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LEADING THE WAY...Members of Westfield's religious clergy lead the traditional march this past Monday which commemorated the historic civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The march, from the Bethel Baptist Church on Trinity Place to Temple Emanu-El on East Broad Street, was part of the 11th annual Interfaith Celebration which concluded with an Interfaith Service and Music Celebration at Temple Emanu-El.

CACCIOLA AREA 'SLICED INTO MANY PIECES'

Town School Bd. Considering End To Desegregation

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

During Tuesday night's agenda meeting of the Westfield Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley announced that it is the sentiment of the board to eliminate the district's desegregation plan. "I think that the basic approach would be to consolidate that neighborhood," said Dr. Foley. The existing plan calls for 37 children living within the vicinity of

Cacciola Place to be bused to Wilson, Tamaques and Washington Elementary Schools.

The desegregation plan has come under fire from the Concerned African American Parents (CAAP) of Westfield, whose concerns include the repercussions of busing children to schools outside their neighborhood; the gap in achievement between minority and majority students; and the increase in special education classifications among African-American students.

CAAP members would prefer to see the children from the "triangle area" attending Jefferson Elementary School.

"Our basic position is that the area is sliced into too many pieces," said Dr. Foley. However, the board would "make some accommodation to those people who want to stay in the school they're in," the superintendent said.

"We need to be sensitive to the fact that some families may need to be grandfathered," the superintendent added. "Some parents are happy where they are." "I commend the board in coming to the decision that the desegregation policy is outdated," said Beverly Grant of Prospect Street.

Lorrie Korecky, a spokeswoman for the district, said the next step is for a formal recommendation by the board's Policies Committee which is chaired by Arlene L. Gardner.

Ms. Gardner said a letter will be sent to parents in the area to give the



MOSAIC TILE PRESENTATION...This piece of artwork depicting a locomotive from the 1800s will be placed along with several other mosaic tiles in the new pedestrian tunnel at the Westfield Train Station. Holding the tile, pictured left to right, are: former Westfield Historian Ralph Jones, former Westfield Mayor Bud C. Boothe, mosaic tile creator Stacy Farley and Program Chairman Robert Miller. Mrs. Farley, a former Westfield resident, has been commissioned by the NJ Transit to beautify the pedestrian tunnel, which is now open.

MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS, STRATEGIES AND BELIEFS DRAFTED

Superintendent Releases Drafts Of School District Strategic Plan

Westfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley released to the Board of Education at its public meeting on January 13 drafts of a new mission statement, goals, strategies, and beliefs for the school district developed by the Strategic Planning Council.

The council, composed of 36 volunteers including students, teachers, parents, community and business members, as well as school administration officials, reached consensus on the documents which they began developing at a weekend retreat in early December.

The documents were drafted subsequent to research and reports by the State of the Community and State of the Schools committees, also comprised of volunteers.

Board of Education Long Range Planning Chairwoman Annmarie Puleio, who served on the Strategic Planning Council, reminded fellow board members that the strategic planning process is not complete.

She issued a call for additional volunteers to serve on the Action Plan Committees which are being developed to undertake the next phase of the strategic planning process. Interested parties should contact the Office of School/Community Relations at (908) 789-4463 for application forms.

Forms are also available in school offices and in the Westfield Memorial Library. Volunteers will be divided into specific groups to develop action plans which will address the following areas:

- Integrate technology into the curricula.
- Develop high expectations for all levels of ability.
- Promote a climate of respect through the curricula.
- Develop counseling programs for Kindergarten through grade 12.
- Develop an active program of community service for all students.
- Develop effective family, community, business and school partnerships.
- Ensure safe and effective instructional facilities.

Those areas of attention that have emerged out of the following goals, strategies, beliefs, and mission statement drafted by the Strategic Planning Council and brought before the board on January 13 are:

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Westfield School District, a system built on successful cooperation among family, school and community, is to prepare all students to achieve excellence and to become responsible citizens through rigorous educational programs which respect individual differences and diversity.

Beliefs

- Primary focus of Westfield schools is academic achievement.
- Children need to develop self-discipline and responsibility in order to learn.
- Students must learn to think analytically and creatively.
- The arts are an essential component to students' success.
- Technology is an essential component of an effective education.
- Education includes extra-curricular activities.
- Students need teachers who instill a keen desire to learn.
- Children learn best when they are challenged in an environment that respects their individual differences.
- A diverse staff enriches the education of all students.
- The family is the primary influence in the child's life.
- Education requires the collaboration of communities, families and schools.
- Higher expectations yield higher results.

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Task Force Launches Process to Hammer Out Flood Control Options

By JEANNE WHITNEY
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With eight months to go, a specially created Task Force of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission met last week to begin hammering out options to a United States Army Corps of Engineers plan to use 11 acres of the 1,920-acre Watchung Reservation for two, dry storm water detention basins.

Some Union County municipalities have objected to this so-called Upper Portion of the plan. The proposed detention basins include dams that are four and a half stories high. Six additional acres of property would be cleared during construction and then replanted.

It is likely that alternatives to the \$55 million basins could double the price tag, officials predicted.

Federal funding for the two detention basins was yanked from the total \$362 million Army Corps project last May when it looked like Union County would reject the plan. Republican Congressman Bob Franks sought a year's deferment on the county decision about the basins in order to keep the entire project alive.

In July, Democratic United States Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert G. Torricelli introduced a wild card into the nearly 25-year-old project by amending a Senate bill to entirely eliminate federal funding for the basins.

The basins are only one aspect of a three-pronged flood control strategy that will store storm water runoff from the Watchung Mountains for gradual release into the lower portions of the flood plain.

Parts of the two proposed basins are in Scotch Plains Township, the Borough of Watchung and Berkeley Heights, and seek to control flooding of the Green Brook Sub-Basin and Raritan River area that covers portions of Union County as well as Somerset and Middlesex Counties. The area protected by the plan encompasses 65.2 square miles.

The federal government would fund nearly three-quarters of the project and the other one-quarter, or \$97 million, would be shared by the state and among the three counties over the 12-year construction period.

Costs for ongoing maintenance of the levees, dams, channels, pipes and detention basins after the project is complete would also be shared by the state and counties, with each county responsible for an estimated \$330,000 a year, while the state pays \$1 million annually, according to the Army Corps.

The basins would take three years to complete. Task Force members say it is possible that detention basins could be moved either up or down stream of the existing project.

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Disgraced Attorney Sentenced to 9 Years For Stealing Funds

Just two months after pleading guilty to embezzling \$1.25 million over a period of eight years from the estates of five clients, former Westfield-based attorney Donald Hamilton was sentenced to nine years in prison last Friday by Union County Superior Court Judge John Triarsi in Elizabeth.

The Lebanon Township resident will be eligible for parole in 21 months.

Union County Assistant Prosecutor David Hancock said that Hamilton had preyed on those persons living out of state and the elderly.

In passing sentence, the judge said Hamilton "stole essentially from widows and orphans out of state." Judge Triarsi told Hamilton, "If you did it with a 40 year old, they would be banging on your door."

According to press reports on the sentencing, Hamilton's daughter, Keira, a college senior, wrote a letter asking the court to impose the "maximum punishment," adding that her father needed a "wake up call."

"Right now he's blaming everyone else," Keira Hamilton told the court. Admitting that there was "no excuse" for his actions, Hamilton told Judge Triarsi prior to sentencing that he deserved to be in court. He apologized for those clients he "let down," stating that he "betrayed" their trust.

Hamilton began filching his clients' money after a \$900,000 land purchase and subdivision deal in Tewksbury Township 11 years ago turned sour.

The 45-acre farmland tract was bought in 1986. He then built an 11-bedroom, 14-bath manor on nine acres. He and his ex-wife, Alwine, formed a company called Highland Fields, Inc., which originally subdivided the

property into eight parcels.

Soon after the house was completed, Hamilton divorced his wife and sold the house for a reported \$1.2 million and the adjacent parcels of land for a total of nearly \$750,000. He has since remarried and his wife, Janine, accompanied him to his sentencing.

Hamilton was disbarred by the state Office of Attorney Ethics.

An Elizabeth man was swindled out of two-thirds of his \$724,000 estate. Beneficiaries of another estate were never notified concerning their inheritance, while Hamilton ignored other victims' inquiries or misled them, according to authorities.

In addition, Hamilton stole \$386,657 from a marital trust of a Warren man; \$250,000 from the estates of a Clifton couple, \$44,597 from the estate of an Elizabeth man and \$552,049 from another Elizabeth resident, according to press reports.

A Lakewood resident also had \$52,200 stolen from her estate.

The siphoning began in 1988 and continued into 1996, when the state Office of Attorney Ethics began investigating complaints.

Authorities said the gross amount Hamilton originally stole was more, but that he repaid some \$570,000 to beneficiaries and relatives following their complaints.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan has called Hamilton's case the "largest misappropriation of funds ever prosecuted against an attorney in Union County."

Hamilton worked as a Deputy to then-Union County Surrogate Mary Kinane in 1975, and was a partner in a Linden law firm before joining a local firm in Westfield. He then went on to open his own practice.

SID Directors Propose Budget Of \$265,500; Hearing Jan. 28th

The Board of Directors of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), the governing body for the

town's special improvement district (SID), have unveiled a proposed budget of \$265,500 for 1998.

A public hearing and adoption vote by the board on the spending plan will be held this Wednesday, January 28, at 8 p.m. in Town Council Chambers of the Westfield Municipal building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

All district property owners, business operators, and the public at large have been encouraged to attend by the DWC board.

The proposed DWC budget for 1998 totals \$265,500. According to DWC officials, the spending plan follows along the lines of last year's budget, with monies allocated for improvements in the key areas of design, economic development and promotion, as well as for overall operating expenses, according to Jennifer Jaruzelski, a member and spokeswoman for the board.

A new focus of this year's program is the addition of a downtown improvement plan, which will outline a long-term action plan for the central business district, including parking and streetscape guidelines. It also provides for demonstration projects utilizing new ornamental lighting, crosswalks, benches and trash receptacles. Other budget highlights include a year-long calendar of promotional events, including a sports event centering on the downtown in late June, and an expanded jazz festival this summer. Last summer the DWC launched a series of Thursday night jazz concerts titled "Sweet Sounds of Downtown."

"The 1998 budget builds on the success of last year's start-up program, which saw many accomplishments in a very short time frame," said Michael La Place, DWC Executive Director.

"We've had tremendous feedback from residents and business owners about several key efforts, including the publication of a downtown newsletter, new seasonal lighting and banners, and the "Welcome Home to Westfield" holiday events.

"With the continued cooperation of the stakeholders and the town government, we are now planning to lay the groundwork for several signature projects that will shape the look of downtown Westfield for years to come," said Mr. La Place.

Advance copies of the 1998 budget are available in the Downtown Westfield Corporation office at 125 Elm Street, second floor. Following a board vote, the budget program will be submitted to the Town Council for approval.

The budget is the first full 12-month spending plan that will be utilized by the SID. Last year's \$226,000 plan was reduced to an eight-month budget of \$184,000 by the council.

The SID was created by the council in June of 1996 after numerous public hearings and rewrites of the town ordinance that created the district.

The SID encompasses the downtown business district on both the north and south sides of the town. The district is supported through a tax assessment placed on properties included within the district.

Further information on the budget may be obtained by calling DWC at (908) 789-9444.

Town Workers Forming New Non-Union Unit

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

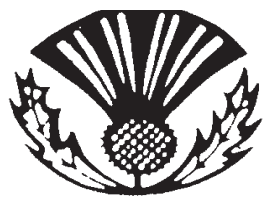
In an attempt to "open up the lines of communication" between town department heads and the administration, 26 of the remaining 27 non-unionized employees of the Town of Westfield have notified Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko of their intent to form an association, in accordance with state labor laws, for the purpose of representing their interests as a whole.

The petition was presented to the Town Council in closed session Tuesday night. When the governing body reconvened into open session, no comments from officials were forthcoming on the matter.

All non-unionized personnel were offered the chance to join the union and did, according to Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr., who reported that all but one employee chose to join.

Currently, most town workers belong to one of the four bargaining

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DECA Students Bring Home Multiple Marketing Awards

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students, recently competed for the 28th year at the New Jersey Central Region DECA competitions held at Union College. The local chapter amassed a total of 69 awards, including 48 trophies, in competitions based on instructional areas students learn in their marketing class, or their on-the-job training in marketing related areas. Students are evaluated by area business people in comprehensive, competency-based objective testing in marketing, and case studies, both based in marketing areas such as economics, management, selling, advertising, basic communication skills and other categories. Seventy Scotch Plains-Fanwood students were among 800 participants from 22 schools engaged in the competitions. Leading the way

for Scotch Plains-Fanwood was the Quiz Bowl team of seniors Adam Baumwoll, Jeffrey Gillie, Marc Jacobs and Brian Spitzer, which won first place. This same team went undefeated in the state last year. Overall first place winners included junior David Budd, in the Apparel and Accessories category, and seniors Suzanne Lamastra, Quick Service Restaurant Management; Marc Jacobs, Services Marketing; Jeffrey Feighner, Retail Management, and Kate Vanderheyden, Food Marketing. The second-place overall winners included juniors Paul Valenzano, Retail Management; Matthew Pisane, Food Marketing, and seniors Daniel Morris, Marketing Management; Nicole Troiano, Full Serve Restaurant

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PARK PLACE APPLICATION POSTPONED TO THURSDAY, MARCH 5 JCC Neighbors Object to Existing, Proposed Lighting for Center's Martine Avenue Site

By MARIA R. CICCARELLA
Specially Written for The Times

The proposed modifications to an already approved building site plan by the Jewish Community Center (JCC) was not taken "lightly" by many neighboring residents and board members at the January 15 meeting of the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment. The center moved in into its new home at 1361-1391 Martine Avenue several years ago. While not the only issue raised in the application debate, the existing and proposed property lighting of the JCC was indeed the prime topic of discussion. Representing the JCC, Attorney Steven J. Tripp of the firm of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer came before the

board asking for permission to amend the site plan of the JCC to permit four additional modifications. The proposed changes were for the installation of a new changeable message sign, additional lighting on the building and on driveway entrance and exit signs, and the installation of grass pavers in the rear of the building to allow vehicles onto the grass without destroying it. Only the last request for grass paver installation received approval from the board. Although an existing message sign currently stands at the property, according to project architect Harold D. Glucksman of Glucksman-Guzzo, the new sign will have a dual functionality. While eliminating initial plans for

two distinct signs, the proposed sign will aesthetically mark the property and provide information to passersby. This new sign, if allowed, will face Martine Avenue and will be one-sided where the current sign is perpendicular to the main road and has information on two sides. Molly Gardner of 1390 Martine Avenue, located directly across from the JCC, indicated that the suggested sign, which would directly face her home, will not be beneficial to the establishment. "This sign cannot be appreciated by drivers going by at 45 mph," said Ms. Gardner. Additional lighting to the building, grounds and on the driveway entrance and exit signs received the most debate. Mr. Glucksman explained that small lighting additions to the direction signs would eliminate potential traffic problems or accidents and provide security to JCC members using the building in the evening. Another light placed 30 feet from

the roadway is vital, according to Mr. Glucksman, because there is no existing town street light near the property and road area to the south side of the building. Already changes in the lighting situation were made in response to neighborhood reaction to two spotlights directed into the parking area. These lights were shielded and replaced by flood lights which will follow a predetermined operation schedule. Property owners living near the JCC have formed an alliance and representatives attended the meeting to express their objection to these potential and existing lights, as well as other issues. David Jones, of 11 Peach Street, represented the alliance in the first part of their presentation to the board. Mr. Jones urged the board not to grant the variances to JCC until all neighborhood concerns have been addressed. In addition, the residents have asked

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New Fanwood Police Captain Is Sworn In; Borough Council OKs Temporary Budget

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

Members of the Fanwood Police Department and the community honored one of their own again last Thursday, as Lieutenant Donald Domanoski was promoted to the rank of Captain during the Borough Council's regular meeting. The veteran officer succeeds former Captain Robert Carboy, who was recently appointed as the borough's new Chief of Police. Chief Carboy assumed command of the department upon the retirement of his predecessor, Anthony J. Parenti, on December 31. The swearing in of Captain Domanoski, who was accompanied by his wife, Stephanie, and children Donald, Jr. and Laura, marked the third time in three weeks that a member of the Fanwood force was honored during ceremonies at Borough Hall. On December 23, the governing body paid tribute to outgoing Chief Parenti as he wrapped his 40-year career with the department. Chief Carboy was similarly lauded by the council as he took his oath of office on New Year's Day. Both occasions drew a crowd of well wishers to the council chambers.

Captain Domanoski was appointed as a patrolman in 1974, and became a Sergeant in 1989 and a Lieutenant four years ago. He was named last year to head the county's Emergency Response Unit, which supports local police departments in matters of law enforcement and public safety. Other appointments announced during the meeting, which was televised live on Channel 35, included former Democratic council candidate Patricia Plante as second alternate to the Fanwood Recreation Commission, and Alice Pareti as Tax Collector. Both appointments extend through December 31 of this year. Michael Casperson, a recent graduate of the Cape May police academy, was appointed as a probationary patrolman with the Fanwood Police Department, while Robert Brennan was named a Shade Tree Commissioner through December 31, 1999. Sergeant Howard Jarvis was presented with a resolution commemorating his 25th anniversary with the Fanwood Police Department, and another resolution was passed recognizing the achievements of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. whose birthday was observed on Monday. Sergeant Jarvis was joined by his wife, Leah, and son, Craig, as Mayor Connelly commended him for his commitment to protecting the community, as well as his participation in the annual Christmas gift distribution sponsored by Policemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 123 of Fanwood. Winding up this portion of the meeting was Councilman Joel Whitaker's presentation of the Municipal Alliance Award to Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz and Chief Carboy. The two are representatives to the Municipal Alliance Committee, which sponsors a variety of community activities. Among these are programs which discourage drug and alcohol abuse among adolescents and information seminars for senior citizens. The council approved, via a resolution, its 1998 temporary budget to cover expenditures until the annual municipal budget is adopted. The temporary spending plan includes \$702,100 for salaries and wages, and \$755,319 for other expenses. Councilman William E. Populus, Jr., Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, said he anticipated the governing body would be able to deliver the municipal bud-

get on time again this year. The budget is expected to be introduced in February. Several other resolutions were also approved by the council, including one reappointing the Albiez Insurance Agency, Inc. as the borough's insurance agent. The agency was initially appointed last year after the governing body opted to drop out of the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund. The five council members in attendance voted 4 to 1 in favor of a resolution authorizing the borough to

nicipality does not have to refund tax overpayments of less than \$10, nor will taxpayers be penalized for underpayments of less than \$10. The council was required to adopt the resolution in compliance with a state statute, officials said. Councilman Stuart S. Kline voted against the measure, however, saying he was not comfortable with the philosophy that residents are ineligible for a refund if they overpay their taxes by less than \$10. He added that he had no problem with the portion of the resolution dealing with underpayments. The councilman said he also wanted to research further whether the governing body was actually obligated to adopt the resolution. An ordinance related to the recent merge of the Fanwood Planning Board and Board of Adjustment was introduced, outlining members' voting privileges on the newly combined board. The council is expected to vote on the ordinance during its next regular meeting on Thursday, February 12. In December the governing body adopted an ordinance permitting the merger of the two municipal boards, with the Planning Board having now assumed the duties of the Board of Adjustment, which was disbanded at the end of last year. Last week, officials also passed a resolution allowing the borough to proceed with an interlocal agreement with Scotch Plains for the services of Welfare Director Maria Santo. Mrs. Santo already serves both municipalities in that capacity, although no formal agreement has existed before now. The planned agreement follows the council's decision, announced last month, not to consolidate its local

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OATH OF OFFICE... Newly-appointed Captain Donald Domanoski is sworn in by Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, left, during last Thursday's regular meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council. Joining the official, pictured left to right, are: his wife, Stephanie, and children Laura and Donald, Jr. He succeeds former Captain Robert Carboy, who was recently promoted to Chief of Police.

Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Times

Those persons preparing press releases for submission to *The Times* are reminded that copy should be e-mailed or faxed by 4 p.m. on the Friday prior to publication. *The Times'* e-mail address is press@goleader.com. The fax number is (908) 232-0473. Releases, pictures and letters to the editor can also be dropped off at our office located at 50 Elm Street or through our mail slot. To ensure that submittals reach our office prior to deadline, we encourage e-mail or faxed materials. Sports stories which occur prior to the weekend must be in by the Friday deadline. Weekend sports events must be submitted by noon on the Monday prior to the publication date. Obituaries will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. All copy must be typed, double-spaced, upper and lower case, no more than 500 words in length, and include a daytime telephone number where the submitter can be reached. For events which are planned months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event. Please note that in addition to making our deadlines, the publication of submittals may be delayed due to space considerations. All submittals are subject to being cut due to length, edited for style and clarification at the discretion of the editor.

Preliminary Scotch Plains Spending Plan Sees \$355,143, or 2.3 Percent, Hike Over '97

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

Scotch Plains Township Council members got a glimpse of tentative municipal budget figures for 1998 from Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins this past week in a preliminary report that shows a 2.3 percent increase in spending over last year's \$15.3 million budget. Mr. Atkins stressed, in a letter to the council, that the projected \$355,143 spending increase was not final and changes to the budget will still be made over the next two weeks. "We haven't even looked at the revenue side yet," Mr. Atkins explained. Last year's municipal spending represented a 3.5 percent increase, or \$522,992, over the previous year. This year's proposed hike would be a 3.8 tax point increase — with one point equal to \$93,000 — on an average township house assessed at \$115,000, and a market value of about \$230,000. That translates roughly to an increase of \$44 per household. Last year's hike was three tax points, or \$34.50, per household. A 1997 tax point was equal to \$91,000, according to township records. Residents' annual property tax bills also include the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education bud-

get, which was \$41.8 million last year, and totaled two-thirds of residents' tax bills. The Union County tax tab and local municipal costs share the remaining third of the tax dollar about evenly. Township council members plan meetings in February to review the municipal budget and hope to introduce a final version by early March. In other business, officials indicated during a conference meeting Tuesday that the township is no longer under contract with a Roselle Park construction company for \$1.7 million worth of sewer pumping station improvements on the south side. Officials discovered that Consolidated Design and Building Corporation's two owners were recently sentenced to three years in state prison on theft, extortion and bribery convictions in bid rigging schemes. Township officials said they were unaware of the convictions when the governing body awarded the bid in early December of last year. Officials said they would turn to the second lowest bidder, out of the six bids received for the project, as potential contractors. The work was slated to begin this spring and take 18 to 20 months to complete. On a separate issue, a majority of

the council agreed to move ahead with an appraisal of 9,500 square feet of township-owned property in front of the Municipal Building parking lot on Park Avenue that the Downtown Development Committee recommended be sold and commercially developed. Mayor Joan Papen has said she is not interested in changing the look of the downtown by developing the narrow strip of property, while planning consultants claim both sides of Park Avenue must be commercially developed for the business district to flourish. The Development Committee also suggested adding sidewalk benches to the downtown, renaming East Second Street "Centre Boulevard" and banners identifying the district as "Towne Centre." In other business, Mayor Papen has called for a public meeting between Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials and Union County residents on Tuesday, February 24, concerning proposed routes of aircraft in the region. "It will be strictly an information gathering session," she said, "questions only." According to opponents, the proposed 260-degree route increases noise by moving low-flying aircraft

over residential neighborhoods from the current 220-degree turn where planes fly over an industrial tract of land between Rahway and Carteret. The FAA has said the turn would provide aircraft noise relief to Scotch Plains and surrounding areas. The agency has indicated it has reviewed citizens' safety concerns and hopes to begin a six-month test of the route in March. On another matter, the council agreed to spend \$12,640 on the design of a centralized computer network for municipal offices. Implementation of the upgraded system would cost another \$6,000 in hardware, according to estimates, and will include electronic mail communication among the offices and the ability to research documents from differing departments. The move toward a "paperless office" came about from recommendations by the Technology Advisory Committee headed by resident Kenneth Anderson. In a different computer-related issue, the all-Republican council said it objected to a proposal by Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan to distribute \$3 million in matching grants to county school districts for computers, by calling the

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CAROL I. COHEN NAMED COUNTY COUNSEL EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7**Union County Mgr. Unveils \$278.9 Million Spending Plan With No Increase in Tax Levy**

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla has unveiled an Executive Budget for the county of \$278.9 million which represents a zero percent increase in the tax levy and which contains no additional employee positions.

The flat tax rate represents the third consecutive year under two different political parties that the tax levy has either been flat or has declined.

The spending plan, which now goes before the Fiscal Affairs Committee of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, includes an amount of \$151.7 million to be raised in local property taxes, and doesn't result in any decline in services.

Since 1990, under former County Manager Ann M. Baran and now Mr. Lapolla, the county's reliance upon property taxes has declined by 19 percent.

Fifty-four percent of the budget in 1998 will be supported through taxes. The levy was 54 percent in 1997 and 56 percent in each of the previous years under Republican leadership on the board.

This is the second consecutive year the Democrats have been in the majority.

"The Executive Budget reflects both a healthy county economy and healthy county government," said Mr. Lapolla.

He said that from new jobs to opportunities in the global marketplace, plus transportation planning and infrastructure improvements, the county is prepared to be "a powerful player in the business community."

In terms of appropriations, the bulk of the spending will be in the areas of health and welfare, where \$84.8 million has been included. Another \$25.5 million has been slotted for roads and bridge repairs, with \$14.3 million earmarked for education and recreation programs.

Mr. Lapolla noted that the county has maintained its "Aaa" rating from both Moody's and Fitch investment services. The county has held the rating for over two decades.

According to Mr. Lapolla, who presented the spending plan to the Freeholder board last Thursday - his first since becoming manager last June - the county's surplus of \$37 million left over from last year is the largest in the county's history.

Noting the importance of available surplus in maintaining the county's

"Aaa" rating, Mr. Lapolla in his budget noted that the county's surplus has been on the rise for several years. The surplus was \$12.2 million in 1992, steadily increasing to \$29 million last year.

The spending plan includes a number of new initiatives for 1998. These include the creation of an Office of Volunteer Services and implementation of a pilot program called "Gainssharing" whereby county employees would be financially rewarded for "measured improvements in the operating results of their work units."

Mr. Lapolla noted that the Executive Budget also includes monies to support technology for internal systems and external applications. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) gives the county the ability to improve existing services while developing enhanced shared services between the county and its 21 municipalities.

