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PERMITS FOR BULKY WASTE PROGRAM DROPPING BY \$10

Revised Sidewalk Café Law Requires Use of Receptacles For Eateries Using Paper

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Town Council is expected to amend an ordinance Tuesday night which will make revisions to the municipality's statute for sidewalk cafés.

The existing ordinance was adopted by the council in 1995 in an effort to improve the ambiance of the downtown. With the popularity of the cafés the past few years, several establishments outside of the central business district have expressed interest in setting up tables outside.

Also, other establishments such as

Wyckoff's on North Avenue have asked permission to have cafés located in the rear of their buildings on private property.

In addition, the question of barriers for each café was also discussed by council members.

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, Chairman of the Laws and Rules Committee, noted that last year the council approved temporary permits for Prospector's Deli on Prospect Street and Jordan's Bakery on South Avenue.

Another change in the ordinance will allow establishments to include the name of the restaurant on outside umbrellas over the tables, similar to what Bruegger's Bagels on Central Avenue has done in the past.

Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano, a member of the committee, said the barriers help contain the cafés so that they are not intrusive on neighboring properties.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim questioned the need to leave the requirement for barriers in the ordinance, noting that in some instances, such a provision has proven not to be necessary.

Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba noted that some establishments have wider sidewalks on which

to place the cafés, explaining that some sidewalks "don't lend themselves" to barriers around the cafés.

Councilman Goldman suggested that if an applicant felt the length of the sidewalk would not lend itself to a barrier, they could include that information and request a waiver on this requirement from the council.

Another change will require café operators who use paper or plastic utensils to provide trash receptacles for their patrons.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein said that in the past, paper plates would blow off tables and onto the sidewalks, and that the town's receptacles often became filled quicker than they could be dumped.

Councilman Goldman said the original ordinance was aimed at fine dining establishments. Eating places such as Bruegger's, which only use paper products, was not envisioned when the ordinance was drafted.

Dishes and utensils which could not blow away were originally required in the law.

Another change will now require individuals seeking renewal of café licenses to go before the Town Council and not the Town Clerk, as had been the case in the past. Permits are

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Westfield Hauler Critical of Threat of Legal Action By County Over Reduced Disposal Costs at Burner

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The announcement issued last week that Union County is considering legal action to force private garbage haulers to reduce their bills in the new deregulated disposal industry is not sitting well with at least one hauler in town.

Upon reading a front page story in *The Westfield Leader* regarding statements by Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, regarding potential legal action, Jerry Infantino of Infantino Bros. was critical of the statements. Mr. Infantino explained that when waste flow restrictions were still intact, he lost 200 customers because he chose to follow the letter of the law with regard to dumping

costs in Union County and other parts of the state.

He said he has reduced his bills by over \$3 a month.

He accused the county and the state of not enforcing waste flow restrictions under the regulated system. Under that system, haulers picking up trash in Union County were required to dump their trash at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility, known as the incinerator, in Rahway.

Up until November, the cost to dump at that facility was \$83.05 per ton. The fee has been dropped to \$50 in the new free market system.

Following a decision in November by the United States Supreme Court not to hear the state's appeal of a federal court's ruling, waste flow re-

strictions were lifted in New Jersey.

Thus, while Infantino Bros. and other legitimate firms were paying anywhere from \$800 to \$1,500 per load, according to Mr. Infantino, some other companies were dumping their loads at illegal disposal sites — saving up to \$1,000 per load in the process.

Mr. Infantino said customers often assumed that his company and others who charged rates based on county disposal costs were "crooks," while customers "loved" the lower rates charged by illegal dumpers despite the fact that the service was not as good.

The Westfield hauler said he lost half of his commercial customers because of the lower rates cited by those firms he accused of illegally

dumping their loads.

In an effort to keep the Union County burner financially afloat, the Union County Utilities Authority dropped the disposal rate at the facility to \$50 per ton for all solid waste generated in the county.

Also, in an effort to keep the facil-

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William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

TIGER MART PROPOSED...Exxon officials are seeking to remove the existing station, located at the corner of South and Central Avenues, and replace it with a Tiger Mart retail building. Four new gasoline pumping islands would be added, as well.

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Board Slated to Decide Exxon Case on March 9

By JASMINE VASAVADA
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Exxon Corporation appeared before the Board of Adjustment during a special meeting Tuesday night for permission to expand an existing gas station at the corner of South and Central Avenues in Westfield.

The corporation seeks to acquire two additional lots adjacent to the station for the proposed expansion, which would involve removal of the existing station, and the addition of four pumping islands, covered by a canopy. A separate retail building, called a Tiger Mart, would be added as well.

Exxon must obtain several variances from the board. In particular, a local ordinance states that two principal structures, like the canopy and the Tiger Mart, may not be built on a single property.

In addition, the extensive signage that Exxon is seeking is prohibited. Finally, gasoline service stations are not technically permitted in that location, part of the GB-1 (General Business) zone.

This zone is intended to accommodate retail sales and retail personal services oriented toward pedestrian shopping, according to Westfield Zoning Officer Jeremiah P. O'Neil.

However, this variance appears to be less problematic, since the property is already being used as a gasoline station. In addition, there are many businesses specializing in au-

tomotive services at this intersection.

The redeveloped station would be built in red brick, with gray shingles, Colonial-style detailing and extensive landscaping in the back lot along South Avenue. The Exxon Corporation predicts that the redeveloped service station would attract an average of 50 cars per hour, up from 12 at the moment.

The Tiger Mart, which would primarily sell snack items, would attract an additional 20 cars, Exxon officials anticipate, bringing the total up to 70 per hour. This has raised some concerns among board members about traffic flow.

Peter G. Steck, a transportation planner, testified on behalf of Exxon that traffic should not be a problem.

Although the corner property is located on what he called "one of the most complex intersections in Westfield," the redesigned property will have only three driveways, providing less chaotic circulation than the seven driveways currently serving the three properties.

Also, he argued, gas stations are not destinations — they draw from the stream of traffic. People will only choose to stop for gas when it is convenient to get in and out of the station. Thus, the vast majority of users will make a right turn into and out of the station.

