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GETTING A FACELIFT... The Rialto Theatre, located in the heart of downtown Westfield, is undergoing a facelift which includes the expansion of the movie house to six screens and installation of a new stereo system. Work is expected to be completed sometime next month.

Rialto to Unveil New Expanded, Renovated Cinema Next Month

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

It's show time! And it's not *The Last Picture Show*, either.

Next month, a new six-screen cinema complex will open in the heart of downtown Westfield with seating for nearly 1,000 moviegoers. It is the latest version of the Rialto Theatre, located on East Broad Street at Central Avenue.

While the landmark theater gets a reported three-quarters of a million dollar facelift, Jesse Sayegh, President of CJM Entertainment and the newest owner of the Rialto, said, "This is the best thing done to the theater ever—since it was built. We will return it to its glory."

The Rialto opened in 1922 as a traditional one-screen cinema that, over the years, expanded to three auditoriums. It is the only surviving movie theater in the Westfield business district.

Long considered a convenient and sentimental favorite by local residents, the Rialto was threatened with closure after United Artists, which formerly owned it, announced in 1996 that it was selling off many of its smaller theaters in order to concentrate on larger multiplexes.

In June of last year, Mr. Sayegh, a Cedar Grove-based theater operator, purchased the building for a reported \$1.3 million.

Mr. Sayegh also revealed this week that tomorrow, Friday, January 30, he will clinch a deal to purchase the neighboring Cranford cinema on North Avenue from Cineplex Odeon.

"Between these two theaters (Rialto and Cranford) we will have all the movies that people will want to see," he said.

It is expected that Mr. Sayegh will renovate the Cranford site, as well.

Mr. Sayegh confirmed last August that he also owned theaters in Linden, Ocean Township, Upper

Montclair, Cedar Grove and Kinnelon. He said this week, however, that he recently sold four of the theaters.

Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), Michael LaPlace, applauded the extensive improvements to the Rialto taken on by Mr. Sayegh and said, "We would love to coordinate a reopening—a ribbon-cutting ceremony—with the Rialto."

Mr. LaPlace said the DWC, the governing body of the special improvement district, worked with local architects and Mr. Sayegh to develop an "historical preservation" look for the outside of the building.

Mr. Sayegh agreed he will be restoring while improving the building's existing movie marquee. This past week, sandblasting of the exterior of the building revealed the original brick facade.

Dark green awnings will surround the building and the lobby will be expanded into an additional and now vacant storefront. The theaters will have all new Dolby stereo sound systems, according to Mr. Sayegh.

The new heating and air-conditioning systems have state-of-the-art climate control features, he added. Seats are new, more spacious and have cup holders in the arm rests.

The successful renaissance of the Rialto will eventually create eight more part-time jobs in addition to the dozen or so employees, according to Mr. Sayegh. Films continue to show during evening hours while the building rehabilitation goes on.

President of the ad hoc citizen and commerce coalition "Save the Rialto," David Owens, said he was pleased with the work done to the Rialto.

"We are thankful that we have a commercially viable movie theater," he explained.

The concerned Westfield group mobilized in 1996 when it

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SECOND MEETING TO BE HELD IN COMMUNITY ROOM AT 8 P.M.

Mayor Hopes to Identify 'Focus Areas' For Neighborhood Preservation Plan

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Although there is no specific timeline yet in place, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim is targeting tonight's meeting of the recently-formed Neighborhood Preservation Program Committee as one to identify possible "focus areas," in order to get an "action plan" in place.

The meeting, scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Community Room at the Municipal Building on East Broad Street, is the second such meeting since the town formed a committee last July to improve the Central Avenue corridor.

The statewide program was created 23 years ago to help provide "financial assistance to municipalities for activities that promote the restoration and revitalization of threatened but viable neighborhoods."

At the first committee meeting two months ago, Mayor Jardim and Councilmen Neil F. Sullivan, Jr. and John J. Walsh, representing the Third Ward, began hearing input from residents interested in "maintaining and upgrading the neighborhood in and around Cacciola Place and Central Avenue, and obtaining a possible application" for state Neighborhood Preservation Program grants.

In particular, Councilman Sullivan suggested targeting "successful applications" from the past, including possible zoning and parking improvements. A local landlord also complained that property in the area has "depreciated," and cited littering as a key reason.

"The process has been (that) as a council, it was something we wanted to go forward on," explained Mayor Jardim in a telephone interview last Thursday with *The Westfield Leader*.

"This next meeting is to come up with focus areas...that the residents identify as something important for them.

"(We want to) get people in those focus areas (involved) and to try to come up with an action plan," Mayor Jardim added. "You're not going to get any grant funds unless you can show (maximum) public input."

Mayor Jardim, who mentioned the possibility of upgrading the area with lights, shrubbery or grass during the November 24 session, said no timeline has been set at this point, but added that he has requested that \$10,000 be placed into the current 1998 budget for someone "to run with the ball."

The idea, Mayor Jardim further clarified, is to use that money to pay

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CLUB SEEKS SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY; HEARING MONDAY NIGHT

Town Woman's Club Clubhouse Slated for Sale; Declining Memberships Cited Among Reasons

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A proposal to subdivide the Woman's Club of Westfield property on South Euclid Avenue into three parcels has met with surprise and shock by neighbors and even members of the Town Council who first learned of the plan Tuesday night.

The three-story Colonial Revival house has sat on the corner of South Euclid and Tremont Streets since the turn of the century.

Woman's Club Clubhouse Chairwoman and Third Vice President Juanita Shacklett said an application is on the Planning Board agenda for this Monday night.

If the club is granted the subdivision, which requires no variances—and thus did not require the club to legally notify neighboring property owners of the application—the Woman's Club would have several options to sell the property.

"In recent years, declining membership and increasing costs of maintenance have forced the club to reach the difficult and painful decision to explore the possibilities of selling the club property and re-locating to more affordable and modest space to continue its important work," said Ms. Shacklett.

Bob Krause, a land use attorney out of Scotch Plains representing the club, said as a courtesy his office notified

neighbors of the Planning Board's hearing as of yesterday, January 28.

The club, which has announced the private sale of the property, purchased the site from the Burr A. Towl family in

1955. The Towl family had bought the house in 1920.

Mr. Towl served as Mayor of Westfield from 1929 to 1930, during which the house was called "The Little

Bid package kits will be available at the clubhouse on those dates. A deadline for the receipt of bids has been set for 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 26.

The club spokeswoman noted that



SLATED FOR SALE...The Woman's Club of Westfield's clubhouse, located on South Euclid Avenue, has been slated for private sale by the club. The organization will go before the Planning Board on Monday, February 2, to divide the property into three separate buildable lots.

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White House." Later on his son, Burr A. Towl, Jr., also served as Mayor.

With the aid of Mr. Krause, the property is being offered for private sale through a sealed bid. Notice of this will be published in local newspapers. The house will be open for inspection by prospective bidders and/or their representatives on Thursdays during February and March, according to Ms. Shacklett.

the dividing of the 108-foot-by-150-foot lot would provide the club with four options for prospective buyers to bid on.

Prospective bidders could bid on the house and the lot it sits on; the house and one of two vacant lots which would be created through the subdivision; the house and both vacant lots—measuring 92 feet by 150

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Authorities Arrest Six On Prostitution Charges

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Six people, including a mother and daughter, were charged by Westfield police earlier this week with promot-

ing prostitution in two separate incidents.

Authorities, who had been conducting an investigation of the alleged prostitution activities, executed a search warrant at 5:49 p.m. last Friday at the Asianna Accupressure and Therapeutic Center on North Avenue, West.

Two men and two women were arrested at the center, which is located in a second-floor suite of offices. They were charged with promoting prostitution, soliciting prostitution and maintaining a nuisance, said Detective Sergeant John M. Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department.

Sergeant Parizeau defined the last of these charges as "maintaining a premises as a house of prostitution."

Police identified the suspects as Michelle Liu, 42, and Rose Huang, 36, both of Queens; Eng H. Lee, 37, of Morristown, and Jacky Ping Li, 32, of North Plainfield. Bail for each of the four was set at \$2,500, which they posted later that day, said Sergeant Parizeau.

Authorities also confiscated an undetermined amount of cash, along

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Council Introduces Ordinance To Charge Sport Night Fees

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Town Council last night introduced an ordinance which creates a fee structure for the Sports Night program run by the Westfield Recreation Commission.

As previously discussed at the January 20 conference meeting, the ordinance establishes a fee of \$2 per night for youths and \$5 for adults to participate in the program.

Kids would have the option of paying \$10 for the season, with adults paying \$20, instead of the per night charges.

While the ordinance was supported by seven of the eight members of council who were present at the meeting, Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh, who serves as council liaison to the commission, remains opposed to charging for the drop-in basketball program.

The commission has said the new fee structure for the Sports Night program would be effective as of July 1. "I'll oppose this ordinance," Mr. Walsh told his council colleagues

during the agenda setting meeting prior to the regular meeting.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein, who sits on the commission, explained that the current program costs the town \$12,000—an expense which covers supervision and use of the gymnasiums which are the property of the Westfield Board of Education.

She said one of the main reasons the commission has approved the fee is that a number of out-of-town residents are utilizing the facilities free-of-charge.

The drop-in program is available on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools. Each school hosts the event once a week.

Mrs. Weinstein noted that drop-in basketball is the only program, outside of the summer playground offerings, which the commission offers at no charge.

"I do not have a problem with user fees; just do not charge kids. I object to this ordinance. It is extremely nar-

row," Councilman Walsh said.

Councilwoman Weinstein added that other programs, such as indoor lacrosse and batting, are also for kids and charge a fee. Mr. Walsh said that these programs are organized sports while the basketball program is for kids who just wanted something to do on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Councilman Walsh said he fears that kids dropped off by their parents, who do not have money to pay the fee, will be turned away at the doors. He also does not feel charging \$2 will provide the town with significant income.

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Taxes Due Monday

The office of the Westfield Tax Collector will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, February 2, in addition to the regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quarterly property taxes are due that day.

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ANGELIC VOICES...Members of the Angel Chorus from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains relax after their final performance in *A Christmas Carol* at Madison Square Garden. The students also sang live on NBC's "Today Show," and radio station WPLJ's "Morning Show," took part in Governor Christine Todd Whitman's annual Holiday Gala, and attended a cast party at the conclusion of the holiday stage show. Please see a story on page 12.

'PLAN B' SLATED TO BE HEARD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Township Planning Bd. Rejects First Proposal For Better View Homes Housing Development

By CANDACE WALLER
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Planning Board, in a unanimous decision, turned down the Plan A portion of the Ernest Fantini application — referred to as the Better View Homes development — at its January 21 meeting.

Mr. Fantini is trying to get approval to develop his property located by Pheasant and Sleepy Hollow Lane in Scotch Plains and Plainfield into nine lots.

"I knew that Plan A would be turned down," said Mr. Fantini's attorney Joseph Murray. "We believe the board will go with Plan B. There are no variances with this plan. There is no reason to turn it down."

Plan A and Plan B both divide the Fantini property into nine separate lots. Problems arose with Plan A because the number of variances needed (25) and how the property lines were drawn.

Due to the fact that 7.2 acres of the land is in Scotch Plains and 2.2 is in Plainfield the case will also be heard by the board in Plainfield. Mr. Murray indicated that he had not submitted an application in Plainfield at this time.

In Plan A all the houses would be built facing Scotch Plains even the ones located in Plainfield. In order to accomplish this, the lots would be smaller than the land usually is in this section of Scotch Plains.

The Better View Homes case was the only item on the agenda. Testi-

mony lasted well into the evening bringing out concerned citizens from Scotch Plains and Plainfield.

This denial has not closed the case because representatives for Mr. Fantini had submitted Plan B along with Plan A to the board.

"This is just Plan A and in no way should it prejudice Plan B," said board Chairman George Tomkin.

According to board attorney L.A. Woodruff, the board is within its legal rights rendering a decision in the middle of the case despite the fact that it may be unusual.

The Fantini case has been a controversial topic for the board. The board heard testimony in their De-

cember meeting and most board members felt that enough information was presented to make a ruling.

Councilman Martin Marks, who represents the council on the board and who articulated the motion to deny Plan A, said he felt enough information was explained by both parties to give him reason to deny the plan.

Among his reason for denial was the number of variances needed to bring the Fantini plan into fruition.

"When the applications were submitted, the plans were separate," Councilman Marks said. "Some reasons I think it should be denied are the number of variances, 25 out of 54 requirements need variances."

OFFICIALS CLAIM PROGRAM DUPLICATES SP-F INSTRUCTION

School Bd. Elects to Suspend Payments to Magnet School At Cost of \$36,000 to District

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

During its January 22 public meeting, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education unanimously resolved to suspend further tuition payments to the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Math and Technology until the concerns of the board and local residents regarding the magnet school are addressed.

These concerns include:

- The magnet school's program of instruction that is "duplicative and redundant" of the program of instruction offered by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district.
- The belief that this instruction "is outside the purpose of a vocational/technical high school" as de-

finied by New Jersey state law.

- The cost of tuition and transportation for local students at the magnet high school, and the fact that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district's present curricula satisfy the state's constitutional requirement to provide a "thorough and efficient" education.

The resolution also empowered Board Attorney Casper P. Boehm, with the consent of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye and Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon, to take the action necessary to protect the interests of the board with respect to the county magnet school "including, but not limited to the institution of any litigation."

Superintendent of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, declined to comment on the action taken in Scotch Plains-Fanwood because, he said, the board's refusal to pay tuition might become a matter of litigation.

He said, "Title 18A, Chapter 54:20-1 provides a mechanism for students to attend any program sponsored by the vocational-technical school, and (dictates that) constituent districts within the county shall support them — meaning tuition and transportation must be paid for."

There are six Scotch Plains-Fanwood students enrolled in the ninth grade of the magnet school, at an annual cost of \$6,000 per student. The \$36,000 district expenditure does not include the cost of transportation.

During the meeting, Dr. Choye discussed the district's plans to accommodate its growing student population.

While modular classrooms at School One, Evergreen and J. A. Coles Elementary Schools will help provide for "reasonable class sizes," and there is evidence that the 1998-1999 Kindergarten enrollment is below what the district anticipated, the Superintendent is still concerned about space at the elementary level.

Local Parent-Teacher Association members will be conducting a door-to-door survey of residents during the spring to help the administration develop accurate enrollment projections.

A survey conducted by the Berwyck Chase Homeowners Association last October revealed that 21 children from Berwyck Chase alone will be entering Kindergarten next September.

During the meeting, Dr. Choye unveiled a proposal to consolidate all

but one of the district's Pre-Kindergarten programs into six classrooms at Park Middle School. This would free up classroom space at Coles and Brunner Elementary Schools.

Presently, Coles houses the Pervasive Developmental Disorder program in one classroom, while Brunner hosts the Title I Tip Top and Handicapped Pre-Kindergarten classes.

Another Pre-Kindergarten class is located at School One and would remain there under the Superintendent's plan.

In developing the plan for board consideration, district administrators are looking into utilizing existing library/media center workspace at Park, consolidating two supervisors' spaces into one, and relocating three middle

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Three Seats Are Available On School Bd.

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

Three seats are again available on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education this year, although at press time no candidates had yet filed nominating petitions, according to the office of Matthew A. Clarke, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Board Secretary.

All three vacancies are currently held by longtime incumbents, including Board President Donald E. Sheldon of Scotch Plains, Albert J. Syvertsen, also of Scotch Plains, and Richard R. Meade of Fanwood. School elections will take place on Tuesday, April 21. School board terms are for three years each.

Prospective candidates may pick up nominating petitions from the receptionist's desk at the board's administrative offices, located at Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street in Scotch Plains. Petitions, which require 10 signatures, must be returned to the board offices by Monday, March 2, at 4 p.m.

Dr. Sheldon, who has lived in Scotch Plains for 30 years, was first elected to the board in 1992. He has served as President for the last five years. The incumbent, now retired, was employed by the school district for 23 years, first as Director of Guidance and later as

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PROJECT TO BE FUNDED THROUGH \$1.7 MILLION BOND ISSUE

Council Hires Firm to Improve Sanitary Sewer Pumping Stations

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council agreed Tuesday, to hire a Pennsylvania construction company for nearly \$1.2 million worth of improvements to sanitary sewer pumping stations on the south side of the township.

This comes after a Roselle Park company first hired for the job bowed out when township officials discovered the two owners were sentenced to three years in state prison for bribery, extortion and theft convictions in bid-rigging schemes.

Attorneys for the township said Consolidated/Delta DV withdrew from the contract for the sewer work prior to a "responsibility hearing" with township officials after the council rescinded their work offer to Consolidated when the owners' crimes surfaced in a December *Star-Ledger* report.

At that point, township officials voiced serious doubt as to whether the contract had been awarded to "the lowest responsible bidder" as required by law, and requested a hearing with Consolidated.

Details of the pullout agreement were not revealed, although in cases such as this a contractor may often be compensated for work already done.

Rich Construction Company, Inc., of Fountainville, Pennsylvania submitted the second lowest bid out of six which were received by the township in November of last year.

The firm asked \$1,193,000 to upgrade four pumps at Raritan Road, Lamberts Mill Road, West Broad Street and Greenview, and run new sewer pipes parallel to the existing system for increased flow.

A \$1.7 million bond issue should finance much of the total cost of the project, that includes engineering consultant fees, according to officials.

The work could take up to 20 months, but there should be minimal disruption to residents, officials said.

A separate \$142,500 bond ordinance was passed into law without objection for the computer automation of

the township's library. The total cost is \$180,000, according to officials, of which \$30,000 will be supplied through gifts.

Library Director Norbert Bernstein noted that the township was one of the last three Union County municipalities to go to an automated system. The Boroughs of Fanwood and Garwood are the others.

Fanwood has considered going in on the project with Scotch Plains, which would save the township about \$10,000.

Mr. Bernstein said that, under the new system, residents would be able to access the library's catalog of books from a home computer, via the Internet, "and also check if you are delinquent

on returns," he quipped.

The transition to automation should take about a year and add at least a dozen new computer terminals to the library.

The Township Council additionally okayed an ordinance to raise the salary for a Municipal Court Administrator from \$36,000 to \$47,000 a year. The salary for an Emergency Management Coordinator rose to \$5,000 a year from \$2,000. The measure is retroactive to January 1.

Along with 10 other member municipalities, the township okayed a separate ordinance raising the yearly pay for commissioners to the Rahway Valley

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She resides in town with her three children, Lyndsay, 15, Andrew, 12, and Jayne, 9. Her husband served as Prosecutor from 1991 until his death

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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, Westfield 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.

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STADIUM WITH 40,000 CAPACITY SOUGHT BY SOCCER CLUB

MetroStars, Union County Called A 'Perfect Match' by Freeholder

With the goals of boosting Union County's economy and enhancing its quality of life, Elizabeth and county officials began an effort last Thursday at luring major professional soccer to the area when county and city officials met with an executive of the MetroStars soccer club.

Freeholder Donald Goncalves kicked off the drive to bring the New Jersey MetroStars of Major League Soccer to Elizabeth when he, along with city and county officials, met with the team's General Manager, Charles Stillitano.

"Union County and the MetroStars would be a perfect match," Freeholder Goncalves said, noting that Mr. Stillitano brought a model of a proposed 40,000-seat stadium to the Council of Economic Development Advisors.

Freeholder Goncalves added that he is certain residents of all ages, and businesses and soccer organizations in the county will enthusiastically join the crusade when it begins this spring.

The Elizabeth Development Co., of which Freeholder Goncalves works for, has been studying the feasibility of constructing a stadium in the city.

Mr. Stillitano, a resident of Westfield, said that the team's first choice is to stay at the Meadowlands. He did indicate, however, that the MetroStars would prefer a stadium

with a grass field along with a state-of-the-art training facility.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said he was "excited" that the team is considering Union County — and specifically Elizabeth — as its new home in the event the team leaves Giants Stadium. He said the county will "do everything we possible can to bring them (the MetroStars) here."