GIS would also be aimed at attracting new businesses and helping existing establishments. Mr. Lapolla noted that some practical applications for GIS include business site development, the development of transportation systems, wetlands and parkland conservancy, zoning and tax assessment.

The budget includes a "Union Arts" program whereby grants of up to \$5,000 would be available to artists, theater groups and preservationists.

The county's 71,000 public school students will have a chance to become both computer and Internet literate within three years through a new \$3 million capital program called "Access 2000."

In the area of parkland preservation and expansion, the county has put forth a grants program entitled "Project Pocket Park." Towns seeking to acquire property for parks or playground use would be offered matching grants of \$100,000 and \$25,000 in funding toward building or rebuilding a playground.

Freeholder Linda d. Stender, who chaired the board in 1997, is Chairwoman of the Fiscal Affairs Committee this year. The committee is charged with the task of reviewing the budget before submitting a completed county budget to the full board for introduction and adoption.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, in his address at the board's organizational meeting earlier this month, said the board will again deliver a decline in the tax levy as was the case last year, with a .5 percent decline

in the amount raised through taxes.

In another matter, the board appointed Carol I. Cohen to fill the unexpired term of James F. Keefe as County Counsel. She will assume the \$109,233 position as of Saturday, February 7. The current term expires on Friday, July 3.

Ms. Cohen, a resident of Westfield with a private law practice in town, was elected to the board in 1995 for a three-year term. She was a member of the successful Democratic ticket which included Freeholder Sullivan, a resident of Elizabeth, and Walter D. McNeil of Plainfield.

Mr. McNeil resigned last month to accept the post of City Administrator in Elizabeth.

Freeholder Sullivan said Ms. Cohen, in his opinion, "will make an outstanding county counsel." He said he has the "highest confidence in her ability" to lead the county's legal department.

He also thanked Acting County Counsel Jeremiah O'Dwyer for his efforts in running the office since Mr. Keefe resigned last July to become First Assistant Prosecutor, following the appointment of Michael Manahan of Westfield as Prosecutor by Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Mr. Keefe had served as a Freeholder prior to his appointment as County Counsel by a Republican majority on the board in 1994. He replaced Mr. O'Dwyer.

Mr. O'Dwyer will serve as Deputy County Counsel under Ms. Cohen.

The Union County Democratic Committee is scheduled to meet this Saturday, January 24, to select candidates to fill the two unexpired seats on the all Democratic, nine-member board.

According to published reports, Mary Ruotolo of Westfield, the widow of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo, Jr., is among those persons being considered.

Also on the list, all from Plainfield, are City Councilman Derek Armstead; Lou Mingo, a retired A&T executive; City Councilwoman Elizabeth Uruhart and Faheemah El-Amin, a former city councilwoman.

In other business, the board passed a resolution sponsored by Freeholder Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth urging the New Jersey Turnpike Authority to sell Turnpike property in the city so that Elizabeth can redevelop the property and produce "much needed jobs and tax revenues and continue the development of the immediate area

as a vital retail and restaurant center for the city, county and state."

"This is an opportunity for our county to step to the plate and say we are in support of the City of Elizabeth for this opportunity for development," said Freeholder Goncalves.

On a related economic issue, Freeholder Goncalves noted that Union County has submitted a resolution to the MetroStars professional soccer team in an effort to bring the team to the county.

Union is one of three counties competing to become the new home of the team. Elizabeth has completed a feasibility study to look at the financial ramifications of locating a sports facility in the city. Elizabeth and county officials have been working on this initiative.

Freeholders Allocate \$900,000 For Needy Youths and Seniors

Older adults will get the special care they need, juvenile offenders returning to the community will receive services to keep them from reverting to crime, "at-risk" youths will receive intervention to keep them out of the justice system, and kids in crisis will have a place to go, all as a result of resolutions passed by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The resolutions, passed by the Freeholder board on December 18 during its public meeting, were sponsored by now former Freeholder Carol I. Cohen, of Westfield, and will provide nearly \$900,000 in assistance to people in Union County who are among the neediest.

"By giving these programs and services, we are continuing our commitment to help people who need us the most," Ms. Cohen said, explaining that assistance will be provided through 1998. "Individuals and society will benefit."

Under the resolution accepting \$249,969 for the Statewide Respite Care Program from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the Union County Department of Human Service's Division on Aging will provide respite to caregivers of older adults through a variety of programs and services.

Depending on income and need, approximately 100 people will receive home-maker services, meals delivered to their homes, the assistance of home health aides, adult day care or temporary lodging for older adults while caregivers are away.

Union County will provide the assistance through community-based organizations.

The New Jersey Department of Law

Mr. Franks Provides Citizen Group With Airplane Data

Congressman Bob Franks has provided the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise (NJCAAN) with technical data on flights taking off from Newark International Airport, calling the release of the information "an important step forward in working toward a regional solution to airplane noise."

At his office in Union, Congressman Franks presented Pamela Barsam-Brown, President of the NJCAAN, with the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) radar tracking information for planes leaving Newark Airport.

The data covers the period of December 15 through 30 of last year.

"For the first time, a citizen group has access to the FAA's technical data. This information will enable them to accurately assess the impact of any changes in airplane routes on noise levels in communities."

"The FAA's willingness to turn over this data to citizen groups marks an important turning point in the history of

the airplane noise issue. It's a positive sign and hopefully signals a new spirit of cooperation between the federal agency responsible for airplane routes and the citizens who must live with the consequences of changes in flight patterns," stated Congressman Franks.

"The technical data can serve as a starting point for citizen groups to propose alternative air routes that could provide relief from airplane noise for residents of New Jersey and Staten Island."

"We are committed to reaching a solution to this problem that benefits the entire region and does not shift the air noise problem from one community or state to another," the Congressman explained.

Chansonettes Planning Program to Celebrate Its 50th Anniversary

The Chansonettes of Westfield are planning a special program this spring entitled "Fifty Years...And All That Jazz," which encompasses music from the 1940s to the present. The show marks the 50th anniversary of the group.

Some of the selections to be presented are "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" from *Oklahoma*, "High Hopes" from *Hole in the Head*, the Everly Brothers "Let It Be Me" and "Stop in The Name of Love" by the Supremes. The program will be light and entertaining.

The Chansonettes are a group of women who enjoy singing. New members and accompanists are welcome, said Mildred L. Cereface, Publicity Chairwoman for The Chansonettes. Anyone interested can come to a rehearsal on any Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located on Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Rehearsals will begin the first week of February. For more information, please call Alice Barbieri, President, at (908) 233-7363, or Jean Shork at (908) 232-5776.

There is no cure for birth or death save to enjoy the interval.

— George Santayana



SYMBOL OF SAFETY...Russ Evans of Print Tech, center, displays the new Pedestrian Safety Sign for the downtown, accompanied by fellow Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce board members. Joining Mr. Evans, pictured left to right, are: Scott Beresford of Summit Bank, Warren Rorden of Rorden Realty, Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick and Stan Baum of Scott Shoes.

Chamber Reveals Support For Pedestrian Safety Signs

Members of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have announced their support for the reinstallation of Pedestrian Safety Signs in the town's central retail business district.

Part of the expense of purchasing and installing the signs has been pledged by board members Warren Rorden of Rorden Realty, Stan Baum of Scott Shoes, Russ Evans of Print Tech, and Scott Beresford of Summit Bank, among others.

The Pedestrian Safety Signs are scheduled to be installed by the end of February, throughout the downtown, by the Westfield Department of Public Works.

"The signs will remind motorists that there is a state law mandating that cars yield to pedestrians in crosswalks," remarked Mr. Baum, Chamber Chairman.

"The Chamber of Commerce feels this effort is essential to insure the safety of shoppers and visitors to downtown Westfield," he added.

Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee in Westfield, originally proposed the idea of Pedestrian Safety Signs in the central retail business district in 1994.

They were installed in 1995, and had to be removed in 1996, until guidelines for their usage could be developed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Councilwoman Vernick stated, "When the signs were originally installed, pedestrians noticed a marked difference in the level of courtesy that motorists extended to them.

"We are now looking forward to creating a safer environment for pedestrians," she maintained.

Free History Course Is Offered to Seniors

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, in conjunction with The Westfield Foundation and the Learning Is Forever (LIFE) Center of Union County College, will sponsor a class on its premises during the spring semester.

"United States History Since 1865" is a three-credit course that studies the history of the nation from the Reconstruction Era to the present. The focus will be on political, diplomatic, economic, social and intellectual development.

This is a continuation of the course which was offered in the fall. Interested individuals may still attend if they missed that course.

The instructor, Dr. Christopher Gibbs, received his Master of Arts Degree in History from the University of Northern Colorado and his doctorate from the University of Missouri.

He is the author of "The Great Silent Majority" and co-author of "Grass Roots Politics," and has written several articles on American history for magazines and scholarly journals.

This course is offered free of charge to Union County residents who are 62 or older. It will be held each Friday from 10 a.m. to noon beginning on January 23, and ending in the beginning of May.

Registration will take place the first day of class. Due to building reconstruction, the course will be held in the dining room of Building Two at 1129 Boynton Avenue.

Guest parking is limited, so carpooling is suggested. For further information, please call Susan Lampert at (908) 233-1733.

Storytime on Elm Lists Winter Program Dates

Storytime on Elm, located at 35 Elm Street, will resume its regular storytelling programs on Monday, January 26. The schedule is as follows:

Mondays — 1:30 p.m. (Preschool through Kindergarten). There will be no program on February 16.

Thursdays — 1:30 p.m. (children ages 4 to 6). No program will be held on Thursday, February 12.

This winter storytime schedule will continue through Monday, February 23.

A special "Lap Time" storytime for very young children will be held on Wednesday, February 18, at 10:30 a.m. No advance registration is required for any of the above programs.

For further information, please inquire at Storytime on Elm or call (908) 232-1343.

BOND ORDINANCE OKAYED ON FIRST READING

Mountainside Council Approves 1998 Regional Health Contract

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Opening the curtain on an ambitious agenda for the year to come, the Mountainside Borough Council issued unanimous approval Tuesday night of its 1998 regional health contract with Westfield.

The governing body also okayed — on first reading — an ordinance that eventually calls for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in order to renovate "existing buildings."

Since 1978, Mountainside has been contracting yearly with the Westfield Regional Health Department, which also serves Garwood, Fanwood, Springfield and Roselle Park.

While all towns still have an autonomous board of health, being part of the alliance enables each town in it to save as much as two thirds of what would otherwise be needed to pay for a full-time health director.

Under state law, explained regional

health director Robert Sherr, each town must have a full-time health officer. But whereas the cost for each town would be at roughly \$100,000, regional membership costs each town approximately a third of that, Mr. Sherr said.

Each town, however, still has a board of health comprised of volunteers, who then act like "my mayor and council, and I'm like their administrator," Mr. Sherr further explained.

This year, Mountainside's cost will be \$19,720.50, which is down considerably from last year's fee in the "low to mid-20s," Mr. Sherr noted.

The borough, as Mayor Robert F. Viglianti had noted in his reorganization speech of January 6, wants to renovate the library, police station and community room this year, thus leading to the bond ordinance's passage on first reading.

Although the actual number cited in the measure is \$470,000, only about \$270,000 will have to be borrowed with bond anticipation notes, Borough Attorney John N. Post said.

"It's really a big promissory note,"

explained Mr. Post, who noted that \$186,000 of the cost is already budgeted under capital improvement funds, and another \$13,500 will come from the borough's current budget.

The borough will not actually begin seeking interest rate quotes from competing banks until very shortly before it actually needs the money, the attorney emphasized.

That, in turn, cannot be done until 20 days after the second and final passage next month, but this is to get the time clock running, or in Mr. Post's words, "to get the process started."

The work is expected to be done this year, and the borough wants to repay the bond notes over just a five-year period, at about a fifth per year.

The council also gave unanimous approval, again on first reading, to an ordinance setting the cost for out-of-town/non-residents who use the borough pool this summer.

An out-of-town family will pay \$300 to use the pool, while a single member at age 16 or over, will pay \$150. Senior citizens will pay just \$110.

College Club to Hear Education Advocate

Peter Sobel, an advocate for improving education in New Jersey, will speak at the State Board of Education's adoption of Core Curriculum Content Standards and what it means for students, parents, teachers and schools during the Monday, January 26, meeting of the College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the First Methodist Church on Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Sobel will discuss a new multi-million dollar program and how the Families Achieving the New Standards in mathematics, science and technology project will demonstrate for parents the changes they will see in their children's classrooms as a result of the standards. The standards will involve students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Following the talk, a question-and-answer session will be conducted. All interested individuals are invited to attend.

Mr. Sobel serves as an Education Legislative Aide to United States Senator Frank Lautenberg and Assistant Director of Communications at Yale University.

Until recently, he served as Assistant Director of the New Jersey Mathematics Coalition, a non-profit organization working to improve mathematics education in New Jersey.

Twenty-two WHS Students Named Bloustein Scholars

Twenty-two Westfield High School (WHS) seniors have been selected as Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars by the Garden State Scholarship Program of the New Jersey Department of Education.

To qualify for this distinction, students must place in the top 10 percent of their classes and have a minimum combined Student Assessment Test (SAT) score of 1260, or be ranked first, second or third in their class, as of the end of their junior year.

Westfield's group of 22 scholars averaged a combined total of 1411 on their SATs. Four of these students received perfect 800s on either the verbal or mathematics portion of the test, and one Westfield High School student scored 800 on both verbal and mathematics for a perfect total of 1600.

Distinguished Scholars are offered an annual award of \$1,000 for up to four years of undergraduate study at a New Jersey college or university.

Those Westfield High School students eligible for the award include: Anisha Ambardar, Andrea Bistak, Douglas Brandely, Nina Castells, Meghan Corbett, Colleen Donovan, Jennifer Early, Meghan Hely, Alice Kelman, Pamela Lygate, Nishant Mehta, Brooke Molloy, Genghis Niver, Kathryn Nowicki, Thomas Olsen, Eric Pidkameny, Diana Shineman, Alexander Smith, Rishi Talreja, Zeel Tamboli, George Wu and Andrew Zachar.

WIND ENSEMBLE, CONCERT & JAZZ BANDS ON TAP

Terrill's Annual Winter Concert Set for Tuesday

Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains will present its annual winter concert of instrumental music on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the event which will feature over 200 students in five performing groups.

Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Children under 5 years old and senior citizens will be admitted for free.

The concert will be held in the auditorium of the school, located at 1301 Terrill Road.

Performing will be the 55-piece Sixth Grade Band and the 140-member Concert Band, composed of seventh and eighth graders. Also performing will be the Wind

Ensemble, the Terrill Jazz Band and Terrill Jazz II.

The students involved in the middle school instrumental music program have been preparing since September for this concert.

The Concert Bands and the Wind Ensemble will feature music that ranges from Sousa to the Beatles. The Jazz Bands will perform a variety of music from Van Morrison to Glen Miller. The jazz ensembles both will include student soloists.

The program is under the direction of Glenn Van Benschoten, Terrill Middle School's Band Director and instrumental music teacher.

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I popcorn
 Some movies are so bad that they're good. No such luck with *Firestorm*. It's merely pathetic, a would-be thriller snuffed out by its macho rantings and gross ineptitude. Adding insult to injury, the tatty production is inconsistent even in its level of incompetency; just when it looks like the ramshackle production might spawn a redeeming trait, director Dean Semler's cinematic shortcoming retreats to its generally incapable ways.

Symptomatic of *Firestorm's* many maladies is the casting of its sports-broadcasting lead, ex-footballer Howie Long. As Jesse, the illustrious smoke jumper who ultimately goes mano y mano with a sociopathic escaped convict (William Forsythe as Shaye) in the Wyoming woods, the broad-shouldered Long is a presence to be contended with. And for a while, his acting seems almost passable. But the illusion, perhaps wishful thinking in light of Hollywood's dearth of robust-the-men-is-short-lived.

William Forsythe manages the dastardly part well enough, though Chris Soth's scribbling doesn't imbue the bloodthirsty lunatic with much depth. As all the principal players increasingly gain cartoon-character sensibilities, *Firestorm's* tension quotient is severely compromised.

Also beset with a challenging set of two-dimensional lines is Suzy Amis as Jennifer, a bird watcher first rendered innocent bystander and then madman's hostage after all hell breaks loose in the forest. Sporting her all-American, homecoming queen countenance, at one point Jennifer administers to Jesse's painfully dislocated knee. "I need an orthopedist is what I need," groans the high-priced fireman.

"Well, I'm an ornithologist," retorts the spunky lass while additionally touting her family's Marine Corps heritage. Also not bad with the karate chops, the multi-talented Jennifer proves a Swiss army knife of a gal. Last seen in *Titanic* as the romantic raconteur's granddaughter, for the moment Miss Amis' career sinks to even greater depths. Her successful resurfacing is predicted.

Buncombe
 What Felix Walker did for Buncombe County, North Carolina, was certainly not calculated to win him any awards from the local Chamber of Commerce. Five words spoken by him during the Missouri Compromise Slavery debates in 1819 made the name of the county, included in his Congressional district, a term synonymous with non-sense.

How did this public relations disaster occur? Herein lies the tale.

Felix Walker, who represented a mountain district in North Carolina, was known for making irrelevant speeches in Congress. The primary purpose of his orations appeared to be to get "on the record," so that his constituents would feel that they were being well represented.

These speeches were rarely addressed to the questions.

Accordingly, when Walker rose to speak during a critical phase of these slavery-related debates, his fellow party members urged him to be silent. Undaunted, Felix Walker started his speech by saying, "I must speak for Buncombe."

This harmless phrase apparently captured the essence of what Walker's speeches were all about, Buncombe, or "nonsense." Within 10 years, buncombe was accepted as a standard dictionary word with the first letter lowered.

Buncombe is another acceptable spelling for buncombe, while bunk is a shortened form of the word. To debunk is to "take the foolishness out of something" and that, of course, is "no bunk!"

Just as screenwriter Chris Soth's connect-the-dots screenplay strangely mutates from highly-improbable adventure tale to violently far-fetched exploitation yarn, it becomes clear that at no time soon will a thespic epiphany result from Mr. Long's most recent career gambit.

Letting his chiseled jaw lead as he robotically trudges through all manner of forest fire and related perils, the retired footballer's gait seems to recall a style. And then it clicks. It is a role into which many a sports celebrity with a monotone delivery has been recycled. Pity is, with no one casting for Tarzan at the moment, Long is relegated to this human version of Smokey the Bear.

There's a nostalgic quality to *Firestorm*, albeit inadvertent. Remember how adventure movies looked before computer-enhanced special effects became available, when stock footage was routinely meshed with stage action? It worked back then, accepted because it was all that existed. In 1998, the embarrassing upshot is a make-do, patchwork quilt of mismatched modes. As a result, none of the numerous forest fire scenes is particularly menacing. And the sequences depicting hero Jesse's "daring" parachute jumps into blazing hazards are so poorly configured that film editor Jack Hofstra should be offered asylum through the Federal Witness Protection Program.

Of course you don't need good special effects to make a villain believable. Just a dastardly cuss and a good script will do.

There's really no rational reason to see *Firestorm*, even if you have money to burn.

Firestorm, rated R, is a 20th Century Fox release directed by Dean Semler and stars Howie Long, William Forsythe and Suzy Amis. Running time: 100 minutes.

Political Grace and Style Lacking In 'New Reality' of Two Party System

Last year, Westfield's first taste of operating with a two-party system resulted in an impasse of the town's appointment process. Ultimately, matters were resolved, but some hard feelings and frustration were vented in public.

This year, the political leaders of both parties adjusted their procedures in hopes of resolving appointments through "behind the scenes" negotiations so that earthy debates did not air in public view. Although they achieved their schedule with the appointments, neither side seems accustomed to the "New Reality." The new reality is that the outcome is a negotiated settlement — not a consensus.

Also, it appears that the heavy burden of the "act of negotiation" may have allowed some things to slip through the cracks. Specifically, many of the appointees and those that were not re-appointed first learned of the outcome by reading the newspapers. In addition, they were not consulted along the way. We believe that each volunteer, successful or not, should be called and personally advised of the outcome. In the past, it seemed there was more style and grace.

No outcome can please everyone. This was evident when Melba Nixon was not re-appointed after 15 years as a member of the Westfield Recreation Commission. Soon after our story on her removal appeared in last week's paper, the Chairmen of both local political parties began fielding phone calls from the electorate.

It is clear that both parties share in the outcome of the negotiated settlement. Each should acknowledge their role and not "spin" bad press to the other side. After all, each party sat around the table. In the past, it seemed there was more style and grace.

The Mayor, as is tradition in Westfield, goes out and checks to see who wants to be re-appointed. Then the Mayor generally goes before the council with a list of re-appointments and new appointments to fill the vacancies. At that point, both the Mayor and council come up with the names of candidates for the open slots. This marks the beginning of negotiations between the two parties.

The appointment process just completed by Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and the Town Council resulted in a number of long-time board and commission members not being re-appointed. This is understandable as both sides started with vastly different lists when entering the negotiations. This is the "New

Reality." In the past, it seemed there was more style and grace.

On the Recreation Commission appointments, things quickly became complicated. Mayor Jardim had a desire for infusing new blood. The Republicans insisted on upholding Chairman Seymour Koslowski.

In the end, Daniel M. Schwebel, a member of the commission since 1988, and Mrs. Nixon were replaced with Thomas Cusimano and Ms. Regan; the latter of which was named an alternate, with local chiropractor Dr. William Bonsall moving up to a full member from an alternate.

The Board of Health, Recreation Commission and Westfield Memorial Library Board have appointees presented by the Mayor, with council confirmation required. The Planning Board and selection of council committees are among those appointments made strictly by the Mayor.

The bottom line is that there still appears to be a major communication problem between the Mayor and the Republican majority — something which must be cleared up if the 1998 town government is truly going to be able to have a good working year.

The fact that this happens to be a Mayoral election year (along with re-election bids of the two Democrats on the council) should not deter the governing body from its business. There cannot be two agendas before the council — one for the Democrats and one for the Republicans. The council needs to work as a whole and move party interests to a distant and secondary position.

If the Mayor or majority party is unhappy with the direction a board is taking or if new blood is needed, that's one thing, but to replace existing members as a test of political will simply should not be the case here in Westfield.

These are volunteer boards and the public is blessed with the quality of these volunteers. The appointment process is almost over. Now, can we constructively move ahead?

Maybe we can tell what's in store as the final issue unfolds; that of the Municipal Judge, which still has Jeffrey L. Gechtman of Fanwood, a paid position, serving in an acting capacity.

We hope that the latest political squabble will be cleared up soon. Let's end the battle now before more people like Mrs. Nixon become victims. In the past, it seemed there was more style and grace.

Letters to the Editor

Commuter Chooses 'Reliability Over Convenience' on Trains

As almost everything, through service to New York for Raritan Line implies both advantages and disadvantages. One advantage — increased convenience of service: no train change. One disadvantage —

decreased reliability of service — every additional mile contributes to the probability of delays, especially those busy miles between Newark and New York.

Township Council Needs to Join Effort On Aircraft Noise

As a 20-year resident of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area, I have been following with interest the articles and letters in your paper concerning aircraft noise, which has increased dramatically in this area during the last decade.

Remember all those delays while heading home from New York after work? Remember last "smoke condition" at New York Penn Station? I can take PATH to Newark, and the Raritan Line is ready for me with no delays, because they are unaffected by New York. But passengers of "through service" lines have no options and must wait. And in the morning, even if "through service" lines have delays, the Raritan Line is unaffected, and I can take PATH to New York.

I choose reliability over convenience, and therefore vote for the status quo. I also urge other people, including Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, to reconsider and stop this campaign for through service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters to the Editor must bear a signature, a street address and a daytime telephone number so authors may be verified. Letters that are E-mailed to the Editor also must contain a daytime telephone number. Our E-mail address is "press@goleader.com." Letters may be no longer than one-and-a-half pages, typewritten and double-spaced. Letters must be typed upper and lower case. All letters are subject to editing due to space limitations and style.

The deadline for letters is Friday by 4 p.m., if they are to appear in the following issue.

Mary Mahony
 Scotch Plains

Weichert Thanks All Who Donated Gifts For Needy Children

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many gifts donated to the 19th Annual Weichert, Realtors Toy Drive to benefit needy children.

The kindhearted generosity of the public this year helped us brighten the holiday season for many underprivileged children and made this year's toy drive the most successful ever.

Thousands of toys were collected at our 200 offices and distributed to local charities in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

We extend our warmest thanks to the people of the greater metropolitan area, and your community, for their continued support.

James M. Weichert
 President

Township Council Should Join Effort To Solve Airplane Noise Problem

Everyone, everywhere, who is bothered by aircraft noise wants and deserves relief.

In 1990 a \$25,000 study to address this issue was commissioned by the Scotch Plains Township Council and funded by the taxpayers. The law firm of Cutler & Stanfield, nationally recognized experts in the field of aircraft noise litigation, was selected for this analysis. The study recommended that Scotch Plains must be part of a regional plan to solve this problem.

Contrary to that advice, our council pursued a public policy position supporting the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Solberg plan, a divide and conquer approach that shows aircraft noise over adjoining towns and even increases noise in parts of Scotch Plains.

How to Survive Life's Obstacles As Depicted on the Silver Screen

By Louis H. Clark

Before I left for college, my father said to me, "I'm not going to raise your allowance because poor boys have more fun than those with lots of money."

I'm not going to argue that right now. Anyway, I got a job, by luck, almost immediately as an usher in an art movie house seating 125 people. My hours were from 7:15 until the time the picture had been rolling for over 10 minutes.

The owner was a weird old man who used to spend all day gluing pieces of the film together so that on the screen the picture was a bunch of crazy lines. The audience loved that sort of thing because it was an art house and "above Hollywood technical competence."

I also developed a sideline for myself. If a guy wanted a drink for himself and/or his date, all he had to do was raise his hand, and I'd come down the aisle and take his order. I always added one dollar per cup for my services, but the guy's date would be suitably impressed, and I made an average of \$5 per night so I wasn't bad off regarding income. Of course, I can never run for office because I never reported or paid an income tax on my vast earnings.



WELCOME TO OUR SHOW... Alumni chorus members practice singing the opening number "Welcome" from the 50th annual Washington/Grant School show, *The Big Five-O*, slated for Saturday, February 7.

Every now and then, an automobile would go by and the driver would honk his horn, but that didn't stop Oedipus and his daughter from struggling all through the movie.

By the way, the critic for the university paper used those immortal words about the two pictures: "Rises above crass reality and shows us life in the raw, surmounting all obstacles."

