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William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

**BARRIERS ON THE WAY...**The Federal Railroad Administration has approved a plan by the town to install additional safety barriers at the Rahway Avenue railroad crossing — the first step needed for the town to gain approval for a ban on train whistles along the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks, now operated by Conrail.

## TOWN SEEKING TO ENACT BAN OF FREIGHT TRAIN WHISTLES

### Railroad Administration Approves Safety Barriers on Rahway Avenue

Westfield has received approval from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of a plan to install additional safety barriers at the Rahway Avenue railroad crossing to enact a train whistle ban at that location.

Residents in the area have complained over the years of the whistles on Conrail freight trains which operate on the Lehigh Valley line tracks which are located on the far southeast corner of town. Federal officials have said the first step to gaining approval for a ban on the whistles is for the town to institute additional safety measures at the crossing at which make it impossible for motorists to get around the gates when a train is coming.

In that regard Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh said he will request that \$15,000 to \$20,000 be placed in the Municipal Budget for the installation of non-mountable barriers. A total of \$10,000 was placed in the 1996 budget for the project.

The approval letter was received just five weeks after representatives of the FRA promised a prompt response to the town's request at a public forum held in December. That meeting was organized by Westfield

Town Council members Neil F. Sullivan and Janis Fried Weinstein and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger and Congressman Bob Franks.

The proposal must receive approval from the state before it can be implemented. Assemblyman Bagger has written Department of Transportation Commissioner John J. Haley, Jr. urging

state approval.

"The Town of Westfield has worked diligently during the past year to develop this plan which will enhance the safety at the crossing and, at the same time, eliminate the disruptive and disturbing whistle blowing at the site," Mr. Bagger wrote.

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## COUNCIL APPROVES INCREASE IN FEES FOR DROP-IN BASKETBALL

### Anticipated \$22.7 Million Municipal Budget Sees \$433,000 or 1.9 Percent Hike Over 1997

By JASMINE VASAVADA  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The anticipated municipal budget for Westfield in 1998 will be \$22,704,151, which is an increase of 1.9 percent, or \$433,000, over last year.

The budget now goes to the full council which will meet with department heads to hammer out a final spending plan.

At present, the budget represents an increase of 2.5 tax points over 1997.

Each tax point equals \$180,000 in spending.

At a budget overview meeting after the Town Council meeting on Tuesday night, Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko reported that revenues from 1997 are up, and presented a breakdown of the upcoming budget.

In fiscal year 1997, revenues from the construction office and parking have exceeded expectations. The sale of building permits rose steeply for the fourth consecutive year.

Parking revenue also increased, largely due to money from parking meters. This year the meters were enforced by one full-time and three

part-time workers, up from one full-time and one part-time worker in the past.

In addition, the parking meters were not bagged during the December holidays. In previous years, bags have been placed over the meters, providing free street parking to holiday shoppers. Not bagging the meters this year contributed to an increase of \$20,000 in December revenues.

Mr. Gottko reported that the surplus from the 1996 budget of \$2.5 million is now available, and can be brought in as revenue to help support this year's budget. In addition, \$230,000 left over from the 1996 Cap bank must be used this year. This represents the amount of the budget

below the state-mandated Cap. These funds must be used within two years.

The largest component of the budget is employee costs. These costs, which include salary, social security, compensation, and medical care, make up 62 percent of the annual budget.

An additional 10 percent goes to departmental expenses — things like gasoline and office supplies. The remaining 28 percent of the budget includes funds for insurance, debt service, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, grant programs, the library, fire hydrants, and streetlights.

This part of the spending plan also includes \$1.9 million for the reserve for uncollected taxes.

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formance, not just academic. Some members of the public expressed concern that only this one of the four goals even refers to academics.

However, Annmarie Puleio, Chairwoman of the Long Range Planning Committee for the Board of Education, told those present that the school district already has an established tradition of academic excellence.

She pointed out that "perhaps it is that we have the luxury, in this town, of being able to look at more, because we do our primary job so well."

Others were quick to emphasize the importance of focusing on the whole child. Marie Koch, a Student Assistance Counselor at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools, reported that "We don't prepare children for the future by just academics."

The Reverend Dr. Dee Dee Turlington, a Minister of Christian Education and Evangelism at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, and a member of the Strategic Planning Council, presented the second goal, that "All students will understand and respect all individuals in a pluralistic society."

She noted the importance of ensuring that educational materials represent members of all cultural traditions, and the need for mandatory staff development programs to address issues of diversity.

Others supported the emphasis on efforts to promote tolerance. As the Westfield High School student representative, senior Mark Matthews reported that homosexuals are stigmatized in the school, and suggested that students should learn more about issues of sexual orientation while in middle school.

Board of Education member Arlene L. Gardner, who has children in middle school, pointed out that a climate of respect goes beyond the curriculum, to the "hidden curriculum that really goes on when you think about the whole school day."

Board member Keith S. Hertell expressed concern with some of the emphasis on curricula and training to address issues of diversity.

"Respect is for everyone, regardless, and I think when it gets broken down you run into problems," he said.

Mr. Hertell also urged that more attention be given to the means of financing the proposals.

Similarly, Horace R. Corbin, Publisher of *The Westfield Leader* and a member of the Strategic Planning Council, observed that 60 percent of Westfield residents do not have children in the schools, and the Strategic

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## Legal Action Considered To Force Disposal Firms To Lower Garbage Bills

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
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### Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Leader

Those persons preparing press releases for submission to *The Leader* are reminded that copy should be e-mailed or faxed by 4 p.m. on the Friday prior to publication. *The Leader's* e-mail address is [press@goleader.com](mailto:press@goleader.com). The fax number is 908-232-0473.

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Sports stories which occur prior to the weekend must be in by the Friday deadline. Weekend sports events must be submitted by noon on the Monday prior to the publication date. Obituaries will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.

All copy must be typed, double-spaced, upper and lower case, no more than 500 words in length, and include a daytime telephone number where the submitter can be reached.

For events which are planned months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event.

Please note that in addition to making our deadlines, the publication of submittals may be delayed due to space considerations. All submittals are subject to being cut due to length, edited for style and clarification at the discretion of the editor.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING COUNCIL OUTLINES OBJECTIVES

### Local School Officials Now Looking For Members of Community to Put Strategic Plan Goals Into Reality

By JASMINE VASAVADA  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield public school system does not operate in a vacuum — education within the context of family and the community is extremely important.

This sentiment is embodied by one of the four goals of the Westfield public schools Strategic Plan — "promote learning and citizenship by advancing a synergistic relationship among the community, family, and the schools."

It is a philosophy which was also expressed by parents, teachers, students and community members who attended last Thursday's meeting of the Westfield Public Schools Strategic Planning Council in the cafeteria at Westfield High School.

Representatives of the 36-member council presented their first draft of the plan to the community at the meeting, outlining four goals for maintaining excellence in education and calling for additional volunteers to serve on the action committees that will try to realize those goals.

The Strategic Planning Council met for three days at Lucent Technologies in December, putting in 1,200 man hours during the process.

The seven action committees identified in the Strategic Plan will address the following topics:

- Integration of technology into the curricula.
- High expectations for all ability levels.

- Creating a climate of respect for all individuals in a pluralistic society.
- Counseling programs.
- Community service activities.
- Family, community, business, school partnerships.
- Upgraded, safe, accessible facilities.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley remarked that the Strategic Plan at present is "pretty, metaphysical, philosophical" stuff, "but the Action Committees are really what put this all into reality."

The committees will convene for the next two or three months to iron out the specific objectives that will be reported to the Strategic Planning Council. For example, the technology committee will first take a look at the context — how technology is currently integrated into the curriculum.

It will then engage in "creative problem solving," looking at research and models of potential uses. Finally, it will create a plan, outlining objectives, a time line for their implementation, and a cost benefit analysis.

Dr. Foley will then present the report to the Board of Education, where the plan will shape how resources in the district will be used, and how time and money will be spent.

The primary goal identified in the plan is that "all students will be challenged by rigorous programs that will equip them with the tools to achieve excellence in their lives."

The term "excellence" was chosen to refer to all aspects of student per-

## Fire Causes Extensive Damage To East Broad Street Restaurant

By SUZETTE STALKER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

An early-morning structural fire caused extensive damage to the Hunan Wok III restaurant at 25 East Broad Street Monday, the source of which was being investigated.

There were no injuries and fire officials do not consider the blaze to be suspicious, according to Deputy Chief John Castellano of the Westfield Fire Department.

He said the fire, which broke out about 3 a.m., is believed to have started behind a steaming table where boxes are stored in the restaurant.

Upon arrival, firefighters discovered heavy fire and smoke conditions in the first floor restaurant, with smoke visible from the second floor of the building as well, Deputy Chief Castellano said.

He confirmed that a tenant who resides in an apartment above the restaurant was already outside by the time firefighters arrived.

Residents of an apartment building next door to the Hunan Wok III were evacuated while firefighters tackled the blaze.

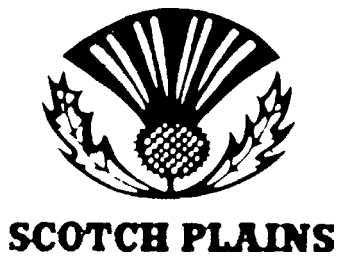
Firefighters forced their way in through the front door of the unoccupied establishment to battle the fire, according to a statement issued by the fire department.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

**FIRE SCENE...**An early-morning fire caused extensive damage Monday to the Hunan Wok III restaurant on East Broad Street in Westfield. No one was injured, but residents of an adjacent apartment building were temporarily evacuated as a precaution while firefighters brought the blaze under control. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, although fire officials do not regard the incident as suspicious.





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**HONORING 40 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING...** Former Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Wrestling Head Coach Mike Sorrentino, with microphone, relates the winning tradition of Raider wrestling to a packed gym, and introduces three former New Jersey State Champion wrestlers. Pictured receiving recognition awards, left to right, are: Harry Wochuk, Class of 1965; Steve Parker, Class of 1966, and Joe Landza receiving on behalf of his brother, Rudy Landza, Class of 1967. Former Raider Wrestling Head Coaches Dom Deo, standing near the SPF sign, and Len Zanowicz, under the exit sign, were also honored along with Coach Sorrentino for their outstanding achievements as coaches. The Raiders, under Coaches Deo, Zanowicz and Sorrentino, have experienced several undefeated or once-defeated seasons. Before the ceremonies, the fans were entertained with a fine display of wrestling from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Rahway youth programs. The celebration of 40 Years of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Wrestling was held on February 6.

### PROPOSAL FOR SIDEWALK CAFÉS UNDER DISCUSSION

## Fanwood Council Anticipates Budget Introduction in March; Parking Ordinance Due Tonight

By SUZETTE STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Borough Council has postponed introduction of its 1998 municipal budget while officials finalize which projects will be included under capital expenditures, Administration and Finance Committee Chairman William E. Populus, Jr. confirmed on Monday.

The governing body had originally hoped to introduce the budget at its regular meeting tonight, Thursday, February 12, almost a year to the day that last year's spending plan was unveiled. Councilman Populus said the target date for introduction of the budget is now Thursday, March 12.

He predicted that the budget would not represent a significant increase over last year's \$5.5 million spending plan, adding that it might even be possible for the council to deliver another flat budget this year.

The 1997 budget reflected a 0 per-

cent increase over the previous year in the municipal portion of residents' tax bills. It was achieved through receipt of a \$254,000 state grant by the borough for work which had been done on two local streets.

Councilman Populus said that while a similar grant would not be forthcoming this year, he was "very optimistic that we'll have either a flat budget or as close to a flat budget as possible." He explained that this would be accomplished through diligent cost-cutting efforts.

Among some of the capital projects being looked at by the governing body are renovations to the historic Carriage House on Watson Road, pending improvements to the downtown and a proposed vest pocket park in the community, Councilman Populus said.

In other business, two ordinances are scheduled to be introduced tonight. One will make permanent parking rules along Madison Avenue which were enacted on a temporary basis last year to deal with vehicular traffic in the vicinity of Elementary School One.

Neighbors had expressed safety concerns last year over people parking and turning around on the residential street while dropping off and picking up their children at the elementary school, which is located nearby on Willow Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The ordinance would prohibit parking, stopping or standing on the north side of Madison Avenue between Martine Avenue and Russell Road, and on the south side of Madison between Russell and Hunter Avenue, weekdays between the hours of 8 and 9 a.m. and again between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The second ordinance slated for introduction tonight would amend Chapter 56 of the Borough Code to comply with state regulations regarding the storage of explosive materials.

State regulations concerning explosive materials supersede municipal statutes, according to Borough Clerk Eleanor McGovern, who said she did not believe that any such materials are currently stored in Fanwood.

Officials are also scheduled to vote tonight on an ordinance related to the council's recent decision to consolidate the Fanwood Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment into a single municipal body.

Beginning last month, the Planning Board assumed the duties of the now-disbanded Board of Adjustment. The ordinance defines the voting privileges of the combined board's 11 members, five of whom previously served on the Board of Adjustment.

A highlight of tonight's meeting is expected to be the presentation of a model of the Fanwood train station to Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly and the council by a representative of Micro Mark.

Located in Berkeley Heights, Micro Mark manufactures detailed, laser-cut models based on architectural or engineering plans which were used for the actual buildings.

During the council's February 4 agenda session, officials discussed a proposal to allow restaurants to operate sidewalk cafés during the warm weather months, as some establishments already do in Westfield.

Several restaurants in Fanwood have already expressed an interest in having outdoor cafés, explained Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, who recommended that an ordinance be drawn up permitting the proposal to go forward.

Members of the governing body observed that the ordinance would need to address a number of issues related to sidewalk cafés, including location, fixtures such as umbrellas on the tables, and whether these areas could be enclosed.

Mrs. Schurtz commented that she

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### THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AWAIT ADDITION OF MODULAR CLASSROOMS

## Rising Enrollment Not Surprising to Superintendent; Effort to Find More Space for Classes Continues

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Times

**Editor's Note:** The following story is the second part of a series of articles regarding the increase in enrollment in elementary schools in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

Today's article features comments from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye regarding steps the district is taking to maintain an acceptable class size while handling a rise in enrollment caused by a recent mini baby boom.

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Increased enrollment in the south side schools of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system comes as no surprise to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye.

One of her first objectives, when she came to the district five years ago, was to order an updated report on projected enrollment and the ability of existing facilities to handle that enrollment.

"The pattern has been to know exactly what space is available and where," she explained. "Our first priority is always instructional space."

In 1993, with approval from the Board of Education, Dr. Choye turned to the community to create an Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee.

The committee of 20, chaired by former Assistant Superintendent for Business and Board Secretary Richard J. Marshall, held its first meeting in June of that year.

The following April, the committee submitted its report to the superintendent. Projected increases in enrollment were attributed to a "mini baby boom" and new construction in the community.

The report set forth five options for

dealing with increased enrollment. Dr. Choye later drew from several of these options to draft her own recommendation to the board.

The committee report was crafted with the following assumptions: the district would maintain a high level of instructional programs (educationally sound and fiscally prudent), and would provide for minimal movement of students, while ensuring each school's continued reflection of the community's diversity.

In addition, any plan would aim to keep costs down, and lay the foundation for a cohesive approach to hous-

ing students in the future. This would include efficiently utilizing existing facilities and considering the potential for population growth.

The enrollment projection model used by the committee was founded on the Cohort Survival Technique, which is based upon actual enrollment data from the previous three to five school years. In this district, Cohort has proven to be accurate within 2 percent of projections.

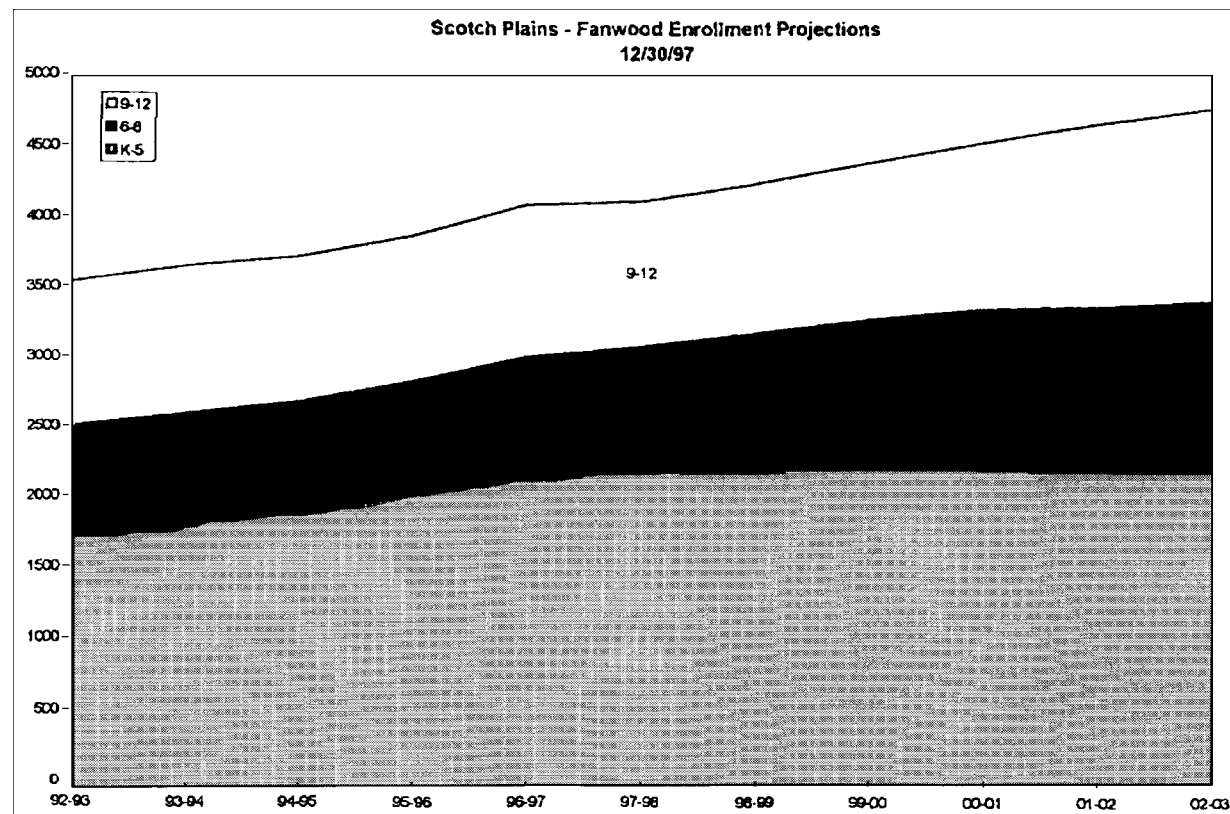
The committee also analyzed the potential impact of nine housing developments that were underway at the time of the study, 1993-1994, or pro-

posed for two to four years after that.

The committee determined that new housing would account for an additional 95 students at Coles Elementary School beyond those accounted for by demographic increases.

The committee report revealed that, by 1996-1997, approximately 302 children (age birth to 17 years) would come from the new housing units. Across a five-year span, it was determined that every grade would be affected. One third of that total, or 101 children, was incorporated into elementary school enrollment projections.

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### COUNCIL PURSUING PURCHASE OF FORMER ZOO PROPERTY

## Scotch Plains Opts Not to Sign 25-Year Contract With Utilities Authority to Dump at Burner

By JEANNE WHITNEY  
Specially Written for The Times

Eight Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students joined forces with the Scotch Plains Township Council Tuesday during a televised meeting of the governing body, and unanimously rejected a proposed 25-year contract for garbage disposal with the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA).

The student partnership is part of an annual "Youth in Government" event designed to give the young people a first-hand look at the workings of municipal government.

DECA marketing students, serving as Township Mayor and council members, waded through parliamentary procedure and the legalese of documents to reveal that elected officials have serious concerns about the agreement proposed by the UCUA.

The authority's plan would spread around \$293 million worth of bond

debt on the Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway — otherwise known as the incinerator — to Union County municipalities.

Deregulation of the dumping industry has left the Rahway facility — as well as other county-owned incinerators throughout the state — scrambling for garbage haulers' dollars.

Scotch Plains is one of seven Union County municipalities where residents contract privately with garbage collectors.

"We have serious concerns about the ability to impose a commitment for waste disposal services with the UCUA on private haulers over which the township has no contractual relationship," according to the council's resolution.

They also question the "constitutional validity" of a proposed tax-per ton included in the tipping fee. A similar tax is being challenged in court against the Passaic County Utilities

Authority by the City of Paterson.

Last week, Scotch Plains council members endorsed a similar Kenilworth resolution to reject the UCUA financial bailout plan for the incinerator.

Regulating which facility haulers use to dump solid waste is a violation of interstate commerce laws, according to a court decision that came down after county-owned incinerators were built in the early 1990s.

State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, who represents the 22nd Legislative District that includes Scotch Plains, said last week, "I still believe today that the (incinerator) is a very valuable asset to the county."

"I think the state has an obligation to make sure none (of these facilities) default on their bonds," he continued.

Mr. Augustine added that the Union County facility is fitted with environmental safety mechanisms.

"It is a state-of-the-art facility," he said.

In other business, the council said it would continue to pursue purchase of the 6.5 acres of property formerly occupied by the Scotch Plains Zoo.

Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr., said he and Mayor Joan Papen had met with the current owner of the property, Warren real estate developer Mitchell Berlant, to discuss a price.

Mr. Berlant reportedly paid \$338,000 to owners Harold and Debra Kafka in June of last year. He also reportedly paid off a \$355,000 mortgage on the zoo property, held by previous owners Frank and Louise Terry.

The zoo closed last year after the Kafkas were denied necessary operating permits by the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. The division claimed the couple failed to correct multiple violations related to

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Fanwood's governing body passed a similar resolution in December. Borough officials said at the time that since garbage collection is not included in the municipal budget, they could not direct haulers where to take their cargos.

Westfield has yet to take any action in this regard, although Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Third Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott both have said the council is not interested in a long-term contract with the UCUA.

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Prior to the deregulation of the garbage industry, private carters were obligated to seek permission for rate changes with the state.

Following the end of the state's system of regulated garbage collection, the Union County Utilities Authority lowered garbage disposal fees at the county incinerator in Rahway from \$83 to \$50 a ton — a decline of 40 percent.

While the county is pressuring haulers to lower their bills to consumers, the State Bureau of Solid Waste

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## Carol Cohen Named First Female Counsel For Union County

By PAUL J. PEYTON

*Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times*

With Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari hailing this past Sunday as "a truly great and historic day" for the county, Carol I. Cohen of Westfield officially became the first woman to hold the title of Union County Counsel in the 141-year history of the office.

Admitting that she has "mixed feelings" about resigning her seat on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ms. Cohen promised to "carry on the tradition" of the Office of County Counsel when she took the oath of office during a special afternoon ceremony in the County Administration Building in Elizabeth.

Ms. Cohen fills the vacancy which was created with the resignation of Republican appointee James F. Keefe last summer. Mr. Keefe left his post as County Counsel to accept the position of First Assistant Prosecutor under new Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan.

Freeholder Scutari described Ms. Cohen as a "stand up person" who has never "succumbed to pressure — political or otherwise." He said she has a "good work ethic" and a "fine moral character."

"More than just being a good advocate, Carol will be a good conscience for this board to ensure that the board flies to a straight and narrow path to good government," he stated, adding that Ms. Cohen will "do honor and justice" to the Office of County Counsel.

Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, ran for election to the board in 1995 along with Ms. Cohen and Walter D. McNeil.

Mr. Sullivan said the Democrats' sweep that year was the "beginning of the turnaround" for the party, which has not lost an election since.

"I have enormous confidence in Carol in her ability to do the job," he told those in attendance.

Growing up in a home where politics was often discussed by her father, an attorney, Ms. Cohen said she still believes that "law and government service are noble professions."

During the brief ceremony, held in the Freeholders Meeting Room, Ms. Cohen was thanked by Union County Clerk and representative of the Women's Political Caucus, Joanne Rajoppi, a former Freeholder herself, for "breaking the glass ceiling" in becoming the first woman county counsel.

The political caucus champions the efforts of women who seek elected or

appointed office in New Jersey.

Ms. Rajoppi described the new county counsel as "one of the hardest workers I have seen," who has always given her "complete dedication" to the task ahead.

Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, who attended the swearing-in ceremony, said Ms. Cohen is the "finest that Westfield has to offer." He described the new county counsel as a "great fighter and a great public servant."

As a Freeholder for the past two years, Ms. Cohen said she was most proud of her work on the county's Youth Services Commission, a group which works to find alternatives for troubled youth.

She also noted that she was able to garner funding for the Adult Protective Services Program and the Rape Crisis Counseling Center.

She also helped make Dr. Erica Fried's dream of a Patient Advocate Program become a reality in the county. The program assists county residents with getting around the red tape in getting insurance approval and payment



Carol I. Cohen

for needed medical treatment.

Prior to her successful campaign for Freeholder, Ms. Cohen served six years as Assistant County Counsel, during which time she is credited with saving taxpayers more than \$2 million through the collection of forfeited bail bonds.

The resignation of Ms. Cohen and Mr. McNeil, who left the board in December to become City Administrator in his hometown of Plainfield, has resulted in a board which is now made up of five first-year Freeholders and two members who are now in their sophomore year.

Ms. Cohen will receive a salary of \$109,233 to fill Mr. Keefe's term, which expires in July. At that point she is likely to be appointed for a full four-year appointment.

## AUTHORITIES FEEL ARREST MAY ONLY BE 'TIP OF THE ICEBERG'

# Mountainside Police Help Collar Suspect In High-Tech Fraud Scheme Aimed at Doctors

By MARK J. YABLONSKY

*Specially Written for The Leader and The Times*

For some time, police say, an Irvington resident with access to the most sophisticated kind of equipment has been stealing the identities of wealthy professionals and then gaining access to their banking records.

Today, Eusebio Anthony Mendoza, 47, is facing both state and federal charges for his alleged acts that netted him at least several hundred thousand dollars in illegal and fraudulent wire transfers.

Mendoza, who authorities say assumed the identities of wealthy doctors in order to plunder their accounts, was the target of a joint arrest raid on the evening of February 3.

Mountainside and Irvington police, along with agents from the United States Postal Inspector's Office, took Mendoza into custody after finding a "complete computerized photo imaging system" in the suspect's home.

Also discovered were blank New Jersey driver's licenses, Social Security cards and other false identification.

Referred to by Mountainside police as "what may be one of the largest fraud schemes in Union County history," the case involving Mendoza continues mounting almost on a daily basis, to the point where local police fear this may be only the "tip of the iceberg."

Mendoza, who has already been charged with theft by deception and with using phony identification material, was scheduled to be taken to United States District Court in Newark yesterday afternoon, Wednesday, February 11, to be arraigned on federal charges that had been filed as well by the United States Postal Inspection Service on Monday.

He has been held in the Union County Jail on \$300,000 bail, although some law enforcement officials feel that number could rise substantially in the days and, perhaps weeks, to come.

"This is a form of identity theft," explained Tony Esposito, who is both an inspector and public information officer for the Newark Division of the United States Postal Inspection Service, which Mr. Esposito says is the "law enforcement arm" of the postal service.

"They (usually) file change of address orders for the person whose identity they're attempting to steal. They then have the mail redirected to

an address that they control."

"It's one of the most complicated crimes of fraud that I've seen," added Mountainside police Lieutenant Jim Debbie. "The ease with which this guy was accessing other people's accounts is very scary."

The scheme, police say, usually worked along these lines: Mendoza, who has been referred to by United States Postal Inspector George Belsky Jr. as a "recidivist offender," first gained access to other people's identities and then, by way of his expensive, "sophisticated" machinery, replicated new, fraudulent identity documents, basically imposing his own photograph onto a doctored document that contained the intended victim's name and personal characteristics.

That done, Mendoza, who carried with him a photo identification card of a particular doctor, would then go to a bank and present himself as that doctor, requesting a wire transfer of large sums of money from the doctor's account that is located elsewhere.

Mendoza would subsequently create a new account in that receiving bank, only to write checks for thousands of dollars against that new, victimized doctor's account.

