogate Accounts
Fees: 1998 — \$18,000.00
B. Union County Housing Agency;
Fees: 1998 — \$12,000.00
1 T — 1/8/98, The Leader

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following Project:
RESIDENTIAL CLEAN UP
Bids will be accepted only by mail or in person to the Office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (ATTN: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until **March 16 1998 at 10:00 AM**. The Township of Scotch Plains (hereinafter "Township") shall not be responsible for any bid mailed which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service. At the above time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Bid for Residential Clean Up." No bid will be received after the time and date specified.
After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except as provided for herein. The bid of any Bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between Bidder and the Township.
All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Bid Package. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at a fee of non-refundable twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) at the Department of Public Property, 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.
Bid proposals and all required documents must be completed and submitted by the date as set forth above. All documents in the enclosed Bid Package must accompany the bid proposal.
In addition to the above documents, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond issued by a responsible bank, trust company or insurance company, payable to the Township of Scotch Plains shall be submitted with each bid as a guaranty that if a contract is awarded the Bidder shall execute said Contract. The Bid Security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower.
The Successful Bidder shall be required to submit a Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the accepted bid at the time of contract execution. A Consent of Surety regarding bonds required by the Contract Documents shall also be submitted with the bid. Sureties shall be licensed and/or authorized to transact business in the State of New Jersey and be acceptable to the Authority.
All bid Security, except the Bid Security of the three (3) apparent lowest responsible Bidders shall, if requested in writing be returned after ten (10) days from the opening of the bids (Sundays and holiday excepted) and the bids of such Bidders shall be considered withdrawn.
The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial informalities, or to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township of Scotch Plains, will be in the best interest of the Township all in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. In the event of an equal or tie bid, the Township shall award the bid to the Bidder which, in the Township's sole discretion, best serves the interest of the Township.
The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids if sufficient funds are not available and/or appropriated.
The selected Bidder, will, within seven (7) days of award of the bid, enter into an appropriate contract with the Township.
All Bidders must comply with P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the 'Law Against Discrimination' approved April 16, 1945 (P.L. 1945, Chapter 169)", N.J.A.C. 17:27, as amended from time to time, and the Americans With Disability Act and P.L. 1977, Chapter 33.
Where applicable, prevailing wage rate shall be paid to all workers on the job as per N.J.A.C. 34:11-56, 25 et seq.
BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS BY THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T — 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$86.70

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Bus Trip Announced For "Aladdin on Ice"

All ages are invited to participate in a trip to the Continental Arena at the Meadowlands for Walt Disney's "Aladdin on Ice" show.

The performance is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 1. The bus will leave from the Municipal Building on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains at 1:45 p.m. and return immediately after the performance.

The cost is \$28 for residents and \$30 for non-residents, which includes bus transportation and a ticket to the performance.

All registrations must be made in the Scotch Plains Recreation Office, located at 430 Park Avenue. Registration for residents is already underway, and registration for non-residents will begin on Monday, January 12.

No more than four tickets will be sold to one individual. For further information, please call (908) 322-6700.

house transactions



TOPPRODUCER... Patrick Manfra, a Sales Associate with Weichert, Realtors' Westfield office, has won four office awards for his accomplishments in November. Mr. Manfra, with more than \$1 million in transactions, led the office in unit dollar volume to earn top producer honors for the month. He was also recognized for his marketing achievements and number of homes sold during the month. A 20-year veteran of real estate, Mr. Manfra was Director of Sales, New Homes and Land Development for another real estate company for 15 years before joining Weichert. A licensed broker, he is a member of the Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Among his many accomplishments are repeat membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club and the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club. He is an alumnus of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire, where he studied economics and business management and administration.

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Recent real estate transactions are provided by *The Westfield Leader* in cooperation with the Westfield Office of Tax Assessor Annemarie Switzer.

The first set of names or name is the seller and the second set of names or name is the buyer.

The sales prices are those recorded by the Office of Union County Clerk at the County Court House complex in Elizabeth.

C.S. and E.B. Zucker, to Andrew J. and Cathleen A. Cahill, 914 Mountain View Circle, \$610,000.

L. Toby and M.G.T. Broekhof, to Susan B. and Jay I. Anderson, 812 Lenape Trail, \$545,000.

F.J. and A.M. Gagliano, to William B. and Geraldine B. Linenberg, 638 Clark Street, \$369,900.

