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FIFTY FABULOUS YEARS... Cast members gear up for Grant/Washington School's 50th anniversary play, "The Big Five-O," which will premiere tomorrow, Friday, February 6, at 8 p.m. and will be presented again on Saturday, February 7, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School. The annual production serves as the school's major fundraiser. Pictured are: lying in front, Bob Albino; front row, Danny O'Brien, Ed Scollon, John Fiorino and Ed Burdulia; second row, George Thayer, Joe Graham, Mike Kenny, Mike Venezia, Saul Heitner, Barry Thomashow and Geoffrey Kent, and standing in back is Al Roig. Please see a story and another picture on Page 5.

COUNCIL TO HEAR OVERVIEW ON BUDGET TUESDAY NIGHT

Violations of Maintenance Code Pending; Hearing Set on Grandview Development

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Town officials announced Tuesday night that five possible violators of the town's new exterior maintenance code have been identified.

The active violations include four residential violations and one for a commercial establishment. The locations are on Downer Street, Moss Avenue, Prospect Street, East Broad Street and Central Avenue. The last of these is the site of a convenience store.

Town Administrator Edward A. Gotko is currently serving as the enforcement officer for the code. The council will be asked to approve a

salary for the permanent position during the municipal budget process. Until that time a person cannot be hired. The budget process will begin next week.

When he heard of the five violations which are currently before the committee — all related to different aspects of the code — Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh responded that he was "happy to hear that. I'm happy that somebody has been identified."

On another matter, Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano, who chairs the Building and Town Property Committee, announced that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 18, in the Municipal Building regarding the proposal by a developer, David Kervick, for a high-density housing development which includes Mount Laurel low-to-moderate income housing units.

The meeting is slated for 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

The proposed development would be located on vacant land adjacent to Grandview Avenue, Myrtle Avenue and Grove Street where Mr. Kervick owns property.

The proposed development is the result of a lawsuit brought against the town seven years ago.

Although the area is now design-

ated for such a development, the builder is seeking to purchase town-owned land and a vacation of a portion of the town right-of-way of Grandview between Myrtle and Grove.

The request was made in order "to make the entire development a single parcel which could be more readily and efficiently developed," according to a copy of a letter sent to neighboring property owners on December 4 by Board Attorney Charles H. Brandt.

The developer has also requested an increase in the density of development of the area which is currently zoned for eight units per acre.

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STATE OFFICIAL SAYS WESTFIELD IS 'MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION'

Town Looks at Triangle Section Between Central And Grove for Neighborhood Preservation Program

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

An area covering a 10-to-15 block radius in the town's eastern-central region has been designated as the target area for planned renovation and improvement within the state's Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP).

That decision was reached by a group of about 30, including residents and town officials, last Thursday evening in the Community Room at the Municipal Building on East Broad Street.

It was the second meeting held since local officials made the decision to seek NPP funding in mid-1997.

The town will now focus on a large triangular section which lays basically between Central Avenue and Grove Street. South and Grandview Avenues are also in the area cited.

"I think there was consensus on the area tonight," commented Mayor Thomas C. Jardim. "That's what we should focus on."

Considered "the gateway to Westfield" since it is the main thoroughfare that connects the town from the Garden State Parkway through neighboring Clark, the current conditions on and near the Central Avenue line have

drawn concern and criticism by many as an area in need of revitalization.

The NPP, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton, was intended "to encourage and promote the social and economic strengthening and development of neighborhoods."

The process itself of obtaining funding depends heavily on four main criteria outlined in the program, including a demonstrated need and a commitment by both public and private interests.

Terence P. Schrider, the NPP administrator who was on hand to explain how the program works, explained that the most important of the four major steps is the one that asks "can the neighborhood be effectively turned around in a one-to-five-year period with the resources available?"

More specifically, the target area is generally "a threatened but still viable area" that can show positive results within a three-to-five-year period of time.

"You will tell us, the state, what those boundary areas are going to be," stated Mr. Schrider. He emphasized that the state wants "to see an impact while we're there," meaning

within the three-to-five-year period.

"That's what I mean by 'while we are there,'" the administrator said.

Generally, if a community is successful in obtaining such a grant, it receives a minimum of \$85,000 a year, with no more than 20 percent of that appropriation going toward the hiring of a full-time coordinator.

Mr. Schrider, who also said some of the grant money is available to help bring private properties up to par, said those funds usually go only to property owners who live on low to moderate incomes.

But in somewhat glowing terms, Mr. Schrider mentioned how the NPP was effective in Englewood, which is now in its fifth year of NPP activity and has seen an influx of new busi-

nesses in its downtown area, worth some \$10 million in investments already, Mr. Schrider said.

"It's been a tremendous success," the administrator explained, "(However) we're really small potatoes as to what we can fund... but it's the ripple effects" (that really count.)

"You're really moving in the right direction," remarked Mr. Schrider just before leaving. "The important thing again is that the town enters into an important dialogue with the community."

At least three people present, including Mayor Jardim, expressed a dissatisfaction with a convenience store on Central Avenue, the exterior of which many feel is lacking in ap-

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Keith S. Hertell Opts Not to Seek Reelection

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

After three years on the Westfield Board of Education, Keith S. Hertell made a surprising announcement Tuesday night that he will not seek a second term.

Danielle M. Walsh, Vice President of the board, and first term member Ginger Hardwick have both launched their campaigns for reelection to the nine-member board.

Currently the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Hertell was elected in 1995 in a race which featured a field of nine candidates — including two candidates running for an unexpired term on the board.

During his tenure on the board, he took part in the hiring process of a new superintendent of schools, the construction of 12 new class-

rooms and the redistricting of students to reduce overcrowding at the elementary school level.

School budgets have passed the last three years.

Mr. Hertell said he made his decision not to seek reelection "after a great deal of contemplation."

While not providing reasons for his decision, Mr. Hertell asserted to colleagues on the board that "the current atmosphere of political correctness has heightened the level of intolerance, especially towards the majority, which in my opinion is as damaging as the attitudes and awareness we are trying to change."

He said he had a "very satisfying working relationship with the different boards."

Among the board's achievements

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Planning Bd. Okays Development on Clarence St.; Woman's Club Subdivision Postponed to Feb. 11

By RUSSELL WATKINS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Planning Board unanimously accepted a plan by D. Villane Construction Company Monday night to develop the remainder of Clarence Street.

The applicant has sought a subdivision of five lots into 17 conforming lots for construction of new homes.

When completed, the street will have 26 homes, similar to surrounding streets, officials have said.

It was also announced that an application by the Woman's Club of Westfield to subdivide its property into three separate building lots will be heard during a special meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11. About 20 residents attended the meeting in regard to the application.

The club announced last week that the property, including the clubhouse which dates back to the turn of the century, will be sold at a private sale which will be conducted through sealed bids.

In terms of the Villane case, the application calls for the division and development of land owned by the construction company which encompasses the rest of Clarence Street up to Lamberts Mill Road.

The other half of Clarence Street is already being developed by Charles A. Higgins, a developer from Spring Lake who received the board's approval to develop his parcels last year amid some controversy. Mr. Higgins received approval to build nine homes on Clarence, a paper street for the past 30 years.

According to the resolution as adopted by the board, Villane must conform to the same standards imposed on Mr. Higgins, and the two developers must coordinate their efforts with Kenneth Marsh, the Town Engineer who also serves as board secretary.

Approximately 20 area residents were on hand to hear the specifics of the Villane proposal which was presented to the board by Don Guarriello, a licensed professional engineer who testified for the applicant, and James B. Flynn, a Westfield attorney representing Villane Construction Company.

Mr. Flynn stressed that the proposed lots conformed to Westfield's zoning ordinances, and that no vari-

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DWC Okays '98 Budget of \$265,500 For Downtown Improvement District

By JASMINE VASAVADA
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) approved its 1998 budget proposal of \$265,500 for the town's special improvement district program at its annual meeting last Wednesday. The budget will now go to the Town Council which will hold a public hearing before voting to adopt the plan.

Last year the council reduced a 12-month budget of \$226,000 down to \$184,000 with a start-up date of May 1, 1997. This reduction was due to the fact that the DWC spending plan was for eight months.

The DWC is a public/private partnership that seeks to improve the downtown through promotion, design and economic development initiatives. The budget is funded by an assessment paid by property owners (and, indirectly, businesses) in the district.

The total approved budget includes \$110,000 for organizational expenses such as salaries, facilities and supplies. The remaining money will be used for design, promotion, economic development and the preparation of a downtown plan.

One of the primary initiatives this year will be the preparation of a Downtown Westfield Improvement Plan. WDC Chairman Joseph Spector, proprietor of The Leader Store on East Broad Street, emphasized that this plan for land-use, parking and transportation improvements will be a work plan, outlining the necessary actions, and ready for implementation.

The board allocated \$20,000 for its preparation, and an additional \$5,000 to design demonstration projects and pursue additional funding resources. Executive Director Michael La Place,

a certified planner, will be responsible for preparing the plan.

Tim Harrington, a resident of Madison who owns property in downtown Westfield, expressed some concerns to the board.

He observed that the vast majority of the funds were devoted to consultants, advertising agencies, salaries and rents, "but not a lot of productivity."

Mr. Harrington suggested that instead of developing new plans, the DWC should rapidly use or modify plans that are already in existence.

He also noted that the DWC rents office space from the largest single corporate real estate interest in the town, saying "I hope that does not indicate a conflict of interest."

Mr. LaPlace agreed that, "Too many good ideas and plans are just that in this town. We want to make sure they move forward."

However, he reported, the development of a comprehensive plan to address present needs and anticipate future needs of the downtown is a necessary beginning.

In addition, the budget includes funds for many efforts that will be implemented immediately.

The DWC board reported that they will design demonstration projects involving crosswalks, ornamental lighting, benches, trash receptacles and signage. Jennifer Jeruzelski, DWC Promotional Committee Chairwoman, informed those persons present at the budget hearing that designs are already in progress for the installation of vintage streetlights under the Central Avenue railroad pass.

The DWC will also look for ways to better light the sidewalks. During public comment, William J. Corbet, Jr.,

a Colonial Avenue resident who serves as President of the local Board of Health, recommended that the DWC should also focus on improving lighting in the parking lots.

The former councilman from the first ward reported that the Westfield Post Office parking lot, for example, is very dark at night and potentially

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LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN INCLUDES \$17.5 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS

Special Education Program Focus Of Board of Education Meeting

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

During Tuesday's regular meeting of the Westfield Board of Education, board member Keith S. Hertell announced he will not seek reelection to a second three-year term.

Mr. Hertell's prepared statement at the beginning of the meeting detailed his positive experience during his tenure on the board. Though there were murmurs of surprise among board members and the audience, his words received warm applause.

Board President Susan Jacobson said, "A statement like that leaves me speechless. I'm glad you're here, as Finance Chairman, to get us a good budget this year...I thank you for sharing your thoughts."

Incumbents Danielle M. Walsh, Board Vice President, and Ginger Hardwick recently announced their intention to run in the Tuesday, April 21 school election.

Attention was focused on special

education during Tuesday's meeting with a presentation led by Director of Student Personnel Services Dr. Ted Kozlik.

"Special education is one of the finer programs this district offers," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley.

"An overwhelming majority of students who participate in special education go on to college and live productive lives. This program gives them the boost they need to be successful," he continued.

However, Dr. Foley added, "Special education is expensive and, therefore, must remain special."

Dr. Kozlik was joined by Janet Harrison, school psychologist; Anthony Tomasso, learning disabilities teacher consultant; Alice Hunnicutt, a parent, and Richard Kaplow, board attorney, plus other members of the Special Education Department.

Ms. Harrison explained how children come to the attention of the de-

partment, and how the department works to avoid unnecessary classification of students.

She identified some of the most common problems among children at various ages. For example, early elementary students can exhibit delays in reading, mathematics and language development.

Frequently, these students will work with a regular remedial teacher to get the help they need. The regular curriculum can also be modified to help these students develop basic skills.

According to Ms. Harrison, older children may have attention deficit disorder or conceptual problems. A trip to the pediatrician to explore possible health issues is recommended, then behavior management strategies are used.

In the higher grades, behavior and emotional issues can present problems.

"Students may hit a brick wall in their ability to cope with school," Ms.

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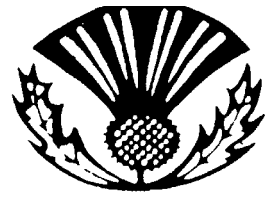
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Five Candidates Under Consideration by GOP For Seats on SP Council

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

Scotch Plains Township Republican Councilman Robert E. Johnston announced Tuesday that he has thrown his hat into the Republican Party ring for another four-year term on the council.

Councilman Johnston was township Mayor in 1995 and has been on the council since 1993. Under the township form of government, council members elect a Mayor from among themselves each year, for a one-year term. Republicans currently hold a 5-0 majority on the council.

Four-term Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt and 16-year council veteran, Mayor Joan Papan, told local Republican Party Committee mem-

bers they will not seek reelection to the council in November.

Mrs. Schmidt completed a year as Mayor in December. She is also an assistant to state Senate President Donald F. DiFrancesco, who also serves as Township Attorney. Mrs. Papan is serving her fourth term as mayor.

Local Republicans said that so far there are at least five contenders, including Mr. Johnston, for the Republican slate of candidates seeking three available seats on the governing body.

Other contenders identified so far for the Tuesday, June 2, Republican primary election are Gail Iammatto, Chairwoman of the township Board of Adjustment; James

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Township Council Supports Resolution Rejecting 25-Year Contract With UCUA

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council indicated Tuesday it wholeheartedly supports a recent Kenilworth Borough Council resolution that rejects a 25-year contract for garbage disposal at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway — otherwise known as the incinerator.

A lack of time to evaluate the contract was cited, among other concerns, for rejecting the deal, which calls for the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) to lease the incinerator to Ogen Martin Systems of Union, Inc., which built and operates the facility.

As part of the agreement, municipalities would voluntarily sign contracts with the UCUA under which haulers would dispose of waste at the incinerator.

The Kenilworth council has questioned the validity of the utilities authority's proposed tax-per-ton on solid waste that would be used to pay down the \$293 million bond debt on the facility.

A similar tax or Environmental Investment Charge (EIC) is being challenged by the City of Paterson against the Passaic County Utilities Authority, and according to the Kenilworth statement, "the decision in that case will have a direct impact on solid waste disposal charges throughout the entire state."

Kenilworth officials have also said they want to join with other municipalities and consider negotiating a better deal with the Union County facility.

The newly-deregulated waste disposal industry has resulted in the county-owned facility having to com-

pete for customers as haulers look for cheaper dumping fees elsewhere.

Township Council members pointed out that in Scotch Plains and six other Union County communities, residents contract privately with trash haulers, making it virtually impossible to control where haulers dump garbage. The 25-year contract would require haulers to use the Rahway facility or pay the EIC anyway.

A *Star-Ledger* report said this week that a recent state Legislature proposal calls for a 6 to 10 percent tax on all garbage collection and disposal in the state to help counties pay off incinerator debts.

Some say the tax will simply pass the burden of the incinerator debt along to taxpayers in the form of higher trash collection prices for local customers.

Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins said about 10 Union County towns have expressed interest in the deal with the Rahway incinerator, but that so far, only three have actually signed on.

On a different matter, Mr. Atkins said the council was still considering a 2 to 3 percent tax hike in the municipal budget this year based on recent budget proposals.

Councilman Robert E. Johnston said it looked like the final figure would be closer to 3 percent. That is equal to about \$34 per year on a house with a market value of \$230,000.

The predicted municipal tax increase would be about equal to last year, in its dollar amount, according to records. Residents must still consider school board and county taxes in totaling their local tax bills.

The municipal budget counts for about 18 cents out of every tax dollar, as does the county budget. About 65 cents of every tax dollar is spent for education in the township.

Mr. Atkins said the municipal budget would include money for new asphalt sidewalk maintenance. Council members have said in the past that asphalt sidewalks keep a "country" feel to the township's roads and eliminates the need to remove shade trees for pedestrian walkways by going around the trees.

Officials hope to introduce the municipal budget by Tuesday, February 17, with a final vote on it by Tuesday, March 24.

In a separate action, Fire Official Jonathan P. Ellis told township officials in a memo that he wanted to see a 20-foot-wide fire lane designated at a night spot on Terrill Road known as "Malibu."

According to reports, a recent Sunday "Teen Night" at the club led to chaos when more youths showed up than could enter the establishment.

Traffic snarls ensued as teens were picked up and dropped off, according to officials. Mr. Ellis indicated the fire lane was an important safety measure at the site.

One Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School student who attended the Township Council agenda meeting as part of a DECA activity on Tuesday said very few students from the township go to the night spot, while another said she knew of a few who did.

The fire lane will be designated on the private property at the owner's expense, with simply the approval of the police and fire chiefs and Mr. Ellis.

There is a maximum of a \$1,000 fine for parking in a fire lane.

In other business, the council shared its agenda meeting with eight DECA marketing students from the high school as part of a "Youth in Government" program.

Now in its 26th year and organized by teacher Don Cababe, the program's

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TIMES BEGINS SERIES ON HISTORY BEHIND RISING STUDENT POPULATION

Impact From Closing of Shackamaxon School, New Housing Developments Still Questioned by Some

Editor's Note: The following is the first of a two-part series on the history of the growing student population in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district's elementary schools, including the impact caused by the closing of one school and approval of new housing developments in Scotch Plains.

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Parents of school children in Scotch Plains and Fanwood talk frequently about the rising numbers of elementary-level students, and the ability of the existing school buildings to accommodate these youngsters.

In response, some long-time residents still question the wisdom of the Board of Education's decision 17 years ago to close Shackamaxon Elementary School on Martine Avenue.

Newer residents, especially those whose children attend south side schools, ask why municipal officials did not plan better for the impact of housing developments on the local school system.

Twenty years ago, the local school board, like others across the country, was forced to address a national decline in the birthrate and take a hard look at enrollment projections and facilities' usage for the district.

District enrollment dropped from nearly 8,000 students in 1970 to less than 5,000 by 1981.

At the time, cows and horses roamed the fields of Ponderosa Farms on Martine Avenue, and on Alberts Farm along Rahway Road and Clarks Lane, where the housing developments of Stirling Chase and Berwyck Chase,

respectively, now stand.

Acreage along Lamberts Mill Road that was zoned for light industrial/manufacturing development, and is now filled with garden apartments, sat empty.

In 1978, Kathleen L. Meyer, now Public Information Coordinator for the district, was elected to the first of her four terms on the Board of Education. Her children attended Shackamaxon School.

"We'd seen a precipitous decline in enrollment, and the housing boom of the 1960s and early '70s had passed," she said.

Two separate studies of enrollment projections were ordered by the board, one conducted by citizens on the District Comprehensive Planning Committee, the other by an outside consulting firm.

The board hired Dr. Kenneth Humphries and Engelhardt & Engelhardt Educational Consultants to study the district's facilities and enrollment trends, and to make a recommendation about the use of school buildings going forward.

A facilities' capacity report was prepared according to the student population for 1978-1979. The report compared each school building's functional capacity (before existing modifications had taken place) to actual enrollment for those years.

At the time the report was prepared, Scotch Plains-Fanwood elementary schools contained Kindergarten to grade 6; junior high schools included grades 7 through 9; and the high school covered grades 10 through 12.

Then, as now, said Mrs. Meyer, there were concerns about class size, particularly at Coles Elementary

School. A few classes held 27 to 28 students, although the average was closer to 22 to 23 children.

The board also considered the potential impact of housing developments on the school system during the consultants' review process. But, as Mrs. Meyer said with a smile, "People don't get elected to the board because they're clairvoyant," referring to the major zoning changes which occurred in Scotch Plains in 1988.

Ultimately, Dr. Humphries' professional recommendation to the board was to close two elementary schools by 1982 (namely, Shackamaxon and Evergreen), and one of the middle schools during the mid-1980s.

The board opted to close only Shackamaxon School in 1981. That same year, the district reconfigured grades 6 through 12, by establishing a middle school for grades 6 through 8, doing away with its junior high school, and expanding the high school program from three years to four for grades 9 through 12.

Mrs. Meyer said the district also moved its administrative offices into Evergreen Elementary School from the previous location on Plainfield Avenue at the recommendation of former board member Lee Reilly.

The architecture at Evergreen, with its movable classroom walls, made the relocation possible.

Following the closing of Shackamaxon, the board rented the school for nearly five years, rather than sell it outright.

"That was our hedge," said Mrs. Meyer. "But," she added, "how long do you hold onto it?"

The public auction of Shackamaxon School and adjacent property took

place February 13, 1986. It brought in \$1,950,000 — moneys which were applied to the district's free balance.

The Jewish Community Center (which was already renting the facility) were sold seven acres through auction, including the school building. The remaining acreage along Brookside Drive was divided and sold to Main Course Enterprises.

Shortly thereafter, another building boom hit Scotch Plains.

For example, an application to build 332 garden apartments, known as Lamberts Mill Village, on 22 acres along

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FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF NEWLY COMBINED BOARD

Planning Board Approves Fence; Postpones Final Site Plan Appeal

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Planning Board held its first regular meeting last Thursday since being merged with the Board of Adjustment through a Borough Council ordinance which was adopted in December.

Under the ordinance, the Planning Board assumed the duties of the Board of Adjustment, which has since been disbanded. The Borough Council opted last year to combine the two boards to compensate for a decline in applications and volunteers, as well as to cut costs in attorneys' fees.

Eleven members sit on the newly-consolidated board, including sev-

eral former Board of Adjustment members who were sworn in last week by Planning Board Attorney Robert J. Mega.

The new appointees include John Celardo, who had chaired the Board of Adjustment for several years, along with Jack Molenaar, Cynthia Swindlehurst, Jeffrey Strauss and Brenda Steinberg. Mr. Strauss and Ms. Steinberg will serve as alternates on the Planning Board.

Mr. Molenaar had been a member of the Planning Board before being appointed to the Board of Adjustment last June to finish out the unexpired term of the late Edward Ryan. Mr. Ryan, who died on May 7 of last year,

had served as Vice Chairman of that board from January of 1997.

After the swearing-in ceremony, board members chose their officers for the new year, all of whom received the unanimous support of their colleagues. Gregory Cummings was re-elected as Chairman, while Mr. Molenaar was named as Vice Chairman.

Board Attorney Robert J. Mega and Board Secretary Ruth Page were also re-elected. The municipal body also approved its 1998 calendar for meeting dates.

Only one appeal was heard by the board last week. Keith and Ellen English of 243 Belvidere Avenue were granted permission to erect a four-foot high, white picket fence around their property, which also borders heavily-traveled Martine Avenue.

Mrs. English told board members

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Township Resident's Call Leads to Arrest Of Suspected 'Spiderman' House Burglar

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

Authorities are crediting a sharp-eyed Scotch Plains resident with having alerted police to a suspect who is believed responsible for more than 150 home burglaries in the area over the past 10 years.

The suspect, Willie Douglas, 39, of Plainfield was arrested last Thursday in Metuchen, where police had followed him as part of a surveillance operation. He was taken into custody after allegedly robbing a home in the borough.

Captain Joseph Protasiewicz of the Scotch Plains Police Department told *The Times* on Tuesday that on the evening of January 18, a resident of Clydesdale Road noticed the suspect's 1989 Honda parked on the street.

After going to a neighbor's house to discuss it, the resident called police. Officers Susan Butler and Kevin Lonergan of the Scotch Plains Police Department discovered Douglas sitting in his car and narcotics paraphernalia alongside the vehicle, Captain Protasiewicz said.

During a subsequent search, the officers discovered less than 50 grams of marijuana as well as cocaine inside the suspect's vehicle, Captain Protasiewicz revealed.

He reported that the officers also discovered jewelry and tickets to a

New Jersey Devils game. Douglas, who was charged with possession of marijuana and cocaine, was released on his own recognizance, Captain Protasiewicz said.

The captain stated that the jewelry and tickets, which were confiscated by police, were later identified by Edison detectives as having been stolen out of that community.

Edison police subsequently set up a special surveillance task force involving officers from the Edison, Metuchen, Scotch Plains and Clark police departments, as well as representatives from the Union County and Middlesex County prosecutors' offices.

Authorities tracked the suspect "on and off" for about a week, according to Captain George Mieczkowski of the Edison Police Department.

Last Thursday, officers from various departments followed Douglas from his job as a furniture mover with Alternative Furniture Rentals in Kearny down the New Jersey Turnpike to Metuchen.

Officers monitored the suspect as he parked his car on a side street and walked into the backyard of a nearby two-story home, Captain Mieczkowski said. Police believe the suspect then entered the unoccupied home through a second-story window.

Lieutenant James Keane of the Metuchen Police Department's De-

tective Bureau said that Douglas was apprehended as he left the house carrying jewelry which law enforcement officials believe he had just taken from the residence.

The lieutenant added that the owner of the residence arrived home a few minutes later and identified the jewelry as belonging to her.

Douglas has been charged with three burglaries in Scotch Plains and is suspected in a total of 10 township incidents, according to Captain Protasiewicz. He added that all the break-ins occurred on the south side of town.

Douglas is also suspected of having committed between 60 and 100 burglaries in Edison, as well as others in Metuchen, Clark and Plainfield, said Captain Mieczkowski. The suspect is currently being held in the Middlesex County Jail on \$150,000 bail.

Douglas, described as being approximately 5 feet and 7 inches tall and weighing 140 pounds, was dubbed "Spiderman" by authorities because of his agility and the way he was allegedly able to elude home security devices.

Captain Mieczkowski said Douglas apparently pressed a screwdriver against a window pane to break the glass, then meticulously moved the pieces out of the way. The suspect avoided opening doors or windows as not to trigger burglar alarms, police

ascertain.

He was also allegedly able to climb up to the second floor of a home without using a ladder, Captain Mieczkowski revealed. The officer said the suspect apparently scaled the exterior of homes by grabbing onto overhangs or climbing a drain pipe.

"He would just pull himself up — very athletic," Captain Mieczkowski remarked.

Police executed a search warrant at Douglas' house several hours after his arrest, the captain confirmed, and were still determining this week whether items recovered there were taken during any of the burglaries.

Authorities are also continuing to investigate a disabled van found parked on the suspect's property, which Captain Mieczkowski said "appeared to be used as storage for stolen property."

He said authorities discovered a pattern among home burglaries in the area over the years, adding that the incidents occurred "sporadically" at times. The captain said police have determined that Douglas lived out of state for a while during those years.

"Without an ordinary citizen being aware of what's going on in front of him and calling police to say 'something doesn't look right here,' they would still be looking for (the suspect)," Captain Protasiewicz observed.

Dr. Sheldon Files Petition For School Bd.

Dr. Donald E. Sheldon, President of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, has filed his nominating petition for reelection to the nine-member board.

The office of Matthew A. Clarke, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Board Secretary, confirmed that Dr. Sheldon submitted his petition on Monday.

The Scotch Plains resident, who was first elected to the board in 1992, is seeking his third term. He has served as board President for the last five years.

Three seats are available on the board this year, including those of Dr. Sheldon, Albert J. Syvertsen of Scotch Plains and Richard R. Meade of Fanwood.

The deadline for submitting petitions is Monday, March 2, at 4 p.m. School elections will take place on Tuesday, April 21.

Petitions, which require 10 signatures, may be picked up at and should be returned to the board's administrative offices at Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street in Scotch Plains.

Children, Seniors Among Emphasis Of Freeholders Ruotolo and Mingo

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

Union County Democrats welcomed the newest members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Mary P. Ruotolo of Westfield and Louis Mingo, Jr., of Plainfield, to the board during a ceremony held prior to the regular Freeholder meeting.

The two new board members replace Carol I. Cohen of Westfield, who will assume the County Counsel post this Sunday, February 8, and Walter D. McNeil, who resigned in December to become City Administrator in Plainfield under the new administration of Mayor Al Williams.

The newest Freeholders both promised to put the well-being of children and senior citizens at the top of their agenda.

Following her oath of office by Fanwood Municipal Judge Susan MacMullen, the wife of County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, Mrs. Ruotolo promised to work "diligently on continuing to provide an improved quality of life" for all county residents.

The new Freeholder, who in effect replaces Ms. Cohen who is also a Westfield resident, promised to "serve honestly and to be open to the opinions of those concerned."

She ensured the board and all those present of her "deep commitment and concern for all the people of Union County."

She said she looks forward to "joining my colleagues on the board in their efforts to maintain Union County's leading role in economic development. We must continue to make our county a place where people want to live and do business."

Mrs. Ruotolo, the widow of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K.

Ruotolo, thanked her children Lyndsay, 15, Andrew, 12, and Jayne, 9, for giving her the encouragement she needed to find the strength "to continue on life's journey."

The new Freeholder serves as an executive board member of the Westfield Parent-Teacher Organization. In this regard, Mrs. Ruotolo said she is "excited at the opportunity to work with Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan on his matching grant program Access 2000, which will put a computer in every Union County classroom by the end of 2000."

She promised to ensure that the county offers the "best recreational facilities in New Jersey."

Among those officials she acknowledged were County Manager Michael J. Lapolla and Ms. MacMullen, both former Assistant Prosecutors under her late husband, Mr. Lapolla was First Assistant Prosecutor.

Freeholder Ruotolo worked as a teacher's assistant in Kindergarten classes in the Westfield public school system last year.

In addition, she serves as a Girl Scout Troop Leader and as a Den Co-Leader for the Boy Scouts.

Freeholder Mingo, after officially being sworn into office by State Assemblyman Gerald B. Green, said he was "grateful" to be given the opportunity to serve on the Chosen Board of Freeholders.

"Let each of you know that I understand where the power and authority for this responsibility lies — which is with the people," he emphasized.

Noting that his new role as Freeholder will "likely be the most challenging venture" of his life, he said he is not afraid but excited at that prospect.

He joked that despite a successful career in information management and computer networking with NYNEX, he never got the opportunity to get into the field of human resources.

"In many ways, my prayers have been answered," he said, noting that as a Freeholder he will now have the opportunity to fulfill this desire.