Board Attorney Robert W. Cockren

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WILLIAM ALDER TO ASSUME NEW POST AT UCC Mountainside Police Chief Leaving After 32 Years With Department

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A lot has happened since Police Chief William A. Alder first joined the Mountainside force in 1966, yet he still resembles a man much younger than his 54 years of age would suggest.

Chief Alder, who became the borough's top law enforcement officer on January 6, 1981, recently announced his resignation, effective one week from Sunday, March 1. Officially, however, Chief Alder's last day on the job will be Friday, February 27.

"Well, I've been a policeman for 31 and a half years, and I have an opportunity to take a different type of job, and I think this is a good time in my life to make a career change," replied Chief Alder when asked why he was stepping down as Mountainside's top-ranking lawman.

The job Chief Alder is taking is Director of Public Safety for the Union County College system, which has campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield. His first day will be Monday, March 2.

"I've known Chief Alder for 23 years," commented Mountainside Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti. "While we at times have not seen eye to eye, he is leaving Mountainside with a good police department, and I think he deserves credit for that."

Indeed, like any other force, the passage of time has meant a difference in technologies available to police. In 1966, for example, when a patrolman stopped a motorist, he first had to radio headquarters, which then had to notify Trenton in order to gain information on the person whose license he was holding.

Not until Trenton provided headquarters with that information could the officer know what had to be done. Nowadays, however, squad cars are equipped with mobile data terminals, which means an officer can get the information all by himself — and in a much shorter period of time.

Car thefts have also risen dramatically since Chief Alder's rookie year with the Mountainside force. Much of Route No. 22 going eastward from Somerville has become a high-risk area for automobile thefts, which are frequently committed by youths in their early teens.

"As with any other crime prevention technique, you should invest in some kind of crime prevention that will help deter the theft of your car — and make it clear your car won't be as easy to steal as others," Chief Alder said, when asked how motorists can protect their vehicles when they have to leave them parked for any period of time.

To that end, Chief Alder recommends either The Club, a steering wheel lock that makes it virtually impossible to steer a car; an engine fuel cutoff device, which is usually activated by pushing a cylinder into

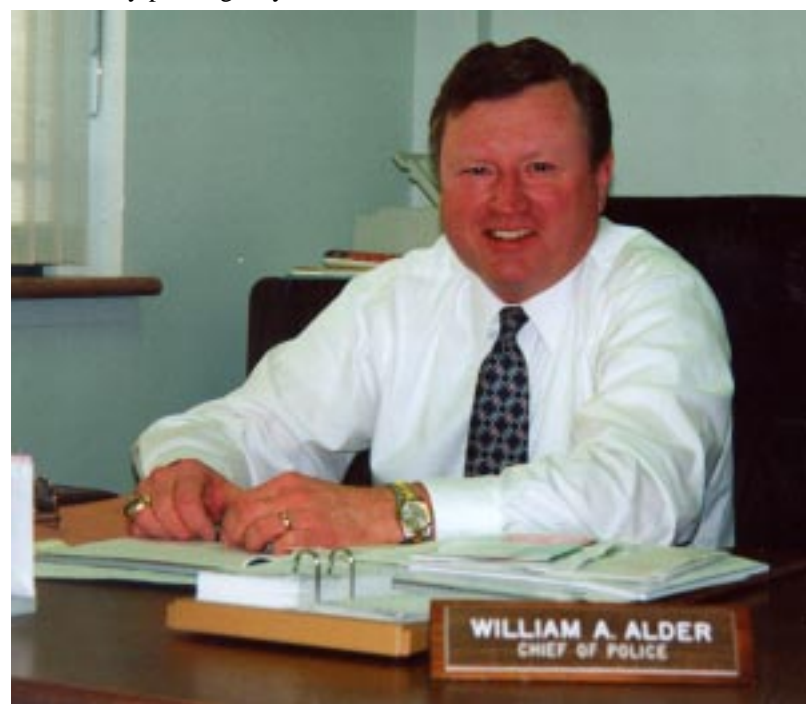
place, and Lojack, which emits a frequency that police can track.

Mountainside's acting chief will be Lieutenant Jim Debbie, who by seniority will hold the position until a replacement is selected, which should occur by May. Lieutenant Debbie is the administrative lieutenant, while John Olock is the patrol and operational lieutenant.

A new testing process will likely determine who the next chief will be, and both lieutenants could be candidates. But in the meantime, Mayor Vigilanti makes no secret that he is proud so many members of the police department — including Chief Alder, Lieutenants Debbie and Olock — are Mountainside residents, even though they are not required to be.

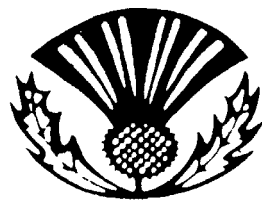
"It's the truth," the mayor added. "I think that says something about the town."

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

END OF AN ERA...Mountainside Police Chief William A. Alder will be leaving the borough's police force this month to become Director of Public Safety for the Union County College system.



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Council Seeks Further Distance For Sexually-Oriented Businesses

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

An ordinance introduced by the Fanwood Borough Council during its regular meeting last Thursday would further curtail sexually-oriented businesses from operating in close proximity to residential areas and public facilities.

The measure would amend Chapter 98 of the Fanwood Borough Code, which currently prohibits these businesses from operating within 500 feet of residences, elementary and secondary schools, parks and other public recreation areas, by increasing that distance to 1,000 feet.

While sexually-oriented businesses by law cannot be barred from setting up shop in the community, the amended ordinance will make it even more difficult for these establishments to find a permissible location within the borough's 1.3 square miles.

Under other business, officials adopted on second reading an ordinance outlining voting privileges for members of the Fanwood Planning Board. The Planning Board was merged at the end of last year with the now defunct Board of Adjustment.

Council members also introduced an ordinance to establish permanent parking regulations along Madison Avenue. The new regulations are designed to address traffic concerns in the vicinity of Elementary School One on nearby Willow Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The ordinance prohibits stopping or standing on the north side of Madison 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 between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

An ordinance was also introduced which would amend Chapter 56 of the Borough Code concerning the storage of explosive materials. The ordinance confirms that state regulations addressing storage of these materials take precedence over local statutes.