Although such transactions usually involve roughly \$100,000, police feel the suspect may have obtained money "into the millions" this way.

Police also say Mendoza once actually worked in a Brooklyn hospital, where he may have begun gaining information about doctors' bank accounts and other sensitive information.

When asked if other available technology, such as the Internet, may have also come into play, Mountainside Detective Sergeant Todd Turner replied, "that's still under investigation. He had quite a sophisticated setup."

Although speculation grows that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has also been working on the Mendoza case, Joseph Valiquette of the FBI's New York office said Tuesday that no FBI charges have been filed as a result of any bureau investigation.

Mr. Belsky explained that the postal inspection service was brought into the case, not only because the suspect is a "recidivist offender," but also because Mendoza's alleged scheme involved a takeover process in which mail theft eventually comes into play.

Mr. Esposito also said that on Monday, a criminal complaint was filed against Mendoza for bank fraud. That

complaint was signed by the postal inspection service.

Mountainside police entered the investigation when officials from the Fleet Bank in Mountainside con-

tacted police on January 21. Bank officials, police said, seemed suspicious of the suspect and believed Mendoza was showing a false license.

## Union County Sheriff Honored By St. Elizabeth Foundation

One of the last duties that Union County Freeholder Nicholas P. Scutari performed during 1997 was presenting a resolution commending and congratulating Sheriff Ralph Froehlich for being honored by St. Elizabeth's Hospital Foundation.

Sheriff Froehlich, Past President of the National Jail Managers' Association and a four-term President of the New Jersey Sheriffs' Association, also keeps busy as President of the New Jersey County Officers' Association, and is a member of the board of the Salvation Army, the Urban League and the Sheriff/Judicial Liaison Court Security Committee.

"Ralph is no longer connected to the jail but he is extremely involved," stated Freeholder Scutari, who is the Vice Chairman of the Freeholder Board for 1998.

"Because of his many accomplishments, I find it very easy to understand why St. Elizabeth's Hospital Foundation honored him."

"Since he first became our Sheriff, he instituted a nationally recognized fingerprinting program for children and

an automated photography laboratory, a Missing Persons Unit and a canine Search and Rescue Unit, which for a time included Ferris Lucas, a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig. Ferris, I was told, was made an 'honorary canine' when he was brought on board on a trial basis to see if a pig's ability to search for truffles could be translated into search and rescue skills," Freeholder Scutari said.

Sheriff Froehlich has earned six National Association of Counties awards for administrative leadership in the areas of court security, fingerprinting and domestic violence procedures.

He also produced an inmate rule book, the "Play it Safe Book" for children, for which McDonald's gave the Sheriff's Office a grant of \$10,000 to enable the book to be produced in Spanish, and an intern program for high school and college students.

"Individuals this talented are rare. Union County is lucky. The Freeholders all join the members of St. Elizabeth's Hospital Foundation in saluting Sheriff Froehlich, a very capable and caring human being," he said.



**HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTION...** One of the final official duties for 1997, performed by Union County Freeholder Nicholas P. Scutari, Vice Chairman of the Freeholder Board for 1998, right, was presenting a resolution to Sheriff Ralph Froehlich. The resolution commended and congratulated Sheriff Froehlich for being honored by St. Elizabeth's Hospital Foundation.

## Ray Catena

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## Light-Rail in Union County Is Coming Closer to Reality

The Union County Light Rail Transit System (LRT) is a step closer to operation as the innovative 11-mile line has cleared a crucial hurdle in the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT).

"We are very excited that LRT is close to becoming a reality," said Freeholder Donald Goncalves, noting that the plan for the system by Raytheon Infrastructure of New York has been passed by DOT Commissioner John J. Haley, Jr. to the next stage for consideration.

The commissioner's actions mean the public-private partnership is one of nine around the state still under consideration. Six projects will eventually be approved from the original field of 16.

Noting that the two-track, electrified rail line would provide an economic boost to the region, Freeholder Goncalves said he will sponsor a resolution from the Freeholder board urging Trenton to select Raytheon to operate the system, as well as seek support from local and state officials and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"This project is crucial to the continued economic development of Union County," Freeholder Goncalves said. "That is why we are

counting on across-the-board support."

Freeholder Goncalves said LRT would provide rapid access to and from Newark International Airport, the Elizabeth Seaport and the Jersey Gardens Mall from points south of Elizabeth (as well as from Manhattan) and accelerate economic growth opportunities. Raytheon is putting together a similar system in Hudson and Bergen Counties.

"People will have the convenience of taking these trolley-like cars to where they need to go," said Freeholder Goncalves, explaining that LRT would provide a safe, convenient and inexpensive means of public transportation for local residents who need to catch a flight or want to spend a day of shopping, for people who work at the airport or mall, or for airline passengers with enough layover time to shop at Jersey Gardens or local businesses.

"The system has many far-reaching benefits," he continued, noting that light-rail lines have been boons to the Portland, Oregon, and Baltimore economies.

"It should be a tremendous help to our initiatives to open employment opportunities," Freeholder Goncalves added.

LRT is among several enterprises supported by Union County and its Department of Economic Development, to which Freeholder Goncalves is liaison, aimed at promoting economic growth through mass transportation, employment opportunities and business expansion.

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage lauded Freeholder Goncalves' efforts and echoed his sentiments on the importance of LRT.

"Elizabeth and Union County need this system. It is important that people have a quick and convenient way of going to and from their jobs or places where they shop," he said, noting that the Elizabeth Development Company has been working with the county to garner support for the project.

Freeholder Goncalves added, "As the gateway to the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area, Union County needs a modern, efficient and safe transportation system that will provide easy access, in and out of its borders. This system is essential for continued economic growth. We eagerly hope for support from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey."



**COLLABORATIVE EFFORT...**Members of the Westfield school district's Strategic Planning Council discuss the draft of the Strategic Plan at a recent public meeting. Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. William J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools; Annmarie Puleio, a parent and Chairwoman of the Board of Education's Long Range Planning Committee; Eri Golembo, a parent and Co-Chairman of the Technology Committee; the Reverend Dr. Dee Dee Turlington, Minister of the First Baptist Church of Westfield; fourth-grade teacher Jennifer Linnell, and Westfield resident Louis Miron.

## Strategic Planning Council Reports on Status of Project

Representatives from the Westfield Public Schools Strategic Planning Council addressed the public on February 5 to provide an update on the draft of the district's Strategic Plan.

Several members of the council spoke on behalf of the 37 volunteers who drafted the mission statement, goals and strategies.

They included Dr. William J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools; Annmarie Puleio, Chairwoman of the Board of Education's Long Range Planning Committee; Eri Golembo, Co-Chairman of the Technology Committee; the Reverend Dr. Dee Dee Turlington of the First Baptist Church of Westfield; Jennifer Linnell, a fourth-grade teacher at McKinley Elementary School, and Louis Miron, a Westfield resident.

One of the major points stressed in the plan is that "education is a collaborative effort of family, community and school," said Dr. Foley.

Ms. Puleio pointed out that the development of the plan itself was a collaborative effort "involving your neighbors, teachers, coaches, businesses — a wide representation of the community."

Mr. Golembo noted that the drafted plan represents "1,200 man hours in three pages." He said the

Strategic Plan "was crafted one word at a time" until all 37 volunteers came to a consensus.

Several citizens at the meeting shared their viewpoints and offered suggestions to the plan. Dr. Foley reminded them that the next step — the work of the Action Plan Committees — will "put this plan into reality."

He asked for more volunteers to serve on Action Plan Committees which will look at the context of the goals and objectives, perform problem-solving, determine a timeline for the objectives and produce a cost/benefit analysis.

"How we do these things is the heart of the matter," said Dr. Foley.

## Petitions Available for Seats On SP-F Board of Education

Nominating petitions to run for positions on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education are now available in the district's Business Office, according to Matthew A. Clarke, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Two Scotch Plains seats on the board and one in Fanwood will be up for election. The deadline for filing nominating petitions is 4 p.m. on Monday, March 2. The annual school election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21.

Upon filing petitions, prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the Board Office.

Published by the New Jersey School

Boards Association, the "School Board Candidate Kit" includes information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy, the role of the school board member, campaign procedures, the New Jersey School Ethics Act, and important dates in the school election process.

The New Jersey School Boards Association urges all citizens who believe they can make a contribution to their schools to consider board of education membership.

Board members need not be educators or have a college degree but should have a sincere interest in children and their education, according to a spokeswoman for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

## Display by Lillian Hannibal Honors Black History Month

Historic documents, photos and carefully researched and annotated stories will be on display during the month of February at the Union County Administration Building and Court House in celebration of Black History Month.

The display is in response to a resolution sponsored by Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes of Rahway.

The exhibit is the product of years of work done by noted lecturer and exhibitor, Lillian Hannibal. The 79-year-old Rahway resident says she began designing displays for Black History Month over 20 years ago after realizing that there was almost nothing documented on the role African-Americans played in history in this area.

Publicly recognized and commended for her efforts to educate and expose all people to African-American history,

Ms. Hannibal said her latest exhibit will feature documents that are essential to understanding the role that blacks have played in American history.

Those documents include The Bill of Rights, The Constitution and The Emancipation Proclamation.

"I am a black exhibitor who focuses on the black experience of living in America. My exhibits are designed to promote a sense of pride in blacks and understanding in whites," she said.

Ms. Hannibal's Tribute to Black History Month will be featured on the bulletin board in the main lobby of the Union County Administration Building and also on the third floor of the Courthouse located at the Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth.

For additional information on the exhibit, please call the Union County Office of Public Information at (908) 527-4744.

### Mosaics for Station To Be Featured Today On Westfield's TV-36

Eighteen tile mosaics depicting Westfield's history will be featured on Westfield's Channel 36 today, Thursday, February 12, and the following two Thursdays, February 19 and 26, all at 5:10 and 9:10 p.m. The mosaics are scheduled for installation this spring in the new underpass at the Westfield station.

Artist Stacey Farley, a Westfield native, will explain the concept and execution of her work, which includes a locomotive, ferryboat, trolley car, former President, victory parade and spectacular fire.

The title were commissioned by NJ Transit as part of its \$6.1 million comprehensive upgrade at the station, the busiest on the Raritan Valley Line and one of the most active in New Jersey, according to a spokesman.

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## Request for Town Support to Refurbish Mindowaskin Park is Money Well Spent

In their continuing effort to restore Mindowaskin Park to the way it looked in the early part of the 20th century, the Friends of Mindowaskin Park are now looking for financial support from the town to upgrade the park's cement overlook which is located along East Broad Street.

Back in 1993, the Friends launched a fundraising drive to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the park. The drive raised a quarter of a million dollars during the first phase of the project — moneys which were used for new lampposts, benches, gardens, trees and shrubs as well as playground equipment. The town chipped in an additional \$140,000 to include infrastructure improvements.

In its proposed budget, the Public Works Department has included \$100,000 for reconstruction of the overlook and \$60,000 for a new sprinkler system. The sprinkler will save the town a great deal of man hours which have been required to water the gardens and grass.

The Friends will once again be raising funds for the latest improvements and work with the town to ensure the park is brought back to the way it looked when Mindowaskin was officially dedicated in 1918.

We believe it is important that the town do its part by working in conjunction with the outstanding efforts by the Friends, a volunteer group which was

incorporated in the early 1990s.

The park needs to be properly maintained to ensure that future generations get to enjoy this treasure which is a centerpiece in Westfield. The park, obtained by the town in 1907, is built on 12.6 acres on land and includes what was known as Clark's Pond.

The park is surrounded by a walkway and features a bandstand and a pond complete with spray fountains. The park makes a great post card during all four seasons and is widely used as the perfect spot for pictures by wedding parties. In the winter, a model of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield is lit up at night.

Also, a number of groups including the Westfield Art Association have used the park for their shows and craft fairs, as have the Friends with their annual Party in the Park.

The request from the Friends of Mindowaskin Park comes at a time when the county is beginning its efforts to improve recreational facilities in the county — including the dredging of a number of county lakes.

Also, the Town Council is beginning its budget process, which will feature long-range plans to improve Westfield's infrastructure — including the town parks.

We wholeheartedly endorse the requested budget items as money well spent for the town's future.

## School Officials Planning Strategy To Deal With Rising Enrollments

In today's issue of *The Times* we have included the second installment of our series depicting the history of rising school enrollments in the elementary schools of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. The series is intended to give some food for thought on how actions, taken by both the township's planning board and the school board, are now impacting the local elementary schools.

While we are not blaming anyone, all proposed development needs to be considered as to their future impact on the local school system.

Faced with meeting requirements for low to moderate income housing as required in the wake of the Mount Laurel court decision, the township made major zoning changes in the late 1980s which paved the way for new development — such as Lamberts Mill Village, Glen Eagle Estate, Stirling Chase and a development by Saugatuck Associates.

Compounding these developments was the closing of Shackamaxon Elementary School on Martine Avenue some 17 years ago. Shortly thereafter the building boom hit the township — the first of which was 332 garden apartments known as Lamberts Mill Village.

Student population, which dropped from 8,000 in

1970 to below 5,000 eleven years later, is on the rise again from 3,717 in 1994 to 4,234 in 1997. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye has been working with school administrators the past few years to handle overcrowding in elementary classrooms. Among the initiatives taken by Dr. Choye was to move the Office of Director of Pupil Services from Brunner Elementary School to Park Middle School.

Modular classrooms are planned for Elementary School One, Coles and Evergreen Elementary Schools; pre-Kindergarten would be located at Park Middle School.

In order to get a better handle on enrollment projections, the Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) will conduct a door-to-door survey starting in March to determine the number of kids in each home enrolled and projected to attend school in the district.

We hope this series will provide our readers, especially those new to the township — with some insight as to the dilemma faced by administrators the past few years.

*The Times* will continue to cover the enrollment situation as recommendations and future actions are made to cope with the situation while ensuring a suitable learning environment for all students.

## POPCORN™ The Apostle: Some of That Old Time Religion

By Michael S. Goldberger



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

**3 & 1/2 popcorns**  
 Do you believe in God? How about Jesus Christ? Do you accept him as your Lord and savior. Even if you don't, odds are Preacher Sonny Dewey will soon have you thinking about it. And thinking plenty. Per the charismatic Southern evangelist superbly portrayed by Robert Duvall in *The Apostle*, there isn't a soul that can't be saved. In simple terms aptly used by the pastor (Walter Brennan) in *Sergeant York* to describe the title character's unswerving faith, Sonny has "the usin' kind of religion.....not just the Sunday go to meetin' kind."

Possessing enough faith for everyone, Sonny is a true believer. But then again, he's no saint. And therein, dear reader, lies the gist of this extraordinary film.

A preaching prodigy who was called to the ministry at the tender age of 12, as the movie opens Duvall's hip-hopping pastor enjoys fame and modest fortune as the religious leader of a well-heeled Fort Worth, Texas, congregation. But perhaps the years of evangelical barnstorming have helped develop a wandering eye for the ladies. And that lifestyle has taken its toll.....on his wife, that is. Farrah Fawcett as the weary Mrs. Dewey has had it, which might in part explain her adulterous affair with the youth minister. To add insult to injury, the fallen woman has amassed enough power to wrest the congregation away from her spouse. Her lover will be the new preacher.

Sonny plots revenge, and then thinks better of it. But then, at an altercation during a Little League game, push comes to shove and, in the heat of the moment, Sonny renders his rival comatose with a well-swinged baseball bat. Sonny takes it on the lam.

He is down, but not out. Sonny's ongoing dialogue with the Deity goes into high gear. As is his fashion, the enchanting odyssey that ensues will be of a profoundly religious nature.

Strutting his endearing stuff, Duvall takes the audience on a journey of faith as Sonny seeks his way to redemption. Taking to the backroads and vociferously ministering to no one in particular, the resilient holy man ponders God's purpose. He meets an old, black, one-legged man who offers him shelter, a finely touching encounter thick with Biblical connotation. The elderly gent recommends a minister in Louisiana to Sonny. Taking this cue as a sign, the wandering pilgrim wends his way to the Louisiana backwater in question.

Sonny's faith and egotism go hand-in-hand, a prime factor of the movie's charm. By the time he meets the rural burg's black cleric, now retired due to health considerations, Duvall's soul searcher extraordinaire has conveniently formulated his own revelation: On a mission from God, he has been sent to save the little town's souls and rebuild its church. Sonny begins calling himself the Apostle E.F.

He ingratiates himself with the local populace in short order. Certainly, this

energetic stranger is beguiling — a Music Man of the cloth. But what's more, because they believe that he truly believes, his faith is contagious. And thus, though the abandoned church has gone to seed, he gets the sidelined parson's blessing for its resurrection. Sonny is back in business. And that's just fine with everyone, except for one threatening bigot played by Billy Bob Thornton. The inevitable showdown is priceless.

Making a deal with the local radio station owner (Rick Dial), the devot dynamo takes to the air and publicizes his new church. An ace mechanic to boot, Sonny rebuilds a dilapidated old bus in order to ferry his nascent flock to services. And to further the cause, he works part-time jobs slinging hash and fixing cars. Along the way, he finds the time to attract the attentions of the radio station secretary, convincingly realized by Miranda Richardson. Via the ensuing relationship — a tense but sometimes comical bit of dating — a telling light is shed on yet another side of Sonny.

Writing, directing and starring in his own film, Mr. Duvall performs the cinematic hat trick with notable panache. Adding to his usual style and likability, the veteran actor puts an extra oomph into Sonny's super-animated, holy-rolling physicality — a stunning choreography that dramatically underscores the preacher's all-consuming passion.

Authentic location backdrops and the use of actual churchgoers give a further note of realism to Duvall's compassionate study of Southern evangelism. It is his contention that integration has long flourished in such backwater parishes. But what really sets *The Apostle* apart from the hackneyed Hollywood treatment is the character of Sonny himself.

Whereas the showpwn rule is to portray this uniquely American form of clergyman as a money-grubbing charlatan, Duvall as film auteur cuts a refreshing angle. His Pentecostal anti-hero may be a bit of a wag, but his religious conviction is beyond question. Regardless of one's individual beliefs, there's no denying the tempting allure — to bask for a while in Sonny's feel-good positivism, replete with its heartwarming promise of everlasting life.

In the nit-pick department, the closing sequences move a mite slow despite the climactic tension Mr. Duvall builds. About 15 minutes could have been lopped off the ending. Also, the two sub-plots — the fate of Sonny's victim, and whether or not the authorities will root out our religious fugitive — are noticeably weak. Happily, while this lack of dramatic balance detracts from the film as a whole, *The Apostle* succeeds in spreading its inspirational message.

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*The Apostle, rated PG-13, is an October Films release directed by Robert Duvall and stars Robert Duvall, Farrah Fawcett and Miranda Richardson. Running time: 135 minutes.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Friends of Mindowaskin Seek Money In Budget for Reconstruction Work

**Editor's Note: The following letter was addressed to Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and members of the Westfield Town Council with copies sent to The Westfield Leader, the Downtown Westfield Corporation, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Westfield Board of Realtors. Although the letter is longer than our policy allows, we felt it was of importance and thus we have published it in its entirety.**

As you prepare the 1998 Capital Budget for the Town of Westfield, I would like to strongly encourage you to adopt the Public Works proposed budget which includes \$100,000 for the Mindowaskin Park overlook reconstruction project and \$60,000 for a sprinkler system for the gardens in the park.

In 1989 a committee of government and private individuals was formed to study and implement the rehabilitation of Mindowaskin Park.

From that committee The Friends of Mindowaskin Park, a non-profit organization, was formed in 1991 to work in a partnership with the town to maintain the park.

The project's Phase I began with a report to the Town Council that included the infrastructure improvements that the town undertook in regrading, modifying drainage, and installing new roadways at a cost of \$140,000.

The Friends concurrently raised over \$250,000 from individuals, corporations, foundations and town organizations for the new lampposts, benches, designed gardens, trees, shrubs, playground equipment and signage. Over \$400,000 has been spent on this park so far.

Over 500 citizens and organizations contributed to this worthwhile cause. The Friends of Mindowaskin Park continues to monitor the park which is considered to be a valued investment to the community.

This group has succeeded in rehabilitating a town-owned facility into a much loved masterpiece of which all of the town can be proud. An award from The Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union for the preservation of this park has been granted.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce gave their "Faith in Westfield Award" to the Friends for the park renovation. Our park is now listed in the distinguished Garden Conservancy, a national publication.

Most important of all is that Mindowaskin Park is a designated Historic District listed by our Westfield Historic Preservation Commission.

The time has come to start Phase II that has been a part of the agreement

between the town and the Friends since 1991. Phase II would include reconstruction of the facade of the overlook on East Broad Street.

This concrete structure has been neglected and has been deteriorating for several years. It is now beyond repair. It is literally falling apart.

A sprinkler system for the designed gardens in the park is desperately needed. In the past, the town did not adequately water these plantings, so many of them died. In turn, the town had the expense of replacing those plantings that had been neglected.

A sprinkler system could enable the Public Works crews to concentrate on other tasks in the town or to repair the many areas of the park that never get attention. For example, the vandalized bandstand railings and balusters need repair; the continuing "geese health hazard" needs resolution, especially for the children; and extremely dangerous rusted posts (screen) located near the bridge by the playground area needs some other solution.

The Friends will be totally involved with this project in all phases of selection and construction. We believe in this endeavor and will do our part to raise funds.

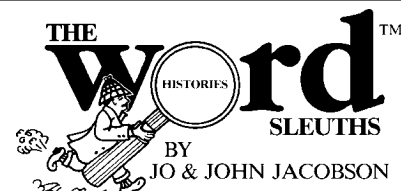
However, this is town property; therefore it remains the town officials' responsibility to maintain this facility. According to Edward A. Gottko, our Town Administrator, there are state grants and loans from which communities like ours may benefit if researched and approached.

As leaders of our community, you have the major responsibility to preserve our precious resources in the town. Mindowaskin Park is the jewel in the center of the town surrounded by the historic church and our own Municipal Building. It is obvious that the people of Westfield value this park and enjoy the facility by their presence in the park.

The citizens expect and deserve that these facilities be well maintained in our community and it is up to our mayor and council to see that they are.

By adopting this proposed budget for the overlook and sprinkler system, you will confirm the town's commitment to improved facilities at a time when emphasis is being placed upon revitalization projects such as the Downtown Westfield Corporation, the Neighborhood Preservation Program, and various other endeavors.

**Nancy Priest  
 President  
 Friends of Mindowaskin Park  
 Westfield**



## FLASH IN THE PAN

In addition to enhancing efficiency or "the quality of life," new technologies, such as computers or television, result in the creation of many new words or expressions.

Consider the flintlock rifle, for example. The flintlock did little to improve life; on the contrary, it was quite efficient in taking it. But, it did add a bright figure of speech to our vocabulary.

The flintlock, a Colonial-period weapon, was in use from the 1600s to about 1850.

Its name was derived from a piece of flint in the hammer of the rifle that produced a spark when released. This spark, in turn, ignited a small quantity of priming powder in the "pan," thus firing the main charge.

Flintlock rifles were not always reliable. Occasionally, the priming powder in the pan failed to ignite the main charge. This resulted in a brilliant flash, but little else — or so it seemed at the time.

The legacy of this inconsistent weapon was a flashy new metaphor, "flash in the pan," which came to mean "a person who failed to fulfill his early promise or whose brilliance was short lived."

## Happy Memories Are the Sweetest Valentines of All

By Louis H. Clark

If Valentine's Day was not already an institution, it would have had to be invented.

I am sure the second millennium will not be remembered for its scientific achievements. They will look back at us in the same kind of awe that we look at the Pyramids: "How did they ever do such things with the primitive tools they had?" will be the comment.

Just at the start of this millennium, in the late 1100s, poets and minstrels began singing and making poetry for ladies. They were the ones who secularized the words "love" and "passion."

Now it all comes down to my oldest daughter approaching 16. The day after Valentine's Day, she and her friends sit around the dining room table and count their cards.

Of course all cards from relatives and family are discarded. Since nearly all the cards are anonymous, there is room for cheating. Last year one of the girls sent 15 cards to herself. Unfortunately they were all exactly the same card. She was expelled from the meeting.

The winner gets no prize, but she is envied, which is even better than a prize.

It all ends up with me running around like a fiend trying to find a gift for my wife which shows sentiment, love and gratitude. Luckily, diamonds are not my wife's best friend. Nor is a robe, which is usually my last resort.

This year the present will be a bottle of perfume at 500 times its cost. I will get three ties which I will wear this spring and summer. I never ask their cost but I still think \$60 a tie is obscene.

Since I can't say "Happy Valentine's Day" to you, I'll say something even better. I hope it brings happy memories, which are the best gift of all.

## Nature Center Seeks Treated Wood Donations

Treated wolmanized lumber is needed for trail construction projects in the Fanwood Nature Center.

If the wood is used it should be in good condition. The size needed is two inches thick by six inches wide, with a minimum length of five feet. Pick up of the wood can be arranged through the center.

Please call the Fanwood Environmental Commission Chairman Dean Talcott at (908) 322-6577 to make arrangements.

## Residents Invited To Sharpen Skills At OWL Meeting

Have you ever gone into another room or opened the refrigerator door and forgotten why you are there? Or had difficulty remembering a familiar name or word?

Because of the way the brain works almost everyone as they age experiences forgetfulness that is considered "normal" memory loss, according to Dr. Toby Marx, Director of the Gerontology Program at Union County College.

"But," explained Dr. Marx, who has done extensive studies of memory, "there are ways we can improve our memory skills using abilities we already possess and by learning new techniques to help us stay mentally strong."

"Keeping Your Memory Skills Sharp" will be the subject of a talk Dr. Marx will present at a public meeting sponsored by OWL of Central New Jersey at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, at the Y.W.C.A. of Summit, located at Morris Avenue and Prospect Street.

Dr. Marx, who has taught at the college since 1980, is a member of the Advisory Council of the Union County Division on Aging and of the Union County Human Services Advisory Committee.

The Older Women's League is a national grassroots organization working to improve the lives of midlife and older women through research, education and advocacy, according to Miriam Dickman, a spokeswoman for the group.

For further information, please call (908) 272-5671 or (973) 467-8136.

## Letters to the Editor

### Neighbors on Township's South Side Are Urged to Oppose Retail Proposal

Somehow the township's Master Plan believes that residents on the south side of Scotch Plains need more retail in light of recent residential development.

We all get into our cars and drive the mile or two to the nearest shopping and have for many years. We do this because we like the "country" feeling of this area. We don't want an ugly strip mall or fast food chain or whatever might eventually occupy the lot where the Park Place Diner now stands.

Taking a look at the blueprints for development of this lot should scare a lot of people living in the area. If the zoning/use variance that has been filed for is approved, there will be no turning back from the macadam plateau that will nearly double the existing lot and building, felling many perimeter trees in the process.

We will still have to get into our cars if we wish to patronize any of these stores because, unlike the north side of town, the adjacent neighborhoods are all off of major roads. The sub-optimal access to the site and current traffic at that intersection are enough to keep most "convenience shoppers" away.

We can stand up and say that we like

our neighborhoods just the way they are and send developers packing for more fertile ground.

I would like to suggest that anyone living within a mile of the Park Place Diner do just that when the Board of Adjustment meets to hear "experts" discuss our neighborhood at their next meeting on Thursday, March 5.

**Jean McAllister  
 Scotch Plains**

## POLICY ON LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters to the Editor must bear a signature, a street address and a daytime telephone number so authors may be verified. Letters that are E-mailed to the Editor also must contain a daytime telephone number. Our E-mail address is "press@goleader.com."

Letters may be no longer than one-and-a-half pages, typewritten and double-spaced. Letters must be typed upper and lower case. All letters are subject to editing due to space limitations and style.

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

## Human Services Director Thanks Community for Its Generosity

Since its almost Valentine's Day, I thought this would be a most appropriate time to say "thank you" to all those wonderful caring hearts out there in the Westfield community who gave so generously over this past holiday season.

Thanks to your efforts, hundreds of Westfield men, women and children were assisted in helping to make their holidays bright and by restoring their faith in our community through this caring and sharing program.