Among his goals as a Freeholder are offering more attention to senior citizens. He also said that children need more discipline. Also on his wish list are preventing youth from becoming criminals and trying to help senior citizens from becoming crime victims of juveniles.

Freeholder Mingo said he will work for improved health care for seniors and better recreational facilities for kids.

"I feel I am in the right place, at the right time, with the right people — and I believe I'm the right man for the job," he stated.

Freeholder Ruotolo also emphasized the importance of helping the county's senior citizens, noting that "it is with deep appreciation of Union County's rich past and strong present that I am setting my sights firmly on the future."

Freeholder Mingo is a former Associate Director for Corporate Services at NYNEX.

He is an advocate of youth programs, organizing Plainfield's first Junior Development Tennis Program and serves on the Plainfield Area Youth Development Tennis Association. He is also a founding member of the Plainfield Minority Golf Association.

Mr. Mingo also serves on the city's Economic Development Council, Plan

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A SPECIAL MOMENT...Taking time for a photo opportunity during last Sunday's event honoring Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, center, are Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly and United States Senator Robert G. Torricelli, the keynote speaker.

Senator Torricelli, Guests Mark Mayor's First Year

More than 150 well-wishers attended a reception at Ken Marcotte restaurant on February 1 to honor Mayor Thomas C. Jardim's first year in office.

United States Senator Robert G. Torricelli was the keynote speaker. Also in attendance were elected officials from across the state.

Senator Torricelli spoke of the triumphs of the 20th century and encouraged those present to remain active in civic affairs.

In particular, he noted the importance of electing new and young leaders and cited Mayor Jardim's leadership on transportation and Raritan Valley Line commuter issues as a recent success story.

"Men and women like Tom Jardim will lead us into the next century," he said.

Other officials attending included Woodbridge Mayor and former gubernatorial candidates, James E. McGreevey and Michael Murphy, newly-installed Freeholder Mary Ruotolo of Westfield, County Counsel-designee and former Freeholder Carol I. Cohen of Westfield, Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Chester Holmes, Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan and Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi.

Also attending were Mayors J. Christian Bollwage of Elizabeth, David Wright of Winfield Park and Maryanne S. Connelly of Fanwood. Mayor Connelly will be challenging Republican Congressman Robert D. Franks for his Seventh District seat this November.

Westfield Councilman John J. Walsh and Lawrence A. Goldman were also present. Mr. Goldman, who also serves as Chairman of the Westfield Democratic Town Committee, said he was very pleased by the public response to the event.

"We've come a long way from the

days when a gathering of Westfield Democrats meant a meeting in someone's living room," he said. "It's gratifying to have a United States Senator and other elected officials support our efforts to revitalize Westfield government."

"I am honored that Senator Torricelli and so many others could take time on Sunday to recognize the work we have been doing in Westfield," said Mayor Jardim.

"Over the coming year we will be focusing more attention on our efforts to bring new ideas and new energy to Westfield government," he stated.

Senator Torricelli was in a jovial mood during his address in support of Mayor Jardim's accomplishments.

He praised Democrats for restoring the two-party system at the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders — "eastern versus western county Democrats."

He further quipped that the vagaries of voting can be described by a story from Adlai Stevenson during his Presidential run. A lady purportedly told Senator Stevenson that he was sure to win because he'll receive every thinking person's vote.

Senator Stevenson turned to the lady and said, "Madam, you don't understand. I need a majority."

Senator Torricelli made a special point to welcome his friend Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla to his new home in Westfield.

During a group discussion, Senator Torricelli confessed that the last 10 days in Washington, D.C. have been quite harried for government. He said he was quite relieved now that the American public has skyrocketed President Bill Clinton's approval rating in apparent rebuff of the media.

Now, the government can get back to work, he stated.

Union County Clerk Issues '98 Brochure Concerning Elections

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has issued a 1998 Election Dates brochure as a public information service to residents in Union County.

The brochure is available free of charge at area libraries, municipal clerk offices and the Office of County Clerk.

"We're pleased to provide a calendar of school board, special school board, primary and general election information to residents," Ms. Rajoppi said, "to alert voters to important deadlines for registering and applying for absentee ballots."

This is the second year the Clerk has issued the public service brochure, which she noted is especially helpful because of the additional special school elections.

In addition, voters are alerted to other informational resources, such as the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, the Union County Board of Elections and New Jersey Division of Election for election forms and information on voting registration.

Voters may request a copy of the brochure by calling the County Clerk's office at (908) 527-4998.

Summit Nature Club To Meet February 19

The Summit Nature Club will meet Thursday evening, February 19, at 7:45 p.m., at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, located at Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountainside.

The speaker, Nancy Slowik, will give a slide presentation entitled "Birds of the Greenbrook Sanctuary." She has been the director of this sanctuary in Palisades Interstate Park since 1989 and is an Interpretive Naturalist for the National Park Service and a co-director and founder of the Native Plant Center of the New York City Parks Department, propagating and restoring native plants in New York City parks.

She is a biologist and has a Masters of Administration Degree in Environmental Science.

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Ginger Hardwick Launches Bid Re-Election to School Bd.

Westfield Board of Education member Ginger Hardwick has announced that she will seek reelection to the board in the April 21 election.

"I'm proud of my contributions to the board in the past three years, and I look forward to building on the work we have begun," Ms. Hardwick stated.

Ms. Hardwick was elected to the board in 1995. She has chaired the board's Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Committee for the past two years.

"Raising academic standards and achievement has been a key concern of mine since I sought office three years ago," Ms. Hardwick said.

"The Curriculum Committee has worked closely with parents and staff on several curriculum changes designed to 'raise the bar,' and provide greater challenge to our students. For example, the new intermediate school

supported the budget in the last three elections," she said.

In addition to her work on the Curriculum and Finance Committees, Ms. Hardwick has also served on the Long Range Planning and Board and Staff Relations Committees.

She has served on the board's negotiations teams in contract negotiations with the Westfield Education Association, which represents teachers, and the Westfield Association of Administrators and Supervisors.

"We are fortunate to have a mutually respectful and positive relationship between the board and our employee bargaining units. In the last negotiations we were able to make changes in teacher health care benefits, and to eliminate longevity pay for administrators. Both of these changes are likely to save the district a great deal of money in the long run," she stated.

Ms. Hardwick graduated from Cornell University in 1981, and New York University Law School in 1984, where she was elected to the Senior Editorial Board of the Law Review. She then served as a law clerk to Judge John J. Gibbons of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

She practiced law with the Newark firm of Crummy, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione from 1985 through 1991, specializing in commercial litigation.

From 1992 through 1995 she was an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law School in Newark, teaching appellate advocacy and legal research and writing.

As a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association Legislative Committee for the past three years, Ms. Hardwick has analyzed pending legislation for its impact on public schools. She has also served on statewide commissions studying educational, business and legal issues.

Ms. Hardwick has three children. In the fall of 1998, Jake will be in sixth grade at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, Sarah will be in fourth grade, and Ben will be in Kindergarten at Franklin Elementary School.

Her husband, Steven Lapidus, is a partner in the Newark law firm Robinson, Lapidus & Livelli.



Ginger Hardwick

math curriculum is far more rigorous and will allow most students to complete algebra by the eighth grade, so that they will be able to take calculus in high school," the candidate explained.

Ms. Hardwick has also served for the past two years on the Finance Committee, which is charged with developing the district's budget.

"Our budget increases have been minimal - less than the increase in enrollment - while expanding investments in crucial areas such as maintenance of facilities, technology and teaching staff. I am gratified that the people of Westfield have strongly



COME SEE OUR SHOP...Volunteers at The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains are pictured in the workroom, preparing merchandise to be put out for sale. Pictured, left to right, are: Kathleen Meyer, Marilyn Morris, Joan Suter and Jeanne Augustine. The shop's personnel expressed their appreciation for the many donations which have been received.

Thrift Shop Reveals Sale On Outerwear for Family

The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains has announced that it is offering all outerwear at half price through this Saturday, February 7.

Included will be women's, men's and children's coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, boots and a special collection of leather goods and ladies' furs.

Clothes for babies, toddlers and girls are also available, and boys' clothes can be found in the men's department, along with men's suits, jackets, slacks, and outdoor or sport clothes.

Workshop to Discuss Group Counseling

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Union County is offering a two-part workshop on Friday, February 6, and Friday, February 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on group counseling techniques.

This workshop is an intensive, 12-hour course covering the use, definition and successes of group counseling, according to a NCADD spokeswoman.

Varieties of groups will be identified. The cost of the course is \$95 and pre-registration is required. The NCADD office is located at 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield. For further information and registration, please call (908) 233-8810.

Safety in the Home on Agenda For Parkinson Support Group

Cheryl Gauff, a clinical nurse specialist, will speak at the monthly meeting of the Parkinson Support Group in Westfield. Ms. Gauff will talk about safety in the home of a Parkinson patient.

The Parkinson Support Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish House Lounge of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Following Ms. Gauff's talk on safety, the group will split into two groups with continued discussion by Ms. Gauff with the caregivers on the "Changing Roll of the CareGiver." During this time the Parkinson people

may attend a free carotid artery screening for symptoms which could lead to a stroke.

This screening involves listening to both sides of the neck with a stethoscope for any unusual sounds. Caregivers will then be invited to have a free screening as well, if they wish.

The group is now in its third year and was organized to foster the maximum potential for living by the Parkinson people and their families.

The meetings are open to anyone with an interest in Parkinson disease. Additional information about the meetings and for directions to the church may be obtained by calling the church office at (908) 233-0301.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON...Westfield Firefighters Robert and Brian Dunlap, father and son, were recently awarded Certificate and Ribbons of Commendation by Westfield Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr., center, for successfully performing the Heimlich maneuver on a local resident at a neighboring fast food restaurant. This is Firefighter Robert Dunlap's second successful attempt using this procedure.

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Garnering Neighboring Preservation Grant Will Require a Community-Wide Effort

In the past few years the Central Avenue corridor has been discussed in terms of its importance in promoting Westfield as a viable business community — not to mention a great place to live. Last Thursday, Westfield volunteers and residents gathered with Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and a few Town Council members to discuss the town's proposal to be accepted into the state's Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP).

The outcome of the meeting was deemed extremely positive, with an NPP official stating how impressed he was with the direction Westfield is taking through its organized plan of action. The issue of the NPP program was first brought up a few years ago when an advisory panel, put together by former Mayor Bud C. Boothe, decided not to include an area between Central Avenue and Grove Street within the boundaries of the downtown special improvement district. Instead, the SID panel opted to go with the preservation program.

Giving this area a facelift would be a significant improvement in enhancing what is often referred to as the "Gateway to Westfield." Coupled with renovations at the Rialto Theatre, located on East Broad Street at the intersection of Central, these improvements will go a long way in enhancing the town's already strong image.

The NPP program, as outlined by the state, is intended "to encourage and promote the social and

economic strengthening and development of neighborhoods." Private residences could be funded for upgrades if the homeowners are living on what the state deems as low to moderate incomes.

The process itself of obtaining preservation program funding depends heavily on four main criteria outlined in the program, including a demonstrated need and a commitment by both public and private interests. A neighborhood chosen must be able to be turned around within five years.

If the town is successful in gaining the grant, Westfield could receive around \$85,000 a year — with no more than 20 percent of that amount going for the employment of a full-time coordinator for the local program.

The shade tree ordinance and exterior property maintenance code are also intended to improve the quality of life of every Westfielder. We see this effort as one of bi-partisanship on the part of our local elected officials combined with the long-standing spirit of volunteerism in this town.

A community-wide effort, already underway, will be necessary to garner the grant. A decision on whether Westfield is accepted into the program is at least a year away. Getting this grant would be a real victory — not only for the neighborhoods in the designated area, which include South and Grandview Avenues — but the town as a whole.

SP-F BOE Challenge of Magnet School Tuition Deserves to be Watched Closely

The decision last week by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education to no longer fund tuition of Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents at the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Math and Technology is bound to attract interest by school board officials throughout the county.

The board believes the program duplicates what the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district already offers and that the Magnet School program is outside the bounds of what is to be taught at a vocational-technical school as stated under state law. The county Vo-Tech school runs the program. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood district is charged \$6,000 per student.

The county Freeholder board approved the Magnet School last year following presentations by Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, Superintendent for the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, in 1996 and 1997.

The program, which offers intensive learning in mathematics, science and technology, is housed in a 53,000-square-foot building on the Vo-Tech campus. The freshman class, currently now in session, has 65 students spread out throughout the county. The pro-

gram will eventually grow to around 270 students by the 2000-2001 school year.

Unlike the public high schools in the county, students applying to the Magnet School must be accepted. Among the criteria taken into account are grade-point average, an admissions test and standardized test scores. Tuition and transportation costs are the responsibility of each student's home district.

It is anticipated that the board's decision will lead to litigation. Dr. Bistocchi has said state law requires that districts pay for students attending any program offered by a Vo-Tech school.

After discovering a \$700,000 deficit just this past fall, it is understandable why the Scotch Plains-Fanwood board has decided to challenge the program.

While \$36,000 is not a huge number in itself when taken out of a \$41.9 million spending plan (as adopted by the board last year), the school board, nonetheless, is looking to see if they are legally required to continue supporting the program. We await the final verdict in this decision and the impact it could have on the Magnet School and the local school districts.

Letters to the Editor

County May be Overstepping Bounds In Pledging Grants to School Districts

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, with copies being sent to the Mayor and municipal governments, Dr. Donald E. Sheldon, President of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, and Dr. Carol B. Choye, Superintendent of Schools for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

We read with interest the proposals laid out by the Freeholder Board at the January 1 reorganization meeting. In particular, your promise to provide \$3 million in "matching grants" to local school districts for the purchase of computer equipment was especially eye catching.

On the surface this proposal appears to be rather generous. How could anyone argue with the purchase of school equipment and supplies for our children? However, is this the charter of county government or should this be the charter of local school boards? We think you may be overstepping your bounds.

You should remind yourselves that this intended county grant money originated from Union County taxpayers. If there is such a great surplus of county tax revenue, why not return the money to our taxpay-

ers so that they may have the option to apply the funds to more pressing needs in the school district?

If it is decided not to return money to our taxpayers, then it should be allocated to projects within the jurisdiction of county government.

Your proposed intentions seem to be noble, yet with the present 9-0 majority of Democrats on the Freeholder Board, your plan appears to be political grandstanding at the taxpayers' expense.

We urge you to reconsider this allocation of county funds and return this surplus money to its point of origin — our taxpayers.

Joan Papen, Mayor
Robert E. Johnston, Councilman
Martin L. Marks, Councilman
Irene T. Schmidt, Councilwoman
Township of Scotch Plains

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Our Governor Took Courageous Step In Initiating Remodel of Ocean Route

It is time that everyone knew the truth about the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise (NJCAAN) ocean route proposal.

Kudos to our Governor, Christine Todd Whitman, for commissioning the New Jersey Institute of Technology to do just that. Finally, the truth will be told!

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's misrepresentation of the ocean route plan, prompted the Governor to make this decision. The Port Authority's four-year secret was only recently revealed. Its study was partially funded by the airlines.

From the moment the concept of ocean routing emerged, the airlines used every opportunity to undermine this citizen-friendly proposal. The reason: money. Ocean routing adds about one dollar per ticket to the airlines' operation costs. When compared to the plain aircraft noise causes hundreds of thousands of New Jersey citizens, it is a shocking disregard for the public's welfare.

While the Port Authority circulated its seriously tainted evaluation of the NJCAAN plan, Continental Airlines circulated its own "off the record draft" evaluation to influence powerful New Jersey members of Congress. Continental's goal was to keep six ocean routing.

The Governor has taken a most courageous step in initiating a remodel of this plan. Those of us involved in seeking a regional resolution to the aircraft noise

POPCORN™
Spice World
Could Use Seasoning
By Michael S. Goldberger

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

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Make no mistake about it, *Spice World* is desperately important... terribly so. Rushing out and seeing it, perhaps several times, is entirely crucial... that is, if you're between the ages of 9 and 15, or an adult with a bizarre case of arrested development.

But for the great unwashed, this star vehicle for the suddenly famous Spice Girls is an arrogantly bubbly reminder that, alas, the pop culture parade has passed us by. With *Spice World's* arrival, the CD-buying majority zealously plants its retainer-adorned flag, claiming their ascendancy to keeper of the rock music purse strings.

Aside from whatever sociology that bodes, director Bob Spiers' (British TV's "Fawlty Towers" and "Absolutely Fabulous") rock video expanded to feature length proportions is stunningly short on creativity. The photogenic Brits could have been used to better cinematic advantage.

Working from a script by Kim Fuller, Mr. Spiers openly fashions his day-in-the-life romp after the Beatles' genre classic, *A Hard Day's Night* (1964). Sadly, that's where the inspiration begins and ends. Most of the rest is downhill.

In rote style, a peripatetic lens follows the five rock stars as they luxuriate in the effervescent bath of their fantastical stardom. Gaily bantering in a double-decker bus outfitted like Barbie's rolling lounge, the sistrally quintet cruises from gig to rehearsal studio to club and back to gig.

A rolling fashion show. What a life. The merriment is certainly more than enough to feed the fantasies of this film's adolescent target group.

Those who are still wearing their "I Like Elvis" buttons will be hard-put to find anything more than a colorful curiosity piece and some not hard to take tunes.

The movie's sub-texts, of which there are four or five, appear tentative, as if uncertain whether or not to even bother. There's the film producer (George Wendt) and his writer ("Saturday Night Live's" Mark McKinney) trying ad nauseam to secure a movie deal; Roger Moore as a weirdly diabolical record company mogul with an indiscernible agenda; a pretentious documentarian (Alan Cumming doing several versions of the slow burn) trying to capture the "essence" of the Spice Girls; and then there's the intrepid tabloid photographer, a menace with a mission who arrives via toilet bowl.

Plus, because no self-respecting rockumentary can be without one, Richard E. Grant is good as stodgy Clifford, the forever nettled manager who, by definition, must love-hate his vexing young charges.

The lady phenoms obviously don't do acting. At least not in the usual sense. Dramatically, their mode of thespic articulation resembles more the Greek theater's form of emotive expression. That is, with each new bone of contention in their otherwise charmed lives, one of the gang usually issues a vociferous complaint. "Ya," the others chime in a mutually supportive chorus.

Not much Stanislavski there. Yet, if nothing else, Ginger, Posh, Baby, Scary and Sporty are disarmingly cheery. It's what they do. And the bouncy, nicely delivered songs are catchy, in a familiar, bubble-gum sort of way.

Thus, though the direction is clunky and the script unimaginative, the Spice Girls' buoyancy consistently contends that none of that stuffy matters. The movie does what it's supposed to: idolize and idealize these real live dolls. Any artistic extras, if you can find them, are icing on the cake.

Pity is, with a little bit of creativity, screenwriter Fuller might have elevated her Spice Girls showcase to moder-

Recall it as often as you wish, a happy memory never wears out.
— Libbie Fudim

ately satiric heights. Certainly a bevy of ideas could have been lifted from the rich heritage of its poppic progenitors, as well as from related sources like the faux rock documentary, "This Is Spinal Tap."

Although quips about fleeting fame allow for some spirited self-effacement by the girls — a humorously endearing scene pictures the Spice crew imagining their boozy, post-stardom future — the possibilities for broader send up are more often than not missed. But then, maybe the thinking was that truly substantial plotting in a film that celebrates the ephemeral nature of rock stardom would be sheer anomaly. Hence, *Spice World* is no *Hard Day's Night*. Just an easy day's pay for the Spice Girls.

Rated PG, *Spice World* is a Columbia Pictures release directed by Bob Spiers and stars the Spice Girls: Melanie Brown, Emma Bunton, Melanie Chisholm, Geri Halliwell, and Victoria Adams. Running time: 93 minutes.

HUNG UP!! In Today's World Variations In Age of Couples is Okay

By Milt Faith, Executive Director
Youth and Family Counseling Service

A determined woman writes:
I am 40 and I am about to marry my 30-year-old boyfriend. We have known each other for three years and are very much in love. I have never been married, have had unhappy relationships and have been hurt a lot.

"John" is a kind person; he makes me feel good, happy and comfortable with myself. We have a lot in common and will try to have a child as soon as we marry. The problem is my family. My brother and sister feel the age factor will work against us. My parents feel he wants a "mother figure." They have taken too many psychology courses.

They feel people will notice the age difference and feel uncomfortable with us. In regard to a wedding, they say that if we marry, we should elope. Why? I'm proud of us, not ashamed; no need to run away. But I'll tell you, it's not easy to react to all this pressure.

We even saw a therapist — he was supportive of our plans. Wish me well, Mr. Faith!

Answer:
I wish you much happiness. You and John seem very much in love and quite compatible. Go for it. You have done everything possible to clarify the situation. Our society has always focused on the belief (and history) that the male should be older than the female.

We know now that this does not necessarily make for a successful marriage. In today's world, there are many variations on the age factor. Reassure your family again that you know what you are doing and hope they will participate in the wedding plans. My best to you both!

A sad young woman writes:
Which is worse? Being alone without a loving relationship or living with someone who is okay but in love with someone else? I have a close family and good friends and am very active in many activities which I enjoy.

I've never met Mr. Right. Recently, I became involved with "Ray" and I could probably live with him in a quiet, not exciting life; however, he had been involved with "Amy" for 10 years and although they broke up, I know he still loves her. It hurts every time he mentions her name.

Sometimes he calls me by her name. But loneliness scares me. What do you recom-



GARAGE

Our Prized Possessions

Get Home of Their Own

The prevailing definition of the word garage is "a shelter place for an automotive vehicle." These glorified "car barns" provide an insight into the high regard in which cars are held by their owners.

Some cars, in fact, are better cared for than some unfortunate people who rarely have the benefit of decent shelter.

The earliest use of a garage was not as a building that offered protection for vehicles or livestock, but for people. Garage stems from an old French word *garer*, meaning "to protect or to make safe."

The medieval use of the garage was as a haven or shelter against hostile tribes and roving bands of barbarians.

This reminds us of a story about a car thief who approached the owner of an expensive car with the following threat: "Your car or your life." After a long pause, while hearing repeated threats from the impatient thief, the owner said, "I'm thinking! I'm thinking!" (Thanks, Jack Benny.)

mend? I should add that I am beginning to see a therapist.

Answer:
I hope your therapist will be helpful. But, since you did write to me, let me tell you what I think. I can appreciate your loneliness; luckily, you do have loving friends and family and you are involved in good activity situations.

One of the saddest feelings is to be number two with your love. The pain never ceases and you are constantly aware of it as you interact with that individual.

I strongly recommend that you do not settle for this relationship. I hope that with the support of therapy and your friends and family, you will gain the strength and understanding to try to continue to enjoy your life and/or attempt to find a relationship where you are number one to that individual and vice versa.

There is an old song with the title, I believe, "The One I Love Belongs to Somebody Else" in which the lyrics state: "It's hard to be alone on the shelf, but worse to be in love by yourself." Please remember the substance of those words.

A frustrated holiday shopper asks:
What are the rules for returning gifts? I received gifts I like, disliked, didn't fit, etc. I never want to hurt anyone's feelings. What is the correct rule of thumb?

Answer:
I don't feel there's one rule of thumb, but rather rules of fingers (okay, so it's a play on words): 1) You should want and enjoy your gift; 2) If you don't, there is no reason to make an issue; return it for something you prefer; 3) If you need a receipt, or if the name of store where the item was purchased, ask the person who bought the gift with a simple explanation re the need to exchange the gift; 4) Be gracious when accepting a gift, even if you feel less than enthusiastic, and 5) If you have to keep the gift, become creative, put it away for another time.

A friend of mine has a hobby of redistributing unwanted gifts. Is an occasion coming up where the gift could be appropriately given? Is a charity coming up where it can be donated? Can it be given to someone who might appreciate it: i.e. someone in a nursing home, etc. (I think it's time for me to check my attic.)

Performance by WYACT
Talent Was 'Awe Inspiring'

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By HORACE R. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

When covered with road dust, one's dreams can be subordinate and not engage the sole. Yet, the toughest crust can be penetrated by colliding events to inspire notion. Dreams that re-occur are further devouring. One wonders if there's a message. Is it of how things are or of how they should and could be?

An event occurred at the Westfield home of Barbara and Jim Kirk last Saturday evening. The Kirk's hosted a modest-sized group to display the accomplishments of "WYACT" — Westfield Young Actors Community Theater.

The group was treated to a Broadway medley by the youngsters. It was "awe inspiring." Their level of accomplishment was stunning; second to none even at the highest professional level. The group is led by Cynthia Meryl, a product of the "Big Stage on The Great White Way." There aren't enough superlatives to describe it.

Also an event last week, The Westfield Woman's Club announced their intention to sell their Euclid Avenue clubhouse to the highest bidder in March. In upping the ante for the gambit and perfectly within their rights, the Woman's Club will be seeking a subdivision of the property this week from the Planning Board.

It could come to pass that the facility will be razed and the property stuffed with three "Cape Cods."

The Westfield Rialto movie theater renovations are in full swing. As further faith in the region and in the downtowns, the theater owner announced the purchase of the Cranford movie theater.

Along with all this, there's a cultural buzz in the region on all fronts — outstanding art, music, theater, journalism, authoring — Union County and the greater Westfield region are on the move. We may have exceeded "critical mass" whereby a cultural arts center can move from dream to reality.

Marla Wright
Scotch Plains

Strip Mall is Seen as Detrimental To Residents and Environment

Scotch Plains is a large town with a north and south side. The northside residents enjoy the convenience of being able to walk to schools, the library, the Municipal Building, the Post Office and downtown shopping.

The southside residents use the bus system to get to schools, and must get in their cars to go shopping, to the Post Office or library. For those of us living here on the south side, it was a choice we made and enjoy.

The owner of the Park Place Diner is proposing that we need to have a 12,000-square-foot "Strip Mall" located, conveniently, on his property.

Already located at a busy intersection, the increased traffic to get in and out of

SP-F Schools Title 1 Program Now Accepting Applications

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school system's Title I Program is now accepting preliminary applications for admission to the Title I pre-Kindergarten program.

Availability of the program for district students will be based on revised federal regulations and federal funding.

The program is without cost to the families of participating students. Pre-schoolers selected for the program will be taught by certified early childhood educators, according to Hope Swarts, Supervisor of the program.

Classes meet for half-day sessions five days a week. To be considered for the program, children must have reached their fourth birthday on or before Thursday, October 1.

A specially trained staff will evaluate such areas as language abilities and large and small muscle development.

Title I is a highly individualized program varying from school district to school district designed to make all children entering the public school system able to realize their full academic potential.

Those youngsters will be selected who could most benefit from the program. The Title I pre-Kindergarten program has come to be known as a preventative program, reducing the need for remedial help.

During the 1996-1997 school year, the Title I classes at Brunner Elementary School were integrated with some of the Preschool Handicapped classes at Brunner.

This program has become known as the TIP-TOP Program (Toddlers in Preschool Together in One Program). Increasingly, students with disabilities are being educated with their non-disabled peers in a least restrictive, more natural environment, according to the program supervisor.

One of the goals of TIP-TOP is to encourage an awareness of differences and increase sensitivity for all preschoolers.

Preliminary applications are available at every elementary school or by calling the Title I office at (908) 412-0830. The last day for submitting an application is Thursday, April 30.



CELEBRATION OF SONG...The Grant/Washington School's 50th anniversary production, "The Big Five-O" will spotlight the talents of alumni and others this weekend at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Clark Street in Westfield. Rehearsing a song from the show, pictured left to right, are: front row, Jacquie Tannenbaum, Christine Storcks, Diane Seitz, Michele Heffernan and Patti Swadosh; back row, Jane Fietkiewicz, Richard Humphreys, one of the alumni, and Diane Belovin.

Curtain to Rise Tomorrow On School's 50th Year Show

The 50th anniversary Grant/Washington School Show, titled "The Big Five-O," will premiere tomorrow, Friday, February 6, and will be presented again on Saturday, February 7, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Written by Alice Barbieri, the production will feature alumni and members of the Parent-Teacher Association and will take place at Roosevelt Intermediate School on Clark Street.

Tickets are \$6 for the matinee and \$7 for the evening performances, and are available from Burgdorff Realtors, 600 North Avenue. They can also be purchased at the door. For further information please call (908) 233-6557.

Memorabilia related to past shows, as well as this year's production, are on display in the windows at Rorden Realtors, 44 Elm Street. There are old photographs, posters, programs, decorations and pictures of this year's play.

Also included is the original minutes from 1948 that approved the first Grant School play, which began this 50-year tradition.

The display was put together with the help of former Mayor Bud Boothe, who is still looking for additional items for the Westfield Historical Society.

The monthly meeting of the support group for individuals with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) will be held Friday, February 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room 1, in Summit.

In addition to group discussion and support, current information on IBS will be available. The group is free and parking in the Overlook Hospital garage is also free to group members.

For more information, please call the New Jersey Self-Help Clearing House at (800) 367-6274.

Literary Hall of Fame Founder To Talk Before Woman's Club

How loud does the body language speak? What does it reveal about a person?

The Woman's Club of Fanwood is surely in for some interesting surprises at their next meeting on Wednesday, February 11, at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, when founder and Director of the New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame, Dr. Herman A. Estrin, presents a program entitled "Non-Verbal Aspects of Communication."

This presentation on body language will discuss personal apparel, posture, physique, eye contact, gestures, territoriality, tone of voice and blushing.

It will also discuss the cultural and spatial needs of man and his interaction with his enviroing space.

Dr. Estrin, a Professor English Emeritus at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, is noted for his work in the teaching of English, collegiate journalism and technical writing.

He has served as President of the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English as well as numerous other college groups.

His lecturers have taken him all over the world including Paris where the mayor awarded him a silver medal for outstanding services to the students of the University of Paris.

A recipient of numerous other awards in the field of education, he is listed in the 1995 edition of *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World* and was also named English

Educator of that year by the New Jersey Council of Teachers of English.

Dr. Estrin has also written hundreds of educational articles and published 15 books.

The public is invited to attend this program at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, located on Martine Avenue at approximately 2 p.m.

Nursery School to Host Open House on Sunday

Wesley Hall Nursery School will host its annual open house this Sunday, February 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. All the classrooms will be open and the classroom teachers will be present.