During committee reports, Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz revealed that a support utility vehicle purchased last year is currently being refurbished in preparation for full-time use by the Fanwood Fire Department.

The vehicle, which will be known as "Rescue 10" will allow borough firefighters to transport all their necessary equipment to the scene of an emergency in a single trip.

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Pre-Dawn Blaze Kills Woman; Eight Others Flee Family Home

A fire swept through a house on the Bowcraft Amusement Park property in Scotch Plains early Saturday morning, killing a woman who apparently was unable to escape from the home she shared with eight other family members.

The rest of the family, including four adults and four children, managed to escape from the swift spreading fire, the cause of which was still under investigation this week.

Township police, responding to a 9-1-1 call made from the home at approximately 4:52 a.m., discovered the Juniper Lane residence engulfed in flames. The home was located on slightly more than an acre of land behind the amusement park area of the property.

The Scotch Plains Fire Department and Union County Mutual Aid, including units from five municipalities and approximately 75 firefighters, battled the blaze for about an hour before bringing it under control, according to Scotch Plains Fire Chief Jonathan P. Ellis.

The elaborate fieldstone house, according to a *Star-Ledger* article, featured a 30-foot ceiling, four fireplaces and a stairway leading to a balcony.

Constructed around the turn of the century, it had been rented since May of 1996 by Donald and Kathleen Hoffman and their family, the article said.

Mr. Hoffman, 44, and Mrs. Hoffman, 43, told authorities how they narrowly managed to escape after tossing three of their grandchildren from a second-story window into the arms of their 15-year-old son, Charles, who was already outside, the *Star-Ledger* reported.

The couple's daughter, Donnalynn, 24, and a fourth grand-

child also managed to escape. The youngsters, who are Donnalynn's **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

MAGNET SCHOOL PAYMENT UPDATE SET FOR FEB. 24

School Bd. Considers Early Opening of Schools in Fall; Aid to SP-F Jumps \$312,000

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Four of the five options under consideration for the 1998-1999 calendar call for Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools to open prior to Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Traditionally, local schools have opened during the week following Labor Day.

During the February 12 open agenda meeting of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye said she is receiving about seven calls per day with questions as to a start date. Callers include teachers, parents making summer plans, and YMCA program coordinators.

The superintendent is "leaning strongly" toward an "early opening." The five options have been reviewed with the district administration, curriculum supervisors, principals, Parent-Teacher Association presidents and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA).

Because a pre-Labor Day start date breaks with tradition for the district, and might "catch some people by surprise," board member Richard R. Meade of Fanwood called the calendar decision a "critical issue."

During the superintendent's report, Dr. Choye noted that annual school report cards will be mailed to homes before the beginning of March.

In other business, Dr. Choye announced that the district received notification from the state regarding

aid for the upcoming school year.

"We are one of the few districts who received (additional) funding for the coming year," she said, "about \$312,000 beyond what we were given last year."

For the 1997-1998 school year, Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools received \$2,930,957, down 4.4 percent from the prior year, in general state aid, and \$365,319 in restricted aid — up 57 percent from 1996-1997. Restricted aid for 1997-1998 included \$168,000 for distance learning initiatives.

Board member Morris H. Gillet questioned if the 1998-1999 increase in funds was "general or earmarked (for specific purposes)."

For the 1998-1999 school year, a total of \$3,411,863 in state funding is split between General and Special Revenue Fund Aid.

Included in General Aid is: Transportation (\$620,838); Special Education (\$2,167,284); Bilingual Education (\$37,468); Supplemental Stabilization (\$309,904), and the Academic Achievement Reward Program (\$98,470).

Special Revenue Funds (\$177,899) are targeted for Distance Learning programs.

"I believe the adjustment (in funding) is due to an increase in enrollment in our district," she added.

The *Star-Ledger* reported that the state is using 1995 state income tax returns instead of 1989 United States census data to determine how much wealth a community has to support its school system.

Later in the meeting, Scotch Plains resident Jean McAllister asked Board Attorney Casper P. Boehm for an update on the district's decision to suspend tuition payments to the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Math and Technology.

Mr. Boehm said he would have a report during the public meeting on

Tuesday, February 24.

On January 22, when the board resolved to suspend tuition payments to the magnet high school, it authorized Mr. Boehm, with the approval of Dr. Choye and Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon, to take the legal action necessary to protect the interests of the board with respect to the county magnet school.

There are six Scotch Plains-Fanwood students enrolled in that school's freshman class. The magnet school was created last year after a plan for the facility was approved by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

In other business, E. James Lawton of G. R. Murray Insurance Co., the district's insurance representative, introduced individuals from Cigna and Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) to discuss alternate health benefit programs.

The board's request to explore program alternatives came in the wake of 1997 insurance assessments totaling \$497,554. Though a percentage of these charges were later rescinded, they contributed to the district's 1997-1998 budget deficit of \$700,000.

Cigna has been the district's insurance carrier for 25 years. The cost of the board's minimum premium insurance program is driven by claim activity.

"Scotch Plains-Fanwood is an experience-rated district," explained Chris Maas of Cigna. "If it's a bad year for claims (such as 1996-1997), there will be a large increase in claims cost."

Another name for this type of plan is "retrospective."

She recommended that the district utilize Cigna's program of educating employees about the benefits of using the company's network health care providers to support more cost-effective participation in the plan. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

HOMEOWNER TO PAY AVERAGE OF \$5,842 IN TAXES FOR 1998

Scotch Plains Council Unveils \$15.7 Million Municipal Budget

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council introduced this year's \$15.7 million municipal budget, Tuesday night which calls for a 2.2 percent tax hike over last year.

The \$381,917 rise in spending to support local government, roads, sew-

ers, parks and services translates into \$23 more a year for taxpayers on the average assessed house of \$115,000 and a market value of \$230,000. This represents a two tax-point increase over the 1997 spending plan.

This is down from last year's 3.63 percent increase in spending over the 1996 municipal budget.