So to all the service groups, schools,

churches and religious organizations, social and civic group members, I thank you. And to the private individuals and families who donated to The Caring Neighbor Fund, your donations will enable this department to provide emergency assistance throughout the year, not just at holiday time.

Again, a huge "thank you" from my heart to yours.

**Lillian W. Corsi,  
 Human Services Director  
 Town of Westfield**



**GATHERING RAISES FUNDS FOR MR. FRANKS, DIABETES CENTER**

# House Speaker Gingrich Speaks On His 'Goals for A Generation'

By JEANNE WHITNEY  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Newt Gingrich was in Mountainside for breakfast Saturday with Congressman Bob Franks and other New Jersey Republicans.

The invitation-only event at L'Affaire restaurant on Route 22, East drew a reported crowd of 500 who heard the Georgian Republican describe his four "Goals for A Generation."

With the event, Mr. Gingrich — an architect of the 1994 "Contract With America" — raised \$20,000 for Mr. Franks' congressional re-election bid in November and another \$3,000 for the Diabetes Center of New Jersey in Plainfield.

Mr. Gingrich called Mr. Franks "a real legislative leader."

The House Speaker's 35-minute speech before party loyalists avoided any mention of United States President Bill Clinton's recent woes over a former White House intern. A spokesman for Mr. Gingrich said, "The Speaker is too busy to worry about that."

Three-term Congressman Franks said he was "delighted with the level of enthusiasm" over Mr. Gingrich's latest "platform for America" which deals with tax reform, Social Security, education and illegal drug use. "His speech was all policy," Congressman Franks said. "(It was a

chance) for him to be able to talk about, for example, Social Security — it's a healthy, realistic assessment of where the country is" — a topic which politicians strayed away from some 10 or 15 years ago due to the sensitive nature of the issue.

During his speech Mr. Gingrich could not help bashing "bureaucrats" for driving up spending and blaming "the media" for not giving credit to Republicans for turning around the nation's economy.

"We've gone from a \$322 billion projected budget deficit (in 2002) to a \$32 billion surplus. I'd call that real change," he said.

Another of Mr. Gingrich's "Goals for A Generation" is a national "retirement council" connected by computer Internet communication to guide the Social Security system to continued solvency. According to a recent Harris poll, Mr. Gingrich said, more American youth believe in UFOs than believe they will get Social Security benefits by retirement age.

The Speaker also proposed a cut in combined federal, state and local taxes from 38 percent to 25 percent of income. He claimed that eliminating the Internal Revenue Service's 21 percent "error rate" alone would save the nation \$5 billion annually. "We should contract out to (major credit card companies)," he added, for tax collection.

His education goals include Mr. Gingrich's proposal to deny tenure to any staff of schools that score in the bottom 20 percent nationwide.

"Change the schools and save the children," he declared. His "English language only" policy for public school systems brought cheers from the crowd.

Mr. Gingrich reportedly waged a similar fundraising tour of the nation early last year for GOP incumbents and party committees. Saying he has traveled to 15 states since the first of this year, Mr. Gingrich was scheduled to go on to Pennsylvania following Saturday's Mountainside rally.

Sharing the platform at times with House Speaker Gingrich and Mr. Franks were State Republican Party Chairman Chuck Haytaniah, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen from the 11th District that includes Morris County, State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, from the 22nd Legislative District, and Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti.

Spotted among other Republicans present were State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, Scotch Plains Councilman William McClintock, Westfield Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick and former Union County Freeholders Henry W. Kurz, Frank H. Lehr and Linda DiGiovanni.



The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter American Red Cross 80th Anniversary Committee met recently to continue the planning of the upcoming black-tie birthday gala featuring the 1950s musical group, The Drifters. Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. William Bonsall, committee member; George Gatesy, 80th Gala Chairman; Edward A. Gottko and Scott Beresford, committee members, and Dr. John Tabachnick, Chapter Chairman.

## Drifters to Perform at 80th Red Cross Anniversary Gala

Supporters of the American Red Cross will return to an age of 1950s-style innocence at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison on Saturday, March 21, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Westfield-Mountainside Chapter.

The original Drifters, the popular rock-and-roll group, will headline at the black-tie birthday gala.

The Drifters, whose million sellers include "There Goes My Baby," "This Magic Moment," "Save the Last Dance For Me," "Up On The Roof," "On Broadway," "Under the Boardwalk," "Dance With Me" and "I Count The Tears," will perform two shows at the event.

Westfield resident George Gatesy, Gala Chairman, announced recently that Mohammed Ali's boxing gloves and a golf school trip to Scottsdale, Arizona, top the list of silent auction items. In addition, after a tribute to the past chairmen, Ernest S. Winter, the chapter's oldest, active volunteer will receive the inaugural "Angel on Earth Award" just days after his 96th birthday.

Tickets are limited to the first 250 guests at \$175 per person.

"For 115 years, the American Red Cross has responded to communities and people in need, keeping people safe across the nation and throughout the world during war and peace, when disaster strikes, and every day.

"The chapter's guiding theme is 'Help is There' — a motto they have lived every day for the people and the communities of Westfield and Mountainside for the past 80 years,"

## College Men's Club Sets Black-Tie Affair For Saturday, Feb. 28

The College Men's Club of Westfield will have its annual black-tie dinner dance on Saturday, February 28, at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

All of the funds raised will go directly to this year's graduating Westfield High School male seniors selected to receive scholarship awards by the club's scholarship committee.

This year's dinner dance will include an auction of items including works of art, jewelry, airfares, dinners, tickets to sporting and other entertainment events, as well as a five-day, four-night vacation at the Scottsdale Arizona Princess Hotel.

The Princess Hotel in Scottsdale is a five-star resort offering two championship golf courses (one of which hosts the annual Phoenix Open), a spa and two five-star restaurants.

Tickets can be obtained by calling (908) 518-0132.

## C. T. Ward Presents Photographic Works In National Art Exhibit

C. T. Ward of San Mateo, California, the son of Helen Klein Ward of Westfield, is showing a selection of photographic works at the Insights '98 tenth annual National Art Exhibit at the Embarcadero 4 in San Francisco through Friday, March 6.

The photographs in the exhibit reflect Mr. Ward's emphasis on composition and design, with a focus on stark and artistic images.

Mr. Ward, who has won several awards in competition for his celestial photographs, is a visually-impaired, self-taught photographer with extensive musical training who works independently.

### SPBPA Announces Meeting for Feb. 19

The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association (SPBPA) will have its first meeting of 1998 on Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at CEO Executive Suites, 1812 Front Street in Scotch Plains.

Refreshments will be served. All members are invited to attend the meeting, at which time elections will be held for three board member positions.

Discussions will also be held on event planning for 1998 and other issues facing the business community this year.

Annual membership in the SPBPA is \$35 and all area businesses and professionals are invited to join the organization, which has 178 members.

The SPBPA has issued a reminder to members that annual dues are now due, and would appreciate prompt payment so that the organization can plan accordingly for 1998.

For more information on the SPBPA, please call Ray Pardon, SPBPA President, at Nuts n' Plenty, (908) 322-7388.

### Professor Dunscombe to Continue Program on 'New Jersey Trivia'

The Westfield Historical Society's evening meeting on Thursday, February 19, will feature Professor William E. Dunscombe presenting the second part of his slide/lecture on "New Jersey Trivia."

The first part of this program was presented at the society's First Wednesday Luncheon on November 5, and some of that information will be reviewed before Professor Dunscombe continues with the rest of his presentation.

The second part deals with New Jersey's history, standards, symbols and natural history, according to a spokesman for the Historical Soci-

ety. These slides present trivia questions, with audience members invited to participate in the multiple choice answers which are offered, according to the spokesman.

Professor Dunscombe is Chairman of the Union County College Biology Department and has been Associate Professor of Biology at the college since 1971.

The public is invited to attend this program, which will start at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street. Refreshments will be provided after the program.

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## Butter Churning Program To be Held at Miller-Cory

A butter churning demonstration and tours of the historic 18th century farmhouse will be featured at the Miller-Cory House Museum on Sunday, February 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. The last tour begins at 3:30 p.m.

Visitors to the museum will experience the taste of freshly churned butter while learning about life in early America and how colonists prepared butter, according to a spokeswoman.

Joan Barna of Scotch Plains will churn butter using fresh cream and an early American stoneware churner with a wooden lid and dasher. During Colonial times, butter churning was usually done once or twice a week.

Built in 1740, the Miller-Cory House was named in honor of its two pre-Revolutionary War owners, both descended from the earliest settlers in this area.

Costumed docents will guide visitors through the farmhouse and answer questions about early American life in New Jersey. The museum gift

shop has a wide variety of Colonial-era reproductions, crafts, cookbooks and educational items.

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.

On Sunday, February 22, the museum will feature Colonial-era children's games and the Colonial card game "loo."

For information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum office at (908)232-1776.

### *Triplet Daughters Born to Weigels*

Dr. Patricia Ruggeri-Weigel and Dr. Peter J. Weigel of Scotch Plains have announced the birth of their triplet daughters, Mariel Joy, Mariah Gayle and Melody Anne, on Tuesday, December 9, at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Mariel weighed 4 pounds and 6 ounces and measured 17¼ inches in length at birth. Mariah weighed 5 pounds and measured 18 inches in length at birth. Melody weighed 4 pounds and 4 ounces and measured 17¼ inches in length at birth.

The babies were born at 7:56 p.m., 7:57 p.m. and 7:59 p.m., respectively.

They join their twin siblings, Peter, Jr. and Julia, 6 years old.

The triplets' maternal grandparents are Orlando and Josephine Ruggeri of Westfield.

The paternal grandparents are Howard Weigel of Old Bridge and Eleanor Weigel of Wilmington, North Carolina.

The babies' paternal great-grandparents are John and Blondine Weigel of Aberdeen and Paula Wieland of Huntington, New York.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL FRY**  
*(She is the former Miss Christine Walsh)*

### *Miss Christine Walsh Marries Michael Fry*

Miss Christine Walsh, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walsh of Westfield, was married on Saturday, August 9, to Michael Fry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Eggers of Aston, Pennsylvania.

The afternoon ceremony took place at the Queenship of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Plainsboro, with the bride escorted down the aisle by her father. The Reverend Ed Struzik officiated at the nuptials. A reception was held at the Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg.

Mrs. Donna Walsh of Westfield, the sister-in-law of the bride, served as the matron of honor.

The bridal attendants included Ms. Joanna D'Agostino of Scotch Plains, the cousin of the bride; Mrs. Karyn Jakubik of Scotch Plains, Ms. Noreen Martin of San Francisco and Ms. Joyce Synnott of Pasadena, California, all friends of the bride.

Thomas Fry of St. Petersburg, Florida, the cousin of the bridegroom, was the best man. The ushers were Edward Carr and Mark Stephens, both of Wilmington, Delaware; Jerry Passalacqua of Philadelphia and Bill Watson of Roselle Park, all friends of the bridegroom.

The bride is a graduate of West-

field High School, Class of 1989. She received her degree in early childhood and special education from Boston College in 1993, and is employed as a teacher of children with autism at Princeton Child Development Institute in Lawrenceville.

A 1986 graduate of Chichester High School, the bridegroom earned a degree in finance from West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania in 1995. He is employed in technical support at Dow Jones in South Brunswick.

A rehearsal party was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at Cranbury Inn in Cranbury.

Following a wedding trip to England and Ireland, the couple reside in Mercerville.

### **African Violet Society To Meet February 19**

The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society will meet on Thursday, February 19, at 1 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The program will be titled "Hold It & Hide It." Members of the public are invited to attend.



**MRS. MARK DAVID BERNIKER**  
*(She is the former Miss Karen Lynn Lauster)*

### *Miss Karen L. Lauster Weds Mark D. Berniker*

Miss Karen Lynn Lauster, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Lauster of Westfield, was married on Saturday, September 20, to Mark David Berniker. He is the son of Mrs. Linda Passman of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Michael Berniker of Fort Lee.

The wedding and formal reception was held at The Pratt Mansions in New York, with Judge Morris Slifkin officiating. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father.

Miss Katherine Sponaugle of Rye Beach, New Hampshire, served as the maid of honor. The bridal attendants included Mrs. Amanda Lauster of Evergreen, Colorado, the sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. Julie Powell of San Francisco, the sister of the bridegroom; Miss Karen Walker and Miss Catherine Kapell, both of New York.

Eugene DeRose of New York served as the best man. The ushers included Todd Lauster of Evergreen, Colorado, the brother of the bride; Craig Teahen and Ward Yoshimoto, both of New York. Evan Hunter Powell of San Francisco, the nephew of the bridegroom,

served as the ring bearer.

The bride graduated from Westfield High School in 1987 and from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, in 1991.

She received her master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from New York University, and is employed by the Epilepsy Institute of New York as a vocational counselor.

The bridegroom graduated from the University of Michigan in 1985 and from Glasgow University in Scotland, where he received a Master of Philosophy Degree. He is employed as a senior producer-technology for CNN/fn.

A bridal shower was hosted by Miss Kapell, Miss Sponaugle and Miss Walker in New York.

A bridal luncheon was given by Mrs. Cathleen Halpin, Mrs. Sonia Kassinger, Mrs. Lois Schmalz and Mrs. Jill Sitzer at Mrs. Kassinger's home in Westfield.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the bridegroom's mother, was held at the Bryant Park Grill in Manhattan.

Following a wedding trip to Italy and Switzerland, the couple resides in New York.

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**Expressions  
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**Grenbaum  
2x7**



# Long Range Objective Features \$17.5 Million In School Improvements

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In her Facilities Committee report issued to the Westfield Board of Education on February 3, Chairwoman of the committee, Darielle M. Walsh, unveiled the board's long-range facilities plan, which spans the present school year through 2002-2003.

Among the priorities on which the plan is based, number one is "safety," said Mrs. Walsh. The total anticipated expenditure for Westfield's elementary, intermediate and senior high school facilities and administrative offices is \$17,516,000 over the next five years, with the bulk of the funds being used during 1999-2000.

The issue of a bond referendum is presently in discussion among Finance and Facilities Committee members.

"The first step is to identify what amount we would have in a bond referendum," said Mrs. Walsh.

"These nine facilities are our most important assets," she added. "It's important to take care of them."

Board member Keith S. Hertell pointed out that some of the projects outlined in the new plan were previously identified in the 1996-1997 facilities plan. He said they would now cost an additional \$72,000 to complete, and urged the board to implement the projects

as planned so as not to incur additional costs.

Total expenditures for 1998-1999 are estimated to be \$2,062,000.

The biggest projects would take place at Westfield High School (including completion of re-roofing, renovation of portable classrooms, lavatory renovation and conversion of shops into standard classroom space); the Elm Street Administrative Offices (renovations to comply with fire, safety and accessibility codes); Edison Intermediate (electrical upgrade and completion of re-roofing); Roosevelt Intermediate (electrical distribution, upgrade of the stage lighting and auditorium sound system), and Franklin Elementary (exterior renovation completion and electrical distribution).

In other business, the board approved a series of personnel items, including acceptance of the resignation of Human Resources Secretary Sheila Nichols.

Under new business, board member Ginger Hardwick asked about the possibility of re-broadcasting board meetings more frequently, and ensuring that, when shown, the meetings are broadcast in their entirety.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley asked Lorre Korecky, Coordinator of School and Community Relations, to make arrangements for a morning broadcast.



SOURCE OF INVESTIGATION...Newspaper vending machines, shown here at the entrance to Edwards supermarket on Elm Street, are the subject of an investigation by Westfield Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick.

## Councilwoman Vernick Initiates Investigation On Newsbox Placement

Westfield Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, has initiated an investigation in response to inquiries made by local residents about what she described "the hazards presented by the random placement of unregulated newspaper boxes proliferating throughout the community."

"This (the investigation) is necessary to determine if the Town of Westfield could improve on the health and safety issues involved," said Councilwoman Vernick.

In researching the problem, she said it became clear that towns, such as Ridgewood, Princeton and Morristown, communities which are similar to Westfield, have drawn ordinances "to help preserve the health and safety of their citizens as they relate to this issue."

Mrs. Vernick, Chairwoman of the Westfield Town Council Public Safety Committee, has contacted the League of Municipalities, as well as other municipalities with ordinances regulating newspaper boxes, to research their handling of the placement, maintenance, registration, fees and other pertinent issues as they relate to the boxes.

There are 27 municipalities within the league which regulate newspaper boxes.

Mrs. Vernick stated, "This problem has existed in Westfield for many

years and needs to be addressed."

After presentation of her findings to the town attorney and the Town Council, Mrs. Vernick will turn her findings over to the Downtown Westfield Corporation, the governing body of the downtown special improvement district, to assist them with their street scape planning.

### Area Residents Make Dean's List At Montclair State

Seven area residents are among those students who were named to the academic honors list for the fall 1997 semester at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair.

To be eligible, a student must be enrolled full time and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale.

The list includes the following students: Andrea Oley, business administration; Timoty F. Stefanoski, theater, and Denise A. Taday, English, all from Scotch Plains; Kristen Marie Aquila, majoring in physical education; Daniel J. Lampert, who has yet to declare a major; Elaine Panza, majoring in home economics, and Daniel Matthew Savad, majoring in chemistry, all from Westfield

## Squad Officers are Installed; Captain Honored for Service

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

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

Mayor Joan Papen then administered the oath of office to the newly elected squad officers. They are: President, Daniel Sullivan; First Vice President, Robert Speth; Second Vice President, William McLaughlin; Secretary, Jean Lozowski; Treasurer Harold Hill, Jr. who also serves as Captain of the squad, and Mr. Gurske as Chaplain.

The others sworn in were First Lieutenant Joanne Gurske; Second Lieutenant Robert Foerster; Delegates Joan Lozowski, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Sullivan; Alternate Delegates Maureen Barry, Mr. Foerster and David Smith, and Trustees Brian Cassidy, Edward Fiedler and Ernesto Hernandez.

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

Mayor Papen, representing the township council, expressed to Captain Hill the gratitude of the governing body and the township for his example, leadership qualities and efforts on behalf of the squad.

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

Captain Hill, a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains, joined the squad in April of 1958. Since that time, he has answered over 10,500 emergency

calls and has served in many leadership roles both on the administrative and operational levels of the squad, according to a squad spokeswoman.

He was awarded life membership to the squad in 1983. Captain Hill was recognized in the community as "Volunteer of the Year" in 1991, and in the same year received the Emergency Care Award from the Knights of Columbus.

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

### Joseph Velotti Among 'Who's Who' Students

Joseph J. M. Velotti of Rahway, a graduate of Holy Trinity School in Westfield and a senior at Oratory Prep School in Summit, has been included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

He plans on pursuing a career in business management and accounting.

Joseph has been employed as a camp counselor at The Christopher Academy in Scotch Plains for the last two years. Before that, he volunteered his time in the classroom and as a counselor-in-training.

Joseph is the son of Joseph M. and Margaret Roselli Velotti. He is the grandson of Julius Roselli and Joseph Velotti, and the great-grandson of the late Harry Roselli.

## Family Genealogy Contest To Be Meeting Highlight

A contest will be the highlight of the Show-and-Tell meeting of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields on Thursday, February 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

This is the second year of a format for members to display charts of their ancestors and descendants. Half the participants will share their family genealogy with the others, and midway through the program, the two groups will switch.

For those who still need the appropriate charts, copies of each are available in the Local History Room of the Westfield Memorial Library.

Participants are encouraged to be-

gin early, fill out as much information as possible, and bring the papers to the meeting, according to a spokeswoman for the Genealogical Society.

Previous winners and officers of the Society are ineligible to participate in the contest, but they are encouraged to join in the activity, the spokeswoman said.

The entry judged as the best will win \$5; second prize is \$3. The decision of the judges will be final.

The public is invited to attend the meeting at no charge, and refreshments will be served. Additional details about this meeting, or about the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, may be obtained from Fred Bollinger, President, at (908) 232-6419.

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Irma's  
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Baron's  
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Richard Roberts  
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Ball Room Dance  
2x3

Beautiful Things  
2x6



## Michael Krivak Receives NJWA Scholarship Award

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) has announced that Michael Krivak of Westfield is the recipient of this year's Ruth Sell Scholarship Award.

The award recognizes a student's "hard work, practice and their consistent achievement in performance on a musical instrument," according to Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, founder and Executive Director of the NJWA.

Fifteen-year-old Michael began studying the violin at NJWA in the first grade with Dr. Schlosberg. He has also taken vocal lessons at the Workshop.

In addition, he is a member of the Musical Club of Westfield and the New Jersey Youth Symphony, and was both a soloist and Concert Master with the Westfield All City Orchestra.

Michael is a student at the Delbarton School in Morristown, where he has maintained High Honors on the Headmaster's List since his freshman year.

He participates in the Delbarton's men's chorus, Schola Catorum, plays violin in the school's Abbey Orchestra and performs with the Abbey Players, while also continuing his vocal studies. He is also a member of Delbarton's Varsity Bowling Team.

He is involved with the Cranford Repertory Theatre, and his resume also includes a 72-performance run in *Peter Pan* at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

A card-carrying member of the Screen Actors Guild, Michael has had parts in the feature films *Sleepers* and *The Devil's Own*.

The Ruth Sell Scholarship Award is named in memory of Dr. Schlosberg's mother-in-law, a long-time patron of the arts.

The NJWA, located at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield, is a non-

profit organization which offers creative experiences and training in the arts for pre-school children through adults.

Its divisions include The Music Studio, Kids "N" Arts, Tots "N" Arts, the



Michael Krivak

Westfield Fencing Club, the Westfield Summer Workshop, the Westfield Art Gallery, the Music Studio Summer Band/Orchestra Workshop and the new Drawing Workshop.

### Paul Muir Is Awarded Degree From Bucknell

Paul Muir, the son of Carol and Paul Muir of Mountainside, has graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

He is a graduate of Delbarton School in Morristown.

While at Bucknell, he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity.



WELCOME ABOARD...Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman Stan Baum, second from left, the owner of Scott Shoes, welcomes three new directors to the chamber's Board of Directors for 1998. Joining Mr. Baum, pictured, left to right, are: Jim Brown, owner of the Windmill Restaurant; Barbara Schwinn, President of the Westfield Art Association, and Mr. Schadt, owner of Martin Richard Salon.

## Westfield Chamber Names Three New Board Members

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary of service to the business community, has announced the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors for 1998.

Jim Brown, Barbara Schwinn, and Martin Schadt were elected to the 16-member board, which oversees the chamber's commitment to local business issues affecting the economy and quality of life of the Westfield Area.

Mr. Brown opened the Windmill Restaurant at 256 East Broad Street in Westfield on November 14, 1997. He was employed as a trader on the New York Stock Exchange when he

decided to open the restaurant.

As a teenager, Mr. Brown worked with his father at the Jolly Trolley on North Avenue. After buying the Windmill franchise in October, 1995, he searched for a location, and finally found his spot near the Rialto Theatre.

Ms. Schwinn is the President of the Westfield Art Association and has lived in the town for most of her life. The Art Association offers artists and art aficionados an opportunity to learn, discuss, and exhibit many aspects of fine arts.

An artist herself, Ms. Schwinn looks forward "to working with the Chamber members to make the artwork of these talented artists more visible to the community."

Mr. Schadt is the owner of Martin Richard Salon, 112 Elm Street. He has worked in Westfield for over 20 years, and started his own salon seven years ago.

"Westfield is one of the nicest towns in New Jersey, and I would like to see success for its downtown," commented Mr. Schadt.

### Joseph G. Catanzaro Achieves Dean's List At Bucknell University

Joseph G. Catanzaro, the son of Barbara Catanzaro of Westfield, is among those students who were named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania for the fall semester of the 1997-1998 academic year.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition.

## Century-Old Town Clock Is Temporarily Stopped

For over a century the Town Clock, which overlooks the Memorial Plaza from the First United Methodist Church, has been a faithful timepiece to those who drive or walk along Broad Street and North Avenue.

Recently restored, the 1886 E. Howard clock was rededicated in 1994 for the Westfield Bicentennial celebration. This great Grandfather Clock has rested in two towers during its lifetime. It was in 1910 that the clock and the large bell, that tolls the hour, were moved to the, then, new church tower.

Over the years and into 1998, people have depended on the clock when shopping in downtown Westfield, or as they rush to catch their trains or busses. Since the restoration, the Town Clock has been as accurate as most wrist watches, digital or analog, according to Town Bell Master John R. Panosh.

Rarely does the clock vary by more than a minute. But when it has not been on time, some residents have contacted Mr. Panosh, the restorer of the clock, with a plea to "please correct the time."

During this past December, the clock was halted, dials were disconnected, and the clockworks were covered to permit needed repairs to the tower that surrounds the clockworks and bell. Although not visible from the street, contractors have been busy preparing the interior tower walls to install steel bracing beams.

"For decades the weather, wind, and elements have slowly taken their toll. The bracing, when completed, will keep the tower from shifting and will further prevent cracks in the expansive walls that form the four sides of the tower."

"Pointing of the masonry will keep moisture from the tower interior, thus keep the clock mechanism and bell dry for years to come," said Mr. Panosh.

For the die-hard clock watchers and those citizens who perhaps believe that an ill fate has beset the Town Clock, there is a silver lining.

When the construction is finished, most likely by the spring of 1998, the brilliant hands will again circle the dials to keep Westfield on "Town Clock" time.



FREE ENTERPRISE AND OUR FUTURE...Dave Budd, a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA student is pictured here with the students from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains. The students were among the participants in DECA's Free Enterprise Jeopardy Challenge.

## DECA Students Sponsor Activities on Free Enterprise

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter, an association of marketing students, have been sponsoring a series of activities designed to promote the Free Enterprise System.

The major focus has been aimed at high school and middle school students. DECA is sponsoring an essay contest for high school students on the topic, "What Free Enterprise Means to My Future."

They also visited Park Middle School giving a presentation on economics and free enterprise, and then following up with a Jeopardy Challenge game. Also underway is a survey among high school students to determine their knowledge and understanding of our economic system.

The purpose of the activities is to make people, especially the youth, more aware of the incentives provided in the Free Enterprise system.



A FREE ENTERPRISE...Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papan is shown here with Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA marketing students Paul Valenzano, Kamran Ahmed and Lauren McCourt, after signing a proclamation declaring the week of January 25 to 30 as Free Enterprise Week in Scotch Plains. The proclamation recognized DECA's efforts to promote a free enterprise system, particularly among the youth of the community.

## Union County Offering Elderly Outreach Services

The final days this month for senior citizens to take advantage of special outreach services offered by Union County are Thursday, February 19, and Wednesday, February 25. "County representatives will help

needy seniors to complete applications for special programs to help them supplement their basic needs or improve their lives," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., liaison to the Division on Aging, adding that staff from the Outreach Services Program offered by the Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services can conduct private interviews on request.

The special programs for people who meet eligibility requirements are:

- LIFE LINE, which provides credit toward gas and electric bills.
- PAAD offers discounts on medications.
- HEAP helps low-income seniors pay heating bills.
- SSI offers Social Security income for people who did not pay into the system;
- CHIME provides information on many health plans to people on Medicare.
- SHARE provides a supplement to purchase food in return for community service.

Seniors in need of assistance should go to the second floor of the Roselle Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street in Roselle, on February 19, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or the Proceed office, located at 815 Elizabeth Avenue in Elizabeth on February 25 from 1 to 3 p.m.

For further information on the Outreach Program and other programs offered by the Division on Aging, please call the division's toll-free number at (888) 280-8226.



GRAND FINALE...Chorus members from the Grant/Washington School's 50th anniversary musical, "The Big Five-O" gather together after performing the closing number "That's Entertainment" last weekend at Roosevelt Intermediate School. Approximately 50 alumni were featured in the production.

## Grant/Washington Musical Showcases Alumni Talents

Grant/Washington School celebrated its 50th anniversary last Friday and Saturday with its production of "The Big Five-O" at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield.

Written by Alice Barbieri, the musical featured about 50 alumni. For the opening number, entitled "Welcome," cast members dressed in costumes from previous years when they were members of the Parent Teacher Association. Joining them on stage were this year's chorus members.