The nursery school is currently holding registration for the 1998-1999 school year. Children ages 2½ to 5 are eligible for enrollment.

There are two-day, three-day and five-day choices, depending on the child's age, according to a spokeswoman. All classes meet for two and a half hours.

Wesley Hall Nursery School is located in the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street in Westfield. For more information, please call Director Cindy Heinbach at the school office at (908) 233-9570.

The difference between good and great is just a little extra effort.

—Duffy Daugherty

SP-FHS Alumni Association Offering Two Scholarships

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association presented its first scholarship last May. This year the association will be offering two scholarships – one for \$500 and another award of \$200.

Applicants may be going on to a four-year college, a two-year college or a technical school.

Scholarships will be presented on the basis of academic record, financial need and character.

Applications may be picked up at the high school guidance office and should be submitted with a transcript, a letter from the applicant's counselor or teacher, as well as a personal letter outlining goals for the future and need of financial help.

Preference will be given to a descendent of a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School attendee and graduate.

Applications should be sent by Sunday, March 1 to: Oakley Pandick, Scholarship Chairman, 14 Slope Drive, New Providence, 07974.

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ROBERTS
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**PARK BEVERAGE
3X7.5**

**J&M MARKET
3X7**



Miss Melissa Hughes Horner and Paul A. Riley

*Miss Melissa H. Horner
To Marry Paul A. Riley*

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Horner of Westfield and Cape May have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Melissa Hughes Horner, to Paul A. Riley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Riley of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

The future bride is a graduate of Westfield High School and earned her degree in fashion marketing and business from Wesley College in

Dover, Delaware. She is employed by KPMG Peat Marwick in Short Hills.

Her fiancé graduated from Wando High School in Mount Pleasant, and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the College of Charleston in South Carolina. He is an account executive with Maersk Inc. in Philadelphia.

A fall wedding is planned.

LEMON TREE
2X4

DUDICK
2X3

LANCASTERS
2X5

WSO's 'Evening in Paris' To Feature Wendy Warner

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will present "An Evening in Paris" this Saturday, February 7, with a concert at 8 p.m. in The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue.

Maestro David Wroe will conduct works by Maurice Joseph Ravel, Hector Berlioz, and Charles Camille Saint Saens, featuring cellist Wendy Warner. She will perform Saint Saens *Concerto for Cello and Orchestra, No. 1 in A Minor*.

Ms. Warner's resumé includes having appeared with the Berlin Symphony, the Boston Symphony, the Boston Pops, the Chicago Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony and the London Symphony, among others.

The WSO will also be performing Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite (Ma Mère l'Oye)*, *Five Pieces for Children*. The five movements of the work are based

on children's fairy tales from the 17th and 18th centuries.

Concluding the program will be two works by Berlioz, "Love Scene" from



Wendy Warner

Romeo et Juliette and *Roman Carnival Overture*.

Remaining performances for the 1997-1998 season are "Glory of Great Britain" on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, and "An American Classic," *Porgy and Bess* in concert on Saturday, April 18, at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Tickets are available for all performances and may be purchased at local ticket outlets, the WSO office, 224 East Broad Street, or by calling (908) 232-9400.

*Daughter, Erin,
Born to Dugans*

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Dugan, 3rd, of Westfield have announced the birth of their first child, Erin June Dugan, on Friday, November 28, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Erin weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Sella McNally-Biggs of Haven Beach, formerly of Bernardsville, and the late Alexander George McNally.

Erin's paternal grandparents are June Dugan of Bridgewater, formerly of Bernardsville, and Edward F. Dugan, Jr. of New York City.

Jerseyaires to Sponsor 'Singing Valentine'

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Barbershop Chorus, a nonprofit musical and educational organization of The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., is sponsoring its fourth "Singing Valentine" for that special person.

A barbershop quartet, in dress uniform, will sing two songs at the location specified by the customer. The quartet will also present the customer's special person with Valentine candy, a flower and a Polaroid picture of the event, all for \$45, on the days of the customer's choice, Friday, February 13; Valentine's Day, February 14, or Sunday, February 15. Other dates will be accommodated if possible.

Dick Haig, Valentine Chairman, noted that the availability of quartets is limited. He advised interested individuals to make their reservations as soon as possible.

For more information, and to arrange the time and place for a Singing Valentine, please call (732) 968-6677.

Hypertension Clinic To be Held at Library

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly Hypertension (high blood pressure) Screening Clinic on Monday, February 9.

The clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room, 1927 Bartle Avenue, from 10 a.m. to noon, and is free.

The intent of the clinic is to identify new cases of high blood pressure. Individuals who are over the age of 30 and who smoke or are overweight, or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes, and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.



DR. AND MRS. SEAN DANIEL SULLIVAN
(She is the former Ms. Adrienne Lynn Perfilio)

*Ms. Adrienne L. Perfilio
Weds Dr. Sean D. Sullivan*

Ms. Adrienne Lynn Perfilio, the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Joseph P. Perfilio of Scotch Plains, was married on Saturday, August 9, to Dr. Sean Daniel Sullivan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sullivan of Cranford.

The afternoon ceremony took place at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, with the Reverend Peter O'Brien officiating. A reception was held at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange.

The bride, who was escorted down the aisle by her father, wore a Yumi Katsura, full-length, warm white gown, featuring an Alençon lace sheath with satin at the bodice and a sweep train, cathedral-length silk hand-rolled veil with a headpiece of white satin roses. She carried a bouquet of Alba lilies and buds, Osiana roses and soft greens.

Miss Julianne Perfilio of Scotch Plains, the sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. The bridesmaids included Miss Diane D'Addio and Miss Susanne D'Addio, both of Cranford and cousins of the bride; Miss Jennifer Perfilio and Miss Amy Perfilio, both of Scotch Plains and sisters of the bride; Miss Jennifer Wrubel and Miss Audrey DiFrancesco, both friends of the bride from Scotch Plains, and Miss Tiffany Tedesco of Atlantic City, also a friend of the bride.

The maid of honor and the bridesmaids each wore a navy crepe gown with a satin sheath and a three-tiered satin train. They carried crescent cascade bouquets of Osiana roses and white calla lilies, sweet peas and Australian heather.

Christopher Sullivan of Cranford,

the brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. The ushers included Patrick Brown and David Sonntag, both friends of the bridegroom from Cranford; Alex D'Addio of Cranford, a friend of the bridegroom and a cousin of the bride; Colin Coffey of Westfield and Michael Coffey of Villanova, Pennsylvania, both cousins of the bridegroom, and Brian Shinderson of Manhattan Beach, California, a friend of the bridegroom.

The bride, a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, received her bachelor of arts degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. She is employed as a senior account representative at Computer Training Company in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Her husband is an alumnus of Cranford High School and obtained his bachelor of science degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He was awarded his master of science degree from Montclair University in Upper Montclair.

Dr. Sullivan received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

He is a physician supporting the third United States Marine expeditionary force at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corp Base, and is a Lieutenant in the United States Navy.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at The Westwood in Garwood.

Following a wedding trip to San Francisco and a drive down the California coast, the couple reside in Oahu, Hawaii.

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NUTS & PLENTY
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APPROACHING THE GOAL... United Fund of Westfield campaign volunteers recently met to share their enthusiasm for the contributions received to date. The campaign has reached \$380,220, or 96.7 percent of the \$600,000 goal. Pictured are Dr. Thomas Streko, Dentists Division Chairman, and Major Gifts Chairwoman Lynne Pomerantz discussing ways to follow up on open accounts. "We urge all Westfielders who have not yet responded to make their contributions as quickly as possible to assure our 20 member agencies full funding of their promised allocations," they said in a joint statement.

Ken Marcotte Announces New Restaurant Hours

Ken Marcotte restaurant in Westfield has announced its new hours which are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 10.

Lunch-time seatings will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays, along with dinner seatings on Mondays to Fridays, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays until 9:30 p.m.

Ken and Nancy Marcotte established Ken Marcotte restaurant in 1986 on North Avenue in Westfield doing off-premise catering and takeout.

In 1990, they moved to 115 Elm Street, where the restaurant is presently located. The restaurant is available for private parties and also, beginning February 10, will offer wine tasting.

Since its opening, the restaurant

has received numerous reviews in many publications and has been maintained as Westfield's premier restaurant, according to Mr. Marcotte.

"In the latest 'Zagat 1998 New Jersey,' the restaurant received 24 out of 30 points on food, which is rated by participating diners. The wine list is the only one in Westfield that has received the Award of Excellence by the magazine, *Wine Spectator*," stated Mr. Marcotte.

In 1997, the Marcottes opened Ken Marcotte Ice Cream on North Union Avenue in Cranford, offering homemade ice cream, espresso and cappuccino, as well as accommodations for children's parties.

Ken and Nancy Marcotte live in Westfield with their daughter.



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Loretta Cody to Address Woman's Club on Her Service in Bangladesh

Loretta Cody, a historical writer and journalist who has lectured widely on the Women's Movement of the 19th Century, will be the guest speaker on Monday, February 9, at 1:15 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Westfield, located at 318 South Euclid Avenue.

Her topic will be "Sixteen Years Service to Muslim Women," dealing with time spent in Bangladesh (known as East Pakistan when Ms. Cody worked there).

Ms. Cody treated and educated Muslim women in a hospital operated by the Medical Mission Sisters, a Catholic order.

Cody began her adult life as a nun with the Sisters and a missionary and nurse midwife in underdeveloped countries.

She was part of the change in Canon Law which allowed men and women of the church to medically

treat patients. Prior to this change, nuns and priests were not permitted to become medical professionals, but after the change, could then fulfill a critical shortage of medical care in underdeveloped countries, according to a spokeswoman for the Woman's Club.

Ms. Cody is presently working on a new biography of Phoebe Havaford — not too widely publicized in history books — as a woman who exemplifies courage and determination for women of today around the world.

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

Hostesses for the tea which follows the program will be members of the Arts and Creative Department.

Karolyn Daroczi To Present Sculpture

Karolyn Daroczi will present a demonstration on figurative sculpture using polymer clay for the Westfield Art Association this Sunday, February 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, located at 425 East Broad Street.

An accomplished artist who is noted for his realistic portrait painting, Mr. Daroczi has been sketching and creating sculptures since the age of 5.

As a self-taught artist, he has continued exploring materials from plaster to modern polymer clays, unpainted and painted. He will discuss forming a sculpture with and without armature, comparing the characteristics of different materials.

Born in Hungary, Mr. Daroczi has been recognized for his artistic abilities with many best in show awards, including the Union County senior citizen contest and exhibit in 1996.

He was honored with a first place in 1996 and 1997, and a second place in the state juried senior citizen art exhibit in 1996.

The meeting is free and open to the public.



COMBATTING CRIME... Two members of the law enforcement community recently spoke to the Old Guard of Westfield concerning drug problems in New Jersey, as well as future plans for dealing with crime. Pictured, left to right, are: State Investigator Thomas Culp of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice; Don Finter, Past Director of the Westfield Old Guard, and Paul Zoubek, recently appointed as Director of the Division of Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice Expert Presents Talk to Old Guard

Paul Zoubek, who was recently named Director of the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, spoke about the severity and extent of drug problems in New Jersey at the Old Guard of Westfield's January 29 meeting.

A 10-year veteran of the United States Attorney's Office in New Jersey, where he held positions as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division and Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Zoubek said the drug situation was serious but improving steadily as a result of new and more aggressive law enforcement methods.

Mr. Zoubek also provided an overview of the division's responsibilities and outlined elaborate plans for the future, with the assistance of Thomas Culp of the Office of Bias Crimes and Community Relations.

Mr. Culp has been a decorated member of the law enforcement community for most of his adult life, according to a spokesman for the Old Guard.

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DIAMOND DOG
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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
A PIECE OF HISTORY... Herbert F. Sailer, Jr. stands beside an original copy of the first map of Union County, which he restored and presented to the Westfield Historical Society. The rare document, published just five years after the creation of Union County in 1857, includes topographical and geographical detail, as well as small vignettes about the area.

Historical Society Reveals Presentation of Rare Map

Herbert F. Sailer, Jr. presented an original copy of the first map of Union County to the Westfield Historical Society at its membership meeting on January 15 at the Community Room of the Municipal Building in Westfield.

The map, created by Ernest L. Meyer, one of the top cartographers and surveyors in the county's history, includes a very accurate representation of Westfield Township at a time when the central village was just beginning to grow, according to Society Curator Ralph H. Jones.

Published just five years after the creation of Union County in 1857, the rare map is done in color, with some topographical geographical detail, and measures 54 by 41 inches, according to a spokesman for the Historical Society.

A surveyor himself, Mr. Sailer acquired the map when he took over the surveying business of Edward

Westfield Old Guard Seeks Bridge Players

The Westfield Old Guard is looking for retired area bridge players interested in joining the group's duplicate bridge games.

The sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Room in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield. Please call Ed Brecka at (908) 654-6518 for further details.

Grassman years ago. He then spent hours restoring it and financed the framing and enclosure in glass.

The map was accepted on behalf of the Historical Society by Vice President Robert Miller. It will hang in the Community Room on loan to the town.

Library's Annual Report Spotlights Achievements

What breed of dog was Toto from the movie *The Wizard of Oz*? Can you find the quotation "Let him who desires peace prepare for war" in Latin? What is the sales tax in Chicago?

These are just a small example of the 26,879 reference questions answered by the librarians at the Westfield Memorial Library in 1997, according to a spokeswoman for the library.

The library also welcomed approximately 377,936 visitors, the equivalent of every resident visiting the library 13.09 times during the year, the spokeswoman said.

Circulation of library materials was 323,558, or 11.21 items, per resident.

The Westfield Library's Annual Report highlights these facts and other accomplishments for the year. Over 5,300 Westfield children attended programs at the library, ranging from Toddler Time to class visits and special events, the spokeswoman explained.

Project Graduation Plans Are Well Underway at WHS

Plans are well underway for an all-night substance-free party for the seniors of Westfield High School on their graduation night, Thursday, June 18, according to a spokesman for the event.

The party, Project Graduation - Bash '98, is being co-sponsored by the Optimist Club of Westfield, the Westfield High School Parent-Teacher Organization, and the Westfield Recreation Commission.

The purpose of Project Graduation is to avoid the tragic automobile accidents that can occur from drinking and driving following traditional celebrations after events such as graduation, said the spokesman.

"Last year's party was a great success by attracting 271 students, or 90 percent of the graduating class," noted Project Advisor Donald Pray, "and we are hoping to surpass that level for the class of 1998."

This is the ninth year of the Westfield post-graduation party. Ricochet Racquet in South Plainfield has been reserved for the event.

The party will take place after graduation from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. the next morning, and bus transportation will be provided for the students departing from the high school.

Activities available at the club include racquetball, swimming, basketball, volleyball, and wallyball, which will be complimented by a disk jockey, dancing, massages, sumo wrestling, pedestal joust, nail art, lip-synch con-

test, laser karaoke, live entertainment and other student-planned events.

Door prizes and food are continuous throughout the evening and the grand prize drawing (last year a Compaq Presario computer) will take place at breakfast. All seniors will receive a gift.

Funding for Project Graduation - BASH '98 will come from parent contributions, business and professional donations, grants from Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTO) and clubs in town, along with planned fund-raising events. The total budget for BASH '98 is approximately \$15,500, according to the spokesman.

Maureen Mazzaresse, a teacher at Westfield High School, is the advisor to the project and is forming a senior student committee to work on the event.

A survey of the entire senior class is scheduled to take place today, Thursday, February 5. Parents interested in working on the project may volunteer by mail or contact Darielle M. Walsh of the Westfield High School PTO.

Miller-Cory to Highlight Colonial-Style Valentines

St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated at the Miller-Cory House Museum at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield this Sunday, February 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The last tour of the historic farmhouse will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Evelyn Kennelly of Westfield will demonstrate how early Americans made valentines using the techniques of the period. A variety of prepared valentines will be on display for visitors to enjoy.

Named in honor of St. Valentinus, a Roman martyr priest of the third century who was known as the patron saint of lovers, this festive occasion became a welcome winter treat, according to a museum spokeswoman.

The custom of exchanging valentines was brought to America by the English settlers, but was not widely celebrated during the 1700s. Lace papers and hearts produced in England and Germany often were assembled by hand and sold in America in the 1800s.

Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students six years of age and older. Children under six are admitted free.

Anyone interested in becoming a Miller-Cory volunteer may call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

On Sunday, February 15, the museum will feature a presentation on butter churning with Joan Barna of



TALENTED ARTISTS... Westfield High School (WHS) students who were recently chosen as members of the 1998 New Jersey Region II Orchestra and Region II Choir, left to right, are: Mohamed Ibrahim, Peter Yu, Christina Yang, Isabel Chen, and Yair Ghitza; middle row, Andy Bhasin, Allen Yu, Marina Yu, Beth Satkin, and Dierdre Lynn; front row, Kristina Williams, Leanne Meriton, Natalie Warren and Colleen Donovan. Not pictured is Sung Bin Lee.

Westfield High School Students

Chosen for State Orchestra, Choir

Fifteen Westfield High School (WHS) students were recently chosen to be members of the

1998 New Jersey Region II Orchestra and Region II Choir.

Auditioning against students from the Region II area, which encompasses greater central New Jersey, WHS vocalists Colleen Donovan, Leanne Meriton, Natalie Warren and Kristi Williams were selected for the Region II Chorus.

Instrumentalists Andy Bhasin, Yair Ghitza, Mohamed Karim Ibrahim, Sung Bin Lee, Deirdre Lynn, Beth Satkin, Isabel Shen, Christina Yang, Allen Yu, Marina Yu and Peter Yu captured positions in the Region II Orchestra.

In addition to participating in the chorus or orchestra, Colleen Donovan and Marina Yu, both seniors, share the distinction of being chosen for the Region II Chorus and Orchestra, respectively, for the fourth year in a row.

Other honors were achieved by Natalie Warren, an 11th grader selected as a chorus soloist, and by ninth graders Peter and Allen Yu who were named as orchestra concertmaster and principal cellist, respectively.

WHS music teacher Raymond Wojcik and vocal teachers James Beil and William Mathews praised their students for their accomplishments.

Linda King, Director of Fine Arts for the Westfield Public Schools, added, "The achievements of these students reflect their exceptional talent and the fine work of their teachers. We are very proud of their efforts."

Scholarships Main

Topic for Discussion

By Catholic Daughters

The regular meeting of Court Trinity of the Catholic Daughters of America will be held on Wednesday, February 11, at 1:30 p.m., at the rectory of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

The meeting will be presided over by its Regent, Anna Checchio. Hospitality Chairwoman Julia Piscopo will provide refreshments.

Court Trinity traditionally awards scholarships each spring, usually to students of the Holy Trinity Inter-Parochial School, and these will be the main topic of the meeting. Members are urged to attend and to make their opinions known.

Also, applications for the New Jersey State Court scholarships will be available. These are for college level, and are open to all members' children and grandchildren.

The State Court will hold its annual Day of Recollection on Sunday, April 25, at St. Joseph's Shrine in Sterling.

Any Catholic woman wanting to join may call Mrs. Checchio at 233-5843.

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GUEST SPEAKER... Everett Yacker, Director of the Old Guard of Westfield, greets Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who recently spoke to the group about her role and responsibilities. The Old Guard meets every Thursday at the Westfield YMCA from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Ms. Rajoppi Explains Duties During Old Guard Meeting

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi addressed the Old Guard of Westfield at its January 22 meeting and discussed her functions and responsibilities as the Register of Deeds and Mortgages for the county, as well as her duties as County Clerk.

Ms. Rajoppi discussed how her office handles elections, absentee

voting, passport services, Alcohol Beverage Control cards, petitions, marriage ceremonies, recording and veterans' services, maps, trade names and applications for notary public.

Ms. Rajoppi was the Assistant Secretary of State for New Jersey from 1981-1982 and was elected to the post of Register of Deeds and Mortgages of Union County in 1984.

Following Ms. Rajoppi's remarks, Old Guard Director Everett Yacker announced the organization's programs for February.

The Old Guard of Westfield meets every Thursday at the Westfield YMCA from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This month's programs are as follows:

- Today, February 5 — "Brass Instruments and the Alphon" with Dr. Theodore Schlosberg of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.
- February 12 — "Long-term Care Insurance" with Christopher Veal.
- February 19 — "Russia - Now and Then," with Mila Tjaden.
- February 26 — "Thailand - Its Culture, Religion and Economics," with Larry Saffer.

For more information about the Old Guard and its functions, activities and programs, please call Harold Hitchcox at (908) 233-1638.

Nature Club to Meet At Library on Feb. 10

The Greater Watchung Nature Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room in the basement of the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

The program will be given by Patti Murray, who has made several trips to the African Island of Madagascar to study its exotic lemurs, plants, and wildlife.

On Saturday, February 14, the club will sponsor a trip to Merrill Creek Reservoir in Stewartsville, Warren County, to look for waterfowl and "open country" birds.

The group will meet at the south side of the Fanwood railroad station at 8 a.m. and may carpool to their destination, if so desired. Group leader Nancy Lilly has recommended that participants dress warmly and bring lunch, binoculars, and scopes.



FAMILY DOG... People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event this Sunday, February 8, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PetsMart store at 1022 Route No. 22, East, at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Among the pets available for adoption will be Morgan, a purebred yellow labrador. Morgan is a large, well groomed, four-year-old spayed female who is current with her vaccinations. She is housebroken and could be a loyal companion for an adult family. Morgan prefers to be the only pet. To adopt or for information, please call (908) 688-1073. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887.

Dana Jacober Participates In Project on Presidents

Dana Jacober of Scotch Plains is among seven seniors at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School who are participating in an in-depth study of United States Presidents from the 20th century as part of a Senior Seminar designed by history teacher Gerard Gonnella.

In order to complete the project, each student must carefully research the life of the president he or she chose, including his childhood, education, and political path to the White House, as well as his domestic and foreign policies, role of the military, and stands on important issues such as civil rights while in office.

Resources will include the school library, hometown libraries, and web sites of presidential libraries.

In addition, under the supervision of Rhona Eserner, Chairwoman of the

Computer Department, students will use Hyper Studio, Power Point, and Claris Works — all part of the school's new computer technology — to help them with their projects.

Each student will make a 40-minute classroom presentation, using charts, graphs, and presentation software.

The purpose of the course is to give the students a college experience in terms of in-depth research and to help them develop their public speaking skills, according to a school spokeswoman.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School is an independent, coeducational institution located at 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison.

The school serves more than 40 communities in central New Jersey and welcomes students of all races, religions, national backgrounds, and economic circumstances.



PRESIDENTIAL PROFILE... Wardlaw-Hartridge senior Dana Jacober of Scotch Plains is congratulated on her classroom presentation on Richard Nixon by history teacher Gerard Gonnella of Toms River. Seven seniors are participating in an in-depth study of United States Presidents from the 20th century as part of a Senior Seminar designed by Mr. Gonnella. The purpose of the course is to give the students in-depth research experience and to help them develop their public speaking skills.

Enrichment Center Offers Series of Parenting Seminars

The Enrichment Center of Westfield, a tutoring and enrichment company serving students in Kindergarten through grade 12, is offering a series of free parenting seminars. Registration is required, but there is no fee.

The seminars will be held at The Enrichment Center, 424 Central Avenue in Westfield. All the lecturers are certified, experienced teachers who have an expertise in their topics. Enrollment will be limited to 16, so early registration is recommended.

The seminars will be held on Monday evenings during March, and will begin at 8:30 p.m. The seminars and dates are as follows:

- March 2 — Parents of grades 9, 10

and 11, "Understanding the College Process: How do I begin?"

- March 9 — Parents of grades 7 and 8, "What do I need to know about high school before it is too late?"

- March 16 — Parents of elementary grades, "How can I prepare my child for the IOWA's?"

- March 23 — Parents of preschool and elementary grades, "My child is gifted and talented! Help!"

- March 30 — Parents of grades 9 through 12, "How can I help my child study for exams?"

Please call The Enrichment Center at (908) 654-0110 for more information or to register for one or more of these seminars.



WELCOMING SCENE... The first Open MRI facility in Westfield offered visitors some holiday cheer in honor of its opening at the corner of South and Central Avenues. Open MRI, which features state-of-the-art technology, is the third radiology facility to be opened by Magnetic Resonance of New Jersey. The other two are located in Nutley and Oradell.

New MRI Facility Features State-of-the-Art Technology

MRNJ, Magnetic Resonance of New Jersey, has opened the first Open MRI facility in Westfield.

Open MRI of Westfield is located at the corner of South and Central Avenues. Over the holiday season, MRNJ's new facility was easily identified by a lighted Christmas tree located on its park-like grounds.

The equipment installed at Open MRI of Westfield includes state-of-the-art, General Electric open-air MRI technology.

The scans are read by highly trained, board-certified radiologists, and reports and films are provided to referring physicians within 24 hours.

The spacious building was completed in December. Richard A. Bouchard of Franklin Lakes was the architect; the general contractor was the Torchia Construction Company of Basking Ridge.

Open MRI of Westfield is the third radiology facility opened by MRNJ. Its other centers are located in Nutley (Open MRI and Radiology Center) and Oradell (Open MRI of Oradell). Open MRI of Westfield may be reached by calling (908) 301-1100.

High School to Present Singing Valentines
The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association, Inc. has announced that singers from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will provide a Singing Valentine for someone special for \$20 on Valentine's Day.

To raise money for this year's Repertory Theater show, *Crazy For You*, vocalists will arrive at the special someone's home with a flower, candy and a song. Anyone interested in sending a Singing Valentine may send their name and telephone number to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Attention: Laurie Wellman, Music Department, Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, 07076.

Individuals will be contacted upon receipt of their order for scheduling. The order must be received by Thursday, February 12.

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SHARED MINISTRY...Interim Pastor Robert Wiltenberg of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Plainfield, left, and Pastor Paul Kritsch of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Westfield, right, welcome Robert H. Vogel, who will serve as vicar for both churches over the next 12 months.

Lutheran Churches to Share Vicarage of Robert H. Vogel

Members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Westfield and the Messiah Lutheran Church in Plainfield gathered on January 18 in the Plainfield church to officially install Robert H. Vogel as vicar for the next 12 months.

Holy Trinity Announces Fourth Hymn Festival

The fourth annual Hymn Festival at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, located at Westfield Avenue and First Street in Westfield, will be presented on Sunday, February 15, at 4 p.m. in the church.

The festival, which is being presented as part of the celebration of the parish's 125th anniversary, will feature congregational singing assisted by the Holy Trinity Choir and instruments, including brass quartet and timpani, woodwinds, handbells, Orff instruments, and organ.

Familiar and newer hymns, with narration written for the occasion, will be organized around the theme, "Te Deum laudamus: God, We Praise You."

A new arrangement of "Go Make of All Disciples" for the congregation, choir, organ, trumpet and timpani was prepared especially for this festival by Rives Cassel, Director of Music and Organist at the church.

The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

Mr. Vogel's vicarage/internship year will be shared by the two congregations.

"Messiah has been in the midst of a pastoral vacancy for many months," noted Pastor Paul Kritsch of Redeemer.

"Our congregation in Westfield has grown to the point where we need extra help. Both churches will benefit through this shared ministry," he added.

Messiah and Redeemer, sister congregations founded in the 1920s, are member churches of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

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Interfaith Singles Set Meeting Dates

Interfaith Singles, a friendly and supportive group for single adults over 45, holds weekly discussions on successful single living. Continental breakfast is available, and a donation of \$2 is requested.

Meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, in Westfield on Sundays, February 8, 15, and 22, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

A movie night will also be held on February 15, from 5 to 10 p.m.

For further information, please call (908) 233-2278.

First United Donation to Assist In Housing Options in County

The First United Methodist Church of Westfield has made a donation to the Home Share Program of Union County in the amount of \$200.

This charitable contribution will assist the program in continuing to offer a creative and innovative housing option to the residents of Union County, said Tricia Lobdell, Coordinator of Information and Referral at Community Access Unlimited.

Home Share Program of Union County is an alternative way for people to meet their housing needs that provides numerous benefits to homeowners and renters alike.

"In simple terms, homesharing is an arrangement by which two or more unrelated people share a dwelling within which each retains a private space. Homesharers can arrange a regular agreement or exchange services for part or all of the rent," Ms. Lobdell explained.

For more information on the Home Share Program, please contact Ms. Lobdell at Community Access Unlimited, 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, or call (908) 354-3040, Extension No. 272.

Players Schedule Auditions To Cast Romance, Romance

The Westfield Community Players (WCP) has announced that auditions will be held for *Romance, Romance* on Sunday, February 15, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the theater at 1000 North Avenue, West, in Westfield.

The Broadway hit by Barry Harman and Keith Hermann is comprised of two one-act musicals. WCP auditions will be conducted by director Drude Roessler.

"The Little Comedy" is based on a turn of the century Viennese tale about young lovers facing unforeseen complications.

"Summer Share" is set in the Hamptons on Long Island, where infidelity intrudes upon two married couples sharing a summer refuge from busy Manhattan.

The cast requirements are as follows: Alfred, strong baritone, young and attractive; Josefine, a beauty, strong alto with high "belt"; Sam, a baritone; Barb, a soprano; Monica, an alto; Lenny, a tenor, and Masked Dancers "Him" and "Her," which represent visions of eternal love.

The actors who play the Masked Dancers will also assume several other roles in the production.

Those auditioning should prepare a song and bring sheet music for the accompanist. Scripts are available in the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street.

Individuals who are cast in the show must become dues paying members of WCP. Rehearsals are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings in the theater and show dates are Saturday, April 25, and Fridays and Saturdays, May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16.

Karoly Daroczi Presents Figurative Clay Sculpture

Karoly Daroczi will present a demonstration on figurative sculpture, using polymer clay, for the Westfield Art Association on Sunday, February 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Westfield Community Room of the Municipal Building.

An accomplished artist who is known for his realistic portrait painting, Mr. Daroczi has been sketching and creating sculptures since the age of 5.