Mayor Joan Papen stressed the \$15,712,768 municipal budget does not include the township's portion of the taxes from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education's budget estimated to cost taxpayers about \$3,680 per household — a reported increase of nearly \$100 this year.

Union County has said there will be no increase in their share of the tax dollar so township officials estimate a \$1,104 tax bill per average household. Municipal tax estimates are \$1,058 for the year.

All totaled, according to Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins, a resident with the average assessed home can expect to pay an estimated \$5,842 in taxes this year or about \$125 more than last year. Since 1990, township property taxes have risen a total of \$264, he said.

Earlier this year, officials indicated the new budget would include funding related to downtown development projects, the proposed purchase of the former Scotch Plains Zoo property by the township and new asphalt sidewalks.

Mr. Atkins said \$150,000 from a \$1 million Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) fund was added to the revenue side of this year's budget. He also noted that revenues from construction fee permits dropped more than \$60,000 over the last year.

A public hearing on the budget, followed by a vote, will be Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m., in the Municipal Building.

In other business, the council agreed during its agenda meeting Tuesday to consider creating at least 14 more parking spaces at the south side firehouse after Recreation De-

partment officials complained of a lack of parking for adjacent ball fields.

Councilman Martin Marks provided a blueprint for the parking plan, submitted by Fire Department officials, after the council agreed last year to ban parking in 14 spaces near the firehouse for anyone other than fire officials.

The township owns vacant property east of the firehouse where Councilman William McClintock, Jr., said residents already park on the grass during ball games.

In other matters, the council agreed to look at the township's sign ordinance after Mayor Papen indicated she thought signs perpendicular to storefronts would be a plus for motorists in spotting local businesses.

Currently, signs are generally flat on the buildings and parallel to traffic.

"We really need a traffic expert to look at speed limits and what size signs we should have, for guidelines," she said.

Mayor Papen also told the council that the Zoo Park Committee would release a report to the council this week, after 45 days of study, on the proposed purchase of the former zoo property by the township for use as a park.

The 6.5 acres are currently owned by Warren developer Mitchell Berlant who reportedly paid nearly \$700,000 for the property last year when the zoo shut down.

Council members also speculated whether a barn from the former Carri Ranch property could be moved to the park site if the township purchased the former zoo property. The barn was said to be of some historical interest.

Officials indicated the Mayor had met with Mr. Berlant to discuss buying the property.

In other business, the council agreed to await a report from the United States Department of Agriculture with recommendations on how to rid a wooded area near Shackamaxon Golf **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

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Art Show Winners are Inspired By Sand Dollars, Love of Horses

By CANDACE WALLER
Specially Written for The Times

Fanwood artist Harriet Zwaskis, inspired by pictures of herself and her daughter collecting sand dollars

on the beach, created a portrait which captured not only these seaside memories but the top prize the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association's annual Members' Show.



William A. Burke for The Times

WINNING ARTIST... Fanwood artist Harriet Zwaskis stands next to her painting, entitled "Searching for Sand Dollars," which won "Best in Show" during the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Art Association's annual Members' Show held last week at the Scotch Plains Library. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

Governor Says Republicans Must Always Try to 'Imitate' Lincoln

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

In what has become a tradition on the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, Republicans throughout Union County gathered last Thursday to pay tribute to the nation's 16th President while welcoming Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

The Governor, who was reelected this past November in a tight race over State Senator and Woodbridge Mayor James E. McGreevey, said it is important for New Jersey Republicans to live the principals of President Lincoln, considered the founder of the GOP party.

She said this is accomplished every day by the party giving state residents "power over their own lives" through their efforts in cutting taxes, making neighborhoods safer and providing an education for children to help them succeed in the future.

Governor Whitman said the thing she is most proud of the GOP is that they have "made people once again proud to call New Jersey home."

Explaining that the party needs to do more than simply quote and imitate President Lincoln, Governor Whitman said Republicans must always have a "respect for the people in everything that we do," adding that the current majority party in both houses of the state legislature must also ensure that all its actions "are in the best interests of this great State of New Jersey."

Governor Whitman thanked Union County Republicans for "being such loyal and continuous supporters" of her administration, referring to Union County as the "flagship" county for Republican leadership in Trenton.

Referring to Union County Republican Committee Chairman Frank

X. McDermott, State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield, she said, "with that kind of backing their is nothing that we can't do here in the State of New Jersey."

"We are many faces — we are a family, we are a wonderful family and we are going to ensure that this is the best state in which to live in the United States of America," Governor Whitman said in her brief speech.

Prior to introducing the Governor, Mr. McDermott, a former State Senator himself, told the Republican faithful that Governor Whitman has made Union County her "host county" in the past two gubernatorial elections. The Governor visited the county several times during the fall campaign including stops in both Westfield and Scotch Plains.

At the start of the Lincoln Day Reception, held at the Westwood in Garwood, the borough which is the home base for the Republican Committee of Union County, Lucille Masciale of Scotch Plains was thanked for her service to party and the county.

Mrs. Masciale, who served as Clerk of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and prior to that as a Commissioner and President of the county's Taxation Board, is moving out of the county with her husband, Michael, to their new home at the Jersey Shore. The couple have resided in Scotch Plains for 34 years.

She was presented with a plaque by the county committee.

Among those in attendance were Senate Senator C. Louis Bassano and Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin M. J. O'Toole, representing the 21st Legislative District which includes Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit and Union.

Also in attendance were Westfield Town Council Members Gail S. Vernick and Matthew P. Albano, representing the First and Second Wards, respectively; former Westfield Mayor Bud C. Boothe, Jr.; Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen and Township Council members Irene K. Schmidt and William F. McClintock, and former Freeholders Edwin H. Force of Cranford, Henry W. Kurz of Roselle Park and Frank H. Lehr of Summit.



ANOTHER TERM...The New Jersey Senate unanimously reelected Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco, who represents the 22nd Legislative District, to an historic fourth term as President of the Senate on January 13. The Senate President was sworn into office by New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz, center. He was joined by his wife, Diane, far left, and his daughters, Marie, Marci and Tracy. After taking the oath of office, Senator DiFrancesco opened the 208th Legislature with remarks that incorporated several of his personal legislative priorities, including open space preservation, enhanced mass transit opportunities and continued education finance reform.