P. and M. Duggan, to Steven N. and Lisa Reid, 505 Parkview Avenue, \$298,000.

C. and C. Weiss, to Andrew K. and Risa B. Glenn, 47 Mohican Drive, \$330,000.

C.B.G. and J.P. Moore, to Erica W. and Leonard B. Resnikoff, 226 Linden Avenue, \$432,500.

B.R. and M.T. Wonsey, to Alfred and Lili Ann Carpetto, 425 Linden Avenue, \$315,000.

E.P. and C.G. Whitcomb, to Timothy and Janet Hall-Koether, 201 Tuttle Parkway, \$330,000.

C.S. Arnold and W.M. Lauer, to Thomas Raymond, Jr. and Elizabeth Bassler Fandel, 549 Fairmont Avenue, \$290,000.

K.E. Van Assche, to Noreen E. O'Brien, 635 Salter Place, \$226,000.

T.F., 3rd and C.B. Grimley, to David B. and Valerie B. Lynch, 850 Tice Place, \$239,000.

G. and J.M. Clynne, Jr. to Elliot Budashevitz and Susan Spiegel, 920 Summit Avenue, \$256,000.

J.F. and B.J. Gilleece, to John F. and Angela Slifer, 233 Twin Oaks Terrace, \$367,000.

W.W. and C.M.E. Zobel, to Constance Stavros, 1100 Rahway Avenue, \$172,000.

C.W. and T.F. Jacoby, to Robert F. and Judy O'Coynne, 2011 Grandview Avenue, \$250,000.

D.B. Reidy, to Jacqueline Cleary, 588 Sherwood Parkway, \$279,000.

R. and B. Silverman, to Timothy and Teresa Scarpelli, 100 Woodland Avenue, \$220,000.

D.M. and L.O. Bernard, to Steven J. and Christine A. Reiss, 419 Linden Avenue, \$312,000.

W.A. DeGiulo, to David J. and Bernadette T. Liptack, 242 Orchard Street, \$162,000.

Estate of E.J. Palasis in care of T.R. Palasis, to Robert C. Morrison, Jr. and Leslie J. Foltz Morrison, 563 Trinity Place, \$170,000.

S.H. and Lisa A. Freidenrich, to David J. and Lara M. Ruckman, 788 Carleton Road, \$229,000.

W.K. and N.M. Morris, to Steven L. and Lori A. Ridings, 419 Everson Place, \$305,000.

J. and D. Dabulas, to Daniel R. and Lisa D. Tolan, 820 Tice Place, \$190,000.

R.E. Burslem, Jr. and D. Burslem, to Michael G. and Theresa N. Honchark, 1027 Rahway Avenue, \$247,000.

CLIP THIS AND SAVE

Westfield Pickups Told For First 3 Months of 1998

Advanced Recycling Technologies Systems, Inc. has released the schedule for curbside pickups of recyclables for the first three months of 1998 for Westfield. Newspaper, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and tin containers, plastic bottles, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, polyboard and aseptic cartons, household batteries, and metal clothes hangers will be collected every other week according to the following schedule:

	NORTH	SOUTH
Thursdays — North of the railroad tracks		
Fridays — South of the railroad tracks		
January	8, 15, 29	16, 30
February	12, 26	13, 27
March	12, 26	13, 27

Residents are reminded to set out their recyclables by 7 a.m. the day they are scheduled for collection.

Those who miss pickups should telephone (908) 862-0101. If you live in an apartment or condominium please contact your building superintendent or manager to find out whether to set your recyclables at curbside or take them to a central storage area.

If you need additional information please telephone the town Recycling Coordinator at (908) 789-4100.

WHAT AND HOW TO RECYCLE

Recyclables Placed In plastic bags will not be picked up!
•NEWSPAPERS — Tie with twine in bundles no more than 12 inches high. Do not use tape, wire or rubber bands to tie. No mixed paper, paper bags, telephone books or cardboard will be accepted with newspaper bundles.

•MIXED PAPER — Mixed paper must be tied with twine in bundles no higher than 12 inches high. Acceptable materials include magazines (any type of binder), glossy catalogs, coupon inserts, envelopes, color news inserts, notebook paper, construction paper, real estate listings, mixed color paper, photocopy, fax, mimeograph and computer paper, telephone books and hardcover books.