The directors for this year's show were Joe Materek and Norma Nemeck, who performed in some of the numbers themselves. The alumni tap dancers, along with the chorus and other tap dancers, displayed their talents in the showstopper "Anything Goes."

This year's men's number, in which the performers dressed as women, was called "Take Back Your Mink." Other numbers included "The Men in Black," which opened to a stage covered in smoke, and "Happy Days."

The finale, "That's Entertainment," included cast members, the chorus and tap dancers, as well as

teachers and Washington Elementary School Principal Connie Odell.

Producers for this year's show were Diane Fishman, Allison Fiorino, and Mary Ann Kent. The annual production serves as the major fundraiser for Washington Elementary School.

### Local Residents Named To Fall '97 Dean's List At Fairfield University

Fairfield University has announced that several local residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester.

To be selected, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5, out of a possible 4.0.

The students and their majors are: Catherine O'Connor of Scotch Plains, majoring in communication; and from Westfield, Kerry J. Capone, majoring in history; Heather L. Dubitsky, a neuroscience major, and Steven J. Kapuscinski, majoring in mathematics.



GOLDEN MOMENT...Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, far left, presents a resolution last Friday congratulating Grant/Washington School on their 50th anniversary show. The production, titled "The Big Five O," featured many school alumni in three performances at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield. Joining Assemblyman Bagger, pictured left to right, are: Co-Presidents of Washington School, Patti Dunstan and Gwen Cleaves, and former Westfield Mayor Bud Boothe, Jr.

## SP-F Schools to Take Part In Substance Awareness Program March 1 to 8

During the week of Sunday, March 1, through Sunday, March 8, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will join school districts around the nation in remembering those people whose lives have been lost or damaged due to drug and alcohol abuse.

To begin National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, also known as "Think Purple Week," scouts will tie purple ribbons around trees and poles in the two towns on Saturday, February 28.

The PTA's at each school will provide purple ribbons for students and faculty to wear during the week as well as sponsor other activities to foster an awareness of this issue.

Children at the elementary level will make "I Am Special" dolls, representing themselves, which will be hung in their respective schools for all to see beginning Monday, March 2.

They will also write notes on purple "hearts and hands" to 1998 graduating seniors with congratulatory and anti-drug, alcohol and smoking themes.

These will be displayed in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in June and then distributed to seniors. Students in the middle schools will write a letter to the seniors with similar messages. On Wednesday, March 4, students and staff as well as community members are encouraged to wear purple.

Sub Form  
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PLANNING A GALA...Officers of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra as well as Board Member Gala Underwriters, left to right, are: bottom row, Jane Kelly, WSO President; MaryLou Taylor and Emma DeGiralamo; top row, Bernie Peterson, David Wroe, Musical Director; Patrick Gaines, Executive Director and Barron Cashdollar.

## Westfield Symphony Plans Gala Honoring Gershwin

Plans are well under way for the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's 1998 Gala 'S Wonderful! The fundraising event, celebrating the centennial of George Gershwin's birth, will be held at the Hilton at Short

### Support Group Offered To Caregivers of Those Who Have Alzheimer's

The Caregiver/Alzheimer Support Group of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will next meet from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, in the Family Conference Room of the facility, located at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

This professional support, education and information group for caregivers and family members, offered free of charge, is held the third Thursday of each month, and is open to the community.

It is facilitated by Kathleen Balascio, a Runnells licensed social worker.

The support group shares information on the disease, research updates, practical care techniques and a list of community resources. Participants also have an opportunity to discuss the frustrations they feel in caring for those stricken with Alzheimer's disease.

The schedule for 1998 is as follows: Thursdays, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

For further information on this wheelchair-accessible program, please call (908) 771-5835.

Hills on Saturday, March 28.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception and a preview of gifts for the silent and live auctions. Dinner will follow with dancing to Gershwin tunes and the live auction.

The event will be capped off by the drawing for the 50/50 cash raffle, which last year awarded the winner over \$6,000.

Long-time Westfield Symphony Orchestra supporters Germaine Trabert, a member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and Richard Trabert, Executive Director for Public Affairs at Merck & Co., Inc., have been named the Gala Honorary Chairs.

Gala Sponsors are Merck & Co., Inc. and, as of last week, PNC Private Bank. Georgann M. Dowling and Mercedes Soval Cooper are the Gala Co-Chairs.

Underwriting for this 15th annual event has come from many quarters, including the WSO Board of Directors and the Friends of the Westfield Symphony.

Board members Mary Lou Taylor, Bernard V. Peterson, Emma DeGiralamo, Pamela Cooper, Barron Cashdollar, Margaret Corbet and George Lewis are among the early donors to the event.

Companies such as AT&T, Prudential and Exxon, have given matching gifts for their employees' contributions to the Gala.

Ticket prices to attend the gala range from \$125 to \$400 per person. For information please call (888) GALA-WSO.

## She Loves Me to Open at Cranford Dramatic Club

The Tony Award-winning musical play about the emotions of love, *She Loves Me*, will open at the Cranford Dramatic Club (CDC) Theater for four weekends beginning this Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, through Saturday, March 7.

The music and lyrics were written by Jerry Boch and Sheldon Harnick, the composing team that created the score for the award-winning musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Joe Masteroff is responsible for the script of *She Loves Me*.

Director Peter Clark, who also directed the CDC hit show *My Fair Lady*, has put together a cast to bring this loving and poignant story to the CDC stage.

The musical comedy is based upon the 1939 movie, *The Shop Around the Corner*. Set in a middle European "parfumerie," *She Loves Me* is the story of two store clerks, George and Amalia, who are constantly bickering and showing dislike for each other.

Each joins the same lonely hearts club where they begin to write passionate love letters which are forwarded by the club to an unknown recipient.

They do not know that each is receiving the love letter from the other. True love triumphs in the end as emotions in the letters become reality for each other.

Jean McCauley of Mountainside plays Amalia Balash and Richard Sibello from Nutley is George Nowack. Featured actors in the production include Michael Marcus as Zoltan Maracek, Matt Nazzaro as Arpad Laslo, John Schweska portraying Ladisoav Sipos, Bobby Selig as Steven Kudaly and Rebecca Zalon as Elona Ritter.

The production also features ensemble players including Terry Blackburn, John Duryee, Melissa Loderstedt, Joyce Owen, Donna Schlenker, Marc Chandler, Kevin Kessler, Carl Schlenker, Pam Skillman, Marilyn Vice, Mark Lampariello and BJ Solomon.

Mr. Clark, a CDC member for 25 years, includes among his directing credits, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *A Little Night Music* and *Sisters Rosenweig*. Assistant Director is Kate Slavin and musical direction comes by way of Ann Weeks with pianist Mary Beth McFall as accompanist.

Stage management comes from the veteran Elliot Lanes; the choreographer is Michelle Massa, and Nancy Welch is costumer for *She Loves Me*. Property managers for the show are Arlene Wachstein and

Madge Wittel and the producers are Elizabeth Howard and Melissa Loderstedt.

Construction specialists, Woody Sliker, Dick Chandler, and Carl Peterson, are responsible for building the set.

Reserved seat tickets for *She Loves Me* are priced at \$15, with student and senior citizen discounts available. The production will run for four weekends opening tomorrow, Friday, February 13, and Saturday, February 14.

*She Loves Me* will continue on Fridays, February 20, 27 and March 6, and Saturdays, February 21, 28 and March 7. Curtain times for all shows is 8 p.m.

The handicapped-accessible Cranford Dramatic Club Theater is located off Centennial Avenue at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford.

For further times, directions, ticket reservations and information, please call the CDC Theater box office at (908) 276-7611.

### Reptile Club for Kids Begins February 19

Youngsters in grades 3 through 5 who want to have fun while learning about snakes, lizards, and turtles are invited to join the 4-H Reptile Club sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

At each meeting, members will participate in a hands-on activity about reptiles, such as a reptile anatomy game called "Pin the Scale" or a reptile care game called "The Turtle Pyramid," according to a spokesman for Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Participants will also do a craft activity and cook a snack.

The club's first meeting will be on Thursday, February 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the 4-H office, 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield.

All future meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month. The cost to join the club is \$10 from now until July, and parental help is needed to make the club a success, said the spokesman.

For more information about the Reptile Club, please call the 4-H office at (908) 654-9854.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Program of Union County is fully insured and is affiliated with Rutgers University and the County of Union.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides information and educational services to all people without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age.



ON EXHIBIT... "Camden Harbor," Maine, an oil painting by Pat Flaherty, will be included in the artist's exhibit at the Westfield Art Gallery at 152 East Broad Street. The exhibit will run until Friday, March 6.

## Art Gallery to Exhibit Works Of Ms. Flaherty Until March 6

The Westfield Art Gallery, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, welcomed the work of artist Pat Flaherty during a reception held on February 8, at their 152 East Broad Street location.

Ms. Flaherty's landscape paintings will be on display at the gallery until Friday, March 6.

Although she is practiced in various art forms and subject matter, Ms. Flaherty said she became a landscape painter because of the energy and creativity she gathers from direct contact with nature.

Ms. Flaherty enjoys painting landscapes because of the tranquility and diversity of the "studio."

Painting in the open air allows an

artist to remove themselves from the confines of a traditional work place, free from the fumes from paints and thinners, a spokesman for the gallery explained.

"Where else can you work while watching the bees suck honey from wildflowers at your feet?" Ms. Flaherty questioned.

In addition to her show at the gallery, Ms. Flaherty has had her paintings and drawings exhibited locally, both as sole artist, and as a member of a group.

The Westfield Art Gallery is open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on selected Sundays by appointment only.

## Registration Underway for Students Scheduled to Begin Kindergarten

Children who will begin Kindergarten in Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools in September of 1998 are now being registered in each of the district's elementary schools.

To be eligible, a child must be 5 years old on or before Thursday, October 1.

Initial registration forms have been given to parents of children currently attending elementary schools in the district.

Families who have not yet had a

child enrolled in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools can obtain an initial registration form from the elementary school in the attendance area in which the family resides.

The form should be returned to the schools as soon as possible. Following receipt of all initial registration forms, the schools will inform prospective parents of the procedures for completing registration.

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**CIRCLE OF CHILDREN...** These youngsters were part of Marianne Reynolds' 1988 Presbyterian Nursery School class. The school is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sunday, April 26, and honoring Frances Ehrman, who for many years was a teacher and Director at the school. Pictured, clockwise from far right, are: Peter Meyers, Tara Dowling, Matthew Leiz, Michael Nahaczewski, Courtney Thrower, Jessica Holloway, Gabriele Schwartz, Anne Timmins and Amelia Harris.

**Charles Banks to Perform At First Methodist Church**

Charles Banks, organist and choir-master at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield, will present a concert of organ music at 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, at the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Composers represented on the program will include Mendelssohn, Manz, Saint-Saëns, Vienne, and

Banks is completing studies at Westminster for a Master of Music Degree in Sacred Music.

Minister of Music at St. Paul's since 1986, Mr. Banks is also an active concert organist.

For the past three seasons, Mr. Banks has been a featured recitalist on the Princeton University Afternoon Concert Series and will return there to play again in May. During the summer months, Mr. Banks is organist and choir-master at the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, North Carolina, where he also performs annual concerts as part of the Cathedral's Arts and Crafts celebration.

For more information about the program, please call the First United Methodist Church at (908) 233-4211.



Charles Banks

Lanquetit. A native of Western North Carolina, Mr. Banks was awarded a Bachelor of Music Degree in Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton in 1985.

In 1992, he received a Master of Music Degree with highest honors in Organ Performance. Presently, Mr.

**Pancake Breakfast Slated for February 22 At Holy Trinity Church**

The Parish Life Committee of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield is sponsoring its annual Pre-Lenten Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria on Sunday, February 22, after the 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. There is a maximum cost of \$15 per family. All are invited to attend.

The event is part of Holy Trinity's 125th anniversary celebration.

**Professor Emeritus to Speak On Role of Christian Poetry**

The Reverend Dr. James Livingston, Professor Emeritus of Literature at Drury College in Springfield, Missouri, will lead the discussion on "The Power of Christian Poetry: Aid for Our Spiritual Journey" in the Triangle Class at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for three consecutive Sundays, beginning February 22.

Dr. Livingston was Chairman of the Department of English for 12 years and Chairman of Humanities and Fine Arts at Drury College for three years before retiring in 1995.

He is an ordained Christian minister and served churches on a part-time basis in Texas, Chicago and throughout southwest Missouri.

Dr. Livingston is a published author and he has led tours abroad with his wife, Carolyn Wellman Livingston, a former Westfield resident.

All are invited to attend this program, which is being held in the

**Alexander Bregman, David Spett Named To Pingry Honor Roll**

Joyce Y. Hanrahan, Principal of The Pingry School, Short Hills Campus, has announced the second quarter Honor Roll for the sixth grade.

The following local students receiving honors are Alexander Bregman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry I. Bregman, and David Spett, the son of Dr. Milton C. Spett and Dr. Lynn R. Mollick, both of Westfield.

Students must receive at least a "B+" average in academic subjects and no grade lower than "L" (grade level) in special subjects to qualify for honor roll.

**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE:** Oh Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, Hail Mary's and Gloria's. Publication must be promised. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This novena has never been known to fail. This novena must be said for nine consecutive days. — L.E.D.

**Catholic Golden Age Members To Learn Art of Line Dancing**

Retired choreographer Joe Harko will lead the Scotch Plains Chapter of the Catholic Golden Age in line dancing at their next meeting slated for Sunday, February 15.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall of St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. Attendees should enter through the rectory side of the building.

Also, reservations will be accepted

for upcoming attractions including a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Wednesday, March 25, at a cost of \$18 per person.

Also coming up is the Hunt's Landing day trip, on Monday, April 20, for a Country and Western Festival including a family style breakfast upon arrival. Entertainment throughout the day features a live band, dancing, an open bar and contests.

The day-long festival will be topped off with a chuckwagon buffet feast. The cost of the trip is cost \$43.

Reservations are still being accepted for the Hawaii "Fun Ship" Jubilee slated for Wednesday, September 30, through Monday, October 12. Ocean-view cabins are still available for the group.

On Sunday, February 15, members are invited to bring a friend to the chapter meeting. New members are always invited to join the club.

For more information on the club or trip reservations, please call (908) 232-4842 or (908) 889-2152.

**Holy Trinity to Present Hymn Festival Sunday**

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

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.

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

The public is invited to attend the festival which is free.



**FASHION FUN...** Cadette Girl Scouts from Roosevelt Troop No. 99 recently visited the Union County Vocational-Technical Cosmetology School in Scotch Plains. The girls, working a badge called "From Fitness to Fashion," visited Pat Scala's Senior Cosmetology afternoon class, where the students gave each scout a new hairstyle. Many of the girls also enjoyed a manicure. Pictured, left to right, are: first row, Kate Warren, Erin Sullivan, and Shari Thomashow; second row, Ashley Yarusi, Emily Warren, Rachel Lazar, Kate Albino, Leigh Mary Bannworth, Lauren Musacchia and Lauren McCrea; third row, Lily Flast, MaryKate Maher, Brooke Austin, Katherine Nicole, Lauren Bannworth, Christin Connor and Claire Ganley. Mrs. Scala's cosmetology class is in the last row. Troop leaders are Mary Bannworth and Jean DeLuca.

**Wardlaw-Hartridge to Hold Open House on February 21**

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, serving Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12, will hold an open house program on Saturday, February 21, at 9 a.m.

The school is located at 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison. Parents and prospective students from the area are invited to attend the open house to learn more about the academic programs, sports, and extracurricular activities.

Guests will tour the facilities and meet the Head of School, Director of Admissions, Division Heads, and members of the faculty and student body.

Admission testing for students entering grades 2 through 12 will also take place at this time. Please call the school at (908) 754-1882 to make

arrangements to have a child tested on this date.

Wardlaw-Hartridge, celebrating its 115th year, has moved its Pre-Kindergarten to grade 5 program from Plainfield to a new building on the Edison campus, creating a consolidated three-division school; Pre-Kindergarten to grade 5, grades 6 through 8, and grades 9 through 12.

In addition to spacious classrooms, the new construction provides students with a two-story library/communications center (including four computer classrooms), three art studios, and a student-designed playground.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School is an independent coeducational college preparatory institution.



**YEAR OF THE TIGER...** Members of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School helped Lower School students celebrate the Chinese New Year by parading a paper mache dragon, displaying various Chinese cooking utensils, demonstrating how to make Chinese dumplings, a special Chinese buffet after which the dragon arrived to ward off evil spirits. The new Chinese year has been designated the "Year of the Tiger." Participating in the celebration, left to right, are: front row, Marris Lin of Plainfield, and Judy Kuo of Union; back row, Matt Temme of Rahway, Director of the ESL Program; Joe Zhou of Scotch Plains, and Victor Tsung of Edison.



**EDUCATORS HONORED...** Seven educators from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district were recently honored as mini-grant recipients during a reception hosted by the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. This year's recipients, pictured left to right, are: Anthony Arno and Pat Arno, both from McGinn Elementary School; Bernadette Hoyer, Brunner Elementary School; Joan Costello, McGinn School; Terene Lebreque, Elementary School One; Heide Griswold, Coles Elementary School, and Jeff Grysko, School One. The foundation awards mini-grants annually as a way of recognizing the innovation, dedication and talent of local educators.

**Adult Forum at First Baptist To Focus on Dead Sea Scrolls**

The Adult Forum of the First Baptist Church of Westfield, slated for Sunday, February 15, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the church lounge, will focus on the Dead Sea Scrolls and their relation to the New Testament.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this lecture by Dr. Dee Dee Turlington, Minister of Christian Education and Evangelism at the church.

Dr. Turlington recently attended a Biblical Archeology Society seminar on "Qumran, Judaism, and Christian Origins." The Dead Sea Scrolls have provoked sensational claims about errors in the Bible and in the church's understanding of Jesus, according to Dr. Turlington.

Such claims are largely over-

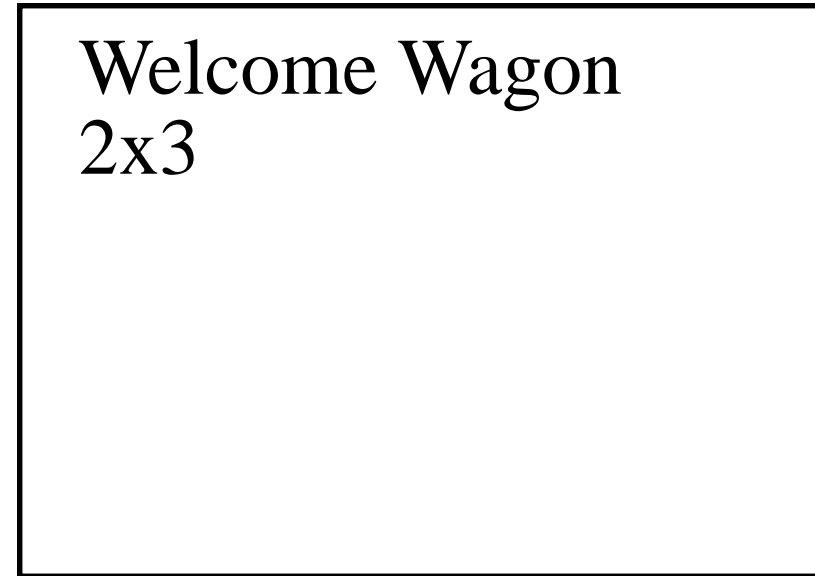
drawn, she stated, noting that "the Scrolls truly are sensational because they are an ancient library from the time of Hillel and Jesus."

The 800 documents represented (many only by fragments) include books of the Hebrew Bible, commentaries on them, and sectarian writings describing the Jewish group that lived at Qumran, on the shores of the Dead Sea.

The history of this group precedes the time of Jesus and ends in 68 C.E., when Christianity is defining itself as a religion separate from Judaism.

The writings therefore provide insight into the culture influencing John the Baptist and Jesus. Dr. Turlington's lecture will focus on parallels and differences between the Scrolls and the New Testament.

**Welcome Wagon 2x3**







**RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE...**Scotch Plains residents Lilianna Torlucci, Eileen Ricci and Susanne Spirko, were recently honored at Children's Specialized Hospital's (CSH) Staff Recognition Event for their years of service to the hospital. Pictured, left to right, are: Ms. Torlucci, Ms. Ricci, and Ms. Spirko being congratulated for five, 10, and 15 years of employment, respectively, by CSH President Richard Ahlfeld.

## Enrichment Programs Help Brighten Winter Months

Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains is once again sponsoring the After-School Enrichment (ASE) Program which offers students a change in their usual after-school activities during the winter months.

The program consists of weekly, hour-long classes during the months of January and February. Jacky Roshansky and Ruth Berman will head the program for the Parent-Teacher Association this year.

Mrs. Roshansky reported that over 234 students have enrolled in the 22 classes that have been scheduled. She has utilized over 51 volunteers to teach the classes, mostly parents from the school, along with a few community volunteers.

Classes offered for the first time this

year include Jewelry Making and a Lego block class. In addition, Storytime for the youngest students reappeared this year.

Returning favorites include Author! Author!, where the students write and illustrate their own books; Classe de Artiste, Dynamite Dinosaurs, Stamp Collecting and American Girls. Several craft classes and language classes have been offered again this year. Baby Sitter Certification is being taught by nurses from the Visiting Nurse Association. Dr. Pamela Duddy returned again to teach "Caring For Your Pet."

In addition to organizing the program, Mrs. Roshansky and Mrs. Berman offered on-site baby-sitting for the parents and other volunteers.



**PUPPET SHOW...**Students from the American Girl Class show off their "Shadow Puppets," one of the activities offered through the After-School Enrichment Program at Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Kristen Spirko, Christina Woods and Kaye Fajardo; back row, Gabrielle Berman, Mary Henkels, Magda Isack and Amanda Denny.

## Township Council Decides Not to Join UCUA Pact

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public safety and animal welfare. Officials said the township, by law, has the first shot at purchasing the property. The municipality has hired an appraiser to determine the value of the acreage.

In other action, the council agreed to limit parking to two hours on Sycamore Avenue between Front and East Second Streets after residents complained that employee cars from a nearby cleaning service were posing a problem.

Parking will also be eliminated from the south side of Westfield Avenue, in front of a convenience store, for safety reasons, officials said.

On a separate matter, officials okayed \$40,000 purchases of a utility truck with a sprayer tank and a utility van for the Recreation Commission. Elected officials and their DECA student counterparts recognized local high school student Keegan E. Rosera for his achievement of Eagle Scout rank.

He participated in a project to rid Watchung Reservation of a particular type of tree for the stability of the habitat.

One of the eight DECA high school students serving as township officials during the council meeting, Kamran Ahmen, said he hoped to go into public service in the future.

Township Attorney and state Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco encouraged Kamran.

"Go for it!" Senator DiFrancesco said.

Other participating students were seniors Marc Jacobs (as Mayor), Jeffrey Feighner, Rianna Liss, Adam Baumwoll, Jordan Eannucci and juniors Paul Valenzano and Matthew Pisane. Teacher Don Cababe is DECA advisor.

### Title 1 Applications Are Being Accepted

Now through Thursday, April 30, preliminary applications are being accepted for admission to the 1998-1999 Title I Pre-Kindergarten program in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools.

Operation of the program for district students will be based on revised federal regulations.

Preschool children residing in Scotch Plains and Fanwood who will be 4 years of age on or before Thursday, October 1, are eligible to be considered for the program.

Applicants will be evaluated by district staff in May.

The program consists of half-day sessions, five days per week, and is taught by certified early childhood teachers. There is no cost to the families of participants.

Preliminary applications are available at each elementary school in the district or from the Title I Office, which may be reached by calling (908)412-0830.

## Dr. Choye Not Surprised By Increase in Enrollment

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In the Enrollment and Facilities Planning Committee Report, and in the superintendent's subsequent reports and recommendations to the board, class size was (and continues to be) a major consideration.

While the board does not have a policy that dictates class sizes at the various grade levels, Dr. Choye said, "The board is very supportive of keeping elementary class sizes, especially at the primary level, under 25 (students)."

Today, some fourth grade classes hold 26 to 28 students, and those classes receive aide support for two and a half hours per day. At the middle and high school level, class size ranges from 20 to 30 students.

Dr. Choye cited the following example from Coles Elementary School. Just prior to the start of school on September 3, 1997, it became clear that both a first- and a fourth-grade class would contain over 25 students.

"We chose to keep the first grade numbers down by adding a teacher (and a fifth section) and put an aide in the fourth-grade class," she explained.

Another consideration in assessing the availability of space in district facilities is how the use of that space has changed through the years. Dr. Choye offered several examples. While there appears to be space for four standard classrooms at the back of Brunner Elementary School, one is used for occupational therapy/physical therapy programs.

At Coles, the resource center formerly consisted of three separate rooms. Now, resource teachers and reading recovery teachers share their respective space.

The superintendent added that space at the schools must be available for child study team evaluations of individual students within the special education program.

The district's changeover to its present configuration was set in motion by the Enrollment and Facilities Recommendation put forth by Dr. Choye in November of 1994.

Projections based on actual enrollment as of October 14, 1994 indicated that, over five years, the student population would increase by 531 students, growing from 3,717 to 4,248, a 14 percent increase.

The actual enrollment as of October 15, 1997 in district schools (inclusive of pre-school handicapped, Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Title I students, exclusive of students placed out-of-district) stood at 4,234.

The assumption which served as the foundation for Dr. Choye's recommendation was: to "produce the best quality education for our students and be responsive to the community's ability and willingness to pay."

The superintendent's "Maximum Stability and Maximum Flexibility" recommendation was divided into a multi-step plan to facilitate implementation over a number of years and to allow for necessary modifications.

It focused on low-cost alternatives to avoid siphoning funds away from educational programs, and was designed to affect the least number of students.

The plan moved the Office of Pupil Services from Brunner School into Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. It also moved the Chapter One Office out of Brunner into Park Middle School. Both of these steps allowed Brunner to reclaim five classrooms.

Student reassignments included moving 41 pupils (from Riverside Apartments and Country Club Estates in Scotch Plains) out of the Coles community into Brunner. These students were already being bused.

In addition, pre-Kindergarten classes from Coles, McGinn and Evergreen Elementary Schools were re-assigned to Brunner. Nineteen English as a Second Language (ESL) students, also being bused, were re-assigned from Coles to Elementary School One, and all middle-school ESL students were moved to Park from Terrill Middle School.

Dr. Choye pointed out that the movement of the 41 students into Brunner would help to relieve some of Terrill's enrollment growth in the future, as Brunner students go on to attend Park.

The 1994 recommendation called for an annual review of enrollment and resources over five years (and beyond, if necessary). The board was asked to be prepared to either expand the schools' capabilities with modular classrooms or to put classes such as music or art on carts (where all supplies are put on carts and brought to the classrooms) to open up instructional space.

In her recommendation, however, Dr. Choye identified other variables whose impact is more difficult to predict when projecting enrollment. These variables include: the impact of senior citizen housing and demographic shifts among older citizens, and their potential for opening up housing to younger families.

Kindergarten enrollment can be uncertain as some families opt for private school or full-day programs.

In addition, while district-wide enrollment figures can be calculated, numbers vary more at individual schools. Also, changes in state mandates have cost implications that are hard to foresee, and the amount of

state and federal funding is not something school districts can rely on.

The superintendent and board hope to "get a better handle" on some of these factors (particularly the "empty nesters") this spring through a door-to-door survey conducted by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

PTA Council President Diane Cameron anticipates the survey beginning at the end of March. She expects it will take 20 to 30 parents from each school about one week to 10 days to canvas neighborhoods across Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

The council is considering setting up telephone contacts for residents who would like to respond, but will not be at home to answer questions face to face.

Questions will focus on the number of children in a household (especially pre-schoolers), and the number of children currently enrolled in school (public or private). The survey will also inquire as to a family's plans to remain in the area or leave the district.

"The PTA is doing the legwork here," stressed Mrs. Cameron, "not issuing recommendations."

Survey results will be turned over to the Facilities and Enrollment Committee for evaluation.

Over the years, Coles parent William Leighton has worked closely with Dr. Choye and her staff to keep tabs on enrollment figures for Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools.