Revenues Rise in Office Of Union County Clerk

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has reported that 1997 was one of the highest revenue-generating years in the history of the office. More than \$3,390,140 in revenue for Union County was realized, an increase over 1996 revenues.

The County Clerk attributes the high revenue to an average 10 percent increase in property and business recordings.

Overall, there was a slight increase in the total filings of documents in 1997 compared to 1996; however, specific filings, such as mortgages and passports, saw a dramatic 15 percent to 11 percent increase, respectively, Ms. Rajoppi said.

She added that low mortgage interest rates spurred the increase attracting first-time home buyers to the market. The increase in passport applications is attributable to the economy as well as the increase in the Clerk's public access hours.

"We can see a correlation," Ms. Rajoppi said, "between ease of accessibility for clients through our two offices in Elizabeth and Westfield, and an increase in many filings."

She added that passports reached an all-time high of 18,500 in 1997, compared to 16,500 in 1996, an 11 percent increase.

Last year was an historic one in the 140-year old history of the County Clerk's office as it marked the first full year that

the functions and duties of the Office of Register were consolidated with the County Clerk. The merger of the two offices having occurred in April, 1996.

Due to the merger, cost containment was accomplished in 1997 by relocating staff from four scattered locations in the Elizabeth Courthouse complex to three locations and reallocating document resource books from the ground level to the main record room, providing greater public accessibility.

In addition, merger of the record/indexing, the former Register's computerized program with the Clerk's business program, was finalized in 1997. This resulted in a consolidated property title and business record searching program, and provided greater efficiency and accessibility to clients and staff.

Through initiatives begun in 1996 with non-profit mailing permit rates for the general election sample ballots, approximately \$20,000 in mailing costs was saved in 1997. Increased revenues of more than \$7,000 were also realized from the sale of deed and mortgage microfilm and continuation of the customer service map retrieval system.

For the first time in the history of the office, solicitation of quotations and contracts for the 1997 school board, primary and general elections were utilized to streamline costs.

Information to clients on the merger and consolidation of services was enhanced by the development of an Internet website which provides access to applications and document recording.

A new service brochure was designed, "Election Dates of 1997," and published for clients needing information on voter registration, nominating petitions, and election dates.

Toll Free Number Offers Information On Tax Freeze

Eligible seniors and disabled persons will have the opportunity to call toll-free to get answers to their questions concerning the state's new homestead property tax freeze, according to Assemblymen Alan M. Augustine and Richard H. Bagger.

The toll free number is 1-800-882-6597.

Under the new law sponsored by Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, the state will reimburse those eligible for the program the difference between the amount of property taxes on their primary residence that were due and paid for in 1997 and the amount of property taxes due and paid in subsequent years.

"The state has recognized the difficulty property tax hikes have on our lower income senior citizens and disabled persons and enacted legislation that will, in reality, freeze their property taxes for the base year of 1997," Assemblyman Augustine said.

"And the state realized also that the same seniors that are eligible for the program probably can't afford expensive phone calls to Trenton, so it acquired a toll-free phone number to use for this purpose," added Assemblyman Bagger.

"The 1-800 number provides the caller with the convenience of being able to talk to a person who will explain the rules and procedures for obtaining the tax freeze on an eligible person's home," Assemblyman Augustine said.

Assemblyman Bagger noted that while helping needy senior citizens, "the tax freeze will not shift the cost for the program to the municipalities and won't put a strain on the state budget. It is responsible and affordable."

The toll free number is operated by the Department of Treasury.

Tickets Still Available For Red Cross Gala

On Saturday, March 21, supporters of the American Red Cross will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter with a dinner and silent auction at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison.

The Drifters, a rock-and-roll group which had million-selling records during the 1950s and 1960s, will headline at the black-tie birthday gala. Cocktails will begin at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

A limited amount of tickets are available at \$175 per person. The chapter is offering an 80th anniversary commemorative pin for a \$5 donation.

For more information, please call the chapter office at (908) 232-7090. The chapter's e-mail address is redcross@westfieldnj.com. The website address is westfieldnj.com/redcross.



WORDS OF WISDOM...Governor Christine Todd Whitman speaks to Union County Republicans during last Thursday's Lincoln Day Reception held at the Westwood in Garwood. In back is Frank X. McDermott of Westfield, Chairman of the Union County Republican Committee.

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MRS. VERNICK DONATES FIRST PHONE IN BELL ATLANTIC PROGRAM

Councilwoman Submits Application For 9-1-1 Phones for Crossing Guards

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In effort to prevent a tragedy similar to what occurred recently in Nutley when a crossing guard was hit by a car and killed, Westfield First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick announced last week that she has submitted an application for 9-1-1 emergency wireless phones for the town's crossing guards through a program sponsored by Bell Atlantic.

Through the "Wireless at Work" program, Bell Atlantic provides communities with mobile phones which are pre-programmed to hook into the local police station.

Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti said the phones have become necessary in an age of the two-parent working household. He said in the event of an emergency crossing guards can lose precious time trying to either find someone at home or flag down a motorist to call for help.

"These cell phones will cut communication to virtual seconds," asserted Councilwoman Vernick.

In an effort to kick-off the program, Councilwoman Vernick purchased the first phone which was given to crossing guard John Turek whose post is at the intersection of Central Avenue and Clover Street on the southeast corner of the town near the Clark border.

Upon being presented with a cellular phone, Mr. Turek declared, "it's a good idea, a real good idea."

Bell Atlantic matched the purchase with a donation of a second phone which was given to the crossing guard at Mountain Avenue and Raymond Street.

Since the program is geared more towards urban areas, Westfield may fight an uphill battle to receive a complete donation of the phones to Westfield's 38 crossing guards.

Mr. Lordi noted that among the areas included in the program's criteria are the crime rate in a community.

"We would like to see community involvement (to help purchase the phones). Their will be a phone fund set up," said Councilwoman Vernick, noting that residents or groups such as Parent-Teacher Associations can make donations.

"I feel that being pro-active, rather than waiting for a problem to occur and then responding to it, is in the best interest of Westfield residents," she explained.