Preparations Are Underway For 50th Washington Show

Preparations are still continuing for the 50th Washington/Grant School show, "The Big Five-O," to be held on Friday, February 6, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, February 7, at 2 and 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, located at 302 Clark Street in Westfield.

Alumni," said Elizabeth Scollon, a spokeswoman for Washington Elementary School.

Tickets are \$6 for the matinee and \$7 for the evening performance and will be available from Burgdorff Realtors, 600 North Avenue, or by calling (908) 233-6557 and can also be purchased at the door if they not sold out.

Lenape Indian Lore Featured This Sunday at Miller-Cory

Lenape Indian culture in New Jersey will be featured at the Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, on Sunday, January 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Frederick Obrock
 Scotch Plains



WINNING TEAM... Juniors in the Journalism 2 course at Westfield High School recently teamed up for "Rake-A-Rama," the annual fall fundraiser to benefit *It's Eye*, the school's weekly, student-run newspaper. Pictured, left to right, are: Jeff Diamond, Adam Gregory, Tim Caprario, Dave Goldberg, Peter Abdelmessiah and Andrew McLaughlin. The students, who raked lawns in Westfield and neighboring communities, raised a total of \$6,641. Please see a story on Page 5.



AUCTION FUNDS PRESENTATION...Linda Maggio, Executive Director of the United Fund of Westfield, accepts a check for \$1,388 from Sealfons President, Bert Model. The money was raised in an auction sponsored by the store.

Sealfons Auction Benefits United Fund Campaign

The United Fund of Westfield was the beneficiary of funds raised in a silent auction sponsored recently by Sealfons Young World clothing store, located on Broad Street in Westfield.

Five Beanie Baby Princess Bears, donated by Sealfons, were auctioned to the highest bidders.

A total gift of \$1,388 was presented to Linda Maggio, Executive Director of the United Fund, by Sealfons' President, Bert Model.

"We are delighted to be able to support the community with this fun auction that excited so many children and parents alike," Mr. Model stated.

"And we believe that a donation to the United Fund of Westfield is still the best way to help the most people," he added.

Managers' Sales Began January 20 At F-SP Thrift Shop

Shoppers will be able to enjoy managers' daily sales at The Thrift Shop through this Saturday, January 24.

Asstute shoppers will be able to read the shop's blackboard announcement for each day's sales. Donation receipts have far exceeded other years, and managers are pleased with the quality.

The Thrift shop, an upscale, re-sale shop, is located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains and is operated by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League. Shop hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are received each day until noon.

Calls may be directed to 24-hour hot-line at (908) 322-5420.

SAT
1x2

Park Beverage
3x 7 1/2

Hi's Eye Students Celebrate Successful Fall Fundraiser

Hi's Eye, the weekly, student-run newspaper of Westfield High School, recently ended its annual fall fundraiser, "Rake-A-Rama," which had been held from October through December. This year, the students raked up \$6,641 — over \$2,000 more than last year's total of \$4,200.

"The 'Rake-A-Rama' this year was fantastic," remarked Tri-Editor and Rake Coordinator Meghan Corbett. "We had problems with the weather — it rained almost every weekend — but everyone put in the extra time to reschedule."

"The residents of Westfield, Mountainside and Scotch Plains were very patient and generous with donations," she added.

The Journalism Program at Westfield High School is divided into three academic sections involving over 100 students, according to Charles Soriano, a teacher of English and Journalism and the adviser to *Hi's Eye*.

Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting Jan. 28 at Print Tech

The January membership meeting of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 5:30 p.m. at Print Tech's Mountainside location, 1154 Route No. 22, West.

This first membership meeting of the year will offer Chamber members and guests a chance to exchange business cards and make new contacts with other area business people. Plans for the Chamber's 50th anniversary celebration this year and the new Chamber Board of Directors and officers will be announced.

There will also be a tour of Print Tech's bulk mailing facility. Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$15 per person. For reservations and information, please call the Chamber office at (908) 233-3021.

Math Professor to Talk At Coles School Jan. 28

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will host Dr. Miriam Leiva, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as she discusses, "Math for Our Children's Future."

The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Coles Elementary School Media Center, Kevin Road, Scotch Plains.

This evening is a continuation of the scholar's seminars sponsored this year by the Board of Education in an effort to keep parents and staff informed on varying aspects of education. The entire community is invited to attend and become informed on the topic.

Holy Trinity
2x3

The sections include the introductory Journalism 1 semester course available to sophomores, juniors and seniors, and the more advanced Journalism 2 and 3 courses. Students in the introductory course learn various writing techniques and the basics of desktop publishing.

Juniors in Journalism 2 edit copy and learn the commitment involved in creating a newspaper before being elected to editorships at the end of the year. Seniors enrolled in Journalism 3 produce and publish *Hi's Eye* every Friday during the school year.

For the seventh consecutive year, *Hi's Eye* was awarded First Place with Special Merit from the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA).

The ASPA also named *Hi's Eye* the "Most Outstanding" example of scholastic journalism in 1995.

In addition, the paper has also earned First Class ratings and Gold Medalist standing from the National Scholastic and Columbia Scholastic press associations.

It was also the subject of a 1996 cable television special, "Classroom Close-up," presented by the National Education Association and the New Jersey Education Association.

The Westfield School Board does not fund the newspaper's publication costs, and students must find alternative methods to maintain *Hi's Eye's* \$25,000 plus operating budget.

"Rake-A-Rama" is one example of the type of fundraising *Hi's Eye* does. The paper generates most of its money through advertising, subscriptions, and sponsors.

Subscribers pay \$15 for 33 issues, and each has the opportunity to sponsor the paper with a donation of \$15 per issue.

Students in Journalism 2 and 3 worked toward the success of this year's "Rake-A-Rama," Mr. Soriano reported. The classes were divided into nine groups and each received one sector of Westfield to rake.

Groups, consisting of six to seven people, raked after school and on weekends to raise money.

Overall, each group contributed about \$350 toward "Rake-A-Rama." In addition, *Hi's Eye* accepted matching donations from area residents interested in supporting the program.

Journalism 2 student Tim Capraro said, "I think we did a pretty good job, considering our goal was to raise \$6,000 and we surpassed that amount. Even though some groups did exceptionally well, everyone worked hard."

Filmakers
1x4

J&M
3 x7



DONATIONS TO DECA...Members of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA, an association of marketing students, recently accepted toys for needy children which were donated by members of the Scotch Plains Woman's Club at their December meeting. The Woman's Club has participated in DECA's Christmas gift distribution for many years. Pictured, left to right, are: DECA students Chris Difabio, Jeff Feighner and Kamran Ahmed, with club President Marguerite Taylor.

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The Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally-recognized living museum. It has been certified as an historic site and has been entered on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The gift shop is filled with Colonial reproductions, hand crafts, educational items and cookbooks.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, and 50 cents for students 6 years of age and older. Children under 6 will be admitted for free. Those persons interested in becoming a volunteer at the museum are asked to call the museum at (908) 232-1776. No experience is necessary.

On Sunday, February 1, the museum will feature net making. For information about the museum's schedule of events, please call the museum office.

Raggini
2x 5.5



Kenneth B. Marsh, 2nd and Miss Jennifer Gardes

*Miss Jennifer Gardes
To Wed Kenneth Marsh, 2nd*

Mr. and Mrs. George Gardes of Tenafly have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jennifer Gardes, to Kenneth Brian Marsh, 2nd. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Marsh of Westfield.

The future bride graduated from Tenafly High School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education from Manhattan Col-

lege in New York. She is employed as a Kindergarten teacher in Dover.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Westfield High School and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education from Kean College in Union. He is employed as a physical education teacher in Dover.

The couple plan to be married in July of 1999.

Emily Gleason Volunteers As School Teacher in Africa

Emily Gleason of Westfield and 20 other volunteers left on December 26 for a year of teaching English in Namibia, located in southwest Africa on the Atlantic Ocean.

Ms. Gleason earned a degree in Sociology/Anthropology from Middlebury College in Vermont in 1997.

She and the other volunteers traveled to Namibia under the auspices of WorldTeach, a private, non-profit organization based at Harvard University.

They were invited by various

*Fosters Welcome
Hailey Ellen*

Gregg and Sandra Foster of East Greenville, Pennsylvania, have announced the birth of their daughter, Hailey Ellen Foster, on Monday, November 24, at Doylestown Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Hailey Ellen weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at birth.

She joins her brother, Jake Thomas, 3.

Hailey's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Thomas of Princeton.

Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Foster of Westfield and State College, Pennsylvania.

*Daughter, Julia,
Born to Pikaarts*

Mr. and Mrs. Wellesley H. Pikaart, 3rd, of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Julia Elise Pikaart, on Thursday, November 20, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Julia Elise weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell of Punta Gorda, Florida.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wellesley Pikaart of Wayne. Julia's paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Elise Holmgren of Brick.

Namibian organizations to teach English, mathematics and natural sciences at government and church-sponsored schools throughout Namibia.

The WorldTeach program represents one of the first efforts by North American non-profit organizations to help the government of Namibia, which became independent in 1990, to initiate grassroots educational reform, according to a spokeswoman.

Teaching English to school students and their teachers is part of an effort to reform Namibian education, which under apartheid was deliberately segregated and underdeveloped, creating an unequal and inefficient educational system, the spokeswoman said.

In addition to teaching English, WorldTeach volunteers also teach mathematics, science, business and computer skills and music to children and adults across Namibia.

About half of the volunteers in Namibia are placed in elementary schools while the others work in high schools, rural development projects, foundation-sponsored resource centers and at corporate education programs.

WorldTeach, founded by a Harvard University graduate in 1986, recruits North American college graduates to teach in countries that ask for assistance.

During the year, housing and a living allowance is provided by the host organization or school. Volunteers fundraise a fee to cover the costs of their airfare, health insurance and training.

Glee Club Inviting Male Singers to Join Rehearsals

The Westfield Glee Club will resume rehearsals on Monday, January 26, at 8 p.m. for its spring concert to be held on Saturday, April 25, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The Glee Club is inviting male singers of all ages to come to the Monday night rehearsals.

Director Thomas Booth will intro-



OUT OF SIGHT...Cast members of the Westfield Community Players' *Out of Sight - Out of Murder* are shown here acting out one of the scenes from the play which runs through this Saturday, January 24.

Out of Sight - Out of Murder Opens Community Players

Co-directors Maurice J. Moran Jr. of Rahway and Peggy Seymour of Cranford have opened on January 10 with the cast of the Westfield Community Players (WCP) production of *Out of Sight - Out of Murder*.

Written by Fred Carmichael, this comedy mystery gives audiences all the classic spine-tingling elements, an author writing his novel in a bleak mansion on a dark and stormy night, the trusty butler, the beautiful girl and a mysterious will to be read at midnight.

In this story within a play, the hero and author, Peter, controls the story line and characters, or is it the other way around? The mystery unravels as Peter comically and heroically tries to set everything right so the hero can get the girl.

The cast features Lawrence Goldberg of Berkeley Heights, as the hero, Peter Knight; Hope Weinstein of Westfield, as Addie; Elaine Dooman of Summit, as Minna; Donna M. Snyder of Newark, as Lydia; Phil Hochman of Plainfield, as Cogburn; Mary Kate Cullinan of Elizabeth, as Kay, and David Whitcomb of Flemington, as Dick.

Also featured are the husband and wife acting duo from Springfield, Naomi and Jerry Yablonsky, as Fiona and Jordan.

Remaining show dates are this Friday and Saturday, January 23 and 24, at 8 p.m., with all tickets priced at \$12. Tickets are available at Rorden Realty in downtown Westfield or at the theater located at 1000 North Avenue, West in Westfield.

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.

Stamp Club Meets Tonight in Westfield

The Westfield Stamp Club will meet at 8 p.m. today, Thursday, January 22, in the Westfield Municipal Building at 425 East Broad Street.

Member Richard Green will present a talk on his collection of Austrian inflation stamps and covers of the early 1920s, when inflation approached 100,000 percent per year.

The program will be preceded by a mini-auction, coffee and general discussion from 8 to 8:30 p.m.

Little Treasures
2x2

Abbott
2x3

Dudick
2x3

Lancaster
2x5

Village Curtains
2x5

Greenbaum
2x 7

Biddy & Piddy
2x2

Calderone
2x2

Motophoto
2x 6 1/2



RECENTLY APPOINTED...The newest of the Westfield Police Auxiliary, left to right, are: Brian Wagner, Gregg Schwartz and Jonathan Sauer.

Chief Scutti Names Newest Auxiliary Police Officers

Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti has announced the appointment of three Auxiliary Police Officers to the Westfield Police Department. These officers were graduated from the Union County Police Academy on December 9.

The Westfield Police Auxiliary is a service organization composed of volunteer members and was organized to assist the Westfield Police Department during emergency situations.

The Auxiliary Police Course was conducted under the supervision of the Union County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management. The officers attended fourteen weeks of Saturday training and are trained and certified to "serve during a designated emergency/disaster" or properly assigned training session.



SEASON FOR GIVING...As in past years, Westfield's MotoPhoto & Portrait Studio was host for the Annual Food Drive and Santa photo shoot. This year's food drive resulted in over 325 pounds of food being donated to the food bank at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. The photo event was sponsored by MotoPhoto & Portrait Studio, Brummers Chocolate and the Westfield Special Improvement District. Pictured are former Councilman Norman N. Greco as Santa and Greg Gradel, the owner of MotoPhoto & Portrait Studio.

Community Players Fund-Raising Raffle Underway in Westfield

The Westfield Community Players is currently holding a fundraising raffle to benefit the theater. Raffle tickets will be sold at all performances of *Out of Sight - Out of Murder, I'm Not Rappaport* and *Romance, Romance*, the season's remaining three shows, with the drawing to be held at the group's annual meeting in May.

Naomi Yablonsky, in charge of the troupe's fund-raising efforts, noted that the winner will get two orchestra tickets to an upcoming production at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn and a \$100 gift certificate for Papermill's F.M. Kirby Carriage House restaurant. With a total prize value of almost \$200, only 200 tickets will be sold at \$5 each.

As tickets are going fast, those wishing to purchase raffle tickets may call the box office at (908) 232-1221 and leave a message. Winners need not be present to win.

Thomas W. Lyman Joins Faculty at Music Studio

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has announced that Thomas W. Lyman of Rahway has joined The Music Studio faculty.

In addition to his current participation as a pianist in the Workshop's Music Studio Jazz Band, and as a harpist with the Music Studio Chamber Orchestra, Mr. Lyman will now be lending his talents to the instruction of students as young as six years old.

After studying for several years at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, Mr. Lyman transferred to Kean College of New Jersey, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education.

Mr. Lyman has participated in the Union Symphony, the Jersey City State College Orchestra, the Clark Community Band, and the Montclair Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to his studies and performances, Mr. Lyman has been instructing, directing and teaching for over 30 years. He has been a choral/general music teacher in the public school system, as well as a private harp and piano instructor.

In 1997, Mr. Lyman began teaching at the Elizabeth High School for the Performing Arts in Elizabeth.

Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, Executive Director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, said Mr. Lyman

"has achieved outstanding success with students, starting as young as Kindergarten, in their development in playing harp and piano in group lessons, as well as private."

Anyone interested in playing the piano, keyboard, harp, or any other instruments may call the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts at (908) 789-9696 for more information on lesson availability and rates.

The Music Studio is a division of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, established in 1972 by Dr. Schlosberg, which offers training and activity programs for pre-school children through adults.

Located at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield, The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is a non-profit organization and is certified by the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts.

Divisions of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts include The Music Studio, Kids "N" Arts, Tots "N" Arts, The Westfield Fencing Club, The Westfield Summer Workshop, The Westfield Art Gallery, The Music Studio Summer Band/Orchestra Workshop. A new program begun this year is The Drawing Workshop.

Kelly E. Norton and Courtney C. Yevich Named to Dean's List

Westfield residents Kelly Elizabeth Norton, a junior, and Courtney Catherine Yevich, a sophomore, both recently earned Dean's List status at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia for the fall 1997 term.

Dean's List status at Washington and Lee represents a term grade-average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton. Courtney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yevich.

Community Center Sets Annual Meeting For Monday, Jan. 26

The annual meeting of the Westfield Community Center, a member agency of the United Fund of Westfield, will be held on Monday January 26, at 558 West Broad Street in Westfield, at 7:30 p.m.

Wiley M. Woodard, President of the Board of Directors, announced that the following officers, trustees and directors will be elected to serve for 1998:

President, Mr. Woodard; First Vice President, Lewis Corno; Second Vice President, Elizabeth McDiarmid; Secretary, Janice Williams, and Treasurer, Joseph Lockerman.

Directors to be elected for three-year terms are: Noel Brown, Dr. B. Carol Molnar and Aleatrice Youngblood.

Trustees are James Avery, Joyce Pretlow and Esther Simon. All registered members are invited to attend the annual meeting.

Mother Seaton 2x4

Storytime 3x6



GONE TO THE BIRDS...Tiger Cub Scouts in Den No. 2, Pack No. 171, first graders at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield, recently participated in a project to make bird feeders. They learned that birds have trouble finding food in the winter, so it is nice when people supply them with bird seed. Each boy made his own bird feeder to feed the birds in their backyard. Pictured, left to right, are: Stephen Zilberberg, John McGrory, Christopher DeLaFuente, Brian Hart, Craig Dyer and Ross Tucker. Also pictured is scout leader Dr. D. Michael Hart.

Dr. Carol B. Choye Among Four Finalists for National Honor as Top Administrator

Dr. Carol B. Choye, Superintendent of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools since 1993, is one of four finalists in the 1998 American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Superintendent of the Year program, according to a recent announcement from the AASA.

The award recognizes school leaders for distinguished service to the nation's public schools and the program is co-sponsored by the AASA and The ServiceMaster Company of Downers Grove, Illinois.

A national blue ribbon panel, consisting of representatives from education, business and government, selects the national finalist based on the extensive application materials which have been submitted, according to district Public Information Coordinator Kathleen L. Meyer.

Dr. Choye was interviewed by the panel in Washington, D.C. on January 13 along with the other national finalists who include Marvin Edwards from a school district in Elgin, Illinois; Barbara Grohe, of



Dr. Carol B. Choye the Iowa City Community School District, Iowa City, Iowa; and G.W. "Monty" Montgomery of the Metropolitan School District of Decatur Township, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The blue ribbon panel will reveal the name of the person selected as the 1998 National Superintendent of the Year during the first general session of the AASA National Conference on Education to begin February 27 in San Diego.

Valley Furniture 2x7

Westfield Review 2x2

Westfield Syphony 2x5

To Your Health

Chiropractic Care Benefits All Members of the Family

More and more families are turning to the chiropractic community to remedy their children's health problems, according to Dr. William Bonsall, a chiropractor who practices in Westfield.

Today, parents with children in tow visit chiropractors regularly to treat everything from sports-related conditions to chronic problems such as ear infections and migraines.

Greater acceptance of alternative health care methods, especially those coupled with traditional medicine, may be attributed to the popularity of such authors as Dr. Andrew Weil, author of the best-selling "8 Weeks to Optimum Health," according to Dr. Bonsall.

In his book, Dr. Weil advises preventative medicine and a good, common sense approach to improvement in lifestyle.

Dr. Bonsall, the married father of three children, is also an advocate of a healthy lifestyle. He is an avid runner, bicyclist and martial arts enthusiast.

Furthermore, Dr. Bonsall encourages his patients to live life to the fullest — he creates an environment

conducive to resuming normal and sporting activities as soon as possible — for the entire family.

For more information on chiropractic care for children and sports related conditions, please call Dr. Bonsall at (908) 654-9228. Bonsall Chiropractic and Sports Centre is located at 425 North Avenue, East, in Westfield.

College Offers Training For Home Health Aides

Union County College will offer the New Jersey State Board of Nursing-approved curriculum for Home Health Aide training this spring through a non-credit program presented at the college's Plainfield campus.

Participants must be sponsored by a member agency of the Union County Home Health Aide Training Consortium, according to a college spokeswoman.

Each course session will cover selected topics including personal care for home health patients, food and nutrition, physical therapy, anatomy and physiology, occupational therapy, and mental health and illness.

By passing both a written examination and a clinical practicum, participants will be eligible for certification as a home health aide.

The course will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays, February 3 through 27.

Those interested in further information should call the college's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

A foot and light-hearted I take to the open road.

Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long brown path before me leading wherever I choose.

— Walt Whitman
from *Song of the Open Road*



HELPING THE COMMUNITY... Lenore C. Scurry, Administrative Assistant, left, and Marion Coffee, Coordinator of Senior Programs at the Westfield Community Center Association, center, receive congratulations from Mary Ann Van Clief, Vice President of the Brookdale Foundation.

Community Center Receives Grant for Respite Program

The Westfield Community Center Association, a member of the United Fund of Westfield, was recently selected as one of four organizations in New Jersey to receive an \$8,000 award from the Grotta Foundation in partnership with the Brookdale Foundation, to establish a Social Model Group Respite and Activities/Day Program.

The Brookdale Foundation Group has provided support to establish Respite/Activity Day Programs in over 198 communities in 35 states across the nation.

The Brookdale National Group Respite Program for Alzheimer's Families provides the opportunity for people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other brain impairments to participate in a program of group activities in a supportive environment, while their family members have some relief from their caregiving responsibilities.

Under the leadership of Marion Coffee, Coordinator of Senior Programs, Westfield Community Center

will recruit and train volunteers who will become an integral part of the program, according to a spokeswoman for the center.

Ernestine N. Howell, Executive Director of the Westfield Community Center stated, "Our program will operate Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. People experiencing memory loss are welcome to participate in our group activities/day program."

"We are very interested in recruiting volunteers who will help make this a valuable and enjoyable program for those in need of this service and for their family members," she added.

For further information, please call Ms. Coffee at (908) 232-4759.

Innovative Therapy Benefits Children at Speech Center

According to the Suburban Speech Center in South Orange, children with language and processing impairments (about 10 percent of all children) can experience rapid, dramatic improvements in language abilities through a specialized, computer training program.

The new program, called Fast ForWord, was developed by Scientific Learning Corporation and uses state-of-the-art Internet and CD-ROM technology to retrain the brains of children with mild to severe language disorders, according to Dr. Nancy Polow, Program Director for Suburban Speech Center.

Fast ForWord is based on 20 years of research by Dr. Paula Tallal of Rutgers University and Dr. Michael Merzenich of the University of California.

In October of 1996, Suburban Speech Center was selected as the only New Jersey clinical research site to administer the Fast ForWord program. Since that time, the center has had over 125 children between the ages of 4 and 15 successfully complete the program, Dr. Polow reported.

The program is administered one hour and 40 minutes a day for approximately six weeks. The children at the

center showed improvements of one and a half to three years of speech processing and language ability in this short time period, Dr. Polow said.

Children who benefited included those with language difficulties, reading problems, and/or auditory processing disorders, according to Dr. Polow. This intensive, computerized program is in the form of games. It is designed to help children speed the rate at which their brains can process speech.

All the computer tasks are designed to maintain each child at a high performance level. Each child controls the rate of presentation on a personal computer, which guarantees a high level of personal success and positive reinforcement, Dr. Polow maintained.

Suburban Speech Center received the highest statewide award for its speech-language therapy services, according to the Program Director. The center has also been spotlighted in articles in *The Star-Ledger* and on CBS television for the results which it has achieved with children.

For further information on the Fast ForWord program, please call the Suburban Speech Center at (973) 761-1400.

'Vintage Views' to Spotlight Changes in Social Security

During February, "Vintage Views," Union County's cable television program for senior citizens, will review significant Social Security changes

that may affect Social Security, Medicare, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients.

Host Lou Coviello, a program coordinator with the Union County Division on Aging, brings these key Social Security issues into focus by interviewing Phil Matarese, Assistant Manager of the Social Security office in Elizabeth.

Mr. Matarese begins with an emphasis on the law that will require the use of direct deposit by recipients of all federal benefits, including Social Security and SSI, by January of 1999. Early acceptance of this service may avoid a rush to sign up at banks at the end of this year.

He goes on to advise seniors older than 65 who have not enrolled in Medicare B that they have an opportunity to do so over the next three months, until Tuesday, March 31.

Beyond these topics, Mr. Matarese describes and advises seniors about the maximum Social Security benefit at age 65, new higher earnings allowances for seniors between ages 62 and 69, the 1998 COLA increase; enlarged Medicare coverage for diabetes and cancer tests, Social Security taxes for workers in the home, and the importance and ease of making address and other security sensitive changes to the Social Security Administration.

The program is available throughout Union County in Elizabeth, on TKR Cable, Channel 10, Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.; in Plainfield, Comcast Cable, Channel 20, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.; Summit area, Comcast Cable, Channel 36, Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m., and in other county locations, through Comcast Cable, Channel 57, Thursday at 7 p.m.

For more information about "Vintage Views," or to comment on programming, please call Mr. Coviello at (908) 527-4872.

Westfield 'Y' to Hold Annual Health Fair

The Westfield "Y" will be holding its annual health fair Sunday, February 8, from noon to 3 p.m., in its gymnasium.

Union Hospital will provide, among other things, free blood pressure screenings, glucose screenings, adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation demonstrations, pulmonary screenings, a teddy bear clinic for the children and aerobics classes.

The "Y" is located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. The event is free and open to the general public.

Suburban Speech 2x2.5

Family Practice 2x4

Rejuvenations 2x6

Claudia Monticciolo Joins Rejuvenations

Rejuvenations Hair and Body Spa welcomes Claudia Monticciolo to its professional staff.

Claudia brings to Rejuvenations 20 years of experience in skin care, body waxing and makeup applications.

Proms and bridal parties are a specialty of their full service spa, which emphasizes personal service in a warm and friendly environment.

Rejuvenations carries a full line of skin and body care products, as well as offering collagen facials and glycolic pulls as just some of their skin care services.

Located at 887 Mountain Avenue in Mountainside, across from Friendly's, Rejuvenations may be reached at (908) 232-1067.

Dr. Sussman 2x4

Bonsal 2x5

Minding The Body 2x3

NJ Spine 2x4

To Your Health

Alzheimer's Chapter Lists Warning Signs of Affliction

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Inc., Northern New Jersey Chapter, has issued 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease.

The goals of the chapter are to increase awareness of the disease and to provide help to those afflicted with Alzheimer's or who are caring for a loved one with the condition.

The warning signs are as follows:

1. Recent Memory Loss That Affects Job Skills: It's normal to occasionally forget assignments, colleagues' names, or a business associate's telephone number and remember them later. Those with a dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, may forget things more often, and not remember them later.