As a self-taught artist, he has continued exploring materials from plaster to modern polymer clays, unpainted and painted. He will discuss forming a sculpture with and without armature, comparing the characteristics of different materials.

Born in Hungary, Mr. Daroczi has been recognized for his artistic abilities with many Best in Show Awards, including the Union County Senior Citizen Contest and Exhibit 1996.

He was honored with a first place award in 1996, 1997 and second place in the State Juried Senior Citizen Art Exhibit in 1996. He has shown his work at the Children's Specialized Hospital, St. James Juried Art Festival and Annual Mountain Art Show.

Mr. Daroczi won the Richman Sculpture Award at the 1996 Fall Graphics and Sculpture Exhibit at the Salmagundi Club, New York City, where he is a member.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (908) 232-7058.

First Congregational Service To Honor 12-Step Programs

The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, has announced that its 10 a.m. service this Sunday, February 8, will pay tribute to "God's gift of recovery through the Anonymous 12-Step Program."

In an effort to "endorse, celebrate, and educate the public" about the 12-Step self-help groups, the professional staff of the First Congregational Church will incorporate elements of groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Adult Children of Alcoholics into the church's traditional worship format during the service, according to the Reverend Dr. John G. Wightman, Senior Pastor.

Reverend Wightman will invoke prayers commonly used by these programs, including the "Serenity Prayer," and the "Prayer of St. Francis."

Barbara Thomson, organist and Music Director at the church, has

selected pieces that are favored by members of the anonymous fellowships, according to a church spokeswoman.

The service will conclude with a speaker, "Jon Z." of Westfield, who will share his "experience, strength and hope" with the congregation, the spokeswoman said.

A reception in Patton for church members and visitors will follow the hour-long worship service.

Further information regarding the 12-Step Service may be obtained by calling the church office, at (908) 233-2494.

Hadassah to Present Program on Caregiving

The next meeting of the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will take place this Monday, February 9, at 12:30 p.m., at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

President Renate Bieber will conduct a combined board and general meeting.

A report will be made on the upcoming 40th annual Art Show to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, at Temple Emanu-El. Sponsors will receive a specially commissioned graphic by artist Will Barnett.

The program will feature Ronnie Wiener, a licensed social worker specializing in health care issues, discussing the topic "Taking Care of the Caregiver."

Ms. Wiener has a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Social Work Degree from Rutgers University. She is a licensed social worker in New Jersey, and is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK...Mayor Thomas C. Jardim signs a proclamation which opened the many activities sponsored by Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield, in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, January 25-30. Pictured with Mayor Jardim, left to right, are: Sean Smith, Camille Trongone, Principal Dorothy Sot, Robert Granstrand, Brendan Smith, Annmarie Granstrand, Luke Granstrand, Gemma O'Toole, Christopher Carven and James O'Toole. For school registration information, please call (908) 233-0484.

Calvary to Present Evening Of Serenades, Songs Feb. 6



Juan Carlos Franco

The Calvary Concert Series will take special note of Valentine's Day with "An Evening of Serenades and Songs," presented by tenor Juan Carlos Franco. He will be accompanied by Carol Wong on piano.

Mr. Franco's program for the evening will include Italian and Spanish songs, a variety of arias and selections from the musical theater.

The concert will be presented on Friday, February 6, at 8 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street in Cranford.

Mr. Franco, a native of Columbia, South America, has been described by Reverend George W. Freyberger of Calvary as a "promising young tenor" whose professional credits include engagements with Cleveland Opera, Ohio Light Opera and Opera de Colombia.

In 1995 Mr. Franco reached the European finals of the Pavarotti International Voice competition held in Modena, Italy. He qualified in his native Colombia, where Mr. Pavarotti chose him as winner.

Canadian pianist Ms. Wong, a winner of many national awards and scholarships, was a major prize winner of the Canadian National Competition.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors, students with identification and children. Tickets may be purchased by calling Calvary at (908) 276-2418. Tickets will be sold at the door on a space available basis.

The Raritan Woodwind Quintet will appear at the church on Friday, March 13.

For information about the series, please call (908) 276-2418.

WHS Students Reap Awards At Model United Nations

Five Westfield High School (WHS) students recently garnered high awards at the Model United Nations Conference held in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

This year's conference marked the 25th anniversary of the Model United Nations program, in which 70 WHS students participated in simulated United Nations activities with over 600 students from New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Seniors Alicia Picou and Ryan St. Clair, juniors Dan Moore and Natalie Warren, and freshman Brian Raiff captured the Distinguished Country Award for their combined work representing the country of South Africa.

Other top awards went to Ryan St. Clair and freshman Kyle Swingle, who were selected to participate this summer as National Affairs Delegates in the national Model United Nations conference. Dan Moore was also chosen as a National Affairs Alternate Delegate.

Additional award winners included freshman Nikki Candelore and junior Amy Molnar, both of whom were selected as members of the Youth Secretariat, and Alicia Picou, who will serve as an officer on the Social-Humanitarian Committee.

Faculty co-advisers to the group were Susie Cho and Brock Mislan. Mr. Mislan, who participated as a student in the Model United Nations and in Youth and Government programs, has studied and taught in Great Britain, while Ms. Cho taught for three years in South Korea.



AWARD WINNERS...These students from Westfield High School recently received the Distinguished Country Award for their work representing South Africa during the Model United Nations Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Pictured, left to right, are: Brian Raiff, Natalie Warren, Alicia Picou, Ryan St. Clair and Dan Moore.

WELCOME WAGON 2X3

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?...Members of the first graduating class at the Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School are pictured prior to commencement activities in June of 1949. The official 50th anniversary of the opening of the school was on January 19. An anniversary celebration is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, at the church. Anyone who was a student or a teacher at the Presbyterian Nursery School and would like to participate in the celebration may call the Director, Iona Siegel, at (908) 233-0766.

Joan Thomas Fusco, 68, Realtor; Was Profiled in Wall Street Journal

Joan Thomas Fusco, 68, of Jupiter, Florida, formerly of Scotch Plains, died on Friday, January 23, at home.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Scotch Plains and in Boca Raton, Florida, before moving to Jupiter nine years ago.

Mrs. Fusco had a long career in real estate with the Nancy Reynolds Agency in Westfield before retiring in 1979.

She was profiled on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal* on May 20, 1974, for her achievements in real estate.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Fusco; a son, Mark C. Thomas of

Orlando; four daughters, Dawn Marie Thomas of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Starr Sachkowsky of Scotch Plains, Robin Joanne Presti of West Palm Beach and Gail Thomas of Ladyard, Connecticut; a brother, Frank James Senter of Convent Station, and five grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, January 27, in St. Peter Catholic Church in Jupiter. Interment took place in Riverside Memorial Park in Tequesta, Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Teresa G. Wright Promise Foundation, 540 Route No. 10, West, Suite No. 325, Randolph, 07869.

February 5, 1998

Kurt Granget, 96, Private Caretaker; Volunteer Green House Manager

Kurt A. Granget, 96, of Jamesburg died on Sunday, January 25, at his home in the Monroe Village retirement community.

Born in Durlach, Germany, Mr. Granget came to Westfield in 1929. He had lived in Green Brook and South Plainfield before moving to Jamesburg in 1989.

He had worked as a private caretaker for the late Otto Lindberg of Mountainside for 35 years before retiring in 1968.

Mr. Granget attended the Green Brook Baptist Church and was volunteer Green House Manager at the

Monroe Village for many years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Frieda Granget, in 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Lorraine David of Somerville and Irene J. Mitchell of Murray Hill; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 29, in the McCrisky Home for Funerals in South Plainfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Green Brook Baptist Church, 170 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook, 08812.

February 5, 1998

Lowell Douglas, 93, Sang in Choir; Drove Ambulance for Red Cross

Lowell M. Douglas, 93, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly of Westfield, died on Friday, January 30.

Mr. Douglas had lived in Westfield for 50 years prior to moving to Fort Worth four and a half years ago.

He had worked for Hahnes & Company and, after retiring, became a volunteer driver for the American Red Cross.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield and a tenor in the church choir before moving to Texas.

Mr. Douglas was predeceased by his wife, Lucille Douglas.

Surviving are two daughters, S. J. Mackenzie of Fort Worth and Gail

Douglas of Westfield; a son, Doug Douglas of Batavia, Illinois; two sisters, Ruth Brunning of Robinson, Kansas and Leah Fyrne Erdley of Boise, Idaho, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Monday, February 2, in Fort Worth. Arrangements were handled by the Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation.

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Michael F. Jaidullo, 76, Volunteer; Active in Education, Scouting, Sports

Michael F. Jaidullo, 76, a lifelong resident of North Plainfield, died on Wednesday, January 28, at home.

He had been employed by the Pro Shop at Warrenbrook Golf Course in Warren for 12 years, retiring one and a half years ago.

Mr. Jaidullo was formerly employed as a milkman for Woodbrook Farms in Metuchen for 35 years until the company closed. He had also been employed by All Star Dairies in Flemington.

He was a charter member of the North Plainfield Rescue Squad since 1949.

He served on the North Plainfield Recreation Commission, on which he had served as President.

Mr. Jaidullo was a member of the North Plainfield Board of Education from 1962 until 1971, during which time he served as Liaison to the State Board of Education.

He served on the Safety Committee from 1973 until 1975; the Recreation Advisory Committee in 1981, and the Parking Authority from 1987 to 1996.

Bertha E. Lawrence, 81

Bertha Emily Lawrence, 81, of Glen Gardner died on Wednesday, January 28, at Stone Arch Health Care Center in Union Township.

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, she had lived in Jersey City most of her life before moving to Glen Gardner in 1997. She had been a beautician at Myrtles Beauticians in Jersey City before retiring in 1989.

Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jersey City.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph J. Lawrence, in 1970.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph W. Lawrence of Glen Gardner and James T. Lawrence of Scotch Plains; two sisters, Ruth Macryzeki of Florida and Martha Hierhager of Toms River; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 31, at the Robert L. Ford Funeral Home in Flemington.

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— Obituaries — Rosemary Warter, 73, Headed PTA; Did Work With Radio Frequency

Rosemary Crandall Warter, 73, of Boca Raton, Florida, formerly of Westfield, died on Monday, January 26.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Warter had lived in Westfield from 1950 to 1986 before moving to Boca Raton.

She was a direct descendant of Elder John Crandall of Rhode Island, who came to America 10 years after the pilgrims.

Mrs. Warter graduated from Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts with a degree in physics. She did the initial work that led to the discovery of frequency modulation for radio.

She had been the business manager of the Westfield Orthopedic Group, founded by her husband, Dr. J. Pennington Warter, in 1950.

Olivia S. Tice, 80

Olivia S. Pratt Tice, 80, of Greenbrook died on Tuesday, January 27, at the Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Staunton, Virginia, she had lived in Westfield for 35 years before moving to Greenbrook.

She graduated from Hollins College in Virginia in 1938 with a teaching degree. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

Mrs. Tice was predeceased by her husband, William G. Tice, in 1969.

Surviving are three daughters, Olivia Longstaff of Bedminster, Catherine Tice of Racine, Wisconsin, and Margaret Tice of Oakland, California; a son, William Tice of Jacksonville, Florida; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 30, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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Mrs. Warter was also President of the Grant School Parent-Teacher Association, the Newcomers, the Women's Auxiliary of the Normandy Beach Yacht Club and of her 25th year reunion class at Wellesley.

After retiring, she took a leadership role in working with the South Florida Migrant Workers through St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Warter is survived by three sons, Lawrence C. Warter of Lake Forest, Mark W. Warter of Boston, John Christopher Warter of South Bend, Indiana; a daughter, Pennington W. Longo of LaGrange, Illinois; her brother, Dr. Charles E. Crandall of Maplewood, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 31, at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Gregory's Migrant Fund, P.O. Box 1503, Boca Raton, Florida, 33429.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Robert J. Babione Funeral Home, Inc. of Boca Raton.

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Lorraine Regimbal, 60

Lorraine L. Nadon Regimbal, 60, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, January 29.

Born in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Regimbal had resided in St. Hilaire, Quebec, Canada, before moving to Scotch Plains 24 years ago.

She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, and of the Plainfield Country Club in Edison.

Mrs. Regimbal was predeceased by her husband, Raymond P. Regimbal, in December of 1995.

Surviving are four sons, Raymond L. Regimbal of Randolph, Denis P. Regimbal of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Robert P. Regimbal of Bridgewater, and André V. Regimbal of Dunellen; her mother, Germaine Cayen Nadon of Sturgeon Falls; three sisters, Gabrielle Ferlatte of Vermer, Ontario, Lucille Gazeley of Toronto, Ontario, and Yvette Morrison of Sudbury, Ontario, and nine grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Monday, February 2. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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Helen Jackson, 86

Helen Jackson, 86, of Westfield died on Friday, January 30, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Jackson had resided in Westfield for 42 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Julius Jackson.

Surviving are a son, Steven A. Jackson of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a brother, Herbert Nalibow of Seattle, Washington.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, February 1. Arrangements were handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

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George Mederer, Jr. 73, War Veteran; Had Owned Bloomfield Liquor Store

George L. Mederer, Jr., 73, of Fanwood died on Saturday, January 31, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Union before moving to Fanwood 40 years ago.

Mr. Mederer had been co-owner and operator of Brookdale Liquors in Bloomfield for 18 years prior to his retirement in 1992. He had worked for 45 years in various aspects of the beverage industry.

He was a graduate of Rutgers Preparatory School, where he was an All-State basketball player in 1943. He attended Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and also Rutgers University.

Mr. Mederer served in the United States Navy during World War II aboard the destroyer escort *USS Acree* as a radarman third class in the South Pacific.

He was a member of St. Bartholomew

the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Anne McHugh Mederer; a son, George L. Mederer, 3rd; six daughters, Marianne Evans, Helen King, Jane Pendergrass, Anne Sobel, Elaine Mederer and Doris Mederer, and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 2. Interment was private.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Northern Regional Chapter, 101 Eisenhower Parkway, Roseland, 07068, or to The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library, care of Carol Campell, North Avenue and Tillotson Road, Fanwood, 07023.

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Alexander Azzolina, 80, Teacher; Sang On Radio and Television

Alexander Azzolina, 80, of Livingston, formerly of Fanwood, died on Thursday, January 29, in St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Newark and Fanwood before moving to Livingston 29 years ago.

Mr. Azzolina had been the choral teacher and district coordinator of music for Kinnelon High School for 13 years, retiring in 1980. Earlier, he had taught music and served as the Music Director at Metuchen High School for 14 years.

He was a tenor and sang with the Robert Shaw Chorale in New York City. He also sang under the direction of Arturo Toscanini, Peter Adler and Giancarlo Menotti on radio and television.

Mr. Azzolina served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a graduate of the Juilliard

School of Music and earned a master's degree in education in 1950 from Columbia University in New York City.

Mr. Azzolina sang in churches and temples in New York and New Jersey. He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Surviving are his wife, Audrey Azzolina; four sons, Charles Azzolina, David Azzolina, Keith Azzolina and Michael Azzolina; a sister, Lee Bonnett; a brother, Phillip Azzolina, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 2, in the Quin-Hopping Funeral Home of Livingston.

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Rocco Ferrarelli, 74

Rocco Ferrarelli, 74, of Westfield, died on Tuesday, January 27, at Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark he lived in Westfield for 25 years.

Mr. Ferrarelli was employed for 46 years as an inspector for ITT in Clifton, retiring in 1986. He also retired in 1992 after 25 years as a night store manager for the Pathmark store in Elizabeth.

Surviving are a sister, Antoinette Gradone of North Caldwell, and a nephew, Vincent La Morte of Westfield.

A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, January 31, in St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place in Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

The Dooley Funeral Home, 218 West North Avenue, in Cranford, was in charge of the arrangements.

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Dawn R. Whitfield, 20

Dawn Renee Whitfield, 20, of Plainfield died on Monday, January 26, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Summit, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Plainfield two years ago.

Ms. Whitfield graduated from Westfield High School and was attending William Paterson College, where she was majoring in theater, at the time of her death.

She was a member of C.A.P. at Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield. Ms. Whitfield was also active in the Westfield Community Center, where she was a model.

Surviving are a son, Nasean Imani Barlow-Whitfield of Plainfield; her parents, Dennis and Glenda Whitfield of Plainfield; a brother, Dennis Harris of Plainfield; three sisters, Dreana Whitfield, Ander Whitfield and Tina Whitfield, all of Plainfield, and her maternal grandmother, Margaret Butts of Plainfield.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 30, at the Bethel Baptist Church.

Arrangements were handled by the Plinton Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Julia Mueller

Julia Mueller of Garwood died on Sunday, February 1, in the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Westfield, she had lived in Garwood for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Jewel Tommaio and Jean Schaefer; a son, Richard F. Mueller; a brother, Jack Poth, and four grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, February 4, in St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

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

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FOOD FESTIVAL... Eighth-grade students at Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains enjoy a feast of international foods at the conclusion of each nine-week cycle in Family and Consumer Education. The food was prepared by students, with help from some of the parents, based on handed-down, family recipes. Among the cultures represented were Greek, Italian, Polish, Irish, African-American, Hungarian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, French and English. Under the direction of Mary Williams, Family and Consumer Education teacher, food recipes are then stored on computer for later reference.

Why Not Get Kids Involved In Learning to Save Money

"We learn by example" is an old saying that applies to many situations including the habit of saving. Parents can influence their children at an early age to begin saving by taking their children to banks and other investment centers to view an actual deposit, according to Dr. Karen Enslie of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

"Seeing is believing but actually doing is even better. Why not involve your children in developing their own savings account," said explained.

Young children can easily identify a goal for saving and start a nickel and dime savings program, Dr. Enslie explained. She recommends starting the child out by placing a picture of their goal on a small bank or coffee can.

Parents should encourage their kids to place small amounts of money into their "special" bank and work towards achieving their goal. After their savings begin to grow, kids should be rewarded with a trip to their favorite store.

Parents may need to make several trips to encourage their young savers, because this type of savings program requires time and patience. When children are about age 9,

they may be ready for a trip to the bank to officially open their own savings account. They can learn how to complete a deposit slip, hand the money to the bank teller, and record their deposits.

"Their passbook account will serve as a perfect record of their birthday checks and money personally saved," said Dr. Enslie.

"As children become older, they can begin to deposit more money and watch the magic of compounding interest. Try rewarding them to work towards their goals by watching a set saving amount (like five cents per dollar). A challenge like this will encourage those young savers to work towards their goal.

"As they work to meet your challenge, they will be developing the habit of saving, Dr. Enslie noted.

This Money 2000 message is sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Money 2000 is a program designed to increase the financial well-being of New Jersey residents through increased savings and reduced household debt.

For further information about Money 2000 and other educational programs, please call (908) 654-9854.

Preventive Care Prolongs Life of a Car, Saves Money

Preventive auto maintenance can save motorists long-term repair costs and prolong their vehicle's life, according to the AAA (American Automobile Association) New Jersey Automobile Club.

"Motorists should consider having their car serviced at periodic intervals," said Mike McQuoid, Approved Auto Repair (AAR) program coordinator for the auto club, based in Florham Park.

"Having a car or truck inspected regularly will help prevent small problems from blossoming into expensive ones," he explained.

How often should an automobile have major service performed? One should check their owner's manual. Most car manufacturers include a recommended maintenance schedule in the manual. The most common interval is every 30,000 miles.

The service technician will probably recommend changing the spark plugs and filters and having a detailed inspection of the different systems.

Also, be sure to question any recommendation that differs from the checklist offered in the owner's manual.

The most important factor in any 30,000-mile inspection is a visual examination of the brakes, exhaust system, suspension, transmission, belts and hoses.

These expensive systems contain inexpensive parts that could be easily fixed or replaced if caught early, according to the AAA. If they're not detected early on, the problem or problems could grow beyond remedy.

The big question is how much are you actually going to save by having their car undergo a major service inspection.

"It depends," said Mr. McQuoid. "An educated guess has most major services costing between \$250 and \$400, depending on the type of vehicle you own. It's not really that exorbitant when comparing those costs, for example, to the several hundreds or even thousands that could result from the deterioration of a transmission due to poor maintenance."

"And that's only one particular component. There are other costly parts in your car like the suspension, exhaust and cooling and heating systems. Spending a few hundred dollars to fix a small problem could save you thousands in future repair costs," he explained.

The automobile club, through offices in Florham Park, Randolph, Springfield and Verona, provides automotive, travel, financial, insurance, legislative and educational services to the residents of Essex, Morris and Union Counties.

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Planning Bd. Approves Fence; Postpones Site Plan Appeal

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that she and her husband, who have lived in the borough for four and a half years, primarily wanted the fence to ensure the safety of their two young children.

She said they also felt the Colonial-style fence would lend charm to their home, which they have already enhanced with a brick front porch, cobblestone walkway and bannisters.

Mrs. English said she had consulted a police officer about the planned fence and that he felt it would pose no visibility problem for motorists.

Board member Nancy Koederitz, who is also Fanwood's Zoning Officer, said she is familiar with the corner at Belyvidere and Martine. She and Borough Engineer Richard Marsden both concurred that the fence would not create visibility problems.

Mr. Cummings revealed that there were no objections to the couple's petition from Fanwood's police and fire departments, the Environmental and Shade Tree Commissions, or the

Board of Health. The board unanimously approved the application.

A scheduled hearing was postponed on an application for final site plan approval by the LaGrande Square Partnership, a development group which is seeking to build housing units on property located at Third Street and LaGrande Avenue.

Although Robert Rau of Warren, a partner in the development group, was present for last week's meeting, the case could not be heard because the applicant's attorney had advertised an incorrect date for the public hearing, according to board representatives.

Mr. Mega advised Mr. Rau that he did not favor holding any discussions on the matter until the latter's attorney was present, emphasizing that he wanted to protect the applicant's rights. Mr. Rau is being represented by the Scotch Plains law firm of Leib, Kraus, Grispin and Roth.

Children, Seniors Emphasized By Freeholders Ruotolo, Mingo

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ning and Adult Education School Boards.

Freeholder Sullivan welcomed his new colleagues, referring to the selection of the new Freeholders the previous weekend by the Union County Democratic Committee as "excellent choices" who replace two "fine Freeholders" in Mr. McNeil and Ms. Cohen.

In other business, the board authorized Mr. Lapolla to enter into a contract with the state Department of Transportation in the amount of \$100,000 for the replacement of a culvert in Windsor Avenue in Westfield.

Among new board appointments are Jerome D. Petti, an attorney and former Union Mayor, named to the \$24,680 part-time position of Assistant Union Counsel. Also, Edward Kahn of Scotch Plains was named a member of the Union County Utilities Authority.

The board also introduced an ordinance to amend the county administrative code by increasing the number of members on the Union County Improvement Authority from five to nine members. A public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Thursday, February 19.

On another matter, Freeholder Linda d. Stender, Fiscal Affairs Committee Chairwoman, said she is working with officials on developing a schedule of meetings to review the county's budget which she referred to as "our vision statement for the year."

Mrs. Stender, who served as board Chairwoman last year, said she plans to start holding meetings Wednesday nights beginning February 11

and continuing into March.

Freeholder Stender said it is her goal to once again lower the county's tax levy. Last year the board adopted a spending plan with a .5 percent decline in the tax levy.

The county's reliance on property taxes has continued to decrease, dropping 19.4 percent since 1990.

Mr. Lapolla unveiled a county Executive Budget of \$278.9 million on January 15. Of that amount, \$151.7 million is slated to be raised through property taxes, the same as last year's adopted spending plan.

Freeholder Stender plans to have the budget on the agenda for introduction some time in March.

Five Candidates Considered by GOP For SP Council

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Fawcett, an alternate Board of Adjustment member, and Nancy Malool, Chief Legislative Aide to state Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine and an alternate on the township Planning Board.

Voters will cast their ballots in the general election on Tuesday, November 3.

The road to party candidacy for the council seats includes sending party committee members a letter of intent to run, an interview and screening process by the committees, and then approval of a slate of three candidates to run for the three seats in November.

Times Begins Series on History Of Rising Student Population

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Lamberts Mill Road was approved by the Board of Adjustment in 1984.

Next door to Lamberts Mill Village, approval was granted in the early 1990s for 26 single family homes in Glen Eagle Estates.

One of the biggest new developments, Stirling Chase, was constructed on the site of Ponderosa Farms, the Sevell property along Martine Avenue.

Originally zoned for single family homes on one acre, Saugatuck Associates received approval in 1988 to build three homes on one acre for a total of 108 homes on 36 acres.

Scotch Plains Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins shared his thoughts about the housing developments, which have brought hundreds of new families into the community, primarily on the south side of town.

"Mount Laurel was like a sword over our heads," Mr. Atkins said, in explaining how the township came to approve the major zoning changes of the late 1980s.

He referred to the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations which told local municipalities exactly how many units of low-to-moderate income housing they must have.

Mr. Atkins explained that, if the township had not negotiated an agreement with Saugatuck to build as it did on the Sevell property, Scotch Plains could have seen hundreds of multiple family housing units (10 to 12 per acre) built there in lieu of the existing single-family homes.

"Instead of 120 homes, we could have been looking at 500 units, 20 percent of which would have been low-to-moderate income housing," said Mr. Atkins.

The agreement which Scotch Plains struck with Saugatuck called for the builder to pay the township \$36,000 for each extra unit per acre. In allowing three homes per acre, instead of one, the township permitted the builder to construct 72 extra houses, at \$36,000 apiece, for a total of \$2.59 million.

Under the Regional Contribution Agreement (RCA) provision of COAH, Scotch Plains was able to transfer up to half of its low-to-moderate income housing obligation to the City of Linden for the rehabilitation and refurbishing of dete-

riorated housing there.

Scotch Plains officials used the \$2.59 million from Saugatuck to help fund the RCA with Linden. Additional moneys from the construction of 120 Berwyck Chase homes on 40 of the 70 acres on Alberts Farm, and 16 homes on Shirewood, were used in the same way.

Though he acknowledged that the arrival of "Mt. Laurel" legislation was a hard time for the township, Mr. Atkins said, "I never looked back and shed one tear. Things turned out as positively as they could to keep the character of Scotch Plains. We did what we could to protect existing neighborhoods...and got great people (as a result of the new development)."

At October 15, 1997, the official count of students in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools totaled 4,234 children, including pre-school handicapped, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Title I students. These numbers are spread across one high school, two middle schools and five elementary schools.

School administrators and board members share parents' concerns about maintaining reasonable class sizes while accommodating more elementary students.

Six modular classrooms are on order to ease the burden at three of these elementary schools: Coles, Evergreen and School One. Preliminary projections for the 1998-1999 school year, however, indicate additional space might be needed as the "baby boom echo" passes through these grades.

In keeping with the board's standing decision not to launch a building program, the administration recently recommended consolidating the district's Pre-Kindergarten classes at Park Middle School where space is available.

Editor's Note: In the second segment of this historical perspective on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools, The Times will present Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye's insight as to how the district's use of its facilities has evolved over the years, and how the district is preparing to effectively meet the needs of students at every level.

FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Police reported that three people were injured shortly before 5 a.m. when the car in which they were traveling struck the rear of a garbage truck at the corner of South and Martine Avenues.

Authorities said a Nissan Maxima driven by Mark Wisniewski, 21, of South Plainfield collided with the truck, which was making a right hand turn from South Avenue onto Martine Avenue.

Wisniewski was charged with careless driving and with driving while intoxicated, according to police. He was released on his own recognizance.

Head passenger Ray Nichols, 22, also

of South Plainfield, were transported to Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield, where they were treated and later released, according to a hospital spokesman.

A second passenger, Kisha Roman, 26, of Elizabeth was taken to University Hospital in Newark for treatment of a head injury, a hospital spokesman confirmed. She was treated and released the following day.

The driver of the garbage truck, Charles Jones, Jr., 60, of Westfield was not injured and was not charged, police said. The truck is privately owned by a resident of Warren.



GOLDEN MOMENT... Dr. David L. Feldman and his wife, Debra, of Scotch Plains display the Gold Humanitarian Award they recently received from the Aleh Foundation. The foundation supports centers serving brain damaged children and their families in Israel.

Dr. Feldman Is Recipient Of Humanitarian Award

Dr. David L. Feldman of Scotch Plains received the Aleh Foundation's Gold Humanitarian Award on January 11 at the Ocean Terrace ballroom in Brooklyn.

Dr. Feldman received the award from Stanley Brezenoff, President of Maimonides Medical Center, where Dr. Feldman is Regional Director of the Departments of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

"Aleh has been advocating for years that all children are special, regardless of their abilities," said Dr. Feldman, who shared the honor with his wife, Debra.

"In many ways it is my wife's philanthropic zeal that is most deserving of our award. I am lucky to have this tremendous inspiration so close to me," Dr. Feldman remarked.

The Aleh Foundation, with offices

in Bnei Brak, Israel, London and Brooklyn, supports centers serving brain damaged children and their families in Israel.

The foundation is planning to open a similar center in Brooklyn in the near future, according to a spokesman for the organization.

Lynn Goslin Promoted To Media Supervisor

Lynn Goslin of Scotch Plains has been promoted to media supervisor from media buyer/planner at Gianettino & Meredith, Inc. in Short Hills.

In her new position, Ms. Goslin will assume increased buying and negotiating responsibilities for cable and spot television, as well as radio and print, on the Benjamin Moore and Company, Northeast Chevrolet Area Marketing Group and Bertolli Olive Oil accounts, among others.

Ms. Goslin has been with the agency for 13 years.

Township Council Supports Resolution Rejecting Contract

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students assume the roles of township Mayor, council members, Township Manager, Attorney and Clerk during one or two meetings of the governing body.

Next Tuesday, the students will serve as officials in the televised council meeting.

The council noted that when neighboring Fanwood had an electrical power outage last Thursday at about 6:30 p.m., the Scotch Plains fire and police departments covered emergency calls for the borough, delivered an emergency generator to the Fanwood Police Department, and also directed traffic at intersections where signals were out.

It was discovered that a downed power line at Martine Avenue and Sevelle Road caused the problem. Power was restored an hour later.

Mr. Atkins said the incident was, "A very, very serious problem. And it was a classic example of towns working together."