Councilwoman Vernick said anyone interested in making a donation of a phone may call her at (908) 654-5498.

"My goal is to make Westfield as completely pedestrian safe as possible," said Councilwoman Vernick, who chairs the Town Council's Public Safety Committee.

Chief Scutti noted that as the phones are donated they will be first given to crossing guards covering what the Police Department considers "crucial" school crossings.

The chief noted that, depending on the response from the community, phones may be donated by PTAs for crossings covering a specific school in town.

noted that Bell Atlantic donates phones to the Union County Sheriff's Department's battered women's program. The phones are then given to stalking victims in domestic and other



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

PROVIDING FOR BETTER SAFETY... Carl Lordi, left, representing Bell Atlantic, presents a cellular phone for 9-1-1 emergency service to Westfield school crossing guard John Turek, third from left, at his post at the intersection of Central Avenue and Clover Street, as part of the company's "Wireless at Work" program. Joining in the presentation are Police Detective Sergeant Carl V. Geis and Westfield First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick who launched the program last week.

Carl Lordi, representing Bell Atlantic, said in addition to crossing guards the company donated phones to neighborhood watch groups in the community.

The phones have been donated throughout New York City, Westchester County and New Jersey. Mr. Lordi

Scholarships Available For Students Who Help Preserve Environment

The Township of Scotch Plains has announced the availability of scholarship money for high school seniors who have taken part in environmental programs.

Applicants should be students who have either been involved or taken leadership positions in environmental clubs, or have participated in recycling and anti-litter/clean-up activities, and who plan to further their education at either a two- or four-year college.

Students must also either be residents of Scotch Plains or attend high school in the township.

Applications may be obtained from Sharon Pachler, Scotch Plains Department of Public Property, 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, 07076, or by calling (908) 322-6700, Extension No. 243. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 15.

Funding for these scholarships has been made available through a Department of Environmental Protection grant to the Township of Scotch Plains.

battered women cases.

"It is a wonderful program," said Councilwoman Vernick.

Mountainside GOP Holds First Meeting

The first meeting of the new year for the Mountainside Republican Club was held on January 28. During that meeting, a slate of officers was elected for the new year.

They include President, Jack Graziano; First Vice President, Glenn Mortimer; Second Vice President, Dona Osieja; Treasurer, Bill Van Blarcom; Recording Secretary, Nancy Landale, and Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Hart.

A discussion was held on the nine districts in the borough, and how the elected representatives have been effective in past elections.

Plans for socials and fundraisers were also on the agenda, with specific information to be announced at a later date, according to a club spokeswoman.

David Hart, an incumbent councilman, announced that he will not seek a third term.

Werner Schon, also an incumbent councilman, announced that he will be a candidate for a fourth term.

Plans are being made for a local convention, during which registered Republicans will select the candidates to appear on the primary ballot for the Borough Council.

New members are invited to join the club. For additional information, please call Mrs. Hart (908) 233-4036.

Mountainside Council Ordinance For Building Renovations OK'd

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

Along with issuing final passage of an ordinance that will enable the borough to renovate its library and community room facilities, the Mountainside Borough Council also approved a measure Tuesday night that will compensate governing body members for out-of-pocket expenses incurred during public functions.

Chief among the borough's goals in the \$470,000 renovation program is replacing the library's 35-year-old heating and electrical system. But the borough also wants to fully finish off a large upstairs room in Borough Hall that is intended to be used as an all-purpose community room.

The idea, explained Mayor Robert F. Viglianti, is to utilize the room's large space, which is even bigger than the Borough Council chambers. The room was created when the borough added space at the main building two years ago, and was originally meant to be used largely for storage/attic purposes.

But, Mayor Viglianti said, an alteration in architectural plans allowed the borough to reap a previously-unforeseen benefit.

"It's a very generous-sized room," explained the Mayor, who said the borough will also purchase recreational items, such as a pool table, as well as sliding doors and panels to create sections in the room. "So now we're going to add the basics to divide it into usable rooms," he revealed.

"I know it'll be complete and running by fall," the Mayor continued.

"We're going to allow clubs to meet in there, and we've already had other organizations ask if they could use it. It's going to be a very, very well-used room."

Of the total \$470,000, only some \$270,000 will actually have to be borrowed through bond anticipation notes. Most of the other \$200,000 is coming from the borough's capital improvement funds.

The council also issued unanimous approval of an ordinance allowing each governing body member a certain monthly reimbursement for costs incurred during either official duties, or in attending functions as a public official.

The Mayor will receive \$200 monthly, while council members will receive \$100 for "non-political" events.

"This is not a salary; it is a reimbursement," said Mayor Viglianti, who said he spent over \$6,000 of his own money for numerous expenses a year ago, including travel costs. "This is not unreasonable. This is not something that is exorbitant," he added.

"I don't doubt you're making these expenses," argued Scott R. Schmedel of Deer Path. "I just think it should be documented because you are public officials."

Borough Councilman David M. Hart also announced that he will not seek reelection this fall. "We've had a very effective time, and I've been privileged to serve on council," explained Mr. Hart, who will complete his second consecutive three-year term on

Thursday, December 31.

In other business, Mr. Viglianti and the council:

- Issued a resolution of commendation to Detective Sergeants Richard Osieja and Todd Turner, both of whom recently helped with the investigation and apprehension of a 47-year-old Irvington resident believed to be responsible for doctoring phony identification in order to plunder the bank accounts of wealthy doctors.

- Proclaimed April 1998 as Tissue and Organ Awareness Month. Lenore Ford, the Chairwoman of the Gift of Life TWIG from Overlook Hospital in Summit, thanked the council for its support.

"Our function is to make the public aware of the great need for this tissue and organ donation, because 57,000 people in the United States are waiting for organs," said Mrs. Ford.

"There are 1,000 in New Jersey alone. And about nine people a day die waiting for these organs," she said.

Mrs. Ford may be reached at Overlook Hospital by calling (908) 522-2004.

- Approved an ordinance on second reading that abolishes the Board of Recreation Commissioners and creates a Department of Recreation.