Also attending the meeting was Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage who said the city wants to be in a position to garner the team should they vacate the Meadowlands. Giants Stadium is operated by the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.

Among the other communities and/or cities competing for the MetroStars are Newark, Perth Amboy, New York City and Long Island.

Freeholder Goncalves said he plans to ask the public to join him in showing the team why Union County would make an ideal home.

Among the reasons Freeholder Goncalves hopes to use to get residents support for the proposal are:

- Easy accessibility to a stadium from local roads, county, state and interstate highways and train and bus services.

- A new stadium would generate construction jobs and administrative positions, bring revenues into the county and put money into the pockets of local business owners.

- Soccer's popularity among the people who live in the county's 21 municipalities would result in excellent attendance at games.

"The people of many races and ethnic groups who make up Union County are united in numerous ways, including through the cross-cultural love of soccer," Freeholder Goncalves said.

"The fan base here is tremendous — from the 'soccer moms' and kids in local leagues, to immigrants from Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America. Soccer is the number one sport in the world and in Union County," he said.

The Freeholder added that the team and a new stadium would be a boon to the county's economy and make it an even better place to live, work and do business.

"In addition to the economic benefits afforded to residents and the team, are the extremely important factors of soccer's popularity among residents in Union County and how

the MetroStars would contribute to our quality of life," he said.

"Families would be together in the stands, kids would have a place to go and see stars of the game, role models working together on the grass field — a healthy alternative to the streets and the lure of crime and drugs, fans of all ages would enjoy the excitement and skill of the world's, and Union County's, most popular sport," he said.

Mr. Stillitano said that Elizabeth would be a good site for the team because of its access to major transit and highways — all which would provide easy access for the MetroStars 10,000 season ticketholders.

Freeholder Goncalves noted that high schools throughout Union County — public, private and parochial — have varsity soccer teams for boys and girls, and most have junior varsity and freshman teams.

He continued by stating, "Add them to the number of kids who play on teams in gym classes in elementary schools and in soccer programs run by youth leagues and recreation departments, and you then have an idea of how much people love and participate in the game."

"We are talking about thousands and thousands of kids who are involved in soccer," Freeholder Goncalves said.

He said that Union County already has been answering the desire and need of the hundreds of school-aged, collegiate, amateur and semi-professional soccer players by improving existing fields and constructing new ones.

There are now 26 soccer fields in Union County Parks and other county facilities.

Two new fields were dedicated in Greenfield Park in Rahway in the fall, and the finishing touches are being put on two new fields in Warinanco Park in Elizabeth and Roselle.

"Our improving and adding facilities show that we respect community-based sports. The people want and need better facilities, so we are providing them," Freeholder Goncalves said. "We would score an even bigger goal for the people by bringing the New Jersey MetroStars to Union County."

Mr. Stillitano indicated that the MetroStars expect to have a "definitive sense" of the team's decision on its future home site within the next 60 days.

Freeholder Scutari Postpones Changing Worker Health Plans

Pending an investigation into why the First Option Health Plan canceled scheduled surgeries for plan participants, Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari has pulled a resolution that would have switched insurance of county employees to the company.

"We want company representatives to come in and explain to us why they forced the cancellations," said Freeholder Scutari, who planned to sponsor a resolution that would switch the coverage of employees enrolled in PruCare to the First Option Health Plan because the county would have saved about \$700,000 — or 19.4 percent — in insurance premiums over two years while employees would have received comprehensive care.

According to news accounts, the managed care company's attempt to cut the pay of anesthesiologists by 20 percent resulted in canceled surgery for patients in North Jersey and angered physicians and state health officials.

"This is very disturbing," Freeholder Scutari said. "It is very important that county employees receive optimum coverage. We will not sacrifice quality health care in order to save money. We want representatives of First Option to explain themselves."

After an extensive review of many health insurance and property insurance plans, the county's Citizens Insurance Review Committee (CIRC) — to which Freeholder

Scutari is the board's liaison — determined that the First Option Health Plan met the budgetary requirements of the county and the coverage needs of workers.

The four-member CIRC meets with brokers and makes recommendations to the county's Division of Risk Management and Employee Benefits on how to provide adequate risk protection and coverage for all employees under Union County's insurance programs.

"However, given these reports, we must be skeptical to protect our residents. The dollars we would save would be insignificant if our hard-working employees did not receive the best coverage for themselves and their families," stated Freeholder Scutari, adding that CIRC is already re-evaluating its decision. "The question as to who will best insure Union County employees is back on the table," he stated.

Women Voters Slate Meeting to Review Program Planning

The Westfield Area League of Women Voters will open its monthly board meeting to the membership and the public on Monday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. at 714 Glen Avenue for a discussion on national program planning.

The membership of the league nationally is invited every two years to provide input into planning on issues and areas of concern for study and action, as well as review and re-evaluate existing positions, according to a spokeswoman.

For further 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.

Mr. Augustine Named Chair Of Government Committee

State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine has been appointed Chairman of the Assembly State Government Committee by Assembly Speaker Jack Collins.

Assemblyman Augustine was Vice Chairman of the Committee during the last legislative session.

As Chairman of the Assembly State Government Committee, Mr. Augustine will deal with a wide range of concerns including campaign finance reform, the election process, and changes in the civil service system.

"Alan brings to this leadership position considerable experience in both the public and private sector," noted Speaker Collins. "I am confident the important work of this committee will benefit from his experience in and knowledge of all levels of government."

"Having served as Vice Chairman of the State Government Committee, I am pleased that Speaker Collins has given me the opportunity to provide direction for this committee and look forward to the challenges it will present," Assemblyman Augustine said.

The Assemblyman noted that in Governor Christine Todd Whitman's State of the State message and Inaugural Address, she presented a number of initiatives that come under the purview of the

State Government Committee.

"One of our tasks will be to review these initiatives once they are introduced and to take appropriate action on them," said Assemblyman Augustine.

Serving his third full term, Assemblyman Augustine is also a member of the Assembly Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

Before joining the Assembly in 1992, he served as Scotch Plains Township Councilman for 20 years, including three terms as Mayor. He was also a Union County Freeholder, serving as Chairman in 1987.

A corporate consultant, Assemblyman Augustine resides in Scotch Plains.

He represents the 22nd Legislative District which includes Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Erratum

In last week's edition, it was incorrectly reported that former Union County Freeholder Walter D. McNeil resigned to take a position as City Administrator in Elizabeth.

Mr. McNeil is actually City Administrator in Plainfield. We apologize for the error.

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Mrs. Walsh Launches Bid For Third Term on Board

Westfield Board of Education incumbent, Darielle Walsh, has announced she will seek a third term. Referring to her qualifications, Mrs. Walsh stated, "I believe it is critical to have leadership with a background in education and a commitment to the entire community. My demonstrated involvement with education in Westfield provides me with a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities at every level."

Mrs. Walsh is currently in her sixth year of service on the school board. Since 1992, she has served as a member of the Town Relations Committee, Board/Staff Committee, Curriculum and Programs Committee, Policy Committee, and as an alternate member of the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Walsh is Vice President of the Board and Chairman of the Facilities Committee. Under her four-year leadership, on the Facilities Committee, she noted that the board approved the five-year Long Range Facilities Plan, the construction of 12 new classrooms, the renovation of the field at Roosevelt Intermediate School and capital improvements to each of the nine school buildings.

She has represented the school board as Chairwoman of the Negotiating Committee with the Westfield Instructional Support Staff (paraprofessionals) and as a member of the Negotiating Committee with the Westfield Association of Administrators and Supervisors, Westfield Education Association, Westfield Association of Educational Secretaries, and Westfield Support Staff Association (custodians).

She has been a liaison representative to the Westfield Recreation Commission, the Union County School Boards Association, the Westfield High School Student Council, and the McKinley Elementary, Roosevelt Intermediate and Westfield High School Parent-Teacher Organizations.

Mrs. Walsh has been actively involved with the schools for many years having served as Parent-Teacher Organization President for Jefferson Elementary School, Edison Intermediate School and the high school as well as President of the Parent-Teacher Council which represents all nine schools.

Mrs. Walsh was one of the original committee chairwomen involved with establishing the Westfield High School Post-Graduation Party

"BASH," and she continues as a member of the steering committee.

She is a former member and President of the Junior Woman's Club and has been active with the Westfield Soccer Association as a Committee Chairwoman for the Memorial Cup Soccer Tournament. She was on the Board of Directors of the Westfield Downtown Committee and served as Secretary of the MainStreet Program.

Mrs. Walsh is Co-Chairwoman of the United Fund of Westfield Annual



Darielle M. Walsh

Campaign and has served as Chairwoman of the Major Gifts and Residential Divisions for several years.

She is Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Westfield "Y," a member of the Board of Trustees of the Education Fund of Westfield, and an active member of the Westfield Service League, the Rotary Club of Westfield, and the Rake and Hoe Garden Club.

Mrs. Walsh grew up in Forest Hills, New York, and earned a degree in psychology from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in New York. She is a former elementary school teacher.

She and her husband, Michael, have lived in Westfield for 19 years. They have two sons, Corey, an English teacher at Ramapo High School, and Ryan, a junior at Villanova University in Pennsylvania.

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED...The winners of the "Share-in-Youth" fundraiser, sponsored by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, were recently announced during a special club meeting. Pictured, left to right, are: Lori De Milt, President of the Club, Lauren Birns, Co-Chairwoman of the 1997 event, and Dr. James Checchio, Chairman, as the winning names are drawn. The fundraiser benefits local charities and youth activities.

F-SP Rotary Club Reveals 'Share-in-Youth' Winners

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club recently announced the winners of its Share in-Youth fundraiser at a special club meeting.

Lori De Milt, President of the club, and Dr. James Checchio, Chairman of the 1997 event, reported that the event raised \$17,490.

The three winners receiving half of the amount are: First prize, Tom White of Annandale, \$5,247; Second prize, Rana Chatterjee of Scotch Plains, \$2,623.50, and Third Prize,

Dan Marrosu of Scotch Plains, \$874.50

The remaining amount of \$8,745 was distributed to the following local charities and youth activities: Resolve; the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Leadership Conference, Tiny Tim Fund, and the Dave Ringle Scholarship Fund.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

Westfield School Bd. Committee Slates Strategic Plan Hearing

The Long Range Planning Committee of the Westfield Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the draft of the district's strategic plan on Thursday, February 5, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Westfield High School.

Copies of the plan are available on the Westfield web site at <http://westfieldnj.com/strategic-planning>, at the School/Community Relations Office at 302 Elm Street, at all schools, and in the Westfield Memorial Library.

"We look forward to comments and suggestions from the public," stated Annmarie Puleio, Chairwoman of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Those people who cannot attend are invited to e-mail their comments to strategic-planning@westfieldnj.com.

Parents Urged to Register Students for 1998-1999 Year

Parents of private and parochial school students who are planning to have their child enroll in the Westfield public schools for the 1998-1999 academic year are encouraged to begin the registration process as soon as possible, according to Dr. David J. Rock, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the Westfield Public Schools.

"This is especially important at the high school, to ensure a full range of curriculum courses, and at the intermediate schools, where choices in fine and practical arts and world languages are made," said Dr. Rock.

Parents of incoming Kindergarten students for the 1998-1999 school year will be asked to register their children in March. Any Westfield child who reaches his or her fifth or sixth birthday on or before Thursday, October 1, 1998, is eligible to register.

Kindergarten registration is scheduled from Tuesday, March 3, to Wednesday, March 11, at the following locations, by appointment:

- Tuesday, March 3, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Franklin Elementary School, (908) 789-4590, and Washington Elementary School, (908) 789-4600.

- Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, at Wilson Elementary School, (908) 789-4605.

- Tuesday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School, (908) 789-4490 and at Tamaques Elementary School, (908) 789-4580. Registration will also take place that day from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, (908) 789-4420.

- Wednesday, March 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McKinley Elementary School, (908) 789-4555, and from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Administration Building.

In the event of a delayed opening or school closing due to inclement weather, registration for that day will be rescheduled.

A birth certificate and proof of immunization are required for registering all new students to the district.



DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS...Nine seniors at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains were recently designated as Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars, for which they are offered an annual award of \$1,000. The students, pictured left to right, are: front row, Regina Filus of Linden; Erin Vogt of Hillside; Kathryn Rooney of North Plainfield, and Laura Dec of Scotch Plains; second row, Toya Gavin of Irvington, Jillian Nebenfuhr of Elizabeth, Charles Young of Clark, and Jennifer Moffett of Plainfield. In back is Jennifer Ferro of Hillside.

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County Freeholder Bd. Getting Fresh Look With Addition of Mrs. Ruotolo, Mr. Mingo

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will continue to have representation from Westfield following the recent selection of Mary J. Ruotolo to fill the unexpired term of Carol I. Cohen. Ms. Cohen, who resigned to become Union County Counsel, was elected to the board in 1995.

Joining Mrs. Ruotolo on the board is Lewis Mingo, Jr., of Plainfield, who has replaced Walter D. McNeil, also of Plainfield. Mr. McNeil resigned in December to become City Administrator in Plainfield.

Mrs. Ruotolo, the wife of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo, and Mr. Mingo will officially join the board tonight, January 29, during a swearing-in ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. in the Freeholders Meeting Room of the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth.

Ms. Cohen, a Westfield attorney, will officially begin her new role following a noon swearing-in ceremony in the Freeholders office on Sunday, February 8.

The two new Freeholders will serve out the terms of Ms. Cohen and Mr. McNeil, which will expire at the end of this year. Also up for re-election this year is Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, a resident of Elizabeth. The deadline for filing petitions for the June primary and November general election is Thursday, April 9. The Democrats hold a 9-0 majority on the board and have swept the last three elections — picking up five seats and the majority (beginning last year) in the process.

In addition to Westfield, Plainfield and Elizabeth, other communities with hometown Freeholders are Fanwood, Linden, Union, Rahway, Roselle Park and

Elizabeth. The City of Elizabeth, the county seat, is also represented by Freeholder Donald Goncalves. All seats on the board are at-large, meaning the total vote county-wide determines the winners.

The board's main focus since Democrats took the majority is on economic development. Also, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation is moving ahead with plans to dredge 11 of the county's lakes, including the upper portion of Echo Lake in Mountainside and Westfield, and Surprise Lake in Mountainside, located in the Watchung Reservation — all part of the county's capital budget for 1998. The board also will work with officials at developing final plans for a new golf clubhouse at the Oak Ridge course in Clark. The previous clubhouse has been declared an historic landmark and is considered by officials as no longer meeting the needs of golfers.

The board is also working with the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) at hammering out a 25-year lease agreement with Ogden Martin Systems of Union, Inc., the contractor of the Rahway garbage incinerator. The lease agreement represents the board's and the UCUA's solution to a federal court decision which, in effect, regulated the garbage industry in New Jersey by ending waste flow restrictions. In Union County these restrictions enabled the UCUA to direct garbage to the incinerator.

These are just a few of the issues facing the board this year. We welcome the new Freeholders to the board as they prepare to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Letters to the Editor

Melba Nixon Acknowledges Persons Who Have Led Recreation Dept.

After 15 years, my service on the Westfield Recreation Commission has ended. It seemed to be a good time for reflection and a time to acknowledge some of the people who have worked hard to make Westfield's Recreation Department one of the best in America.

First, I would like to extend my best wishes for rewarding and productive service to new Commissioners Thomas Cusimano and Maureen Regan.

When I look back over the last decade and a half, I think of the people who produced results. The three directors were Ruth Hill, Paul Campanelli, and the team of Glenn Burrell and Jim Gildea. Ruth was a woman of keen intellect and wide ranging interests who worked closely with town administrators, Town Council and commissioners to develop a comprehensive program of instruction in music, painting, sculpture and exercise, an excellent summer playground program, Little League sports, management of the Westfield Memorial Pool and stewardship of our parks and fields.

Paul Campanelli, while continuing Ruth's work, made a major effort in addressing our youth's recreational

needs. The Teen Center program at the Municipal Building on Friday and Saturday nights are one happy result of that effort.

In addition to managing previously developed programs, Glenn Burrell and Jim Gildea have really been good will ambassadors to the youth of the community. Their work on the Haunted House and Graduation Bash are just two examples of that effort.

The first chairman that I worked with was Roger Chandler. Rarely lasting more than an hour, the meetings that Roger chaired were models of efficiency and effectiveness. Roger could "hear" nine different perspectives, summarize them and then meld them into a cohesive statement of policy.

Next, John Crout served as chairman, bringing a high level of professionalism to pool management. Under his direction we hired a professional engineering firm that specialized in pool construction and maintenance that developed long-range plans for building and maintenance of the Memorial Pool Complex.

John's regular and frequent meetings with the Mayor and Town Council made for excellent communication between the two groups and greatly benefited the public.

Sy Koslowsky, the third chairman with whom I worked, has developed collaborations with the Westfield Public Schools, the Westfield "Y," the Westfield Neighborhood Council, the Friends of Mindowaskin Park, the Optimist Club and other organizations.

These partnerships have made for more and better use of personnel, better care of parks and fields and have helped us to serve the public better.

Jonathan Jones has chaired the Pool Committee for a number of years and has provided important oversight as that facility was modernized and made more beautiful.

I have wonderful memories of working with these gentlemen and with Ralph Hobson, Fran Comstock, Dan Schwebel, Steve Garfinkel, Kolar Singh, Mel Koren and others.

Tamaques, Mindowaskin, Brightwood and several small parks are a spectacular recreational resource for our town. I take pride in having helped to maintain that legacy.

Mary Louise Clarke
 Westfield

Melba Nixon
 Westfield

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State Needs to Spend More Dollars On Pedestrian Safety Remedies

With another child becoming a pedestrian victim in Westfield, the second incident in just a few weeks at a school, it is time to take stock of our actions as drivers.

No matter what the carelessness of the children involved, we have to realize that New Jersey is second in the nation in pedestrian deaths for a reason and only we can change our driving behavior.

As members of the BRAKES Group, we have surveyed the situation at all of our schools and what we have found is

Scotch Plains Council Encouraged to Support Ocean Routing Plan

Scotch Plains has been suffering from jet noise for too many years. Many other communities in northern and central New Jersey also face this same problem. Such a widespread public issue must be addressed by a solution that serves the best interests of all.

For this reason, ocean routing is clearly the best answer for both New Jersey and for Scotch Plains.

It is time for the Scotch Plains Township Council to join other elected officials across the state and wholeheartedly support such a regional solution.

Raymond Mager
 Scotch Plains

POPCORN™ The Boxer: A Split Decision

By Michael S. Goldberg

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent



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This dedicated effort is the kind of bleak, quasi-import that wins Academy Awards in off years. Forthcoming, well acted, skillfully directed, and as altruistic as Stephen Hawking. But oh, the misery.

Set in contemporary Belfast, *The Boxer* paints an indelible picture of what has euphemistically come to be called The Troubles. There's no romanticizing revolution here. A hopeless wedding takes place in prison — a weary camera pans starkly forbidding streets jacketed with British checkpoints. Unto this canvas emerges the title character.

Incarcerated 15 years for his IRA activities, boxer Danny Flynn (Daniel Day-Lewis) adhered to the illegal group's code and kept his silence.

For this, he is accorded a modicum of respect in the old neighborhood. The boxer now seeks to resurrect his life, and maybe his career.

But going about the business of living your life in Northern Ireland hasn't gotten any easier in the last 15 years. As Mr. Flynn soon learns, the same divisive enmities come to roost the moment one chances a bit of garden variety happiness. This includes Danny's relationship with Maggie (Emily Watson), the girl he left behind, so to speak.

Attempting to do the noble thing when he was imprisoned, the pugilist gave Maggie the gate. She, in turn, married Danny's best friend. Now the best friend is still in the pokey and Danny has come a courting.

Director Jim Sheridan, who also cowrote the script with Terry George (*Any Man's Son*), weaves a unique kind of love story here, with nary a steamy scene to fog your glasses. Though the emphatic dialogue can get a mite thick with cliché and metaphor at times, there is never any doubt that Maggie and Danny have that soul connection thing going on.