In a summary report dated December 31, 1997, Mr. Leighton advised the superintendent that "the period of highly-accelerated growth in the elementary schools should be coming to an end as the last of the small classes has moved on to the middle school, and all the classes in the elementary schools are the result of the higher birth rate years."

He went on to say, "As the elementary schools 'stabilize,' the 'bulge' will move onto the middle schools and eventually the high school."

Mr. Leighton also reported that, while the enrollment model "consistently" overestimates the Kindergarten population (supporting the belief that more parents are sending their children to private or full-day Kindergarten programs), it underestimates the first-grade population for the same reason.

With respect to new construction, Dr. Choye said she keeps in contact with Scotch Plains Township Administrator Thomas E. Atkins and Construction Official Robert LaCosta to stay abreast of new development in the community.

"We always want to have an idea of where we are in the process (of development) so that we can make sure space is available (in the schools)," she said.

The superintendent most recently proposed the consolidation of all but one of the district's pre-Kindergarten programs into six classrooms at Park Middle School.

This would free up classroom space at Brunner and Coles Schools. The remaining pre-Kindergarten class would remain in School One for the present time.

Administrators at School One, Coles and Evergreen Schools are still awaiting the installation of six modular classrooms, two at each school.

Going forward, Dr. Choye is committed to involving her staff and the community in the process of deciding how to best serve the students of the district's schools.

"We listen to concerns," she said, "and make the best decision we can. (Our goal is) how to best deliver strong programs for students, and how to do it as economically as possible."

### Council Anticipates Introducing Budget Within a Month

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did not feel bistro-style tables and chairs outside a restaurant would be "intrusive" to pedestrians making their way along the sidewalk.

Council President Bruce H. Walsh said he also would support such an ordinance, noting that sidewalk cafes may even provide an incentive for local businesses to spruce up the exteriors of their properties.

However, reservations were expressed by Councilman Populus, who doubted there would be enough sidewalk space to operate the cafes without interfering with pedestrian traffic, particularly on Martine Avenue. He noted that trees which line the downtown could also limit space availability.

Councilwoman Schurtz is expected to gather information on the sidewalk cafe proposal, which will likely be presented to the rest of the governing body within the next month, officials said.

### Clarification

In a story in *The Times* last week regarding candidates under consideration for nomination by the township's Republican Committee for seats on the Township Council, the name of Paulette Coronato, a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was left out.



## SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

• An employee of a Park Avenue pharmacy, reported observing a person put several items in his pocket and when confronted refused to return them and left in a Honda vehicle. The incident occurred Friday evening.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

• Arturo Escobar, age 30 of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated at approximately 12:45 a.m. on Terrill Road.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

• A resident of Westfield Avenue reported the theft of lingerie taken from a backyard clothesline. The incident occurred during late afternoon.

• A Stage House Village business, located on Park Avenue, reported the theft

of a painting taken sometime during the past several days.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

• A patron of a steak house restaurant located on Route 22, reported that someone had broken into his vehicle and had taken the car stereo.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

• A fire in a garage can was reported on Terrill Avenue nightclub at approximately 1:30 a.m. The fire was put out before the Fire Department arrived. The fire appeared to be accidentally set by a lit cigarette.

• Corey T. Bolden, 18, of Irvington, was arrested for possession of under 50 grams of marijuana pursuant to a traffic stop on Route 22 at approximately 11 p.m.



## FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

• Police reported that someone broke a window on a locked vehicle which was parked at the south side Fanwood train station and stole a jacket from inside.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

• David Hartpence, 19, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected cocaine on Terrill Road, according to police.

Authorities said the suspect, who was stopped by a police officer after leaving a

business, allegedly dropped a vial containing the suspected cocaine. Hartpence was released on his own recognizance.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

• Concetto Morabito, 19, of Staten Island was arrested and charged with possession of suspected cocaine and with driving under the influence on Terrill Road at Route No. 22, according to police. The suspect, who was being held on \$5,000 bail, was transported to the Union County Jail.



**VALUABLE DATA...**Congressman Bob Franks, representing the Seventh Congressional District, presents Pamela Barsam-Brown, left, of Scotch Plains, President of the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise (NJCAAN), with technical data on flights taking off from Newark International Airport. The meeting took place earlier this month at Mr. Franks' Congressional District Office in Union.

## Legal Action Considered To Lower Garbage Bills

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Regulation says private contractors have no obligation to share any of the cuts in disposal fees with their customers - noting that competition is sparked when a customer seeks a new carter at a lower rate.

"The annual cost of disposing of the garbage from these seven communities at the county's Resource Recovery Facility dropped to \$241,000, compared to over \$400,000 for the previous January," said Freeholder Sullivan.

He said over \$160,000 in savings would have been passed on to residents had private haulers lowered their bills to customers.

The seven communities which do not contract for garbage service are Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Clark and Cranford.

The remaining 14 communities in the county pay for their disposal costs in their property taxes.

Councilman McDermott, who chairs the Town Council's Solid Waste Committee, said he is looking to get more information on how much savings the haulers are actually receiving in "real dollars."

He said Westfield is not looking to contract for disposal services and, thus, has no authority to direct haulers to lower fees and does not want to get into that business.

Westfield does contract for its residential curbside attic waste program. This past Tuesday, the council awarded a contract to A. Fiore & Sons Salvage, Inc. of Newark.

Town officials have indicated that they expect at least a \$10 reduction in customer permits for the spring attic waste program due to lower disposal costs.

In the past few years the town has offered permits at \$60 for dumping of up to 750 pounds of materials.

Freeholder Sullivan said residents in those towns that have private haulers should receive annual savings of between \$39 and \$54 per household based on the \$50 tipping fee.

A deal that would lease the incinerator to Ogen Martin Systems of Union, Inc., the manufacturer of the burner, has yet to be finalized.

Towns have been invited to sign contracts with the UCUA for 25 years at the \$50 per ton rate with increases based on hikes in the Consumer Price Index.

The county has also said it will place a tax per ton on solid waste leaving the county. A system of weigh stations would be set up in this regard.

A similar tax, referred to by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as an Environmental Investment Charge, or EIC, is being challenged by the City of Paterson against the Passaic County Utilities Authority.

The EIC charge is included within the \$50 disposal charge being offered in the contract to local municipalities.

Scotch Plains Township Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr. said the council would favor contracts between the UCUA and private haulers. The council passed its resolution Tuesday night.

Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly has said the Borough Council also favors negotiations between its haulers and the UCUA in an effort to lower rates for residents.

The deal represents the county's attempt to pay off the remaining \$293 million in debt on the incinerator. A total of \$175 million would be paid off through the lease agreement, with the remainder coming from a number of revenue sources including the EIC fees. The total statewide incinerator debt is \$1.5 billion.

Of the 10 Union County communities who have expressed interest in contracting with the utilities authority, only three have actually signed on to the deal.

The state Legislature last week unveiled a piece of legislation which calls for a new tax on garbage collection and disposal of solid waste. The tax is seen as a way to bail out the debt incurred by several counties for the construction of the garbage burners.

The plan would create a 6 to 10 percent tax on the gross revenues of all state garbage collectors and disposal facilities. Legislators have estimated that the tax would generate between \$84 to \$140 million a year. This money would be placed into a special statewide fund to help counties pay off debt on the incinerators.

The bills have the support of the Waste Management Association.

Mr. Cornell, a former Scotch Plains resident, has said the pending legislation is expected "to be part of the mix" in bailing out the incinerators.

Bergen County Assemblyman John Rooney, Chairman of the Assembly Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee, has said a statewide effort is the best way to respond to the latest garbage crisis, given the state mandate from the mid-1980s.

As a result of fears that state landfills were running out of space, the state ordered counties to build either costly incinerators or other kinds of facilities to handle the millions of tons of waste generated each year in the state.

Assemblyman Rooney has said the new tax will result in lower property taxes. Last year Governor Christine Todd Whitman's administration set aside \$20 million in general funds to help keep incinerators financially solvent in the interim.

The administration, however, has yet to pay any funds to counties with incinerator-incurred debt including Union and Essex. Under new legislation, the general fund will include between \$20 to \$84 million which could be used to help counties until the new tax revenue comes into the state.

The amount in the fund will depend on how high the garbage tax is set and the amount of debt which needs to be paid off.

Mr. Cornell said he expects legislation to be adopted by June at which time haulers will have a better idea of how much to charge for waste disposal.

He said the tax on waste will call for the state to pick up 50 percent, with counties and haulers also responsible for a portion of the stranded debt on incinerators.

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CONGRATULATIONS...Westfield residents, left to right, Donna Pace, 10 years; Donna Troeller, Dr. Michael Armento, Margaret Williamson, Karen Vora, Jodi Anderson, and Virginia Lynn, all five years, were recently honored for their years of service to Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) in Mountainside. Here, they are congratulated by CSH President Richard Ahlfed, back row center.

## Tentative Budget Sees Hike Of \$433,000 Over Last Year

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The town will be responsible for collecting around \$70 million in taxes this year. Of this amount, only \$10.7 million stays with the town government. The Board of Education receives \$44.6 million, and the County of Union garners another \$14.7 million.

The town does not anticipate that it will be able to collect the full \$70 million in taxes. But it is responsible for delivering the full amount of money to the Board of Education and the county. For this reason, every year the town must set aside money in reserve for uncollected taxes.

This year's budget includes a line item of \$1.9 million for this reserve, or 3 percent of the taxes that must be collected.

Under the \$278.9 million Union County Executive Budget presented to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last month by County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, there will be no increase in the county tax levy.

However, because of changing property valuations, some municipalities may end up paying more, said Mr. Gottko.

At Tuesday's public meeting, the council approved an ordinance establishing fees for athletic programs in Westfield. The Recreation Commission has been trying to establish a system of user fees for most of its programs.

Stanley Koslowski, the Chairman of the Recreation Commission, reported that a fee has already been established for most programs, ranging from Little League to tennis. Some non-athletic after-school programs are still free to participants.

The program which has caused some debate among council members is the Sports Night program—a drop-in basketball program held on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools.

Third Ward Council member John J. Walsh objected to a line of this ordinance that establishes fees for an evening basketball program. Under the ordinance, children will pay \$2 a night, or \$10 for the season.

The basketball program, open from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the evening, provides for a police officer and two supervisors. There are no coaches or established teams—the games are ad hoc, pick-up games.

Mr. Walsh reported that this program provides a place for children to go in the evening, a positive alternative to the streets.

"I met a couple of weeks ago with the principal of Edison School. He enlightened me that there are a number of children in town who are not well off. I don't want one of those kids not to be able to get in," Mr. Walsh told the council.

Anthony M. La Porta of North Chestnut Street, a former councilman and Mayoral contender, asked the council to reconsider the ordinance.

"I would hope that your better senses will prevail and not charge the children of Westfield a few dollars to play basketball....I realize there are costs involved—that's why we pay taxes.

"I mean, when a fireman comes to someone's house, we don't charge them to put out the fire," he said.

He suggested that the program supervisors could ask youngsters for identification. This would help keep people who do not live in Westfield from using the facilities.

Despite the objection of Councilman Walsh and Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, the council

voted to pass the ordinance without amendments by a vote of 7-2.

Mr. La Porta presented another appeal to the council, this one concerning the problem of parking in downtown Westfield. According to Mr. La Porta, this problem has been studied repeatedly, and every study has determined that a parking deck should be considered, yet no action has been taken.

He recommended holding a referendum on the ballot in the November election. Mr. La Porta noted that this is a Mayoral election year and thus will draw more interest at the polls.

"Leave it up to the citizens whether or not a parking deck should be built in Westfield," he told the council.

Mr. La Porta envisions that there will be coalitions for it and against it, but at least an "old fashioned" debate would begin on the issue.

The council did not seem overly enthusiastic about the suggestion. Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano reported that the parking problem is incredibly complex and too nuanced to be put on the ballot, adding that funding is a big issue, as well.

Councilman Goldman said it would be irresponsible to put a proposition like that before the public unless there is a concrete plan of where the garage will be, how it will be financed, and the total costs involved.

Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba finally remarked that this suggestion should be passed along to the council's Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee.

The overwhelming majority of the public would support a parking deck, and even be willing to pay for it, Councilman Walsh surmised.

"The real question is....where," he added.

In the past, the debate about where to build a parking facility has halted efforts to address the problem.

Another problem brought to the council's attention on Tuesday night concerned the sewer system. Thomas Hessemmer of Virginia Street reported that raw sewage had backed up into his basement for the second time in 18 months.

Mr. Hessemmer, whose home owner's insurance does not cover raw sewage, has filed a claim with the town administrator for \$1,200 in damage. He sought reassurance that the claim will be handled as quickly and fairly as possible.

Mr. Gottko reported that the insurance claim has been filed, but he cannot guarantee if and when it will be paid. However, the sewer line will be inspected this week for structural defects, like slipped joints or root intrusions.

If found, such a defect would be corrected immediately.

In other business, the council passed a resolution in support of the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition, naming Rich Andreski as Westfield representative, and First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick as alternate.

They also passed a resolution requesting that state and federal officials oppose the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) proposed 260-degree departure from Newark International Airport. In this newly-proposed flight pattern, planes from Newark would fly directly over Westfield, said Mayor Thomas C. Jardim.

Finally, the council passed a resolution changing the time for public Town Council meetings from 8:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the conference sessions will now be held at 7:30 p.m.

## School Officials Looking For Community Members to Put Strategic Plan Goals Into Reality

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Plan should be able to serve their interests as well.

The fourth and final goal of the Strategic Plan, that "All students will attend upgraded, safe, and well-maintained schools," was little discussed at Thursday's meeting, but may be one that demands a great deal of attention in the years to come.

Rising school enrollments require additional facilities. An additional concern is the absence of accessibil-

ity to many of the buildings required under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

A copy of the plan is available on the World Wide Web at <http://westfieldnj.com/strategic-planning>. Those interested in volunteering for an action committee may call (908) 789-4597 for further information.

The e-mail address for anyone wishing to comment on the work of the Strategic Planning Council is [strategic-planning@westfieldnj.com](mailto:strategic-planning@westfieldnj.com).

## Railroad Admin. Approves Safety Barriers on Rahway Ave.

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"I am very pleased that the FRA responded to needs of the residents of this town," Councilman Sullivan said.

"I will continue to promote this effort and work with the appropriate agencies until we receive the other required approvals in a timely fashion and deliver relief from the noise of unnecessary train horns to the residents of our community," he added.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Weinstein began working towards a solution to this problem with residents in 1996.

"The volume of traffic, particularly at night, on these tracks has increased,

and the resulting noise has threatened the peace and quality of life in these neighborhoods. It is rewarding to know that hard work and perseverance will soon result in a solution that restores the peace and preserves the property values for the residents in these areas," the Councilwoman stated.

The plan submitted by the town calls for the installation of nine-inch curbs and shrubbery in the median of Rahway Avenue to prevent vehicles from circumventing closed gates at the rail crossing. New signage indicating that whistles are not blown at the crossing would also be installed.

## County Considers Action Against Private Haulers

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obligated to seek permission for rate changes with the state.

Following the end of the state's system of regulated garbage collection, the Union County Utilities Authority lowered garbage disposal fees at the county incinerator in Rahway from \$83 to \$50 a ton—a decline of 40 percent.

While the county is pressuring haulers to lower their bills to consumers, the state Bureau of Solid Waste Regulation says private contractors have no obligation to share any of the cuts in disposal fees with their customers—noting that competition is sparked when a customer seeks a new carter at a lower rate.

"The annual cost of disposing of the garbage from these seven communities at the county's Resource Recovery Facility dropped to \$241,000, compared to over \$400,000 for the previous January," said Freeholder Sullivan.

He said over \$160,000 in savings would have been passed on to residents had private haulers lowered their bills to customers.

The seven communities which do not contract for garbage service are Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Clark and Cranford.

The remaining 14 communities in the county pay for their disposal costs in their property taxes.

Councilman McDermott, who chairs the Town Council's Solid Waste Committee, said he is looking to get more information on how much savings the haulers are actually receiving in "real dollars."

He said Westfield is not looking to contract for disposal services and, thus, has no authority to direct haulers to lower fees and does not want to get into that business.

Westfield does contract for its residential curbside attic waste program. This past Tuesday, the council awarded a contract to A. Fiore & Sons Salvage, Inc. of Newark.

Town officials have indicated that they expect at least a \$10 reduction in customer permits for the spring attic waste program due to lower disposal costs.

In the past few years the town has offered permits at \$60 for dumping of up to 750 pounds of materials.

Freeholder Sullivan said residents in those towns that have private haulers should receive annual savings of between \$39 and \$54 per household based on the \$50 tipping fee.

A deal that would lease the incinerator to Ogdan Martin Systems of Union, Inc., the manufacturer of the burner, has yet to be finalized.

Towns have been invited to sign contracts with the UCUA for 25 years at the \$50 per ton rate with increases based on hikes in the Consumer Price Index.

The county has also said it will place a tax per ton on solid waste leaving the county. A system of weigh stations would be set up in this regard.

A similar tax, referred to by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as an Environmental Investment Charge, or EIC, is being challenged by the City of Paterson against the Passaic County Utilities Authority.

The EIC charge is included within the \$50 disposal charge being offered in the contract to local municipalities.

The Scotch Plains Township Council passed a resolution Tuesday night indicating the township was not interested in signing a quarter-century contract with the utilities authority.

Fanwood's governing body passed a similar resolution in December. Borough officials said at the time that since garbage collection is not in-

cluded in the municipal budget, they could not direct haulers where to take their cargos.

Westfield has yet to take any action in this regard, although Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Third Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott both have said the council is not interested in a long-term contract with the UCUA.

Scotch Plains Township Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr. said the council would favor contracts between the UCUA and private haulers. The council passed its resolution Tuesday night.

Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly has said the Borough Council also favors negotiations between its haulers and the UCUA in an effort to lower rates for residents.

The deal represents the county's attempt to pay off the remaining \$293 million in debt on the incinerator. A total of \$175 million would be paid off through the lease agreement, with the remainder coming from a number of revenue sources including the EIC fees. The total statewide incinerator debt is \$1.5 billion.

Of the 10 Union County communities who have expressed interest in contracting with the utilities authority, only three have actually signed on to the deal.

The state Legislature last week unveiled a piece of legislation which calls for a new tax on garbage collection and disposal of solid waste. The tax is seen as a way to bail out the debt incurred by several counties for the construction of the garbage burners.

The plan would create a 6 to 10 percent tax on the gross revenues of all state garbage collectors and disposal facilities. Legislators have estimated that the tax would generate between \$84 to \$140 million a year. This money would be placed into a special statewide fund to help counties pay off debt on the incinerators.

The bills have the support of the Waste Management Association.

Mr. Cornell, a former Scotch Plains resident, has said the pending legislation is expected "to be part of the mix" in bailing out the incinerators.

Bergen County Assemblyman John Rooney, Chairman of the Assembly Solid and Hazardous Waste Committee, has said a statewide effort is the best way to respond to the latest garbage crisis, given the state mandate from the mid-1980s.

As a result of fears that state landfills were running out of space, the state ordered counties to build either costly incinerators or other kinds of facilities to handle the millions of tons of waste generated each year in the state.

Assemblyman Rooney has said the new tax will result in lower property taxes. Last year Governor Christine Todd Whitman's administration set aside \$20 million in general funds to help keep incinerators financially solvent in the interim.

The administration, however, has yet to pay any funds to counties with incinerator-incurred debt including Union and Essex. Under new legislation, the general fund will include between \$20 to \$84 million which could be used to help counties until the new tax revenue comes into the state.

The amount in the fund will depend on how high the garbage tax is set and the amount of debt which needs to be paid off.

Mr. Cornell said he expects legislation to be adopted by June at which time haulers will have a better idea of how much to charge for waste disposal.

He said the tax on waste will call for the state to pick up 50 percent, with counties and haulers also responsible for a portion of the stranded debt on incinerators.

## WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

• One hundred block of Washington Street — lock out.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

• Twelve hundred block of Boulevard — unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of Summit Court — smoke scare.

• Six hundred block of Drake Place — arcing transformer.

• One hundred block of Elm Street — service call.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

• Ten hundred block of Tice Place — oil burner malfunction.

• Two hundred block of Benson Place — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Seven hundred block of Central Avenue — assist police.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

• One hundred block of Elm Street — emergency medical call.

• One hundred block of South Euclid Avenue — wire down.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

• Two hundred block of East Broad Street — newspaper bundles on fire.

• One hundred block of Canterbury Lane — structure fire.

• One hundred block of Canterbury Lane — service call.

• Three hundred block of Clark Street — unintentional alarm.

• Two hundred block of Second Avenue, Garwood — standby.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

• Two hundred block of Prospect Street — furnace malfunction.

• Seven hundred block of St. Marks Avenue — power lines down in roadway.

• Four hundred block of Harrison Avenue — c/o detector activation.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

• Eight hundred block of Cedar Terrace — odor of smoke in basement.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

• One hundred block of Cottage Place — furnace malfunction.

• Four hundred block of North Avenue, West — fire alarm activation.

• Three hundred block of Clark Street — fire alarm activation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

• Eight hundred block of Rahway Avenue — fire alarm malfunction.

• One hundred block of North Avenue, West — hazardous condition on roof.

• Eight hundred block of Carleton Road — water condition in basement.

• Six hundred block of Hanford Place — telephone wire down in roadway.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

• Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — alarm activation caused by unattended cooking.

## WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

• Two male juveniles, ages 12 and 13, were arrested and charged with assault on a school crossing guard at Dudley Avenue and Clark Street, according to police. Both youngsters are residents of Westfield.

Police said one of the suspects allegedly attempted to strike the guard, while the other allegedly pushed the victim. Authorities said both juveniles were released to the custody of their parents.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

• A Fairfield Circle resident reported that someone burglarized his 1995 Acura while it was parked in his driveway. Police said a cellular telephone valued at approximately \$100 was stolen from the vehicle.

• The owner of a home on Sandy Hill Road reported that her residence was burglarized. Stereo equipment and a videocassette recorder were taken in the incident, authorities said.

• A man reported that someone threw an egg on his motor vehicle while it was parked on Pierson Street, according to police.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

• Police received a report that two students had property stolen from their lockers at Westfield High School on Dorian Road. The missing items were valued at approximately \$158.

## Volunteers are Sought To Plan Improvements For Central Avenue

The Town of Westfield is seeking interested volunteers to take part in planning improvements to the Central Avenue corridor through the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Infrastructure/Public Works; Public Safety; Redevelopment, and Public Relations/Funding Sources.

All interested residents are invited to attend a meeting of the Infrastructure/Public Works Committee on Thursday, February 19, in the Administrative Conference Room at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, at 7:30 p.m.

## Adjustment Board to Hear Exxon Application Tuesday

By MARK J. YABLONSKY

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A case that would see Exxon Corporation buy two adjoining lots to property it already owns on Central Avenue and South Avenue, East, will be heard this coming Tuesday night, February 17, by the Westfield Board

of Adjustment at 7:30 p.m.

Exxon, which owns a gasoline station on a lot consisting of 20,561 square feet, wants to buy an additional two lots that would make for a combined total of 32,951 square feet.

The corporation would then remove an existing gasoline station at the corner of South and Central Avenues and add four motor fuel pumping islands, along with a Tiger Mart retail building and canopy.

One of the two lots which Exxon is seeking to acquire is currently empty. It is owned by Alfred S. Hood and Frederick Staus, who also are co-owners of the second lot in question, along with A. McEwen, a trustee. This lot currently is occupied by a McEwen florist building.

Reportedly, Exxon already has a written agreement to purchase both lots if the zoning board approves its plan.

Although the property is near a certain segment of Central Avenue that is targeted for refurbishment under the Neighborhood Preservation Program, neither of these projects is believed to have anything to do with the other.

"No, but we certainly feel it will enhance that whole corridor there," commented Board of Adjustment Chairman Lawrence Mannino. "And we'd certainly like to enhance that area."

Because of the scope of the project, a use variance is required, town officials agree.

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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

## BALY TOPS CRUTCHFIELD TO STAY UNBEATEN

### Powerful Indians Overcome Blue Devil Matmen, 60-12

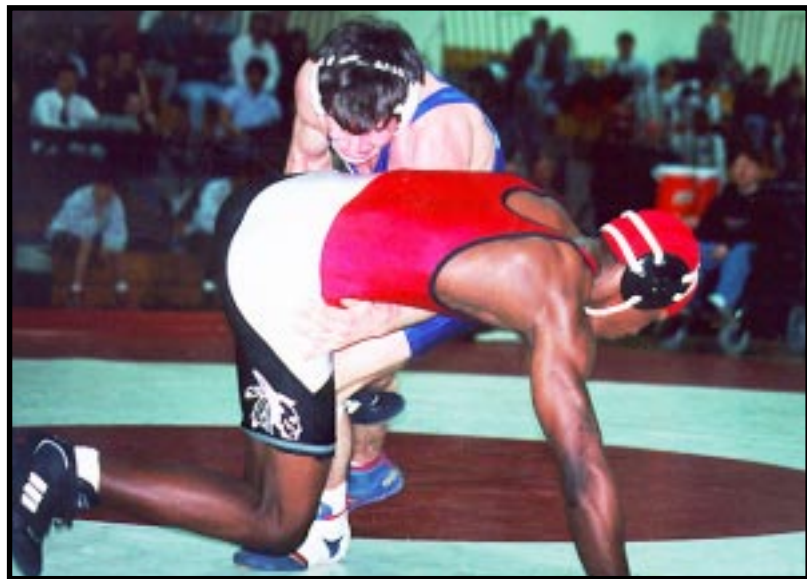
By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The strong Rahway High School wrestling team celebrated Senior Appreciation Day, and picked up its 10th win of the season with an impressive 60-12 victory over the Blue Devils on February 4 in Rahway. Amidst the strong showing, Blue Devil senior Mike Baly picked up a crucial victory.

The Indians took the offensive, winning by pins in the first two weight classes and collecting a forfeit at 119. Blake Jack-

son pinned Blue Devil Mike Sawicki in :57 with a near-side cradle, and Rob Burnett pinned Dan Sawicki in 4:42 with a half nelson. Dan Sawicki held a 7-2 lead at one point in the second period.

Senior Dan Todd and Indian Louis Ott faced each other in the center circle at 125. Ott struck first with a spin-behind takedown, then got a gift two-point tilt near fall to take a 4-0 lead. In the third period, Ott added an escape, then Todd slipped behind Ott for a takedown. Time ran out, and Ott picked up a 5-2 win.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
MAINTAINING CONTROL. Blue Devil 160-pounder Mike Baly keeps control of Jason Crutchfield of Rahway and pulls out a 6-5 victory. Baly remained undefeated while Crutchfield lost his second match of the season.

Indian Shawn Stueber, a state qualifier last year, immediately worked a front headlock to a cradle and pinned Jeff Kivetz in 1:12 at the 130-pound class; then the Indians went ahead, 33-0, when Dan Freer received a forfeit at 135.

A heartbreaker occurred for the Blue Devils at 140. Nick Friedman scored a double-leg takedown on Indian Tom Petrusko, then added another three points when he worked a far-side cradle. In the third period, Petrusko worked a tight-waist arm bar tilt to pick up two points. With less than :50 left, Friedman escaped to go ahead, 6-2; but Petrusko caught him in a lateral drop, and recorded a pin with just :25 remaining.

Blue Devil 145-pounder Omar Tezucar scored with a single-leg takedown; added two more points with a half nelson near fall, then put Sam Shipley away with a sit-through double-arm bar pin in 1:49. Tezucar upped his record to 9-2, and will receive a good seed for the upcoming Union County Tournament to be held at Dunn Center in Elizabeth on February 13 and 14.

The Blue Devils won their second bout of the afternoon, making the team score 39-9, when Mike Kivetz won by a 13-6 decision over Carlo Parra at 152. Kivetz initiated the scoring with a barrel roll takedown in the first period.