Although the recreation director and other key positions will not be affected, Mayor Viglianti said, "it will give us a far greater flexibility, (and) I don't have to appoint you for five years, and you don't have to commit for five years."

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Work Underway to Trim Municipal Budgets to Reduce Impact on Taxes

In the past few weeks the governing bodies in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood have begun the task of developing municipal budgets for 1998. Elected officials are currently working with department heads to find areas which can be cut without reducing services to residents.

Last week Westfield Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko presented a budget proposal of \$22.7 million which, as it stands now, represents an increase of \$433,000 over last year. In 1997, Mr. Gottko presented a \$22.47 million budget with an incline of \$667,000 over 1996, due largely to an increase in state pension funds. The final budget was trimmed by some \$200,000, but still represented an increase of four tax points, or \$428,799, over the 1996 adopted spending plan. The 1998 proposed budget is \$16,000 below the state mandated cap of 2.5 percent.

This year the Westfield council has the option of using funds as part of surplus which stands at \$2,560,000 — up \$407,000 from last year. Last year, the governing body chose to utilize \$1,960,000, or 91 percent, of the available surplus funds which totaled \$2,150,000. Also, the town has another \$662,000 in the Cap Bank — representing the difference between what could have been appropriated and what was actually spent over the past two years. The Town Council must decide on whether to use the \$230,000 left in the Cap Bank from 1996 as a revenue source in this year's budget, or else it will be lost under state law.

Some of the areas of interest in the spending plan include \$994,000, as required under state statute, for the Westfield Municipal Library budget. The library board has requested an appropriation of \$1,117,000. The board's request is \$43,000 over last year.

Among the increases in the Westfield municipal spending plan are \$100,000 for employee group insurance and \$306,000 in employee salaries and wages. The town workforce is down 6 percent since 1992. A new position will be added in the Public Works Department to enforce the exterior maintenance code and shade tree ordinance — both of which were passed by the council in December.

Westfield has seen increases in parking meter revenues and building permits, the latter of which has been on the rise the past four years.

The Scotch Plains Township's \$15,330,851 preliminary budget shows an increase of \$355,143, or 2.3 percent, over last year's \$15.3 million spending plan. The increase in the budget as presented by Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins is down from last year's draft spending plan, which showed a hike of 3.5 percent, or \$522,922, over 1996.

The impact on Scotch Plains property taxes this year

as of now shows an increase of \$44 per household. The average home in Scotch Plains is assessed at \$115,000 with a market value \$230,000. Based on \$93,000 in spending per tax point, the budget represents an increase of 3.8 tax points.

Two-thirds of Scotch Plains property tax bills go towards the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school budget with the remaining third divided between the Union County and local municipal budgets.

The municipal tax rate in the township has risen 11 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation since 1990, an increase for the average property in town of \$241, equal to 21 tax points, in the seven-year span. Last year the average township property owner paid \$1,035 in municipal taxes, an increase of \$34 from 1996.

In Fanwood, the Borough Council is hoping to deliver another budget with a 0 percent increase in the amount to be raised through property taxes, or as close to that goal as possible. Last year's \$5.5 million budget, which represented no municipal tax increase, was achieved through receipt of \$254,000 state grant for work completed by the borough on two of its streets.

The council is currently evaluating a number of capital projects as renovations to the Carriage House on Watson Road, improvements to the downtown business district, infrastructure repairs and a proposed pocket park in Fanwood.

Property taxes in this region will, of course, depend on the impact from the Union County and local school board portions of tax bills. The county is hoping to deliver another decline in the overall tax levy, but that number does not necessarily mean a decrease for local taxpayers as a lot depends on property valuations.

Local municipal governments are responsible for collecting moneys owed to both the county and local school boards. Westfield, for instance, did not collect some \$1 million in taxes which were owed in 1997. As per state law, town budgets must include a non-spendable appropriation entitled "reserve for uncollected taxes." In Scotch Plains, Mr. Atkins has proposed \$1,350,000 for that line item this year.

We urge our local governments to do everything possible to refrain from raising taxes. It is important for government to look for new, inventive ways to raise revenues — such as investments and grants — while achieving services and projects which improve the quality of life for all residents.

The Cap Bank, created several years ago, along with the concept of increasing surplus funds, can be used to hold down increases in local taxes.

We will be watching and reporting on the outcome of budget discussions which are now underway at the county, school board and municipal levels.

Letters to the Editor

Neighbors of Woman's Club Urged To Oppose Subdivision at Meeting

On behalf of many of us who are neighbors of the Woman's Club of Westfield, located on the corner of South Euclid and Tremont Avenues, I wish to thank everyone for the outpouring of support shown in the interest of preserving the property as it now stands.

Many of you made a special effort to come to the last one or two Planning Board meetings, only to be disappointed in not having the subject addressed.

The reasons cannot be directed to any one cause, but were because of coincidence and variance technicalities.

Now we ask you to come once again to the regularly-scheduled date of the next Planning Board meeting, which is Monday, March 2, at 8 p.m.

Since it was learned that the intentions of the members of the Woman's Club were to put the estate up for sale in a manner which could allow it to come into the hands of a developer — who could raze the building and subdivide the land into three small parcels — we have had backing from many concerned parties, who wish to see the building and grounds remain in a manner which reflects the ambience of the neighborhood.

The fact that we happened to hear about such plans quite accidentally, and only a very short time before the private bidding on the property was to take place, added more to our anxiety over the situation.

The Woman's Club has been a "landmark" in so many of our hearts over the years. Built around the turn of the century and affectionately known as "The Little White House," it once was the home of two Westfield mayors.

mission cited in 1991 as a possible "designated historic landmark area."

Again, please attend the March 2 Planning Board meeting at the Municipal Building, to show that we are a collective group who is apprehensive about the future of this magnificent structure, and feels that there could be a more positive and creative solution than subdividing an estate which is situated among some of the finest privately-owned properties in Westfield.

Carolyn Klinger-Kueter
 Westfield

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Pops Concert 'Experience of Lifetime'

Editor's Note: The Following letter was sent to Dr. Terry Riegel, Principal at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, with a copy mailed to *The Times*.

I have been attending concerts at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School for the past four years and, after the recent Pop's Concert, I find myself inspired to write this letter.