This is due in large part to peerless performances by Miss Watson and Mr. Day-Lewis, star-crossed lovers determined to brave the obstacles. Heightening the tensions of this romantic love is the knowledge that they are going against IRA mores: One does not woo a prisoner's wife, a strict dictate memorably established early in the film.

There is a haunting danger, an ever-present tension, permeating Mr. Sheridan's work. Nothing seems safe. It's in the lilt of every conversation.

As Danny Flynn inaugurates his ring exploits, no bit of hometown pride and optimism can be served up without an accompanying threat of doom. The Belfast streets look dank, sparse, lifeless, as if rain only soils the landscape, unable to cleanse the city of some strange original sin.

Mr. Sheridan's microcosm of intolerance points up not only the untenable situation in Ulster, but in every place in the world where hate has come to be the

main product. The searing script captures this age-old political malady and weaves it into a sadly poignant tapestry.

It becomes clear that whatever the original reasons for conflict, these ancient antagonisms have now been franchised by a variety of parasites — opportunists who have learned to play the conflict's emotions to their selfish advantage. Hence, not only is it Protestants against Catholics under the unhappy scrutiny of the British overlord; the sad situation is further complicated by splinter groups within the Irish Republican Army itself.

Currently, in sensitive negotiations for peace, Maggie's dad (a splendid Brian Cox as Joe Hamill), the local IRA honcho, views Danny's personal renaissance as a symbolic watershed. But his fiercely contrary lieutenant Harry (Gerard McSorley), long Danny's nemesis, is determined to rain heavily on his enemy's parade, including his attempts to establish a non-sectarian boxing gym for local youngsters.

Ken Stott is sadly endearing here as Ike, Danny's guzzling manager. Adding to the dramatic complications, Maggie's son, Liam (Ciaran Fitzgerald), grows increasingly jealous of Mom's attentions to Danny.

The boxing sequences, while astutely choreographed, are not as exciting as they are socially instructive. When Danny battles a Nigerian opponent at a posh London club, the incongruous scene speaks volumes about caste and power — not too unlike the way boxing movies in the 1930s reflected the mood of the Depression. Problem is, though *The Boxer* meets out a very eloquent volley of sociopolitical truths, simply seen as drama, the relentless one-two combination could render the casual viewer a bit punchy.

The Boxer, rated R, is a Universal Pictures release directed by Jim Sheridan and stars Daniel-Day Lewis, Emily Watson and Gerard McSorley. Running time: 107 minutes.

Telephone Advertising May Give Surprised Calles a Real Hang-up

By Louis H. Clark

Where has American inventiveness gone to? After all, we invented junk mail, junk telephone solicitations, and credit cards. Who's beating us? Europeans, that's who.

According to a recent article in *The Times*, if you want to make a telephone call in Milan, you go to your telephone and pick up the receiver. Instead of a buzz, you get a voice telling you all about the virtues of Luigi's Pizza Parlor or the



BULLS AND BEARS

The Long and Short of It

"There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can," according to Mark Twain. Stock market bulls and bears, however, speculate frequently and many make a good living doing so.

The bull and bear are both specialists, but each takes a different approach to his speculative efforts. Let's examine the origins of these intrepid capitalists.

According to Stuart Flexner, the term bear was originally an English stock market term which first appeared in 1709. A bear, in its financial sense, has always been "one who bought in anticipation of a slump or fall in the market."

The bearidion apparently comes from the old axiom: "selling the skin before the old vaught the bear." Such a trader was called a bearskin, and this name in time was shortened to bear.

By 1849, a financial bear was called a "short" in the United States. The bear, or short, in effect, sold shares he did not actually own, believing the price would soon drop. When it did drop, he would then buy the shares at the lower price and reap his profit.

The use of these terms was probably influenced by the English sport of bear and bull baiting, a practice in which people no longer engage. To be a bear or bearish is also an idiomatic expression for "one who is generally pessimistic."

The derivation of a bull is not as well attested as bear. Some authorities suggest that it comes from the bull's habit of tossing its head, while others are convinced that the bull label stems from the bull's potency, which suggests strength.

A bull, in the stock market sense, is a "speculator who purchases with the expectancy of a rise in price" and is, therefore, generally considered optimistic or "bullish."

Since 1852, a bull has also been known as "a long" in the United States. There you have the long and short of this very volatile subject.

WESTFIELD GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Underway; Valentines Being Made for Veterans

Written by Girl Scouts for Girl Scouts



It's Girl Scout Cookie time. Orders are being taken now and will continue until Sunday, February 8. Please support your favorite Girl Scout(s). Cookies will be delivered Monday through Friday, March 9 through 13.

If you miss ordering your Girl Scout cookies, or if you just would like some more, don't worry. Booth sales of cookies will be seen throughout the town from Thursday, March 19, through Sunday, April 19. Thank you all for your support.

Sixty-two Cadettes and adults enjoyed an overnight at Camp Hoover on January 24 and 25. Among the many activities planned is a service project in which valentines will be made for hospitalized veterans.

All Girl Scout troops in town are asked to support the Valentines for Vets project. Girl Scouts are asked to deliver their hand-made valentines to the American Red Cross office on Elm Street by the first week of February.

The Red Cross will distribute them to our veterans in Lyons Hospital. For delivery of valentines completed after Thursday, February 5, please contact

Shirley Walsh at (908) 232-5817.

All Senior Girl Scouts will meet on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Seniors will be sharing ideas and planning for future events.

The Westfield Girl Scout dance will be held on Friday, February 6. Girls in Kindergarten through grade 4 will attend from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Girls in grades 5 through 12 will attend from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per girl.

There is no cost for adult chaperones. Featured will be a disk jockey, lights and a fog machine. Fifth-grade juniors will be attending with Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, which will enable bridging to the next scouting level. Reserve now through troop leaders.

Registration for the Father (or special adult someone) Daughter Bowling party to be held on Saturday, February 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Clark Lanes, Central Avenue in Clark, is now closed. One-hundred-and-twenty-five Girl Scouts, together with their special someone, will be enjoying an afternoon of fun.

The third Westfield Service Day will be held on Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 3 p.m. at Westfield High School. Each person attending is asked to bring a donation of one baby item. Junior, Cadette and Senior troops attending are asked to donate a bag of wrapped candy and a large plastic laundry basket to be used to package Baby Bundles.

Baby Bundles are donations of baby products and/or goods which will be donated to needy mothers. All Westfield Girl Scouts are participating in this special day of giving.

Deep water testing of Girl Scouts will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains/Fanwood YMCA.

It is strongly recommended that girls planning to participate in boating activities during Westfield's Encampment in May have their Deep Water Testing Certificate. Registration is available through troop leaders or by calling Eve Finestine at (908) 233-8194.

Westfield Encampment will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, at Camp Hoover. Leaders will soon be contacted regarding a mandatory meeting in preparation for this event.

This column may be viewed at *The Westfield Leader* web site and may be accessed as www.goleader/girlscouts.com. Looking forward to seeing you there.

This column is prepared monthly by Westfield Girl Scouts for the Westfield Girl Scout community and for the public.

Lauren Shub
 BRAKES Group
 Westfield

big sale at Signorina Estellina's dress shop — for about 30 seconds. Then the telephone goes silent and the buzz comes on and you can make your call.

This is a fabulously successful experiment going on in Milan. It is now being tried out in Germany and Sweden.

I can imagine a conversation in this country. You hear noises downstairs at 3 a.m. You immediately grab the telephone and at that hour, instead of getting a buzz, you get a female voice saying, "Loney? Still up? Well, come over to my place and we can make you so tired you'll go right to sleep." This takes 30 seconds before the buzz comes on, and you can ring 911.

Or, it's 4 o'clock in the afternoon and your child wants to call a friend. But first, he has to listen to a jovial voice saying, "Toys, Toys, Toys. We have the new Ring-A-Ding that you can eat after you've played with it." The kid is going to forget who he is calling and starts bothering his mother for one of the Ring-A-Dings.

Don't say no one would stand for it. The entrepreneurs who started it predict that in 10 years it will be all over Europe.

So some day you'll pick up your telephone and hear someone saying, "You gotta vote for Benji. He'll cut taxes, get rid of waste in government, and get the money where it belongs...." At the end of which you'll say, "Put it in his pocket, I bet."

School Year to Begin Prior to Labor Day

The 1998-1999 school year in Westfield will begin before Labor Day on Wednesday, September 2.

The decision to start school before Labor Day was made at the December 16 meeting of the Board of Education, following discussions at prior board meetings, notices in local newspapers, and conversations with Parent-Teacher groups.

Board members noted that the majority of public opinion favored beginning school prior to Labor Day. By doing so, the last day of the school year is scheduled for Monday, June 21. Two "snow days" are included in the 1998-1999 calendar.

Copies of the calendar are available in the Board Secretary's Office and the Office of School Community Relations at 302 Elm Street in Westfield.

Free Income Tax Preparation Slated

Federal and state income tax forms will be prepared free of charge for senior citizens, disabled and low income persons at the following locations from Tuesday, February 10, through Wednesday, April 15, by appointment:

• Scotch Plains Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue, (908) 322-5007.

• St. Helen's Parish Center, 1600 Railway Avenue, Westfield, (908) 232-1867.

• Westfield Community Center, 558 West Broad Street, Westfield, (908) 232-4759.

A New Jersey tax form must be filed for a homestead or tenant rebate, even for those persons who have no taxable income.



A JOB WELL DONE...Teachers from School One of Scotch Plains were awarded New Jersey Statewide Systemic Initiative Certificates for completing a six-credit professional development program at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison Campus. The program, funded by a \$10 million grant from the National Science Foundation, is designed to aid in the implementation of science, math and computer education reform plans in school districts. Dr. Peter Falley, Acting Provost on the campus, far left, and Carl Viola, FDU's Executive Vice President, far right, awarded certificates of completion to teachers, from left to right, Carol Fulmer, Charity Helbing and Suzanne Lannin.

Youth and Family Counseling Marks 80th Anniversary

The Youth and Family Counseling Service (YFCS), based in Westfield, has completed 80 years of service to communities in western Union County.

YFCS was established in 1918 as the Mission of Help, an Episcopalian agency serving the poor and needy.

In 1921 it became Youth Consultation Service, becoming more family oriented. In 1961, after many years of existing as a part-time agency with a rented office in different towns, the agency broke with its church sponsorship, became private, non-profit and non-sectarian and changed its name to Youth and Family Counseling Service.

It entered into several United Ways and limited its service to eight towns so that it could more fully meet the needs of residents of Berkeley

Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield.

Youth and Family Counseling Service, now situated in a 75-year-old house at 233 Prospect Street, counsels individuals from 3-years-old to senior citizens. Counselors see children who present behavior or adjustment problems at home or school.

They counsel teenagers and young adults who experience poor self-image, have difficulty with parental relationships, school and other authorities, as well as problems with drinking and/or drugs, sexual confusions and feelings of anxiety and depression.

They also counsel adults of all ages who have problems such as troubled relationships, addictive disorders, alienation and adjustments to the stresses of divorce or separation. In addition, help is offered to couples experiencing marital problems, conflicts, domestic violence, etc. and to seniors trying to deal with loss of independence and behavioral stresses.

Counselors meet with clients individually or as couples or families and often meet with younger people in group sessions. The staff includes Milton Faith, Executive Director; a consulting psychiatrist, psychologist, and clinical social workers.

The agency's mission is to relieve suffering and promote mental health through counseling. Because of its non-profit status and the support it receives from individuals and United Ways, the agency is able to offer counseling based on a sliding scale fee structure.

It encourages those in need of help to contact the agency regardless of financial circumstances. Youth and Family Counseling Service is open for appointments Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Nominations Due Feb. 27 For Philhower Fellowship

Dr. Michael Hart, President of the Westfield Rotary Club, has announced that Friday, February 27, is the deadline for nominations for the sixth annual Charles Philhower Fellowship award.

The award will be presented to a Westfield elementary teacher on Tuesday, April 21. Letters of nomination are invited from interested citizens and Westfield public schools staff members and should be addressed to: Dr. Michael Hart, President, Charles Philhower Fellowship Committee of the Westfield Rotary Club, 553 Highland Avenue, Westfield.

Nominations should specify ways in which the teacher has demonstrated outstanding teaching, interest in children and continued pursuit of professional growth. The teacher must be a full-time faculty member in Westfield for a minimum of five years.

The Fellowship awardee is honored at a Rotary luncheon and receives a fellowship grant to further professional growth or to enhance classroom activities for students.

The award was instituted six years ago by the Rotary Club to recognize the importance of teaching in the elementary grades and to honor former Westfield Rotarian and School Superintendent Charles Philhower.

Mr. Philhower, who died in 1962,

was Supervising Principal (a position now known as the Superintendent) of Westfield public schools for 30 years — from 1917 to 1947 — and was President of the Westfield Rotary Club in 1929 to 1930. As Rotary President, he instituted the club's annual scholarship awards to graduating Westfield students.

Members of the Selection Committee will include two Rotarians, two elementary school principals and the immediate past Philhower fellow, Claudia Andreski, fourth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School.

The award winner in 1996 was McKinley fourth grade teacher Bette Tuthill. Carol Joyce, Washington Elementary School first grade teacher, was named the 1995 Philhower Fellowship recipient. Carol A. Mastroianni, Franklin School first grade teacher, received the award in 1994.

The 1993 awardee was Susan Feldman Glick, Tamaques School special education teacher.

In commenting on the award, Dr. Hart echoed the sentiments of fellow Rotarians when he said, "We believe the Philhower Fellowship is a fitting memorial to an educator who gave so much to the children of Westfield and to education in general."

School Superintendent Dr. William J. Foley added, "We are grateful for the recognition the Rotary continues to give the teaching profession. Our elementary teachers lay the foundation of learning for Westfield students by supporting, inspiring and instructing them during those important first steps in formalized education."

Town Schools Second Faculty Recital Set For February 10

The Second Annual Faculty Recital of the Westfield public schools will be held on Tuesday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Westfield High School auditorium.

This year's event will also include a faculty art exhibit which will showcase watercolors, paintings, pottery, underwater photography, and more. The recital pieces range from solos to ensembles, including the brass ensemble, vocal ensemble, string trio and several duets.

The event is open to the public and is free of charge.

Westfield High School PTO to Meet on Feb. 4

The next meeting of the Westfield High School Parent-Teacher Organization will be Wednesday, February 4, at 7:45 p.m. in Cafeteria B.

Results of the Parent/Student Survey will be discussed.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS...Second graders in Diane DiBella's class at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently celebrated the season with their holiday party. The children sang Kwanzaa songs, made Santa magnets, played the dreidel game and heard a story about the nativity. Pictured here is room mother Candace Bello reading "The Christmas Story" to the class.

MIT Cites WHS Teacher For Influence on Students

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has recognized Kathleen Dix, a mathematics teacher at Westfield High School (WHS), for positively influencing the academic development of stu-

dents she has taught.

Identified by a former WHS student of math now attending MIT, Ms. Dix was awarded a letter of recognition by the university that acknowledges the significance of her role in developing intellectual curiosity and scholarship in her students.

The Director of Admissions at MIT expressed the appreciation of the university community to Ms. Dix, praising her for her "time, patience, expertise, love, discipline and all the other qualities which have had such an important impact on (her) students."

Echoing the congratulations delivered from MIT, WHS Principal Dr. Robert Petix said, "Kathy Dix has influenced so many students in her career as a math teacher. It is most fitting that she is receiving this recognition from a former student now attending a university so well-known for its math program."



Kathleen Dix

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Winter Art Exhibition To Debut on Feb. 9

The winter exhibition of mixed media art by the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association will open on Monday, February 9, in the downstairs gallery of the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue. It will continue through Saturday, February 14.

The public is invited to view the works during library hours. A reception will be held on February 14 from 1 to 2 p.m., at which time visitors will have an opportunity to meet the artists. Awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m.

Judging the show this year is Gerylyn Mohr, who teaches art at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

For more information, please call the Show Chairwoman, Mary Hovanec, at (908) 232-5283.

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Contact
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Greenbaum
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J&M
3x7

WHS Football History Topic For Town Historical Society

Football history will be the topic at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon on Wednesday, February 4, at B. G. Fields restaurant.

Bruce Johnson will discuss how his love of history, sports and statistics compelled him to write his book "100 Years of Blue Devil Football: Westfield H.S. 1897 to 1996."

"This book is not just about statis-

*Daughter, Emma,
Born to Davitzes*

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Davitz of Walnut Creek, California, have announced the birth of their daughter, Emma Ripperger Davitz, on Sunday, December 21.

Emma weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches in length at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ripperger of Springfield, formerly of Westfield.

Emma's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joel Davitz of Stamford, Connecticut.

*Son, Christopher,
Born to Kiamies*

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Kiamie of Cranford have announced the birth of their son, Christopher Joseph Kiamie, on Monday, December 8, at 4:55 a.m. at Rahway Hospital.

Christopher Joseph weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth.

He joins his sister, Nichole, 6 1/2, and brother, Matthew, 4.

Christopher's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fischetti of Scotch Plains.

His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kiamie of Cranford.

tics, but also the history of the times, as well as stories of the players, their families and the excitement that surrounded so many of the games over the years," explained Bob Miller, a spokesman for the Historical Society.

An avid sports enthusiast, Mr. Johnson swam and played basketball in high school. In later years he coached sports in Westfield, and in 1994 became the swimming coach at Westfield High School.

He has been a sports columnist for several New Jersey newspapers and is now the sports copy editor for the *Home News & Tribune* in East Brunswick.

Former football players, cheerleaders, etc., are invited to bring or wear (if possible) some article such as football helmets, shoulder pads, pictures, banners—anything that would add to the atmosphere and spirit of the program.

Regular attendees at the First Wednesday Luncheon will be contacted by a phone committee of the historical society to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others are welcome to attend by calling (908) 233-2930 by noon on Monday, February 2, for seating information.

*Son, Nicholas,
Born to Spadaros*

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Spadaro of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Nicholas Sebastiano, on Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:07 a.m. at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston.

Nicholas weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 1/2 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Miller of Long Island.

His paternal grandmother is Mrs. Gelsomina Spadaro of Westfield.



MR. AND MRS. MARC ROBERT HALPIN
(She is the former Miss Melissa K. Stratton)

*Miss Melissa K. Stratton
Weds Marc R. Halpin*

Miss Melissa Kimberly Stratton of Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Lawrence C. Stratton and Dorothy M. Stratton of Mentor, Ohio, was married on Saturday, July 26, to Marc Robert Halpin, also of Dayton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Halpin of Westfield.

The Reverend Louis Pizmoht officiated at the afternoon ceremony, which took place at St. Clare Roman Catholic Church in Lyndhurst, Ohio. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. A reception was held at the Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

Ms. Shannon Parrish of Mentor, the sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. The bridal attendants included Miss Nicole Augusta and Mrs. Michelle Massey, both of Mentor, Miss Kelly Galvin of Akron, Ohio, Ms. Kari Sherman of Boston, Miss Susan Bell of Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Stacey Kirkpatrick of Columbus, Ohio and Miss Susan Halpin of Pine Brook, the sister of the bridegroom.

Miss Kailie Parrish of Mentor, the niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Joseph H. Halpin, Jr. of El Granada, California, the brother of the bridegroom, served as the best man. The ushers were Pat Knox of Hudson, Ohio, Kevin DePalma of San Francisco, Brian Tilyou of New York City, Michael Drury

of Los Angeles, Vonn McQuiston of Chicago, Tim Gjerde of Prescott, Wisconsin and Lawrence Stratton, Jr., of Mentor, the brother of the bride.

The bride graduated from Mentor High School and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Relations from Ohio University in Athens. While attending the university, she became a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

She is employed by Manor Care Health Services as Community Relations Coordinator for Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

Her husband graduated from Westfield High School and Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business and became a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

He is employed as a district sales manager for Entertainment Publications, Inc. in Cincinnati and Dayton.