Dolores Bruschetti to Retire From UCC After 22 Years

Dolores Bruschetti of Scotch Plains, Vice President for Financial Affairs, and Treasurer to the Board of Trustees at Union County College (UCC), retired from her position on Saturday, January 31.

A UCC alumna, Ms. Bruschetti's career there spanned 22 years and included numerous state committee positions throughout her tenure.

She was the college's first Vice President, the first female business officer at a New Jersey community college, and the first woman to chair the New Jersey Community College Business Officers Association.

After graduating fifth in her class from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Ms. Bruschetti earned an associate degree from UCC in 1968. Now 55, she joined the college staff in 1976 as a special projects accountant and rose through the business affairs ranks to Director and Executive Director positions.

In 1991, she was appointed Acting

Vice President for financial affairs and assumed the position of Vice President in that area the following year, when she also became Treasurer to the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Bruschetti received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting in 1973 from Rutgers University, and became employed the following year as a staff accountant at Drew University in Madison, where she remained until taking her first position at UCC.

She earned a Master of Business Administration Degree in Finance in 1984 from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford.

Ms. Bruschetti was part of a team that restructured the state's auditing principles and was instrumental in designing and updating the college's facilities master plan at UCC.

Although retired, Ms. Bruschetti said that higher education will continue to be a major priority in some form in her life.



BUSINESSMAN APPOINTED... Dr. Michael A. Pennella of Fanwood has been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board. He is the President of VIA Data and Marketing Services, and serves as a Senior Consultant for Shared Learning, both located in Branchburg. Dr. Pennella is also on the faculty of the Rutgers University Graduate School of Business.

Board Gives Approval to Plan For Clarence St. Development

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ances were required. Residents' concerns focused primarily on drainage, traffic and construction issues.

Jan Sobrano, a Lamberts Mill Road resident, pointed out that the road already supports "tons of traffic," and she was worried about drainage problems, noting that her son and his wife, also nearby residents, have had water in their basement.

Ms. Sobrano also expressed her feeling that residents had not been made sufficiently aware of the pending construction projects, and that, as a result, she felt left in the dark.

"It's scary when you don't know who to believe or who to trust," she told the board.

In response, Planning Board Chairman Martin Robbins noted that several meetings have been held on this issue over the last few months.

Echoing some of these same concerns, Wendy Sobrano, Ms. Sobrano's daughter-in-law, pressed the board on a timetable for the installation of a drainage system.

According to Mr. Marsh, a system would be installed as soon as possible, perhaps within three months. Whatever the time frame, Mr. Marsh added, "I don't think there will be any drainage problems."

To further calm residents' concerns, Mr. Marsh noted that as a county-owned road, Lamberts Mill Road was subject to Union County's "stringent drainage requirements," and that the county would address any drainage problems that might occur.

The board urged continued cooperation between Mr. Higgins and the

Villane family, noting that without it, Mr. Higgins' certificate of occupancy could be delayed.

Robert Newell, an alternate member of the board commented, "I'm glad to see the Villanes have made their application all at once and are coordinating their efforts with Mr. Higgins."

The board unanimously approved Mr. Villane's plan, but stipulated that both he and Mr. Higgins continue to consult with Mr. Marsh, and that traffic and drainage issues be worked out at the county level.

In other business, the board also unanimously approved an application by the Croll-Reynolds Company, Inc. of 741 Central Avenue to expand its existing facilities. The company sought to expand its parking facilities as well as to construct an L-shaped, 8,000-square-foot addition onto its existing 5,700-square-foot facility.

James Reynolds, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Croll-Reynolds, told the board he hoped the additions would lead to increased productivity and efficiency.

He estimated that the improvements would cost approximately \$1.5 million. Croll-Reynolds has been located in Westfield since 1948, and among other things, manufactures air pollution controls. However, Mr. Reynolds noted that the Westfield building focuses exclusively on sales and design.

Due to the length of the Croll-Reynolds presentation, the board rescheduled the portion of the meeting dedicated to the subdivision of the Woman's Club of Westfield property.

Town Looks at Section Targeted for Preservation

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pearance and cleanliness, according to the Mayor and several others who spoke at the meeting.

That store and a small surrounding park are within the area that Westfield has targeted for revitalization.

Others on hand, including Central Avenue resident Maria Binetti, asked numerous questions of both Mr. Schrider and others which seemed indicative of the commitment the state says it wants to see.

"This is the place I'm raising my children," Mrs. Binetti explained. "I have a lot of comments to make."

Al Piesco, who owns a large commercial building on Central Avenue, said the "taxes" are too high already, leading to some vacancies and "you can't keep raising the rent because they (tenants) can't make it."

Mr. Schrider indicated that a final decision could be up to a full year away, probably in early 1999.

"I wish you well and again, you're really on the right step," he concluded.

Mr. Schrider also told *The Westfield Leader* in a separate interview that "the program stresses inclusion...we allow some type of assistance for everybody."

"We allow small grants to anybody, as long as it's in their area and will improve the property to be part of the

overall plan," he added.

"We're willing to help towns half-way," Mr. Schrider added. "But we want to make sure the citizens of the community area are part of the decision-making process. And this program allows for that opportunity to occur."

The large group also tentatively set aside four upcoming dates for key meetings of committees within the project's overall guidelines. They are as follows:

- Thursday, February 12, the infrastructure and public works committee.
- Thursday, February 19, the public safety committee.
- Thursday, February 26, the redevelopment issues committee.
- Thursday, March 5, the funding/public relations committee.

"I'm very pleased with the dialogue that has begun between the town government and the residents in the Central Avenue area," said Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick.

Mrs. Vernick, who represents the First Ward in the town's northwest corner, also mentioned that the passage late last year of the exterior property maintenance ordinance, coupled with the town's NPP involvement, should "hopefully, positively affect this neighborhood."

DWC Okays Budget Proposal For Downtown Improvements

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dangerous.

Other design initiatives, budgeted at \$27,500, include seasonal decorations and historic preservation grants. These grants help businesses renovate their facades in a preservation-friendly way.

Recently, the Rialto Theatre received assistance from the DWC in designing such a facade.

The budget included \$73,500 for promotion. This money is used for the annual "Welcome Home to Westfield" winter holiday promotion and five others throughout the year. These events, in addition to serving the Westfield community, attract people from out of town, helping them discover Westfield as a shopping and dining destination.

After the meeting, Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, reported that she looked forward to working with the DWC on these promotions.

Downtown Westfield Corporation will continue to prepare and update informational materials about the downtown. The budget includes \$17,000 in funds for recruitment and orientation packages for new businesses getting started, and training programs to help merchants who are already here.

Vicki Priscoe Spurr, of Backroom Antiques on 39 Elm Street, asked the board to focus on retaining businesses, rather than recruiting new ones.

"I'd like to see more help for the small independent Mom and Pops that make a town unique," she stated.

Mr. Spector pointed out that \$2,500 had been allocated to provide merchants with practical information and skill training.

The DWC plans to conduct a survey to determine the kinds of training that should be provided.

Ms. Spurr also noted a need for better garbage cleanup in the summer — smelly streets don't appeal to shoppers or shopkeepers.

Downtown services and maintenance, such as trash collection and parking management, are the re-

sponsibility of the municipal government, officials added.

"We can come up with innovative approaches. Our role is not to replace downtown services, but to improve and augment them, and provide new services," Mr. Spector explained.

Thus, the Downtown Westfield Corporation can create plans and designs to address town problems, like garbage collection and parking, but only the town can decide to implement these plans, and provide the funding for them.

One area in which the DWC seeks to work with the town is improving parking supervision. They appropriated \$12,500 for the salary of a parking system manager, and requested matching funds from the town's municipal budget.

This request was presented in a wish list, in which the DWC recommended an addendum of \$162,500 to the municipal budget.

This money would be needed to implement streetscape design projects, such as the installation of improved street lighting, new sidewalks, informational signage and pocket parking, in addition to funding a parking manager and trash collection and cleaning services.

Feedback from the community is crucial in determining the effectiveness of many of the DWC initiatives, officials emphasized, but only eight non-board members attended Wednesday's public meeting.

Mr. La Place reported that anyone interested in learning more about DWC and the improvement district can contact him at (908) 789-9444, and suggestions are welcome.

"We are all really concerned that everybody know what's going on," he stated.

Downtown business and property owners are not the only ones with a stake in the continued success of downtown Westfield, the DWC board and elected officials have stated, noting that along with municipal services and an excellent school system, a vibrant downtown is a cornerstone of property values in the town.

Children, Seniors Emphasized By Freeholders Ruotolo, Mingo

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ning and Adult Education School Boards.

Freeholder Sullivan welcomed his new colleagues, referring to the selection of the new Freeholders the previous weekend by the Union County Democratic Committee as "excellent choices" who replace two "fine Freeholders" in Mr. McNeil and Ms. Cohen.

In other business, the board authorized Mr. Lapolla to enter into a contract with the state Department of Transportation in the amount of \$100,000 for the replacement of a culvert in Windsor Avenue in Westfield.

Among new board appointments are Jerome D. Petti, an attorney and former Union Mayor, named to the \$24,680 part-time position of Assistant Union Counsel. Also, Edward Kahn of Scotch Plains was named a member of the Union County Utilities Authority.

The board also introduced an ordinance to amend the county administrative code by increasing the number of members on the Union County Improvement Authority from five to nine members. A public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Thurs-

day, February 19.

On another matter, Freeholder Linda d. Stender, Fiscal Affairs Committee Chairwoman, said she is working with officials on developing a schedule of meetings to review the county's budget which she referred to as "our vision statement for the year."

Mrs. Stender, who served as board Chairwoman last year, said she plans to start holding meetings Wednesdays nights beginning February 11 and continuing into March.

Freeholder Stender said it is her goal to once again lower the county's tax levy. Last year the board adopted a spending plan with a .5 percent decline in the tax levy.

The county's reliance on property taxes has continued to decrease, dropping 19.4 percent since 1990.

Mr. Lapolla unveiled a county Executive Budget of \$278.9 million on January 15. Of that amount, \$151.7 million is slated to be raised through property taxes, the same as last year's adopted spending plan.

Freeholder Stender plans to have the budget on the agenda for introduction some time in March.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

• A resident of St. Mark's Avenue reported that someone fired several rounds from a paint ball gun at his home.

• A Montclair resident reported that his motor vehicle was burglarized and approximately \$25 was stolen. Entry was gained by someone throwing a rock through the passenger side window of the car, according to police.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

• James E. Quinn, 23, of Cranford was arrested at Springfield Avenue and Woodbrook Circle and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and with possession of drug paraphernalia, according to police. He was released on \$250 bail.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

• A Maple Street resident reported the theft of his 1992 BMW, which was recovered the following day in Irvington.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

• Angel Sanchez, 26, of Westfield was arrested and charged with being an unlicensed driver at South Avenue and

Cacciola Place, according to police. The suspect, who was also taken into custody on a warrant out of Cranford, posted \$350 bail.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

• Erwin Rivera, 19, of Union was arrested and charged with driving without a license at Wyckwood Road and Woodland Avenue, authorities said. Bail was set at \$225.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

• A man reported that roof racks were stolen from his vehicle on Sandra Circle.

• A bicycle rack was reported stolen from a vehicle which was parked on Prospect Street, according to police.

• John Ryan, 30, of Scotch Plains was arrested at North Avenue, West and charged with driving with a revoked license. It was his fourth offense, according to police. Ryan was also wanted on warrants out of Hanover and Newark, authorities said.

Authorities confirmed that Ryan posted \$1,000 bail on the Westfield charge, along with \$920 and \$91 for the Hanover and Newark warrants, respectively.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

- Three hundred block of North Avenue, East — smoke scare.
- Seven hundred block of Woodland Avenue — carbon monoxide detector activation.
- Seven hundred block of Woodland Avenue — carbon monoxide detector activation.
- Four hundred block of North Avenue, West — emergency medical call.
- One hundred block of Cedar Street — water condition.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

- Seven hundred block of Westfield Avenue — carbon monoxide detector activation.
- One hundred block of Elm Street — system malfunction.
- One hundred block of Azalea Trail — carbon monoxide detector activation.
- Twelve hundred block of South Avenue, West — oil spill on roadway.
- One hundred block of East Broad Street — hazardous condition.

Violators of Maintenance Code Now Before Enforcement Unit

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The Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Committee includes Mr. Gottko, Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh, Health Officer Robert M. Sherr and Planning Board member Todd Evans. A Board of Health member will also be named.

Mr. Gottko noted that the Board of Health canceled its Monday meeting and thus has not designated a representative to the committee. Five members are needed on the committee to act on alleged violations.

Violators face a maximum of a \$1,000 fine per violation for each day a violation continues.

Officials have said that those persons found in violation of the code would not be subject to the maximum penalty unless they refuse to comply with a notice of violation. When this occurs, the individual will face a hearing in Municipal Court, at which time the fine could be imposed.

Anyone cited by the enforcement committee may request a hearing before the body. Individuals who believe they have a hardship case due to a financial or personal situation may also request a hearing.

The ordinance, adopted in December, is aimed at vacant lots and residential and commercial buildings which "may become substandard with respect to structure or maintenance."

In other business, the council is expected to introduce an ordinance to designate the Charles Marsh House, located at 508 Salter Place, as a historic landmark within the town's zoning ordinance within the Master Plan for development. The ordinance is expected to be on Tuesday's agenda.

Both the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Board have recommended the designation.

The two-story, vernacular Dutch center hall Colonial-era farm house, originally located on 50 acres of land on Elizabethtown Road, now Benson Place, was moved to its current location around 1933.

The current owners, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Clark Alley, purchased the home from Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Meder in 1983, according to the Preservation Committee.

Mr. Alley is a third cousin five times removed from Mr. Marsh. The new

owners requested the historic designation.

Mr. Brandt said the owners maintain the right to subdivide the lot if they choose. However, under the historic label, the owners would have to get approval by the Historic Preservation Commission to make any significant changes to the property.

Mr. Brandt said the Marsh House would be the sixth home in town to earn the historic designation.

The Marsh House is one of the small number of Revolutionary War era houses that remain in Westfield. Charles Marsh was a second cousin once removed of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The council is expected to vote on a resolution this Tuesday, February 10, which would change the starting time for council conference sessions from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The council will also introduce an ordinance to change the time of public meetings from 8:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim announced that, in correcting an oversight of the appointments to the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission, Todd Evans will now serve as an alternate member. The snafu was the result of the Planning Board designating a member to the commission this year.

This result caused the commission to wind up with 10 members and one alternate instead of nine regular members and two alternates.

The council will hold meetings to formulate the 1998 municipal budget on Monday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, February 17, starting around 9 p.m. after the council conference meeting; Monday, February 23, at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, February 24, following the public council meeting, and Saturday, February 28, starting around 8:30 a.m.

At each meeting, two municipal department heads will present their budget requests to the council.

The budget process will begin this Tuesday night following the council meeting when Mr. Gottko presents an overview of the budget as it currently stands. The council, working with the Finance Committee, then will be responsible for drafting a final spending plan.

Keith S. Hertell Opts Not to Seek Reelection

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during his tenure, he cited the "successful and cordial negotiations" with the district's bargaining units, which included obtaining employee contributions for health benefits.

Mr. Hertell also noted that the board has "raised the awareness" of the importance of eighth-grade Early Warning Test results "so that raising Level I (the highest level of proficiency on the test) scores became not only a board priority, but one in which we now allocate necessary funds to students identified as needing help."

The board also agreed to continue leasing the former Lincoln School building to the Union County Educational Services Commission while upgrading the administration building on Elm Street.

With a number of years in coaching local girls' soccer teams and his active involvement over the years in community sports programs, Mr. Hertell also was proud of the fact the board was able to re-institute the after-school programs at the intermediate schools. Over 100 students have taken part in these programs.

He urged the board to be sensitive to the "growing demands on a limited amount of funds."

"We now have technology, special education, salaries and benefits crowding each other in a state-mandated cap hovering around 3 percent, along with a shrinking ability to generate surplus," Mr. Hertell explained.

He warned that increasing enrollments will place an additional strain on school facilities, with "an unidentified maintenance liability of approximately \$14 million."

He also said the board needs to look into the "open campus" policy at Westfield High School, which enables seniors to go home for lunch in "unsupervised" homes.

Ms. Hardwick has chaired the Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Committee for the past two years and

serves as a member of the Finance, Long Range Planning, Board and Staff Relations Committees. (A story on Ms. Hardwick's reelection bid appears on Page 3 of this week's *Leader*).

Mrs. Walsh, seeking a third term on the board, has chaired the Facilities Committee since 1992, during which time the committee has approved a five-year, long-range facilities plan for the district, renovation of the Roosevelt Intermediate School Field and capital improvements to all nine school buildings.

She was named Vice Chairwoman for the current board following the decision last year by John M. Toriello not to seek reelection to the board.

As of yesterday, February 3, no other candidates had filed for the board. The deadline for filing petitions with the office of Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary Robert G. Rader, is at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 2.



HONOR BESTOWED... "The American Directory of Who's Who in Executives and Businesses" has included Joyce Yanowitz, Director of Dietrition, Inc., 203 Elm Street in Westfield, in its 1997-1998 edition. She received this honor for having reached a level of recognizable success in the field of weight loss counseling.

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Special Education Program Focus of Board's Meeting

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Harrison said. Here, guidance counselors and student assistance counselors can help.

She said a student's evaluation by a child study team is "definitely a process where parents have rights and input all along the way."

Ms. Harrison stressed that "no child is ever referred (for evaluation) without a list of what's already been tried, plus the parents' written permission."

"The big classification in New Jersey is perceptual impairment," said Mr. Tomasso. He defined perceptual impairment as a significant discrepancy between intellectual potential and actual achievement and functioning.

He identified the elements of a special education evaluation as: a medical form from the pediatrician; the creation of a developmental history by the school social worker and parents; intelligence testing by the school psychologist, and skill testing and cognitive testing by the learning consultant.

Each test lasts between one-and-a-half to two hours.

Mr. Tomasso said most of the special education students simply require resource center help at their school.

"The resource center offers the opportunity to learn differently," he explained, and helps children deal successfully with the high-level curricu-

lum of Westfield schools.

Dr. Kozlik said the resource room has experienced the biggest growth in the special education program: from 292.5 students in the 1992-1993 school year to 443 in 1997.

The resource room serves two functions: to provide the supplemental instruction needed to support a student's mastery of the regular curriculum, or to provide replacement instruction, during which the resource room teacher takes full responsibility for a student's progress in a specific area of the curriculum.

Mrs. Hunnicutt likened parents' awareness of their child's disabilities to planning a trip to Italy and ending up in Holland.

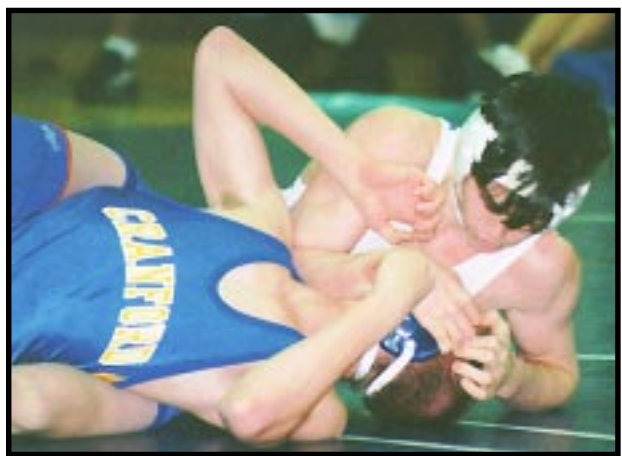
She acknowledged that parents learn at different times that their children have extraordinary needs.

"Some find out early," Mrs. Hunnicutt said, "others at first or second grade; others at seventh or eighth grade. You can be angry and upset, but then you have to get over it."

She reminded parents of their ability to "work with the school as an equal partner to come to the specially designed instruction (program) that levels the playing field" for the special education child.

Mr. Kaplow explained the district's legal obligation to "bring to bear

THE WEEK IN SPORTS



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
READJUSTING HEADGEAR...Blue Devil 130-pounder Jeff Kivetz, top, shows his consideration as he helps adjust Mike Carbone's headgear. Kivetz pinned Carbone in 2:40.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CAPTURING A LEG...Blue Devil 125-pounder Dan Todd slips under Cougar Florio Hawkins, captures his leg, then gets the takedown. Todd also got the victory.

KIVETZ CRANKS, FRIEDMAN TILTS, TEZUCAR CORKS

Blue Devil Wrestlers Devour Cranford Cougars, 62-24

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

The Westfield High School wrestling team evened its dual meet record to 4-4 by caging the nearby Cougars 62-24 in Westfield on January 28. The Blue Devils wrapped the match up by winning nearly all of the middleweight bouts.

Mike Sawicki of the Blue Devils told the tale of doom for the Cougars by pulling off a shocking victory over Dan Genovese at the 103-pound class. For nearly the entire bout, Genovese had the best of Sawicki until he got high on a pinning combination and was rolled to his back and quickly pinned by Sawicki in 5:24.

Cougar Adam Sylvester tied the team score, 6-6, when he ended a back-and-forth battle with Dan Sawicki at 11:2, clamping him for the fall just before the end of the first period. The Cougars received a forfeit at 1:19 to take a 12-6 lead.

Now the Blue Devils ruled. At 1:25, senior Dan Todd nailed Cougar Florio Hawkins with a flurry of furious moves. Todd tallied four takedowns, two near falls and a reversal to record a 16-1 technical fall in 5:11. Next, senior Jeff Kivetz at 130 put the Blue Devils ahead 17-12, after punish-

ing Mike Carbone with a single-leg takedown and a double-leg grapevine pinning combination, turned him for good with a slide arm bar and a chin hook in 2:40.

At 1:35, Blue Devil Francisco Vasquez fired into James Seeman, scoring two quick takedowns and a near fall to take a 6-3 lead at the end of the first period. In the second period, after giving up a takedown, Vasquez added a reversal, however, Seeman soon escaped, caught him with a lateral drop, then pinned Vasquez in 2:59.

Nick Friedman was sharp at 140, as he cooled off Cougar Chris Symanski with a fireman's takedown, then seared him with two near falls via hooked-arm bar tilting maneuver, all in the first period. Friedman continued applying the heat by adding an escape, a duck under takedown and another tilting near fall prior to putting out Symanski's fire with a grapevine and a Jacob's hook pinning combination in 3:12.

With the score now 23-18 in favor of the Blue Devils, 152-pounder Onur Tezucar decided to add a cushion. Within seven seconds Tezucar trampled Travis Ratree with a double-leg takedown, then cranked him with a corkscrew pinning maneuver by the time :21 ticked off the clock.

At 152, Mike Kivetz gave the fans their money's worth by sitting on the high side of a 17-13 decision over Cougar Bill Bennett. Kivetz scored on a takedown, three reversals and three near falls while Bennett scored four reversals and two near falls.

Tom Hanscom at 160 boosted the Blue Devils' lead to 38-18 after ripping Rob Enriquez with a lateral drop and flattening him in 1:01. Next, Mike Baly at 171 and Richard Hatfield at 189, both seniors, received forfeits to put the match in the Blue Devils' hands.

Rugged 215-pound Cougar Pat Ekstrom improved his record to 14-1 by smothering Brian Williams in :14. The Cougars forfeited the heavyweight bout by opting not to wrestle state third-place medalist Nik Fekete.

WEIGHTBREAKDOWN:

- 103: — Mike Sawicki (W) p. Dan Genovese, 5:24
- 112: — Adam Sylvester (C) p. Dan Sawicki, 1:58
- 119: — Rob Verhoeven (C) won by forfeit
- 125: — Dan Todd (W) vs Florio Hawkins, 16-1, 5:00
- 130: — Jeff Kivetz (W) p. Mike Carbone, 2:40
- 135: — James Seeman (C) p. Francisco Vasquez, 2:59
- 140: — Nick Friedman (W) p. Chris Szymanski, 3:12
- 145: — Onur Tezucar (W) p. Travis Ratree, :21
- 152: — Mike Kivetz (W) d. Bill Bennett, 17-13
- 160: — Tom Hanscom (W) p. Rob Enriquez, 1:01
- 171: — Mike Baly (W) won by forfeit
- 189: — Rich Hatfield (W) won by forfeit
- 215: — Pat Ekstrom (C) p. Brian Williams, :14
- Hwt: — Nick Clark (W) won by forfeit

GEWIRTZ SINKS SEVEN 3-POINTERS

Knights Cagers Lance Raider Boys, 62-57

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

A different style of game was presented by the Irvington High School boys' basketball team to the Raiders and the strategy worked, as the Blue Knights came away with a 62-57 victory in Scotch Plains on January 28. Rare outside shooting by Mario Porter, along with his usually superb inside shooting, marked the demise of the Raider boys.

Irvington attempted to intimidate the Raiders early, and were successful at hitting some three pointers. Porter hit one of his two three-point shots in the first quarter against the Raiders' zone defense. The Raider offense started a little sluggish, but kept within range, as the Knights took a 16-12 first-quarter lead.

Offensively, the Raiders changed their strategy early in the second quarter, when they started scoring with quick inside layups. Ben Martinez slicked through the Knights' defensive armor with a layup; then Don Patterson followed suit with a layup, and finally Jeff Feighner sliced in for a layup.

Later in the second quarter, Dave Gewirtz hit one of his three-point shots;

then Doug Bishop battled underneath, grabbing two offensive rebounds in a row before scoring himself. The Raiders had outscored the Blue Knights, 17-14, to narrow their lead to one by the half.

The Raiders, trying to catch up, just could not figure out how to handle Porter, especially in the final quarter when he fired in 12 of his game-high 32 points. Porter's hot hand lifted the Blue Knights to a 16-12 edge in the quarter.

Gewirtz hit an astounding seven three-point shots to total 21 for the afternoon. Feighner and Patterson scored 14 points each, while Bishop and Martinez had four points apiece. The Raiders slipped to 11-3, while the Blue Knights jumped to 7-6.

Before the game, Head Coach Willie Leonard stated, "We plan to use a zone defense against them to start. We may switch to man-to-man later if needed." Also prior to the game, Leonard related his thoughts about Bishop. "He is the unsung hero of the team because he is known for his defensive skills instead of his offense. He will stick like glue to the toughest kid on the team."

Irvington	16	14	16	16	62
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	12	17	16	12	57

Blue Devils, Raiders Rate High on Swimming List

Several Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girl and boy swimmers have recorded times which rank among the state's highest. The Blue Devil girls penetrated the Top Swimming Performance list in three events, and the Raider girls and boys were listed in four events.

Brooke Smith of the Blue Devils recorded the fourth-best time in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:08.81, while the foursome of Abby Coxson, Jesse Coxson, Heidi Schoenemann and Smith ranked among the highest in the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays. The foursome recorded the fourth-highest total of

3:49.59 in the 400 and recorded the fifth-best time of 1:45.49 in the 200.

Raider Beth Tumelo turned in the fifth-highest total in the one-meter dive at 198.76. Dave Russ of the Raiders turned in the sixth-best times in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle with respective times of :22.68 and :49.65.

The Raider 400-yard relay team of Steve Berkowitz, Jeff Wagner, Charlie Rowe and Ian Doebber recorded the third-best time in the state with a total of 3:24.34.

As of February 1, the Westfield High School girls' swimming team has been ranked second in the state by *The Star-Ledger* and the boys have been ranked ninth.



William A. Burks for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BLOCKING THE SHOT...Blue Devil junior Tom Langdon, No. 50, palms the ball and prevents an East Side player from shooting. Blue Devil Rob McCullam, No. 15, also attempts to block the shot. Newark East Side defeated the Blue Devils 66-5 in Westfield on January 29. See additional picture on page 14.

Westfield Devil Icemen Slip Beneath Summit and TRN

By ANDREW CAMBRIA
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Coming off of a difficult 6-2 loss to Summit on January 27, the Westfield High School ice hockey team suited up again on January 28 to battle Toms River North. The Blue Devils dropped to a 10-8 record, as they were defeated by a score of 7-5.

The Blue Devils underwent a series of lineup changes, which included Eric Lund getting his second start in goal. Lund, a junior, who got a late start to his season

because of a knee injury, filled in for starting goalie Brian Garrison, who was out with an injured thumb.

As for the other lineup changes, Blue Devil Head Coach Brian LaFontaine shuffled things up on the forward and defensive lines. LaFontaine's adjustments proved to help the team, as the Blue Devils generated more offense against Toms River North.

The old first line of Ronnie Kashlak, Josh Falcone and Brandon Kape got switched to Kashlak, Kape and Mike

Byrd, the newcomer from Canada who lived just inside the Arctic Circle. Byrd, who often ice skated to school in Canada, was able to help the first line produce points. The second line was changed to Falcone, Brendon Hickey and Eric Schoenburg. Hickey and Schoenburg moved up from defense, and Brad Schwartz dropped back to defense.

When asked about the team's play in the last two games, Kashlak said, "Tuesday night against Summit, we were totally flat. Against Toms River North we came out physical and simply played better. Compared to Tuesday night, we played a better game."

The Blue Devils started strong against Toms River North, as freshman standout Brandon Kape worked through the defense for a breakaway. While charging the net, Kape was being taken down, but managed to make a sensational behind-the-back pass to find Kashlak in the slot, who fired in the first goal of the night. Toms River North answered immediately with three unanswered goals to make the score 3-1 at the end of the first period.

Fifty-two seconds into the second period, Toms River North netted their fourth goal. The Blue Devils then picked up a power-play goal scored by Kashlak. Each team notched one more goal apiece, to make the score 5-3, with one period left to play.

The Blue Devils went down, 6-3, but refused to give up, as Kape assisted Kashlak for two goals, closing the score to 6-5. The Blue Devils played great hockey to keep the game close for most of the period.

With one minute remaining, goalie Eric Lund was pulled to get an extra skater on offense. Falcone was sent as an extra skater, but the Blue Devils gave up an empty-net goal and lost a 7-5 heartbreaker.

Kashlak said, "In terms of the playoffs, lately our play has been suffering a lot. If we want to make an impact on the playoffs and achieve our goals, we need to step up our play."