Parra began the second period with an escape, but Kivetz nailed him with another barrel roll and a two-point tilt. Later in the period, Parra got a reversal, but Kivetz pulled a switch to gain a 8-3 lead. Kivetz added another five points with a takedown and a night-ride near fall while Parra picked up an escape and a takedown

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William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
SHOOTING A LAYUP...Blue Devil Lamont Turner, No. 3 front, shoots a layup against the Minutemen. Turner finished with 28 points, but the Devils lost, 70-69, in overtime.



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
SHOOTING A FOUL SHOT...Blue Devil Peter Anzelone, No. 21, begins to shoot a foul shot during the wild game against the Minutemen on February 3 in Westfield.

## LAMONT TURNER TURNS SEASON-HIGH 28 POINTS

### Minutemen Hoopsters Singe Westfield Boys, 70-69, in OT

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

The Westfield High School boys' basketball team lost a heartbreaking contest to Elizabeth in overtime, by a score of 70-69 on February 3. The loss knocked the Blue Devils out of the state playoffs, and dropped their record to 7-8. On a positive note, junior Lamont Turner had the game of his life when he erupted for a team season record of 28 points.

The Blue Devils came out on fire in the first quarter, as they dashed to a 9-0 lead. With 2:25 left to go in the quarter, senior Rob McCullam netted a three pointer, which boosted the lead to 12-3. At the end of the first quarter, the Blue Devils had fashioned a comfortable 14-6 lead.

In the second quarter, the Minutemen fought back and went on a 2-2 surge in the first two minutes of play. During the next three minutes, Turner's accuracy caught fire, as he scored the next nine points for the Blue Devils — two of which were three pointers. Junior Pete Anzelone also contributed a solid performance on offense, netting two jump shots to give Westfield a 26-18 lead.

With :13 remaining in the half, senior Captain Greg Freisen dishd a breathtaking, no-look pass to Turner for an easy two points. With the crowd chanting "Turner, Turner," the Blue Devils went into the locker room with a 30-23 lead.

Turner said, "I knew my shot was on, so I tried to hit as many three pointers as I could. Sometimes, you know that your skills are up, so you just have to take advantage of them."

The Blue Devils came out flat in the third quarter, and the Minutemen capitalized on their weakness. Consistent turnovers and missed shots allowed the Minutemen to tie the game at 36 apiece. During

the quarter, junior Tommy Langton and Anzelone paced the Blue Devils with four points apiece. Junior Maurice Boatwright dazzled the crowd with a slick, finger-roll lay-up; however, the Minutemen had captured the lead, 41-38.

In the fourth quarter, the lead changed four different times. First, it was the Blue Devils who grabbed the lead back, when Boatwright sank a jump shot and hit two foul shots. Next, Elizabeth went up by two when they tossed in a three pointer. Then, Turner and Boatwright clicked for two points apiece, as the Blue Devils surged ahead, 44-43.

In the final minute of the quarter, the Minutemen scored four straight points to steal the lead; but the Blue Devils refused to lose as McCullam and Turner tied the game once again. With :20 to go, Elizabeth was up by two, but turned the ball over on an in-bounds play. McCullam tried to tie

the score with a jump shot, but the shot was short. Just as the crowd thought the game was over, Turner tapped the ball in with two seconds left, sending the crowd into pandemonium and the game into overtime.

Turner said, "When Rob's shot didn't go in, I was in the right place at the right time and I just tapped it in. With my luck, it went in."

The Blue Devils were not so fortunate in overtime, as they were outscored and wound up losing the game, 70-69. Turner finished the game with 28, and Boatwright and McCullam contributed 13 each. Anzelone tossed in 10, as Langton and Freisen scored five each.

Turner said, "It was very unfortunate that we had to lose this game. We shouldn't have lost because we had a big lead at the end of the first quarter and at the end of the half."

Elizabeth	6	17	17	12	70
Westfield	14	16	10	18	69

## FEIGNER BLAZES WITH 16 PTS.

### Raider Boys Roll With Big Win Over E. Side

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

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team got back into the winning column in a big way, by knocking off the Watching Conference's No. 1 team, Newark East Side, 35-34, in Newark on February 3. Senior Dave Gewirtz provided the fateful shots by hitting two free throws with only seconds remaining.

Each team played its offensive cards close to the vest in the first quarter, as East Side scored just four points and the Raiders scored only two. The Raiders literally held the ball for seven minutes to draw East Side out of its zone defense.

The Raiders decided to pull out their trump cards in the second quarter, spewing to a 17-8 run. Senior Jeff Feigner accounted for 10 of the points, as the Raiders grabbed a 19-12 lead by the half.

Sensing the problem, East Side brought the score to within two by outscoring the Raiders, 11-6 in the third quarter, then took the lead by one just before Gewirtz sank his two free throws which gave the Raiders the huge victory.

Raider Head Coach Willie Leonardi explained his strategy, "We held the ball for seven minutes in the first quarter until

they (East Side) came out of their zone."

As to his intent, Leonardi acknowledged, "Yes, we wanted to get them out of their zone defense and it worked. We wanted to work the ball and just get the right shot. Whether people believe in this technique, it really doesn't matter. We felt we could win with this method and we did. It worked out!"

As to the Raiders' defense, Leonardi said, "We changed our defense. We normally have a man-to-man defense but we played a zone. We played a little combination zone and it made a difference for us. We were able to cover their three-point shooters a little bit better."

"We had a great second quarter and scored 17 points. We led 19-12 at the half. We ran our offense really well and the three they shot at the end of the game really didn't mean anything. We played very well," Leonardi concluded.

Feigner led all scorers with 16 points; Gewirtz finished with 12, which included two three-pointers; Don Patterson had five points, and Doug Bishop added two. The Raiders upped their record to 12-4, while Newark East Side slipped to 12-3.

Sc Pl-Fanwood	2	17	6	10	35
Nwk East Side	4	8	11	11	34

## BOYS SEIZE 42ND; GIRLS GRAB SIXTH STRAIGHT

### Blue Devil Boys, Girls Take County Swim Titles Again

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

Totally awesome! Why, what else can you call one school's 42-year-domination countywide, and what else can you possibly call an ongoing rivalry between two great, neighboring swimming giants that never fails to bring out the best in both squads?

Totally awesome? You bet. For the boys' swimmers of Westfield High School, their narrow 304-290 advantage over Scotch Plains-Fanwood was good enough for an unprecedented, 42nd consecutive Union County championship on February 7 in Elizabeth. And the Westfield ladies totaled 286 points, 33 ahead of second-place Scotch Plains-Fanwood, to win a sixth straight UCT crown.

Ah, but the Raiders, behind the efforts of Beth Tumulo (2nd-151.35) and Melissa Kenyon (4th-145.35), still were able to bring home a county diving championship. Indeed, the only bad thing the Raiders were guilty of was in providing extra incentive to the Blue Devils, which had to come up with truly Herculean efforts to win — and did!

"They knew they had to do some amazing stuff to win, and they did," agreed first-year boys' coach Martha Heintzelman, whose team avenged both a 97-73 loss to the Raiders on December 11, as well as a finish just behind the Raiders in the Pirate Invitational meet on January 17. "They came out with a mission, and you could see it in their eyes. Especially our seniors, and they really had a lot to do with our winning."

In proportionate terms, that's not very different from the New York Yankees' unforgettable pennant drive of 1978, in which they overcame a 14-game lead by the Boston Red Sox in the A.L. East to win an unforgettable playoff game and then a second straight world title.

"That's a pretty long (time)," Heintzelman added. "And there's quite a history there, but they really pulled me in (Saturday)."

"No matter what the sport, to do anything 42 years in a row — well, that's a national record, first of all," commented Westfield Athletic Director Ed Tranchina, who was a lad of seven in Nassau County when Westfield won its first swim title back in 1957, at about the time another Long Islander, one Carl Michael Yastreznski, was rising to fame en route to a Hall of Fame career with the Sox.

In 1957, lest we forget, New York still had three baseball teams, although both the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants both announced they were California Dreamin' late that season. The price of

gasoline was about 30 cents a gallon, and the likes of Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley and the Everly Brothers dominated the American pop/rock music scene.

And in October of that year, the then-Soviet Union began the space age by blasting into orbit a basketball-sized, artificial satellite named Sputnik.

"When you think of it in those perspectives, it's an awesome accomplishment," agreed Tranchina, who also was full of praise for Scotch Plains-Fanwood. "And how many great swimmers and coaches have we had? I think this year is really special, being that this is Martha's first year. I'm extremely happy for her, and I'm extremely happy for the kids, too."

Just how much of an iron grip did both the Blue Devils and Raiders command on this year's UCT? Consider that of the 1,290-point total from the 12-team boys' field, 594, or 46 percent, of those points were from Westfield and Scotch Plains.

And on the girls' point totals, and 1,133 of the 2,590 points from this year's county tournament belong to Westfield and Scotch Plains — or 43.8 percent!

In particular, Heintzelman was pleased with senior Coley Lechner, who turned in a sparkling time of 22.86 to place second in the 50-yard freestyle behind the Raiders' David Russ, who won the event in 22.65.

But Lechner really reached back for something extra to place third in the 100-yard backstroke with a season and career-high timing of 58.03.

Usually, Lechner could do no better than the one-minute mark in the 100-backstroke, but this was no usual day for Lechner. Not at all.

"He was exciting and this meant a lot to me," Heintzelman said.

Those points were absolutely crucial to Westfield's championship, as were the points generated from another senior, Rob Myers, who reportedly cut 19 seconds off of his seed time to place sixth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:17.56). Also, Jay Pollack's second-place timing of 5:01.68 was about as good as anyone could get behind Summit's sensational Ian Bowman, who won both the 500-freestyle in 4:58.47, and the 200-freestyle in 1:48.77, ahead of Pollack's second-place showing of 1:50.70.

Bowman, to be sure, was one of the biggest reasons behind Summit's gallant third-place effort (197.5 points), and he surely had some effect on the overall picture, as Heintzelman indicated.

But, to borrow the phrase from Alanis Morissette, "what it all comes down to,

my friends," is that Westfield needed at least a second-place showing in the 400-freestyle relay to ensure victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood, which had five first-place finishes, and was still pushing hard at the end.

What happened was that Westfield's quartet of Erik Larson, Scott Kautzmann, Lechner and Pollack took second in the 400-freestyle in 3:27.29 for the necessary 26 points that ensured Westfield's win.

Scotch Plains won the event, as Chris Karelus, Charlie Rowe, Ian Doebber and David Russ turned in a timing of 3:23.90.

Westfield, which got first-place efforts from Myers (1:05.29) in the 100-yard breaststroke; Seth Burstein (53.62) in the 100-yard butterfly; and Kyle McCluskey, Larson, Burstein and Pollack (1:33.91) in the 200-yard freestyle relay, got six finishes of second place, including those 26 points in the 400-freestyle.

Cliff Haldeman, with a very historic surname, came through big time by placing second in the 100-yard freestyle (51.58)

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FIRST LINERS IN ACTION...Blue Devils Ronnie Kashlak (No. 19) and Josh Falcone (No. 3) race for the rebound, while Brandon Kape (No. 10) recovers from his shot, tangled up in the crease. Kashlak scored five goals and one assist in February 6th's game against Montclair Kimberley Academy. Falcone provided a hat trick and an assist and Danny Marer and Mike Bird fired in one apiece.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times...Raider Luke Cerchio, right, picks up back points during his 145-pound bout with Sam Shipley of Rahway.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times...Raider Tony Melendez, right, prepares to takedown Louis Ott of Rahway during the 125-pound bout.

# MELENDEZ (125), CERCHIO (145), RICCA (152) WIN Rahway Matmen Get Tested; Slip Past the Raiders, 38-26

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

Excitement was in the air after the ceremony for the Forty Years of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Wrestling, and the packed gym was provided with the entertainment they deserved as the Raiders gave the very strong Rahway High School wrestlers all they could handle in Scotch Plains on February 6. The outcome of the match was not decided until after the final two bouts.

The action began furiously at 1:03, when Blake Jackson of Rahway pulled off a blazing takedown on Dave Loewinger; but Loewinger slipped through his legs and added a two-point pipe-wrench tilt to go ahead, 4-2, by the end of the first period.

Loewinger added two more reversals, a near fall and a penalty point, while Jackson added two reversals and a penalty point and the first bout went to Loewinger, 12-7.

At 112, Mike Loewinger got stuck in a shoulder roll and was pinned in 2:06 by Rob Burnett of the Indians. Charlie Triplet put the Raiders ahead 7-6, when he won by a 12-3 majority decision over Al Terek Frazier at 1:19. Triplet scored three takedowns, an escape and two near falls, nearly pinning Frazier with a cradle in the second period, and with a lateral drop just before time ran out in the bout.

Preparing himself for the Union County tournament, Raider Tony Melendez dropped from the 130-pound class, which he had been wrestling at all season, to the 125-pound class. Melendez fired into the physical Louis Ott and got the takedown, then pulled off a reversal in the second period to go ahead 4-0. Melendez finally rattled Ott with a single-to-double leg takedown, then pinned him with an arm bar and a half nelson in 4:42. The Raiders

took a 13-6 lead.

Shawn Stueber brought the Indians to within two points when he won by an 18-1 technical fall in 3:48 over A. J. Romeo of the 130-pound class. Stueber is one of the state's finest wrestlers at 130.

Raider Mike Natale had a battle at 135 with rugged Dan Freer. Natale scored two reversals and a takedown, but Freer scored a takedown, two reversals, two escapes and was awarded four penalty points, to win 12-6. Rahway pulled ahead of the Raiders, 14-13.

At 140, Raider Mike Grabel became the victim of a fall in 1:57 when Tom Petrusko caught him with a tight-waist and stacked him on his shoulders. Luke Cerchio got the Raiders back to within one point, when he crunched Sam Shipley with an arm bar and chin clamp in 3:45.

Cerchio battered Shipley with two takedowns and a three-point tilt before recording the fall.

Josh Ricca improved his positioning for the upcoming county tournament with a 16-3 majority destruction of Indian Carlo Parra at 152. Ricca blasted Parra with a headlock takedown, a barrel roll takedown and a standing cradle takedown, adding near falls after each takedown. The Raiders took a 23-20 team lead.

Jason Crutchfield, one of Region 3's best 160-pounders, put the Indians in front, 26-23, after pinning Chris Stiglitz with a pick-and-twist in 1:43. Then at 171, Andy Roesch won a high-scoring 12-9 decision over Eric Viscardi, to put the Indians ahead, 29-23.

The Raiders lost a thriller at 189, when

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## Devil Boys Win 42nd; Girls Capture 6th Union County Swimming Championship

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to Russ. In the girls' tournament, the twin sisters of Abby and Jesse Coxson, along with Brooke Smith, were the big reasons behind Westfield's fifth straight title. Jesse Coxson, who began the day with a third-place timing of 26:15 in the 50-yard freestyle, won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:15.11, beating out Jackie Feintheil of Cranford, who was second in 5:19.00.

Abby Coxson began by placing fourth (56.96) in the 100-yard freestyle, then roared right back to claim first place in the 200-yard freestyle (2:01.09), beating out none other than Feintheil, who was second in 2:01.75.

And Smith won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:08.32, as well as the 200-yard individual medley in 2:13.47. And who set a new record in the 200-yard freestyle relay? You guessed it: Westfield's quartet of Smith, Heidi Schoenemann, and the two Coxson ladies, who won the event in a new time of 1:45.31, eclipsing the old mark of 1:45.32.

It was, to be sure, that kind of a day for Westfield. "I'm still on a high," Heintzelman concluded.

Likewise, the town is on a 42-year high. And there's no telling when it will end.

### BOYS TEAMS:

Westfield (W) 304. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 290. Summit 197.5. 4. Governor Livingston 117. 5. Cranford 105. 6. Oratory Prep 89. 7. Roselle Catholic 56. 8. Elizabeth 43.5. 8. Elizabeth 43.5. 9. New Providence 38. 10. Union 32. 11. Dayton 12. Plainfield 8.

**50-YARD FREESTYLE:** 1. Russ, (SPF) 22.65. 2. Lechner, (W) 22.86. 5. McCluskey (W) 24.05.

**100-YARD FREESTYLE:** 1. Russ, (SPF) 49.72. 2. Haldean, (W) 51.58. 3. Larson (W) 52.14.

**200-YARD FREESTYLE:** 2. Pollack, (W) 1:50.70. 3. Rowe, (SPF) 1:53.40. 4. Doebber, (SPF) 1:51.46. 5. Larson, (W) 1:53.15.

**500-YARD FREESTYLE:** 2. Pollack, (W) 5:01.68. 3. Rowe, (SPF) 5:02.37. 6. Rob Myers, (W) 5:17.56.

**100-YARD BREASTSTROKE:** 1.

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NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. MARIO CRAVO, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

**SPF Street Hockey Registration Notice**  
Scotch Plains and Fanwood street hockey registration will take place on Saturdays, February 21 and 28, at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
The program, sponsored by the N.J. Devils, the NHL and Nike, is called the Street Devils, and is open to Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents only from second to 10th grade (participants cannot turn 17 before June 1).

Myers, (W) 1:05.29. 4. Chris Swenson, (SPF) 1:06.14. 5. Matt Vidovich, (W) 1:07.18. Evan Flath, (SPF) 1:08.91.

**100-YARD BUTTERFLY:** 1. Seth Burstein, (W) 53.62. 2. Jeff Wagner, (SPF) 54.56. 3. Chris Karelus, (SPF) 58.01. 6. Scott Kautzmann, (W) 1:01.34.

**100-YARD BACKSTROKE:** 1. Doebber, (SPF) 56.71. 3. Lechner, (W) 58.03. 4. Steve Berkowitz, (SPF) 58.75. 5. McCluskey, (W) 1:01.72.

**200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY:** 1. Burstein, Westfield 2:03.10. 2. Wagner, (SPF) 2:05.84. 3. Berkowitz, (SPF) 2:07.75. 5. Chris Swenson, (SPF) 2:19.49. 6. Matt Vidovich, (W) 2:21.38.

**200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY:** 1. Westfield (Smith, Schoenemann, Abby and Jesse Coxson) 1:45.31.

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**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY:** 1. (SPF) (Milligan, Zentmeyer, Espinoza, Berkowitz 1:54.00, a new record.

**ONE-METER SPRINGBOARD:** 2. Tumulo, (SPF) 151.35. 4. Kenyon, (SPF) 145.35. 6. Lindsay Guerrero, (W) 118.15.

### GIRLS TEAMS:

1. Westfield (W) 286. 2. Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 253. 3. Oak Knoll 125. 4. Union 117. 5. Summit 115. 6. Linden 87.5. 7. New Providence 69. 8. Cranford 67. 9. Governor Livingston 55.5. 10. Rahway 47. 11. Union Catholic 33. 12. Roselle Catholic 24. 13. Arthur L. Johnson 19. 14. Kent Place and Roselle Park 2.

**50-YARD FREESTYLE :** 3. Jesse Coxson, (W) 26.15. 4. Sara Milligan, (SPF) 26.38.

**100-YARD FREESTYLE:** 2. Dana Berkowitz, (SPF) 55.81. 4. Abby Coxson, (W) 56.96. 6. Heidi Schoenemann (W) 58.94.

**200-YARD FREESTYLE:** 1. Abby Coxson, (W) 2:01.09. 3. Missy Cannif, (SPF) 2:03.32. 5. Chrissy Schwebel, (W) 2:07.71. 6. Jen Bassman, (SPF) 2:08.18.

**500-YARD FREESTYLE:** 1. Jesse Coxson, (W) 5:15.11. 3. Missy Cannif, (SPF) 5:20.38. 4. Kelley Carter, (W) 5:30.60. 6. Chrissy Schwebel, (W) 5:31.48.

**100-YARD BREASTSTROKE:** 1. Brooke Smith, (W) 1:08.32. 3. Jess Zentmeyer, (SPF) 1:10.77. 5. Katie Bartholomew, (W) 1:13.54.

**100-YARD BUTTERFLY:** 1. Annie Espinoza, (SPF) 1:00.66. 4. Kelly Carter,

(W) 1:03.75. 6. Adrienne Coppa, (W) 1:04.66.

**100-YARD BACKSTROKE:** 2. Sara Milligan, (SPF) 1:02.09. 4. Ashley Saul, (W) 1:05.74. 5. Kristin Camaron, (SPF) 1:07.61.

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## Powerful Indians Overcome Blue Devil Matmen, 60-12

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near the end of the bout. Probably the most important bout of the evening, as far as who would gain the first seed in the county tournament, occurred at 160. Undefeated Devil Mike Baly and once-beaten Jason Crutchfield had a battle.

Crutchfield struck first with a double-leg tangle, then Baly escaped to make the score 2-1. Crutchfield immediately added an escape to start the second period. Crutchfield shot underneath, but Baly countered with a beautiful standing switch to get the takedown and to tie the score, 3-3.

Baly pulled ahead, 5-3, with a reversal in the third period; but later, each wrestler blazed with switch-reswitch counter moves with Baly maintaining control. Later, Crutchfield escaped, bringing the score to 5-4; however, Baly held out to win the decision.

After picking up a forfeit at 171 and a fall at 189, the Indians squeaked a victory at 215 when freshman Dan Garay out-pointed Brian Williams, 9-7. Antonio Garay, perhaps the best heavyweight in the state, secured his 100th high school win by pin-

ning Blue Devil Nick Clark in :54.

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145: — Onur Tezucar (W) p. Sam Shipley, 1:49  
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TELESCREED FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, A TEXAS CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MICHAELA VELASQUEZ AND MRS. MICHAELA VELASQUEZ, HIS WIFE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

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## Blue Devil Wrestlers Handle Linden Tiger Matmen, 43-33

The Westfield High School wrestling team recovered after the loss to Rahway, to defeat the Linden High School matmen, 43-33, in Linden on February 6.

Junior Onur Tezucar and seniors Dan Todd, Jeff Kivetz and Nick Friedman came up with big wins to help improve their seeding positions in the upcoming Union County Wrestling Tournament, which will be held this weekend at Dunn Center in Elizabeth.

At 125, Todd dominated Brian Bianco and showed him the lights in 3:02. Kivetz decked James Spinks in 1:20 at the 130-pound class, and Friedman had an important 7-2 win over tough Wayle Stradford at 140. Tezucar did a business-as-usual job on Anthony Belin at 145, pinning him in :34.

**WEIGHTBREAKDOWN:**  
103: — Corey Walker (L) p. Mike Sawicki, 5:07  
112: — Dan Sawicki (W) md. Chris Bianco, 15-6  
119: — Eric Forstenhauser (L) p. Jimmy Villane, :48  
125: — Dan Todd (W) p. Brian Bianco, 3:02  
130: — Jeff Kivetz (W) p. James Spinks, 1:20  
135: — Vince Berardi (L) p. Francisco Vasquez, 5:44  
140: — Nick Friedman (W) d. Wayle Stradford, 7-2  
145: — Onur Tezucar (W) p. Anthony Belin, :34  
152: — Mike Kivetz (W) p. Steve Kohutic, 1:45  
160: — Mike Baly (W) won by forfeit  
171: — Carl King (L) won by forfeit  
189: — Joe Morette (L) d. Rich Hatfield, 15:12  
215: — Brian Williams (W) won by injury default over Mike Lordi, 6-0  
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## DEADLINE INFO.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GETTING THE SHOT OFF?...Raider senior Jeff Feighner, dark uniform, tries to get off a shot without having it get blocked against Union High School.

## Lady Vikings Capture 10th; Ground the Cardinals, 52-29

The Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team got on track and soundly defeated the Plainfield High School girls, 52-29, in Scotch Plains on February 3. Senior guard Katie Santo was the offensive star for the Vikings this time.

Santo hit six of her team-high 13 points in the first quarter; then teammate Lisa Lott sank six of her 12 points in the fourth quarter. Jen Britton struck for seven points and Kathryn Rooney scored six, while Devin McDonald and Jessica Ballweg added

four points each. Brenda Kaus, Margaret Imbracio and Katie Zuczek contributed two points apiece for the Vikings.

The Viking girls have been famous for their defensive style and this game was no exception; especially since they held the Cardinals scoreless in the third quarter. Once the game was well in hand, the Viking defense eased a bit.

Union Catholic upped its record to 10-3 as Plainfield lowered to 7-9.

Plainfield	6	6	0	17	29
Union Catholic	14	14	12	12	52

### GIRLS BASKETBALL: WATCHUNG CONF:

February 3:	
Cranford 55, Union 47	
Union (7-11)	12 12 12 11 47
Cranford (10-6)	14 13 16 12 55

Kearny 35, Rahway 24	
Kearny (11-6)	6 5 4 20 35
Rahway (2-13)	4 6 6 8 24

February 5:	
Kearny 36, Cranford 27	
Kearny (12-6)	8 12 7 9 36
Cranford (10-7)	6 11 4 6 27

St. John Vianney 44, Elizabeth 23	
St. J Vianney (14-1)	9 2 19 14 44
Elizabeth (14-3)	2 6 11 4 23

Plainfield 55, Rahway 36	
Rahway (3-14)	9 14 4 9 36
Plainfield (8-9)	22 13 12 8 55

February 7:	
Plainfield 48, Hillside 41	
Hillside (6-9)	8 8 18 7 41
Plainfield (9-9)	10 10 19 9 48

### BOYS BASKETBALL: WATCHUNG CONF:

February 2:	
Union 76, Bayonne 56	
Bayonne (5-12)	11 11 16 8 56
Union (14-2)	21 20 15 20 76

Plainfield 63, Ferris 59	
Ferris (11-6)	13 12 16 18 59
Plainfield (9-6)	16 11 15 21 63

February 3:	
Union 60, Cranford 44	
Cranford (9-7)	15 5 6 18 44
Union (15-2)	10 14 15 21 60

Rahway 60, Kearny 55	
Rahway (3-13)	18 11 12 19 60
Kearny (6-10)	7 16 15 17 55

February 5:	
Plainfield 59, Rahway 52	
Plainfield (11-6)	9 15 15 20 59
Rahway (3-14)	11 4 17 20 52

Cranford 81, Kearny 53	
Cranford (10-7)	26 24 16 15 81
Kearny (6-11)	16 19 8 10 53

## Farmer Cagers Snare Raider Boys, 63-33

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

A chain-reaction of miscues by the Raiders could not be corrected, and the Union High School boys' basketball team took advantage of their vulnerability and avenged an early-season loss in a convincing manner, by defeating the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys, 63-33, in Union on February 5.

The Raiders struck first. Senior Doug Bishop hit a two-pointer from the middle. With the score tied at two, from just left of the foul line, Dave Gewirtz whizzed a three-pointer. Later in the quarter, Don Patterson pushed in a layup, snagged a steal, then broke toward the basket for another layup to put the Raiders in front, 9-4.

Although it was not apparent in the first quarter that good fortune was going to be on the Farmers' side, the first signs of a momentous shift began toward the end of the first quarter. With 2:10 left in the quarter, Farmer Rob Zinkowicz stole the ball and made a quick layup, making the score 9-6. After Raider Bishop sank a foul shot, Farmer LaForest Knox slicked in for a layup, to close the score to 10-8. Zinkowicz got the Farmers rolling in the second quarter by grabbing a steal and finishing with a layup, to tie the game at 10. Seconds later, Gewirtz hit a three-pointer to push the Raiders ahead, 13-10; but the Farmers came back with two fast-break layups and a three-pointer, to take a 17-14 lead.

The Farmers were out-rebounding the Raiders throughout the second quarter and dominated the quarter. The Raiders made several bad passes, traveling violations and committed some needless fouls which kept the Farmers on the offensive. Scott Olsen hit a three-pointer, to give the Farmers a six-point lead with just seconds remaining in the half.

A foul with just :02 left foretold the doom for the Raiders. Farmer Rob Dempsey sank both foul shots, then the Raiders tossed the ball down court in an effort to score before time ran out; however, Zinkowicz intercepted the pass and nailed a dramatic three-point shot from half-court as the buzzer blared.

From that point on, control of the game belonged to the Farmers, as they out-blasted the Raiders, 21-6, in the third quarter. With the score 48-22 at the beginning of the final quarter, all that was left for the Raiders was the eight minutes on the clock. The Farmers outscored the Raiders, 15-11, and revenge was theirs.