The parents of the bridegroom hosted a golf outing and rehearsal dinner at the Hawthorne Country Club in Solon, Ohio.

Ms. Shannon Parrish and Ms. Dorothy Stratton hosted a bridal shower at the home of the bride's father, Mrs. Judy Lauster, Mrs. Elizabeth McEntee, Mrs. Jane Ripperger, Mrs. Lois Schmalz and Mrs. Jill Steer also hosted a bridal shower at Mrs. Sitzer's Westfield home.

Musical Club to Present Four-Hand Piano Program

Four-hand presentations at the piano keyboard and vocal performance will highlight the Wednesday, February 11, meeting of the Musical Club of Westfield, to be held at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

Program Chairwoman Louise Andrews of Roseland, has announced that the program will feature pianist Deborah Brown of Manalapan, who will play Ludwig von Beethoven's "32 Variations in C Minor on an Original Theme."

Soprano Sally Beckwith of Plainfield will sing "Honey and Rue," six compositions of Andre Previn set

to the words of Toni Morrison. Piano accompanist will be Victoria Griswold, also of Plainfield.

The program will conclude with four-hand piano works performed by Marie-Danielle Mercier of Mountainside and Mrs. Andrews, including "Sonata" by Francis Poulenc and "Slavic Dances" by Anton Dvorak.

Hospitality Chairwoman is Mary Stanke of Mountainside, assisted by Audrey Feathers of Cranford, Rosemary Bauer, Maryann Dolling, Kay Macrae and Barbara Schwinn, all of Westfield, and Margaret Smith of Mountainside.



FOUR-HAND PIANISTS...Marie-Danielle Mercier, left, of Mountainside and Louise Andrews of Roseland will perform four-hand piano works at the Wednesday, February 11 meeting of the Musical Club of Westfield, which will take place at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Westfield. A variety of piano and vocal selections will be presented during the program.

Grant/Washington to Present 50th Show on February 6 & 7

Preparations are continuing for the 50th annual Grant/Washington School Show, to be performed on Friday, February 6, at 8 p.m. and on Saturday, February 7, at 2 and 8 p.m., at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield.

Titled "The Big Five-O," the

show will feature alumni and teachers in musical numbers. The annual show is the school's major fundraiser.

Tickets are \$6 and \$7 and are available at Burgdorff Realtors, 600 North Avenue, and at the door or by calling (908) 233-6557.



WELCOME BACK...Members of the Grant/Washington School alumni rehearse the opening number, "Welcome," in preparation for their 50th anniversary show, "The Big Five-O," to be presented on Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7, at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield.

Little Treasures
2x2

Abbott
2x3

Dudick
2x3

Lancasters
2x5

Valley Furniture
2x 10.5

Village Curtains
2x4

Westfield Sympathy
2x5

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Kaaren Patterson to Exhibit Works at Bloomfield College

Bloomfield College's Westminister Gallery will present "Ordinary Artists," an exhibition by Westfield resident Kaaren Patterson, which uses everyday objects to evoke a sense of spirituality.

The show will be running through Tuesday, February 24. The college will host an artist's reception on Sunday, January 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. The gallery is located on Fremont Street in Bloomfield.

Ms. Patterson is an adjunct faculty member at Bloomfield College and Kean College, as well as an art teacher in the Elizabeth Public School system.

She received an artist/teacher grant from the Geraldine R Dodge Foundation in 1994 and a New Jersey

State Council On The Arts fellowship in 1990. Her other awards include the 1996 New Jersey Art Directors Award and the National Association of University Women Service Award in 1989.



Kaaren Patterson

Ms. Patterson earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts and art history from Kean College and received a master's degree in art history from Rutgers University.

She has also studied paper making at the Dieu Donne-Handmade Paper Mill and The New School For Social Research in New York, painting and drawing at New York University, and computer graphics at the School of Visual Arts.

For more information on the exhibition and the Westminister Art Gallery, please call the Office of Student Affairs at (973) 748-9000, Extension No. 245.

Assemblyman Bagger Reveals Office Hours For This Saturday

The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger will be open to residents of the 22nd Legislative District from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 31.

In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, Assemblyman Bagger's office, located at 203 Elm Street in Westfield, is open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The 22nd Legislative District includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside.

Further information may be obtained by calling Assemblyman Bagger's legislative office at (908) 232-3673.

College Woman's Club Seeks Applicants for Scholarships

The College Woman's Club of Westfield is seeking applicants for four-year scholarships, one-year scholarships, and grants for the 1998-1999 academic year.

Applicants should be girls who have resided in Westfield for at least one year, will be graduating from high school at the end of the current academic year, and will commence a four-year college program in the next academic year, according to a spokeswoman for the organization.

Applicants must be ranked in the upper half of their class. Winners are selected on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and financial need, said the spokeswoman.

All information supplied by the

Thrift Shop Announces End-of-Season Sales

The Westfield Service League's Thrift Shop, located at 114 Elmer Street, is holding special end-of-season sales through Saturday, February 7, when its "Bag Day" will take place.

A large selection of winter merchandise is still available, according to a spokeswoman for the Westfield Service League.

On "Bag Day," customers may purchase a brown bag for \$3 and fill it to the brim with clothing, books, household items and accessories. There is no limit on the number of bags which may be purchased.

On Tuesday, February 10, the shop will be stocked with spring merchandise, the spokeswoman said. It is open for business Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, please call (908) 233-2530.

All proceeds benefit local charities.

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NEW ROTARIAN...Westfield Rotary Club President Dr. D. Michael Hart, pictured at left, welcomes James J. Bonner, center, as the newest member of the club. Rotarian Darryl Walker, who sponsored Mr. Bonner, is on the right.

Rotary Club of Westfield Welcomes James J. Bonner

James J. Bonner was recently inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield during the organization's regular luncheon meeting.

Born in Elizabeth, Rotarian Bonner lived in Hillside for 15 years and now resides in Avon-by-the-Sea. He is a former head coach of the Seton Hall University Hockey Team, and is currently a director with the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

He represents the fifth generation in his family business, which has been in operation since 1868.

Club members took the opportunity

to welcome the new Rotarian as he joined over 1.2 million business and professional men and women in over 28,000 Rotary Clubs in 157 countries worldwide.

Local Radio Club to Sponsor Free Amateur Radio Class

Members of the Tri-County Radio Association (TCRA) will conduct a free class for those interested in becoming a licensed amateur radio operator.

The class will be conducted at the Union County Office of Emergency Management, 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield, for eight weeks beginning on Tuesday, February 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.

It is designed to help individuals prepare for the "Technician class" entry-level license that does not require knowledge of Morse code.

The Technician or "code free" license requires passing a 55-question examination on radio theory, regulations and operation. The license gives operators access to frequencies on the UHF (Ultra High Frequency) and VHF (Very High Frequency) radio bands.

These frequencies allow radio communication from homes, automobiles and portable hand-held radios.

More adventurous Technician class licensees can attempt to bounce signals off the moon for a long-distance contact, or try reaching a fellow Amateur Radio operator through an Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio (OSCAR), or try talking to astronauts on the Russian MIR space station, according to a spokeswoman.

The Tri-County Radio Association was founded in 1934 and is dedicated to the education of Amateur Radio operators. The club meets in Scotch Plains twice a month and anyone interested in Amateur Radio communication is eligible for membership.

Resolve Center to Hold Four-Week Workshop On Parenting Skills

The Resolve Community Counseling Center is offering a four-week workshop at no cost, entitled "Parenting With Expert-Ease."

The topics which will be explored are as follows: first week — Peer Pressure; second week — Personal Responsibility; third week — Reflective Listening; and fourth week — Techniques for Success.

The workshop will be held on Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Resolve Community Counseling Center, Inc., 1830 Front Street, in Scotch Plains. To reserve a place, please call (908) 322-9180.

Nicole's to Hold Arts & Crafts Show

Nicole's Yoga Center in Garwood will hold an arts and craft show next Saturday, February 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All area residents are welcome to display paintings, sculptures, poems, knitting and sewing works, candles and Valentine's Day chocolate. Exhibitors are also invited to make a gift for themselves by demonstrating their talents to the general public.

Early reservations for exhibit space are encouraged. Nicole's is located at 94 North Avenue. For more information, please call (908) 789-6426.

Westfield Review
2x2

Valley Furniture
2x 7 1/2

Vo-Tech School District Receives Technology Grant

The Union County Vocational-Technical School (UCVTS) District, located in Scotch Plains, will receive \$95,000 to assist in the implementation of its district-wide technology plan, according to a statement released by the district.

State Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz announced the awarding of 40 grants in the first round of a federal grant program designed to ensure that students in schools throughout the nation will be computer literate adults in the next century.

This year's \$3.75 million in grants under the federal Technology Literacy Challenge Fund is for nine months, from January to September. UCVTS will use the grant to enable teachers to help students learn through computers and the information superhighway, equip classrooms with modern computers, connect each classroom to the information superhighway, and integrate effective software and on-line resources into the school curriculum.

Democrats to Celebrate Mayor of Westfield's Second Year in Office

United States Senator Robert G. Torricelli will join Westfield Democrats on Sunday, February 1, as they celebrate the second year of Mayor Thomas C. Jardim's term.

Mayor Jardim is the first Democrat in more than 80 years to be elected Mayor of Westfield. He was elected in 1996 and is serving the second year of his first two-year term.

"We are proud that Senator Torricelli could make time in his busy schedule to come to Westfield and show his support for Mayor Jardim," said Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, Westfield Democratic Committee Chairman. "Across the state, many prominent officials have pledged their support for the work Mayor Jardim is doing here," added Councilman Goldman.

The event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at Ken Marcotte Restaurant on Elm Street.

For more information, please call Kenneth Rotter at (908) 233-6481.



DECA VISIT...James Tuttle, center, President of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Optimist Club, is flanked by Lauren McCourt and Kamran Ahmed of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students. The DECA representatives gave a presentation to the Optimists, detailing the chapter's community activities and its current promotion of free enterprise.

Calvery Luth Concert
2x5

Calvery Kids
2x5.75

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Daniel Valenti, 74, Adjunct Professor; Decorated Army Air Corps Veteran

Daniel C. Valenti, 74, of Garwood died on Saturday, January 24, in Union Hospital.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Rheinmain, Germany, and Scotch Plains before moving to Garwood in 1960.

Mr. Valenti had been the northern division manager for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority for 15 years before retiring in 1978.

He had worked as a project manager for Blanchard & Company in Newark, where he oversaw the construction of St. John's Ukrainian Church in 1963. The church is modeled after a church in Kiev, Ukraine.

Theodore A. Verdic, 35

Theodore A. Verdic, 35, of Bound Brook died on Thursday, January 22, at home.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived in Fanwood before moving to Bound Brook four years ago.

He had been a welder for Lu-Max in Springfield for 10 years, retiring in 1989.

Surviving are his wife, Robin Legue Verdic; a daughter, Nancy Verdic of Bound Brook; his parents, Carl and Janet Verdic of Fanwood; a brother, Wayne Verdic of Dunellen, and his paternal grandfather, Anthony Verdic of Scotch Plains.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Conroy Funeral Home in Bound Brook.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Liver Foundation.

January 29, 1998

Margaret Genthner, 98

Margaret A. Genthner, 98, of Delta, Pennsylvania, died on Friday, January 23, at the Fallston General Hospital in Fallston, Maryland.

Born in Brooklyn on August 13, 1899, the daughter of the late Josef and Margarete Sauer Bruckner, Mrs. Genthner had lived in Westfield from 1964 until 1988.

She was the widow of Alfred R. Biermann, who died in 1959, and Ernest L. Genthner, who died in 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet A. Harris, with whom she lived, and Louise Eberly of Raunati, New Zealand; four grandchildren; one step granddaughter; two great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

Following cremation, private burial was scheduled to take place in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Genthner's name may be made to a favorite charity.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Harkins Funeral Home, Inc. in Delta, Pennsylvania.

January 29, 1998

Virginia Weldon, 83

Virginia Weldon, 83, of Mantoloking died on Friday, January 23, in Point Pleasant Hospital.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Mantoloking in 1970.

Mrs. Weldon was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in New York City.

She was a member of the Women's Republican Club of New Jersey, the Daughters of the American Revolution in Westfield, the Mantoloking Yacht Club and the Lago Mar Beach Club of Fort Lauderdale.

Surviving are her husband, Robert F. Weldon; two daughters, Beverly Whaley and Barbara Cruikshank; six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Private funeral services were under the direction of the Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals in Lavallette.

January 29, 1998

Genevieve Walsh Watkins, Executive; Chairwoman of Fair Housing Board

Genevieve Walsh Watkins of Westfield died on Saturday, January 24, at home.

Born in Elizabeth, she moved to Westfield 15 years ago.

Mrs. Watkins had been a property manager and Treasurer of the Boyle Company of Union for 26 years, retiring in 1990.

She was a member of the Eastern Union County Board of Realtors and was the former Chairwoman of the Elizabeth Fair Housing Board.

Mrs. Watkins was the 1992 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus

During World War II, Mr. Valenti was the lead navigator aboard B-24 Liberators flying out of England with the Eighth Air Force's 44th Bomber Squadron, also known as the Flying Eight Balls.

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in action over Hamburg in Germany. Mr. Valenti also received the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters in more than 30 missions over Berlin, Hamburg, Kiel and Hanover.

Mr. Valenti was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict and was appointed commander of the base in Rheinmain from 1953 to 1955.

Afterwards, he remained in the Air Force Reserve and became a Colonel.

Mr. Valenti, who earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering at the Newark College of Engineering in 1959, had been an adjunct professor of civil engineering at the school.

A state champion wrestler at Roselle Park High School in 1940, Mr. Valenti was a varsity wrestler at Penn State University before going to officer's candidate school.

He was a member of the Retired Officers Association and the Association of Professional Engineers.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy A. Valenti; two sons, Daniel Valenti, Jr. and Richard Valenti; four daughters, Christine Sheroff, Laura Studwell, Anne Valenti and Maria Valenti; a brother, Nicholas Valenti; a sister, Edith Valenti, and seven grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, January 28, in St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

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

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Patricia C. Molden, 61

Patricia C. Molden, 61, of Clinton Township died on Friday, January 23, at home.

Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, she had lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, and in Westfield before moving to Clinton Township nine years ago.

She graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1958, where she earned her degree in journalism. While at the university, she established and was the first President of the University of Nebraska Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

Mrs. Molden was a public relations specialist first with Ortho Pharmaceuticals in Raritan, then with the Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical Corporation in Kenilworth. She was most recently Director of Public Information for Kean University in Union.

In 1995, she took a sabbatical for a year to become a speech writer for the New Jersey Secretary of State in Trenton, resuming her duties at Kean University in 1996.

Surviving are her husband, John R. Molden; two daughters, Kathleen M. Reese of Annandale and Susan M. Rose of Pittsburgh; a son, Michael J. Molden of Norwood; a sister, Judy Coover of Denver, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 26, in the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Grandin. Arrangements were handled by the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home in Flemington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hunterdon Hospice, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, 08822.

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— Obituaries —

John B. Jones, 84, Former Firefighter; Was Owner of Excavation Company

John B. "J.B." Jones, 84, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, January 25, at home.

Born in Obion, Tennessee, Mr. Jones had lived most of his life in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Jones had owned and operated his own excavating company, Jay Don Excavators Inc. in Scotch Plains, for many years before his retirement.

He attended Drake Business School in Plainfield.

He was a former volunteer with the Scotch Plains Fire Department and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Nelle Nelson Jones; five sons, Don J. Jones of Crownsville, Maryland, Kenneth

Lynn Jones of South Plainfield, David Wayne Jones of Aberdeen, Marvin Douglas Jones and Jay Michael Jones, both of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Sandra Sue Fiorvanti of Mountainside; two brothers, Rice Jones of Pompano Beach, Florida and John Edward Jones of Scotch Plains; 15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church yesterday, Wednesday, January 28. Interment took place at Lake Nelson Memorial Park in Piscataway.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

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Angela Ganci, 75, Auxiliary Member; Was Principal of Linden High School

Angela Rose Ganci, 75, of Mountainside died on Thursday, January 22, at home.

Born in Jersey City, she had lived in Linden and Roselle before moving to Mountainside in 1987.

Mrs. Ganci had been Principal at Linden High School for 28 years prior to retiring in 1987. She also had served as a guidance counselor in the Linden and Roselle school systems for many years.

William Walker, Sr., 66

William P. Walker, Sr., 66, of Crystal River, Florida, died on Wednesday, January 21, at home.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Scotch Plains from 1951 to 1990, when he retired to Crystal River.

Mr. Walker had been an assembly worker and later a salesman at General Motors in Linden for 31 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a United States Navy veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the American Legion in Crystal River and American Legion Post No. 209 in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Walker was also a member of the Union chapter of the United Auto Workers of America.

His wife, Elizabeth Merrill Walker, died in 1981.

Surviving are two sons, William P. Walker, Jr. and Steven Walker, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 26, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains, followed by a Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

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Bert L. Roeber, 91, Tax Collector, Treasurer in Westfield, 1948-1968

Bert L. Roeber, 91, died on Thursday, January 15, at the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community in Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Roeber spent most of his life in Westfield before moving to Quarryville in 1989. He attended the Westfield public schools with the class of 1924 and worked many years for the Westfield Trust Co., now part of First Union Bank.

In 1948 he became Tax Collector for the Town of Westfield, and later Town Treasurer, from which position he retired in 1968. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Roeber joined Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Westfield in 1938 and was elected an elder in 1940, and served on the session of the church for 35 of the next 44 years, many of them as Clerk of Session. He also served many years

She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1939 from New York University.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, the Mountainside Women's Club, the Ladies Auxiliary of Union Lodge No. 1583 Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and had served as a volunteer at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, as well as being a member of the Paper Mill Playhouse Guild.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Ganci, in 1990.

Surviving are a niece, Laura Scarpa of East Brunswick, and several grandchildren.

A funeral Liturgy was offered on Monday, January 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

Arrangements were handled by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment was at the Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City.

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Mildred L. Martin

Mildred L. Lambouie Martin of Hillsborough, died on Tuesday, January 20, at her home.

Born in New York City, she had lived in Westfield and Plainfield before moving to Neshanic Station 20 years ago.

Mrs. Martin had been a saleswoman at Wardrobe Boutique in Plainfield, prior to retiring in 1968.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen A. Martin, in 1968.

Arrangements were handled by the Countryside Funeral Home in Three Bridges

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as a trustee and as church treasurer.

He is survived by his wife, the former Alice Anderson, also of Quarryville; a nephew, Robert Roeber of Forked River; a niece, Sandra Roeber Gregor of Pittsburgh, and several grandnieces.

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Lois Jean Davis, 79

Lois Jean Davis, 79, of Fair Haven died on Thursday, January 22, at King James Care Center in Navesink.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Fair Haven seven years ago.

Mrs. Davis had worked as a salesperson at Tepper's department store in Plainfield and at Sears Roebuck & Co. in Watchung before retiring.

She was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Benevolent Protective Order of Elks No. 885 in Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, William Davis, in 1982 and by her daughter, Judith Ronskevitz, in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Grant Davis of Fair Haven; a brother, Robert Chamberlin of Lakewood, Ohio; a sister, Joanne Forsyth of Glens Falls, New York, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 26. Interment took place at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, West, in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 2550 U.S. Highway No. 1, North Brunswick, 08902-4301.

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DONALD P. BIRDSALL

BIRDSALL — Donald Plumridge, of La Jolla, California, on January 10, 1998, beloved son of Claude Houghton and Blanche Plumridge Birdsall of Westfield and grandson of Claude E. Plumridge of Westfield, loving husband of the late Susan Manning Birdsall, devoted father of the late Reta Anne Frank, dear brother of the late Claude Houghton Birdsall, Jr., beloved father of William Manning Birdsall and father-in-law of Stephanie Erwin Birdsall of Durango, Colorado, also survived by four grandchildren, a son-in-law, sister-in-law, and several nieces. He entered into death with courage, grace, love and forgiveness. A Memorial Service will be held in June in La Jolla.