In addition, chipboard, flattened cereal and gift boxes, multi-colored dry food boxes and paper bags must be tied in a separate bundle or placed in brown paper bags.

• CORRUGATED CARDBOARD — Must be clean, flattened and tied in bundles separate from newspapers and mixed paper.

•HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES — Place spent household batteries including "AA," "AAA," "C," "D," nine-volt, lantern and button cell batteries in a clear plastic bag that can be sealed or tied. Tuck the bag under the twine on your top bundle of recycled newspapers. If you do not have newspapers to recycle for a particular collection period, place the clear bag next to your other recyclables.

COMINGLED COLLECTION

Glass, aluminum and tin cans, metal clothes hangers, polyboard and aseptic cartons, empty paint cans, spray or aerosol cans, aluminum foil and aluminum cans, and plastic containers can be comingled in one receptacle. Containers must be well-rinsed. All caps and lids must be removed and discarded.

•GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS — No window glass, dishes, Pyrex, mirrors or crystal will be accepted.

•ALUMINUM AND TIN — Cans, metal clothes hangers (with the cardboard removed and hangers tied together), empty paint cans with the lids off, spray or aerosol cans, aluminum foil or aluminum pans will be accepted.

•PLASTIC BOTTLES — Only plastic bottles that contained pourable liquids, such as milk, soda, juice or detergent, will be collected. No squeeze bottles, packaging, plastic wrap or containers that held food or hazardous materials, such as motor oil or antifreeze, will be accepted.

Acceptable materials will have a PET, PETE or HDPE mark or the number 1, 2 or 3 in a triangle imprinted on the bottom of the bottle.

•POLYBOARD AND ASEPTIC CARTONS — Milk, juice and other beverages, ice cream, frozen food packages, cake boxes and all cartons made from polyethylene coated white paperboard, with or without an aluminum foil layer, are acceptable. All containers must be emptied, rinsed and flattened.

BULKY AND ATTIC WASTE

Bulky and attic waste can be disposed of at J & J Recycling Facility on Amboy Avenue in the City of Elizabeth. Phone 351-2420 for information.



REAL TROOPERS...Brownie Troop No. 498 rests after pulling wagon loads of luminaries around the Mindowaskin Park lake, and setting them up to be lit later for Westfield's "First Night" celebration. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Lauren Huff, Allison Sharkey, Brittney Gallagher, Samantha Luscombe and Elena Tinfor; middle row, Catherine Marvin, Kate Young and Kyle Cortley and Lindsay Tishberg, and front, Deborah Siegel.

Revolutionary Groups Reveal Joint Meeting

The January meeting of the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) will be held with the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13.

The program will feature William Chemerka, a teacher of American history, in a presentation on the Civil War in New Jersey.

Mr. Chemerka, an instructor at Madison High School, was named in 1987 by the D.A.R. as the most outstanding teacher of American history in New Jersey.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Bloomfield State College in Bloomfield, and his master's degree at Montclair State College in Upper Montclair.

Membership in the S.A.R. is open to men who can trace their family lineage to a patriot who fought in the Revolutionary military force. The meeting will conclude with refreshments.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Scotch Plains will require the services of a Township Attorney during 1998; and WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey, that DONALD T. DIFRANCESCO of the firm of Bivona, Cohen, Kunzman, Coley, Yospin, Bernstein & DiFrancesco, P.A., 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey be appointed as Township Attorney from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional service" under the provisions of said Local Public Contracts Law because said services are rendered or performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, which practice is regulated by law, and which practice requires the knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged, formal course of specified education and instruction, and because it is impossible at this time to know the exact dimensions of the services to be performed and the exact nature of the various tasks to be performed; and accordingly, the services to be rendered cannot reasonably be described by written specifications, and additionally, because the said services are of such a qualitative nature as will not permit the receipt of competitive bids due to the subjective

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difference in the work product of such persons and the fact that the ethical requirements of such profession will not permit such bidding. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
 Barbara Riepe
 Township Clerk
 1 T - 1/8/98, The Times Fee: \$44.37

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unspecifiable service under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(A). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-98
AWARDED TO: Rogut, McCarthy & Shend, 111 North Avenue, West, Cranford, New Jersey.

PURPOSES: To provide specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and issuance of bonds or notes of the County of Union, New Jersey.