2. Difficulty Performing Familiar Tasks: Busy people can be so distracted from time to time that they may leave the carrots on the stove and only remember to serve them at the end of the meal. People with Alzheimer's disease could prepare a meal and not only forget to serve it, but also forget they made it.

3. Problems With Language: Everyone has trouble finding the right word sometimes, but a person with Alzheimer's disease may forget simple words or substitute inappropriate words, making his or her sentence incomprehensible.

4. Disorientation of Time and Place: It's normal to forget the day of the week or one's destination for a moment. But people with Alzheimer's disease can become lost on their own street, not knowing where they are, how they got there or how to get back home.

5. Poor or Decreased Judgment: People can become so immersed in an

activity that they temporarily forget the child they're watching. People with Alzheimer's disease could forget entirely the child under their care. They may also dress inappropriately, wearing several shirts or blouses.

6. Problems With Abstract Thinking: Balancing a checkbook may be disconcerting when the task is more complicated than usual. Someone with Alzheimer's disease could forget completely what the numbers are and what needs to be done with them.

7. Misplacing Things: Anyone can temporarily misplace a wallet or keys. A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in inappropriate places: an iron in the freezer, or a wristwatch in the sugar bowl.

8. Changes in Mood or Behavior: Everyone becomes sad or moody from time to time. Someone with Alzheimer's disease can exhibit rapid mood swings — from calm to tears to anger — for no apparent reason.

9. Changes in Personality: People's personalities ordinarily change somewhat with age. But a person with Alzheimer's disease can change drastically, becoming extremely confused, suspicious, or fearful.

10. Loss of Initiative: It's normal to tire of housework, business activities, or social obligations, but most people regain their initiative. The person with Alzheimer's disease may become very passive and require cues and prompting to become involved.

Individuals are encouraged to review the list and check the symptoms that concern them. If there are several check marks, the individual with the symptoms should see a physician for a complete examination.



HELPING THE RED CROSS...Dr. John Tabachnick, Chairman of the Westfield-Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, left, is shown accepting a \$700 check from Dr. William Bonsall of Bonsall Chiropractic Centre in Westfield. The money was raised from a patient appreciation day that Dr. Bonsall recently conducted.

MR. HILL MARKS 40TH YEAR ON SQUAD SP Rescue Squad Officers Installed at Annual Dinner

The 61st annual Installation Dinner of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad was held on January 3 at Snuffly's Pantagis Restaurant.

The evening began with a memorial service, conducted by squad Chaplain Bob Gurske, honoring all the deceased members of the squad.

Mayor Joan Papen then administered the oath of office to the newly-elected squad officers. They are: President, Daniel Sullivan; First Vice President, Robert Speth; Second Vice President, William McLaughlin; Secretary, Jean Lozowski, and Treasurer, Harold Hill.

Also taking the oath of office were Mr. Gurske as Chaplain Mr. Hill as Captain, First Lieutenant Joanne Gurske, Second Lieutenant Robert Foerster, Delegates Joan Lozowski, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Sullivan; Alternate Delegates Maureen Barry, Mr. Foerster and David Smith, and Trustees Brian Cassidy, Edward Fiedler and Ernesto Hernandez.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to Captain Hill in recognition of his 40th year of service on the squad. Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine presented Captain Hill with a joint resolution from the New Jersey Senate and Assembly honoring his service and commitment.

Mayor Papen represented the Township Council and expressed the

gratitude of the governing body and the township to Mr. Hill for his example, leadership qualities and efforts on behalf of the squad.

The Mayor also presented Mr. Hill with a resolution from the council. Mr. Sullivan presented Mr. Hill with a certificate and a 40-year service pin from the New Jersey First Aid Council.

Mr. Hill, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, joined the squad in April of 1958. Since that time, he has answered over 10,500 emergency calls, and has served in many leadership roles both on the administrative and operational levels of the squad. He was awarded life membership to the squad in 1983.

Captain Hill was recognized in the community as "Volunteer of the Year" in 1991 and in the same year received the Emergency Care Award from the Knights of Columbus. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Mr. Hill was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart.

Service awards were also presented to several other squad members who marked milestones. Nick Wowchuck, a life member of the squad, received an award for 25 years; Debbie Speth, 15 years; Joan Lozowski, Carolyn Sorge and Thomas Cassidy, 10 years; Mr. Foerster, Steve Wheeler, Melissa Kuchar and Joe D'Albergo, five years.

Snoring Can Disrupt Sleep, Affecting Daytime Energy

For many years, the media has made light of snoring. But, for anyone who snores, or for the person kept awake by snoring, this "habit" is no joke, according to Dr. Philip R. Geron.

Dr. Geron is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Westfield Oral Surgery Associates in Westfield, and is Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Union Hospital, an affiliate of St. Barnabas Hospital.

He is also a member of the Research Sleep Society, Sleep Disorders Dental Society and the American Sleep Disorder Association.

Snoring can be simple or benign, with no health consequence to the snorer. However, even benign snoring can cause sleep disruption and disturbances for a spouse.

Historically, this has led to sleeping in different beds, different rooms, and has even led to more serious relation-

ship problems leading to divorce.

Symptoms of non-benign snoring in the average population include morning fatigue, headache, jaw soreness, dry mouth, increased irritability and memory/concentration difficulties during the day.

Snoring usually occurs when a person's airway at the back of the throat constricts, causing air to be exhaled at increased velocity and pressure. The soft tissues in the back of the mouth vibrate, creating the noise.

Because snoring is related to improper breathing during sleep, there may be serious medical issues to consider.

Children who snore, toss and turn and don't sleep well, may display symptoms of irritability, crankiness, unsociable behavior, decreased concentration and attention span, leading to poor grades in school.

Unfortunately, some of these children are labeled as having ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) or hyperactivity.

Although such diagnoses or labels may describe the symptoms, the cause of the problem is often not addressed or identified. The only real disorder these children may have is a sleep disorder.

Snoring in the elderly is often associated with sleep apnea (involuntary holding of one's breath) to varying degrees, which can contribute to serious health problems, especially in those with diabetes, high blood pressure, or cardiac dysrhythmias.

If any of the symptoms above sound familiar, treatment is available. First, a proper sleep history and appropriate physical examination of the mouth, jaws, nose and throat by a knowledgeable health-care provider is essential.

If conditions are found to be more severe, a sleep study is recommended.

Second, treatment for snoring with upper airway obstruction can range from complex surgeries to a dental device, which is custom designed, comfortable, and works by preventing the tongue/soft tissues and jaw from dropping back into the airway.

Such a device eliminates snoring in 85 percent of the cases without any surgery.

Don't let snoring get in the way of a good night's sleep for you or anyone else.

Needle-Free Electrolysis Eliminates Risk Factors

Now women and men can enjoy the benefit of permanent hair removal without the use of needles. Bina Roffman offers the permanent, needle-free form of electrolysis.

When most people hear the word "electrolysis," they think of needles. "Permanent hair removal is traditionally done with needle electrolysis, a technique that employs a fine needle inserted into each hair follicle," said Ms. Roffman.

An electrical current is passed through the needle and directed toward the hair root, or bulb. The application of the current sets off a chemical reaction with the body fluid and forms lye around the needle, which decomposes the tissues it touches. When properly administered, the electrolytic reaction permanently destroys the hair root and prevents regrowth of the hair.

"Our method also uses electrical current, but no needle. A probe is used to penetrate the hair that has been selected and conditioned using treatment procedures to make it less resistant to the flow of the current," explained Ms. Roffman.

"The current travels down the interior shaft to the hair root, which is permanently decomposed while the client rests or naps," she said.

"What makes this hair removal technique so unusual and effective is that the hair itself replaces the needle,"

Ms. Roffman continued. "Hair is a semi-conductor — once it is made less resistant, it can carry current straight to its target, the hair root."

With the traditional needle electrolysis, the permanency of the procedure depends on the skill of the operator, said Ms. Roffman.

Trying to deliver current to the hair bulb with a needle is like blindly aiming for a target, she added. "You can not see below the surface of the skin, and hair follicles are usually curved, so it is impossible to know which way to aim the needle."

Another plus, she maintained, is that nothing is inserted into the body. "Clients don't have to worry about scarring, infection, scabs, permanent nerve damage or the transmission of disease — common problems associated with the needle electrolysis," Ms. Roffman said.

"Compared to other methods of hair removal, our needle-free method can be faster and more effective," she stated. "The technique works on all types of hair, thick or thin, men or women or adolescents, and is recommended for the removal of hair from the most sensitive parts of the body," said Ms. Roffman.

New Jersey Center for Permanent Hair Removal is located at the Millburn Mall, 2933 Vauxhall Road, Suite No. 10, Union. The telephone number is (908)688-8244.

Atlas A&M Lodge To Hold Blood Drive

The Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 of the Free and Accepted Masons (F&AM) will hold a blood drive on Monday, February 2, from 6 to 9 p.m. The Lodge is located at the Masonic Temple, 1011 Central Avenue in Westfield.

A complimentary cholesterol screening will be provided for each blood donor.

Dr. Geron
2x4

Dr. Blum
2x3

Hair
1x2.5

Clark Rehab
2x7

Patient Care
3x7

Contact
We Care
1x3

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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 through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, and 9:15 a.m., Education programs.
Monday, 11 a.m., Fanwood Seniors; 12:30 a.m., Overeaters, and 7:30 p.m., League for Educational Advancement of Registered Nurses (LEARN).
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) 323-4250
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.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
1781 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-1830
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 MOUNTAINSIDE
1458 Deer Path, Westfield
(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) 841-4849
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 Highland 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
Marine & La Grande Avenues, Fanwood
(908) 889-8891
The Reverend Stephanie Miller-McLane, Interim Pastor
Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Choral Choir; 4 p.m., Celebration Rings; 4:45 p.m., Celebration Choir; and 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Choir and Scottish dancing.
Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m., Boomer's Chili and Volleyball night.
Sunday, 9 a.m., Adult education; 10 a.m., Public worship with Reverend Miller-McLane preaching; 11:30 a.m., Membership class; 1 to 3 p.m., Westminster Preschool Open House, and 6:30 p.m., K Group.
Monday, 6:30 p.m., Congregational meeting and dinner.
Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thrift Shop; 4 p.m., Genesis-Westminster Ringers; 4:45 p.m., Calvin-Westminster Choir, and 7:30 p.m., Chancel Ringers.

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.
Sunday, 9 a.m., 45-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; noon, Congregational meeting following worship; 5:15 p.m., Youth Choir; 6 p.m., Youth Supper, and 6:30 p.m., Youth Group.
Monday to Friday mornings, Mobile Meals prepared for delivery.
Monday, 12:15 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, and 7:30 p.m., Barbershopbers rehearsal.
Tuesday, 12:15 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous, and 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Adult Bible study.
Wednesday, 5:15 and 7:30 p.m., Weight Watchers.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
257 Midway Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 322-8461
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, Third Sunday after Epiphany, Worship service with Reverend John Wightman preaching, and church school for children of all ages, and Annual Meeting following service.
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) 233-4211
The Reverend David F. Harwood, Senior Minister
Sunday, Third Sunday after Epiphany, Homeless Hospitality begins; 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; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Time; 11 a.m., Morning worship with Reverend Harwood preaching on "Nobody's Fool" and Baptisms to take place during service; Child care is available during both services and the education hour; noon, Brunch; 4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir; 5:30 p.m., Youth Choir; 6 p.m., Active Parenting; 6:15 p.m., Snack Supper, and 6:35 p.m., Youth Fellowship.
Monday, 7:30 p.m., Stephen Ministry, and 8 p.m., Women's Cornerstone reunion.
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Bible study; 3:30 p.m., Primary Choir and Kids Discover and Create; 6:30 p.m., Five and Drum; 7 p.m., Divorce Recovery Workshop, and 8 p.m., Staff Parish Relations Committee.
Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., Wesley Choir and Kids Discover & Create; 7 p.m., Disciple III; 7:30 p.m., Evening and Stephen Ministry, and 8 p.m., Spiritual Life and Bible study.
Thursday, 7 p.m., Oratorio Choir; 8 p.m., Ministry in Daily Life Team, and 8:45 p.m., Sanctuary Choir.

GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1100 Boulevard, Westfield
(908) 233-3938 or (908) 232-4403
The Reverend Stanford M. Sutton, Jr., Pastor
Saturday, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Reverend John P. Galbraith will present two lectures on "The Amazing Story of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church."
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school with classes for all ages and Reverend Galbraith leading the adult class; 11 a.m., Morning worship (nursery provided) with Reverend Galbraith preaching; 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 Galbraith preaching.
Tuesday, 10 a.m., Women's Bible class.
Friday, 7:30 p.m., Study Group social time.

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 Gallows 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, Third Sunday Ordinary Time, 8 a.m., Worship services with Diana Brawley, Interim Associate, preaching; 8:45 a.m., Coffee fellowship; 9:15 a.m., Church school for all ages; 10:30 a.m., Worship services with Ms. Brawley preaching and Church school through grade 5; 11:45 a.m., Coffee fellowship, Youth Choir and Soup-eur Sunday, and 6 p.m., Youth Super Care Super Bowl Party.
Monday, 9 a.m., Monday Morning Craftsmen, and 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop No. 72.
Tuesday, 8 p.m., Communication Commission and Fellowship Commission.
Wednesday, 9 a.m., Nursery School Open House; 9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Women Bible Study; 1:30 p.m., Program staff; 4 p.m., LOGOS, and 7:30 p.m., For Parents Only.
Thursday, 7 a.m., Middle School Breakfast Club; 9 a.m., Nursery School Open House; 9:30 a.m., Chapel Prayer; 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.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Clark and Copperplains Place, Westfield
(908) 232-1517
The Reverend Paul E. Kritsch, 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 Masiello, 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 John J. 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 Eves, 7:30 p.m.
Holy Day Masses, 6:45 a.m., 8 a.m., noon and 7:30 p.m.
Thursday before First Friday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Mass.
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. HELENS 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) 322-6972
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) 233-2547
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 (Rite I), and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist (Rite 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'R'BETH TORAH
111 Valley Road, Clark
(732) 381-8403
Rabbi Sharon R. Zell
Thursdays, 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, Maazir and Havdalah.
Sunday, 9 a.m., Minyan.
Monday, 6:55 a.m., Minyan.
Tuesday, 7 a.m., Minyan.
Wednesday, 7 a.m., Minyan.

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 Hagan at 322-9807.

WILLOW GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-5678
The Reverend Kenneth C. Hetzel, Minister
Sunday, 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10 a.m., Fellowship time; 10:30 a.m., Morning worship with John Konopka preaching, and Junior and Senior High Fellowships in recess.
Monday, 7:15 p.m., Prayer meeting.
Wednesday, Mid-week Bible study in recess.
Thursday, 10 a.m., Mid-week Bible study; 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal, and 8 p.m., "Protecting Children and Adults from Misconduct."
Throughout the week, small groups meet in homes for prayer and Bible study. Guests are invited.
The church and all meeting rooms are handicap accessible.

Torah Center Plans Children's Program Focusing on Music
The Union County Torah Center will present a music and crafts program for children ages 3 to 5 on six consecutive Wednesdays starting on February 4, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the center, 418 Central Avenue in Westfield (next to West Coast Video).
Children will learn popular Jewish songs in both Hebrew and English, with musical instruments, after which they will do a related arts and crafts project. The fee is \$30 per child.
For more information and to reserve space, please call (908) 789-5252.

Parents of Children With ADD to Meet
A group of parents of children who have Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), with or without hyperactivity, has been meeting since October at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.
This group is open to any interested parent or professional who wishes to attend. The facilitator of this group is a licensed clinical social worker. There is no charge to attend and no requirement to register.
Interested adults may show up for the group on the Sunday, there is not a requirement to register.
The meetings for February and March are on the first Sunday of the month. The next meeting is February 1 at 11 a.m. in Room 10.
For more information, please call Temple Emanu-El at (908) 232-6770.

Love is not a matter of counting the years, it's making the years count.
— William Smith

Rabbi in Residence To Discuss Spirituality At Temple Beth O'r

Rabbi Moshe Edelman, Director of Leadership Development for the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, will address "The Quest for Spirituality" in a series of talks as the Edith and Mark Lief Honorary Scholar-in-Residence at Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah in Clark on Friday and Saturday, January 23 and 24.

At the Friday evening services, which begin at 8:30 p.m. at the temple located at 111 Valley Road, Rabbi Edelman, a former long-time pulpit rabbi, will focus on "The Quest for Spirituality: Jewish TM."

His remarks and the services will be preceded by a traditional Shabbat dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

On Saturday at 11 p.m., Rabbi Edelman, who also directs United Synagogue's Salom Challenge, a program through which he has prepared more than 200 synagogue vice presidents for the presidency of their respective institutions, will present "Spirituality through Tefilla (Prayer)."

Prior to this session, there will be regular Shabbat morning services and a Shabbat lunch.
Later that day, at the 4:30 p.m. Seuda (Shabbat afternoon/evening meal), he will discuss "Spirituality through Jewish Values and Action."

The only cost for the Shabbat (Shabbat program) is for the meals. Dinner is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 13 and under, and \$4 for children 13 and under.
For more information, please call the temple at (732) 381-8403.

Catholic Singles Plan Valentine's Dance

The Young Single Catholic Adults Club, a non-profit organization, will be sponsoring a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 7, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.
Singles between the ages of 25 and 45 are invited to attend. Admission is \$10, inclusive of snacks and beverages.
For further information, please call Mike at (732) 679-9012 or Jim at (732) 382-2754.

Women Voters League To Present Discussions About Campaign Issues

The Westfield Area League of Women Voters will host discussions on the current status of State Campaign Finance Reform and League Action.

The discussions will take place on Tuesday, January 27, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Anne Ruskin, 524 Prospect Street in Westfield, and on Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Marie-laure Hollander, 322 Lawrence Avenue in Westfield.
Members and the public are invited to attend. For information, please call (908) 654-8628.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization which is dedicated to informing the public on issues of public policy.
It operates on a local, state and national level, and membership is open to any citizen of voting age. For information, please call (908) 232-3840, or visit the organization's website at: westfieldnj.com/lwv.

Members of LEARN To Hear Discussion About Home Therapy

Anne Minieri, a registered nurse and Supervisor for Infusion Therapy of Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Elizabeth, will address the League for Educational Advancement of Registered Nurses (LEARN) on Monday, January 26, at 7:45 p.m. at the All Saints' Church Parish House, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The program will describe the admission criteria for Home IV Therapy as well as relating current trends in Home IV Therapy for children and adults. In addition, complications and nursing interventions for both peripheral and central IVs will be discussed.

Ms. Minieri screens and coordinates admission of infusion patients to Visiting Nurse. She provides in-service and supervision of Infusion Department staff nurses.
LEARN is a professional organization for registered nurses which offers eight programs an academic year on current nursing topics. Yearly dues are \$30 although guests will be admitted for \$8 per program. For more information, please write to LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains, 07076 or call the Program Coordinator at (908) 272-7239.

Historical Society Arranges Program On Corn Husk Dolls

The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will feature corn husk dolls at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 27, at 8 p.m. at the Fanwood Train Station on North and Martine Avenues.

Eileen O'Shea of Summit will give a brief history of these dolls and then guide attendees through making their own personal dolls. Participants are asked to bring their own scissors for this craft project. Refreshments will follow, and the public is invited to attend.

Further information about the Historical Society may be obtained from its President, Richard Bousquet, at P.O. Box 261, Scotch Plains, 07076 or by calling (908) 232-1199.

St. Bart's Plans Activities For Catholic Schools Week

St. Bartholomew Interparochial School in Scotch Plains will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 25, to Friday, January 30, to commemorate the contribution of Catholic school education to students, families and the community.

In recognition of this year's theme, "Catholic Schools Restoring Faith in Education," St. Bart's will sponsor a variety of spiritual events and an open house as part of the week's celebration.

The week will begin on Sunday with a Mass held at 9 a.m. This year there will also be a Special Pardon Mass held in the gymnasium on Monday, January 26, to honor the special people in St. Bart's students' lives. These special people are invited to attend the Mass.

On Tuesday, January 27, there will

be an open house from 9 to 11 a.m., during which families and the public are encouraged to visit the school and observe the classes in session.

The rest of the week will be dedicated to the students and the faculty, according to a school spokeswoman. Athletic activities will be the focus of Spirit Day, held in honor of the students.

Faculty Appreciation Day will include a lunch and individual class activities. The week will conclude with a Closing Prayer Service.

Registration for the 1998-1999 school year is scheduled for Sunday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. For additional information, please call (908) 322-4265. St. Bartholomew's School is located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Union Catholic to Celebrate Catholic Schools Next Week

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains will be celebrating Catholic Schools next week, Monday through Friday, January 26 to 30, with a number of events, some open to the public.

"The general theme 'Catholic Schools: Restoring Faith in Education' emphasizes the Catholic foundation of our schools — a curriculum infused in values, high academic standards and discipline," according to Principal Sister Porey Lee Hart.

Union Catholic has designated the week as Spirit Week and will have a music assembly on Wednesday, January 28, at 10 a.m. featuring William Aberdean and his family. Mr. Aberdean is employed at Union Catholic but is known locally as a musician and singer.

In the evening, a family supper of pizza and soda is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria followed by a basketball game between Union Catholic's Rocky's Rockets and the tricky and comedic Harlem Wizards.

Also scheduled for Thursday and Friday are a student-teacher exchange, a pep rally, "Breakfast on the Wings," a "Crazy Hair Day," and a fashion show by Russell Bridals & Tuxedos of

Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Board Releases Budget Meeting Dates

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recently approved its schedule of budget planning meetings for January and February.

The public is invited to attend all of these meetings, at which the district's budget managers and program supervisors will present their recommendations for the 1998-1999 school budget.

The board will present a budget overview at its regular public meeting tonight, Thursday, January 22. The special education budget will be reviewed on Thursday, January 29, and the regular instruction budget will be discussed on Tuesday, February 10, and Thursday, February 12.

Non-instructional budget items will be reviewed on Thursday, February 19. The board's regular public meeting for February, which will include a public hearing on the budget, has been moved to Tuesday, February 24.

The board expects to approve the tentative 1998-1999 school budget at a meeting on Tuesday, March 3. These meetings will give interested members of the public an opportunity to understand the contents of the proposed budget, as well as the fiscal constraints and issues that have influenced its development, according to a school district spokeswoman.

— Obituaries —

Allen R. Winch, 76, Patent Holder; Member of Westfield's Old Guard

Allen R. Winch, 76, of Westfield died on Saturday, January 17, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he had lived in Bronxville, New York, before moving to Westfield in 1953.

Mr. Winch retired in 1986 as Director of Marketing for Industrial Products after 16 years with Cotton Inc. of New York City.

He had previously worked at Johnson & Johnson Research Lab in New Brunswick from 1953 to 1956. From 1956 to 1970, he had been employed by Celanese Corporation of New Jersey in sales.

He was a 1939 graduate of East High School in Cleveland, and attended Case Western Reserve before joining the United States Air Force during World War II. He held the rank of Captain, serving in the China-Burma Theater.

After his discharge from the Air Force, he graduated from Columbia University in New York City with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Mr. Winch held several patents in the textile industry, including one for a new way to comb and clean cotton which helped to reduce brown lung disease in the industry.

He was a member of Tappi, a national textile organization and the Westfield Old Guard.
Surviving are his wife, Mabel E. Winch; a daughter, Valerie Lesiak of Cleveland; a twin brother, Lloyd Leslie Winch of Sacramento, California, and a grandson.
A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 1 p.m. in

Union Catholic to Celebrate Catholic Schools Next Week

Linden for the juniors and seniors featuring the current trend in prom attire.

Throughout the three day celebration, there will be drawings for free lunches, coupons for "No Homework Nites," and gift certificates to local stores.

Union Catholic High School, located on a 20-acre suburban campus in Scotch Plains, nurtures an environment based on Christian values, academic excellence and service to others.

Its student body is composed of young men and women from over 45 communities. Union Catholic's new "Anytime/Anywhere Learning" program, partnered with Microsoft and Toshiba, equip students with laptops for use throughout the school day and at home, breaking down the traditional classroom walls and inviting students to become global learners.

Families interested in more information on Union Catholic are invited to call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (908) 889-9475.



GOOD-NATURED...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Saturday, January 24, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PETSMART store, located at 1022 Route No. 22, East at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Dogs, kittens and cats will be available for adoption. Among these pets will be Billy, described as a red Chow mix. Billy is considered a good-natured large 5-year-old neutered male. This dog also is described as a calm, friendly dog who is housebroken and good with other dogs. To adopt or for information, please call (908) 688-1073. For low-cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$35 to \$55 and include rabies and distemper vaccinations.

Welcome Wagon

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Walter T. Ware, Sr., 83, War Veteran; Had Worked for American Cyanamid

Walter T. Ware, Sr., 83, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Tuesday, January 13, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Ware had been a chemical operator at American Cyanamid Corporation in Bridgewater for 33 years, and was member of International Chemical Workers Union, Local No. 111.

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

Mr. Ware was also a member and Past Master of Silver Bow Lodge No. 38 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Bound Brook and a member of Triangle Chapter of Royal Arch

Masons.

He was also a sentinel of Silver Crown Chapter No. 48, of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, both in Plainfield.

Surviving are a son, the Reverend Walter T. Ware, Jr. of Plainfield, and a grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 17, at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Arrangements were handled by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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Warren Hill, 84, Retired Executive; Served on Board of Adjustment

Warren Hill, 84, of Brielle died on Saturday, January 17, in the Jupiter Medical Center in Jupiter, Florida.

Born in Nyack, New York, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Brielle. He also maintained a residence in Tequesta, Florida.

Mr. Hill had been employed by the New Jersey Savings League in Newark for 39 years, retiring as President 23 years ago.

He graduated from Rutgers College.

Mr. Hill served in the United States Navy during World War II as a Lieutenant Commander.

He was President of the Board of Trustees of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church and the Raritan Valley Country Club in Somerville.

He also was a former member of the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment and the Scotch Plains Board of Education.

Surviving are his wife, Grace Kerr Hill; a son, Richard Hill; a sister, Frances L. Hill, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, January 23, at the Church in Brielle, Riverview Drive,

John H. Hunton, 75

John H. Hunton, 75, of Westfield died on Saturday, January 17, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Mr. Hunton had moved to Westfield in 1966.

He served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946.

Mr. Hunton received his master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of New Hampshire in 1949. He had worked for the American Cyanamid Company for 37 years, retiring in 1986.