*Marian D. Hamlette
Mom
7th Anniversary in Heaven
January 23rd, 1991*

*Keep her in thine arms, dear
Lord, and ever let her be.
A messenger of love between
our hearts and thee.*

*In loving memory,
Norma Keats*

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Mathilda L. Johnson, 75, Bank Teller; Also Worked for CJ's Extra Innings

Mathilda L. Johnson, 75, of Westfield died on Thursday, January 22, at home.

Born in Long Branch, she had lived there until moving to Westfield in 1959.

Mrs. Johnson had been a teller at the Crescent Bank in Westfield for 20 years until retiring in 1988. After retiring, she continued to work at CJ's Extra Innings in Westfield, which is owned by her son, Craig Johnson of Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles H. Johnson, in 1987.

Surviving, in addition to her son Craig, are another son, Bruce Johnson of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; a sister, Shirley Cook of Lakewood, and two nephews.

The funeral was held on Monday, January 26, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment took place at the Woodbine Cemetery in Oceanport.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Robert J. Hartlaub, 69, Executive; Was Former Mayor of Summit

Robert J. Hartlaub, 69, a former Mayor of Summit, died on Thursday, January 22, in Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia.

Born in Irvington, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Summit many years ago. He had also owned a residence in Ocracoke, North Carolina.

Mr. Hartlaub was a retired title insurance executive. He began his career as a title insurance searcher by forming his own business, Crestview Lawyers Service.

Later, his business became an agent for Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company in Summit. Mr. Hartlaub subsequently joined Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation in Summit, where he became Vice President and then was promoted to state manager in New Jersey.

Mr. Hartlaub was elected Mayor of Summit in 1983. During his term in office, the railroad station was completely renovated and Summit's master plan was updated.

The city's senior citizen housing was also completed and the Veterans War Memorial was established on the Village Green.

In addition, Mr. Hartlaub initiated Open Line, a communication program that helped the Mayor, the members of the common council and the residents communicate on issues related to Summit.

After he retired, Mr. Hartlaub lectured on title insurance industries.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Hartlaub; two sons, Robert Hartlaub, Jr. and Ralph Hartlaub; two stepdaughters, Katherine Lange and Nancy Bannister; two stepsons, Curt

Beatrice F. Perry, 78

Beatrice F. Perry, 78, of Venice, Florida, formerly of Westfield, died on Saturday, January 17.

Born in Watchung on October 31, 1919, Mrs. Perry had lived in Westfield for many years before moving to Boca Raton, Florida and later to Venice, where she lived for 16 years. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Perry was a member of the Epiphany Cathedral in Venice.

She was predeceased by her husband, Nathaniel Perry; a sister, Bernice Giuditta, and a brother, Frank Powers.

Surviving are three daughters, Lois Tarantino of Roselle Park and Patricia Perez of Ventor; a son, Thomas Perry of Boca Raton; three sisters, Anne MacFadyen of Venice, Jean Smith of Colorado and Patricia Cuzzo of Linden; a brother, Harry Powers of Westfield, and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled in Venice at a date to be announced.

Burial will take place in the Epiphany Cathedral Church Garden.

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Gray/ Dooley

Town Councilman Supports Smoke-Free Air Ordinance

Westfield Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman has called upon the Laws and Rules Committee of the Westfield Town Council, of which he chairs, to examine the adoption of a smoke-free air ordinance.

Councilman Goldman characterized his proposal as "an effort to promote the rights of non-smokers and to protect non-smokers against the effects of secondhand smoke."

"The first step is to determine the reaction of the public to this type of regulation, and how far we should go in restricting smoking in public places," he said.

At a recent meeting of the Law and Rules Committee, Councilman Goldman noted his intention to contact representatives of various community groups to solicit their input and encouraged the other members of the committee to do the same.

Council members Matthew P. Albano, Gregory S. McDermott and Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., also serve on the committee.

"I also want to involve the Board of Health and Recreation Commission in the process," Councilman Goldman added.

He explained that the town's health officers would be the "logical enforcers" of a smoke-free air ordinance.

Moreover, since restriction of smoking at town-owned recreational facilities might be a feature of such an ordinance, he said that members of the Recreation Commission should have the opportunity to comment on any

such proposal.

"One of my personal peeves is having a smoker sit down nearby my family at the municipal pool. I know that many other individuals share my reluctance to approach a smoker and request that he or she refrain from smoking," stated Councilman Goldman.

He added that it was his expectation that most enforcement would be by members of the public and not the police or health officers.

"The mere posting of a 'no smoking' sign gives the aggrieved non-smoker, the tool he or she needs in order to overcome the reluctance to make the 'please stop smoking request,'" he explained.

The councilman further explained that the type of restrictions he is proposing have "developed into an accepted norm, as more evidence concerning the harmful effects of secondhand smoke has become available."

"Many establishments already restrict smoking voluntarily. However, there is nothing wrong with the Town Council pushing this process along," Councilman Goldman stated.

"Unfortunately, by state law, we cannot mandate that restaurants restrict smoking. That is a matter that must be taken up with our state legislators," he explained.

Councilman Goldman is encouraging members of the public to contact him and the other members of the Laws and Rules Committee with their views on the subject.



SMILES OF THANKS...United Fund volunteer Cyndi Cockren smiles after she finishes a telephone call to a Westfield contributor. Mrs. Cockren is one of 200 campaign volunteers helping to reach the United Fund's \$600,000 goal to fulfill its funding commitment to its 20 member agencies. The campaign has already raised \$577,700, or 96.3 percent of its goal, thanks to the support of the Westfield community.

WSO and Chez Catherine Plan 'An Evening in Paris'

To help raise the spirits of area residents during the post-holiday season, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) and Chez Catherine have joined forces to create a special evening for music lovers and restaurateurs.

"An Evening in Paris" in downtown Westfield will occur on Saturday, February 7.

The evening begins at Chez Catherine with a 5:30 p.m. seating, where symphony goers will have an opportunity to enjoy gourmet dining and receive a 10 percent discount on their meal when they show their ticket stubs (5:30 p.m. seating only.)

Catherine Bourdeaux and her husband, Michel, will be the hosts at their restaurant and invite patrons to bring their favorite bottle of wine. Reservations are required. For further information, please call (908) 654-4011.

WSO Maestro David Wroe will give a pre-concert lecture discussing the all-French program at 7 p.m. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and includes works by Ravel, Berlioz and Saint-Saens. Both the lecture and the performance are at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Wendy Warner will be the featured soloist in Saint-Saens' *Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor*. Also on the program for an Evening in Paris is Berlioz' *Roman Carnival Overture* and *Love Scene from Romeo et Juliette*, and Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*.

Upcoming WSO performances

are *Glory of Great Britain* on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, and *Porgy and Bess* in concert on Saturday, April 18, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Tickets are on sale at local ticket outlets or by telephone order and are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$15 for students.

For more information, please call the WSO office at (908) 232-9400 or stop by the downtown office with entrances at 224 East Broad Street and 108 Central Avenue (second floor).

Additional information on upcoming events is available on the WSO web site: www.westfieldnj.com/wso.

Claudia Monticciolo Joins Rejuvenations

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

She 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 peels 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.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Continues Until Feb. 8

The Westfield Girl Scout community is continuing its second week of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council annual Cookie Sale with order taking ending on Sunday, February 8.

Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, was convinced that girls should learn the skill to earn their own way and contribute to troop support, according to Bernadine Liebrich, a spokeswoman for the Girl Scouts.

"While we do not make the cookies ourselves, the skills to market this delicious product still continue," she added.

The proceeds raised through the sale provide program opportunities,

outdoor education through camping, special events, various training workshops for leaders and girls and financial assistance to approximately 90 troops in Westfield.

Recent workshops scheduled through the council helped the girls learn about the various phases of the Girl Scout Cookie Campaign, taste the traditional favorites as well as new specialties and earn the Cookies Count, a Brownie Try-It, the Cookie Connection, a Junior Girl Scout Badge and the Cookies and Dough Interest Project Patch for the Cadettes and Seniors.

Girl Scouts will be coming to your door for order taking at this time. If no one comes and you would like to order, please call (908) 232-3236.



TIME FOR COOKIES...Westfield Girl Scout Cadette Troop Nos. 99 and 646 participated in the Cookies and Dough badge workshop sponsored by the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and are shown surrounding the Thin Mint. Girls participated in marketing, public relations, sales techniques and safety, advertising and career exploration sessions. For order information and recipe suggestions, please call (908) 232-3236.

- Obituaries -

Warren Hill, 84, Active in Township; New Jersey Savings & Loan President

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

A native of Nyack, New York, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Brielle. He also owned a home in Tequesta, Florida, where he had been staying at the time of his death.

Mr. Hill had worked for the New Jersey Savings & Loan League, now known as the New Jersey League of Community & Savings Banks, for 39 years. He was President of the league from 1966 until his retirement nine years later.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Rutgers University in 1934, Mr. Hill took graduate-level courses in economics and eventually became a member of the school's economics department.

Mr. Hill, who earned a graduate diploma from the American Savings and Loan Institute, began work with the New Jersey Savings & Loan League, then called the New Jersey Building

& Loan League, in 1936.

He also worked briefly as managing officer for what would become the First Federal Savings & Loan Association in Montclair.

Mr. Hill served in the United States Navy during World War II, after which he returned to the league, becoming Executive Vice President in 1955.

Mr. Hill twice helped reform the New Jersey Savings & Loan Act and promoted legislation which allowed savings and loan institutions to offer student loans and Keogh retirement plans.

Upon his retirement, he remained a lobbyist for the industry for several years.

While living in Scotch Plains, Mr. Hill was active with the Board of Education and the YMCA.

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

Funeral services were held last week.

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Donna Horvath, 50, Worked for 'Y'; Member of Local Historical Society

Donna Housel Horvath, 50, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, January 23, at home.

Mrs. Horvath had lived in Scotch Plains since 1950.

She had been a secretary for Lockheed in Watchung until 1977. Mrs. Horvath worked for the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA/YWCA since 1987.

She attended Brevard College and was a graduate of the Nancy Taylor Finishing School in Plainfield.

Mrs. Horvath was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Westfield and a member of that church's Grounds Committee, and was an assistant financial secretary for many years.

She also was a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Historical Society.

Fred L. Riess, 87

Fred L. Riess, 87, of the Leisure Knoll section of Manchester Township, died on Sunday, January 25, at home.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Westfield for many years before moving to Leisure Knoll 20 years ago.

Mr. Riess had been employed in sales at Crossfield Products in Roselle Park for 35 years, retiring in 1978. He was a parishioner of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield and was also a member of the Golf and Bowling Club at Leisure Knoll.

Mr. Riess was predeceased by a daughter, Judith M. Riess, in 1996.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Winifred Connors Riess; a son, Dennis Allen Riess of Glastonbury, Connecticut; two daughters, Sharon L. Edwards of Winchester, Virginia, and Jackquyn D. Stotler of Westfield; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the DeGraff Lakehurst Funeral Homes Inc. in Lakehurst.

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Roscoe J. Simmons, 80

Roscoe "Rocky" J. Simmons, 80, of Plainfield died on Wednesday, January 21, at home.

Born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he had lived in Plainfield for 65 years. Mr. Simmons was a self-employed carpenter and contractor.

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

His wife, Rose Simmons, died in August of last year.

Surviving is his stepson, Lemuel Jenkins of Scotch Plains.

Graveside services were held on Monday, January 26, at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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A RARE ART FORM...Canadian mime artist Trent Arterberry shows Scotch Plains School One second grader Dana Schoenberger the tricks of the trade of being a mime during a recent school assembly.

Canadian Mime Performs At School One Assembly

The students at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains were treated to an assembly featuring Canadian mime artist Trent Arterberry on January 15.

During the program, which was sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association's Cultural Arts Committee, Mr. Arterberry not only en-

tertained the students with his mime performance, but also took questions from the audience, sharing some of the tricks of the trade of mimes.

At several points during his performance, a few students were invited on stage to participate in the show.

Linda Onorevole Joins Staff At Workshop's Music Studio



Linda Onorevole

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has announced that Linda Onorevole has joined the faculty of The Music Studio, which currently numbers 22.

She will be tutoring a wide range of students, from elementary school children through adults, in both vocal and piano studies at the Workshop.

While in college, Ms. Onorevole participated in both the All-State and All-Eastern Choirs, and has been giving private lessons in piano and voice ever since.

She currently performs as a soprano soloist at Saint Cassian Roman Catholic Church in Montclair.

Students Earn Honors At Newark Academy

Several area residents studying at Newark Academy in Livingston earned honors for their academic achievements during the fall term.

Emilie Cobert, grade 9, of Westfield was among those who received High Honors, which requires grades of A-minus or above in each of the courses taken.

Two Scotch Plains and seven Westfield students were among those who achieved Honors, which requires all grades of B-minus or above in each of the courses taken.

The Scotch Plains students were Avni Shah, grade 7, and Sarah Dubman, grade 12.

Westfield students included Arti Mattu and Eric Ostrowski, both grade 7; John Acquadro, grade 8; Mindi Rock, grade 9; Nicole Panza and Maria Villafranca, both grade 10, and Mark Forscher, grade 11.

where she is also a section leader and a cantor.

Ms. Onorevole is also Assistant to the Director of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, which in part led to her joining the faculty of The Music Studio.

Ms. Onorevole is currently enrolled at Montclair State University as a candidate for a Master of Arts Degree in Music, which she plans to receive in May of 1999.

In 1994 she received her teaching certification and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music Education from the university, where she also worked two years as Music Department Concert Manager.

Anyone interested in singing and taking voice lessons 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. Theodore K. Schlosberg. 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.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts provides musical experiences and training in the arts for pre-school children through adults.

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 and new for 1998, The Drawing Workshop.

WHS Band Parents To Present 50s Dance

The Westfield High School (WHS) Band Parents' Association will hold its annual 50s Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, March 7, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars headquarters at 6 Broadway in Clark.

This major fund-raising event will feature music by the 1950s band Satin & Gold. A late buffet will be provided by Merchant of Venice in Clark.

Tickets, which cost \$20 each, are available by calling the WHS Music Department at (908)789-4549.

FOLD

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

MCKEON, VINEGRA SCORE BIG, NUSSE DAZZLES

Devil Basketball Girls Blast Tigers, Knights, Cardinals

By STEVE ABILES
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Things have been looking up for the Westfield Girls Basketball team during the week of January 19-24. The Westfield High school girls basketball team notched three straight victories, beating Linden, Irvington and Plainfield to boost their record to 8-3.

On January 20, the Blue Devils registered a decisive, 53-24, win over the Linden Tigers. Junior Liz McKeon tossed in 14



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
THE SHOT...Blue Devil Suzanne Vinegra, No. 40, fires a shot at the basket during the game against the Cardinals girls.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SEIZING A DEFENSIVE REBOUND...Blue Devil Megan Devitt, No. 42, begins to grab another rebound, as Suzanne Vinegra, No. 40, and Heather Simpson, No. 23, along with Vicky Nusse, back to photo, seal off the area to prevent any intervention from the Plainfield girls.

points in the first half as the Blue Devils jumped out to a 23-6 first-quarter lead. The Blue Devil defense cashed in a strong performance in the first half, causing the Tigers to have numerous turnovers. Disciplined passing, deadly shot accuracy and physical rebounding also enabled the Blue Devils' offense to play with powerful intensity.

The Westfield offense cooled down a bit in the second half, scoring a modest 12 points in the third quarter and only eight points in the fourth. The Blue Devil defense, however, kept the Tigers away from the sweet taste of victory by causing a whopping 10 turnovers.

Senior Megan Devitt led the rebound domination with six defensive boards. High scorers for Westfield were McKeon with 21, senior Suzanne Vinegra with 11 and senior captain Vicki Nusse with six. Devitt accounted for five points and senior Missy Franz fired in four points.

On January 23, McKeon had a phenomenal first half, scoring all of the team's 17 first half points to pace Westfield to a 28-24 win over the Irvington Blue Knights.

The Devils bolted out to an early 9-3 first-quarter lead as the 2-3 zone foiled the Blue Knights' offense. McKeon led the rebounding with five boards.

In the second quarter, the Blue Devils offense began to struggle. Missed shots and poor ball handling resulted in an 8-8 second-quarter stalemate. McKeon once again stepped up and poured in all eight points. The Blue Devils went into the locker room at half time clinging to a meager, 17-11, lead.

Things didn't get much better in the third quarter as the Blue Devils scored a mere five points. On a positive note, the defense remained strong throughout the

third quarter, turning back 10 of the 12 shots taken by the Blue Knights. Vinegra and Nusse combined for six rebounds and three steals to fuel the defense.

In the fourth quarter, Westfield was out scored by Irvington 9-6 but held on to win 28-24. McKeon who contributed an amazing 17 points and 10 rebounds said, "We didn't play a very good game on offense but our defense stayed consistent throughout the game. It was getting really close towards the end of the game but I'm glad we were able to stick together and win."

The Blue Devils played a stellar game on January 25 offensively and defensively to defeat a quick and physical Plainfield squad. Vinegra snapped a scoreless two minutes with a lay-up off of a pass from Nusse. McKeon struck for two points a minute later to make the score 4-0. Devitt battled away two shots and then scored off her own missed shot to pace the Blue Devils. With 5:22 left in the quarter, Nusse fired in a huge three-pointer to extend the lead to 12-1.

The Cardinals then called their first time of the game as a direct result of the fierce pressure from the Blue Devils. At the end of the first quarter the Devils were on top, 15-5.

The Devils' offense continued to pound away at the Cardinals' basket with sophomore Valerie Griffith netting four points in the second quarter. Devitt continued to deter the Cardinals from scoring as she recorded two more blocked shots. The Westfield defense continued to frustrate the Cardinals and forced them to squander their two remaining time-outs. By half time, the Blue Devils had garnered a commanding 30-17 lead.

In the third quarter, Nusse dazzled the crowd with exceptional ball handling skills and precise passes. Three minutes into the quarter, Nusse dribbled past three defenders before dishing the ball off to Vinegra who scored an easy two points. Nusse and Vinegra contributed four points in the third quarter as the Blue Devil girls rolled to a 45-30 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils had difficulty holding on as the Cardinals threatened to take the lead. The Cardinals were within six points until Vinegra scored a desperately needed jump-shot to preserve the lead and eventually the game. Vinegra said, "Everyone played very well as a team throughout the whole game which was the main reason why we won. Our offense didn't take bad shots and our defense came up with some big rebounds."

Linden (1-8)	6	5	8	15	34
Westfield (6-3)	23	10	12	8	53
Westfield	9	8	5	6	28
Irvington	3	8	4	9	24
Plainfield (6-7)	5	12	13	15	45
Westfield (8-3)	15	15	15	10	55

Devils Pass Plainfield; Win County Track Title

The Westfield High School girls won their first Union County Girls Winter Track title since 1995, by squeezing past the second-place Plainfield High School girls, 69-66. Senior Sage Stefuk set the stage for the Blue Devil victory by grabbing two first-place finishes.

Stefuk flew across the finish line in 5:47 to take first in the mile run, while teammates Maura McMahon seized the second spot with a time of 5:48.4, and Adrienne Blauvelt snatched the fifth position at 6:03.6. Senior Jeanette Tourjee of Scotch Plains-Fanwood came in sixth with a time of 6:04.5.

Stefuk's second win came in the two-mile run, when she crossed the line in 12:52.8. Blue Devil freshman Alexis Anzalone swept away with a second-place finish with a time of 12:53, and Tara Bhandari took sixth with a time of 13:51.7. Raider Tourjee grabbed fifth place with a time of 13:55.1.

Blue Devil Megan Shurts captured a second place in the 800-yard run, timed at 2:31.8, just .5 behind winner Priscilla Hazelwood of Plainfield. Blue Devil Laura Brucia took fifth place in the event with a



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
STANDING CRADLE...Raider Jim Feeley, top, begins to crunch Blue Devil Nick Clark into a cradle before taking him to the mat.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
UPS AND DOWNS...Blue Devil Nick Friedman, center, picks Raider Mike Grabel off the mat, then takes him back to the mat.