"I felt the real turning point was at the end of the first half when we were down six. We were not playing very well, but we were still in the game and they (Farmers) made a steal, then we fouled them," commented Raider Head Coach Willie Leonardi.

"They made both foul shots, then we put the ball in bounds and Zinkowicz throws the three-pointer. Now, instead of being down six, we're down eleven," added Leonardi.

As to the Raiders' turnovers, Leonardi explained, "They were double-teaming us and rotating up, and we weren't adjusting." Leonardi further continued, "Well, they out-rebounded us. We weren't aggressive to start the game. We knew they would be aggressive after we beat them earlier."

Gewirtz finished with 10 points; Patterson hit for eight, and Steve Simms had five while Bishop and Ron Jenerette put in four each. Dave Herrmann contributed two points. The 18th-ranked Farmers upped their record to 16-2, and the Raiders slipped to 12-5.

Sc Plains-Fanwood	10	6	6	11	33
Union	8	19	21	15	63

### Raiders Recover; Top N. Hunterdon

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team recovered from its defeat to Union High School, and topped a tough North Hunterdon squad, 53-50, in Scotch Plains on February 7. Senior Raider Dave Gewirtz was devastating, hitting eight free throws and striking for total of 18 points.

The Raiders took a modest 22-16 lead by half time, but held on to grab the victory. Don Patterson sank 12 points for the Raiders; Ron Jenerette fired in nine; Ben Martinez scored eight; Jeff Feighner put in four, and Doug Bishop added two points. The Raiders improved to 13-5.

N. Hunterdon	16	6	13	21	50
Sc Plains-Fanwood	12	10	11	20	53

## Lady Minutemen Dump Blue Devil Cagers, 50-34

Blue Devil junior Liz McKeon was hot, but the Lady Minutemen sizzled as the Elizabeth High School girls' basketball team scalded the Westfield High School girls, 50-34, in Elizabeth on February 3. The loss ended a seven-game winning streak.

Shawna Brooks burned the Blue Devils in the first half, as she flamed in 12 of her 16 points. McKeon was everywhere, scoring 15 points, grabbing 10 rebounds and setting up three assists; but the Blue Devils needed more offensive clout as a team.

Senior Vicki Nusse stepped forward with 10 points and Suzanne Vinegra struck

for seven points, as Megan Devitt hit for two points. Westfield skid to 10-4, while Elizabeth jumped to 13-3.

Westfield	11	5	8	10	34
Elizabeth	15	12	5	18	50

### SP-F Youth Baseball Seeks Sponsors

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association has been providing a recreational outlet for the youth of the communities of Scotch Plains and Fanwood for over 40 years, and is seeking business owners as sponsors for the upcoming season.

The program for the 1998 season includes six divisions, ranging from Junior Tee Ball through Senior League, as well as a summer Prep League team. The program offers over 700 youngsters, ages 6 through 18, the opportunity to develop their athletic skills and the guidance to mature into worthwhile citizens.

The association is comprised of volunteers, who can effectively administer the affairs of the organization, as well as educate the youngsters in the game of baseball. This is a very time-consuming effort. However, since it is provided by volunteers, its cost is minimal.

Field maintenance, equipment, coaches' training and insurance costs, on the other hand, are not free. In fact, they are very expensive. A large percentage of the monies required to run the program is raised through registration fees and fundraisers. It is not, however, enough to cover all expenses, which is why financial support is sought.

For further details on participating as a sponsor or advertiser, please contact Tom Paterson at (908) 322-4117 or write to: Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association P.O. Box 264 Scotch Plains, 07076

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-38859-97.

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.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH 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 \$114,180.19. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 10 Grove Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201. Tax Lot No. 574 in Block No. 13. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 33.33 feet wide by 69.79 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the Western side of Grove Street, 142.64 feet from the Northern side of Rahway Avenue. There is due approximately the sum of \$117,228.99 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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2/19 & 2/26/98 Fee: \$171.36



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times

ANOTHER REBOUND ATTEMPT...Raider Captain Kate Vanderheyden, No. 24 front, stretches to get a rebound during a game with Newark East Side.

## East Side Cagers Break Lady Raiders' Streak

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

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls' basketball team watched its quest for three in a row go down the drain in the second half, as the Newark East Side girls roared back from a 23-18 half-time deficit and captured a 49-40 victory in Scotch Plains on February 3.

The Raider offense looked sharp in the first quarter as they outscored East Side, 15-8, but East Side narrowed the gap to within five by the half. Raider sophomore Katie Feighner fired in eight points and grabbed eight rebounds in the first half and teammate Samantha Kanarek sank six points. Junior Christine Bowers pulled down four rebounds and scored four points.

The offensive tide shifted drastically in East Side's favor in the second half. After pulling to within one by the end of the third quarter, East Side exploded for 20 points in the final quarter and the Raiders' winning streak ended at two.

Feighner led the Raiders with 14 points and totaled an amazing 13 rebounds. Kanarek connected for nine points, grabbed three rebounds and set up three assists.

Bowers blasted in six points and totaled five rebounds. Jeannie McCoy hit for four points, pulled in four second-half rebounds and set up three assists.

Senior Captain Kate Vanderheyden scored three points, set up five assists and yanked down four rebounds, while Bianca Gray and Najwa Glover had two points each.

Raider Head Coach Brian Homm stated, "Junior Nikki McCoy has been out with a dislocated shoulder and that makes things rough. Katie Feighner has stepped up to become our biggest offensive threat, but we are quite young this season and have to take our lumps until we get more experienced."

After being complimented about their stunning upset of Bloomfield Tech last week, Homm commented, "It was a great game. They destroyed us last year and we got them back. They have a very good record. That basically made our whole season."

Scotch Plains-Fanwood slipped to 5-11, while Newark East Side raised to 9-10.

Newark East Side	7	11	11	20	49
Sc Plains-Fanwood	15	8	7	10	40



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WAITING FOR THE REBOUND...Katie Feighner, No. 20, of the Raiders leaps to get the rebound in the game against Newark East Side on February 3.

### Farmers Outlast Lady Raiders

Jayne Gray provided the necessary offense at the right time as the Union High School girls' basketball team outlasted the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls, 54-47, in Scotch Plains on February 5.

The Farmers took a seven-point lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Raiders cut the margin to four by the half. The Raiders pulled to within two points late in the final quarter until Gray nailed the final five points of the game.

Raider sophomore Katie Feighner struck for 11 points, and teammate Najwa Glover hit for 10. Christine Bowers fired in eight points; Samantha Kanarek and Kate Vanderheyden sank six; Jeannie McCoy had five, and Bianca Gray added one point.

Union (8-11)	13	8	15	18	54
Sc Pl-Fnw (5-12)	6	12	10	19	47

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-38859-97.

RESOURCE BANCHEARS MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. DIEGO GOMEZ, MARTHA GOMEZ AND MR. GOMEZ HER HUSBAND 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 4TH DAY OF MARCH 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 \$146,642.95. 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: 473 THIRD AVENUE A/K/A 473-475 THIRD AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208. Tax Lot No. 1399 WO-5 in Block No. 5/A/K/A TAX LOT ACCT. NO. 1399, BLOCK WARD 5.

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 102.33 feet wide by 51.00 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the EASTERLY side of THIRD AVENUE, WITH THE SOUTHERLY side of FIFTH STREET. There is due approximately the sum of \$159,512.77 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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2/19 & 2/26/98 Fee: \$173.40

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD**  
Notice is hereby given that on February 25, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North

Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of The LaGrande Square Partnership for final site plan approval and for variances from the requirements of Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provisions of subparagraphs 93-36-3A5(b) (setback of driveways and parking areas for buildings 1, 2, 3, 4) and 74-5A (site plan approval) on the property at 181 La Grande Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 60, Lot No. 23 on the Fanwood tax map.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Mr. Robert Rau  
The LaGrande Square Partnership  
81 King George Road  
Warren, New Jersey 07059  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Times Fee: \$27.03

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3349-97.

FLEET FINANCE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ETIENNE R. PIERRROT AND BELZINA PIERRROT ET AL., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 7, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH 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 \$41,945.41. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 555-557 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201. Tax Lot No. 748 in Block No. 12. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the Southeastern side of Madison Avenue, 50 feet from the Northeastern side of Julia Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$43,200.69 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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### McDONALD DANCES WITH 15

## Lady Vikings 'D'Molish Linden Hoopsters, 46-27

Defense did it again with the help of intelligent shooting for the Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team, as they demolished the Linden High School girls, 46-27, in Scotch Plains on February 5. Leading the Viking assault was senior Devin McDonald.

The Vikings controlled from the onset, outscoring the Tigers, 10-3, in the first quarter. Jen Britton scored five of her 11 points in the quarter. Later, McDonald took over and the game

blew wide open when the Vikings went on a 20-9 run. McDonald tossed in eight of her game-leading 15 points during the quarter.

Senior Kathryn Rooney sank eight points for the Vikings while Katie Santo, Brenda Kaus and Shrita Smith added four points apiece. The Vikings elevated their record to 11-3, while the Tigers stumbled to 2-11.

Linden	3	9	8	7	27
Union Catholic	10	20	9	7	46



FACE-OFF...The referee pulls away from the skirmish after dropping the puck for a mid-ice face off between Blue Devil center forward Mike Bird (No. 9) and his Montclair Kimberley Academy opponent, Christian Fagin (No. 24) and Danny Marer (rear) are ready to jump into action in last Friday's 10-3 victory.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12697-96.

EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. RONSON LEE SMITH A/K/A RONSON L. SMITH, BRENDAA SMITH, H V, ET AL., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 17, 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 MARCH 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 \$19,719.39. Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 905 Olive Street Elizabeth, New Jersey. BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 1443, Block No. 8 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.

Dimensions: (approximately) 100.00 feet x 25.00 feet. Nearest Cross Street: Henry Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$20





David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times... December Scholar-Athlete Romie Kaslak, right, stands with Roger Love of Taylor and Love Realtors (Century 21). Love along with Hershey's Deli, The Leader Store, The Mattress Factory and Kehler's Athletic Balance are the sponsors for The Westfield Leader's Scholar Athlete Program. A plaque, along with Kaslak's name and picture, will be on display at The Leader Store for a few weeks.

# Devil Swimmers Rank Among History's Best

The Westfield High School swimming program has had a rich history, and remains as one of the finest in the state of New Jersey. Recently, the Blue Devil program, some of the coaches and one outstanding individual have been recognized by *The Star-Ledger*. As of February 7, the Blue Devil boys' swimming team has just captured its 42nd consecutive Union County Swimming Championship. This streak is a national record for successive county championships in all sports.

One of the most notable high school swimmers in New Jersey has been Blue Devil Darren Hertell. Hertell blazed through the water and broke records in 1992 and 1993. Mentioned in *The Star-Ledger*, Hertell won three gold medals at the NJISAA Meet of Champions and just missed snagging a fourth as a junior. During that season, Hertell won the 100-yard backstroke in :53.06, the 200-yard individual medley in 1:57.49 and swam on the winning 200-yard medley relay team.

In addition, as a senior in 1993, Hertell became the first school swimmer to win four gold medals at the Meet of Champions. Also not mentioned, Hertell was the only swimmer in the history of the Union County Championships to win eight gold medals. Hertell, then was the only male All-American swimmer in the state.

Mentioned on the coaching side was Perry Coultas, who took over for Charles Gantner. Coultas has been credited with the development of the Westfield "Y," which has been the high school's long time feeder program.

The girls' swimming team ruled throughout the 1980s, and achieved a state-record eight state titles. The Blue Devil girls set a

record 79-straight dual-meet victories from 1984 to 1990. As of February 7, the Blue Devil girls have won six straight Union County Championships during the 1990s, and have finished in the top three at the Pirate Invitational on three occasions.

Former Head Coach Marilyn Diamond guided the Blue Devil girls to eight state titles in 12 years. Diamond was the coach at the time of the Blue Devils' 79-meet winning streak.

With the Blue Devil boys and girls repeating as Union County Champions, the streak of swimming excellence continues.

## County Wrestling:

**February 2:**  
**Chatham (3-8) 43, Governor Livingston (5-9) 31**  
135: — Joe Salerno (Ch) d. Kris Lecomte, 3-0

**Elizabeth 60, Plainfield 12**  
**Cranford 45, Irvington 36**  
145: — John Donofrio (Cr) p. Uafis Beinker, 1:13  
189: — Nik Fekete (Cr) p. Sherwin Hill, 1:31  
215: — Pat Ekstrom (Cr) d. Almed Swint, 2-0

**February 3:**  
**New Providence (3-5) 42, Sussex Tech (1-7) 33**  
119: — Rich Sachsel (NP) p. John Urban, :40  
125: — Pete Paradise (NP) p. Dan Landemore, 1:29

**February 4:**  
**Roselle Park (15-0) 57, Ridge (2-6) 12**  
**Linden (7-5) 45, Newark East Side (3-12) 27**

**New Providence (3-5) 60, Roselle Catholic 12**  
119: — Rich Sachsel (NP) p. Tony Egido, :59  
125: — Pete Paradise (NP) p. John Lowe, :57  
145: — Donnie DeFilippis (NP) p. Eugene Otchere, 3:08

**Johnson (8-3) 48, Middlesex 24**  
**Key Bouts:**  
103: — Nick Lim (J) p. Sean Migano, 2:35  
2:35: — Brian Drake (J) p. Eric Vadinsky, 19:2

**St. Benedict's (9-3) 52, Governor Livingston (5-9) 21**  
112: — Brett Vanderveer (GL) Matt Veltri, 7-4  
135: — Kris Lecomte (GL) p. Victor Medina, :42

**February 6:**  
**Elizabeth 37, Kearny 25**

**February 7:**  
**New Providence 57, Governor Livingston 22**  
112: — Brett Vanderveer (GL) p. Andrew Leonard, 2:55  
119: — Rich Sachsel (NP) p. Kevin Nadrowski, 18-1, 5:40  
135: — Kris Lecomte (GL) p. Jeff McIntyre, :31  
152: — Donnie DeFilippis (NP) p. Jeremy Ferguson, 2:43

**Cranford 54, Roselle Catholic 18**  
152: — John Donofrio (Cr) p. Eugene Otchere, 1:42  
189: — Nik Fekete (Cr) p. Joe Lapelusa, 2:34



1992-93 NJ STATE CHAMP DARREN HERTELL

# West Essex Racers Outswim FSPY Coed Piranhas

The FSPY Coed Piranhas were unable to catch the Racers in the last dual meet of the season, which has seen great performances from the whole team. As usual, the meet started off with the individual medley, with Sarah Schwartz, Meredith Rucinsky, Anthony D'Errico, Christine Feury and Jonathon Williams all placing.

The U-8 got the freestyle races off to a great start with Michael Miller and Stephen Moonasar taking first and second. Jenna Patterson, Megan MacGillivray, Amit Doshi and Richard Khan all scored in their age groups. The breaststroke events followed with a number of very close and exciting finishes. Kathryn Nadbielny snatched a third place by .2 of a second for the 9/10s; Whitney Smallwood and Jessica Schor fought each other all the way to take

second and third and for the 15-18 category, and Khan grabbed a very tight second.

In the backstroke the closest finish of the day saw Miller and Moonasar split by a West Essex swimmer, with all three finishing within .2 of a second. Diane Fitzpatrick just lost out on a second place for the 9-10s. In the butterfly Michelle D'Addona did a great job for second for the U-8, Rucinsky and Schor took first and second for the 11-12s, and Feury swam a lonely but brave race against no competition for the 15-18s.

The meet closed with the relays in which the U-8 team took first place. All of the swimmers have swum well all season, and look forward to building on their achievements next year after a well-deserved rest.

# Cardinal Hoopmen Humble Union Catholic, 78-50

Cardinal Najm Calhoun fired in 21 points, seven of which blazed through the net in the first quarter, as Plainfield downed the Union Catholic High School boys, 78-50, in Plainfield on February 3.

The Vikings were outscored 20-11 in the first quarter, and fared little better in each of the remaining quarters. Viking Quentin Jordan struck for 17 points, and

Carlos Jefferson netted 16 points. Frantzuo Simon nailed eight points, and Eric Conrad sank three as Kwaku Morgan, Chris Ganey and Edwin Hilton added two points apiece.

Plainfield improved to 9-6, while Union Catholic fell to 5-10.

<b>Union Catholic</b>	11	10	11	18	50
<b>Plainfield</b>	20	16	19	23	78

# SP-F PAL Wrestlers Shine Brightly at Madison Tourney

On January 31, eight Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL wrestlers took part in the Madison Novice Tournament. Participants included David DeNichilo, Anthony Ferrante, Daniel Gore, Christian Hambleton, David Kruglyak, Mike Ridge, Kevin Urban and A. J. Watson.

Out of 350 entries, four SP-F boys took first, second or third in their respective weight classes. DeNichilo (60-pounds), Ferrante (75-pounds), Hambleton (80-pounds), all took first.

DeNichilo was strong all day, giving up only three points in a total of three matches.

Ferrante never seemed to tire, pinning two opponents and finishing every match strong. Hambleton came back in his final match, after being down by eight points, to win it in overtime.

Gore (60-pounds) took a respectable third in the tournament, also with two pins. The other SP-F competitors all showed great effort.

# National Youth Baseball Seeks NJ Youth to Compete

The Roberto Clemente All-Stars will hold a tryout on Saturday, February 28, at SunStation USA on Victory Boulevard on Staten Island for 11-19 year-old baseball players interested in traveling to Puerto Rico to take on some of the best amateur teams in the world.

The tryout will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and it will feature a one-hour instructional clinic led by Rich Santigata, head coach of the 1997 NYC Champions, Xavarian High School.

Selected youth will play against the same squads that produced such major league stars such as Ivan Rodriguez, Roberto Alomar, Juan Gonzalez, Bernie Williams and Edgar Martinez. Trips will be held during school breaks.

Those interested in attending the tryout should call (800) 723-6398 to pre-register. The tryout fee is \$15 for players that pre-register, or \$20 at the door. This will be the only area tryout in 1998. Players should bring their glove, bat and catcher's gear (if applicable).

For directions or more information, please call the All-Stars' New York headquarters at (914) 633-2920.

# Rahway Matmen Get Tested; Pull Past the Raiders, 38-26

**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14**  
Tom O'Reilly, being behind 4-3 in the final period, scored a takedown, then another takedown with only seconds remaining to defeat Tony Zardecki, 8-5.

Although being down 32-23, there was still a chance to grab the victory, but the Raiders now needed a miracle. Frank Thorne pulled out a 6-0 victory over a cagey Danny Garay at 2:15, and the Raiders had a remote chance to tie the team score with a fall at heavyweight.

Raider Jim Feeley needed to have a magic wand to defeat heavyweight Antonio Garay, arguably the best heavyweight in the state. Despite a gallant effort by Feeley, Garay picked up the fall in 2:23 and the Indians had dodged the bullet with a 38-26 victory.

**WEIGHTBREAKDOWN:**  
103: — Dave Loewinger (SPF) d. Blake Jackson, 12-7  
112: — Rob Burnett (R) p. Mike Loewinger, 2:06  
119: — Charlie Tripet (SPF) md. Al Tereek Frazier, 12-3  
125: — Tony Melendez (SPF) p. Louis Oit, 4:42  
130: — Shawn Stueber (R) p. A. J. Romeo, 18-1, 3:48  
135: — Dan Freer (R) d. Mike Natale, 12-6  
140: — Tom Petrusko (R) p. Mike Grabel, 1:57

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15211-96.  
ASSOCIATED 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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF**  
HACK, PIRO, O'DAY, MERKLINGER, WALLACE & MCKENNA, Attorneys  
30 Columbia Turnpike  
P.O. Box 941  
Florham Park, New Jersey 07932-0941  
CH-752572 (WL)  
4 T - 1/29, 2/5,  
2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$177.48

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9506-97.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE DEEDS AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 1996, SERIES 1996-A, PLAINTIFF vs. VINICIO CONSTANTE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 8, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$149,571.01. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 18 Palmer Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206.

Tax Lot No. 974 in Block No. 7. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 150 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the Southernly side of Palmer Street 252 feet from the Easterly side of Second Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$153,509.58 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

**RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF**  
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG BECKER & ACKERMAN, Attorneys  
1139 Spruce Drive  
P.O. Box 1024  
Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024  
1-908-233-8500  
File No.: XCS-35430  
CH-753560 (WL)  
4 T - 1/22, 1/29,  
2/5 & 2/12/98 Fee: \$183.60

145: — Luke Cerchio (SPF) p. Sam Shipley, 3:45  
152: — Josh Ricca (SPF) md. Carlo Parra, 16-9  
160: — Jason Crutchfield (R) p. Chris Sigglitz, 1:43  
171: — Andy Roesch (R) d. Eric Viscardi, 12-9  
189: — Tom O'Reilly (R) d. Tony Zardecki, 8-5  
215: — Frank Thorne (SPF) d. Danny Garay, 6-0  
Hwt: — Antonio Garay (R) p. Jim Feeley, 2:23



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**HEAVYWEIGHT TYKES...John Loomis, top, of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth program works on Joe Dowling of the Rahway program prior to the 40 Years of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Wrestling ceremony held on February 6. Loomis and Dowling, both in the 5-7 age group, provided the packed gymnasium with plenty of entertainment.**

## 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 MOUNTAINSIDE in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 1381 STONY BROOK LANE, MOUNTAINSIDE, 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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF**  
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys  
406 - J Lippincott Drive  
Marlton, New Jersey 08053  
CH-752527 (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-11585-95.

OCWEN FEDERAL BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. JUANC. PEREZ, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 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 \$249,075.09. Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey, commonly known as 756 Grier Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Tax Lot No. 708 in Block No. 004.

Dimensions of lot: Approximately 32.0 feet wide by 100.0 feet long. Nearest cross street: situate on the southeasterly side of Grier Avenue approximately 314 feet southwesterly of the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Grier Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$255,524.27 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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF**  
BRAVERMAN & LESTER, Attorneys  
374 Main Street  
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601-5897  
CH-753557 (WL)  
4 T - 1/22, 1/29,  
2/5 & 2/12/98 Fee: \$161.16

## 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 LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS:** LOT NO. 641, BLOCK 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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF**  
ZEICHNER, ELLMAN, & KRAUSE, Attorneys  
One Gateway Center  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
CH-753574 (WL)  
4 T - 1/29, 2/5,  
2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$177.48

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14028-95.

BROADWAY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. AN ANATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JORGE MOREIRA AND M. JULIA MOREIRA, HIS WIFE; ESTABAN ALVAREZ, ET ALS., 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 \$153,525.77. The property to be sold is located in the Township of Union in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 108-110 First Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Tax Lot No. 351 in Block No. 2. Dimensions of lot: 50 feet by 60 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Livingston Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$157,566.15 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

**RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF**  
MICHAEL O. BERTONE, Attorney  
217 Chestnut Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07105  
CH-753563 (WL)  
4 T - 1/29, 2/5,  
2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$159.12



**SP-F PAL WRESTLERS...Pictured Left to Right, first row: are: Bill Bowman, Tyler Bowman (mascot), A. J. Watson, Dave Denichilo, Mike Ridge, Ricky Olsson, Matt Fleissner, John Loomis Sal Gano Joe Fallon, second row: Pat Romeo, Derek Francavilla, Pat McNeil, Anthony Ferrante, Kevin Urban, Eric Connolly, Chris Hambleton Colin Campbell Dan Gore, Joe Knechtel, third row: Mr. Tony Melendez (head coach), Andy Loomis Mike Walker, Lucas Francavilla, John Cox, James Knechtel, Matt Denichilo, Kevin Bryan, Mike Denichilo, Matt Loomis, Mr. Bill Bowman (asst. coach)**

## 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 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 \$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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF**  
FRANK J. MARTONE, Attorney  
4 Brighton Road  
Clifton, New Jersey 07012  
CH-753566 (WL





**CLEAN SWEEP TO VICTORY...**The Colonia Cannon swept to victory in the 1997-1998 U-13 Boys' State Finals with a 2-0 score over Pittsgrove. Among those members pictured are defensesmen Ray DiNizo, Marc Bernstein and Baj Gill, all of Scotch Plains, and Michael Miller of Fanwood; midfielder Josh Lenoff, and front liner Ryan Breznitzky, both also of Scotch Plains, contributed to the victory.

**Colonia Cannon Sweeps Finals**

The Colonia Cannon, which includes four boys from Scotch Plains and Fanwood, swept to victory in the 1997-1998 U-13 Boys' State Finals with a 2-0 score over Pittsgrove. The victory completed the Cannon's march to the championship which also included victories over Hopewell, New Jersey Knights, Allendale, Ramapo and Jackson by a combined score of 19 to 1.

Throughout the tournament, the defense of Ray DiNizo, Marc Bernstein and Baj Gill, all of Scotch Plains, and Michael Miller of Fanwood, was its usual stingy self, allowing only one goal during the entire tournament.

Midfielder Josh Lenoff and front liner Ryan Breznitzky also contributed to the victory.

The State Cup Championship of New Jersey is only the first step for the Cannons, which also hope to do well in the regionals in early July.

**Recreation Department In Scotch Plains Sets Trip to Hockey Game**

Fans of the New Jersey Devils hockey team have an opportunity to watch their team play at the Continental Airlines Arena at a Fan Appreciation Night on Saturday, April 18. The trip is being offered by the Scotch Plains Recreation Department.

Game time is 7:35 p.m. and the opponents are the New York Islanders. Tickets are \$30 per person for second level seating and registration will start Monday, February 16, in the Recreation Office of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue.

Payment must be by check only and made out to the New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association.

**FSPY 'B' Gymnasts Defeat South Mountain Y, 89.8-82**

The Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA 'B' Division Gymnastic Team registered another win by defeating South Mountain YMCA 89.8-82.0 on February 1. Although the gymnasts went into the meet knowing that their team member Ken Russell had just been moved up to the 'A' Division, all members of the team pulled together to contribute to their win.

Kathryn Bruca and Jessica Guerriero, both of Westfield, competed in the 12-year-old age group for FSP. Guerriero earned first place on Vault and on Balance Beam. Bruca took home the second place award for her performance on Floor Exercise.

In the 13+ age group, Rachael Eannucci (Fanwood), Diana Filo (Scotch

Plains), Tiffany Kane (Scotch Plains) and Crissy Perrotta (Fanwood) competed and swept the first-third All Around categories. Filo was awarded first place in the All Around. Filo also earned first on Floor Exercise and Balance Beam, second on Vault and third on Uneven Bars.

Perrotta received second in the All Around, first on the Unevens, and third place ribbons on Vault, Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.

Eannucci rounded out the top with her third in the All Around. Eannucci also was awarded first place on Vault and second place ribbons for Uneven Bars and Floor Exercise. Kane took second on the Balance Beam.



**ASHLEY FLOOD WINS TWO GYMNASTICS MEDALS**

**Ashley Flood Wins Gymnastic Medals**

Ashley Flood, a seventh grader at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, competed in the East Coast Classic invitational gymnastics meet this past weekend in Calverton, Maryland with her team from Henderson's Gymnastics.

Flood won two medals in her age group, placing third for her balance beam routine with a score of 8.9, and placing sixth for her floor routine with a score of 9.1. Flood's level 8 team won the third-place team award.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID**

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 425 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998 AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROVIDING A DISPOSAL SITE FOR GRASS CLIPPINGS
2. PROVIDING A DISPOSAL SITE FOR BRUSH

BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 127, PL. 1975 SUPPLEMENT TO THE L.A.W. AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION), AND MUST PAY WORKMEN THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES PROMULGATED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

PROPOSALS SHALL BE IN WRITING ON THE FORMS FURNISHED AND MUST BE DELIVERED AT THE PLACE AND BEFORE THE HOUR ABOVE MENTIONED, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, AND A STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP FOR THE FORMS INCLUDED IN AND EXPLAINED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER CONTRACT DOCUMENTS MAY ONLY BE SEEN OR PROCURED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, 959 NORTH AVENUE WEST, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, IF IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN, IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE TO DO SO.

KENNETH B. MARSH  
TOWN ENGINEER  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$41.31

**Knights of Columbus Crown Free Throw Champions**

Ten boys and girls from Westfield and the surrounding area, aged 10 to 14 were named local champions of the 1998 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete next at the district level, according to Michael Dempsey, Grand Knight of the Msgr. Henry J. Watterson Council, No. 1711 in Westfield.