He had been manager of engineering and maintenance at the Warner's Plant in Linden, and later served as manager of Capital Projects in Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Aaria Hunton; two daughters, Gail Hunton of Roosevelt and Elizabeth Hunton of Annandale; a son, Andrew Hunton of Nutley; a sister, Margaret Hunton Burlin of North Chatham, Massachusetts, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, January 21, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, 31 Evans Terminal Road, Hillside, 07205, or to the Memorial Fund of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Marina Tripp

Marina Tripp of Westfield died on Friday, January 16, at the Boston Regional Medical Center in Boston.

Born in Bogota, Columbia, she had lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1969.

She received her degree as a registered nurse from Colegio Universitario Para Enfermeras in Bogota.

Mrs. Tripp had been a registered nurse for the Jersey City Medical Center, and later a high school nurse for the City of Irvington for 14 years before her retirement in 1997.

She was a communicant of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood. Surviving is her husband, Ralph N. Tripp, Jr.; two daughters, Doniella V. Tripp-Leino of Richmond, Virginia and Grace Tringale of Stoneham, Massachusetts; a brother, Dr. Guillermo Ribero; five sisters, Graciela Nicosia of Eustis, Florida, Blanca Ginorio and Anita Aponte, both of Las Vegas, Nevada, Clemencia Apel of Boca Raton, Florida and Stella Mesa of Bogota, and two grandchildren.

A Funeral Liturgy was held yesterday, Wednesday, January 21, at St. Ann's Church. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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William Farkas, 83, Alcoa Retiree; Belonged to Scotch Hills Golf Club

William Farkas, 83, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, January 17, at Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Born in Toms Creek, Virginia, he

had lived in Garwood before moving to Scotch Plains 54 years ago.

Mr. Farkas had been a machine operator at Alcoa in Edison for 36 years, retiring in 1968. He had most recently been employed at Atlantic Metals in Springfield for seven years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Garwood, and was also a member of the Scotch Hills Golf Club in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Marie C. DeFreitas Farkas; two sons, William O. Farkas of High Point, North Carolina and Gary J. Farkas of Warwick, New York; a brother, Gaza Farkas of Mesa, Arizona; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 20, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, West, in Fanwood. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, 07076, or to The Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Hussa Street, Linden, 07036.

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Dr. Gabriel Troiano, 63, Grandfather; Had Medical Practice in Glen Ridge

Dr. Gabriel A. Troiano, 63, of Westfield died on Saturday, January 17, at home.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Montclair before moving to Westfield three years ago.

Dr. Troiano was a pediatrician and psychiatrist in Glen Ridge, and a member of the staff at the Elizabeth General Medical Center.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, with the medical service in Munich, Germany.

Dr. Troiano was a graduate of St. John's College and of Bologna Medical School in Bologna, Italy.

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Nora B. Scott, 74, Worked for Bank; Covenant Methodist Church Member

Nora Banfield Scott, 74, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, January 16, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Bayonne, she had lived in Plainfield before moving to Scotch Plains 40 years ago.

Mrs. Scott had been employed as a customer service representative for 15 years at the former Franklin State Bank, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of the Covenant United Methodist Church in Plainfield, and of its Joy Circle.

She was also a member and Past

Treasurer of STARFISH in Plainfield.

Surviving are her husband, Frederick J. Scott; a daughter, Patricia Gundersen of South Plainfield; a brother, William Benfield of New Rochelle, New York; two sisters, Rita Benfield of Point Pleasant and Doreen Bremen of Spring Hill, Florida, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 19, at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home in South Plainfield, and at the Covenant United Methodist Church.

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John F. Maher, 82, Served in Army; Retired Star-Ledger Accountant

John F. Maher, 82, of Brick died on Saturday, January 17, in Brick Hospital.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Brick 20 years ago.

Mr. Maher had been an accountant with *The Star-Ledger* for 23 years before retiring in 1983.

He was a Sergeant in the United States Army during World War II.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion, both of Brick.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine Maher; two sons, Brian Maher and John F. Maher, Jr.; 10 grandchildren,

and five great-grandchildren

A Funeral Mass will be offered at 9:15 a.m. today, Thursday, January 22, in St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church in Brick.

Arrangements are being handled by the Colonial Funeral Home in Brick.

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Theresa Gallagher, 77

Theresa Gallagher, 77, of Wildwood Crest died on Wednesday, January 14, at home.

Born in Mountainside, she had lived in Cranford before moving to Wildwood Crest 20 years ago.

Mrs. Gallagher was a proprietor of the Ed-Gail-Lynn Apartments in Wildwood Crest.

She was active in many senior citizens' programs.

Surviving are her husband, Edward Gallagher; a daughter, Patricia Mettrione; a son, John Gallagher; two sisters, Angelina Iaione and Edith Capece, and four grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, January 17, at the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue in Cranford.

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John R. Jenkins, 81, Lodge Member; Retired from Townsend Bros. at 75

John R. Jenkins, 81, of Westfield died on Tuesday, January 13, at the Meridian Health Care Facility in Plainfield.

Born in Hartsville, South Carolina, he had lived in Westfield for the past 39 years.

Mr. Jenkins had worked at Townsend Brothers Moving Company prior to retiring at age 75. He also drove a taxi cab in town for many years.

He was a member of Hiram Lodge No. 4, working under the jurisdiction of King William Grand Lodge in Newark.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Jenkins; four brothers, David Jenkins of Philadelphia, Sypicol Jenkins of Sumter, South Carolina, Ed Peterson

of Youngstown, Ohio and Fred Peterson of Newark; a sister, Amanda Gilmore of Philadelphia; three sons, Willard Jenkins of Philadelphia, Ivan Jenkins of Asbury Park and Enis Jenkins of Westfield; a stepson, Willie Smith of Newark; seven daughters, Carol Long of Newark, Vanita Clairborne, Marilyn Jenkins and Johnnie Mae Jenkins, all of Westfield, Darlene Jenkins of Roselle, Linda Chambers of Somerset; 22 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 17, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Plinton Funeral Home in Westfield.

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John F. Dunbar, 66, Army Veteran; Was Member of Audubon Society

John F. Dunbar, 66, of Green Brook died on Tuesday, January 13, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in New York City, he had lived in Ireland, Westfield, New Brunswick and Plainfield before moving to Green Brook in 1978.

He had been a quality control supervisor for Economics Labs in Avenel before retiring in 1986. Before that, he had been employed as a lab technician at Magnus Chemical Company in Garwood during the 1960s.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was

Frederick R. Wiehl, 74

Frederick R. Wiehl, 74, of Westfield died on Tuesday, January 13, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Irvington, he had lived in Roselle and Fanwood before moving to Westfield in 1957.

Mr. Wiehl had been a metallurgical engineer for American Smelting and Refining Company in South Plainfield and later worked for Singer Company in Fairfield before retiring in 1986.

He was active in the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad for 40 years and was an emergency medical technician instructor.

Surviving are his wife, Lois Wiehl; two sons, Paul Wiehl of Branchburg and Roger Wiehl of Alexandria, and a brother, John Wiehl, of Sea Bright.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 17, in the sanctuary of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Interment was private.

Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the Union County College, Cranford Campus, or to Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania.

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stationed in Germany.

Mr. Dunbar was a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the Audubon Society.

He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Miller, in 1994, and two brothers, Eugene Dunbar in 1944, and Robert B. Dunbar in 1997.

Surviving are two brothers, Frank J. Dunbar of Kennesaw, Georgia and Patrick J. Dunbar of South Plainfield.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, at the McCrisky Home For Funerals in South Plainfield. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New Jersey Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 846 Main Street, Fords, 08863.

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Donna Bucher, 42

Donna Bucher, 42, of Randolph died on Wednesday, January 14, at home.

Born in Jersey City, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Randolph.

Mrs. Bucher was a graduate of Monmouth College, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree.

She was a substitute elementary school teacher with the Randolph Township school system.

Surviving are her husband, Bruce D. Bucher; a son, Alex A. Bucher; a daughter, Christine E. Bucher; her parents, Costanzo and Nicolina Ianiro; two sisters, Mary Ann Halloran and Diane Cappiello, and two grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, January 17, in St. Matthew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, in Randolph.

Arrangements were handled by the Tuttle Funeral Home in Randolph.

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Neighbors of JCC Object To Lighting Plan for Center

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for the elimination of ambient lighting spilling from the building windows themselves, construction of fencing along the perimeter of the property, and evaluation of the noise and traffic surrounded by the area due to the existence of the JCC.

Board member Jane Lorber was sympathetic to the residents lighting requests, especially in the amount of existing light spilling from the large glass windows of the building.

"I would find it intolerable. The whole area glows," she said.

Mr. Glucksman explained that the JCC took every precaution in the design of the building and the incorporation of large glass block with a light diffusing quality.

He said that the windows were added to the building to take advantage of natural daylight, but added that the glass block cuts down the amount of light transmitted by 45 to 50 percent.

Board Attorney Anthony D. Rinaldo, Jr. said he realized the architects carefully studied the area, but that ultimately, "There's a lot of lighting coming out that some people object to."

Mr. Rinaldo suggested that Mr. Glucksman and his team conduct a study of the property lighting and shield recommendations.

Mr. Glucksman said this alternative, already addressed by the JCC, revealed that, "To put up a curtain of blockage could be dangerous."

Ms. Lorber disagreed with Mr. Glucksman's findings on this subject. "I have done my homework, and have talked to two architectural firms that have come up with five ways (to add a shutter or shade) even in a (swimming) pool room. We do need to address this issue," she said.

Thomas Perrucci, board member, agreed with Ms. Lorber and Mr. Rinaldo.

"This is a major problem. It just hits you. It's a glare," he said.

Mr. Glucksman stated that although he did not have a present solution, he and the JCC hoped to resolve all issues.

"We will try to find a solution to suit everyone," he added.

After all comments by the board and residents were made, JCC attorney Tripp said, "We're getting the message...and were willing to explore solutions."

Mr. Tripp said that the JCC is understanding the significant lighting objections, but that they still felt a certain amount of additional lighting was necessary for safety purposes.

"There must be a balance between impact and safety," he added.

The board agreed to allow the JCC to revisit the lighting problems and return to the March 5 meeting date with a revised proposal and solution to the issues presented.

Mr. Rinaldo suggested that a lighting professional consultant work with the JCC, to be paid by the center, before the next meeting to address these concerns. Mr. Tripp agreed to these suggestions.

"We have no objection to having an independent person work with us," he said.

The JCC will also undergo assessment of the criteria of a former variance to see if all conditions were met.

Until the Thursday, March 5 meeting, the JCC may begin construction

of the grass pavers in the rear of the building, and must keep any new lighting and flood lights in question turned off until further notice.

The board complimented the neighbors for their involvement. Board member Timothy Livolsi said, "Thank you for your willingness to work as a team."

The second application scheduled for the January 15 meeting, filed by George and Eleni Filippatos for permission to construct a 6,500-foot addition to the Park Place Restaurant and an additional 12,200 square feet of retail space for a strip mall on the site, was also postponed until the March 5 meeting.

The retail mall, being a non-conforming use, would need the granting of a use variance for the proposed addition to the restaurant.

The property is located at 1900 Raritan Road. The zoning aspect of the application will first be heard by the board and, if granted the necessary variances, the site plan application would then be presented before the board.

Local DECA Students Win Multiple Awards

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Management; Jeffrey Owens, Vehicles and Petroleum Marketing; Rianna Liss, Apparel, and Ted Sweeney, Services Marketing.

Third-place winners were freshman Rob Bugg, and seniors Chris DeSantis, Jeffrey Gillie, Apparel, and Brian Spitzer, Marketing Management.

Other trophy winners in individual instructional testing were Lauren McCourt and Rob Bugg, first place; Jim Thompson, Tammi Rose and Adam Koster, second place, and Steve Averbukh and Jennifer Kane, third place.

Other Scotch Plains-Fanwood winners who became eligible to compete on the state level include Eli Brown, Jeff Fiorino, Rachel Beck, Joe Caruso, Chis DiFabio, Jill Cocco, Eric Miihansky, Kevin Anderson, Tom Gentile, Jordan Eannucci and Melissa Verducci.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood students also included a freshman group who all became eligible. They include Rob Bugg, Tim Gander, Brett Bushinger, Pat Dinsmore, Eric Konzelman, Dave Palmatier and James McClintock.

Kimberly Pecoraro Is Included Among Outstanding Women

Kimberly Anne Pecoraro of Scotch Plains has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America (OYWA).

Since 1966, the OYWA program has honored men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and through civic and political participation.

Nominations are received from political leaders, college and university officials, clergymen, business leaders and civic groups and organizations.

For more information about Outstanding Young Women of America and Outstanding Young Men of America programs, please call Jim Lueck at (703) 749-0010.



William A. Burke for The Times

ALLIANCE FOR SUCCESS... Councilman Joel Whitaker, center, presents the Municipal Alliance Award to Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz and Police Chief Robert Carboy at the Fanwood Borough Council's regular meeting last Thursday. Councilwoman Schurtz and Chief Carboy are representatives to the Municipal Alliance Committee, which sponsors educational programs to benefit the communities of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Police Captain Sworn In; Temporary Budget Okayed

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assistance program with Union County. Borough officials said they felt that resources for welfare recipients could be more effectively administered on the local level.

Finally, the governing body passed a resolution opposing the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) proposal to test a new 260-degree route. Opponents of the plan maintain that it will channel aircraft noise directly over residential areas of Union County, including Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

The council's resolution supports the position of the Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise, Inc., which has appealed to the FAA to shift aircraft noise away from residential areas and to find a regional solution to the problem.

Task Force to Hammer Out Options for Flood Control

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The basins would take three years to complete. Task Force members say it is possible that detention basins could be moved either up or down stream of the existing proposed sites in a new plan.

Under the existing proposed Army Corps plan, which has already cost a reported \$27 million in study and design, Union County would be protected against flooding from a storm that happens once in 25 years.

The ranking as 10-, 25-, 100- or 150-year events denotes the severity of the storm and flood damage and the probability of how often it happens. Somerset County would receive protection against a 150-year flood.

The Task Force — chaired by Berkeley Heights residents Dr. Robert Hlavacek and Vice Chairman Dr. John Brown — has agreed to hold public meetings once a month in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building.

According to Frank Meeks, Treasurer of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission, one of the primary questions to be answered by the task force is how much water storage capacity is actually needed in any Upper Portion basin.

Former Republican Freeholder from Roselle Park and Union County representative to the Task Force, Henry W. Kurz, said the goal of the Task Force is clearly to develop alternatives to the existing basin plan that are acceptable to area officials and residents.

"This is a far-reaching project," Mr. Kurz said, "and we want to look carefully at alternatives."

The Task Force will work with the Army Corps and \$100,000 of federal funds allotted for study of the options.

A report from the Task Force on its findings will first be presented to the

Flood Control Commission in September before it is made public, according to officials.

The Army Corps' plans for the Stony Brook and Lower Portion, primarily located in Middlesex and Somerset Counties, are to deepen and widen channels of the existing rivers, add earthen levees or concrete walls along the banks, install pumping stations for runoff water and add movable floodgates across roads.

Clean-up and containment of eight hazardous waste sites is also included in the project.

The Green Brook Flood Control Project arose from the efforts of a commission formed in the early 1970s after severe flooding caused thousands of dollars worth of damage and ultimately six deaths in the Green Brook sub-basin region.

In October of 1996, a fierce nor'easter set loose flood waters that left parts of Route No. 22 under several feet of water, and last January the results of a snow storm wreaked similar havoc on the region.

Recent Transactions Reported for Fanwood

The following are recent real estate transactions from Fanwood.

Residence at 453 Midway Avenue, to Alexander Tarashansky, from Erik Vaher, \$157,000.

Residence at 33 Paterson Road, to Edward William Gerke and Marie Bridgit Gerke, from Andrew Port, \$164,000.

Residence at 66 Beech Avenue, to Richard Londino and Victoria Zvara, from Rosemary Silva, \$155,000.



SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 12
• A representative of a Route No. 22 business reported that someone had burglarized the building over the weekend by prying off a panel of plywood that had covered an entrance.

Several items were found at the point of entry indicating that the individual or people responsible may have been scared off, according to police.

• Kevin A. Gabri, 20, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with violation of a township ordinance (breach of peace). Gabri was allegedly involved in an argument with another person in the parking lot of a diner on Route No. 22.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13
• Christopher M. Blaszcayk, 20, of Westfield was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana following a traffic stop on Front Street, according to police.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
• Knud Jensen, 54, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana as a result of

a traffic stop on South Avenue.

• An employee of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education reported that someone punctured an oil filter on a backhoe which was parked at the rear of Park Middle School on Park Avenue.

• Jeffrey D. Bergson, 36, of Avenel was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana on Westfield Road, according to authorities.

Police were alerted by a citizen who observed suspicious behavior, authorities said.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
• An employee of a truck rental company on Route No. 22 reported that some time overnight someone had stolen an orange trailer.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
• Willie E. Douglas, 39, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected cocaine and with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, according to police. The suspect was discovered in his vehicle which was parked on Clydesdale Road, authorities said.

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measure "political grandstanding." The Freeholders currently have a 9-0 Democratic majority.

A letter to the Freeholders from council members says the plan "oversteps the bounds" of county government and that any tax revenue surplus should be returned to taxpayers "so that they may have the option to apply the funds to more pressing needs in the school district."

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education admitted last October that it was at least \$700,000 in debt with its "savings account at zero" after purchasing six modular classrooms to deal with overcrowding in elementary schools and other expenses.

In other business, the council said it would consider reducing the minimum bid for auction of township property at 2682 Plainfield Avenue to \$40,000 from \$60,000.

There were no bids on the property last week during the first auction on the land. Officials said realtors speculated that a \$200,000 house could be

built at the site.

The council said it would consider eliminating the health fair from Scotch Plains Day activities so that the event may be held earlier this year — by early October at the latest — to avoid stormy weather.

Scotch Plains Day originated in 1975 with then-Mayor and State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine dedicating the Village Green and honoring township volunteers and retired municipal employees.

Members of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) have recommended that the event be held on a Sunday in order to improve participation.

The Freddie Spencer Memorial Bike Race is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, with 15-, 20- and 35-mile courses. Mr. Spencer was a Hall of Fame competitive bicyclist and the father of Mayor Papan.

The council said it was looking at complaints from merchants over the closing of downtown streets for the morning races.

Ms. DeSalvo Is Recipient Of March of Dimes Award

Frances DeSalvo, a business education teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, was recently presented with the Brungard Youth Award at the March of Dimes third annual Volunteer of the Year Awards and Recognition Reception in Morris Plains.

The award is named for T.J. Brungard, an eight-year-old boy who has participated for the last five years in March of Dimes' WalkAmerica, the organization's largest annual fundraiser. T.J. walks in memory of his brother, who died from a birth defect.

It was presented to Ms. DeSalvo for her significant contributions to the

mission of the March of Dimes through her work with a youth group.

Ms. DeSalvo is the long-time adviser to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.

The group has been recognized for four consecutive years as the outstanding FBLA chapter in New Jersey, according to a school district spokeswoman.

It has designated the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation as its chapter charity, and has raised more than \$20,000 over the years for the organization by annually sponsoring a "Bowl-a-thon" for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students.

Essex-Union Auto Task Force Recovered 336 Vehicles in '97

The Essex Union Auto Theft Task Force recovered 336 stolen vehicles in 1997, and the trends uncovered in a review of the year's total show luxury cars and sport utility vehicles are the top picks of the car thieves.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan, of Westfield, said the efforts of the task force, comprised of law enforcement officers from both counties, is paying big dividend.

"The nation's top 10 list of places where the most car thefts took place no longer includes Newark, Elizabeth or Irvington, and we take great pride in that," he said.

To date, according to the unit commander, Lieutenant Thomas DeCastro of the Prosecutor's office, the task force has recovered 2,291 stolen vehicles worth more than \$21 million.

Since the task force was established by the late Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo back on December 19, 1991, the officers from both counties have arrested 1,401 adults and 726 juveniles for car theft.

"You'd better believe the auto insurance companies are thrilled with the recoveries, plus the fact that repeat car thieves are being given jail and reformatory terms that keep them off the streets," Mr. Manahan said.

The totals for 1997 show 336 cars recovered, with 189 adult arrests and 56 juveniles taken into custody. Executive Officer Louis Carrega, a lieutenant in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, said the 13 officers assigned to the joint task force had a typical month last month with 35 stolen vehicles recovered and 24 persons arrested.

But while the old statistics pointed to Chevrolet Caprice and Z28 Camaros being among the most popular cars stolen, the emerging trend is showing a different taste among car thieves.

"Now the cars being stolen are the most expensive, Accura, BMW cars of all models, and sport utility ve-

hicles," Lieutenant DeCastro said.

A review of this week's cases bears that out. Through January 9, the task force officers had recovered a 1995 BMW 740i worth \$42,275 stolen in Woodbridge on January 1, a 1997 Lexus 300, worth \$29,000 that was stolen in Elizabeth on January 7, a 1989 Toyota Tercel worth \$3,025 stolen in Newark on December 10, a 1997 Ford F250 pickup truck worth \$31,050 stolen in Wayne on January 8, a 1996 Nissan Pathfinder worth \$31,525 stolen in East Orange on January 7 and a 1995 Acura Integra worth \$16,075 stolen in Livingston on January 8.

The three adults picked up in connection with these thefts were ages 19, 20 and 21 from East Orange and Livingston and the five juveniles were ages 15 to 17 from Newark and East Orange.

"These cars are being recovered and returned to their owners, and the thieves are off to jail," Mr. Manahan said, adding that the task force was particularly effective when state troopers were assigned to bolster the ranks of the municipal officers and Prosecutor's detectives on the team.

Lieutenant DeCastro said most of the cars are used not for mere transportation, nor for chop shops cut up for pieces, nor even to be shipped overseas for resale.

"We find, by and large, that the cars are being used to commit other crimes, then abandoned," he stated.

Authorities said insurance corporations are strong supporters of the task force effort, but funding cutbacks may soon impact on the ability to expand this unique regional crime-fighting effort.

"The mayors and police chiefs from both Union and Essex Counties realize the tremendous impact this has made," said Mr. Manahan. "We're going to give it our best to keep it moving forward."

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Task Force to Hammer Out Options for Flood Control

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posed sites in a new plan.

Under the existing proposed Army Corps plan, which has already cost a reported \$27 million in study and design, Union County would be protected against flooding from a storm that happens once in 25 years.

The ranking as 10-, 25-, 100- or 150-year events denotes the severity of the storm and flood damage and the probability of how often it happens. Somerset County would receive protection against a 150-year flood.

The Task Force — chaired by Berkeley Heights residents Dr. Robert Hlavacek and Vice Chairman Dr. John Brown — has agreed to hold public meetings once a month in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building.

According to Frank Meeks, Treasurer of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission, one of the primary questions to be answered by the task force is how much water storage capacity is actually needed in any Upper Portion basin.

Former Republican Freeholder from Roselle Park and Union County representative to the Task Force, Henry W. Kurz, said the goal of the Task Force is clearly to develop alternatives to the existing basin plan that are acceptable to area officials and residents.

"This is a far-reaching project,"

Mr. Kurz said, "and we want to look carefully at alternatives."

The Task Force will work with the Army Corps and \$100,000 of federal funds allotted for study of the options.

A report from the Task Force on its findings will first be presented to the Flood Control Commission in September before it is made public, according to officials.

The Army Corps' plans for the Stony Brook and Lower Portion, primarily located in Middlesex and Somerset Counties, are to deepen and widen channels of the existing rivers, add earthen levees or concrete walls along the banks, install pumping stations for runoff water and add movable floodgates across roads.

Clean-up and containment of eight hazardous waste sites is also included in the project.

The Green Brook Flood Control Project arose from the efforts of a commission formed in the early 1970s after severe flooding caused thousands of dollars worth of damage and ultimately six deaths in the Green Brook sub-basin region.

In October of 1996, a fierce nor'easter set loose flood waters that left parts of Route No. 22 under several feet of water, and last January the results of a snow storm wreaked similar havoc on the region.

Superintendent Releases Strategic Plan Drafts

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• The community sets high academic, moral and ethical expectations.

- Children need a supportive, safe environment.
- Children deserve to be treated with respect.
- Children flourish when they have time to be children.
- Respect is critical.

Goals

- All students will be challenged by rigorous programs that will equip them with the tools to achieve excellence in their lives.
- All students will understand and respect all individuals in a pluralistic society.
- Promote learning and citizenship by advancing a synergistic relationship among the community, family and the schools.
- All students will attend upgraded, safe and well-maintained schools.

Strategies

- Ensure faculty and staff excellence.
- Integrate technology at all grade levels.
- Set clear and high expectations for students of all levels of ability.
- Coordinate curriculum across and within grade levels.
- Ensure curricula that promotes a climate of respect.
- Provide counseling services for Kindergarten through grade 12.
- Provide mandatory staff development programs and address issues of diversity.
- Develop an active program of community service for all students by the year 2000.
- Ensure effective family involvement in the education of all students by the year 2000.
- Ensure meaningful and involved participation by community and business in the education of all students by the year 2000.
- Ensure adequate space for increasing enrollments on an annual basis.
- Ensure effective institutional space for all curricular offerings.
- Ensure that all facilities approach ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) accessibility by 2003.

Comments on these documents can be addressed to Elizabeth Willett, Strategic Planning Internal Coordinator, Westfield Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, 07090.

This information can also be accessed on the Westfield web page (<http://www.westfieldnj.com>) and comments may be e-mailed via that site.

Both Dr. Foley and Ms. Puleio expressed their appreciation for the time, effort and concern of the volunteer committee members.

"Planning for the future of our schools involves every segment of the community," noted Dr. Foley. "Our strategic planning process has progressed because of the cooperation and inspiration of many people."

"I believe the goals and objectives they've developed are important steps to charting the future course of our school district. The next step, developing action plans, will be crucial to fulfilling these goals," he said.

The public is invited to volunteer on one of seven Action Plan Committees being formed as a result of the strategic planning process.

The committees on which the public can serve have been defined into the following areas:

- Integrate technology into the curricula.
 - Develop high expectations for all levels of ability.
 - Promote a climate of respect through our curricula.
 - Develop a counseling program for Kindergarten through grade 12.
 - Develop an action program of community service for all students.
 - Develop effective family, community, business and school partnerships.
 - Ensure safe and effective instructional facilities.
- Dr. Foley said the Action Plan committees will also address the financial aspects of these strategies. He also noted that service on the committees would probably entail approximately one meeting a week for about eight to 10 weeks.
- Further information on the application forms is available from Ms. Willett or from the district's web site.



WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

• Thomas Hanna, 60, of Westfield was arrested at Rahway Avenue and Grove Street and charged with driving while intoxicated and with refusal to take a breathalyzer test, according to police. He was released on \$900 bail.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

• A Columbus Avenue resident reported that someone entered her parked vehicle and stole \$6 in cash.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

• Lee Musler, 19, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated in the 400 block of Mountain Avenue after striking a parked car, according to police. He was released on \$375 bail.

• A Scotch Plains resident reported

that someone threw a brick through his windshield while his car was parked in the lot of an Elm Street food store. Police had no suspects as of earlier this week.

• A clergyman from Manchester, New Hampshire reported that someone stole \$400 from his hotel room on North Avenue, West.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

• Police revealed that someone set fire to playground equipment during the early hours of the morning at Franklin Elementary School on Prospect Street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

• A window was discovered broken out at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Clark Street and was secured by a janitor at the school.



WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

• Two hundred block of Myrtle Avenue — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Seven hundred block of East Broad Street — system malfunction.

• Seven hundred block of Carleton Road — good intent call.

• Two hundred block of South Avenue, West — spill/hazardous condition.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

• Three hundred block of First Street — system malfunction.

• Two hundred block of North Avenue, West — elevator emergency.

• Six hundred block of Kimball Avenue — smoke scare.

• Two hundred block of Twin Oaks Terrace — carbon monoxide detector activation.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

• Two hundred block of North Avenue, East — system malfunction.

• Twelve hundred block of Boulevard — unintentional alarm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

• Six hundred block of Coleman Place — unintentional alarm.

• Eight hundred block of Standish Avenue — smoke scare.

• Ten hundred block of South Avenue, West — good intent call.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

• Seven hundred block of Summit Avenue — electrical short.

• Eight hundred block of Fairaces Avenue — smoke scare.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

• One hundred block of Park Street — gas odor investigation.

• Five hundred block of Springfield Avenue — refuse fire.

Second Meeting Planned On Preservation Program

A second meeting for interested residents of the Central Avenue corridor in Westfield concerning the proposed Neighborhood Preservation Program will be held next Thursday, January 29, at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

At the initial meeting held in November, participants identified several areas upon which to focus efforts. As stated at that meeting, the program "requires maximum public input," noted Mayor Thomas C. Jardim.

"As such, it is necessary to hold another meeting to seek volunteers who are interested in working in one of several focus areas," he stated.

All interested parties are invited to come and share their ideas concerning "this important program," the Mayor said.

The state program, established in 1975 through "The Maintenance of Viable Neighborhoods Act," was created to provide "financial assistance to municipalities for activities that promote the restoration and revitalization of threatened but viable neighborhoods," according to the guideline book on the program.

School Board Considering End to Desegregation

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board a sense of how they feel on the placement of their children in the current plan versus that of ending desegregation.

During the agenda meeting, a scheduled report on special education from Dr. Ted Kozlik, Director of Student Personnel Services, was postponed until Monday, February 2. Dr. Kozlik was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

In February, the special education report will likely share the spotlight with a discussion of the budget.

"It is possible that budget cap numbers will be available," Dr. Foley said.

The superintendent announced that the Westfield schools' annual Report Cards will be mailed to all town residents.

"It includes a summary of activities and accomplishments of staff and students," said the superintendent.

He pointed out that the Report Card shows a steady increase in the district's Early Warning Test (EWT) and High School Proficiency Test scores for Westfield students.

Long-range Planning Committee Chairwoman Annmarie Puleio announced that a draft of the district's Strategic Plan will be presented to the public on Thursday, February 5, at 8 p.m. in the Westfield High School auditorium.

Members of the public are invited to volunteer to serve on one of seven Action Plan Committees which are being formed as a result of the school district's strategic planning process. Each committee will focus on a different strategy.

Service on the committees would entail approximately one meeting a week for eight to 10 weeks. Forms are available at board offices, all public schools, the Westfield Memorial Library and the School/Community Relations Office in the Administration Building at 302 Elm Street.

In commenting on the scheduled polling hours of 2 to 9 p.m. for the school elections on Tuesday, April 21, Board President Susan Jacobson reminded the audience that three positions are open on the board this year.

The seats are presently held by Board Vice President Darielle M. Walsh, Ginger Hardwick and Keith S. Hertel. Interested candidates must file their petitions by Monday, March 2.

During the meeting, Mr. Hertel commended the board's decision to approve a tutorial staff for students preparing for the eighth-grade EWT, calling the expenditure "very worthwhile."

Dr. Foley explained that the tutorial program, which focuses on language arts and mathematics, has proven to "help build confidence" among students who are anxious about the tests.

In another matter, Dr. Foley acknowledged with regret the approaching retirement of teacher Robert Harrison. Known for "his great love of poetry," Mr. Harrison came to the district as an intern from New York University in 1969, and taught in McKinley, Franklin and Edison Elementary Schools during his career.

Non-Union Employees Announce Plans to Form Group for Better Communication With Town

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units representing town employees. These include the Westfield Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA), the Westfield Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association (WFMB); the Teamsters, representing workers in the Public Works Department, and the Communication Workers of America (CWA), which include additional workers not covered by the other unions.

CWA covers employees below the level of supervisors.

"They (the employees) have no intention of forming a union but want to have a voice on such things as working conditions," said Fire Chief Battiloro, one of the employees in the association.

Robin Marko, a spokeswoman for the group who works in the Police Department, said the proposed association is "not looking for anything" other than improving communication ties with town administration.

Ms. Marko, noting that each de-

partment currently meets individually, said the employees need to be "a little bit more organized" concerning employee-related issues.

Deputy Fire Chief John Castellano said the employees are simply looking to have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Gottko "and see in what direction the administration is going as it pertains to our group of people."

Chief Battiloro emphasized, during an informal discussion with reporters in the hallway of the Municipal Building Tuesday night while the council met in closed session, that the intent of the workers is extremely positive.

He said the group, which will have its own elected officers, will be able to keep communication open between what he defined as "top managerial confidential employees" and the town — namely Mr. Gottko and the council.

"We are concerned about main-

taining and not losing benefits. We don't want to lose anything. We want to maintain and get what everybody else has gotten," he explained.

Ms. Marko, in reading from the Town Employees Handbook, said non-unionized workers "serve at the pleasure of the town" and can be terminated or, for that matter, resign from their positions "at any time or for any reason."

"We (non-tenured workers) have no protection," she said.

Noting that the group has yet to meet other than to announce plans to form the association, Ms. Marko said before formalizing an officially recognized association, the employees wanted to "give the town the courtesy of notification."

Ms. Marko noted that it would be more likely that the town administration would be willing to talk with a few representatives of an association as opposed to meeting with each of the 27 employees on an individualized basis.

Both Ms. Marko and Chief Battiloro noted that the employees covered by the association deal directly with members of the public.

During the council meeting, Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh, as Liaison to the Westfield Recreation Commission, brought before the governing body a recommendation by the commission to begin charging for the town's drop-in basketball program.

The proposed plan, which would be implemented through the adoption of a town ordinance, would impose a fee of \$2 for kids per night for the program or an annual fee of \$10. Adults would be charged \$5 a night or \$30 a year.

According to Recreation Department officials, the new fees would not be put into place until the fall if approved by the council. Last year's council did not take any action on the proposal.

Councilman Walsh said he is opposed to charging children for the program, which offers kids and adults alike an opportunity to play basketball on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools.

"For some reason the Recreation Commission wants to raise some money and has decided to charge for the thing. I'm not sure of their rationale," he said.

Councilman Walsh said if the commission needs to offset costs, he would support charging adults for the program.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein, who sits on the commission, said the free program costs the town \$12,000 a year for supervisors and for the use of the gymnasiums, which are the property of the Board of Education.

She said the commission, with the exception of one or two members,

favored the new fees to offset the costs.

Councilwoman Weinstein said she believes that the council has a commission to handle recreation matters and that the council should strongly consider recommendations which were discussed and decided by the recreation board.

Withstanding her comment, Mr. Walsh said he did not want the council to always "rubber stamp" the actions of the commission.

She said a number of participants in the program are non-Westfield residents who come to town because the program is free. Also, the Westfield "Y" charges \$7 for guests who accompany members to use its indoor basketball facilities.

"I mean \$2; we are not talking about a lot of money here," Councilwoman Weinstein said.

The Sports Nights program, as it is referred to, is one of only two programs currently offered free by the town. There is no charge for summer playground programs for youngsters.

The council decided not to take action on the new fees at this time.

The remaining recreation fees proposed in the ordinance are scheduled to be introduced by the council this Tuesday night, January 27. They include: \$30 for lacrosse, soccer, batting, hitting and pitching, girls' lacrosse and field hockey, and all indoor programs.

On another matter, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority has requested an increase for compensation fees for its commissioners. The salaries of commissioners would rise from \$600 a year to \$2,000, while the Chairman's salary would be increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Mr. Gottko said Commissioner Allen Chin, Westfield's representative on the commission which meets 30 times a year, is expected to meet with the council within the next few weeks to provide details on the proposal now before the governing body.

The council would have to approve the change through a town ordinance.

The council will meet this Saturday, January 24, to hold a retreat, described as a "brain storming" session, in the Community Room at the Municipal Building.

Among the issues expected to be discussed are long range planning and the municipal budget process.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim is expected to discuss recommendations by the Westfield Expenditure Review Commission, a group he appointed last year.

New First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott serves on that commission. An employee of NJ Transit will facilitate the program.

A full attendance by council members is doubtful due to business and family obligations.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

MCKEON AND VINEGRA SIZZLE WITH OFFENSE

Blue Devils Cage Cranford; Plow Lady Farmer Cagers

By STEVE ABELES
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls' basketball team barely beat a scrappy Cranford squad in a rough and physical contest on January 13 in Westfield. Junior Liz McKeon exploded for 10 of her game high 24 points in the third quarter to thwart the Cougar comeback. The Blue Devils squeaked by to register a 45-41 victory.

Westfield came out strong against the Cougars in the first half. The Blue Devil offense broke through the Cougar full court press and garnered a convincing,

16-7, first quarter lead. Seniors Vicky Nusse and Suzanne Vinegra added four points apiece.

The Blue Devils controlled the defensive glass with senior Megan Devitt and McKeon grabbing a total of eight defensive boards. The Devil girls came away with a 23-17 half time lead.

Devitt said, "Our offense and defense did a really good job at controlling the rebounds. We had a slight size advantage that helped us."

Things began to get intense in the third quarter as both teams became increasingly physical. A Cougar player was tossed out

of the game as a result of the highly physical play. Westfield was awarded two technical foul shots and McKeon nailed both to give the Blue Devils a 51-19 lead.

Later, in the third quarter, the Blue Devil offense began to lose some flame when the Cougars mustered a strong comeback. The Blue Devil defense had a tough time containing Annette Matlosz of the Cougars who threw in 10-consecutive points in the third and fourth quarters. The Cougars kept sinking basket-after-basket as they went on a 19-4 run.

The Blue Devils appeared to be finished as they fell behind 38-35, but the tide soon changed. The Devils regained their offensive composure and netted three consecutive field goals to turn back the Cougars. Freshman Carolyn Matthews sank a desperately needed basket to give the Blue Devils a 40-38 lead. The Cougars threatened to take the lead again with less than a minute remaining, but Vinegra hit two foul shots to secure the 45-41 victory.

McKeon lead all scoring with 24. Devitt and Vinegra each tossed in seven points as Nusse had four. Senior Annie Ruvolo, sophomore Valerie Griffith and Matthews all threw in two points. The Blue Devils were exceptional from the free throw line, making 15 out of the 24 attempts.

McKeon said, "It was a very physical game but we proved that we can come from behind when we work together. I think we all were a little shocked in the third quarter when they started coming back. But overall it was a very good team effort."

On January 16, the Blue Devils dominated the Union High School Farmers and rolled to a 62-49 win. Vinegra netted a season high 22 points to pace the



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A HAIRY EXPERIENCE...Blue Devil senior Megan Devitt experiences a visual obstruction from her hair, but still sees her way to help the Blue Devils defeat the Cougars, 45-41, in Westfield on January 14.



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CRUSHING EXPERIENCE...Heavyweight Steve Severet, AN ARMAND A LEG...Cougar Nik Fekete, top, captures the bottom, bears the weight of Raider Jim Feeley. The good arm of Raider 189-pounder Tony Zardecki while Zardecki attempts to capture Fekete's leg.

MELENDEZ, FEELEY RULE; FEKETE REACHES 7-0

Raider Wrestlers Rumble; Crush the Cougars, 51-21

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The spirited Scotch Plains-Fanwood wrestling team claimed its fourth win in a row, by calming the Cougars of Cranford, 51-21, in Scotch Plains on January 14. Juniors Tony Melendez and Jim Feeley recorded pins for the Raiders to continue their winning ways.

The mood was set when Andrea Christiani and Gary Fletcher inspired the fans and the wrestlers by singing "The Stars Spangled Banner." The Raiders' race was set when John Hagen grabbed Dan Genovese with a front headlock takedown and immediately clamped him in a cradle for a 1:12 pin at the 103-pound class, to put the Raiders in the lead, 6-0.

The Cougars bit back, at 112, when Adam Sylvestre snapped a 6-6 tie with Mike Lovinger by catching him with his head down and crumpling him with a cradle, to record a fall in 4:35.

At 119, Raider Charlie Triplet had a battle with Cougar Rob Verhoeven. Triplet converted a single-leg to a double-leg takedown in the first period. In the second period, Verhoeven caught Triplet with a half nelson on two occasions, and picked up four back points to take a 4-2 lead. Triplet quickly pulled out a five-point move by reversing Verhoeven and putting him on his back. Triplet added three more points in the third period, when he scored an escape and a takedown, to record a 10-4 win.

The Cougars tied the team score, 9-9, when Florio Hawkins decisioned A.J. Romeo, 7-0, at 125; however, junior Tony Melendez decided to put an end to the trading of team points. At 130, Melendez blinded James Seeman with a quick head slap to a double leg scoop, lifting him off the mats before bringing him to the mats for two points.

Melendez picked up a penalty point, then added two back points, when he pinned Seeman with a power half. In the second period, Melendez zoomed the score to 10-0 by clamping Seeman in a cradle, then by nearly beheading him with

Five Devil Icemen Invade Ice Hockey Scoring List

Five Westfield High School ice hockey players remain among the top state's top scoring threats in public schools. Ronnie Kashlak leads all hockey players, public or private schools, in scoring with 44 goals and 23 assists for a total of 67 points. Kashlak's nearest competition for the title is Nick Burke of Hun with 57 total points.

Blue Devil Brandon Kape put together 14 goals and 18 assists for a 32 total. Josh Falcone with 13 goals and 16 assists for 29 total, Bryan Gates with nine goals and 20 assists for 29 total and Mike Byrd with 12 goals and 15 assists for 27 total also are listed among the leaders.

As a team, the Blue Devils are ranked 19th by The Star Ledger.

As to why, Melendez had an imperfect cut with the guillotine maneuver, Melendez explained, "Seeman just balled up; I did have it, but my arm just slipped off his head."

Afterwards, the Raiders went on a pinning rampage by winning the next three bouts. At 135, Mike Natale upped the team score to 21-9, after scoring a takedown and a two-point near fall before flattening Cougar Matt Symanski in 1:10.

Mike Grabel continued the raid at 140 by hitting Chris Symanski with a double-leg takedown, then pinning him with a half nelson and a body press in :42. Mark Ricca slammed Travis Rattree with a headlock to

register a 53 fall at 145, catapulting the Raiders to a 33-9 lead.

Cougar Bill Bennett received the better side of a 14-8 decision over Raider Matt Oley at 152. Oley initiated the scoring with a takedown. Afterwards Bennett tallied three reversals, an escape, a takedown, two penalty points and a near fall while Oley added three reversals.

The Raiders added 12 more team points, making the score 45-12, when Chris Stiglitz pinned Efran Ortiz with a half nelson in 1:43 at the 160 class and Eric Viscardi won by forfeit at 171.

Senior Tony Zardecki had all he could handle, when he faced Cougar Nik Fekete at 189. Fekete placed third in the states at 189 last year and is a major candidate for

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Devils Crumble Brick; Lose to D. Bosco Icers

By STEVE ABELES
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School Ice Hockey Team dominated both sides of the puck to defeat Brick Memorial by a score of 9-1 on January 12. Junior Ronnie Kashlak exploded for four goals and one assist to lead the Blue Devils to a 10-3 record and a four-game winning streak.

Two minutes into the first period against Brick Memorial, junior forward Josh Falcone launched a slap-shot that nearly went in after hitting the upper cross-bar. For the rest of the period, the Blue Devil defense anchored by senior Captain Brenden Hickey and Assistant Captains Bryan Gates and Brad Schwartz kept the Brick Memorial forwards at bay.

The first quarter of play ended in a 0-0 stalemate.

In the second period, the Blue Devil offense erupted for five goals. Within the first two minutes, Kashlak found the back of the net off a missed pass from freshman forward Brandon Kape. Four minutes later, Kashlak struck again for another goal off of a missed slap shot from Gates to make the score 2-0.

Falcone kept the offensive onslaught alive when he ripped a shot to the upper left corner of the goal to put the Devils up by three. Kape also tallied a goal and was assisted by Gates. With two minutes left in the period, Gates rushed the puck up to the blue line and launched a missile past

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MARTINEZ STRIKES '19' FROM EVERYWHERE!

Raiders Nail a Perfect '10'; Krush the Kardinals, 60-38

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Who will be the next Raider to step forward and be the star? Will it be Dave Gewirtz, Don Patterson, Jeff Feighner, Ben Martinez, Doug Bishop, or all of the above? Boom! This time, it was Ben Martinez who dazzled the fans and the Kearny High School boys' basketball team, as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys "krushed" the Kardinals, 60-

38, in Scotch Plains on January 15 to scoop up their 10th straight victory without a defeat this season.

Not since 1948 had the Raiders been 10-0. Now, with games such as Jeff Feighner, Patterson, Feighner, Bishop and Martinez, the Raiders have done it again. The Raiders do not boast one single super star, but do have several shining lights. If one light starts to dim, the others glow brighter. Sometimes, a flash comes from here; an-

other flash comes from there; but no opponent to date has figured out the Raiders' pattern of flashing.

Against the Kardinals in the first quarter, Patterson took advantage of two offensive rebounds, while still in the air and poofed the ball into the basket both times. In addition, he slicked in a breakaway layup for his sixth point of the quarter. Martinez hit for four points, and Feighner sank a jumper and two foul shots to give the Raiders a 14-6, first-quarter edge.

The Raiders maintained their poise in the second quarter. Martinez nailed a three-pointer which drew the Kardinals' attention, then Gewirtz turned their heads again, hitting for four points. Martinez sank four more points, then Patterson came underneath and slid in two after Bishop hit a foul shot to make the half-time score 28-20.

In the third quarter, Patterson and Feighner each hit two-pointers; Patterson added a foul shot, then Martinez darted in with a layup. Bishop loosened the Cardinal defense with a three-pointer, then Martinez pulled off a most dazzling fake-pass layup which had the fans and the

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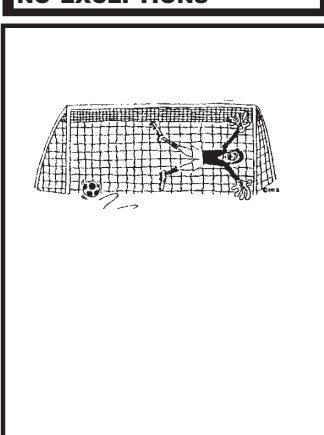
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DEADLINE INFO.

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



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

STRETCHING FOR THE REBOUND...Raiders Ben Martinez, No. 11, and Jeff Feighner, center, leap for the basketball during the game with the Kardinals on January 15 in Scotch Plains. The Raiders won their 10th-straight game.

LANGTON 'BAT'TERS BAYONNE

Blue Devil Boys 'Block' Bayonne Cagers, 48-46

By STEVE ABELES
Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A great example of teamwork and individual effort ignited a final-quarter scoring blaze which rewarded the Westfield High School boys' basketball team with a 48-46 victory over the hosting Bayonne High School squad on January 14. Blue Devil junior Tom Langton became a major stumbling "block" for Bayonne as he "batted" away its chances.

Neither team could gain a scoring advantage in either the first or second quarter. The score was tied, 24-24, at the half. Juniors Lamont Turner and Maurice Boatwright tossed in four points apiece to surge the offense. Junior Pete Anzelone also contributed two points to fuel the Blue Devils. Langton's domination of the defensive boards began when he ripped down four rebounds to keep Bayonne from additional scoring chances.

The stalemate continued in the second quarter as each team scored a mere 11 points. Boatwright and Turner helped the Blue Devil offense with two steals apiece. Boatwright led the offensive charge in the second quarter with six of his 13 points. Langton continued to frustrate Bayonne by rejecting more shots.

Langton said, "The players on Bayonne liked to drive a lot so I found it easy to block their shots because they were shooting down low. A lot of rebound opportunities came my way so I just stepped up and grabbed them."

The actions of the third and fourth quarter, however, were to provide a see-saw effect of dominance. In the third quarter, the Blue Devils' offense was out of sync and managed to score an embarrassing four points. On the other hand, Bayonne's quick offense fired in 15 points.

Down 39-28 to begin the final period, the Blue Devil offensive bonfire began. Senior Rob McCullam's accuracy began to catch fire as he threw in two tremendous three-pointers to thrust Westfield back into the game.

Once again Langton iced the Bayonne offense when he turned back five shots to keep the offensive surge from dying out. The Blue Devils refused to be defeated as Turner and Boatwright connected for a total of seven points to keep the Devils' fire red-hot. The Blue Devils were still in desperate need of points as they trailed by three with two minutes remaining.

McCullam took matters into his own hands when he netted his fourth three pointer of the night to tie the game at 43. Bayonne threatened to take the lead back but with a minute left to go senior Captain Greg Freisen netted a three pointer to shatter Bayonne's comeback. The game ended with the Blue Devils victorious 48-46.

McCullam finished the game as the highest scorer with 14 points followed by Boatwright who scored 13. Turner and Freisen contributed seven and five points, respectively. Langton and Anzelone scored four apiece. In perhaps his biggest game of the season, Langton pulled down an astounding 13 rebounds and registered a whopping 11 blocked shots.

Langton said "It feels really good to come back and win against Bayonne. We had a couple of players step up and hit some really big three pointers in the fourth quarter which won it for us. I think if we can continue to come back despite being behind, we have a bright future."

The win boosted Westfield's record to 5-3 and Bayonne's record evened to 4-4.

Westfield	13	11	4	20	48
Bayonne	13	11	15	7	46

December Scholar Athlete

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RONNIE KASHLAK...Junior — Westfield Ice Hockey team. Recently, Kashlak has been big news in almost all newspaper sports sections in New Jersey. Kashlak has been and remains the leading scorer in New Jersey. During the month of December, Kashlak has scored 31 goals and added 15 assists to total 46 points in only nine games. Kashlak possesses all the qualifications necessary for a scholar-athlete. A picture of the Scholar-Athlete will be on display in a few weeks in one of the above establishments. In addition, a picture of the scholar-athlete with an owner will appear in *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*. The Scholar-Athlete of the Month is selected by a group of judges from the Optimist Club of Westfield.

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YANKING DOWN THE REBOUND... Junior Tom Langton reaches way over everyone as he yanks down another rebound against the Farmers on January 17. See another Blue Devil/Union photo on page 16.

Farmers Bombard Devil Boys, 67-46

A flurry of three-pointers and extra hustle under the boards gave the Union High School boys a 31-17 half-time lead and tempo control for the remainder of the game as the Farmers defeated Westfield High School, 67-46, in Union on January 17.

Lamont Turner and Maurice Boatwright sank 10 points apiece for the Blue Devils and Rob McCullum hit for nine; however, pinpoint shooting from LaForest Knox with 14 points, Scott Olsen with 18 points and Rob Zankowicz with 17 points of the Farmers marked the demise of the Blue Devils. Knox and Olsen had three three-pointers each as the Farmer had a total of nine three-point shots. The Blue Devils hit four three-point shots.

Peter Anzelone struck for eight points, Greg Freisen fired in five and Tom Langton made four points for the Blue Devils which slipped to 5-4. The Farmers improved to 8-2.

Westfield 11 6 18 11 46 Union 17 14 18 10 67

Raider Boys Get Stung; Lose to Hillsboro, 52-49

It finally happened. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team "technically" dropped its first game, losing a 52-49 stomach-churner to Hillsborough High School on January 17 in Hillsborough. The Raiders also acquired another first in the game when Head Coach Willie Leonard was called for a technical foul. The Raiders have not been called for a technical foul all season.

The Raiders held a 31-28 half time advantage; but Hillsborough, using defensive deception, held the Raiders to only seven points and battled back to grab a slim 39-38 lead by the end of the third period. Hillsborough also got the edge on rebounds to ice the Raider offense.

The technical foul came late in the final quarter. Jared Jones made the free throws to give Hillsborough a cushion. The Raiders missed tying the game when three different Raiders missed three-point attempts in the final 15 seconds.

Donald Patterson led the Raiders with 16 points, Dave Gewirtz hit for 13, Jeff



THE LAYUP... Blue Devil Lamont Turner, No. 3, attempts a layup in the first half.

Feighner sank seven, Ben Martinez made six, Ron Jenerette had four and Doug Bishop added three points. The Raiders slipped to 10-1 while Hillsborough climbed to 7-2.

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Shabazz Boys Stop Vikings, 72-61

Viking senior Quentin Jordan quaked for 29 points; however, it was Shabazz High School which controlled the shaking by crumbling the Union Catholic boys, 72-61, in Newark on January 13. Bart Logan of Shabazz was hot on both sides of the court, as he grabbed 12 rebounds and scored 24 points.

Offense was not a problem for either team, but Shabazz managed to outscore the Vikings in each quarter. By half time, Shabazz held a 35-28 lead.

Juniors Franco Simon and Carlos Jefferson scored nine and eight points, respectively, for the Vikings. Senior Khalif Smith hit for eight points; freshman Joey Green sank four points; Edwin Hilton added two, and Eric Conrad had one point.

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JEFF FEIGNER FIRES FIFTEEN

Raider Boys Reach 9-0; Roll by Rahway Cagers

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Recently, everyone has been out to topple the Raiders from the ranks of the unbeaten. Some have come close; however, the Raiders, with their offensive versatility, have found a way to pull out the victory. This time, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team came from behind to roll past Rahway, 45-39, in Rahway on January 13.