MELENDEZ HUSTLES, FRIEDMAN USES THE CLAW

Raider Matmen Win Battle With Spirited Devils, 48-25

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Two rival wrestling teams had a palm-sweating showdown in Westfield on January 21 and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team seized a 48-25 victory from a spirited Blue Devil squad, as a sizable crowd cheered them on. Raider Tony Melendez and Blue Devils Onur Tezucar and Mike Baly increased the decibels of the already benignly-ardent and vocal crowd.

The excitement began at the 103-pound class, when Raider David Loewinger slicked under Blue Devil Mike Sawicki using a barrel roll takedown and immediately tilted him to his back twice before winning by a fall in 1:10.

With the Raiders up 6-0, Raider Mike Loewinger at 112 took Dan Sawicki to the mats with a double-leg takedown, but was penalized one point for an illegal full nelson. Up 2-1 to start the second period, Loewinger received a penalty point then got another three-point near fall to take a 6-1 lead. In the third period, Sawicki took two points on a spin-behind takedown. Later Loewinger escaped, then added another takedown as time ran out to win, 9-3.

The raid on the Devils continued. Raider 119-pounder Charlie Tripet put together three takedowns, an arm bar near fall, a cradle near fall and, finally, a reverse half nelson to pin Sean Jeffie in 5:08 and boost the team score to 15-0.

Senior Dan Todd got the Blue Devils on the board with a convincing 15-0, 4:22 technical fall over Mike Tripet. In the first period, Todd confidently worked a throw-by takedown, then clamped Tripet in a cradle to take a 5-0 lead. Todd added a spin-behind takedown, a tight-waist tilt,

a penalty point and a back tilt in the second period, then ended the bout with a third period takedown.

The crowd belted with excitement throughout the 130-pound bout between Blue Devil Jeff Kivetz and Raider Tony Melendez. Both, excellent wrestlers, Kivetz and Melendez gave the crowd what they wanted as they burnt the mats with blazing speed and sizzling counter-moves.

After several aggressive takedown attempts in the first period by both wrestlers, Melendez finally jostled Kivetz out of position, and spun behind for a takedown. Melendez chose bottom in the second period and gained two more points using a highly-influential, standing-switch reversal. Kivetz earned an escape to bring the score to 4-1.

Neither wrestler slowed down in the third period, but Melendez constantly attempted to turn Kivetz using a stretcher and a power-half nelson; however Kivetz's dogged determination prevented Melendez's desires and the bout ended with Melendez earning a 4-1 decision.

Both wrestlers received an applause of appreciation for such a fine performance.

In a wild bout at 135, Raider Mike Natale got the best of Elby Pallero, after trading takedowns and escapes, by pinning him with a half nelson in 3:02. The Raiders raced to a 24-5 team lead.

Powerful Devil Nick Friedman exercised his muscle at 140 against an equally explosive Mike Grabel and this time had the most dynamite, as he fused his way to a 9-0 majority decision.

After scoring a crowd-pleasing double-leg takedown by first lifting Grabel off the ground before bringing him to the mat, Friedman "clawed" his way to victory by using a back-turning maneuver known as "the claw" on several occasions.

Blue Devil Onur Tezucar mastered formidable adversary Luke Cerchio with a 16-7 majority decision, but not before some fireworks. Tezucar collected a takedown, three reversals and three cradle near falls, while Cerchio gained three reversals and a penalty point.

Josh Ricca put the Raiders ahead, 30-13, when he turned Devil Tom Hamscom. Both wrestlers received an applause of



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WAITING FOR THE REBOUND...Blue Devil Peter Anzalone, No. 21, waits for the rebound during the game with the Blue Knights on January 22.

McCULLUM SCORES 17 POINTS Blue Devil Boys Turn Out the Knight's Lights

By STEVE ABILES
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior Rob McCullum brought the Devils up from the depths of a 27-27 stalemate at half time, as the Westfield High School boys' basketball team soared through the second half to capture an impressive 66-49 win over the Blue Knights of Irvington on January 22.

Both teams came out flat in the first quarter, as the Blue Devils were only 3 for 11 shooting from the field, scoring 10 points before the buzzer sounded. Senior

McCullum tossed in four points to pace the Blue Devils. The Blue Knights experienced slightly more luck, as they scored 13.

In the second quarter, the Blue Devils began to settle their offense and scored 17 points. Lamont Turner played an excellent second quarter, scoring seven points and causing three turnovers. During the quarter, the Knights pulled off some interesting slam dunks, in an effort to intimidate the Devils; however, Turner cooled them by performing some "heads-up"

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Devil Bowlers Strike 2; Beat Summit, Knights

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Team depth made the difference for the Westfield High School bowling team, as it toppled the Summit High School Hilltoppers, 2,580-2,358, on January 15, and unseated the Blue Knights of Irvington High School, 2,711-2,498, on January 20 at Clark Lanes in Clark.

In his first varsity appearance, Jeff Steinman rolled a high game of 210 and the high series of 586, to lead the Blue Devils over the Hilltoppers. Co-Captain Tracy Masino added a 202 game. The Devil junior varsity also won, outscoring the Hilltopper junior varsity, 2,463-2,319. Dan Rock was solid, as he rolled a 254 high game and turned in an amazing 610 series. Hugh Sinclair had a high game of 204 to assist in the victory.

Blue Devil Head Coach Mike Tirone said of Steinman, "I am very happy with his performance; he did a very nice job in his first varsity appearance."

The Blue Devils knew they had to perform even better against the Blue Knights, if they expected to win. Irvington entered the game undefeated, but the Blue Devils squashed any further thoughts that the Knights had of continuing their streak.

Senior Co-Captain Scott Bridgeman had a better idea for the Blue Devils, as he crashed a high game of 233 and blasted his way to a 599 series. Teammate Evan Baum put together two 205 games and finished with a 568 series, to add to the assault. Brett Rosenblatt, who led the team with a 190.7 average, struck with a 211 game and a 541 series.

Rock and Jeff Diamond were precious, as they led the junior varsity team to a 2,189-1,854 victory over the Knight's junior varsity.

"We are pretty much eight people deep. It makes it a challenge for everyone on the

team including myself," explained Tirone. "Irvington is a very strong bowling team; they were undefeated coming into the game," added Tirone.

With strong rumors as to the possible closing of Clark Lanes, Tirone commented, "It is a substantial rumor, but there is no official word yet. The Watchung Conference has several houses which are possibly available. Jersey Lanes in Linden or Highway Bowl in Union could be major candidates to host our games."

Tirone continued, "It's a shame. They (Clark Lanes) have leagues for younger kids and that's where many of our kids came from. It would be a terrible thing if they close."

Vikings 'K'ruise Past the Kardinals

The Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team soared over the Kardinals, 53-28, in Kearny on January 20. Once again, the Viking defense kept scoring to a minimum as their versatile offense went to work keeping their opponents off balance.

The Kardinals specked away, but could only chew up eight points in the first quarter and nine in the second, as the voracious Vikings gobbled 12 and 13 points, respectively.

Katie Santo and Kathryn Rooney chomped six points each in the third quarter, as the Vikings outscored the Kardinals, 20-4. Santo finished with 15 points; Rooney and Devin McDonald bit off 14 points apiece; Jen Britton and Shrita Smith hit for four each, and Lisa Lott had two points.

Un Catholic (8-1)	12	13	20	8	53
Kearny (6-5)	8	9	4	7	28

Talented Lady Devils Target Union County Swim Title

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
After losing to Bridgewater-Raritan High School in its season opener, the young ladies of Westfield High School haven't lost a meet since.

Pirate Tournament? You guessed it: Bridgewater-Raritan, which came in third with 137 points, St. Marks of Delaware was first with 238 team points.

And with the annual Union County Tournament slated for next Saturday, February 7, in Elizabeth, you just might say that Torok's Lady Blue Devils are beginning to click at about the right time.



STRONG DEVIL RELAY TEAM...Pictured, left to right, bottom: Brooke Smith and Heidi Schoenemann; and top: Abby Coxson and Jesse Coxson make up the powerful 200-freestyle and 400-freestyle relay team of the Westfield High School girls' swimming team.

Raider Swimmers Sink Millburn, 106-64

By MARK YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Led by senior co-captains Jessica Zentmeyer and Kristin Cameron, the Scotch Plains swim team has gone 5-0 to date, having beaten Millburn, 106-64, on January 20 in Millburn.

Even before the county meet next week, Scotch Plains will swim against Cranford on Tuesday, February 3, and then one week from today, Thursday, February 5, the Raiders will oppose Rahway. Both are away meets.

But the Raiders, who were scheduled to swim at Plainfield two days ago, are looking with great interest toward the Union County Tournament next Saturday, February 7, in Elizabeth.

"It is very possible, but there are also a lot of other good teams out there, too," Hulnik responded.

Coed Swimming:

- Scotch Plains-Fanwood (4-0) 106, Millburn 64
- 200 medley relay - SPF (Steve Berkowitz, Dave Russ, Jeff Wagner, Charlie Rowe)
- 200 free - Ian Doebber (SPF)
- 200 IM - Wagner (SPF)
- 500 free - Russ (SPF)
- 100 fly - Julian Howe (M)
- 100 free - Doebber (SPF)
- 500 free - Rowe (SPF)
- 200 free relay - SPF (Doebber, Chris Wettison, Chris Garwylyuk, Russ)
- 100 back - Howe (M)
- 100 breast - Haug (M)
- 400 free relay - SPF (Berkowitz, Wagner, Rowe, Doebber)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18208-96.
NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY, PLAINTIFF vs. FERNANDO SIERRA AND MARIA G. SIERRA, HIS WIFE, 432 OWNERS, INC., ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$129,923.51. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 502 CLIFTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.
Tax Lot No. 0387B in Block No. 04. Dimension of Lot: approximately 20.50 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Pulaski Street.
Situate at a point on the southwesterly side 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.
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Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
CH-753523 (WL)
4 T - 1/8, 1/15
1/22 & 1/29/98 Fee: \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9506-97.
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 SHERIFF
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG BECKER & ACKERMAN, Attorneys
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Mountainside, 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

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Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-753515 (WL)
4 T - 1/8, 1/15
1/22 & 1/29/98 Fee: \$165.24

In between, Smith (108.81) finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke, with Katie Bartholomew coming in seventh (1:13.01). That performance gave 20 points to Westfield.

The quartet of Ashley Saul (31.25), Bartholomew (33.44), Kelly Carter (28.94) and Kitty Fromtling (26.18) came through with a seventh-place effort of 31.25 in the 200-medley relay. And in the 200-freestyle, Jesse Coxson took second (1:59.52) and Abby came in eighth (2:02.29). That meant another 18 points for Westfield.

Later on, Carter, a senior co-captain, placed 11th overall in the 100-yard butterfly at 1:05.07; and Schoenemann, the other senior co-captain, followed with a tenth-place showing in the 100-yard freestyle.

And the piece de resistance came in the 500-freestyle, where Jesse (5:22.56) and Abby (5:23.08) finished fourth and fifth, respectively, while Chrissy (5:31.98) and Carter (5:32.40) were eighth and ninth, respectively.

The net value for Westfield from that? Thirty team points.
And so, next up is the county meet, and Torok feels optimistic.

"And we're hoping to defend our title," the coach concluded. "We've had our title for five years in a row."
Scotch Plains-Fanwood, however, promises to be a difficult foe in the counties.
"Scotch Plains-Fanwood is really good, and they'll give us a really good go," Torok agreed.

Blue Devil Boys Turn Out the Knight's Lights

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wizards of his own.
Turner stated, "We knew that it was going to be hard for us to take the lead for good in the second half because they were playing us tight and we weren't able to hit most of our shots. During half time, we thought of ways that we could handle their full-court pressure. Oh, yes, it worked."

The fireworks in the third quarter began with junior Maurice Boatwright hitting a beautiful jump shot within the first 30 seconds of the quarter. The Knights responded with a lay-up and two fouls shots, but the Devils fought back. McCullum revived the Blue Devils with a fade-away jumper which ignited an 8-2 spurt to boost their lead to 35-31.
The Knights, rattled by the back-court defense of junior Tom Langton and senior Dan Sabreen, committed five turnovers and only scored six points the entire quarter. McCullum continued to sink his shots, and scored seven more points to keep the Devils rolling. Langton was also a major factor on offense, tossing in 11 points to add muscle to the lead. The quarter ended with the Blue Devils holding a commanding 51-33 lead.
The Knights engineered an offensive charge in the fourth quarter, as they provided the Blue Devils with a scare. Mario Porter

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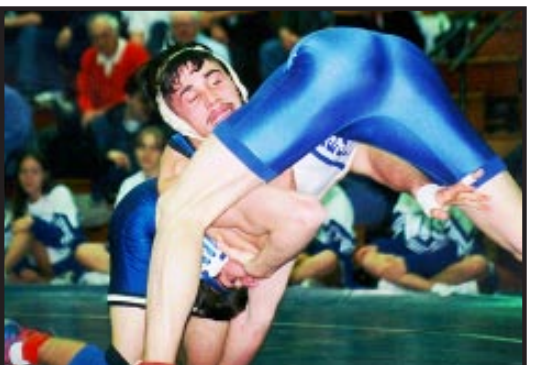
SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-8304-97.
RYLAND MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. BURTON MICHAEL FEINSMITH, SEENALYN FEINSMITH, HIS WIFE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 29, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$205,804.63. Property to be sold is located in the Township of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as 6 Pine Court, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.
BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 21, Block No. 762 on the official Tax Map of the Township of Westfield.
Dimensions: (approximately) 36.04 feet by 156.21 feet by 100.11 feet by 163.92 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Radley Road.
There is due approximately the sum of \$211,169.85 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorneys
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216 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-753515 (WL)
4 T - 1/8, 1/15
1/22 & 1/29/98 Fee: \$165.24

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$101,271.39. MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth. COUNTY AND STATE: Union County, State of New Jersey.
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 12 Kerlyn Court (aka a 12-14 Kerlyn Court). TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot No. 547, Block No. 6.
DIMENSIONS: Approximately 27.60 feet by 23.70 feet by 42.80 feet by 20.00 feet by 39.83 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Approximately 252.75 from South Elmora Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$104,000.54 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
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1/22 & 1/29/98 Fee: \$165.24



SETTING UP THE CLAW...Blue Devil 140-pounder Nick Friedman works "the claw" to turn Raider Mike Grabel's back. Friedman had the upper hand as he won the bout by a 9-0 majority decision.



FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS...Raider Tony Melendez facing blocks a takedown attempt by Blue Devil Jeff Kivetz in the 130-pound class. Melendez and Kivetz had one of the most exciting bouts of the afternoon.

SP-F Raider Matmen Win Battle With Spirited Blue Devils, 48-25

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with a wrist-lock and a half nelson in 3:58. Mike Kivetz got six team points back when he showed Raider Matt Oley the lights in 1:29, using a double grapevine pinning move.
At 171, Blue Devil Mike Baly pinned Eric Viscardi with a high-arm bar, step-over maneuver to narrow the team score to 30-25; however, Raider 189-pounder Tony Zardcki made the Blue Devils' chances look bleak when he won the feud with Rich Hatfield, pinning him with a headlock in 4:22.

Raider Frank Thorn stuck Brian Williams with a single-leg grapevine and headhook in 1:25. Heavyweight Jim Feeley ended the match after he nailed Nick Clark with a double-leg tackle and pinned him with a half nelson and a body press in :41. "Yes it was nice. They all did a good job. We were happy," explained Raider Head Coach Dave Bello. "I was concerned about the way we matched up with them. They (Westfield) were strong in the middle, they had good kids, they did a lot of moving

around; but I was really happy with the results of the first three weight classes.
The members of each team wrestled with pride and intensity, displaying the true school spirit of the Raiders and the Blue Devils.

- 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
- WEIGHTBREAKDOWN:
103--David Loewinger (SPF) p. Mike Sawicki, 1:10
112--Mike Loewinger (SPF) d. Dan Sawicki, 9:3
119--Charlie Tripet (SPF) p. Sean Joffe, 5:08
125--Dan Todd (W) if Mike Tripet, 15:0, 4:22

- 130--Tony Melendez (SPF) d. Jeff Kivetz, 4:1
135--Mike Natale (SPF) p. Elby Pallero, 3:02
140--Nick Friedman (W) md Mike Grabel, 9:0
145--Onur Tezcar (W) md Luke Cerchio, 16:7
152--Josh Ricca (SPF) p. Tom Hanscom, 3:58
160--Mike Kivetz (W) p. Matt Oley, 1:29
171--Mike Baly (W) p. Eric Viscardi, 1:03
189--Tony Zardcki (SPF) p. Rich Hatfield, 4:22
215--Frank Thorne (SPF) p. Brian Williams, 1:25
Hwt--Jim Feeley (SPF) p. Nick Clark, :41



GREAT BALL CONTROL...Lamont Turner, right, of the Blue Devils exercises great ball control and even pulls off some basketball wizardry which pleased the home crowd. (See an additional Blue Devil basketball picture on Page 16.)

Raider Boys Recover; Ice the Indians, 52-37

Team defensive tenacity and some serious shooting by senior Dave Gewirtz, which loosened up the Indian defense in the first quarter, put the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys' basketball team on the road to a 52-37 victory over the Rahway

High School boys' basketball squad in Scotch Plains on January 22.
Gewirtz sailed two three-pointers through the basket to shake up the Indian defense, then other teammates started to hit from inside as the Raiders burst to a 15-4 first-quarter lead. The Raiders' defense held tight, and the offense did its thing to push forward to a 28-12 lead at the half.

Raider Girls Show Strength at Pirate Invitational Meet

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls swim team sent a small contingency to the Pirate Invitational on January 17. Four of the swimmers qualified in the top 12 in both their individual events and relays, allowing them to swim in the finals.
Dana Berkowicz placed fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle. Ann Espinoza placed fifth in the 100-yard butterfly and eighth in the 100-yard backstroke. Melissa Canniff placed seventh in the 500-yard freestyle. Sarah Milligan placed ninth in the 50-yard freestyle and seventh in the 100-yard backstroke.
The girls placed third in the 200-yard medley relay and sixth in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The four girls accumulated 93 points and placed seventh overall.

After the Raiders outscored the Indians, 19-11, in the third quarter, all that was needed was an easy slide to victory. Jeff Feighner led the Raiders with 12 points, while Gewirtz finished with 11. Doug Bishop struck for eight points; Ben Martinez hit six points and Don Patterson sank five, while Ron Jenette and Dave Herrmann added four points each. Steve Simms contributed two points.

The Raiders elevated their record to 11-2, as the Indians lowered to 2-10.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9654-96.
EDWARD SHORT, PLAINTIFF vs. GLENN E. STEVENS IN/AS ADMINTR OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN E. STEVENS ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 23, 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.
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CH-753545 (WL)
4 T - 1/15, 1/22,
1/29 & 2/5/98 Fee: \$159.12

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 IN/AS ADMINTR OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN E. 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 \$57,909.93. The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 375 Summit Road.
Tax Lot No. 1A in Block No. 5.D. Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 170 feet by 99 feet by 118 feet by 111 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Summit Road.
There is due approximately the sum of \$59,544.10 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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1/29 & 2/5/98 Fee: \$159.12

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
AFTER THE LOOSE BALL...Blue Devil Peter Anzelone attempts to beat an Irvington High School Blue Knight to the basket.

Cardinal Girls Come Alive; 'D'Feat the Raiders, 55-35

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' basketball team came out like a ball of fire in the first quarter, but soon turned to ice as the Plainfield High School girls ignited to burn the Raiders, 55-35, in Plainfield on January 20.

Junior Christine Bowers kindled the flame in the first quarter by scoring 10 points, as the Raiders took an early 16-8

lead; however, the Cardinals flew into action, scoring 16 of their own in the second quarter to only five by the Raiders. In the second half, the Cardinal offense could do no wrong, as the Raider offense froze with disbelief.