The Watterson Council sponsored the local competition at Holy Trinity InterParochial School. All youngsters from 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Jenna Greco of Westfield was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Matthew Colon of Scotch Plains was the winner of the 10-year-old boys' division. In the 11-year-old bracket of the competition, Courtney Bryson of Scotch Plains was the girls' champion and Steven Cheah of Westfield was the boys' champion.

Twelve-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were Stephanie Green of Scotch Plains and Neil Kroncke of Westfield. Among 13-year-olds, Westfielders Jackie Cusimano and Joseph Serzan were the winners. Kate Abramson of Scotch Plains and Kenny Lantz of Westfield took the honors for 14-year olds. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contest.

Runner-ups were also recognized in each of the age groups having more than one entrant. For the girls, Christina Froelich, Emily Colvin, Christina McCabe, Dana Passananti took second-place honors in the 10, 11, 12 and 13-year age group, respectively. From age 10 through 14, second-place finishers for the boys were: Brian Serzan, Brendan Egan, Rob Rush, John Dempsey and Kevin Conway.

Dempsey said that local winners will be advised of the date and location of the district competition as soon as that information is available.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus and consists of competition at the local, district and state level. International Champions are determined based on scores at the state competitions. Last year more than 218,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,453 local competitions.

The Knights of Columbus is an international, Catholic, family, fraternal service organization with over 1.6 million members in more than 11,000 local councils. In 1997, Knights donated 50 million man-hours of volunteer time and \$105 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring programs to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.



**PROFESSIONAL TOUCH...**NBA All-Stars' members Jayson Williams of the NJ Nets and Tim Hardaway of the Miami Heat, standing left and right, and members of Children's Specialized Wheelchair sports team in a teleconference with other past and present basketball greats in Charlotte, North Carolina and New York on February 6. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Jessica Galli of Belle Mead, C.J. Dodge of Westfield, Lauren Reynolds of Warren, Jillian Marks of Springfield and Abigail Park of Dover; back row, Stephano Cargnel of Carlstadt, Paul Ward of Allendale, Ben Park of Dover, Chris Czynski of Point Pleasant Beach and Ryan Lutak of Fords.

**Bernstein Grabs Silver in Track**

Irwin Bernstein of Westfield won a silver medal in the New Jersey Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships at Fairleigh Dickinson University on February 8. Representing the Shore Athletic Club in the 60-64 age group, Irwin placed second in the 600-meter run with a time of 2:56.3. Placing first was his teammate, Frank Haviland (2:43.3), and third was Paul Roedel, unattached (3:47.0).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

**CONTRACTOR:** Russell K. Sterling, MAI, SCGREASchwartz, Sterling & Associates, 145 West End Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey.

**NATURE OF SERVICE:** Supplemental appraisal to verify and supplement the conclusions set forth in summary report for Lot No. 1, Block No. 14802, which is a 5.89 tract formerly known as the "Terry Lou Zoo".

**DURATION:** Until completion of appraisal.

**AMOUNT:** \$1,750.

**THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**

BARBARA RIEPE  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Times Fee: \$18.87

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, February 10, 1998 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"**

The purpose of the ordinance: Prohibiting parking on the south side of Westfield Avenue from the westerly curb line of Forest Road 105 feet west thereof.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of the same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Times Fee: \$31.62

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held February 10, 1998, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 24th day of February 1998, at 8:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Joy C. Vreeland  
Town Clerk

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATIVE ARTICLE IV, TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-57(a)**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, as follows:

**SECTION I**

That Section 2-57(a) be amended to read as follows:

(a) **Regular meetings.** The Town Council shall meet annually for organization within the first seven days of January, the date to be established by resolution of the Town Council during the preceding month. The Council shall meet regularly thereafter on two Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 P.M., which days shall be scheduled by resolution. When the time for any regular meeting of the council falls on a legal or major religious holiday, such a meeting shall be held at the same hour on the day preceding and succeeding such holiday which is not a major or religious holiday.

**SECTION II**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

**SECTION III**

In the event that any section, part, or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner prescribed by law.

1 T - 2/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$54.06



**GREAT FORM...**Lauren, left, and Jessica Caravello of Westfield recently participated in the East Coast Classic Invitational Meet in Fairland, Maryland, where they scored well during gymnastics routines on the balance beam, bars and floor. The girls will compete in the Gaspirella Classic in Tampa, Florida, on Friday, February 27.

**Caravellos Earn High Scores At Gymnastics Invitational**

Thirteen-year-olds Lauren and Jessica Caravello, eighth-grade students at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, recently attended the East Coast Classic Invitational Meet held in Fairland, Maryland from January 30 through February 1.

The four-girl, Level 9 team, LaGymnastique from Henderson's Gymnastics Academy in North Edison, took second place with total score of 137.885.

Jessica placed fourth in the floor routine with a 9.00 and fourth on the balance beam with a 8.925. Lauren placed seventh all-around with a 34.40, and placed on bars, beam and floor.

Both girls' balance beam standings qualified them to the Finals held on January 31. They competed against the top ten Level 9 gymnasts, and Jessica placed fourth with 8.925, while Lauren placed sixth with an 8.65.

On Friday, February 27, the girls will compete at the Gaspirella Classic in Tampa, Florida.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**

**LIST OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AUTHORIZED FOR PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a).**

PROPERTY	MINIMUM BID PRICE
Lot No. 15 of Block No. 7303	\$40,000.00

**BIDDERS SHALL TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains has determined that the real property known as Block No. 7303, Lot No. 15 on the Tax Map of the Township of Scotch Plains, also known as 2682 Plainfield Avenue (the "Property") is not needed for public use and appears to conform to the zoning ordinances of the Township of Scotch Plains.

2. The Property is hereby offered for public sale pursuant to the Local Lands and Building Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a). The Township Council has set a minimum acceptable bid price of \$40,000.00 for the aforesaid Property.

3. The open public auction for the property shall occur in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, at 7:00 p.m. on February 24, 1998, such date being no earlier than seven (7) days following the advertisement herein required, at not less than the minimum acceptable bid price of \$40,000.00. Except as otherwise provided herein or by law, and subject to right of the Township Council to accept or reject the bid(s) received, the Property shall be sold to the highest qualified bidder. The Township Council reserves the right to reconsider the sale. Once bidding has been completed, the highest qualified bidder, as designated by the Township Manager, shall within five (5) days submit cash or certified check in the amount of 10% of his/her bid price, and shall simultaneously execute an offer to purchase at the bid price, which offer shall include the terms and conditions specified herein. Said offer shall be irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the date of the public sale. Failure to comply with any of these requirements or to close on or before April 27, 1998, shall entitle the Township of Scotch Plains to rescind its prior bid approval, terminate any and all rights of the designated bidder in said property and retain all monies heretofore deposited.

4. Title to the Property shall be conveyed by Bargain and Sale Deed, With Covenants Against Grantor Acts, the Property to be described by Lot No. and Block No. designation on the Scotch Plains Township Tax Map, or such other description approved by the Board of Assessment and Planning. Board has recommended that said property be designated as an Historic Landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town has reviewed certain property as set forth hereafter, and has determined that the said property has significant historic value; meets the criteria of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and is worthy of protection and preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has documented the importance and historic significance to the municipality, the State, and the nation of this proposed landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of the property proposed to be designated as an Historic Landmark has been notified and furnished copies of reports and findings of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of said property has voluntarily agreed to the designation of said property as an Historic Landmark and has actually sought this designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the property proposed to be designated as a landmark has been submitted to the Planning Board for their review and the Planning Board has recommended that said property be designated as an Historic Landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, the property proposed to be designated as an Historic Landmark has been submitted by the Planning Board to the Town Council of the Town of Westfield and the Town Council has agreed with this designation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield as follows:

That Section 15 of the appendix to the Land Use Ordinance providing for historic preservation be amended to add the following property:

"7. The private residence presently owned by Theodore C. and Elizabeth P. Alley located at 500 Salter Place, Westfield, New Jersey known as Lot No. 12.02 Block No. 3408 in the tax maps being also known as the Charles Marsh house and built about 1775 and originally the residence of Charles Marsh a member of one of the pioneer families of Westfield and a veteran of the revolutionary war.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Historic Review Commission shall be permitted to place an appropriate notation and plaque on said property indicating its Historic Landmark status.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, in the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any Court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner, permitted by law.

1 T - 2/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$90.78

1 T - 2/12 & 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$190.74



# 'Spring Fling' Dinner-Dance To Benefit Scholarship Fund

The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association (SPBPA) will hold its annual "Spring Fling" dinner dance at Snuffy's Pantagis on Friday, March 20.

This year, proceeds from the event will go towards the SPBPA Business Student Scholarship Fund.

The evening includes a cocktail hour starting at 7:30 p.m., a sit down dinner, five hour open bar, a disk jockey, dancing and a silent auction of products and services from local business owners and professionals.

The cost for the evening is \$50 per person, and reservations may be made by calling Lisa Mohn at Apple Blossom Flower Shop, (908) 322-4999.

All SPBPA members and non-members, as well as the general public, are invited to attend the event.

Individuals who cannot attend the event but would like to make a donation to the SPBPA Scholarship Fund or to the silent auction may send their contribution to SPBPA, care of Apple Blossom Flower Shop, 381 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, 07076.

All SPBPA members and non-members, as well as the general public, are invited to attend the event which will benefit a good cause.

## Wherefore Art Thou? A Valentine Plea

Wherefore art thou - I implore 'Tis a plea I've pled before.

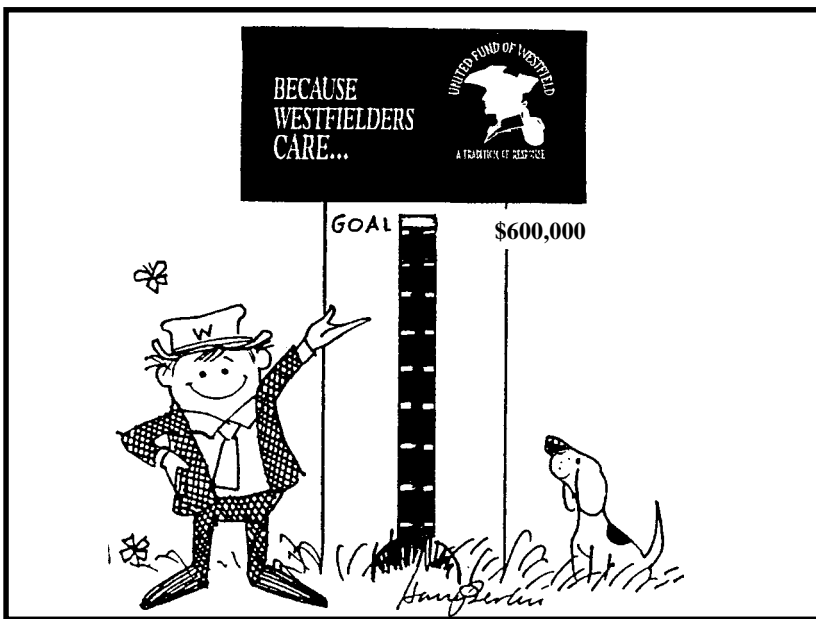
I've lived in hope for many-a-year I want someone to call me "Dear" I want to give my heart and soul To someone who will take control.

I've called on Cupid to assist I guess my name's not on his list Or else it's too far down to see 'Cause he has not contacted me.

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I think I'll buy myself a bow As well as arrows - and I'll go Where lots of heartthrobs congregate And see if I can find a mate The one who'll be my Valentine So our two hearts can intertwine.

- Faye DeGoff



**GOING UP...**The United Fund of Westfield has announced it has raised \$582,087, or 97 percent, of its goal of \$600,000 for the 1997-1998 campaign, which concludes on Thursday, April 30. "In order to assure our 20 member agencies receive the total allocation promised by the United Fund for 1998, we are counting on the support of all Westfielders to continue the tradition of response they generously display every year," noted James McCabe, Campaign Chairman. Pledge cards and contributions may be sent to 301 North Avenue, West, Westfield, 07090.

## Businesswomen Plan to Meet For Networking on February 17

The Berkeley Heights/Clark/Westfield Business and Professional Women (BCW/BPW) monthly dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Avenue, in Westfield.

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

This month's meeting will be an auction to benefit the BCW/BPW Scholarship Fund. BCW/BPW offers scholarships for high school students as well as training for re-entry into the job market.

For more information on scholarships, please call Phyllis at (908) 654-4410.

Advance registration for the dinner meeting is required. The cost of dinner is \$18 per person. The reservation deadline is this Monday, February 16. For reservations and information, please call Gerri at (908) 276-9502.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**  
**CONTRACTOR:** James Watson, EKA ASSOCIATES, P.A., 2050 Route 22, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.  
**NATURE OF SERVICE:** Tax Map verification services.  
**DURATION:** Once or twice each year when six to ten individual map changes have accumulated.  
**AMOUNT:** \$200 each time for said Tax Map verification.

**THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**  
Barbara Riepe  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Times Fee: \$17.34

## Andy Santoriello Earns Dean's List Recognition

Andy Santoriello, the son of Peter and Joanne Santoriello of Westfield, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana for outstanding scholarship during the fall semester.

Andy, a 1997 graduate of The Pingry School in Martinsville, is in the university's First Year of Studies program.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**  
NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, February 10, 1998 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"**

The purpose of the ordinance: Adding a time limit to parking on Sycamore Avenue both sides - two hours weekly 8:00 A.M. from the southern curb line of Front Street to the northern curb line of East Second Street.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of the same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE  
Township Clerk  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Times Fee: \$32.13

## After-School Enrichment Launched at School One

Elementary School One in Scotch Plains launched a new after-school enrichment program called "Beyond School Explorers" on January 31.

Organized by members of the Parent-Teacher Association and supported by the School One administration, the program is scheduled for five consecutive Friday afternoons, ending on February 27.

Participating students were able to choose from such diverse course offerings as photography, science, chess, arts and crafts, sign language, conversational Spanish, Italian and French, and "Author! Author!," a course in which children write and illustrate their own books.

Approximately 130 students are participating in the new program.

After the first day of classes, Sue Madurski, a School One parent and one of the primary organizers of the program, stated that she was "thrilled and excited by the enthusiasm and support of the parents and volunteers of the community who had made this program happen."

Leslie Cunningham, another parent who was instrumental in developing the project, added that while the development of the program had been "a huge undertaking," the support of School One Principal Jeffrey Grysko and the parents and others in the community who volunteered to help "made it all worthwhile."



**GETTING ENRICHED...**The conversational Italian class takes a break at the first session of the Beyond School Explorers after-school enrichment program at Elementary School One in Scotch Plains. The two teachers, pictured behind the students, are students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School who volunteered to use their Italian language skills to teach this class. Pictured, left to right, are Katie Lies, Nikolai Chowdhury, Justin Hensal, Andrew Goldberg, Jessica Passucci, Kelly Cianciotta, Joshua Decker and Robert Cunningham.

## Kyle Murray Named Winner Of Franklin Geography Bee

Kyle Murray recently won the Geography Bee at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield and has moved one step closer to a \$25,000 college scholarship.

A fourth-grade student at Franklin, Kyle won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee.

Students answered oral questions on geography in this first round of the 10th annual competition, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers.

Sylvan Learning Centers is a provider of supplemental education services to students at all skill levels.

The Bee kicked off on December 1, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five United States territories participating.

The school winners, including Kyle, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on Friday, April 3.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee national championship on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20.

The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy," will moderate the national finals on May 20. The program will be produced by Maryland Public Television and will air on PBS stations.



**GEOGRAPHY BUFFS...**These students at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield recently participated in the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Steven Smith, Christopher Zaffuto, Michelle Koppersmith, Luke Ricci, who earned second place, and Jeffrey Shutts; front row, Casey Klein, first-place winner Kyle Murray and Daniel Nemeth.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD**  
Public Notice is hereby given that ordinances as follows were passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held February 10, 1998.

Joy C. Vreeland  
Town Clerk

**GENERAL ORDINANCE No. 1699**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 16 "PARKS AND RECREATION" TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE No. 1971**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE THE ENTIRE PUBLIC RIGHT OF-WAY KNOWN AS A "DRIFTWAY" BETWEEN WOODLAND AVENUE AND WYCHWOOD ROAD IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

1 T - 2/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$20.91

### PUBLIC NOTICE

June 22, 1973, made by Elizabeth Mason, as mortgagors, to Larson Mortgage Company recorded on July 9, 1973, in the office of the Register of Union County in Book 2994 of Mortgages, page 745, which mortgage was assigned to The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States by Assignment of Mortgage dated July 30, 1973, recorded August 2, 1973, in the Union County Register's Office in Assignment Book 330 at page 131; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 917-919 Third Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling (908) 353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling (908) 354-4340.

YOU, M.R. Mills, his/her heirs, devisees and personal representatives and his/her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are made a party defendant to this action because you are the holder of a mortgage made by Elizabeth A. Mason to M.R. Mills dated January 12, 1977, and recorded February 1, 1979 in Mortgage Book 3214, page 463 of the Union County Register's Office securing \$658.98 being a lien against the premises being foreclosed.

DONALD F. PHELAN  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

FLANZBAUM & COHEN  
7 Mount Bethel Road  
P.O. Box 4253  
Warren, New Jersey 07059  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$67.32

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS**  
**CONTRACTOR:** Conley & Haushalter, Princeton Pike Corporate Center, 993 Lenox Drive, Building Two, CN 5279, Princeton, New Jersey 08543-5279.

**NATURE OF SERVICE:** Represent the Township in a Tax Appeal with H. Dornbush, et al.

**DURATION:** Until completion of said tax appeal.

**AMOUNT:** \$1,000.00.

**THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.**

Barbara Riepe  
Township Clerk

1 T - 2/12/98, The Times Fee: \$17.34

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: VALERIE FOY**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 4 Brighton Road, Clifton, New Jersey, 07012, an answer to the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any) filed in a civil action in which HOME LOAN AND INVESTMENT BANK, F.S.B. is Plaintiff and ROBERT MICHAEL AND JENNIFER MICHAEL, HIS WIFE, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket Number F-19685-97 within Thirty-five (35) days after FEBRUARY 12, 1998 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint (and amendment to complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated JUNE 29, 1996, made by ROBERT MICHAEL AND JENNIFER MICHAEL, as Mortgagor(s), to GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK, F.S.B., recorded on JULY 17, 1996, in Book 5983 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 296, and subsequently assigned to the plaintiff; and (2) to recover possession of and concerns premises commonly known as: 135 EAST EMERSON AVENUE, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY 07065.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling (908) 249-5000. You may also contact the lawyer referral service of the County of Venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue by calling 908-354-4340.

You, VALERIE FOY, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a mortgage/lien/judgment that may affect the mortgaged premises and the mortgage being foreclosed herein. You are entitled to Notice of this action for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgaged premises.

DONALD F. PHELAN  
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C.  
4 BRIGHTON ROAD  
CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY 07012  
1 T - 2/12/98, The Times Fee: \$54.06



## Frank Isoldi Named Top Realtor by State Group

Roger Love, President of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors, has announced that Frank D. Isoldi has been named 1997 Realtor of the Year.

He received the honor at the recent New Jersey Association of Realtors convention held in Atlantic City.

Frank, owner and President of Isoldi Associates in Westfield, was selected as Realtor of the Year for his many



Frank Isoldi

voluntary activities on behalf of the association, both at the local and state levels.

In 1997, the Westfield Board of Realtors merged with the Greater Eastern Union County Association of Realtors to become the Greater Union County Association.

Mr. Isoldi was Co-Chairman with Carmen-Imgrund of the Realtor Community Service for two years, where they actively involved the association members in various community service projects. They successfully spearheaded the semi-annual blood and food drives, the popular tired towels and toiletries collection, women's business clothing and donations of coats, sweaters and mittens/gloves.

Members of the community also donated their time or contributed to these undertakings. All of the items received were distributed to local agencies in Union County to help those in need.

In addition, Mr. Isoldi is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bobby Fund, a charitable foundation established by the Westfield Board of Realtors in 1987, for chronically or terminally ill children.

During his tenure, financial aid has been given to several local youngsters needing lifts in their specially equipped van or at home, towards prosthetics,

and to purchase a computer for a learning disabled child.

Funds were raised through member donations, a community theater evening and an annual raffle.

Mr. Isoldi served on the Board of Directors during 1997 for the former Westfield Board.

With the termination of its Multiple Listing Service (MLS), he co-chaired the Liaison Committee to the Garden State MLS and served in an advisory capacity at the meetings of the Garden State MLS.

"Frank epitomizes true Realtor spirit. He is always willing to volunteer and take on another responsibility, doing it with skill, courtesy and tact," said Mr. Love.

He continued in stating that, "Frank is a great representative of the younger generation in real estate. I feel proud he is 1998 Chairman of our Realtor Sales Committee and again serves on our Board of Directors."

Members are selected as Realtor of the Year based on their contribution to the advance of the community, the cause of Realtors, the interest of their profession and their clients and involvement in humanitarian services.



**NEW ASSOCIATE...Burgdorff ERA Realtors recently announced that Catherine McGale has joined the company as a Sales Associate in their Fanwood office, located at 256 South Avenue. Ms. McGale has been a Realtor since 1984 and is familiar with the New Jersey market, especially the Scotch Plains, Plainfield, Cranford and Mountainside areas. She achieved membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club in 1987 and received an office award at her previous company for million dollar production in 1996. Ms. McGale is a member the Westfield, Somerset and Garden State Boards of Realtors.**



### Jill Goldberger Named Winner of Scholarship At Ithaca in New York

Ithaca College recently announced that Jill Goldberger of Westfield, a member of the Class of 1999 at Ithaca College in New York State, is the winner of the Jane Woods Werly Endowed Scholarship for the current academic year.

Established by Jane Woods Werly, a 1927 Ithaca graduate, the award is for students concentrating in musical theater. Recipients must have declared a related major in either the School of Music or the Department of Theatre Arts at the School of Humanities and Sciences at Ithaca.

This year's Werly scholars included majors in musical theater, acting, and theatrical production arts.

Miss Goldberger is an acting major at the School of Humanities and Sciences. Consistently on the Dean's List, she is a member of the Oracle Honor Society.

She performed in the Ithaca College productions of *Quilters* and *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

She has also worked on the crew of *Daisy Pulls it Off*, *Pirates of Penzance*, and *Blood Wedding*. She is a graduate of Westfield High School.

## 'Lap Time' for Youngsters Coming to Storytime on Elm

Storytime on Elm, in Westfield, will hold a special "Lap Time" program on Wednesday morning, February 18, at 10:30 a.m.

Parents are encouraged to bring very young children and sit on the blanket with them to enjoy stories

and books specially selected by the staff for these little ones.

No pre-registration is required. For more information, please call (908) 232-1343, or inquire at the which is located at 35 Elm Street.

## Wish Upon A Star Offers Free Parenting Programs

Wish Upon A Star Fund, Inc. of Scotch Plains, a non-profit organization dedicated to prevention of child abuse, has announced several free programs being offered for parents.

The Parents Anonymous Support Group is described as a supportive and friendly weekly meeting to share the challenges of being a parent and to learn new ways to cope with stress. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Fanwood.

The Parental Skills Workshop involves eight weekly sessions which are designed to develop parental skills for handling discipline, behavior problems, stress/anger management, etc. They will be held on Wednesdays beginning March 4, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in Plainfield.

A Multi-Cultural Family Support Group will also begin in March. Participants will meet once a month to discuss the unique challenges of being an inter-racial family.

Parents will also learn ways to develop healthy self-esteem for their children, according to a spokeswoman for Wish Upon A Star Fund, Inc.

Child care for children four years old and up is available for the Parental Skills Workshop and the Multi-Cultural Family Support Group.

Please call Deborah at (908) 322-1181 for information and to register for any of the programs.

Wish Upon A Star Fund, Inc. seeks to prevent child abuse by nurturing healthy families through support groups, workshops, and prevention seminars held in Union County.

If an organization would like to sponsor a child abuse prevention seminar or start a support group, please call (908) 322-1181.

The organization is also seeking volunteers to help out with a variety of office tasks, and may work from their homes.

## Mayor Declares February As American Heart Month

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim has issued a proclamation declaring February as American Heart Month in Westfield.

Cardiovascular disease has been cited by the American Heart Association as the number one killer of women both in New Jersey and around the country.

During American Heart Month, the American Heart Association is launching a multi-year national women's campaign titled "Take Wellness to Heart," which urges women to become more knowledgeable about cardiovascular diseases.

The campaign features a toll-free number, 1-888-MY-HEART, through which women may receive a free heart health information packet about heart disease and stroke, and a prepaid telephone card.

Women are asked to use the telephone card to share the lifesaving information with other women, according to the American Heart Association.

For more information about American Heart Month or the "Take Wellness to Heart" women's campaign, individuals may call the local American Heart Association or (800) 634-1AHA.

## Ballroom Studio to Present 'Dance Fantasies' on Feb. 22

"Dance Fantasies" will come alive on Sunday, February, 22, at 1 p.m. when Ballroom Magic Dance Studio presents its Showcase '98.

This dance extravaganza will feature a variety of numbers. The staff and students will perform Latin routines and ballroom numbers, as well as jazz and country-western routines.

Ballroom Magic Dance Studio owner, Kelly Vuyovich, has been rehearsing the show at his new location in Union. This is his eighth showcase presentation.

Choreography for much of the pro-

gram has been done by Chantal LeClerc, who represented Canada in many world championships where she was a "10-Dance" champion, excelling in both Latin and modern dance styles. She is also an international dance coach and will be performing as part of the event.

Tickets for this dinner, show and dance program may be purchased by calling Ballroom Magic Dance Studio of Union at (908) 624-0577.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and the show will be held at the Union Elks Lodge, 281 Chestnut Street, at Five Points in Union.



**HELPING STORM VICTIMS...Westfield Rotary Club of Westfield President Dr. D. Michael Hart, left, and Rotarian Warren Rorden exhibit a check for \$820 which the club is sending to the Belfast, Maine Rotary Club to help with relief efforts from the terrible ice storm this month.**

## Westfield Rotarians Donate To Maine Ice Storm Victims

The Rotary Club of Westfield sprung into action January 29th to provide relief to the victims of the ice storm that devastated New England.

Rotarian Warren Rorden was visiting his son in the Belfast, Maine area and saw the devastation first hand. He described the area as "looking like a bomb hit it."

The ice storm lasted for five days, leaving several inches of ice on everything. The ice caused most of the trees to come down, blocking the roads and bringing power lines with them. This was followed by heavy snow storms every other day for two weeks, making cleanup and recovery very difficult.

The ice storm ended on January 9, and as of the January 21, there were still 20,000 people in Maine without electricity.

Ed Varney, of the Belfast, Maine Rotary Club, pointed out that 80 percent of the homes in the area are heated with electric power. Thus, without power, there is no electric, water, or heat.

Many of the families have been using kerosene heaters and generators to provide their own heat and power. The problem with this, he said, is that one family in the area accidentally burned their house down, and are now homeless.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a prob-

lem, as a typical family will huddle in the basement around the kerosene heater for warmth, not realizing the toxic fumes build up in the room.

Police Chief Allen Weaver's family of five was admitted to the hospital with carbon monoxide poisoning. His daughter-in-law is recovering but is six months pregnant and has serious concerns about the health of the baby.

Sixteen Northport residents were trapped in their trailer park without food, water or heat because the road was too icy to walk or drive on. Transporting people to the shelters is hazardous due to the severe ice on the roads, and numerous trees blocking the way, Mr. Varney explained.

When the Rotary Club of Westfield heard about the problems of our neighbors to the north, they rallied together to help. Chapter President Dr. D. Michael Hart passed the hat, and collected \$820 to send as a donation to Belfast, Maine.

The Rotary Club of Belfast will distribute the funds to those who need it the most. Rotary is a group of the business and professional leaders of each community. There are 1.2 million Rotarians throughout almost every country in the world.

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