RACING FOR THE PUCK...Senior forward Ian Wolkoff (No. 17 in dark uniform) races an opponent for the puck, in last week's game against Summit at Warinanco Rink in Roselle Park. Despite their best efforts, Westfield lost, 6-2.

BLUE DEVILS COME IN SIXTH Raider Boys Grab 3rd Place in County Track

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' track team ran its way to a third-place finish and the Westfield High School boys came in sixth in the Union County Indoor Track and Field Championships held at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth on January 28. The Raiders totaled 49 points, and the Blue Devils totaled 18 in the championships which were won by Elizabeth High School with 70.

Raider Karl Jennings ran away with a first in the 60-yard high hurdles with a time of :07.4, and teammates Blair Woodward at :07.8 and Adam Bowser at :08 placed third and fifth, respectively. Jennings at 6'4" and Bowser at 5'10" also placed third and sixth, respectively, in the high jump. Bowser also took fourth in the 440-yard run, with a time of :55.5.

Raider Lau' renn McDaniel zipped across the finish line in :06.7, to take third

in the 60-yard dash. Anthony Davis of Plainfield grabbed first in the event at :06.4.

The Raider one-mile relay team of McDaniel, Dan Harrison, Ben Lee and Jennings grabbed third with a time of 3:45, and the Blue Devil foursome of Steve Dennis, Dave Geissler, Seth Augenstein and Bill Zacher snagged fifth with a time of 3:55.3.

Blue Devil Gordon Kaslusky placed second at 10:33.4 in the two-mile run behind Tim Styler of Cranford, who finished in 10:11. Kaslusky also seized fourth in the mile run with a time of 4:45.9, and Raider James Canterbury crossed at 4:52.9 to take sixth. Styler won the event in 4:40.

Raider Dan Loomis shoved his way to a fourth in the shot put with a toss of 45'5", and Blue Devil Greg Gorski pushed a sixth at 44'1". Frank Lanni and Mark Matthews of the Blue Devils tied for sixth in the 880-yard run with times of 2:12.6.

Devil Cagers Rock Rahway Boys

Lamont Turner nailed 14 of his 24 points in the second half, to lead the Blue Devils over the Indians, 55-42, in Rahway on January 27. Maurice Boatwright got all nine of his points in the second half.

Pete Anzelone hit for 13; Greg Freisen scored six; Dan Sabreen added two, and Martin Seimoniet had one point.

Westfield (7-6)	12	7	17	19	55
Rahway (2-12)	9	9	11	13	42

David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LOOKING TO PASS TO MARTINEZ...Raider senior Don Patterson, center, prepares to pass the basketball to teammate Ben Martinez during the game with Irvington. The Blue Knights were on and defeated the Raiders 62-57 on January 29 in Scotch Plains. See additional picture on page 14.

FEIGHNER FIRES IN 11 POINTS Raider Cagers Shock Bloomfield Tech Girls

The charged up Raider girls' basketball team electrified the fans and jolted the Bloomfield Tech High School girls with only their second loss of the season by shocking them 31-30 in Scotch Plains on January 27. Senior Kate Vanderheyden provided the final voltage by zapping a free throw with :19 remaining in the game.

The Raiders held a 15-14 edge at the half, and added two more points to their lead by the end of the third quarter. Bloomfield Tech crept back to tie the game in the final minute.

Katie Feighner led the Raiders with 11 points and Kate Vanderheyden hit for five points, while Jeannie McCoy, Bianca Gray and Christine Bowers added four points

apiece. Samantha Kanarek had three points.

The Raiders improved to 4-10, while Bloomfield Tech was knocked to 9-2.

Bloomfield Tech	7	7	6	10	30
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	8	7	8	8	31



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CRUNCHING CRADLE...Raider 145-pounder Luke Cerchio, ARM BAR AND WRIST...Raider Josh Ricca, top, controls right, crumbles Minuteman Julio Martinez into a bout-ending cradle. Cerchio got the pin in 5:04.



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GRABEL, RICCA AND CERCHIO INSPIRE THE FANS

Minutemen Matmen Escape; Slide Past the Raiders, 36-29

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

A battle for third-place ranking in Union County was taken to the very last bout before it could be decided and the Elizabeth High School wrestlers avoided being knocked out of that slot by squeezing a 36-29 victory over the Raiders in Scotch Plains on January 28.

Sophomore 103-pounder Dave Loewinger took complete control of Bobby Ward and had him kicking and squirming to avoid getting pinned. Seventeen seconds into the third period, Loewinger accumulated five team points with a 16-0, technical fall.

After the Minutemen took a 6-5 lead with a fall at 1:12, Raider Charlie Tripet dropped a hard-fought, 8-4 decision to Gabe Fonseca at 1:19.

The Minutemen jumped to a 15-5 lead after the 125-pound bout, but Raider Tony Melendez soon snuffed out the Minutemen's run by flattening Charlie Hill in 1:25. Manuel Villaba handed the Minutemen a 21-11 lead with a third-period fall and the Raiders needed to turn the tide.

The real inspiring bout was about to begin, junior Josh Ricca at 152 was taken down by Minuteman Dennis Osby in the first period but worked his way free for an escape. Things looked dim when Osby caught Ricca with a lateral drop and knocked out to his back to pick up five additional points.

Down 7-1, Ricca woke up, got an escape, then threw Osby with a blazing fireman's takedown, closing the score to 7-4. Later, from the neutral position in the third period, Ricca zapped Osby with another fireman's takedown, but Osby escaped to make the score 8-6.

Time was running out and Ricca needed to score several points quickly. Boom! It happened. Ricca charged Osby, hit him with another fireman's takedown and whipped him to his back to pick up two back points as time ran out. The final score turned out 10-8 in Ricca's favor. The crowd roared as the Raiders took the lead 23-21.

"I was down 7-1. Coach Bello started screaming at me and I had to get things going," chuckled Ricca. "Then, I got three fireman's takedowns."

Raider Matt Oley held a 6-4 midway through the second period in his 160-pound bout, but Minuteman Larry Ward battled back with a reversal, two takedowns and a near fall to grab a 13-7 decision. The Minutemen also won the 171-pound bout to take a 30-23 lead.

Another pivotal bout occurred at 189, where Raider Tony Zardecki took it to overtime with Perrie Holmes, but was taken down and the 4-2 victory added three

team points to the Minutemen's score. In a bout that ended before it could get rolling, Raider Frank Thorne was awarded the victory when his opponent Ismael Medley was disqualified for illegal use of teeth.

It all came down to the final bout. The Minutemen had a 33-29 lead. The Raiders needed a technical fall or a pin to win. Heavyweight Jim Feeley, aware of the pressure, furiously went after his opponent Paul Hill, flicking him to his back on several occasions; however, each time, the throws were out-of-bounds and no points were awarded. The cautious Hill chose the neutral position in the second period and neither wrestler could take the other down.

In the third period, Feeley had little choice but to take the top position and attempt to roll Hill on his back for the needed pin. Hill took advantage of Feeley's desperation, escaped, then added a takedown. Down 3-0, Feeley escaped and blasted Hill with a double-leg takedown to tie the score. Just before time ran out, Hill got away and the Minutemen escaped with the victory.

- WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
103: — Dave Loewinger (SPF) vs. Bobby Ward, 16-0, 4:17
112: — Jamar Walker (E) vs. John Haggan, 3:50
119: — Gabe Fonseca (E) vs. Charlie Tripet, 8-4
125: — Keenan Stockling (E) vs. P. A. J. Romeo, 2:20
130: — Tony Melendez (SPF) vs. Charles Hill, 1:25
135: — Manuel Villaba (E) vs. Mike Natale, 3:55
140: — Mike Grabel (SPF) vs. Ralph Chavanne, 6-3
145: — Luke Cerchio (SPF) vs. Julio Martinez, 5:04
152: — Josh Ricca (SPF) vs. Dennis Osby, 10:8
160: — Larry Ward (E) vs. Matt Oley, 13-7
171: — Vyens Gerlin (E) vs. Eric Viscardi, 2:38
189: — Perrie Holmes (E) vs. Tony Zardecki, 4-2, OT
215: — Frank Thorne (SPF) won by disqualification
Hwt: — Paul Hill (E) vs. Jim Feeley, 4-3



William Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LEAPING FOR THE REBOUND...Tom Langton, No. 50, and Greg Freisen, No. 31, of the Blue Devils leap to grab the rebound before the Newark East Side player can snag it.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-5296-96
CIVIL ACTION
NOTICE TO REDEEM
FUNB as Custodian for DH Associates, Plaintiff(s), v. Joseph Petrucci and Mrs. Joseph Petrucci, his wife; John D. Zaccaro; Railroad Roofing and Building Supply Company, Inc.; Rahway Towne and Country Condominiums Inc.; Overlook Hospital; Defendant(s).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on the 15th day of January 1998, the Superior Court Fixed the 19th day of March 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 Rahway, located at City of Rahway Tax Collector, City Hall - 1 City Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey 07065, 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. 2, Block No. 152, on the tax duplicate of the City of Rahway. Total amount required to redeem is \$76,224.88, together with interest from November 14, 1997 and costs.

McKEON PROVIDES OFFENSE; DEVITT REBOUNDS

Lady Blue Devils Take Two; Bounce Rahway, East Side

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

The Westfield High School girls' basketball team continued its winning ways this week with victories over the Rahway Indians and Newark East Side. The Blue Devils improved their record to 10-3 with the two wins.

On January 27, the Blue Devils beat the Indians for the second time this season, winning 40-25. The Devils went to work early on the Indians who were looking to avenge the previous beating from the Devils early in the season.

Junior Liz McKeon scored six points in the first quarter to fuel the Blue Devil fire. By the end of the first quarter the Blue Devils managed to gain a vast lead of 14-4.

In the second quarter, the Blue Devil offense kept up their deadly scoring attack. Midway through the quarter McKeon struck for four more points with two pull-up jumpers. Senior Suzanne Vinegra also contributed four points to increase Westfield's lead to 22-4. Rahway continued to experience backcourt trouble with seniors Megan Devitt and Vicki Nusse combining for three blocked shots and four steals. Senior Heather Simpson also knocked out a fine defensive performance, seizing two steals and blocking a pass.

The Blue Devils' offense got shaky in the third quarter and began to fall apart. The Blue Devils had a difficult time penetrating the Indian full-court press and turnovers continued to slow them down.

The defense was lacking some muscle as well. The Indians had an easier time driving to the basket and went on a 10-2 spurt. Nusse decided to take matters into her own hands and dribbled coast to coast for a desperately needed lay-up; however, the Indian raids continued as they pounded in an additional four points before the end of the quarter to cut the Blue Devils' lead to six.

The scare in the third quarter shocked the Blue Devil offense to action in the fourth quarter as they began to play with zest and enthusiasm. Nusse and Vinegra hit two foul shots apiece and Devitt threw in two layups to put the score out of reach.

McKeon finished with 14 points while Vinegra, Nusse and Devitt struck eight points each and Melissa Franz added two. The Indians slumped to 2-10 with the loss.

Devitt said, "I thought that the offense played an all around good game. In the third quarter the offense was a little unsettled but it was overall a good team victory."

On January 29, the Blue Devils traveled to Newark to take on Newark East Side. McKeon's steady hand and deadly shot accuracy earned her 21 points and Megan Devitt pulled in 14 rebounds as the Blue Devils won by a score of 51-40.

Westfield jumped out to an early 8-0 during the first five minutes of play. McKeon netted four points, all of which were jump shots. The Westfield defense stood tall and held East Side to only three points all quarter. By the end of the first quarter, the Blue Devils led 8-3.

In the second quarter, Westfield battled to a 12-12 stalemate with East Side. Devitt registered a strong quarter as she threw in six points and grabbed five rebounds. The Blue Devils went into the locker room at half time nursing a 20-15 lead.

Things cooled a bit for the Blue Devils in the third quarter. The offense struggled against the strong East Side full court press and scored only 10 points. Vinegra accounted for five of the points, however, the Blue Devils held East Side to only eight points and increased their lead to 30-23 at the quarter's end.

The Blue Devils came out strong and

ready to play in the fourth quarter. McKeon nailed a beautiful fade away jumper and a strong power lay-up to send Westfield on a 10-2 gallop. Later, with three minutes remaining, East Side threatened to take the lead as they went on a surge of the own, scoring eight consecutive points. The Devil girls tightened and held on to win.

McKeon led all scorers with 21 points as Vinegra contributed 12. Devitt tossed in 10 points and Nusse had eight.

Vinegra said, "We had a lot of players step up and play solid defense and I think that was the main reason why we won. We also had a slight height advantage and were able to control the offensive and defensive boards."

Table with 5 columns: Team, 4, 5, 12, 4, 25. Rows: Rahway, Westfield, Westfield, Newark East side.

Blue Devil Boys Sight No. 42 UC Swim Title

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

Dynasties, as they once existed in sports, are virtually anachronistic now. Or are they?

For the last 41 years in a row, from the old Edsels to Windows 95, the Westfield High School boys' swim team has won the Union County Swimming Tournaments each and every year.

Can they make it 42 this weekend in Elizabeth?

"That's why we're a little nervous," conceded Westfield Coach Martha Heintzelman. "There's a little pressure, and the seniors want to keep it going. It'll be a really good meet. Scotch Plains Fanwood has some really good core swimmers, and so do we. It should all make for some good races."

Prior to a scheduled home meet with St. Joseph's of Montvale on February 3, the Blue Devils stood at 11-2 on the season, including a 113-56 win in Elizabeth on January 30.

That began with the 200-medley-relay squad of Coley Lechner, Matt Vidovich, Rob Myers and Kyle McCloskey taking first place in 1:59.26. Matt Cahill's win-

ning time of 2:07.44 in the 200-freestyle events brought the Blue Devils more points.

And while Westfield wasn't as successful in the 200-individual medley, Lechner's time of 5:51.24 in the 500-freestyle and Cliff Haldeman's time of 1:08.32 in the 100-yard butterfly clearly shifted the momentum in the Blue Devils' direction.

In the 200-freestyle relay, Haldeman, Turner Yevich, Paul Turner and Scott Kautzmann won with a timing of 1:44.44, and McCloskey followed that up by winning the 100-backstroke in 1:06.54.

Westfield was able to ice it when Myers placed first in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:10.77; the 400-freestyle relay team of Scott Kautzmann, Matt Cahill, Chris Driscoll and Haldeman closed it with a winning time of 3:59.88.

The Blue Devil boys will wrap up their regular season at home against Linden today. In fact, with the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJISAA) quarterfinals slated to begin on February 10, there's obviously a lot for Westfield to do.

Presently, only one thing matters first and foremost for Heintzelman's team: this Saturday's UCT in Elizabeth.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
READY TO MAKE A MOVE...Raider Jeff Feighner, left, waits for Blue Knight No. 00 to commit himself before making his break toward the basket.

Raiders Hit a Ruddy Road; Lose to Hillside Boys, 68-60

Terrell Ruddy fired in 18 points in the final quarter to prevent any chance of a comeback as the Hillside High School boys' basketball team threw the Raiders off the road to victory, 68-60, in Scotch Plains on January 31.

Neither team could gain a major offensive edge, but Hillside managed to outscore the Raiders by either one or two points in each of the first three quarters. Hillside's

ability to hit 14 of 16 foul shots also was a determining factor in keeping the momentum on their side.

Jeff Feighner led the Raiders in scoring with 21 points and teammate Dave Gewirtz struck for 16 points which included two three-pointers. Don Patterson hit for 11 points. Ben Martinez nailed seven. Doug Bishop added four and Steve Simms had one point.

Table with 5 columns: Team, 14, 17, 15, 22, 68. Rows: Hillside (8-7), Sc Pl-Fwd (11-4).

Watching Conference:

Table with 3 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows: Girls Basketball (Jan 26-29), American Division (As of Jan 25), National Division.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12731-97.
JAMES STEIN, GERALDINE RUSSELL AND JANET YOUNG, PLAINTIFF vs. MELINDA SLEDGE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-2243-97.
UNION PLANTERS NATIONAL BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. THOMAS BATTLE, DELORES BATTLE/H/W STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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SPOTTING THE PUCK...Senior Ian Wolkoff (No. 17) heads for the puck, while his Hun opponents also are preparing for the chase. The Blue Devils lost to Hun, 8-1, at Iceland Rink in Princeton.

Voorhees Cagers Defeat Lady Vikings, 44-34

The Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team was unable to deny the Voorhees girls their 10th-straight victory as the Vikings fell 44-34 in Scotch Plains on January 31.

Katelin Johnson zipped Voorhees to a 14-9 first-quarter lead by punching in six of her game-high 16 points. At the half, the Vikings trailed by only one point, but Voorhees zoomed comfortably ahead as

Johnson and Jamie Bleck went on an offensive spree.

Viking Devin McDonald did quite well, scoring 15 points and pulling in 12 rebounds. Jen Britton struck for 12 points. Lisa Lott sank four points. Katie Santo added two and Jessica Ballweg contributed one point.

Voorhees (12-2)	14	6	9	15	44
Un Catholic (9-4)	9	10	4	11	34

Farmer Hoopsters "Knox" Union Catholic Boys, 71-40

Farmer LaForest Knox hit for 19 points to lead the Union High School boys' basketball team to a convincing 71-40 win over the Union Catholic High School boys on January 31.

With the punch of Knox, the Farmers jumped to a 21-8 first-quarter lead. Things settled down somewhat in the next two quarters; however, the Farmers blew the Vikings apart in the final quarter,

outscoring them, 22-7. Carlos Jefferson led the Vikings with 13 points. Quentin Jordan followed with 12 and Edwin Hilton had 11 while Khalif Smith and Frantzuo Simon added two points each.

Un Catholic (5-10)	8	14	7	11	40
Union (13-2)	21	17	11	22	71

County Wrestling Results:

January 26:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (7-4) 57, Shabazz 15

WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
 103: — David Loewinger (SPF) p. Esay Crowley, 1:04
 112: — Omar Eoule (S) d. Mike Loewinger, 2:1
 119: — Charlie Triplet (SPF) won by forfeit
 125: — A. J. Romeo (SPF) p. William Parks, 2:45
 130: — Tony Melendez (SPF) lf. Naem Milner, 20:5, 5:18
 135: — Mike Natale (SPF) p. Levi Benham, 1:34
 140: — Marc Ricca (SPF) p. Raashon Reynolds, 5:38
 145: — Luke Cerchio (SPF) p. Tony Daye, 1:11
 152: — Josh Ricca (SPF) md. Ron Jones, 21:52
 160: — Matt Oley (SPF) d. Marlon Benjamin, 4:0
 171: — Michael Scott (S) p. Eric Viscardi, 2:37
 189: — Tony Zardecki (SPF) d. Johnne Cloff, 6:3
 215: — Frank Thorne (SPF) Sebastian Dickson, 5:14
 Hwt: — Greg White (S) p. Jim Feeley, 5:4

January 28:
 Roselle Park (13-0) 66, Governor Livingston (5-7) 8

Irvington 72, Plainfield 6

Johnston (6-3) 36, New Providence (1-5) 30

Rahway 36, Kearny 27
 130: — Dave Cordoba (K) d. Shawn Stueber, 8:6

January 30:
 Manville (7-2) 54, Governor Livingston (5-7) 20

Elizabeth 42, Irvington 33

Rahway 60, Linden 10

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (9-5) 60, Plainfield 10
 103: — John Haggan (SPF) p. Kevin Hatcher, 1:07
 119: — Charlie Triplet (SPF) p. Mark Fleming, 3:00
 125: — James Strimbridge (P) d. A. J. Romeo, 13:9
 130: — Rob Turner (P) d. Mike Triplet, 4:0
 160: — Jason Howard (P) md. Chris Stiglitz, 14:4
 171: — Eric Viscardi (SPF) p. Victor Hammond, 1:14
 189: — Tony Zardecki (SPF) md. Breon Love, 13:3
 215: — Frank Thorne (SPF) d. Shamell Tunell, 9:7 0T
 Hwt: — Jim Feeley (SPF) tf. Rohan Bourne, 21:6, 5:54

January 31:
 Roselle Park 51, Cranford 24
 189: — Nik Fekete (C.) p. Nick Tokarski, 1:52
 Hwt: — Pat Ekstrom (C.) p. Mike Munoz, 4:50

New Providence 50, Brearley 25

Johnson 65, Ridge 11

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RESOLUTION NO.: 78-98
AWARDED TO: New Jersey Natural Energy, 1305 Campus Parkway, Suite 204, Wall, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide heating gas at Rumlins Specialized Hospital.
PERIOD: To commence January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.
COST: For a total amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

Raider Girls Beat Irvington, 23-15

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' basketball team won its second game in a row, by stopping the Blue Knights, 23-15, in Irvington on January 29. Katie Feighner continued her offensive spree, leading all scorers with eight points.

Raider Samantha Kanarek contributed six points; Kate Vanderheyden scored three, while Christine Bowers and Bianca Gray added two each. Jeanie McCoy and Najwa Glover had one point apiece for the Raiders, which improved to 5-10.

Scotch Plns-Fnw	6	3	6	8	23
Irvington	4	0	2	9	15

Minutemen Down U C Boys, 54-41

A 17-point flash of scoring in the second quarter by the Minutemen foretold the fate of the Union Catholic High School boys' basketball team, as the Minutemen went on to turn back the Vikings, 54-41, in Elizabeth on January 29.

Quentin Jordan and Carlos Jefferson fired in 16 points each for the Vikings. Anthony Darrell had three points, and Khalif Smith, Frantzuo Simon and Eric Conrad added two points apiece for the Vikings.

Elizabeth improved to 5-9 and Union Catholic slipped to 5-9.

Union Catholic	12	9	12	8	41
Elizabeth	14	17	11	12	54

Watching Conference:

Boys Basketball:
 January 29:
 Linden 57, Rahway 49
 Linden (8-7) 18 14 9 16 57
 Rahway (2-11) 11 13 18 7 49
 Cranford 70, Plainfield 68
 Cranford (9-6) 15 15 16 24 70
 Plainfield (8-5) 15 25 12 16 68

January 31:
 Bridgewater 62, Plainfield 35
 Plainfield (8-6) 10 7 5 13 35
 Bridgewater (12-2) 19 10 17 16 62

American Division (As of January 26)

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Union	9	1	.900
Plainfield	6	2	.750
Linden	5	4	.556
Elizabeth	4	4	.500
Irvington	4	5	.444
Kearny	0	8	.000

National Division

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Newark East Side	7	1	.875
Scotch Plns-Fnw	6	1	.857
Westfield	4	5	.444
Cranford	2	5	.286
Shabazz	2	6	.250
Rahway	2	6	.250
Union Catholic	2	6	.250

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RESOLUTION NO.: 79-98
AWARDED TO: Alliant Food Service, 2101 91st Street, North Bergen, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide comprehensive food and chemical procurement and inventory system at Rumlins Specialized Hospital.
PERIOD: To commence January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.
COST: For a total value not to exceed \$620,000.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

Raider Swimmers Take Plainfield and Wardlaw

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

Having beaten both Plainfield, 64-30, and then Wardlaw-Hartridge, 102-68, on January 27 and 30, respectively, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School swimming team's record now stands at 7-0.

In other words, the Raiders, who some feel have a chance to seriously challenge neighboring Westfield in the Union County Tournament this Saturday, February 7, at Dunn Center in Elizabeth, would appear to be in mid-season form.

"Yes, I'm very pleased with where we are right now," Raiders coach Jessica Hulnik said.

Indeed, Scotch Plains has usually gotten good results from its 200-medley squad, and that was certainly the case in the win over Wardlaw. The quartet of Steven Berkowitz, David Russ, Jeff Wagner and Ian Doebber acted as table-setters by recording a winning time of 1:46.78.

"We've been doing really well with our 200-medley relay this year," said Hulnik, who left open this weekend's lineup possibilities, not wishing to commit in print just yet.

For example, Doebber can swim effectively in the 200-freestyle, even though he wasn't penciled in that spot against either Plainfield or Wardlaw-Hartridge. But he swam an impressive 2:06.59 to win the 200-individual medley against Wardlaw-Hartridge.

In the 200-freestyle, Charlie Rowe tried like crazy to overtake Wardlaw's Ryan Hegna, but the latter won out, 1:49.37 to 1:54.01, to win the event.

But Berkowitz's time of 5:29.56 was enough to win the 500-freestyle for the Raiders which then went on to win the 200-freestyle relay in 1:38.77. The quartet of Rowe, Chris Smith, Chris Gawryluk and Jeff Wagner got the win with a well-deserved effort.

Meanwhile, Doebber, who is surely one of the main reasons so many are looking forward to Saturday's county meet, won the 100-yard backstroke in :57.68.

And then Chris Swenson won the 100-breaststroke in 1:08.69 to finish the Wardlaw-Hartridge meet.

Also, the quartet of Katie Carr, Shannon McEnelly, Amanda Koscielni and Amy Swenson, swam a 4:27.90 for third place in the 400-freestyle relay against Wardlaw-Hartridge, which won both first and second there.

It should be noted that in last year's county meet, the girls placed third, and the boys came in second, with Westfield, the winners of 41 straight UCT titles, coming out on top both times.

In the counties, Hulnik explained, "The boys swim amongst themselves, with the same holding true for the ladies."
 The Raiders were scheduled to swim at Cranford on February 2, and then will close out the regular season today, at Rahway.



ATTEMPTING THE FIREMAN'S...Blue Devil Nick Friedman ducks under Farmer Seun Ajibade in the 140-pound bout.

Vikings Run Out of Time Against Lady Minutemen

A final quarter comeback by the Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team ran out of time, as the Lady Minutemen hung on to win, 36-35, in Elizabeth on January 29. Dana Solits' layup in the final minute of the game provided the neces-

sary margin for the Lady Minutemen. The Viking girls held a slim 19-18 half-time lead, but their offense tumbled to ice in the third period, as they could only score a chilling two points. In the fourth quarter, the Viking hands began to thaw and their charge began. Jenn Britton blazed a three-pointer and Katie Santo followed with a layup to come within a point; however, the Vikings were unable to gain possession of the basketball in the final :50.

Vikings Devin McDonald struck for 17 points; Kathryn Rooney sank nine points, and Britton finished with seven points. Union Catholic dropped to 9-3, while Elizabeth upped its record to 12-2.

Elizabeth	8	10	8	10	36
Union Catholic	9	10	2	14	35

Girls Softball Sign-Ups To End February 7th

The Girls' Softball League of Westfield will hold its final in-person registration for this spring's softball season on Saturday, February 7. Registration for all divisions will take place from 9 a.m. until noon in the cafeteria of Roosevelt Intermediate School.

All girls who are residents of Westfield in grades 2 through 12, as well as women interested in playing in the Women of Westfield (WOW) Division, are invited to sign up. The registration fee is \$40 for one girl and \$60 for two or more from the same family.

Because an accurate player count is needed to form teams, recruit coaches, and obtain equipment, a \$20 late fee will be applied for late registrations.

For more information about the league, please call Bob Guerrero, at (908) 654-1799; Bill Nicol, at (908) 233-7081; Teri Tracy, at (908) 654-3836, or Tom Kemps, at (908) 233-9261.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 101-98
AWARDED TO: PMK Group, 629 Springfield Road, Kenilworth, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide asbestos management - basement 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors in Annex Building.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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RESOLUTION NO.: 85-98
AWARDED TO: Multi-Care Health Center, 100 Commerce Place, Clark, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide pre-employment physical examinations and other related medical services for all County department/offices/agencies and the Union County Board of Social Services.
PERIOD: For the period commencing January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 87-98
AWARDED TO: Central Medical Services, 2202 Morris Avenue, Suite 303, Union, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide comprehensive administration of the County's Police relative to mandatory Drug and Alcohol testing for employees who are required to possess a commercial drivers license.
PERIOD: For the period commencing January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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DEEP, DEEP TROUBLE...Blue Devil Rich Hatfield has Union Farmer Larry Prather in deep trouble with a double-arm bar pinning combination. Hatfield won his 189-pound bout with a 1:49 pin.

BALY REMAINS UNDEFEATED

Farmer Matmen Dig Up Blue Devil Boys, 55-13

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

A highly improved Union High School wrestling team plowed into Westfield on January and dug up a 55-13 victory over the Blue Devils. The evening featured two overtime upsets and a talented takedown performance by undefeated Blue Devil senior Mike Baly.

The young Farmers collected a fall at 103, a technical fall at 112 and a forfeit at 119 to take an influential, 17-0, lead; however, the successive gathering was not over yet.

Senior Blue Devil Dan Todd appeared to turn the tide around at 125. After receiving a penalty point he took Farmer freshman Jeff Bubnowski down, then whipped him to his back to take a commanding 6-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Bubnowski battled back with a switch reversal in the second period. Bubnowski added another reversal, then picked up a penalty point when Todd threw an illegal figure-four of the head. With the score at 6-5, Todd escaped to go ahead by two, but soon was taken down with a double-leg takedown to knot the score as regulation time ran out. In overtime, Bubnowski slipped under Todd, then spun behind to pick up the 9-7 victory.

The second overtime bout came in the 130-pound class. After a scoreless first period, Farmer Chris Mann scored an escape and a takedown on Devil Jeff Kivetz to take a 3-0 lead into the third period. Kivetz was awarded a penalty point, then added an escape to bring the score to 3-2. Kivetz was penalized one point for an illegal figure-four of the head, then hit a last-second takedown to force the bout into overtime. Mann caught Kivetz off balance and flicked him to his back to pick up the takedown and a two-point near fall and an 8-4 win.

At 135, Farmer Chris Mann amassed five takedowns, a reversal, a penalty point and two near falls to win by an 18-3 technical fall over Blue Devil Francisco Vasquez.

Two very strong and talented wrestlers had a showdown at 140. Blue Devil Nick Friedman was slicked with a single leg takedown from Farmer Seun Ajibade, but soon escaped; however, Ajibade caught Friedman in a lateral drop and picked up five more points.

Ajibade got an escape in the second period to go ahead 8-1, then added a

takedown in the third period while Friedman escaped. Ajibade won a majority 10-2 decision to give the Farmers an overwhelming 31-0 lead.