In the previous two games, it was seniors Dave Gewirtz and Don Patterson who sparked the offensive lightning for the Raiders. In this game senior Jeff Feighner forged the fire which excited a Raider scoring rampage.

The Indians baffled the Raiders offensively, 14-5, in the first quarter, leaving them shivering in doubt. Some thawing occurred in the second half; however, the Raiders' offense warmed to an 11-9 scoring edge to trail by half time, 23-16.

"We could not put the ball in the ocean. We had all the shots we wanted, but we just could not hit," commented Raider Head Coach Willie Leonard about their dismal start in the first period. "But then, in the second quarter, we began to creep back in and started to shoot a little bit better," added Leonard.

Feighner went to work in the third and belted six points which intensified the Raiders' offensive spirit. Patterson, Gewirtz and Ben Martinez blazed the net, adding points. By the end of the quarter, the Raiders outscored the Indians, 16-8, to take a 32-31 lead into the final quarter.

Now, the Indians were confused, not knowing which Raider to key on. All of the Raiders sizzled and got into the scoring action. Martinez charred the net with four of his 10 points, as the Raiders boiled with 13 points.

Feighner finished with 15 points; Patterson pounded in 10; Gewirtz gushed six, and Doug Bishop was blessed with four points, as the Raiders upped their record to 9-0. Rahway rolled to 2-6.

"In the third quarter, we came out and played really good defense; as you know, Feighner scored six points," stated Leonard.

When asked about the strategy used by Rahway, Leonard explained, "Well, they were keying off Gewirtz. When Dave hit the first three-pointer, they knew they had to. We set up plays for both Gewirtz and Patterson.

As to what created the Raiders' turnaround, Leonard commented, "What really turned it around for us was the half-court defense in the second half. Steve Sims came in and did a real nice job for us and we gave Bishop a rest. We played a little better offensively and made a couple of steals."

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ROONEY ROARS WITH 15 POINTS

Viking Girls Rebound; Shatter Shabazz, 46-26

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team quickly recovered from its piercing, last-minute setback to No. 2 ranked Piscataway, to win a devastating 46-26, in Scotch Plains on January 13. Senior Kathryn Rooney steered the way offensively for the Vikings.

Through the guidance of Head Coach Kathy Matthews, the Viking defense has become one of the best in the state, and it was proven once again as the Vikings held Shabazz to only three points in the first quarter. The heavy-pressing defense caused Shabazz to make mistakes which opened the door for the Viking offense.

After softening Shabazz, 9-3, in the first quarter, the Viking offense went on an 18-7 scoring rampage in the second quarter to clench a 27-10 death grip at the half. In their typical fashion after taking a

commanding lead, the Vikings matched their opponents point for point for the remainder of the game. Rooney finished with 15 points, while junior Lisa Lott and freshman Shirita Smith struck for seven points each. Devin McDonald and Jen Britton nailed five points apiece, and Katie Santo hit for four points. Heather Paleczny added three points.

Union Catholic upped its record to 6-1 while Shabazz sagged to 7-2. Shabazz (7-2) 3 7 9 7 26 Un Catholic (6-1) 9 18 10 9 46

Blue Devils Cage Cranford; Plow Lady Farmer Cagers

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Farmers were buried early when the Blue Devils battered the net with 23 points in the first quarter. The Blue Devils played a strong full court press and forced the Farmers to cough up a staggering 11 turnovers. Vinegra struck for eight of her points in the first quarter as Devitt collected six.

In the second quarter, the full court pressure continued to cause the Farmers offensive difficulties. The Devil offense refused to lose any of its spark and received key points from Nusse and McKeon. By half time, the lead had swelled to 40-16.

The Devil offensive fire melted in the second half as the Farmers outscored them 33-22. Ruvolo added some shooting accuracy with eight points and McKeon netted two three-pointers to pace the Blue Devils with six points. Vinegra led all scoring with her 22 points and Devitt finished the game with 14. McKeon forced the Farmers to cough up 5-3 and the win upped Westfield's record 5-3 and Union's slid to 5-6.

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RAIDER WRESTLERS RUMBLE; CRUSH THE COUGARS, 51-21



CONTROLLING THE HEAD... Cranford 189-pounder, Nik Fekete, top, controls Raider Tony Zardecki's head and prepares to spins behind as Raider Head Coach Dave Bello, right, stares with intensity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11270-97.

UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. SILVIA CASADO, ET AL. DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 5, 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 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

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 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



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Fekete scored a series of takedowns which included two snap down-spin behinds, a duck-under and a throw by. Zardecki scored three escapes. Finally, Fekete, working a devastating Olympic arm bar, levered Zardecki to his back to record the fall in 3:30.

Two fine wrestlers, Raider Frank Thorne and muscular Cougar Pat Ekstrom, met at the 215 class. After a brutal but non-scoring opening period, Thorne scored on an escape, but Ekstrom roared back with a double-leg takedown to go ahead, 2-1. In the third period, Ekstrom was allowed an escape, but added another double-leg takedown to win, 5-1.

Raider heavyweight Jim Feeley stormed out onto the mats and showed Steve Severet the lights in a flash. Within six seconds, the bout and the match was over. The Raiders had won, 51-21.

The Raiders, now 4-2 and in their 40th year of high school wrestling, will be gearing up for the official celebration of the event when they host Rahway on February 6 at 7 p.m.

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Bouts of Interest: 103: — Anthony Stolzino (Co) d. Nick Lim, 4-3 140: — Dennis Bowden (J) Jeff DiPillo, 1:52 152: — Todd DeWitt (J) p. Rob Therkelson, 5:35 160: — Mike Mergott (J) md. Sean Corcoran, 8-0

January 16: Elizabeth 52, Linden 24 Union 49, Newark East Side 21

Bouts of Interest: 189: — Nik Fekete (C.) p. Ryan Hall, 1:09 215: — Pat Ekstrom (C.) p. Chris Corchano, :52

Governor Livingston 39, North Plainfield 21

Bouts of Interest: 135: — Kris Lecomte (GL) p. Ryan Boyd, 1:35 145: — Tim Marcantonio (GL) p. Tim Howlett, 1:06

Rahway 66, Plainfield 12

Bouts of Interest: Hwt: — Antonio Garay (R) p. Kohan Bourne, 1:07

January 17: Roselle Park 57, New Providence 21

Bouts of Interest: 119: — Rich Sachsel (NP) p. Travis Meadows, 1:18 215: — Pat Appello (RP) p. Dom Spagnola, 1:47

Manville 35, Johnson 25

103: — Nick Lim (J) d. Kunt Tenisci, 7-4 140: — Dennis Bowden (J) md. Ross Pearl, 12-4 152: — Randy Sidorski (M) md. Todd DeWitt, 13-5

Rahway 36, East Brunswick 34

130: — Shawn Stueber (R) p. Ben Godard, 1:10 171: — Jason Crutchfield (R) p. Dan Santiago, :27 Hwt: — Antonio Garay (R) p. Tom Krall, :26

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11270-97.

UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. SILVIA CASADO, ET AL. DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed



THE FEROCIOUS FIVE... The Westfield High School hockey team presently has five members who rank among the highest scorers in New Jersey. Pictured left to right, are: front row, Brandon Kape and Josh Falcone; back row, Mike Bird, Bryan Gates and Ron Kashlak. As of January 18, Kape has scored 14 goals and added 18 assists for 32 points, Falcone hit for 13 goals and had 16 assists for 29 points, Bird put in 12 goals and added 15 assists for 27 points, Gates found the net nine times and setup 20 assists for 29 points and Kashlak remained as New Jersey's leading scorer with 44 goals and 23 assists for a total of 67 points.

Devils Crumble Brick; Lose to D. Bosco Icers

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the Brick Memorial goal.
The Blue Devils refused to be silenced by Brick Memorial and blasted in another four goals in the third period. Mike Bird notched his ninth goal of the season when he converted a pass from Kape to the back of the net. The Blue Devil defense provided bone crushing body checks on Brick Memorial players hoping to score. Kashlak scored two more goals to add some more offensive insurance.
Junior Derek Lauraud scored his first goal of the season with five minutes to go in the game. Senior goalie Brian Garrison turned back 17 shots to secure the win for the Blue Devils.

Gates who finished the game with a goal and three assists said, "I think we started off a little slow in the first quarter but we came out of our shell and got the job done on offense in the second and third period. Overall, I'm pleased with the way we've been playing lately."
The streak came to a halt on January 14 as the Blue Devils lost a disappointing contest to division rival Don Bosco Prep, 8-4. The Blue Devil offense was not up to par during the first period of play, fell behind early and were never able to regain their composure. Bird registered an impressive game with a hat trick to pace Westfield. The loss dropped the Blue Devil record to 10-4.

Viking 'D' and Devin Nail the Knights, 37-23

Once again, the Viking defense slammed the door and closed out any significant scoring by their opponents, as the Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team hammered down its seventh win of the season by nailing Irvington High School, 37-23, in Irvington on January 15. Seniors Devin McDonald and Kathryn Rooney led the offensive blitz.
McDonald showered the net with seven points in the first quarter, and the defense created a scoring drought for the Blue Knights as the Vikings zipped to a 10-2 lead. Any further advantages by either team were neutralized in the second quarter,

as each squad scored just six points. The Vikings barged into Blue Knight territory in the third quarter and broke into a 14-point scoring rage. The Viking defense also did its thing by limiting the Blue Knights to seven points.
McDonald finished with 13 points and wrestled down eight rebounds, while Rooney struck for 11 points. Katie Santo hit four points; Lisa Lott added three, and Brenda Kaus, Heather Paleczny and Shrita Smith contributed two points apiece for the Vikings.

Un Catholic (7-1)	10	6	14	7	37
Irvington (5-5)	2	6	7	8	23

BOWERS BOMBARDS 18 POINTS

Rahway Girls Swipe Victory From the Raiders, 37-35

The Rahway High School girls' basketball team averted a last quarter comeback by the Raiders when Courtney Holmes sank a basket in the final minute to break a 35-35 tie, to grab a 37-35 victory in Scotch Plains on January 13.

and finished with a game-high 18 points. Jeannie McCoy sank seven points and Nikki McCoy hit for four, while team-mates Courtney Holmes, Wendy Underwood and Katie Feighner contributed two points apiece.

Rahway (1-8)	11	10	12	4	37
Sc Pl-Fnw (2-8)	8	12	8	7	35

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 15, 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, unspecifiable 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.: 28-98
AWARDED TO: Choice Rehab, Inc., 1930 East Marlton Place, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide registered occupational therapy services for the patients/residents of Runnells Specialized Hospital from 1/19/98 to 11/30/98.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$86,250.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 1/22/97, The Leader. Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5184-96.
EDWARD SHORT, PLAINTIFF vs. GLENN E. STEVENS INDV AS ADMINTR OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN G. STEVENS ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 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 11TH 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 \$77,595.90.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED AT: City of Elizabeth, County of Union and the State of New Jersey.
PREMISES KNOWN AS: 650 Jackson Avenue.
TAX LOT NO. 884, BLOCK NO. 8.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Louisa Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$79,736.01 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
PARKER, MCCAY, & CRISCUOLO
(CHERRY HILL), Attorneys
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P.O. Box 1806
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034
CH-753545 (WL)
4 T - 1/15, 1/22,
1/29 & 2/5/98
Fee: \$159.12

BALY SEALS THE VICTORY AT 160

Devil Matmen Smother Blue Knights, 47-30

Senior Mike Baly got back into the lineup just in time to give the Blue Devils the additional clout needed to comfortably smother Irvington, 47-30, in Irvington on January 16.
The Blue Devils got a 10-0 jump on the Blue Knights when freshman Mike Sawicki dominated his big win Harold Volcy, winning by a 12-1 majority decision, then pinned Ninette Diogene in 3:52.
The Knights gained the lead, 12-10, after winning by fall at 1:19 and 1:25; but then, the Blue Devils ran a string of six consecutive wins to clinch a team victory.
Senior Jeff Kivetz began the streak in a flash at 1:30 by jolting Angelo Rivera in :29. Next, Francisco Vasquez followed suit at 1:30 by pinning Alfredo Rodriguez in :43. At 1:40, senior Nick Friedman tubbed Ricardo Rodriguez all over the mat before winning by a 16-2 majority decision.
Junior Onur Tezucar made things swift and easy by pinning As-Sabor Bayah in :51 in the 145-pound class. Sophomore Mike Kivetz knocked out a 9-3 decision over Laquan Shamberger at 1:52, then Mike Baly sealed the victory for the Blue Devils by sticking Donovan Greaves in 5:20 at the 160-pound class.

TERMINOLOGY:
d.-Won by decision-3 team points
p.-Won by pin-6 team points
md.-Major decision-4 team points
tf.-Technical fall-5 team points

WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
103:—Maika Sawicki (W)md. Harold Volcy, 12-1
112:—Jim Villane (W) p. Ninette Diogene, 3:15
119:—Andreas Libron (I) p. Dan Sawicki, :31
125:—Anthony Lawson (I) p. Dan Todd, 2:54
130:—Jeff Kivetz (W) p. Angelo Rivera, :29
135:—Francisco Vasquez (W) p. Alfredo Rodriguez, :43
140:—Nick Friedman (W)md. Ricardo Rodriguez, 16-2
145:—Onur Tezucar (W)p. As-Sabor Bayah, :51
152:—Mike Kivetz (W) d. Laquan Shamberger, 9-3
160:—Mike Baly (W) p. Donovan Greaves, 5:20
171:—Asnaga Castelli (I) p. Greg Gerstl, 1:43
189:—Kairo Shamberger (I) won by forfeit
215:—Almecn Swirt (f) p. Brian Williams, 1:54
Hwt:—Nick Clarke (W) won by forfeit

Minutemen Matmen Master Blue Devil Wrestlers, 45-29

The absence of 125-pound wrestler Dan Todd and 160-pound wrestler Mike Baly, along with the yielding of four forfeits, took its toll as the Elizabeth High School wrestling team defeated the Westfield High School team, 45-29, in Elizabeth on January 14.
The Blue Devils stopped the Minutemen in their tracks in the middleweight classes as Francisco Vasquez decked Otis

Baker in 1:03 at 135; Nick Friedman won by a 6-3 decision over Julio Martinez at 1:40; Onur Tezucar devastated Larry Ward, 17-2, at 145, and Mike Kivetz crunched Rashad Jones, 9-3, at 152.
Afterwards, the Blue Devils had to cede three forfeits in a row at 160, 171 and 189. Heavyweight Nick Clark ended the match in some style for the Blue Devils by pinning Paul Hill in :58.

TERMINOLOGY:
d.-Won by decision-3 team points
p.-Won by pin-6 team points
md.-Major decision-4 team points
tf.-Technical fall-5 team points

WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
103:—Bob Ward (E)p. Ricky Roig, 2:52
112:—Dan Sawicki (W) won by forfeit
119:—Charles Hill (E) won by forfeit
125:—Gabe Fonseca (E) p. Sean Joffe, 1:48
130:—Keenan Stocking (E) d. Jeff Kivetz, 7-1
135:—Francisco Vasquez (W) p. Otis Baker, 1:03
140:—Nick Friedman (W) d. Julio Martinez, 6-3
145:—Onur Tezucar (W) tf. Larry Ward, 17-2, 4:00
152:—Mike Kivetz (W) d. Rashad Jones, 9-3
160:—Denis Osby (E) won by forfeit
171:—Yvens Gelin (E) won by forfeit
189:—Pierre Holmes (E) won by forfeit
215:—Ismael Medley (E) p. Brian Williams, 1:37
Hwt:—Nick Clarke (W) p. Paul Hill, :58

Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recreation Basketball Results

FSP REC. STANDINGS:
(As of January 15)

TEAM	W	L
Sonics	5	0
Pacers	3	1
Redmen	3	2
Celtics	2	3
Suns	1	3
Warriors	0	5

January 13:
Sonics 47, Redmen 24
Leading scorer was Ned Kipping with 18 points.

Suns 26, Warriors 23
Leading scorer was Ryan Weber with 12 points.

January 15:
Sonics 51, Celtics 26
Ned Kipping led with 16 points

Redmen 40, Warriors 18
Timmy Ryan led with 12 points

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 15, 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, unspecifiable 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.: 34-98
AWARDED TO: Unixtronix Data Systems, 1124 Route 202 Raritan, New Jersey 08869.
SERVICES: For the purpose of installing, training and provisions of an enhanced software system called "General Assistance ABACUS Plus".
This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$8,745.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T - 1/22/97, The Leader. Fee: \$23.97

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9508-97.
THE BANK OF NEW YORK, TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1996, SERIES 1996-A, PLAINTIFF vs. VINICIO CONSTANTE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 8, 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 18TH 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 \$149,571.01.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 18 Palmer Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206.
Tax Lot No. 974 in Block No. 7.
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 150 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the Southerly side of Palmer Street 252 feet from the Easterly side of Second Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$153,509.58 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
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McTearside, New Jersey 07092-0024
1-908-233-8500
File No.: XCS-35430
CH-753560 (WL)
4 T - 1/22, 1/29,
2/5 & 2/12/98
Fee: \$183.60



LOOKING FOR THE PLAY... Raider senior Dave Gewirtz looks for the open teammate in the game against Kearny.

Raiders Nail a Perfect '10'; Crush the Kardinals, 60-38

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Kardinals amazed. Gewirtz was fouled, but made both for shots, and the Raiders took a commanding, 42-30, lead into the final quarter.

The Kardinals were unable to break the Raiders' rhythm as more layups and jumpers were added. In desperation, the Kardinals began to foul the Raiders. First was Feighner. Swish, swish! Next was Martinez. Swish, swish! Then it was Gewirtz's turn, as he added four swishes. The game was out of hand as the Raiders did the soaring instead of the Kardinals. Ryan Hahner added the finishing touch with a soft layup just before time ran out.
Martinez amassed 19 points while grabbing three defensive and one offensive rebound. Patterson put in 13 points and pulled in four offensive and one defensive rebound. Gewirtz struck for 12 points while seizing three defensive rebounds. Feighner found the net for 10 points and yanked down three offensive and two defensive rebounds. Bishop set up many plays, hit for four points and grabbed three defensive rebounds.
The Raiders upped their record to 10-0, while the Kardinals lowered to 3-7.

Kearny 6 14 10 23 16 68
Sc Plains-Fanwood 14 14 14 18 60

Irvington Erases Viking Boys, 63-45

The Irvington High School boys' basketball team erased a 27-24 Viking lead at half time by gushing for 39 second-half points to come up with a 63-45 victory over Union Catholic High School on January 17 in Scotch Plains.

Viking shooting ace Quentin Jordan burnt the net with 25 points to lead all scoring. Carlos Jefferson and Khalif Smith sank six points apiece while Anthony Darrell and Frantuzo Simon added four points each.

Irvington (5-5)	10	14	23	16	63
Un Catholic (3-7)	13	14	11	7	45

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9571-97.
NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ALVARO DESOUSA, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 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 28TH 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 \$174,699.44.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as 1160 Mary Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
BEING KNOWN AS Lot No. 938, Block No. 12 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.
Dimensions: (approximately) 43.25 feet by 137.00 feet by 68.12 feet by 138.58 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Walnut Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$179,282.51 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.

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1/15 & 1/22/98
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TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS...The Westfield 6th grade traveling boys' basketball team played in a preseason tournament at Immaculate Heart of Mary (Scotch Plains) in November. This tournament was a double elimination tournament involving teams in Union County and surrounding areas. The Westfield team won the tournament without losing a game. In the finals they played St. Paul's and won the game 42-35. Andrew Pusar was named Most Valuable Player and Terrance Bryant made the tournament All-Star team. Players in photo, left to right, are: bottom row, John Boyd, Terrance Bryant, Brenden Egan, Andrew Pusar; middle row, Michael Huber, Charles Johnson, Alex Persky, Rasmus Thompson, Jan Cocozziello, Andrew Sinenberg; and back row, Coaches Paul Sinenberg, Jeff Pusar, Rich Cocozziello

Blue Devil Swimmers Sink East Brunswick Boys, 89-81

Blue Devil Seth Burstein was a triple winner and teammates Cliff Haldeman and Jay Pollack were double winners, as the Westfield High School boys' swimming team sunk the Bears, 89-81, at Middlesex County College on January 15. Burstein touched first in both the 100-meter butterfly and in the 100-meter backstroke with respective times of 1:00.14 and 1:05.64, and combined with Coley Lecher, Matt Vidovich and Pollack to grab first in the 200-meter medley relay with a time of 2:02.45.

take first. Pollack swam away with first in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 2:25.12.

Rob Myers burst his way to a first in the 100-meter breaststroke. Westfield improved to 8-2.

200 medley relay - Westfield (Coley Lecher, Matt Vidovich, Seth Burstein, Jay Pollack) 2:02.45
200 free - Cliff Haldeman (W) 2:12.08
200 IM - Pollack (W) 2:25.12
50 free - King (EB) :25.76
100 fly - Burstein (W) 1:00.14
100 free - Haldeman (W) 1:00.14
200 free relay - East Brunswick (Kiefer, Rynone, Zanetti, Meer) 1:51.7
100 back - Burstein (W) 1:05.64
100 breast - Rob Myers (W)
400 free relay - East Brunswick (Zanetti, Cercidillo, Kleincy, King) 4:23.52

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS BIDDERS NOTICE
Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following Project:

Recycling Services
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 (Attention: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until April 6, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. 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 bid will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Bid for Recycling Services, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076". No bid will be received after the time and date specified.

Withdrawal of bids may be made within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except if 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 in 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 \$10.00 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 sealed 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. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing July 1, 1998.

All bid Security, except the Bid Security of the three (3) apparent lowest 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.

A SITE VISITATION AND PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 10 A.M., on March 23, 1998 AT the Department of Public Property, 2445 Plainfield Avenue.

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.

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 TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Thomas Atkins
Municipal Manager
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T — 1/22/98, The Times Fee: \$97.41

PUBLIC NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that on February 4, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of:

William Esposito for permission to continue to utilize the premises located at 2219 Evergreen Avenue (Block No. 3201, Lot No. 65), Scotch Plains, for the operation of an office for accounting and auditing services.

William Weiss for a Variance to permit the construction of a rear porch addition at the property located at 1480 Terrill Road (Block No. 14801, Lot No. 17), Scotch Plains, contrary to Section 23-3.4A, Para. A, Col. 8 of the Zoning Ordinance whereby minimum side-yard setback required is thirty (30) feet; proposed: 22.01 feet (by plan).

V. M. Brown for a Variance to permit the construction of a deck at the property located at 586 Forest Road (Block No. 1402, Lot No. 13), Scotch Plains, contrary to the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance:

Section 23-3.4A, Para. H, Col. 10 whereby minimum rear-yard setback required is thirty (30) feet; proposed: fifteen (15) feet; and Section 23-3.4A, Para. H, Col. 11 whereby maximum lot coverage allowed is thirty (30%) percent; proposed: 32.86 percent.

G.F. Bronski for a Variance to permit the construction of a kitchen and deck addition at the property located at 936 Crestwood Road (Block No. 7601, Lot No. 10), Scotch Plains, contrary to Section 23-3.4A, Para. C, Col. 10 of the Zoning Ordinance whereby minimum rear-yard setback required is forty (40) feet; existing (one rear corner): 24 feet; proposed: 24 to 30 feet.

Mark Enterprises, Inc. t/a Bowcraft Amusement Park, a non-conforming use in the ML-1 and B-4 Zones, for Use: Variance to expand said non-conforming use by doing the following renovations at the property located at 2545 Route 22 West (Block No. 4802, Lot No. 9), Scotch Plains:

Remove two (2) existing tents and construct the following in their current location:
1. One (1) additional "kiddie ride"; and
2. A one-story "birthday party building" and snack bar measuring 35 feet by 120 feet.

In addition, a Variance is being requested for the installation of a seven-foot-high fence in locations depicted on plans submitted. Said fence is contrary to Section 23-2.30 of the Zoning Ordinance whereby "Fences may be erected, installed or reconstructed to a height of nominally four feet above ground level when located in a front yard area, or to a height of nominally six feet above ground level if located elsewhere on the lot..."

Applicant is also requesting a Waiver of Site Plan Approval in conjunction with these proposals.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is in the office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains, and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Linda M. Lies
Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment
Township of Scotch Plains
1 T — 1/22/98, The Times Fee: \$87.72

JENNINGS AND WOODWARD SOAR

Raider Boys Finish 4th; Devil Girls 5th in Track

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood high school boys' indoor track team placed fourth and the Westfield High School girls' team came in fifth at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Group 3 relay championships at Jadwin Gym in Princeton on January 17.

The Raider boys totaled 19 points in the championships which was won by Camden Wilson which totaled 29. The Westfield boys placed 13th with a total of five points. The Blue Devil girls finished with 12 team points and Middletown south captured first with a total of 46. Karl Jennings and Blair Woodward of the Raiders added the team high jump event with a total leap of 12' 8". Second place went to Central Regional which cleared 12' 4". The Raider boys also took second in the

800-meter relay with a combined time of 1:34.45, just .29 behind winner Willingboro. The Raiders added a sixth in the team shot put with a total distance of 85' 11.5". The Blue Devil boys came in fourth in the 3,200-meter relay, timed at 8:27.46.

The Blue Devil girls grabbed second in the distance medley relay with a time of 12:56.91 which was won by Middletown South which turned in a time of 12:43.45. In the 3,200-meter event, the Blue Devil girls took fourth at 9:55.96 and Middletown South also won that event with a time of 9:36.29.

Unfortunately, the Raider boys could not have won the championship if they had not been disqualified in both the shuttle hurdles and the 4x400-meter race in which they placed third in both events.



THE MAGICAL HARLEM WIZARDS

Harlem Wizards Will Invade Union Catholic on Spirit Week

Spirit Week at Union Catholic High School celebrating Catholic Schools Week will include a rousingly hilarious basketball game between the famous Rocky's Rockets of Union Catholic and the Harlem Wizards, a professional entertainment basketball team.

The game is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, in the Union Catholic gym, 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains with a tip-off of 7 p.m.

The Harlem Wizards, celebrating their 36th year, feature highly competitive basketball, theatrical entertainment and comedy routines. The team, which includes former college stars and NBA players, has toured over five continents since it was founded in 1962. The Harlem Wizards will have such basketball greats as James "Speedy" Williams, "Sudden Sam" Worthen, "Mugsy" Leggett, Terry "World Trade Center" Harris, Warren Bryson, Roscoe Harris and "Walby" "The Main Event" Dixon.