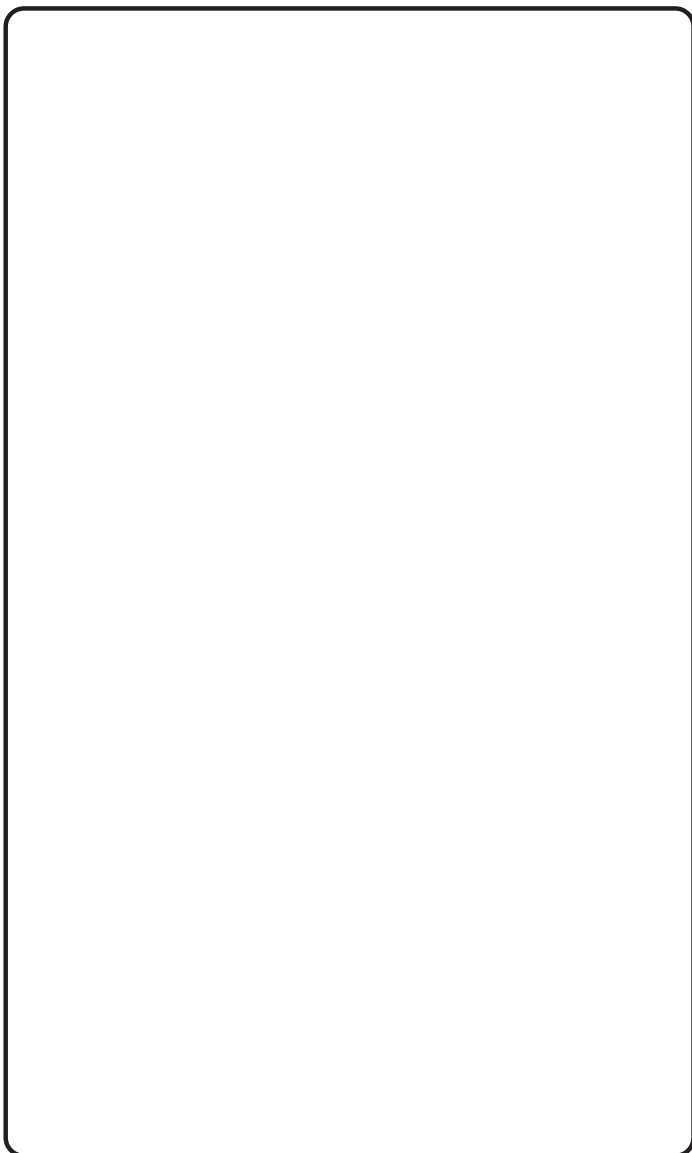
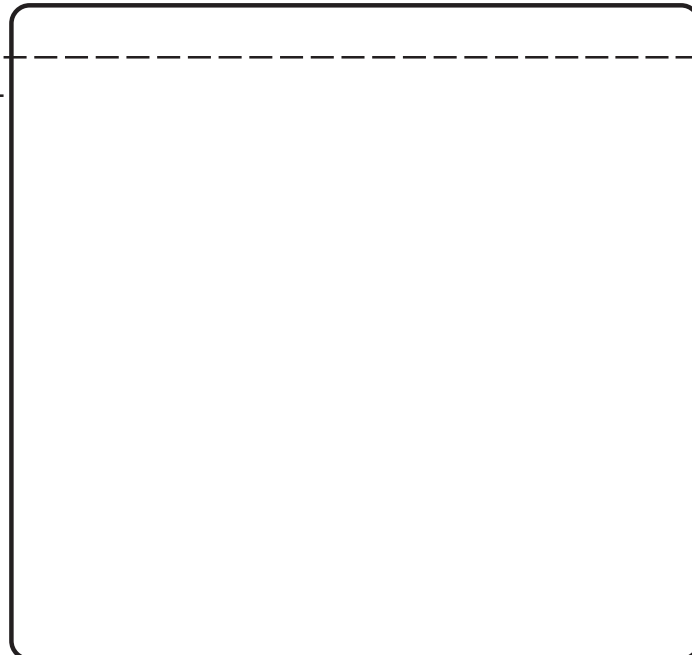
AMOUNT: Funds will be available for this purpose when and if bonds are sold by the County of Union.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 1/8/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.99

A chuckle a day may not keep the doctor away, but it sure does make those times in life's waiting room a little more bearable.

— Anne Wilson Schaeff

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