Tom Hanscom got the Blue Devils on the board with a 7-4 decision over Justin Finnerty at 145. Hanscom score first with a double-leg takedown, but Finnerty evened the score with a reversal. Hanscom nailed Finnerty in a headlock, picking up three points, then Finnerty got a reversal. Hanscom added an escape at the end of the second period and another in the third to pick up the win.

The Farmers won by a majority decision at 152; then Blue Devil Mike Baly at 160 put on a takedown clinic against Barry Stein. Baly collected eight takedowns, using five efficient takedown variations, and walked off the mats with a 16-6 majority decision. At that point, the team score was 35-7.

The next bout, at 159, was won by Blue Devil Rich Hatfield when he pinned Farmer Larry Prather with a double-arm bar in 1:49. The Farmers won the 215 class by forfeit and the heavyweight class by fall.

WEIGHT BREAKDOWN:
 103: — Dare Ajibade (U) p. Mike Sawicki, 1:33
 112: — Mike Yarnell (U) lf. Dan Sawicki, 19:2
 119: — Graham Markel (U) won by forfeit
 125: — Jeff Bubnowski (U) d. Dan Todd, 9:7, 0T
 130: — Rob Mann (U) d. Jeff Kivetz, 8:4, 0T
 135: — Chris Mann (U) lf. Francisco Vasquez, 18:3
 140: — Seun Ajibade (U) md. Nick Friedman, 10:2
 145: — Tom Hanscom (U) d. Justin Finnerty, 7:4
 152: — Dave Pignatore (U) md. Mike Kivetz, 14:6
 160: — Mike Baly (W) md. Barry Stein, 16:6
 171: — Davahan Smith (U) won by forfeit
 189: — Rich Hatfield (W) p. Larry Prather, 1:49
 215: — Chris Rodriguez (U) won by forfeit.
 Hwt: — Mike Lodato (U) p. Nick Clark, 2:19

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RESOLUTION NO.: 93-98
AWARDED TO: Ed Hernandez, 124 Markowitz Street, Carteret, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide 250 hours of Spanish/English counseling for Youth Service Bureau clients and their families at the Youth Service Bureau office in Linden, New Jersey.
PERIOD: For the period commencing January 15, 1998 through December 31, 1998.
COST: These services shall be performed in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich
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 1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$25.50

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Devilfish Win Rematch With Bayonne, 105-98

The Westfield "Y" boys' swim team avenged their recent loss to Bayonne in a rematch that had the Devilfish on the winning end of a 105 to 98 score.

Jon Moscovitz led his team in the individual medley, and Ryan Bartholomew placed first in the 11-12 year olds with a time of 2:47.58. Brian O'Neill and Scott Kautzmann each placed second in their age groups.

Dave Reinhardt turned in a 1:17.19 time in a close race for the 9-10 class 100-yard freestyle, and Sean O'Neill, Greg Matthews and Scott Kautzmann raced for firsts in their events.

In the 50-yard breaststroke, Arthur King led the field with 37.61 in the 11-12 year-old 50-yard event, and Cliff Haldeman led the lanes with 1:07.75 for the 15-18 year-old 100-yard event.

Matt Green was the fastest Devilfish for the U-8 25-yard backstroke. Sean O'Neill took a first with 36.15 in his 50-

yard event, and his brother Brian also finished first in the 13-14 age group.

Westfield held on to a comfortable lead throughout the butterfly event, with Bartholomew and Matthews again flying through their events with 37.94 and with 1:08.84.

The Devilfish never looked back in the relays, as Andres Betancourt, Max Blum, Green and Matt McCurdy swam for the U-8. Kyle Murray, Dan McGrory, Moscovitz and Kevin Smith placed second for the 9-10s, and the team of O'Neill, King, Matthews and John Cottage swept into first for the 13-14 year olds.

Contributing to their team's scores were Dave Shottland, Keith McCloskey, Josh Schoenfeld, Tom Rodriguez, Sam Gurdus, Dave Hedman, Matt Vidovich, Tim Kolenut, Connor Callahan, Diego Betancourt, Jeff Dresely and Rob Myers.

SPF U-11 Eagles Soccer Win N. Plainfield Tourney in OT

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Girls' U-11 Intercity Golden Eagles came in first place at the North Plainfield Tournament held on January 24-25, by winning 3-2 over the Cranford Cobras in double overtime. The Eagles advanced to the championship game by going 2-0-1 on Saturday.

The first match against Roxbury Shocks ended in a 1-1 tie. Roxbury scored early in the first half, but goalies Karen Gassler and Kristin Zyla kept Roxbury scoreless for the remainder of the game. Kelly Rigano tied the game in the second half.

Jenna Balestriere, Elizabeth Elko and Stephanie Sblendorio kept the pressure on Roxbury, but were unable to capitalize. Great defensive efforts from Nina Baker, Elise DeVries and Taylor Montagna helped insure the tie.

The Eagles exploded with five goals against the Watchung Kicks, with goals by Elko, Montagna, Rigano, Sblendorio and

Zyla, and with assists from Nina Baker and Balestriere. Solid goaltending by Gassler and DeVries held the kicks to just one goal.

The Eagles survived a late game attack by the Pacers to advance to the finals. After taking the lead 4-1 from goals by Sblendorio, Zyla, Elko and Balestriere, the Pacers came back to within one but were stopped short by the Eagles' tough defense.

The Eagles scored with four seconds remaining in double overtime, defeating the Cranford Cobras, 3-2. After falling behind 2-0, the Eagles came to within one by a goal from Balestriere, with the assist coming from Baker early in the second half. The Eagles tied the game when Rigano headed the ball into the net late in the second half off an indirect kick.

The score remained tied through the remainder of regulation play and the first overtime. Late in the second OT, Gassler made a game-saving dive and with continued tough defensive efforts by Baker, DeVries and Montagna, further Cobra scores were prevented. Good aggressive play up front by Sblendorio, Elko and Zyla kept the ball in the offensive end. With four seconds remaining in the second OT, Balestriere connected with the game-winning goal off an indirect kick from Zyla to end the game in the Eagles favor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12685-97.

FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ROBERT SPILLMAN, JR.; ROOSEVELT WALKER; JODY PEDERSON, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 3, 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 25TH 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 \$118,851.78. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 153 RACE STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.

Tax Lot No. 910 in Block No. 6. Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 200.44 feet wide by 31.50 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the WESTERLY side of RACE STREET, 242.00 feet from the NORTHERLY side of SOUTH STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$122,022.70 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
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys
406 - J Lippincott Drive
Marlton, New Jersey 08053
CH-753567 (WL)
4 T - 1/29, 2/5,
2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$173.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14700-96.

BROAD NATIONAL BANK, ANATIONAL BANKING ASSOC., ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF vs. ARMANDO OLIVERO AND CECILIA OLIVERO, 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 25TH 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 \$105,155.35. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey:

- BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Madison Avenue 100 feet northery from the northeast corner of Julia Street and Madison Avenue; thence 1) South 69 degrees 31 minutes East 150 feet to a point; thence 2) North 20 degrees 29 minutes East 60 feet to a point; thence 3) North 69 degrees 31 minutes West 150 feet to a point in the easterly line of Madison Avenue; thence 4) along the easterly line of Madison Avenue, South 20 degrees 29 minutes West 60 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

Being also known as 561 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Lot No. 0749 in Block No. 12 on the Tax Map.

There is due approximately the sum of \$107,977.55 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
MARVIN S. FISH, Attorney
Suite No. 6
1300 Route 519
Hope, New Jersey 08874
CH-753579 (WL)
4 T - 1/29, 2/5,
2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$212.16

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RESOLUTION NO.: 128-98

AWARDED TO: Susan B. Fellman, Esq., 313 South Avenue, P.O. Box 485, Fanwood, New Jersey.

SERVICES: To provide additional legal services on behalf of Sheriff's Office. Richard Cederquist in the matter entitled **State v. Faye, et al.**

COST: In an additional amount not to exceed \$5,000, for a new contract amount not to exceed \$7,500.

M. Elizabeth Genievich Clerk of the Board

1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

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RESOLUTION NO.: 81-98

AWARDED TO: Praxair, Inc., P.O. Box 10454, Des Moines, Iowa.

SERVICES: To provide the delivery of portable oxygen and related products to Runnels Specialized Hospital.

PERIOD: To commence January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

COST: For a total value not to exceed \$10,000.00.

M. Elizabeth Genievich Clerk of the Board

1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5184-96.

EDWARD MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. GLENN E. STEVENS INDV AS ADMINR OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN 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.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
SANFORD E. CHERNIN, Attorney
One Eastern Avenue
Somerville, New Jersey 08876
CH-753530 (WL)
4 T - 1/15, 1/22,
1/29 & 2/5/98 Fee: \$159.12



GOLF RECOGNITION AWARD...John R. Turnbull, left, Golf Professional at Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains, was presented with a resolution from the Township of Scotch Plains by Mayor Joan Papan, center, and Councilman Robert Johnson, to congratulate him on his award from the New Jersey Professional Golf Association. This award was given to Mr. Turnbull in recognition of his work with youth, exemplifying ideals and qualities of the individual in providing opportunities and experiences for juniors to learn to play golf. The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission also honored him at a recent public meeting and, as the Pro at the local golf course, he will continue to bring his knowledge and experience to players at the facility.

UCC Plans to Conduct Annual Golf Tourney

The Union County College Foundation will conduct its sixth annual Golf Tournament on Monday, April 27, at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains. A major fundraiser on behalf of students and programs of the community college, the golf tournament is attended by representatives of the educational and business communities, and serves as a social opportunity to forge partnerships between the two.

The day-long event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a buffet luncheon, followed by a shotgun golf start at noon. After several hours of play, participants will attend a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner, an awards presentation and a raffle will begin at 7 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the low gross score, low net score for men and for

women, low net foursome for men and for women, hole-in-one contests, closest to the pin and longest drive.

For those who do not wish to play golf, tickets are available to attend the cocktail reception and dinner only. The Foundation is seeking interested individuals and corporate leaders, who wish to serve on a committee to carry through with plans for the golf tournament. Sponsors also are needed to help underwrite the event and various aspects of it, such as the dinner, cocktail reception, buffet luncheon, golf prizes, golf carts, raffle prizes, corporate foursomes, program, driving range, tees, greens or hazards.

For further information, please call Nadine Brechner, Executive Director of Business and College Development, at (908) 709-7505.

Metuchen-Edison 'Y' Sink FSPY Piranhas, 109-98

Despite another great performance by all the swimmers, the coed Piranhas lost to the Metuchen-Edison "Y," 109-98.

Diane Fitzpatrick and Sarah Quale got the meet off to great start, with a first and third, respectively, in the 9-10 individual

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5047-95.

CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIAM J. DAVIS, JR., ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 20, 1996 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH 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 \$201,442.35.

The property to be sold is located in the BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN SIDE in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 1381 STONY BROOK LANE, MOUNTAIN SIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092.

Tax Lot No. 12 in Block No. 15B. Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 80.00 feet wide by 131.62 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the NORTHWESTERLY side of WOOD VALLEY ROAD AND NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF STONY BROOK LANE.

There is due approximately the sum of \$207,392.50 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
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys
406 - J Lippincott Drive
Marlton, New Jersey 08053
CH-753579 (WL)
4 T - 1/29, 2/5,
2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$171.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9654-96.

EDWARD MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ELIZABETH STINES, 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, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206.

TAX LOT NO. 884, BLOCK NO. 8. NEAREST CROSS STREET: Louisa Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$79,736.01 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF
PARKER, MCCAY & CRISCUOLO (CHERRY HILL), Attorneys
Suite 500, 1701 Route 70 East
P.O. Box 1806
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034
CH-753545 (WL)
4 T - 1/15, 1/22,
1/29 & 2/5/98 Fee: \$159.12

Sparks Gymnast Grab State Level 6 Crown

On January 24, the Scotch Plains Recreation Department-sponsored SPARKS Rhythmic Gymnastics Team captured the New Jersey State Rhythmic Gymnastics Level 6 title in all three age groups.

Senior division competitors Clare Czekaj of Union and Jennifer Alonzo of Scotch Plains placed first and second all around, respectively. Juniors Kristi Gayara and Annmarie Klimowicz of Scotch Plains earned first and second all-around, respectively, while Stephanie King of Scotch Plains and Danielle Henderson of Piscataway earned first and second place all-around in the Children's Division.

For the second year in a row, SPARKS Rhythmic Gymnasts have hosted this highly-competitive Junior Olympic State Meet at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and have come up winners. Rhythmic gymnastics teams came from Delaware and New York, as well as New Jersey. They were vying for the coveted blue ribbons and medals in individual events, in floor exercise, hoop, ball and clubs.

Alonzo and Czekaj tied in floor exercise with Czekaj winning hoop, ball and clubs and Alonzo earning second in the other events. Gayara won individual gold medals in floor exercise, hoop, ball and clubs, while Klimowicz earned second in each event. Children's Division competitor King

brought home the gold in every individual event with Henderson winning the silver in all events.

Level 5 is the beginning level of competition for rhythmic gymnastics and is non-ranked competition with ribbons awarded based on a 1-5 score. When their scores reach a prescribed level, gymnasts are promoted to the competitive Level 6. Scotch Plains-Fanwood residents Jennifer Bauer and Rebecca Bush both earned scores that mandated their promotion to Level 6. Also finding success in their routines was Cecilia Osterman, who competed in the floor exercise, hoop, rope, ball and ribbon events. Emily Everson and Laura Perocco competed in floor exercise and ball.

SPARKS Rhythmic Gymnasts also participated in the newly-formed USA Junior Olympic Group competition. Group members Alonzo, Czekaj, Gayara and King earned the blue ribbon in floor exercise and hoop competition and a team plaque for all-around excellence.

Scotch Plains Recreation Department-sponsored skills classes in rhythmic gymnastics are offered to girls of preschool to high school age at the Towne House in Green Forest Park. For further information on the SPARKS team or rhythmic gymnastics skills classes, please call the Recreation Department at (908) 322-6700.

FSPY Coed Swimmers Win Meet Over Garfield, 105-99

The FSPY Co-ed swim team recorded its 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 barely beating 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 leading in Mary Walsh and Sarah Quale. In the 13-14 group, David Ng came in first and Megan McGillivray came in second, in a close and exciting finish. Amit Doshi and Richard Khan kept the points rolling, with Khan improving his time.

Matt Miller and Emily Kaplowitz got the breaststroke off to a flying start with a great one-two in the U-8. Whitney Smallwood did a good job for the 11-12s and the clock could only put .05 between

Devang Doshi and Shah in the closest finish of the day. For the 15-18s, Chris Wetlesen improved his time, as he eased to another easy win.

Stephen Moonesar, Neil Merchant and Megan Gartner opened the backstroke with a two-three-four finish, respectively, in the U-8 race. Fitzpatrick won the 9-10 race, with Quale snatching second in another close finish. Smallwood improved her time, winning the 11-12 race, and Anthony D'Errico did the same, as he took second after Ng for the 13-14s. Wetlesen also improved his time, as he won the final backstroke race.

In the butterfly, FSPY won every event with Miller, Andrea Molowa, Jessica Schor, Macgillivray and Christine Feury all doing a great job to win their age groups, with Feury improving her time in doing so. Following these great performances, the relay teams were inspired and won all but the 11-12 race, where Garfield just snatched a closely-fought race.

Red Bank Swimmers Edge Fanwood-Scotch Plains Boys

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA boys swim team put together some fine races plus three strong relay victories, but it wasn't enough to get by the Red Bank "Y" on January 24.

In the individual medleys, Jeff Wagner, 16, posted the only Piranha victory, while Eric Swenson was just out-touched in the 11-12 year-old 200-yard I.M., and took second with a personal best time. Brendan Jones and Luke Makowski finished strong with their personal bests as well, swimming the 9-10 lanyard event.

In freestyle, the home squad fared a little better, as Scotty Marino and John Guiffre provided a one-two punch in the 50-yard U-8 race, and David Hauptman and Billy Moates posted their best times to take first and fourth, respectively, in the 100-yard 9-10 freestyle. In the 11-12 100-free, Brian Gartner sprung an exciting, come-from-behind victory on the home crowd, and Chris Leone swam well to his best time. For the seniors, Dave Russ and Chris Karelus nailed down second and third, respectively, in a very tight eight-lap contest.

In breaststroke, U-8 Daniel Livolsi snaggged a victory, while teammate Peter Rucinsky glided to his fastest time. The Swenson brothers provided the backbone to the Piranha offensive in breaststroke, with a series of personal best times: Eric captured a first for the 11-12s;

Stevie took third for the 13-14s, and Chris dug in to take second in the senior age group.

Gordon Peeler, J. Guiffre and Emmett Marsilli of the U-8 group hammered out a one-two-three sweep to open the backstroke events, and Billy Swenson followed with his personal best time to win for the 9-10s. Ryan Hauptman had his best 50-yard backstroke ever, taking first for the 11-12s, and clinching a National top-16 time as well. Harry Chang and Ravin Shah swam solid 100-yard backs to take third and fourth, respectively, for the 13-14s, while Mike Cinkewicz led the FSPY Seniors, placing third with his best time.

S. Marino flew to a first-place finish in the 25-yard butterfly, while John Algarin posted his best time. In a close 9-10 butterfly, D. Hauptman was out-touched and took third, while Devin Gunasekara had his best time taking fifth. R. Hauptman overpowered his opponent to place first in a super 50-yard butterfly, and B. Gartner finished just behind him with his best time. J. Wagner swam the grueling 200-yard butterfly in fine form, to win for the 15-18s.

Winning relays were the U-8 200-free (Guiffre, Peeler, Livolsi and Marino), the 11-12 200 medley (Hauptman, Swenson, Gartner, Siegal) and the 13-14 medley (Chang, Swenson, Calleo, Shah).



PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9506-97.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, A 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.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SUNBURST GYMNASTICS CHAMPS... From the left, kneeling; are: Nicole Pecanec, Julie Kural; standing: Kayla Hoffman, Daniela Palumbo, Amy Behr, Jaqlyn Tumolo, Stacy Osborn and Katie Zaleski.

Sunburst Team Captures USAG Gymnastic Titles

The Sunburst gymnastics team of Union competed in the New Jersey USAG State Championships January 17-18. Sunburst not only had three state champions, but their all-

around scores were the highest out of all other scores in every age division.

Landscape Art On Exhibit at CSH

A show of landscape art is on view now through Thursday, March 5, in the Westfield Art Association Gallery at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Area artists who have contributed to the exhibit are Darsey Hoelzer, Joseph Hulsen, Michael Kane, Linda Higgins Koumaris, Diane Latini, Jean Luce, Connie Mason, Audrey Treacy, Martha Ventura, Joanna Wezyk and Eileen Willoughby.

The gallery can be reached from the ambulance entrance of the hospital from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. A portion of each sale will be donated to the hospital.

In the Level 5 competition, Julie Kinal of Maplewood was crowned the state champion in the all-around. Kinal also was state champion on the vault and floor. On the uneven bars and balance beam, she was second. Nicole Pecanec of Kenilworth was second on the vault, floor and all-around. Pecanec earned the title on balance beam.

In the Level 6 competition 11-year-old division, Katie Zaleski of Fanwood became the uneven bar state champion. Stacy Osborn of Westfield took fourth place honors on the vault.

In the 10-year-old division, Daniella Palumbo of Roselle won the floor, vault and uneven bars, and was also crowned the state all-around champion.

In the 7-9 year-old division, Kayla Hoffman of Union placed third on the vault, second on floor, champion on the balance beam and became the all-around state champion.

Dr. Maria Schmidt Invited To Join Assessment Team

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has invited Westfield High School (WHS) Social Studies Department Chairwoman Dr. Maria Schmidt to participate as a member of

its Teacher Assessment Development Team.

Dr. Schmidt, who also teaches Social Studies at WHS, will be one of



Dr. Maria Schmidt

eight members of this national team, whose selection was based on demonstrated teaching excellence and commitment to the educational profession, according to a school spokesman.

Along with her fellow team members, Dr. Schmidt will work to develop and test assessment tools for Early Adolescence and Young Adulthood Social Studies-History.

The assessments developed by the team will eventually become part of the National Board Certification process for recognizing and rewarding teachers for their professional accomplishments.

Barbershop Quartets To Enter Competition At Roosevelt School

Barbershop harmony quartets from several states will perform in the 37th annual Novice Quartet Contest to be held on Saturday, February 28, at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street, in Westfield.

Sponsored by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., the program has scheduled approximately 15 newly-formed quartets within the Mid-Atlantic District of the singing society to harmonize in competition before an audience.

The Jerseyaires Chorus will also give a brief performance under the direction of Jim Batykefer. The musical show is open to the public. Admission is free.

The Rahway Valley Chapter's funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For more information, please call (908) 233-7188.

TWIN Offers Scholarships For Women's Education

TWIN Management Forum is offering a scholarship program for women to ease the financial burden of a college education.

The scholarship program includes at least two awards of up to \$1,000 each that recipients may use for education-related expenses.

Eligible candidates for the 1998 scholarship award must be women seeking undergraduate education needed for career development or entry/reentry into the workforce.

Candidates must demonstrate financial need and realistic educational goals, and they must be willing to

work with a career mentor if one is assigned.

Applicants should be United States citizens or permanent residents living in an area served by the TWIN Program of Central Jersey including Somerset, Union and Middlesex Counties and portions of Hunterdon, Morris, Essex and Monmouth Counties.

Recent high school graduates do not qualify for the scholarship awards. All applications must be submitted by Friday, March 13, and scholarships will be awarded in June.

Candidates may obtain applications and additional information by writing to the Plainfield/North Plainfield YWCA, Attention Janet Korba, 232 East Front Street, Plainfield, 07060, or by calling Ms. Korba at (908) 756-3836.

The TWIN Management Forum is a network of executive and professional women. Most members have received the Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Award which is given to women who have made significant contributions in their career fields.

The TWIN Program of Central Jersey is locally sponsored by the YWCAs of Plainfield/North Plainfield and Summit.

Wake Forest University Names Local Students To Dean's List for Fall

Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has announced that two Westfield residents were named to the dean's list for the 1997 fall semester.

The students are Matthew Peter Ambrosia and Sarah Jane Gordon, both sophomores at the university.

To be included on the honor roll, area students must achieve the required 3.0 grade point average.



HOLIDAY CHEER... Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 111 of Scotch Plains recently designed and constructed decorations to add holiday cheer for the patients and staff of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Pictured at the presentation, left to right, are: CSH Public Relations Coordinator Janine Casey, Life Scout Andrew Salvati, First Class Scouts Justin Brennan and Kevin Dukelow and Tenderfoot Scouts Peter Miller and Alex Clark.

Local Communities Included On Rahway River Committee

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger that would create a Rahway River Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee was signed into law January 12 by Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

"The committee will comprise representatives from every town along the river and will be charged with restoring, promoting and maintaining the environmental health of the entire Rahway River system," said Assemblyman Bagger.

The committee will include a member from each community and a voting member from Union, Middlesex and Essex Counties.

The Commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, or his designee, also will serve as a non-voting member.

"This new law will really give citizens a chance to act in the best interests of the environment," said Assemblyman Bagger. "This will create a regional approach to solu-

tions for flooding in the Rahway River watershed."

The "river municipalities" in Union County, as designated under the law, will be: Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Linden, Mountainside, Rahway, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Union, Westfield and Winfield.

"River communities" in Middlesex County will be Carteret, Edison and Woodbridge while Essex County designated communities will be Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, South Orange and West Orange.

"The role of the committee will be diverse," Assemblyman Bagger said. "It will be involved in coordinating clean-up efforts, developing regional planning strategies and acting as an advocate for state and federal funding for environmental and flood projects in the area."

Sgt. Randall to Begin Duty at Andrews Base

Air Force Reserve Technical Sergeant Lisa J. Randall has arrived for duty at Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs, Maryland.

Sergeant Randall is a career enhancement technician assigned to the 459th Mission Support Squadron.

She is the daughter of Stuart I. Byrd of Union and Jacquelyn A. Crawley of Westfield.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted: January 29, 1998
 Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service or extraordinary, unспецифический service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 98-98
AWARDED TO: Harbor Consultants, 320 North Avenue, East, Cranford, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide improvements at Wheeler Park, Linden, New Jersey.
COST: In an amount not to exceed \$17,960.00.
 M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CONTRACTOR: Russell K. Sterling, MAI, SCGREA, Schwartz & Associates, Somerville, New Jersey.
NATURE OF SERVICE: Service of a professional appraisal performed by a certified appraiser to determine the fair market value of an approximately 9,500 square foot parcel of municipal property which is located between the Park Avenue driveway entrance to the Township municipal complex and what is now Fagioli Restaurant.
DURATION: Until completion of said appraisal.
AMOUNT: \$2,500.
THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.
 Barbara Riepe
 Township Clerk
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Times Fee: \$20.40

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RESOLUTION NO.: 127-98
INSURANCE: (Renewing) Delta Dental Insurance.
POLICY: To renew the policy on a month-to-month basis.
AMOUNT: The 1998 annual renewal premium is \$595,175.
 M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-2501-97.
CHASE MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., A DELAWARE CORP., F/K/A CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ANSELMA CORONA A/K/A ANSELMA CORONA, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 15, 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 25TH 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 \$187,442.19.
MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth.
COUNTY AND STATE: Union County, State of New Jersey.
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 592 Madison Avenue.
TAX, BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO. 4004, LOT NO. 12
DIMENSIONS: Approximately 110.00 feet by 33.00 feet by 110.00 feet by 33.00 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Approximately 515 feet from Julia Street.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$192,304.34 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

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11253-97.
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. JEFFREY WAYNE TRUITT, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 16, 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 25TH 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 \$103,939.30.
MUNICIPALITY: Westfield.
COUNTY AND STATE: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
STREET AND STREET NO.: 311 Windsor Avenue.
TAX, BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO. 4004, LOT NO. 8
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 133.61 feet by 26.01 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 684 feet from the intersection of Ripley Place.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$106,734.73 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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NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD
 Date Adopted: January 29, 1998
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RESOLUTION NO.: 86-98
AWARDED TO: C.A.R.E., 505 South Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey.
SERVICES: To provide comprehensive assistance and referral services to Union County employees and their families.
PERIOD: For the period commencing January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.
COST: These services shall be performed for an amount not to exceed \$49,900.00.
 M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Leader Fee: \$23.97

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1193-97.
ROOSEVELT BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. RONALD S. MANTON AND ELVA L. TORRES MANTON, HIS WIFE; ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 16, 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 25TH 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 \$120,262.04.
 The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 128-130 LINCOLN AVENUE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS 130 LINCOLN AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07207.
Tax Lot No. 609, in Block No. 13.
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 50 feet wide by 89.48 feet long.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Situate on the SOUTHERLY side of LINCOLN AVENUE, distant 475 feet from the WESTERLY side of CHERRY STREET.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$123,466.83 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

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15211-96.
ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. STANLEY E. BANASIAK, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH 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 \$107,613.60.
MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth.
COUNTY AND STATE: UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 823 Garden Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208.
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: LOT NO. 527, BLOCK NO. 4.
DIMENSIONS: Approximately 37.6 feet by 200.00 feet by 37.6 feet by 200.00 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Grier Avenue is the nearest cross street to the subject property.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$110,508.82 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



A GOOD CAUSE... Ron Oberdick, left, a principal in Pereaux Interior Design of Morristown and Summit, discusses the upcoming AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey auction with Jon Brannick of Westfield, the events auctioneer. The 10th annual auction will be held on Saturday, March 7, at Temple Emanuel-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield, beginning at 6 p.m.

AIDS Benefit Committee Prepares to Host Auction

The AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey (ABCNJ) will host its 10th annual auction on Saturday, March 7, at Temple Emanuel-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the all-volunteer committee's efforts to help people

afflicted with the AIDS virus.

Cocktails, a preview and a silent auction will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. A live auction, along with coffee and dessert, will begin at 8 p.m.

Items including art, antiques and services will be available at the auction. Minimum bids range from \$50 and up.

John Brannick of Westfield, voted the "Funniest Lawyer in New Jersey," will once again serve as auctioneer this year.

ABCNJ was founded in 1986 by Westfield Realtor John DeMarco, a member of Coldwell Banker's "President's Circle International," which is reserved for the top 1 percent of the company's salespeople worldwide.

Among those involved with the committee are Westfield resident Mike Kenny, who became familiar with the work of ABCNJ by managing Temple Emanuel-El, the synagogue where the auction is now held.

Two of his nephews, both hemophiliacs, are HIV positive after having contracted the virus through blood transfusions, according to a spokesman for the organization.

Tickets for the cocktails, dinner and the auction are \$40 each. Individual sponsorships are available for \$75 each. Corporate sponsorships, which include 10 tickets and a listing in the program journal, are available for \$750.

For information about ABCNJ auction tickets, sponsorships or donations, please call Helen or David Walton at (908) 766-7279.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a public hearing on WEDNESDAY, February 18, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey to consider the Minor Subdivision application of William and Jennifer Clancy, 1018 Leland Avenue, who propose to subdivide Block No. 15403, Lot No. 5 into two lots. The applicant has required the granting of several waivers and the following variance:

Lot 5:01 - Section 23-3.4A, Para. C, Col 7 - Front Setback
 Required: 40 feet
 Proposed: 39.83 feet existing
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board offices during regular business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.).
 All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev
 Secretary to the Planning Board
 1 T - 2/5/98, The Times Fee: \$23.97

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a special public hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey to consider the application of Ernest Fantini/Better View Homes which proposes a Major Subdivision of Block No. 15601, Lot No. 18.01, Pheasant Lane.
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board offices during normal business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.).
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1193-97.
ROOSEVELT BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. RONALD S. MANTON AND ELVA L. TORRES MANTON, HIS WIFE; ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 16, 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 25TH 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 \$120,262.04.
 The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 128-130 LINCOLN AVENUE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS 130 LINCOLN AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07207.
Tax Lot No. 609, in Block No. 13.
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 50 feet wide by 89.48 feet long.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Situate on the SOUTHERLY side of LINCOLN AVENUE, distant 475 feet from the WESTERLY side of CHERRY STREET.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$123,466.83 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15211-96.
ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. STANLEY E. BANASIAK, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH 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 \$107,613.60.
MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth.
COUNTY AND STATE: UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 823 Garden Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208.
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: LOT NO. 527, BLOCK NO. 4.
DIMENSIONS: Approximately 37.6 feet by 200.00 feet by 37.6 feet by 200.00 feet.
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 2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$177.48



GOODWILL GESTURE...Westfielder Gerard Boyle, left, a board member of Goodwill Industries of New Jersey, Inc., congratulates James W. Treffinger, Essex County Executive, on being named the recipient of the 1997 Norman Feldman Memorial Award during a recent reception. The award is presented annually to honor an individual for their dedication, leadership and support of Goodwill's mission to train disabled and disadvantaged individuals for competitive employment. The reception raised funds to support existing training programs and to develop new ones.