Katie Feighner and Kate Vanderheyden scored six points apiece for the Raiders, while Jeannie McCoy and Samantha Kanarek had four points each. Bianca Gray and Wendy Underwood added two points each, and Najwa Glover contributed one.

Sc Plns-Fnwd	16	5	6	8	35
Plainfield	8	16	15	16	55

Viking Boys Beat Belleville, 41-38

Forced to overtime, the Union Catholic High School boys' basketball team woke up to defeat Belleville High School, 41-38, in Scotch Plains on January 24. Quentin Jordan converted a three-point play to seal the victory for the Vikings.

Matters appeared to be under control for the Vikings until Belleville pulled off a 12-1 fourth-quarter comeback to push the game into overtime.

Jordan finished with 17 points and teammate Carlos Jefferson nailed eight, while Anthony Darrell scored seven. Khalif Smith put in six points and Frantuzo Simon contributed three.

Belleville (2-10) 7 6 11 12 2 38
Un Cath (5-8) 7 11 17 15 4 41

High School Boys Swimming Results:

January 20:
Westfield (8-2) 96, Delbarton 74 (Westfield Y, 25 yds)
200 medley relay — Delbarton (Sakeno, Murphy, Korduba, Reining) 1:49.24
200 free — Cliff Haldeman (W) 1:55.99
200 IM-Sweeney (D) 2:05.65
50 free — Reing (D) :25.5
100 fly — Salcedo (D) :59.94
100 free — Haldeman (W) :52.62
500 free — Jay Pollack (W) 5:10.26
200 free relay — Westfield (Scott Kautzman, Eric Larson, Haldeman, Coley Lechner) 1:37.65
100 back — Seth Burstein (W) :58.66
100 breast — Murphy (D) 1:06.73
400 free relay — Westfield (Haldeman, Larson, Burstein, Pollack) 3:44

SPF Boosters to Hold Annual Quarter Dip

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Blue Raider Booster Club has announced that its 18th annual Quarter Dip will be held on Wednesday, February 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The Quarter Dip is an annual dinner sponsored by the Booster Club, to help raise funds for the athletes of the school. The Booster Club provides equipment, championship jackets and scholarships to deserving student/athletes.

"The Quarter Dip is an inexpensive buffet dinner with an endless variety of food. Each 'dip' costs 1 quarter, so a very small price," according to Gail Moser, President of the Booster Club. The parents of the athletes donate the food, to help make this dinner a success.

"We hope the community will join us for this family evening that benefits so many of our students," said Ms. Moser.

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Cardinal Cagers Peck Away; Beat the Raider Boys, 60-50

All was not well in Scotch Plains on January 20, as the Plainfield High School boys' basketball team won its fourth straight game to down the Raiders, 60-50. Jermaine Woodley of the Cardinals damaged the Raiders with 17 points.

Woodley pecked away at the Raider defense early, as he nailed seven points in the first quarter and an additional four in the second quarter, giving the Cardinals a

31-29 edge at the half.

The Raiders could not close the gap in the third quarter and stumbled, 13-6, in the final period. Raiders Dave Gewirtz, Jeff Feighner and Ben Martinez hit for 11 points apiece, and Donald Patterson sank 10 points. Ron Jenerette had five points, and Doug Bishop added two.

Plainfield (7-3)	15	16	16	13	60
Sc Pl-Fnwd (10-2)	14	15	15	6	50



DEFENDING THE NET...Blue Devil senior defenseman Steve Wlazlo, No. 29, guards his opponent and the net area with sophomore Devil Chad Puschel, No. 35, while following the action taking place near the net during the ice hockey game with Toms River North. The varsity game was played at Winding River Ice Rink in Toms River.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE TAX ASSESSOR

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SP ORDINANCE NO. 1879 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STONELEIGH PARK FROM DORIAN ROAD TO THE SHACKAMAXON DRIVETERMINUS

Annamarie Switzer
Tax Assessor
1 T — 1/29/98, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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SECTION 6. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct and unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all of the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 7. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board of the Division showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

SECTION 8. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. The Township expects that the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes which will be issued to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is \$142,500. If the Township incurs any such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township intends to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or notes.

SECTION 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by the Local Bond Law.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION STATEMENT

The Bond Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on January 27, 1998, and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Bond Ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
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Township Clerk
1 T — 1/29/98, The Times Fee: \$174.42

Applications Available For St. Bart's Men's Softball League

Applications for participation in the St. Bartholomew's Softball League will be available for men, at least 30 years old, on Monday, February 16. They may be picked up in Scotch Plains at St. Bartholomew's Church vestibule, Standard Pest Control and Sideline Sports.

In Fanwood, they will be available at the Fanwood Clipper and Family Investors Company.

Veterans' applications are due by Sunday, February 15.

The league, now in its 20th year, started with four teams, and has grown to ten. Much of the league's success can be attributed to the fact that new teams are chosen each year during a draft, similar to the NFL's college draft, according to Dean, Talcott, Publicity Chairman.

Public Notice

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-4845-96

CIVIL ACTION

NOTICE TO REDEEM

FUNB as Custodian for DH Associates, Plaintiff(s) v. Clemente LaFortune and Paula Marie LaFortune, his wife; Marie Midland Bank; Colonial National Bank USA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; Maltese Investments; Gregory Schneider and Lowell Scher as Executor of the Estate of Franklin D. Burstein; Phyllis Burstein; Laura Ann Burestin; Kevin Keane and William J. Collins; Defendant(s).

TO: William J. Collins
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on 8th day of January, 1998, the Superior Court Fixed the 9th day of March, 1998 between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector of the City of Elizabeth, located at Winfield Scott Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201-2462, as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its certificate of tax sale as follows:

Lot No. 733, Block No. 12, on the tax duplicate of the City of Elizabeth. Total amount required to redeem is \$45,061.06, together with interest from October 24, 1997 and costs.

And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of you redeem by paying the aforesaid sum so found due to plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be debarrated and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described in the complaint and every part thereof, and that the plaintiff be vested with an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in said lands and premises.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upon which judgment is entered.

Leslie L. Phiefer, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO
4 Century Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
1 T — 1/29/97, The Leader Fee: \$50.49

Public Notice

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Lot No. 24, Block No. 724, on the tax duplicate of the City of Plainfield. Total amount required to redeem is \$33,768.93, together with interest from October 24, 1997 and costs.

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Leslie L. Phiefer, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff
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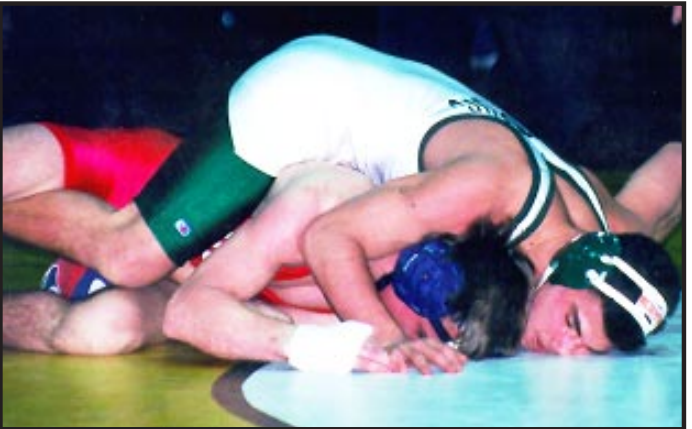
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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
TEACHING WRESTLING LESSONS...Donnie DeFillippis of New Providence slips in the single grapevine and waits for Billy MacNair of Bound Brook to move so he can hook his head for more back points.

DeFillippis Feels at Home; Wins in New Providence

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Local Union County high school wrestling star Donnie DeFillippis wrestled his first match in a Pioneer uniform, before his hometown crowd in New Providence on January 21 against a strong Bound Brook squad. DeFillippis, a junior, while wrestling for Stetson Hall Prep, placed second in the states his freshman year at 112, and was seeded first last year at 125; however, he was narrowly upset in the quarterfinals.

DeFillippis practices with senior Rich Sachsels and junior Peter Paradise, two other fine Pioneer wrestlers. In the match against Bound Brook, all three wrestlers looked amazing.

Sachsels was like lightning at 119. He bolted under opponent Brian Patullo, jolted him with a double-leg takedown, then shocked him by cranking him with an old-fashioned corkscrew in just .24. Paradise was just as electrifying against Rich Shivers at 125. Paradise allowed Shivers with a double-leg takedown, then froze him in .29 using a double-grapevine and a head clamp.

Wrestling up a weight class at 145, DeFillippis dazzled his opponent Bill MacNair by scoring two quick takedowns, then stunning him with a single grapevine. DeFillippis allowed MacNair to escape, then immediately slid underneath and

around MacNair, using a duck-under takedown. Once again, DeFillippis snaked in the single grapevine and ripped MacNair to his back, using a chin clamp.

DeFillippis continued confusing MacNair. This time, he twisted MacNair using a corkscrew via the grapevine. In 4:21, DeFillippis won by an 18-3 technical fall, then guided his dazed opponent back to his seat.

After wrestling his first match for New Providence, DeFillippis related his feelings. "I was out there and felt real nervous at first so I tried to get my energy going. Then after a while, I started feeling real good and started feeling at home."

When asked about the roar of the crowd, continuously calling his name, DeFillippis replied, "I did not really hear them at first because I was trying to get into the zone. At first, I tried to block everything out and go right after him. After I got a few takedowns early, I felt at home and started throwing in a few single grapevines, then hit him with a cork screw."

Bound Brook 53, New Providence 20
119: — Rich Sachsels (NP) v. Brian Patullo, :24
125: — Pete Paradise (NP) v. Rich Shivers, :29
145: — Donnie DeFillippis (NP) v. Bill MacNair, 18-3, 4:21



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SETTING UP THE CORKSCREW...New Providence 119-pound wrestler Rich Sachsels, top, begins to set up the corkscrew pinning combination on his opponent, Brian Patullo from Bound Brook.

F-SP Matmen Make Their Mark at Roselle Pk. Tourney

Over 500 wrestlers descended on Roselle Park High School for the annual Roselle Park Wrestling Tournament on January 10. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood squad sent 14 wrestlers to the tournament, with nine boys bringing home medals. Scotch Plains-Fanwood reigned as the team with the highest percentage of medalists of all teams entering the tournament.

In the Midget Division, Matt Fleischer (55-lb. weight class) brilliantly wrestled his opponents, rising to second place. Ricky Olsson (60-lb. class) impressively battled his opponents, staking his claim to third.

Moving onto the Junior Division, Derek Francavilla (65-lb. class) impressively defeated all of his opponents, staking his claim to first place in his weight class. Eric Connelly (75-lb. class) aggressively pursued his opponents, marking his spot in third place. Andrew Silber (90-lb. class) impressively controlled his opponents, earning third place. Andrew Loomis (heavyweight class) wrestled his opponents with skill, earning fourth place.

FSPY Swim Results From Winterfest Invitational Told

Seventy-three swimmers from the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y" Piranhas competed recently at the Winterfest Invitational Meet at Rutgers University against contenders from 38 teams across New Jersey. FSPY made quite a splash, with 26 of their swimmers placing in the top 10 in at least one event. In addition, many personal best times were achieved and, at last count, 61 Piranhas are now qualified for the "Y" State Meet in February.

There were many strong swimmers for the 9-10 year-old girls. Sarah Zukowski had a super weekend, with a first-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (1:21.39), as well as clinching sixth place in the 100-yard butterfly (1:24.53). Amanda Dickson and Jessica Moore took second (32.90) and fifth (33.07), respectively, in the 50-free; while in the 100-free, Kelsey Foy finished seventh (1:13.89). In the 100-yard backstroke, Rachel Dolgin and Dickson tied for ninth place (1:25.79), and in the 50, Jen Lane had her fastest race.

For the 9-10 boys, David Hauptman captured second place (42.81) in the 50-breast, as well as third place in both the 100-breast (1:32.96) and 100-fly (1:19.32). Billy Moates dropped his times to place third in the 100-I.M. (1:24.46) and sixth in the 50-back (40.57), with Devin Gunasekara right behind him to clinch seventh at (40.69).

Brendan Jones went out strong in his 100-free to take fifth (1:13.33), and placed fourth in the 50-breast (42.94). In the 9-10 200 I.M., Billy Swenson lopped 19 seconds off his previous time to take fifth (2:56.68) and in the 50-fly, he took seventh at (39.46), with Gunasekara finishing strong to take eighth (39.49).

Placing for the 11-12 year-old girls in the individual medley were Tori Maffey, who took third (1:12.62) and Mariela Lemus, ninth (1:14.42). Maffey also took fourth in the 50-backstroke, teammate Xiao Lan Wong taking eighth (34.64). Wong also placed seventh in the 50-fly (33.02). Vanessa Merritt took 10th with her fastest swim (38.55).

Adam Siegal took a first place in the 50-breast for the 11-12 boys (37.67), as well as eighth in the 100-fly (33.58), and Ryan Hauptman kept him company with a first-place finish in the 100-breast. Eric Swenson earned second place medals for both the 100-back (1:10.98) and 100-fly (1:13.22), and Brian Gartner snagged fourth place in the fly behind him (1:14.28), as well as in the 100-I.M. (1:14.14).

F-SP Recreation Basketball League

(As of January 22)

TEAM	W	L
Sonics	5	0
Pacers	4	1
Redmen	4	2
Celtics	2	4
Suns	1	4
Warriors	0	5

January 22:
Suns 32, Pacers 40:
Ryan Weber had nine rebounds for the Suns. Dwight Simms led the Pacers with 16 points.

Redmen 34, Celtics 32:
Bobby Murphy had 11 rebounds for the Celtics. Josh Hefner lit the gym on fire with eight points.

FSPY Coed Swimmers Glide Past Garfield, 105-99

The FSPY Co-ed swim team recorded their first win of the season, 105-99, against Garfield on January 24. In the individual medley, Jessica Moran improved her time to take second for the 9-10s, and Jessica Schor, Rahul Patel and Sachin Shah each won their age group with Sachin just squeaking by Jason Doshi in the 15-18 race.

In the freestyle, some more great performances added to the points tally. The 9-10s got a clean sweep, with Diane Fitzpatrick followed by Mary Walsh and Sarah Quale. In the 13-14 group, David Ng came in first and Megan McGillivray came second in a close and exciting finish. Amit Doshi and Richard Khan kept the points rolling with Richard improving his time.

Matt Miller and Emily Kaplowitz got the breaststroke off to a flying start with a great one-two in the eight-and-unders. Whitney Smallwood did a good job for the 11-12s and the clock could only put 30.05 between Devang Doshi and Sachin Shah in

For the senior women, Annie Espinoza had two powerful freestyle swims, taking sixth in the 100 (57.94) and 10th in the 50 (26.57), both times qualifying her for "Y" summer Nationals. Jenny Gartner was at her best, taking eighth in the long 500-free (5:36.83), while Jen Bassman had her fastest time, taking ninth in the 100-back (1:08.97).

Not to be outdone, the senior men collected a few medals themselves: Dave Russ and Jeff Wagner took fourth (4:39.17) and fifth (4:39.41), respectively, in the 400-medley; Charlie Rowe and Chris Karelus placed fifth (1:53.73) and seventh (1:54.98), respectively, in the 200-free, and Chris Swenson had an eighth-place finish in the 100-breast (1:09.14), as well as a 10th-place finish in the 200 (2:29.33).

Dave Schwartz Breaks Harvard Record

Swimmer Dave Schwartz of Westfield broke the Harvard 200-yard breaststroke record, with a time of 1:59.71 at the University of Texas Invitational Swim Meet held in Austin. Schwartz returned this year as the Crimson co-captain.

At last year's Eastern Championships, Schwartz was second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time that broke the team record and won the 200 breaststroke in a personal best time. At U.S. Nationals in 1997, he was seventh in the 200-meter breaststroke. This year the coaches hope to see him competing at the NCAA's.

Schwartz is coming off a very good summer of training and could help win more points for Harvard. Currently Harvard is ranked 18th in the country.

At the 1994 Easterns, Schwartz was second in both the 100 and 200 breast. After taking 2 years off, Schwartz returned to Harvard and is majoring in history. A 1993 graduate of Westfield High School, Schwartz was a four-time All-American during his high school career, and was ranked 34th in the world. In 1993, Schwartz was ranked 13th in the world.

Nationally he was a member of U.S. Swimming All-American teams in 1992, 1993, 1995 and 1997. At the 1991 Olympic Festival at the age of 16, he set a national age group record in the 200-meter breaststroke. He placed 13th at the 1992 Olympic trials in the 200-meter breaststroke, and was ranked 34th in the world. In 1993, Schwartz was ranked 13th in the world.

While at Westfield High School, he was a member of the National Honor Society. His sister, Sue, was a four-year letter winner in swimming at Duke University, and captained the team her senior year. Sue also was a captain for the Westfield High School swim team.



Dave Schwartz



SECOND-PLACE FINISHERS...The Level 9 Henderson's La Gymnastique gymnastics team captured second place on January 11 at the Cherry Bowl Invitational Meet in Cherry Hill. Six out of 7 gymnasts on the La Gymnastique team took first place in at least one event. Ashley Flood, a Westfield resident and 7th grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School, competing for the first time at Level 9, took a first place for her graceful beam routine with a score of 8.3. Lauren Caravello, also from Westfield and an 8th grader at Edison Intermediate School, took first place on the bars with a score of 8.9, as well as first place all-around. Jessica Caravello also captured first place for her dynamic floor routine. Pictured, left to right, are: Tara Polizzi, Lauren Caravello, coach Ann Marie Henderson, Ashley Flood, Jessica Caravello, Lisa Peterson, Andrea Bargial, Jenna Ferrara and coach Mark Caravello.

Westfield 'Y' Devilfish Topple Summit Swimmers, 106-102

It all came down to the final event, as the Westfield "Y" boys' team recently defeated Summit in Division D of the New Jersey YMCA Swim League.

In the individual medley, high placers for the Devilfish in each age group were Kevin Smith for the 9-10 year-olds; Ryan Bartholomew, 11-12 year-olds; Brian O'Neill for 13-14 year-olds, and Rob Myers in the 15-18 year-old division.

Matt Green led Westfield in freestyle for the U-8 group; Mike Fragna for the 9-10 age group, and Sean O'Neill, Greg Matthews and Cliff Haldeman all placed first for their age groups.

The Devilfish had a small lead going into the breaststroke events, as the Devilfish garnered three more firsts from David Hedman, Arthur King and Myers. Green

led the Devilfish in the U-8 backstroke, with Diego Betancourt pacing his team for the 9-10 year olds. Bartholomew and O'Neill each took home blues, and Scott Krautzmann the men's 15-18 year olds.

Brandon Cuba paced the Devilfish in butterfly for his age group, and King and Matthews contributed the fastest times for theirs, with Krautzmann again on top for the oldest swimmers; but it took the final winning relay of Haldeman, Matt Vidovich, Krautzmann and Myers to pull ahead for a final score of Westfield 106 over Summit 102.

Also contributing for their team were Josh Schoenfeld, Ray Encarnacion, Dan McGrogy, Keith McClosky, Rob Eckman, Sam Gurdus and Jeff Dresley.

FSPY Piranhas Out-touch Metuchen-Edison, 105-103

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA Lady Piranhas did it two in a row, by beating Metuchen-Edison in a very close race with a final score of 105-103. This meet got down to the relays.

Sarah Zukowski opened the meet with a first-place finish in the 100-yard individual medley event, with Hillary Klimowicz just being out-touched for second with a strong swim by Jen Lane for the 9-10 year olds. Tori Maffey gave it her all to place third swimming her first grueling 200-yard individual medley event for the 11-12 year olds. Strong swimmers Jen Bassman and Melissa Lemus yielded a first and a third, respectively, for the 13-14 year olds. Kristin Cameron swam her personal best to place second for the 15-18s.