Families are invited to a pizza and soda dinner in the cafeteria for a nominal fee between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will also be served throughout the game. There will be a post game autograph session.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 15, 1998
Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to a provision of the New Jersey Hospital Association Group Purchasing Program N.J.S.A. 30:9-87 and 88. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 30-98 AWARDED TO: Allegiance Healthcare, 120 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, New Jersey 08818
SERVICES: To provide respiratory supplies for Runnells Specialized Hospital.
PERIOD: To commence January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.
COST: For a total value not to exceed \$8,000.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T — 1/22/97, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
Public Notice is hereby given that a resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held January 13, 1998.

Joey C. Vreeland
Town Clerk
RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, there exists a need for the Annual Audit of the accounts of the Town of Westfield; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the letting of contracts for professional services without competitive bidding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:
1. The firm of Suplee, Clooney and Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, be engaged to make the statutory audit of the accounts of the Town of Westfield for the year December 31, 1998, in accordance with the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey for a fee of \$39,950.00.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) because N.J.S.A. 40A:4-11 exempts from public bidding any work performed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

3. A copy of this resolution shall be published in THE WESTFIELD LEADER as public notice of the action taken in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T — 1/22/98, The Leader Fee: \$36.72

with the Harlem Wizards and souvenirs will be available for purchase. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Union Catholic Student Council Fund and its activities.

Advance purchase tickets are \$7.00. The night of the game tickets are \$8.00 at the door. Call (908) 889-1613 to reserve your ticket or for more information.

Final Notice For Westfield Baseball Registration

All Baseball Registration forms, must be submitted to the Westfield Baseball League (WBL) by January 31, 1998 to guarantee a roster spot for your child this Spring Season. At that time, the final number of teams per league will be determined and the uniforms will be ordered.

New this year is the introduction of 6-year-old tee ball. The WBL serves ages 6 (by July 31, 1998 or children currently in Kindergarten and born on or before October 1, 1992) through 16 in both instructional and competitive leagues. There are instructional leagues for 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10-year-olds as well as for 11 and 12, and 13 through 15-year-olds.

The WBL also offers two more competitive leagues, the Majors for 10 through 12-year-olds and the Ponys for 13 through 16-year-olds. These leagues are available through try-outs and involve a higher level of commitment.

Registration forms are available at Kellers Athletic Center, or The Leader Store. All new players must supply a copy of their birth certificate.

Registrations received after January 31, 1998 will be charged a late processing fee of \$25 and will only be accepted if there is a roster space available for that age group. If additional information is required, call the WBL Message Center at (253-4767).

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 15, 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, unresponsible service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 42-98 (Amending Resolution No. 9888-97)
AWARDED TO: Joseph Ginarte, Esq., 702 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

SERVICES: For the purpose of providing legal services on behalf of Corrections Officer Michael Kukam in the matter entitled *Anning v. County of Union*.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T — 1/22/97, The Leader Fee: \$24.99

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 15, 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, unresponsible service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO.: 37-98 AWARDED TO: Lena Colletti, 322 South Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207.

SERVICES: For the purpose to provide expert assistance on the school board, primary and general elections for the County Clerk's Office on a part time basis, approximately 3/4 days per week for 24 weeks.

COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
1 T — 1/22/97, The Leader Fee: \$22.95



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times SHOOTING THROUGH ADVERSITY...Blue Devil center Tom Langton, center, has to deal with the close encounters of a Union Farmer defender while attempting to make his shot.

Raiders Place 4th at Tough Patriot Dual Wrestling Meet

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team had its work cut out at the Patriot Duals in Blairstown on January 17, after defeating Pope John High School, 53-30. The Raiders hit a brick wall when they faced No. 5-ranked Belvidere and a very competitive North Warren team.

Belvidere defeated the Raiders in the semifinals, 63-9, then went on to beat Pequannock, 56-16, for the championship. The Raiders lost a 39-34 thriller to North Warren in the third-place consolation.

Raider 119-pounder Charlie Tripet, David Loewinger at 103, Tony Melendez at 130, Frank Thorne at 215 and Jim Feeley at heavyweight came away with two victories apiece. Melendez came the closest to winning all three of his matches, but he was edged by a top-notch wrestler, Josh Tressler from Belvidere, 6-4.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood 53, Pope John 30
103: — Steve Warther (PJ) p. David Loewinger, 3:30
112: — Sam Chey (PJ) p. Mike Loewinger, 1:18
119: — Charlie Tripet (SPF) p. Pisek Chey, 5:58
125: — Kevin Adams (PJ) p. Mike Tripet, 3:37
130: — Tony Melendez (SPF) ft. Ben McShay, 1:47, 3:30
135: — Matt McCarthy (PJ) p. Mike Natale, 1:57
140: — Mike Grabel (SPF) p. Dan Brupbacher, 1:27
145: — Luke Cerchio (SPF) won by forfeit
152: — Josh Ricca (SPF) p. Pat Reardon, 1:47
160: — Chris Stiglitz (SPF) p. Dan Pyck, 5:00
171: — Dan Lombreglia (PJ) p. Eric Viscardi, :48

189: — Tony Zardecki (SPF) p. Steve Mengles, 1:41
215: — Frank Thorne (SPF) p. Pat Bennett, :39
Hwt: — Jim Feeley (SPF) p. Chris Clarke, 3:56

Belvidere 63, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 9
Bouts of Interest
103: — David Loewinger (SPF) p. Jared Grassi, :12
125: — Mike Tripet (SPF) d. Bobby Morgan, 3-1
130: — Josh Tressler (B) d. Tony Melendez, 6-4

North Warren 39, Scotch Plains-Fanwood 34
103: — David Loewinger (SPF) p. Craig Foley, :35
112: — Mike Loewinger (SPF) md. David Seal, 12-2
119: — Charlie Tripet (SPF) won by forfeit
125: — Greg Tierney (N) p. A. J. Romeo, :10
130: — Tony Melendez (SPF) d. Matt Miller, 7-1
135: — Mike Natale (SPF) d. Rich McNinch, 5-0
140: — Eric Reade (N) p. Mike Grabel, 2-25
145: — Clint DeSoto (N) p. Luke Cerchio, 3:41
152: — Tom Case (N) p. Josh Ricca, 1:57
160: — Jason Figured (N) d. Chris Stiglitz, 7-4
171: — Jeff Tierney (N) p. Eric Viscardi, :14

189: — John Gillett (N) p. Tony Zardecki, 3:07
215: — Frank Thorne (SPF) won by forfeit
Hwt: — Jim Feeley (SPF) p. Anthony Todoshini, :19

"Y" Devilfish Get Hooked; Lose to Bayonne, 110-97

The Westfield "Y" boys' swimming team recently competed against the Bayonne YMCA in the "D" division of the New Jersey YMCA Swim League. The teams seasawed back and forth, with the Devilfish leading before the last two relays, only to come out on the low end of a 110-97 score.

In the individual medley relay, Jon Moscovitz placed second in the 9-10 year olds, with a time of 1:32.40, and Ryan Bartholomew won his event in the 11-12 division. Brian O'Neill and Matt Vidovich placed second and third for their age groups.

In freestyle, Matt Green led the Devilfish U-8 with 48.41 for the 50-yard race, and Jack Trimble swam 1:26.31 to pace the 9-10 year-old group Devilfish in the 100-yard event. David Hedman placed first for the 11-12 year olds, and Greg Matthews brought home the blue in the 13-14 division. Tom Rodriguez competed

in the 15-18 age group, with 2:21.24. Westfield pulled ahead in the breaststroke events, with Andres Betancourt swimming 34:39 for the U-8, and Kevin Smith swimming a quick 50.67, good for second place. Bartholomew again paced his event, and Arthur King also was first in his 13-14 age group with 1:20.38. Vidovich led the 15-18 year olds.

The Devilfish were tied after the backstroke events, as Matt Green turned in a 24:68 in the U-8, with Dyave Reinhardt turning in a 46:17. Sean O'Neill and Brian O'Neill both placed first in their age groups, with 1:35.28 and 1:07.50.

First place finishes in butterfly by Arthur King and Greg Matthews pushed the Devilfish into the lead.

The U-8 relay team of Max Blum, Betancourt, Matt Green and Matt McCurdy placed second, as did the 9-10 year-old team of Trimble, Smith, Moscovitz and Mike Fragna.

Earning a first place berth for the 11-12 division were the team of Bartholomew, Hedman, King and Trimble. The 13-14 year-old team of O'Neill, Josh Schoenfeld, John Cottage and Tim Kolenat placed second, as did the 15-18 year-old team of Rodriguez, Vidovich, Matthews and O'Neill.

Adding to the score for the Devilfish were Dan McGrory, Kyle Murray, Jeff Dresley, Dave Shotland, Diego Betancourt, Connor Callahan, Sean Hager, Keith McClosky and Rob Eckman.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF PHILIP M. MINNICINO, Deceased.
Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 16th day of January, A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executors of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Camille Kahn and
Michael A. Minnicino
Executors
Drescher & Cheslow, Attorneys
215 Gordons Corner Road
Suite 1-A
Manalapan, New Jersey 07726
1 T — 1/22/98, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD
The Planning Board of the Town of Westfield will meet on Monday, February 2, 1998, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 8 P.M. to hear and consider the application of D. Villane Construction Company who seeks subdivision of five existing lots into seventeen fully conforming lots and construction of the balance of Clarence Street to Lamberts Mill Road. The property is located in an RS-8 zone, also known as Block No. 2814, Lot Nos. 22, 24, and 26, and Block No. 2815, Lot Nos. 5, 8, 9, 10.

Documentation on the above is on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue, West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Anyone interested in being heard on this matter may appear at the hearing with or without an attorney.

Jennifer Jaruzelski
Board Secretary
1 T — 1/22/98, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE TAX ASSESSOR
Notice is hereby given that the Tax Assessor of the Town of Westfield will meet in the Tax Assessor's Office in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey on Friday morning, February 6, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in the matter of assessments now about to be made for benefits conferred by the improvements heretofore made as local improvements under the provisions of the following ordinance:

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 1890 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PEAN STREET FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO BOYNTON AVENUE.
Annmarie Switzer
Tax Assessor
1 T — 1/22/98, The Leader Fee: \$20.40



SECOND IN ALL AROUND...Jessica Sussman of Westfield took second place in the Level 5/6 New Jersey State Championship Meet held on January 17.

Sign-Ups for Lessons On Horse Riding Set For Early February

Registration for Spring Troop horse riding lessons will begin the first week in February at the Watchung Stables, located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced.

Classes are held for children and adults, beginners through advanced. New students of all ages, especially those who have never ridden before, are encouraged to participate.

Junior Troop for children 9 through 18, will begin the week of Friday, March 20 and comprises 10, one-hour weekly lessons. Classes are available every day, except Sunday. The adult troop, consisting of eight lessons, some held at convenient times for those who work, will begin on or after Sunday, March 22.

Registration for new Troop members begins Saturday, February 14, and continues until classes begin. Troopers who rode in 1997 will be able to register Saturday, February 7. All new members must bring a birth certificate and proof of residence. Applications must be presented in person during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to noon, or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., no applications will be accepted by mail.

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, full payment must accompany all applications. All students will be required to purchase specified uniforms and helmets. A sale of used riding clothes will be held Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the stable. For further information on lessons or the sale, please call (908) 789-3665. The Watchung Stables is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Rec. Commission Offers Ski Tickets

The Westfield Recreation Commission is offering discounted ski tickets to residents of Westfield to the following locations:

- Jack Frost/Big Boulder, Blakeslee, Pennsylvania: weekends/holidays, gate price - \$45, and reduced price - \$36; most weekdays/any night, \$41 and \$26, respectively.
- Shawnee Mountain, Shawnee on Delaware, Pennsylvania: midweek/nights, gate price - \$36, and reduced price - \$21; weekends and holidays, \$43 and \$31, respectively.
- Blue Mountain, Palmerton, Pennsylvania: midweek/twilight, gate price - \$33, reduced price - \$26; weekends/holidays, \$40 and \$36, respectively.
- Montage Ski Area, Scranton, Pennsylvania: weekends/holidays, gate price - \$38, reduced price - \$29.
- Ski Windham, New York: weekend/holiday, gate price - \$41, and reduced price - \$37.

Youths in Grades 5-7 Can Join Horse Club

Union County youth in grades 5 through 7 are invited to join the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County 4-H Horse Club.

The club meets once a month on the second Friday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The first meeting will be held on February 13 at the 4-H office, 300 North Avenue, in Westfield.

Horse ownership is not required. At the meetings, youngsters will have an opportunity to make new friends, participate in hands-on activities that teach about horses, and help run the club by choosing a name for it and electing officers.

To join the 4-H Horse Club or for more information, please contact Karen Cole, 4-H Program Associate, by calling (908) 654-9854, by fax at (908) 654-9818, or e-mail at Cole@AESOP.RUTGERS.EDU.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Program of Union County is fully insured and is affiliated with Rutgers University and the County of Union. Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides information and educational services to all people without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age.

Sussman Gets 2nd At New Jersey Gymnastics Meet

Jessica Sussman of Westfield took second place in her age group with an All Around score of 32.65 in the Level 5/6 New Jersey State Championship Meet held at Henderson's Gymnastic Academy on January 17. Her vault score of 8.8 and parallel bars score of 8.8 won her third place in both events and she also finished in fourth place on balance beam and fifth on the floor exercises.

Sussman's scores helped her team, La Gymnastique of Henderson's, to win second place in the Level 5 Division of the Meet, which is open only to those gymnasts who have attained a qualifying score in previous meets. The event is the highlight of the competitive season for these athletes.

Scotch Plains Senior Basketball

(All players over 50)
January 13:
Arenas Sports 47, Team Law 41
Cranford Cougars 54, Paterson Wise Guys 40

January 15:
Westfield Pearls 38, Team Law 35 (OT)
Berkeley Heights 58, Arenas Sports 38
Scotch Plains 50, Cranford Cougars 40
Paterson Wise Guys 33, North Plainfield 27

(As of January 17)

AMERICAN DIVISION:		W	L
TEAM		5	1
Paterson Wise Guys		4	2
Cranford Cougars		2	4
Arenas Sports		2	4
Team Law		1	5

NATIONAL DIVISION:		W	L
TEAM		5	1
Scotch Plains		3	3
Westfield Pearls		3	3
Berkeley Heights		3	3
North Plainfield		1	5

Senior League play was extremely competitive this past week, with an overtime game, several last-second wins and a big upset highlighting the action. Cranford outplayed the formerly unbeaten Paterson squad, scored layups at will, and dominated the tempo, coasting to a 14 point win, which was only that close because of three three-pointers from Butch McCoy at the end.

Once again, Dave Jablonski led a balanced attack, joining Ken Dunbar in double figures, as well as chipping in seven rebounds to the effort. Chip Weiss was a force, with 13 boards.

Scotch Plains brought the Cougars back to earth with a 10 point win, which was a close game throughout. Pete Tierney displayed a near-perfect touch from 10 foot range, leading the winners in scoring with 26 points.

Arenas Sports split a pair of games, knocking off Team Law by 6, then falling to Berkeley Heights by 20. Arenas's effort was led by Bob Clark, playing hurt, and Jim Carovillano, a superb shooter. Berkeley Heights was led by Ken Brown and John Haselman. A hustling floor game was turned in by Howie Heller.

Westfield took an overtime thriller from Team Law behind Jack Wiley and Will Newell. Team Law was led by Mike Reitmann's shooting and Rick Musser's floor play.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on December 4, 1997, the following decision was made by the Board:

Granted a Use Variance to Soccer Skills and Drills, Inc. to permit the operation of a soccer skills school at the property located at 2540 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains (Block No. 6801, Lot No. 37).

Linda M. Lies Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Township of Scotch Plains
1 T - 1/22/98, The Times Fee: \$16.83

Strong Bergen Tide Swallows F-SPY Coed Swimmers

The F-SPY swimmers put up a brave battle but were unable to beat the tough Greater Bergen (TIDE) team. In the 200-yard individual medley, Jessica Schor put up a good fight to place 3rd for the 11-12's and Devang Doshi, Jason Doshi and Rahul Patel battled amongst themselves to take 2nd, 3rd and 4th for the 15-18's.

In the freestyle events the U-8 group started well with Michael Miller grabbing a 3rd. Jenna Patterson and Amanda Del Grosso grabbed 3rd and 4th, respectively, for the 11-12's. David Ng took 2nd for the 13-14's and once again the 15-18's swam a tight race with Amit Doshi and Richard Khan taking 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

The U-8's did not fare so well in the breaststroke but Judy Fitzpatrick managed to improve her time. Andrea Molowa did a great job for the 9-10's and placed 3rd. The 11-12's race was very close and Meredith Rucinsky did very well to get a 3rd place. Despite tough competition, Chris Wetlesen battled to the bitter end

and took 2nd place for the 15-18's.

Great performances were put in by the U-8's in the backstroke, with Miller, Michelle D'Addona and Hayley Middleton all improving their times. Diane Fitzpatrick hung in there to take 2nd for the 9-10's. The 11-12 race was very close with Chloe Sundstrom and Whitney Smallwood ending up 3rd and 4th, respectively, and the same result was achieved by David Ng and Anthony D'Errico for the 13-14's. For the 15-18's Wetlesen led from the start to take a very comfortable first.

Stephen Moonesar and Megan Gartner both did a great job in the butterfly for the U-8's. For the 9-10's Molowa and Mary Walsh put in great efforts as did Rucinsky, Jessica Schor and Ariana Ramasar for the 11-12's. Megan MacGillivray and Christine Feary swam for the 13-14's and Patel for the 15-18's. The meet closed with some exciting relay races from all age groups.



HEADED TO REGIONS...The New Jersey Jaguars wheelchair basketball team is heading to Illinois for the Midwest Regional Tournament after capturing the Northeast Regional Title in Canton, Massachusetts. They hosted teams from Maryland and Pennsylvania recently at their local tournament, played in Clark. Team members, left to right, are: Paul Ward of Allendale, Kevin Murray of Point Pleasant, C.J. Dodge of Westfield, Ben Park of Dover and Miguel Cintron of Perth Amboy. For information please call (908) 233-0021.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
Date: January 15, 1998
RESOLUTION NO. 4-98

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union that it hereby adopted Resolution No. 10-98 on January 4, 1998; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is hereby desired to amend Resolution No. 10-98 to revise the schedule of regular meetings, which is attached hereto, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10-4-18; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of said schedule of meetings be posted by the Clerk of the Board in the place or places usually reserved for such public notices, mailed by the Clerk of the Board to the newspapers officially designated to receive such notices by the Board and filed by the Clerk of this Board with the Office of the County Clerk of Union County, all of the above to be accomplished within seven (7) days of the date of this Resolution in compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10-4-18.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 1998 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOST MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENINGS. AGENDA SESSIONS BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M. AND REGULAR PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

PERSONS REQUIRING A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD AT (908) 527-4140, OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF RELAY SERVICE AT (908) 527-1232.

AGENDA/WORK SESSIONS	REGULAR/PUBLIC MEETINGS
6:30 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
JANUARY 8 JANUARY 22	JANUARY 4 (REORGANIZATION)
FEBRUARY 19* FEBRUARY 26*	JANUARY 15 JANUARY 29
MARCH 5 MARCH 19	FEBRUARY 19* FEBRUARY 26*
APRIL 2 APRIL 16	MARCH 12 MARCH 26
MAY 7 MAY 21*	APRIL 8 (Wednesday) APRIL 23**
JUNE 4* JUNE 18	MAY 14 MAY 21*
JULY 2 JULY 16	JUNE 4* JUNE 25
AUGUST 6 AUGUST 20	JULY 9 JULY 23
SEPTEMBER 3 SEPTEMBER 17	AUGUST 13 AUGUST 27
OCTOBER 1 OCTOBER 15	SEPTEMBER 10 SEPTEMBER 24
NOVEMBER 5 DECEMBER 3 DECEMBER 17*	OCTOBER 8 OCTOBER 22
	NOVEMBER 12 DECEMBER 10 DECEMBER 17*

*COMBINED AGENDA SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
**YOUTH IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY - 3:00 P.M.
M. Elizabeth Genievich Clerk of the Board
Fee: \$121.38

1 T - 1/22/98, The Leader

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www.goleader.com



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...Jean T. Burgdorff, Chairwoman, and Judy Reeves, President, standing next to the Burgdorff ERA, have announced the 40th anniversary of Burgdorff, Realtors. A year-long celebration is planned.

Burgdorff ERA Celebrating 40th Anniversary This Year

Burgdorff ERA, this month, has begun a year-long 40th anniversary celebration.

Burgdorff, Realtors was born from a dream envisioned literally on the same day by Jean T. Burgdorff and her husband, the late Douglas Burgdorff, according to Tim Schoch, a company spokesman.

Mrs. Burgdorff, Chairman of Burgdorff ERA and a New Jersey State Real Estate Commissioner, tells the story in one of her frequent talks on the history of the company.

"One day Doug came home and said, 'I had an idea today.' Then I said, 'I had an idea today, too!' Well, on comparing notes, we found that we both had the same idea on the same day. We felt that there must be some significance to that, and we should follow up on it.

"Doug had passed the corner of Mountain Avenue and Diamond Hill Road in Murray Hill and had the idea to build a combination home and office on that corner and start his own real estate business there. Believe it or not, I had driven by that same corner on that same day, looked at that vacant lot, and thought it was an ideal location for a home and office, a real estate business, and maybe Doug would like to start his business there.

"We decided to pursue it. We bought the lot, had a home designed with an office. Hard to believe now,

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to the Governing Body of the Township of Scotch Plains, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 to transfer to

Transferee: Park Place Diner Corporation, trading as Park Place Restaurant, for the premises located at 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

the Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 2016-33-006-006 heretofore issued to Transferee: 1900 Park Place Corporation, trading as Park Place Restaurant, for the premises located at 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

The person who will hold an interest in this license is:

George Filippatos
158 Spring Ridge Road
Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922.
Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to:
Ms. Barbara Riepe, Clerk
Township of Scotch Plains
Scotch Plains Municipal Building
430 Park Avenue
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

or
Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control,
Park Place Diner Corporation
t/a Park Place Restaurant
1900 Raritan Road
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
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but that was 1958. At one point Doug said to me, 'I think it would be wise for you to get your license just so that if anyone asks any questions, we'll be perfectly legal.'

"And maybe," he said, 'you could help me out a little bit, just until we get out of debt.' Well, I had taken typing in high school so I thought I could probably type contracts for him. And I also felt that I could hand answering the telephone. I thought those would be my two primary duties. But I went and got the license as requested," Ms. Burgdorff explained.

Following the unexpected death of Mr. Burgdorff in 1968, Mrs. Burgdorff took the family company to success and international recognition.

For 1997, the company produced \$1.75 billion in gross dollar volume, thereby breaking nearly every company record, the spokesman said.

A number of high-visibility events will take place during 1998 for Burgdorff ERA and will all be tied-in with their 40th Anniversary.

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, SEANALYN FEINSMITH, HIS WIFE, ET ALs., 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. 782 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)
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1/22 & 1/29/98 Fee: \$165.24

FULL PAGE HOUSE TRANSACTIONS

Hye-Young Choi Ranked Among Top Sales Associates

Hye-Young Choi of Coldwell Banker in Westfield has been ranked the 23rd highest-selling sales associate among 13,000 residential Realtors nationwide.

"It's been a record-breaking year for the office and the company," said Ms. Choi. "The interest rate was good, the stock market is doing well, and that helps the real estate market. A lot of buyers were ready to buy."

More than 70 of those buyers purchased their houses through Ms. Choi, and are now homeowners in Westfield, Scotch Plains, Mountainside, Cranford and Fanwood.

With her 1997 sales already exceeding \$20 million, Ms. Choi is the top sales associate not only in her office, but in the entire Westfield Board of Realtors. She earned the same distinction in each of the three previous years.

"I've known Hye-Young for 12 years and the reason she is so successful is that she's such a nice person," said Robert Becker, President and Chief Executive Officer of National Realty Trust, the company that owns Coldwell Banker.

"She goes out of her way to make people comfortable, and she is constantly redefining the meaning of good service. She's one of those warm, very special people and that translates into a great deal of success for her," Mr. Becker added.

Ms. Choi is also a member of the company's International President's Elite, an honor attained by only the top two-tenths of 1 percent of Coldwell Banker sales agents.

Among the highlights of her year, Ms. Choi cited an August trip to Boston with her husband, Paul Tse, to attend the Elite Retreat, a national workshop for Coldwell Banker's top salespeople. "It's a place to gain more knowledge, exchange ideas and learn advanced computer techniques," she said.

Ms. Choi holds master's degrees in music and music education, and is a former faculty member at Westminster Choir College in Princeton and Kings College in Westchester.

Before beginning her real estate career, Ms. Choi was an opera singer who performed on Broadway and at London's Palladium Theatre.



TOPS IN HER FIELD...Hye-Young Choi of Coldwell Banker in Westfield was recently honored as the 23rd highest-selling sales associate among 13,000 residential Realtors nationwide. She is pictured with Robert Becker, President and Chief Executive Officer of National Realty Trust, the company that owns Coldwell Banker.

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Mr. Devlin Recognized as Top Sales Associate by Coldwell Banker

Bob Devlin, a real estate professional with the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, was recently recognized as the company's Top Sales Associate in November.

According to Marilyn Kelly, Manager of the Westfield office, the award is based on a combination of top sales and outstanding service to clients during the month.

Mr. Devlin's listing and sales transactions exceed that of any other Coldwell Banker Realtor in Union County, according to Ms. Kelly.

"Mr. Devlin's belief in hard work plus his vitality and strengths in the real estate industry contribute to the consistent successes he has achieved," Ms. Kelly stated.

"He is a forerunner in innovative market approaches by designing his

own website at www.bobdevlin.com, and his personal pride in always doing the best job is an asset to his customers as well as the Coldwell Banker team," she added.

Mr. Devlin works as a team with his wife, Barbara. Both are certified Historic Homes specialists as well as Previews specialists, a Coldwell Banker Luxury Home Division.

The Coldwell Banker Westfield office is located at 209 Central Avenue in Westfield, and may be reached by phone at (908) 233-5555.



Bob Devlin

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
Date Adopted: January 15, 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, unspecifiable 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.: 40-98
(Amending Resolution No. 278-97)
AWARDED TO: Neil Duffy, Esq., 1435 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.
SERVICES: For the purpose of providing legal services on behalf of Corrections Officer Charles Popovic in the matter entitled **Anning v. County of Union**.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
M. Elizabeth Genievich
Clerk of the Board
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