Arun Netravali Receives Prestigious Science Award

Arun Netravali, a Westfield resident and Vice President of Research at Lucent Technologies' Bell Labs, recently received Japan's distinguished

plained. Lucent Technologies, headquartered in Murray Hill, offers information on its web site at <http://www.lucnet.com>.



Arun Netravali

C&C Prize. He is the 10th Bell Labs researcher to receive this honor. This prestigious award is granted to individuals who are pioneers in the fields of computers and communications technologies, from which the name "C&C" is derived. Mr. Netravali traveled to Tokyo to receive the award, which consists of a certificate, a medal and 10 million yen (approximately \$85,000). It is presented annually by the non-profit Foundation for C&C Promotion, established in 1985.

Mr. Netravali was honored for his pioneering contributions in digital image and video compression technology, according to a spokeswoman for Lucent Technologies.

Products and services made possible as a result of accomplishments by Mr. Netravali and his colleagues include video telephones, desktop video, Internet video and video conferencing and multimedia groupware, as well as digital set-top boxes used in digital network, cable and satellite television.

Mr. Netravali and his Lucent colleagues have also made key contributions to the technology and specifications for high definition television, which will help to usher in the digital television era, the spokeswoman ex-

Barbershop Quartets To Enter Competition At Roosevelt School

Barbershop harmony quartets from several states will perform in the 37th annual Novice Quartet Contest to be held on Saturday, February 28, at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street, in Westfield.

Sponsored by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., the program has scheduled approximately 15 newly-formed quartets within the Mid-Atlantic District of the singing society to harmonize in competition before an audience. The Jerseyaires Chorus will also give a brief performance under the direction of Jim Batykefer. The musical show is open to the public. Admission is free.

The Rahway Valley Chapter's funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For more information, please call (908)233-7188.

Lisa Saunders Named To President's List

Lisa Diane Saunders, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saunders of Westfield, was named to the President's List for the fall semester at Elon College in Elon College, North Carolina.

The President's List is composed of students who made all "A's" in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

The school offers 42 undergraduate majors, as well as master's programs in business, education and physical therapy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to initially bid for the following Project: **Barrier-Free Improvements to Scotch Plains Library and Scotch Plains Municipal Building**. Bids will be accepted by mail or in person at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (ATTN: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until Thursday, February 26, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. At that time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Barrier-Free Improvements to Scotch Plains Library and Municipal Building, Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076." No bid will be received after the time and date specified.

After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except if provided forth herein. The bid of any Bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between Bidder and the Township.

Any questions relating to the Bid Documents must be submitted in writing to the Architect for the project, Mario J. Barone, Jr., A.I.A., M.J. Barone & Associates, P.C., 24 Ellingham Avenue, Jamesburg, 08831 prior to bid submission. All answers will be forwarded to all prospective Bidders who received the Bid Documents. All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Bid Package. Architectural Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Bidders and Proposal Forms may be obtained at M.J. Barone & Associates, P.C. Architecture, Interior Design, Planners, 24 Ellingham Avenue, Monroe Township/Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831, (732) 251-9525 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Plans and Specifications may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per set made payable to "Scotch Plains Township." **No documents will be mailed.** Bids will be made on the Proposal Form in the manner designated herein and required by the Specifications.

Bid proposals and all required docu-

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ments must be completed and submitted by the date set forth above. All documents in the enclosed Bid Package must accompany the bid proposal.

In addition to the above documents, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond issued by a responsible bank, trust company or insurance company, payable to the Township of Scotch Plains shall be submitted with each bid as a guaranty that if a contract is awarded the Bidder shall execute said Contract and furnish the bids required by the Contract Documents ("Bid Security"). The Bid Security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower.

All Bid Security, except the Bid Security of the three (3) apparent lowest responsible Bidder shall, if requested in writing, be returned after ten (10) days from the opening of the bids (Sundays and holiday excepted) and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial informalities, or to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township of Scotch Plains, will be in the best interest of the Township. The Township will evaluate all bids and any award will be made to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid conforms to this solicitation.

The selected Bidder, will, within three (3) days of award of the bid, enter into an appropriate contract with the Township. All Bidders must comply with P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the 'Law Against Discrimination' approved April 16, 1945 (P.L. 1945, Chapter 169)," N.J.A.C. 17:27, as amended from time to time, and the Americans With Disability Act.

Where applicable, prevailing wage rate shall be paid to all workers on the job as per N.J.A.C. 34:11-56, 24 et seq.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY.

Thomas Atkins
Municipal Manager

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk

1 T - 2/5/98, The Times Fee: \$92.31

Pack No. 171 From Wilson Competes in Pinewood Derby

Seventy-seven cub scouts participated in the annual Pinewood Derby on Wednesday, January 28, the premier event of the scouting year. Cub Pack 171 consists of boys from first grade through fifth grade at Wilson School.

Each boy hand made a car from pine wood with his father, then raced it at the big event. The purpose of the race was to learn good sportsmanship, woodworking skills, and to spend some time doing a project with their fathers.

Scouts all over America race against others in their own pack, then the winners go on to race in the Districts, Regionals, and finally in the Nationals.

Dr. Andrew Perry, Principal of Wilson School, volunteered to be the official judge of the race. Scout Leader Alan Chou was the starter; Peter Patel-Schneider was score keeper and assisting were Rick Debbie and Dr. D. Michael Hart.

The winners of each Tiger Den was as follows: Tigers Den No. 1, Kyle Sexton, first, and Andrew Wentz, second; Tiger Den No. 2, Brian Hart, first, and Ross Tucker, second; Tiger Den No. 3, Alex Debbie, first, and Andrew

Flood, second. The overall winner of the Tigers was Brian Hart.

The winners of the Wolves were as follows: Den No. 1, Benny Maimon, first, and Luke Peiffer, second; Den No. 2, Robert Kudla, first, and Bobbie Miller, second; Den No. 3, Ben Hiller, first, and Will Eisenberg, second. The overall winner for the wolves was Robert Kudla.

The winners of the Bears were as follows: Den No. 1, Andrew Patel-Schneider, first, and Garrett Keating, second; Den No. 2, Joey Schurig, first, and Sean Sullivan, second; Den No. 3, Eddie Kane, first, and Scott Dyer, second. The overall winner of the Bears was Andrew Patel-Schneider.

The winners of the Weblos, Grade 4, were: Den No. 1, Ryan Sharkey, first, and Eric Williams, second; Den No. 2, Jack Bogatko, first, and Justin Chou, second.

Weblos, Grade 5, Den No. 1, Anthony Rich, first, and Michael Rubino, second. The overall winner of the Weblos was Anthony Rich.

The winners of each division raced against each other, and in an extremely tight race, Robert Kudla was the overall winner for the entire pack. Trophies were awarded to all of the scouts.



A LIGHTER MOMENT...Woodbridge Mayor James E. McGreevey, last year's Democratic challenger for Governor, makes a point while talking with, from left, Westfield Leader/Publisher Horace C. Corbin, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and former Freeholder and Council designee Carol I. Cohen. Over 150 people attended Sunday's fund-raiser for Mayor Jardim.

Mount Saint Mary Lists Area Honor Roll Students

Thirteen Scotch Plains students and two Fanwood students recently achieved Honor Roll status for the first trimester at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung.

Four of these were named to the Principal's Honor Roll, which requires a straight "A" average. They included Danielle Bousquet, Jennifer Gartner and Jennifer Gates, all of Scotch Plains, and Laura Kalnicky of Fanwood.

Eleven others were named to the Regular Honor Roll, which requires a "B plus" overall average.

These students included Monica Anderson, Kristy Docabo, Lauren

Friend, Sheila Hilliard, Maria Hodges, Nadine Kwiatkowski, Lindsay Lamarre, Kristen Passucci, Elisa Sumanski and Camile Verzosa, all of Scotch Plains, and Diana Rocco of Fanwood.

Terri Wickens Achieves 4.0 Average at Kean

Terri Wickens, a 1992 graduate of Westfield High School, was named to the Dean's List at Kean College of New Jersey in Union for the fall semester.

She attained a 4.0 grade point average. Terri is the daughter of James and Elizabeth Wickens.

Obituaries

Linda A. McKenna, 35, Teacher For Berkeley Heights School System

Linda A. McKenna, 35, of Morristown died on Sunday, February 1, in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Morristown last year.

She graduated from Kean College in Union in 1984, earning a degree in education.

She was an early education teacher for the Berkeley Heights school system's early learning center at the Hamilton Terrace School for five years.

Surviving are her mother, Dorothy Lamond, and two sisters, Theresa Pego and Mary Ellen Yourth.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, February 4, in St. Joseph the Carpenter Roman Catholic Church in Roselle.

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DERBY WINNERS...Brian Hart Wins Tiger Division in Pinewood Derby. Pictured are some of the winners of the Wilson School Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Pictured, left to right, are: Alex Debbie, Ross Tucker, Overall Tiger Winner Brian Hart and Stephen Zilberberg. The boys raced handmade wooden pine cars on Wednesday, January 28. The purpose of the exercise is to learn good sportsmanship and spend time doing a project with their fathers.

Obituaries

Frederick J. Hart 76, Exxon Retiree; Had Been Officer in Naval Reserves

Frederick J. Hart, 76, of Watchung died on Wednesday, January 28, at home.

Born in Pontiac, Michigan, he had lived in Baltimore before moving to New Jersey in 1947. He lived in Fanwood before moving to Watchung in 1961.

He attended General Motors Institute and graduated cum laude from Yale University in 1946 with a bachelor of engineering degree.

Mr. Hart served as an engineering officer of anti-submarine ships during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He continued to serve in the United States Naval Reserves until retiring in 1965 as a Lieutenant Commander.

He had worked for Exxon Chemical Company for 36 years, retiring in 1983 as senior project director after hold-

ing engineering and management positions in New Jersey, Holland, Belgium and Italy.

Since his retirement from Exxon, he served as a Director of Encon Engineering Associates in Far Hills.

He was a member of the Watchung Environmental Commission, a counselor for the Somerset Council on Aging and a Trustee of the Board of Directors of the House of Good Shepherd Retirement Home in Hackettstown.

He was a member of the Old Guard of Summit and the Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Kerner Hart; a daughter, Tracy Hart Orszag of Easton, Pennsylvania; a son, Robert Kerner Hart of Flemington, and two grandsons.

A memorial service was held on Monday, February 2, in the Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden, 07036.

February 5, 1998

Rocco Musano, 71

Rocco Musano, 71, of Cranford died on Saturday, January 31, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Cranford for 41 years.

He was a masonry restorer for many years. Previously, he had worked for Statewide Restoration in Kenilworth until 1990.

Mr. Musano was a member of the Garwood Tuesday Night Bowling League and the Clark Wednesday Night Bowling League, both for more than 35 years.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, February 4, in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Cranford.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline Musano; a daughter, Laurie Knowlton; a son, Michael Musano; a sister, Lena Viglianti, and a brother, Frank Musano.

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

February 5, 1998

Andrew Tucciarone, 86

Andrew Tucciarone, 86, of Watchung died on Wednesday, January 28, at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Born in Scotch Plains, he moved to Watchung in 1949.

Mr. Tucciarone had been a business agent for Local No. 395 in Elizabeth. He had been a union member for 60 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of the Plebes Football Club in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Florence Serido Tucciarone; a daughter, Nancy Smith; a son, Frank L. Tucciarone, and two sisters, Carmella Diana and Mary Ronzo.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, February 2, at St. Mary's Stony Hill Roman Catholic Church in Watchung.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

February 5, 1998

George Buonanno, Sr.

George V. Buonanno, Sr., 71, of North Brunswick died on Saturday, January 31, in St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Born in Westfield, he had lived in East Brunswick and Plainsboro before moving to North Brunswick two years ago.

He had been a postal worker at the Westfield Post Office for 34 years before retiring in 1981.

Mr. Buonanno was a member of the United States Naval Reserves.

Surviving are his wife, Catherine Buonanno; a son, George V. Buonanno, Jr.; two daughters, Angela Niven and Michelle Dery; two stepsons, Joseph Virga and Jack Virga; four stepdaughters, Linda Caruso, Carol Kennedy, Joanne Thau and Robin Bonura; a sister, Madeline Buonanno; three brothers, Dan Buonanno, Rudy Buonanno and Ralph Buonanno, and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, February 4, in the Selover Funeral Home in North Brunswick.

February 5, 1998

Chester Conrad, 83

Chester Conrad, 83, of Blue Springs, Missouri died on Saturday, January 31, at St. Mary's Hospital of Blue Springs.

Born on June 17, 1914 in Jersey City, Mr. Conrad had lived in Westfield and in St. Joseph, Missouri before moving to Blue Springs.

He had been a salesman for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 33 years before retiring in 1975.

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

Mr. Conrad was a 32nd degree Mason, Past Exalted Ruler of Molla Shrine, and a member of the High Twelve, as well as a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Moose Lodge.

He also was a member of the First United Methodist Church of St. Joseph.

Surviving is a son, Peter Conrad of Greenwood, Missouri; a daughter, Susan Cullpeper of Blue Springs; a brother, William Conrad of Manasquan, and four grandchildren.

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

February 5, 1998

Samuel M. Yancey, 65

Samuel Marvin Yancey, 65, of Westfield died on Saturday, January 31, at home.

Born in Brunswick County, Virginia, he had lived in Westfield for most of his life.

He had been a machine operator for the Kop-Coat Company in Westfield for 30 years before retiring.

Mr. Yancey served in the United States Army during peacetime.

He was a member of the Elks Club Centennial Lodge in Westfield.

Surviving are a son, Larry D. Yancey; two brothers, Willie Yancey and James Yancey; four sisters, Helen, Ruth, Elnora and Bertha, and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, in the African Methodist Episcopal Mount Zion Church in Danielstown, Virginia. Arrangements are being handled by the Plinton Funeral Home in Westfield.

February 5, 1998

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CHILDHOOD MEMORIES...These area students recently attended The Christopher Academy of Westfield's 35th anniversary celebration. All three attended the academy as young children between the ages of 3 and 6. Pictured, left to right, are: Lyndsay Kraw of Warren, now a sophomore at Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung, Joseph Velotti of Rahway and Dustin Davis of Westfield, both seniors at Oratory Prep School in Summit. Both Joseph and Dustin have been named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Area Oak Knoll Students Named to Honor Roll

Several area residents recently achieved first honors or were named to the honor roll for the first trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Students earning first honors receive no grade lower than an "A." Students on the honor roll receive no grade lower than "B."

From Scotch Plains, the students who received First Honors included Katherine Abramson, grade 8; Birgit Unfried, grade 10, and Samantha Werres, grade 12.

Township students named to the honor roll included Laura Mazzucca, grade 9, and Karli Perrine, grade 10.

Westfield students who made First Honors included Larissa Curlik, grade 7, and Tracy Evans, grade 10. Those who made the Honor Roll included Sara Pankratz, grade 8, and Maire Abraham and Colleen Higgins, both grade 11.

From Mountainside, students who made the honor roll include Stephanie

DeVos, Grade 7, and Cynthia Fisher and Nicole Kress, both in grade 10.

Oak Knoll School is a Catholic independent school. The school is coeducational from Kindergarten through grade 6 and for young women only in grades 7 through 12.

Musical Club Slates Scholarship Auditions

Annual auditions for the Musical Club of Westfield College Scholarship will be held on Saturday, April 25, at the Baptist Church on Elm Street in Westfield.

Applicants must be high school seniors who will be full-time music majors in an accredited college or conservatory and are in need of financial assistance.

For an application, please call (908)232-7414.

Letters to the Editor

Booster Association Thanks All Who Supported 1997 Fundraisers

The Westfield School Boosters Association and its 50-member Executive Committee would like to thank the residents of Westfield and our local business partners for supporting our fundraising efforts throughout 1997.

As you know, the primary objective of the Booster Association is to provide assistance and recognition to Westfield High School student athletes. Over the past 30 years, through the generosity of our community and its neighboring friends, we have been able to award 196 scholarships to scholar athletes, and have provided more than \$170,000 in sports equipment to augment the high school athletic budget.

We thank you, our supporters, for the success of our major fundraising activities which have included:

Booster Buttons — Each September the members of the Booster Executive Committee, with the support of the cheerleaders and athletes, solicit funds from the sale of Booster Buttons.

Football Programs — This is one of our major fund raisers. We thank the many advertisers and patrons who have helped

to support one of the most robust program guides within the State of New Jersey.

Fall Dinner-Dance — Held each October in the Westfield Armory, this has been an extremely popular event for neighbors to meet and re-connect while listening and dancing to music from the 60's, 70's & 80's.

Super Bowl Raffle — The winner receives two tickets for the Super Bowl, air transportation, limo service to and from Newark Airport, auto rental and hotel accommodations.

"550" Club — Donation solicitation during first quarter of year. "550" signifies the number of people that we hope will forward a tax deductible contribution to help support the approximate 550 student athletes within our high school system.

We look forward to working with you all again as we enter 1998. We wish each and every one of you a healthy and prosperous new year!

Jon C. Abeles
Westfield School Booster
Executive Committee

Governor Signs Measure For Senior Tax Relief

Sen. DiFrancesco's Law Freezes Property Taxes

Legislation sponsored by state Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, that will protect the state's most financially vulnerable senior citizens from spiraling property taxes was signed into law January 14 by Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Senator DiFrancesco said the goal of the new law is to help New Jersey's most financially strapped citizens keep their homes.

"This is a first step in the right direction in providing greater property tax relief to New Jersey residents, especially to those who need it most," said Senator DiFrancesco.

"This program is good for our parents and grandparents who will be protected from the loss of their home because of escalating property taxes. It is also a benefit to New Jersey communities who benefit from the investment our seniors and disabled citizens have made in the neighborhoods in which they live," he explained.

The new law would essentially freeze property taxes for about 150,000 senior citizen households in New Jersey, according to Senator DiFrancesco.

The legislation was introduced last May by the Senate President, Senator Leonard Connors and Assembly Speaker Jack Collins to respond to a growing crisis among the elderly who are unable to afford property tax increases because of their fixed and limited retirement incomes, according to Senator DiFrancesco's spokeswoman Renee M. Trabert.

Women's Group Taking Part in Awards

The Berkeley Heights, Clark and Westfield Business and Professional Women (BCW/BPW) is participating in the Career Development Awards (CDA) sponsored by the New Jersey Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Awards are presented for the purpose of either study, training or re-training that will qualify the applicant for career development or employment or the purchase of equipment for starting and/or expanding an existing business that is at least 50 percent owned by the applicant.

An applicant must be 25 years old or over as of Friday, May 1. Awards are based on financial need.

For more information or an application form, please call (908)245-3682 no later than Saturday, February 28.

Ms. Sullivan Coaches Winning Physics Team At Mother Seton H.S.

The physics team from Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark recently captured first place honors in its district during the opening round of competition of the New Jersey Science League.

Members of Mother Seton's team are enrolled in advanced placement and honors courses. The team is coached by Katherine Sullivan of Mountainside, a member of Mother Seton's Science Department, who holds a master's degree in Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology.



HOLIDAY HARMONY...These four students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School recently performed at the new New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark as part of the All State Chorus. The 1997 chorus also performed at the New Jersey Teachers' Conference in November in Atlantic City. Pictured, left to right, are: Jerry Kavinski, Christian Sorge, Dan Gosiecki and Yuki Gibson, all of whom are very active in the Music Program at the high school. They perform together as a barbershop quartet in the school's annual holiday concert in December.

Area Students Inducted Into Honor Societies for Foreign Languages

The Foreign Language National Honor Society at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains recently inducted members into both the French Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society.

In order to be considered for membership, a student should be in at least the fifth semester of foreign language study, attain a grade of "B plus," evidence interest and concern for the foreign language customs, cultures and people, excel in performance and demonstrate an above-average proficiency in the language.

Albert Nodar of Westfield was among nine students who were accepted into the Societe Honoraire de Francais.

Gina Hernandez and Thomas Werner of Scotch Plains and Tiana Mayes of Westfield were among 23 students accepted into the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica.

Bruce Zehnle, moderator of this group and Chairman of the Foreign Language Department, conducted the ceremony.

The ceremony took place in the lobby of Union Catholic with family, faculty and friends in attendance.

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Susan U. Massa Joins Burgdorff Era in Town

Burgdorff ERA announced that Susan U. Massa has joined the company as a broker and sales associate in their Westfield Office at 600 North Avenue West.

Ms. Massa is a lifelong and fourth-generation resident of the Westfield area. With over 15 years of experience as a real estate broker.

A consistent top sales producer, she holds membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Distinguished Sales Club. She re-



Susan Massa

ceived that honor for over 10 years of membership in the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club. She reached the Gold Level in 1987, the Silver Level in 1986, Bronze Level in 1983, 1985, 1988, 1992, and 1994 through 1997.

Ms. Massa has been honored with multiple awards including NJAR Realtor Associate of the Year, NJAR

Westfielders Earn Honors at St. Peter's

Westfield residents Theodore Schundler and Charles Maffey, who are enrolled at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, were among 175 students to receive honors at the Jesuit school's recent Fall Honors Assembly, according to Principal Jack Raslowsky.

Community Service Award and the Westfield Community Service Award.

She was also recognized by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for her assistance in the development and marketing of Trinity Gardens Condominium, a 54-unit condominium project in Westfield, for historic preservation in adaptive use.

Ms. Massa graduated from Kentucky Wesley College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing Management. She also attended Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison and Monmouth University in Long Branch for graduate studies in business marketing/finance.

Registration Now Open For Music Competition

Registration is now open for the annual Sophie and Norman Goldblatt Music Scholarship Competition, which is held in conjunction with Delbarton School in Morristown.

Auditions will be held in Old Main at Delbarton on Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year, the competition is for string players up to 18 years of age with a letter of recommendation from their music teacher and who live or attend school anywhere in New Jersey.

A maximum of four prizes of up to \$1,000 will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. All winners will perform in recital at Delbarton on Sunday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main.

To date, more than \$40,000 has been awarded to talented young musicians. All winners must use their prize money to further their musical education. The judges will be three eminent musicians from the metropolitan area, according to a Delbarton spokeswoman.

For further information, please call the Reverend Germain Fritz at Delbarton School, (973) 538-3231, Extension No. 3076.



HONOR STUDENT... Christopher Hanas, the son of Paul and Suzanne Hanas of Westfield, has been inducted into the National Engineering Honors Society, Tau Beta Pi, at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. Christopher, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, is also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Automotive Engineers. He has interned the past two years at Merck Research Laboratories in the Molecular Design and Diversity Department, Bioelectric Division. While at Lafayette, Christopher has received the Bronze, Silver and Gold Athletic Awards for superior academic performance while participating on the Lafayette track team. He has also been on the Dean's List for the past four years. To qualify for Tau Beta Pi, students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.8 or higher.

David Osborn Attains Dean's List Status At Alfred State College

David Osborn of Westfield is among those students at Alfred State College in Alfred, New York, who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1997 semester.

Students from the Alfred campus are selected for the Dean's List if they maintain a 3.25 grade point average (GPA) out of a possible 4.0; students from the Wellsville Vocational Technology Campus must maintain a 3.50 GPA to make the Dean's List.

Weichert Realtors' Receive Awards For Achievements During December

Weichert, Realtors' Westfield office has announced a number of sales associate awards for December.

Brenda Putzer has won the December office award for the greatest number of sold listings.

Ms. Putzer, a licensed real estate professional for 11 years, is a member of the Westfield Board of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Her accomplishments include membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales Club.

She recently moved to Plainfield from Westfield. A former resident of Fanwood, she serves home buyers and sellers in Union, Somerset and Middlesex Counties.

Rosemary Tarulli has won the office's top marketed award for the month of December.

Ms. Tarulli, a 13-year veteran of real estate sales, has earned numerous awards for her listings, sales and productions accomplishments, including membership in the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

She is a long-time resident of Scotch Plains, where she is active at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church.

Linda Weimer led the office in listings in December to earn top producer honors.

They are the most recent of numerous awards for Ms. Weimer who has been honored as a member of the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Ms. Weimer has been a licensed real estate professional since 1994. She is a member of the Middlesex and Westfield Boards of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service (MLS). She is a Rahway resident and a member of St. Agnes Church in Clark. She is a volunteer for the prevention of adolescent drug and alcohol abuse.

Sharon Turk has won a recent office award for her sales achievements.

A licensed real estate professional, Ms. Turk has three years of experience listing and selling homes. She is a resident of Fanwood, where she is Vice President of the Junior Woman's Club, soccer coach and volunteer for community events.

Bob Del Russo won recognition in December for his marketing accomplishments.

With more than 20 years of real estate experience, Mr. Del Russo is an all-around real estate professional. He is licensed in New Jersey and New York and is a member of the Westfield, North Central Jersey, Somerset and Middlesex Associations of Realtors and the Garden State, Somerset, Multiple Listing Service.

He has been honored as a member of the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club and Weichert's Million Dollar Marketed Club. He is also a member of the company's 100 Marketed Club, honoring his career achievement as a Weichert sales associate.

Carole Edzek has earned an office award for her sales accomplishments in December.

Since joining Weichert in 1997, Ms. Edzek has won numerous office awards. Previously associated with another local real estate firm, she has been a million dollar producer throughout her 12 years in real estate sales.

She is a member of the Westfield Board of Realtors and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service and a past Chairwoman of the Eastern Union County Board of Realtors.

Louis Faruolo has qualified for the company's 1997 Ambassador's Club. Membership in Ambassador's Club is awarded to the top 2 percent of Weichert's 7,500 sales associates.

Mr. Faruolo, a member of Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, 100 Sales Club and 100 Marketed Club, also won the office's top sales award for the second consecutive month in December.

A repeat member of the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club, Mr. Faruolo was inducted into the New Jersey Association of Realtors Distinguished Sales Club, created in 1994 to recognize consistent top performance.

To qualify, recipients must have earned membership to the State Million Dollar Club for at least 10 years. Mr. Faruolo has been a member every year since 1986.

With 17 years of experience, including 13 as a broker, Mr. Faruolo is a member of the Westfield, Middlesex and Somerset Boards of Realtors, and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service. He is Co-Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee of the Westfield Board.

He is long-time resident of Fanwood, and holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers University.



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James E. Fawcett

James E. Fawcett has won an office award for his sales accomplishments in December.

Mr. Fawcett, a licensed real estate professional in his third year, has earned numerous office awards during his association with Weichert. He said his previous experience as an architect has helped him achieve success in real estate sales.

He is a graduate of Hofstra University where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and master of business administration degree. He earned a master of architecture degree at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Mr. Fawcett resides in Scotch Plains where he is Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission and a member of the Board of Adjustment and the Downtown Development Committee.

He also holds a seat on the Board of Directors for the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

Holly Cohen has qualified for the company's 1997 President's Club.

Awarded to the top one percent of the company's 7,500 sales associates, membership in President's Club is the highest annual sales award bestowed by Weichert.

Ms. Cohen has earned this distinction repeatedly during her association with the company. Ms. Cohen, who led the office in sales dollar volume in December, has also earned numerous New Jersey State Million Dollar Club awards including the silver level. She is a member of Weichert's 100 Marketed Club and Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Licensed in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, she also holds a New Jersey broker's license. She is a member of the Westfield, Greater Eastern Union County, Middlesex, Somerset and North Central Jersey Associations of Realtors.

She is a longtime resident of the Westfield. Barbara Wyciskala has qualified for the company's 1997 Ambassador's Club.

As a member, Ms. Wyciskala is counted among the top 2 percent of Weichert's 7,500-member sales force. It is an honor she has earned repeatedly throughout her association with the company.

She is a consistent million dollar producer whose achievements include repeat membership in the New Jersey State Million Dollar Club, including the silver level. She also repeated as a member of the company's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

She is a long-time resident of Cranford and a member of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and holds a bachelor's degree in education from Kean College, now a university. All of these sales associates may be reached for real estate transactions at the Westfield office, (908) 654-7777, located at 185 Elm Street.

Budding Scientists Invited to Take Part In Pre-School Fair

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the return of Preschool Science Discoveries.

Parents are invited to bring their budding scientist (ages 3 through 5) to the Trailside Nature and Science Center on Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountainside and discover scientific wonders together at the 12th annual Science Fair beginning Saturday, February 28, and running through Sunday, March 15.

This event encourages team learning as adult and child play and experiment with each other at five discovery stations, according to a county spokesman.

The stations will be set up at Trailside TMA room, and 10-minute intervals will be allotted for exploring and learning at each station.

This year's themes will be "Weather You're There," "Sand-Sational Sand," "Sensory Delights," "The Cycles of Life" and "Kitchen Chemistry, Too!"

Some examples of the many science activities will include: constructing a tornado, examining sands from around the world, exploring the world of ants, making a terrarium, and doing experiments with common household items.

Parents can choose from several one-hour sessions offered on Saturday or Sunday afternoons, and two morning sessions and one in the afternoon on weekdays, except Wednesdays.

The cost is \$7.50 per person and pre-registration is required. For those who register by Friday, January 30, the cost is \$6 per person.

To ensure a one-on-one experience, each session is limited to five teams (adult and child). In-person and mail-in registration are acceptable, persons are requested to call (908) 789-3670 for space availability and exact schedules.

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