Eight-year-old Amanda Cameron swam to a first-place finish in the 100-yard event, with Amanda Dickson just being out-touched for second in the 9-10 year-old group. Alexa Vantosky and Morgan Larkin gave it their all, to place second and third, respectively, for the 11-12 year olds. Outstanding swims were turned in by Jenny Gartner, to place first for the 13-14s, with Alexis Zukowski just being out-touched for second.

Smith, Meaghan Gaynor and Casey Griffin started the breaststroke with fine swims, followed by Kelsey Foy and Evelyn Yuen placing second and third, respectively, for the 9-10 year olds. In a race with a blanket finish, Vantosky placed first, with Ann Marie Klimowicz and Erin O'Connor finishing right up their with the pack.

Gartner and Julia Sheffield swam strong to secure third for the 13-14s, with a strong swim by Hannah Lynch. Jess Zentmyer gave it her all, to place first for the 15-18s, with Mindy Wu swimming strong for third.

Eight-year-olds Xiao-Kiang Wong and Elizabeth Hawkins had a one-two punch in the backstroke, with Melissa McClintock just being out-touched for third. Dickson, A. Cameron and Jessica Moore had a super sweep for the 9-10 year olds, followed by Mariela Lemus swimming strong to place first for the 11-12 year olds. Fine swims by Alexis Zukowski and Melissa Lemus to place second and third, respectively, for the 13-14s were followed by Zentmyer placing second for the 15-18s.

Strong swimmers were had by eight-year-olds Starosielco, Wong and Ivan Henkels, in a blanket finish in the butterfly. Nine-10 year-olds S. Zukowski and Foy gave a one-two punch, with Peeler just being out-touched for third. Xiao Wong and Mariela Lemus placed second and third, with Maffey right behind them for the 11-12 year olds. Another first for Bassman, with Sheffield swimming strong for third in the 13-14 age group, with K. Cameron placing third for the 15-18s.

At this point the Piranhas had a two-point lead. To secure the win, they had to win two relays, which they did. Outstanding swims by both the 9-10 year-old team, comprised of Dickson, Foy, S. Zukowski and A. Cameron, followed by the 13-14 year-old team of A. Zukowski, Gartner, Bassman and Sheffield secured the win.

SULLIVAN, DeDUCA TAKE FIRSTS

Tomasso Snags 3rd Straight Roselle Park Wrestling Title

Lee Tomasso of Westfield's Little Devils wrestling team captured his third consecutive Roselle Park Wrestling Tournament on January 10 at Roselle Park High School. The Little Devils had their best showing in recent years, as Kyle Sullivan and Tom DeDuca also won titles.

Although official records were not available, Tomasso, a sixth grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School, may be the first Westfield wrestler to record three consecutive titles at the highly-competitive tournament, which features teams from several counties. Tomasso, wrestling as the top seed in the junior 85-pound division, registered three pins on his way to an exciting and well-wrestled final, using his unusual combination of speed, strength and skill.

In a rematch of last year's final, Tomasso frustrated a highly-touted foe from Berkeley Heights, to record a tight 4-0 win. Tomasso took the lead when he hit a switch for a two-point reversal in the second period. With the title on the line in a pressure packed third period, Tomasso executed a perfectly timed shuck from a front headlock, a move not usually seen at the junior level, which led to a takedown against a stunned opponent and the final margin of victory.

Sullivan, wrestling in the intermediate 126-pound division, pinned his way through the tournament using his rugged but highly-technical style to flatten three opponents. In the final, wrestling against a strong Roselle Park wrestler, Sullivan broke his opponent down and then set a tight-arm bar

to finish his opponent in three minutes and 10 seconds. Sullivan is an eighth grader at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

DeDuca, took his first tournament title, wrestling in fine fashion in the 90-pound midget division. In the quarterfinal and semifinal, DeDuca, a fifth grader at Tamaques School, put on a takedown clinic with a series of single and double-leg takedowns. In a tough final, DeDuca broke free for an escape in the third period for a 1-0 lead, and picked up a penalty point for an exciting 2-0 gold medal win.

Cameron Fairbairn took a second place for the Little Devils, and teammates Matt McManus, John Leonardis and Zach Deegan took fourth-place medals.

Fairbairn, a 65-pound bantam, made an impressive debut in tournament wrestling, as the seven-year old Wilson School student pinned his way to the final using a fierce and powerful headlock, to register three falls and a second-place finish. McManus added his second medal in two tournaments, as he took fourth place against an impressive field in the junior 70-pound division. McManus also took a third-place medal at the Middlesex Tournament in December.

Leonardis, an eighth grader at Edison Intermediate School, a veteran wrestler with cat-like reflexes, possesses a variety of moves and should continue to move up in the rankings. Deegan, a Wilson School student and new wrestler, has raw strength and a courageous attitude, as he is willing to go up against more experienced wrestlers and give them a good battle.

Paterson Wise Guys Bounce Scotch Plains in Sr. League

The Paterson Wise Guys, a collection of lunch-time ballplayers from the Paterson "Y," handed Scotch Plains its second loss in two years on Thursday night, by denying the short jump shot from Pete Tierney and totally controlling the boards. The reliable outside shot of Butch McCoy, combined with a number of opportunity shots from around the hoop, paced the Paterson effort.

Areana Sports took a close game from the Pearls, pulling away on the foul line at the end to gain the eight-point margin. The Areana squad scored on a number of layup attempts from Wayne Schroeder and Dennis Kosowicz and the outside shot of Jim Carovillano, while the Pearls were led by the outside shooting of Jack Wiley and numerous layups by Will Newell.

In the Cranford-North Plainfield game, which was a three-point game at half time, a running attack paced by Lou Koehler and Chip Weiss, with 10 and 12 points, respectively, finally wore down the underdogs. North Plainfield relied on Dave Bell and Howard Peretz for outside shooting, and Rich Kotuski for rebounds.

Berkeley Heights tattooed Team Law,

with Howie Heller and Fred Walz scoring unopposed layups throughout the contest, and John Allen marking his return to action by nailing several jump shots in critical times to repel Team Law by 15. Team Law was paced by Brian Daugherty and Rick Musser, but couldn't overcome their turnovers, many of which resulted in breakaways.

SCOTCH PLAINS SENIOR BASKETBALL (all players over 50)

Results: 1/20
Cranford 45, North Plainfield 28.
Berkeley Heights 55, Team Law 40.
Areana Sports 46, Westfield Pearls 38.
Paterson Wise Guys 47, Scotch Plains 39.

Standings: January 24

AMERICAN DIVISION		
Paterson Wise Guys	6	1 .857
Berkeley Heights	4	3 .571
Westfield Pearls	3	4 .429
North Plainfield	1	6 .143

NATIONAL DIVISION		
Scotch Plains	5	2 .714
Cranford Cougars	5	2 .714
Areana Sports	3	4 .429
Team Law	1	6 .143

UCC Announces Schedule For Sports Spectacular

Union County College (UCC) is offering two cycles of its Saturday Sports Spectacular during the spring semester for youngsters ages seven through 12.

The intensive sports training program affords participants an opportunity to learn a sport under the tutelage of specialists who will help them to develop their skills and techniques, according to a spokeswoman. Students are invited to participate in one or both cycles and can train in up to four sports during the same time frame, the spokeswoman said. The college will conduct all of these courses at its Cranford campus.

"Basketball" will teach students the skills and strategies of the sport, offering practice in dribbling, passing and shooting. Students will also learn to control the ball and initiate plays.

The course will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, January 31 through February 28.

"Tennis" will focus on practicing the fore-

hand, backhand and two-handed backstroke.

The course will be offered from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. from January 31 through February 28 and, again, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays, April 18 through May 9.

"Golf" will include practice of driving, putting and controlling the angle and path of tee shots and putts. The course will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. from April 18 through May 9.

"Baseball" will focus on throwing, catching, batting, fielding and running, as well as perfecting eye-hand coordination and increasing overall baseball knowledge. The course will be conducted from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. from April 18 through May 9.

"Soccer" will cover dribbling, passing, shooting, heading, controlling the ball and initiating plays. The course will be held from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. from April 18 through May 9.

For further information please call UCC's Division of Continuing Education and Community Services at (908) 709-7600.

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Elvira Ardrey

Youth Courses to be Offered At College During Spring

Union County College (UCC) is offering children and young people a variety of special non-credit courses on Saturdays to develop their skills in areas of special interest.

Many of the courses fall under the "College for Kids" category, which runs from March 7 through March 28.

New to UCC are "Making Balloon Animals," through which students learn to make balloon animals in the way that clowns and magicians do it; "Especially Francais," a French language course, and "Motorized Contraptions and Robotics."

The Spring Sports Spectacular, starting January 31, will feature clinics in basketball and tennis. Starting in April, other clinics will be conducted in golf, baseball, tennis, and soccer.

Four music courses will also begin on January 31, including "Piano for Beginners," with separate classes for grades 1 and 2, and 3 and 4; "Beginning Guitar" for grades 5 through 12, and "Electronic Musical Keyboard," which teaches the basics of piano instruction through the use of key chords, simple melodies, rhythm, and note reading.

Several courses will be offered in computers for grades 7 through 12. They include "Introduction to Windows," beginning January 31; "Computer Keyboarding," beginning March 7, and "Microsoft Word for Windows," starting April 4.

Starting February 7, the college will offer two fine arts courses for ages 7 through 12: "Basic Drawing and Sketching" and "Design Your Own Comic Book."

In martial arts, "Self-Defense," beginning February 7 for ages 7 through 12,

will teach practical self-defense techniques and develop greater coordination, agility, and confidence about students' physical ability.

Under the category "Sensational Workshops," two courses will be available. "Chemical Magic, Magical Microscopes, Rocks, and Minerals Workshop" will be held for ages 6 through 12, beginning March 7, and "Detectives and Their Solutions," for grades 1 through 5, will start on March 14, and will teach students to identify substances by their density, melting point, boiling point, and solubility.

The college is offering a special comprehensive study through the "Academy for Comprehensive English and Mathematics" to provide extra help in these subjects. It will begin on March 7.

Other special workshops are "Building a Positive Self-Image," with separate classes for ages 8 through 11 and 12 through 16, starting February 7; "Especially Espanol," a Spanish language course for ages 8 through 11, starting February 21, and "Kidworks on the IBM," for ages 5 through 7, starting March 7. "Space Station UCC," for grades 5 through 8, and "Order in the Court: Mock Trial Workshop," for grades 7 through 12, both to begin on March 7. "Explore the Shore," for ages 7 through 9, is a one-day program which will be held on June 6.

Four sections in "Personal Watercraft and Safety" will be offered throughout the spring semester.

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



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE...Antonio Buoscio, center, a member of UNICO National, displays a plaque which will be inscribed with the names of the winners of the organization's annual Columbus Day essay contest, and displayed in the Westfield Board of Education's offices. Joining him are Dr. William J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools, left, and Dr. Robert G. Petix, Principal of Westfield High School.

UNICO Announces Winners Columbus Day Essay Contest

During the first few months of the school year, the Westfield Chapter of UNICO National made the first step in an ongoing educational program at Westfield High School.

This Italian American service organization instituted an essay contest centering around Columbus Day, that welcomed students' interpretations of this holiday.

UNICO members, with the assistance of the high school's Social Studies department, fielded a large number of es-

says, according to a spokesman for the organization.

Four students, Jen Woodbury, Melissa Tirone, Danielle Fay Bauch and Kristen Salmond, were judged to have written the best essays, according to the UNICO spokesman. They were then awarded United States Savings bond prizes.

The essay contest culminated with a recent presentation of a plaque to be displayed at the Westfield Board of Education offices. It will be inscribed with winners of the contest every year.

Score Helps Strengthen Students' Academic Skills

Busy parents looking for new ways to take control of their children's education and make sure their kids are learning basic skills have a new resource - Score, an educational center located at 138 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Score uses an interactive curriculum and a sports-oriented environment to help students in Kindergarten through grade 10 master critical academic skills such as reading, mathematics and spelling.

"Score helps kids boost their grades and their self-confidence," said Alan Tripp, founder and General Manager of Score.

"Kids work with full-time academic coaches, who provide lots of positive

reinforcement and help kids develop a real love of learning," Mr. Tripp continued.

At Score, students work on an individualized, adaptive curriculum that adjusts to each child's unique academic needs and style of learning, according to the general manager.

Academic coaches at Score are typically graduates of the nation's top universities, according to Mr. Tripp.

The Westfield center is the first Score in New Jersey. Score is a subsidiary of Kaplan Educational Centers, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Washington Post Company.

For information about enrollment at Score in Westfield, please call Aylon Samouha at (908) 301-1301.

Net Making Demonstration To be Held at Miller-Cory

The Miller-Cory House Museum will feature net making and tours of the historic farmhouse this Sunday, February 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Using a wooden shuttle, Eileen O'Shea of Summit will demonstrate how nets were made during the 18th and 19th centuries. Nets were usually made of heavy linen or cotton string and used for fish trawling in the local rivers and lakes.

Netting was also used to make carrying bags and satchels. Nets made of fine linen or cotton were used as home

decorations such as bed canopies.

Mrs. O'Shea has served the museum in many areas over the years, including its outreach program to schools.

Volunteers dressed in authentic period costume will guide visitors through the pre-Revolutionary farmhouse and will answer questions about early life in New Jersey.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under six years of age are admitted free.

On Sunday, February 8, the museum will celebrate Valentine's Day with an early American valentine-making demonstration.

For information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

Gloria Kraft Joins Coldwell Banker Team

Gloria Kraft, a 10-year real estate professional, is now a member of the Coldwell Banker, Westfield office.

"We are delighted to have Gloria join our team," stated Marilyn Kelly, Manager. "Her years of experience are an asset to this very dynamic group of real estate professionals."

Ms. Kraft is a member of the 1996 New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club. In addition, she is also a member of the prestigious Coldwell Banker Multi-Million Dollar Club.

"The most important thing to me is helping people achieve the American dream of owning their own home," commented Ms. Kraft.

"It doesn't matter whether it is a



Elvira Ardrey Awarded Coldwell Banker Trip To Business Conference

Elvira Ardrey, a Sales Associate in the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, recently qualified for a company-sponsored trip to Coldwell Banker's Business Conference in Orlando, Florida.

She was awarded the trip as a result of her outstanding sales production for 1997, according to the company.

Ms. Ardrey will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with top sales professionals and participate in professional seminars.

One of the top sales people in the Westfield office, according to Office Manager Marilyn Kelly, Ms. Ardrey is frequently cited for her consistent high volume.

She is a member of the Coldwell Banker International President's Club and a perennial New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Club member.

Ms. Ardrey is also qualified as a New Homes Specialist. She is a long-time resident of Westfield.

Ms. Ardrey may be reached at the Westfield office, 209 Central Avenue, at (908) 233-5555.



Gloria Kraft first-time buyer or a corporate transferee who has moved many times, the satisfaction of a job well done is my greatest reward," she added. Ms. Kraft may be reached at the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, 209 Central Avenue, at (908) 233-5555.

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December Revenue Units Double at Weichert Office

Revenue units at Weichert, Realtors' Westfield Office in December were more than double the number of a year ago, announced James M. Weichert, President.

According to figures compiled by the Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS), the number of revenue units for the month of December was 206 percent higher than the same period in 1997.

"All the elements are in place for another tremendous year in real estate," said Branch Manager Bob Albanese.

"Consumer confidence is up, mortgage rates are down and Weichert's

salespeople are the most knowledgeable, hardest working professionals in the business," he continued. Mr. Albanese predicted that "1998 is going to be great."

To reach the real estate professionals at Weichert's Westfield Office, located at 185 Elm Street, please call (908) 654-7777.

Weichert, Realtors has 7,500 sales associates in 200 offices in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Interested individuals are invited to visit Weichert's web site on the Internet at <http://www.weichert.com>.

College Men's Club To Hold Dinner Dance

The College Men's Club of Westfield will hold its annual black-tie dinner dance at Echo Lake Country Club on Saturday, February 28, at 7 p.m.

The club has provided scholarships to hundreds of Westfield graduates for over 70 years.

The success of the annual dinner dance is a critical factor in determining the amount of new scholarship funds available to the upcoming graduating class, according to a club spokesman.

All members of the club are encouraged to attend, and the community at large is also invited to participate, said the spokesman.

The evening will include an extended cocktail hour which will allow those in attendance to view and

bid on auction items, followed by dinner and dancing to the band music of RSVP. There will also be a five-hour open bar.

The cost is \$195 per couple and tickets may be obtained by calling (908) 518-0132.

Any individual or corporation wishing to make a donation (tax-deductible) or to sponsor a specific scholarship award (to be named by the donor) may contact club President Brian Steller by writing to the club at P.O. Box 841.



Ann Ribardo

Ms. Ribardo Named Saleswoman of Month

Broker-Associate Ann Ribardo of the Westfield Burgdorff ERA office has been named saleswoman of the month for September.

A 26-year resident of the Westfield, Ms. Ribardo has been a full-time broker-associate for 15 years and has received many production awards including membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Sales Club. She has been a life-long contributor to the Westfield community.

Ms. Ribardo is a Past President of the Junior Woman's Club of Westfield and is currently a Co-Chairwoman of the Consignment Shop and most recently as the Chairwoman of its Donations Committee.

Mr. Cowan Named Senior VP Of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.

Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. has announced the appointment of Michael Cowan of Fanwood as Senior Vice President, Corporate Real Estate and Purchasing.

In this position, Mr. Cowan will have management responsibility for the firm's worldwide real estate and corporate purchasing activities.

Mr. Cowan will report to Edward L. Goldberg, Executive Vice President of Operations, Services and Technology.

Mr. Cowan joined Merrill Lynch in 1986 in the Finance and Administration group's Budgeting Management Reporting area. Most recently, he served as First Vice President of Finance for the U.S. Private Client, International Private Client and Asset Management groups.

Prior to that, he was based in London as the Chief Administrative Officer for Merrill Lynch Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Before joining Merrill Lynch, Mr. Cowan worked at American Express

as a Vice President in Finance. He earned his degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame.

Carolyn J. Slaski Appointed Partner With Ernst & Young

Ernst & Young LLP has announced the appointment of Carolyn J. Slaski, of Westfield, as a partner with their firm.

Mrs. Slaski began her career with Ernst & Young in 1984, when she joined the Assurance and Advisory Business Services Practice. She was promoted to Senior Manager in 1992.

She is a member of the Technology, Communications and Entertainment Industry team, with clients such as Xpedite Systems, Inc., Programmer's Paradise, Inc. and Anadigics, Inc.

She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from Rutgers University in New Brunswick.



SALESPERSON OF THE MONTH... Grace M. Rappa, a Realtor Associate with Burgdorff Realtors ERA's Westfield office, has been named the Salesperson of the Month for having the highest unit and dollar volume production for December. A real estate professional since 1978, she has consistently been a top producer receiving numerous sales and listing awards. She is a member of Burgdorff's Presidents Club and the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club.

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Coldwell Banker Recognizes Judith Koepfel for Sales

Judith Koepfel, a Sales Associate with the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker, is one of the top 10 salespeople in the northeast region for Buyer Controlled Sales, according to a recent report released by Coldwell Banker's corporate office.

Ironically, this honor was achieved during the period, July through September, when Ms. Koepfel had undergone surgery for a broken ankle and did the majority of her business on crutches, the company confirmed.

"In the three years she has been with Coldwell Banker, Judy has not only listed and sold many properties, but has developed that special understanding of her customers' needs that allows her to respond to them in a most positive and productive manner," said Office Manager Marilyn Kelly.

Ms. Koepfel has resided in Westfield for the last 12 years. She and her husband, Jeffrey, have two children, Joanna and David.

A New Jersey Association of Real-



Judith Koepfel

tors Million Dollar Club member. Ms. Koepfel may be reached at the Coldwell Banker's Westfield office at (908) 233-5555, Extension No. 135, or at her web site located at <http://www.nymetro.coldwellbanker.com>.

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