All three of our children have come up through the ranks of Evergreen Elementary and Park Middle Schools. I have always been impressed with what the music department has been able to accomplish with such large numbers of students.

I honestly feel that last night's performance was the musical experience of a lifetime. One group followed another and the performances were of the highest caliber.

The jazz bands, the brass and clarinet ensembles, the percussion ensemble and

Proper Priority for Budget Items Would Avoid Need for Tax Increase

Last week, the Town Council was presented with a municipal budget that includes a \$433,000 increase in municipal spending for 1998. Having reviewed the budget as presented, I want to make clear that I see no need for a municipal property tax increase this year.

After my own line-by-line review of the proposed budget, I believe that this budget's priorities are in the wrong place. Spending can and should be focused on priority capital items such as road paving, sidewalk repair incentives, and park and field improvements.

Due to increased municipal revenues and savings over the past year, and through prioritized spending, I believe that we can meet these goals over the next year

the larger wind, concert and symphonic bands were just outstanding.

The high school has many groups (academic and athletic) to be proud of, but I have to say that the music program stands out at the highest level of accomplishment.

The leadership of Vincent Turturiello, Joseph Reo and Durant Thomas needs to be recognized and applauded. The hard work and long hours of preparation by the students certainly paid off and made it a truly wonderful and enchanting evening.

It included some of the finest music ever to be heard in a high school auditorium. My only disappointment was that the entire towns of Scotch Plains and Fanwood weren't there to enjoy it.

A standing ovation to all those involved, and a sincere thank you to all those who made it happen.

Philip John Cappio
 Scotch Plains

POPCORN™ The Replacement Killers: Killer With a Conscience

By Michael S. Goldberger

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 Bloodthirsty moviegoers, rejoice! If you're the type who requires a regular fix of senseless slayings, right this way. This one's for you.

Violence doesn't come much more gratuitous than the buffet of murder and mayhem served up in *The Replacement Killers*. Lucky you. Life is good. There's not even much of a plot to obfuscate the production line slaughter in director Antoine Fuqua's first feature film.

For the rest of us, it isn't all that simple. No thinking person can witness this incessant butchery without wondering what it is about such nihilistic nonsense that regularly gains it an audience. Stanley Kubrick's *A Clockwork Orange* (1971), with its theories about "ultraviolence," managed a novel thesis or two concerning rage among the socially disenfranchised — the need for vicarious violence. But sitting in the movie theater, bombarded with the kinetic charge of audio-visual carnage that *The Replacement Killers* spews so effectively, one can't help but to furtively glance the audience.

They don't all look so alienated, hungry for cinema savagery to assuage their isolation. Some do. But not all.

Under the tutelage of Hong Kong action filmmaker John Woo (*Face Off*, *Broken Arrow*), first-time director Antoine Fuqua tries to establish an international aura for his gratuitous violence, taking the artistic pretense route for the first quarter of the movie. Some of the film frosh's fancy footwork shows promise, if not originality. But sadly, predictably, the highly-stylized balderdash is painfully self-conscious. Boasting the youthful arrogance of an extended music video (Mr. Fuqua's previous area of vocation), the sophomoric stabs at symbolism play like bad poetry.

The plot is even less ambitious. In an unnamed North American city, hit man John Lee (Chow Yun-Fat) is in the employ of Mr. Wei (Kenneth Tsang), a Chinese warlord from the '90s. When the Oriental bigwig's gangster son is killed by nice cop Stan Zedkov (Michael Rooker), John gets the call to even the score: execute the offending flatfoot and his eight-year-old son. The usual organized crime lore, replete with eye-for-an-eye prescriptions about "family," surround the assignment. But it won't be business as usual for Mr. Chow's can-do killer this go-round. The police detective in his cross-hairs, John Lee, can't pull the trigger. Heretofore, his victims have all been murderers; this target is a good guy.

But the sudden display of morality has its consequence. By not carrying out the hit, John instantly becomes the omnipotent Mr. Wei's enemy. And thus, replacement killers are called in, not only to carry out the original assassinations, but to dispatch our contract killer with a conscience as well.

Aiming to hightail it out of the country, the reluctant hit man seeks out the

services of Meg Coburn, passport forger par excellence played, in a strange career move, by Mira Sorvino. Now guilty by association, Meg too incurs the wrath of Mr. Wei's minions. A former street waif with a rap sheet that matured as she did, she soon has no choice but to ally herself to Mr. Lee. Happily for this film's limited purposes, Meg knows her way around all manner of assault weapons. The scenario set, let the serious killing begin.

But in fact, the homicidal rampage started before the opening credits. Even in its exposition, Mr. Fuqua's non-stop massacre manages to bump off the requisite number of victims. If the film deserves any credit, it is for raising the ante in multimedia assaults on the senses. The choreography of mass murder, in meter sharply sympathetic with the music applied by Harry Gregson-Williams, doesn't miss a beat. The rat-tat-tat and ricochet bullet sounds assume a percussive instrument counterpoint to the background score. The visuals — some may call it acting — serve as little more than light-show and shadow accompaniment to the symphony of devastation. Exciting at first, these repetitious guilty thrills soon evaporate into a numbing nothingness.

It is difficult to discern just what the filmmakers hoped to achieve when they teamed Sorvino and Chow. The chemistry is nil. Whereas John Lee as the killer extraordinaire is, gasp, really just a family man at heart, Meg Coburn is a little bit more of a challenge to type. While not particularly sexy, Miss Sorvino's purveyor of passports nonetheless makes her fashion statement by insisting on a black bra as her only top. If the erstwhile

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"COMMENTING ON UNION COUNTY" Freeholders Spearheading Multiple Economic and Educational Programs

By DANIEL P. SULLIVAN
 Chairman - Union County Board of Freeholders

Union County is the gateway to the New Jersey/New York Metropolitan Area, the world's center of commerce, finance and communications.

It is imperative that our interdependent region of exciting urban areas, suburbs and businesses, ranging from "mom and pop" stores to major industries, continues to play a major role in the growing international economy.

That's why the county is moving quickly to meet the challenges and opportunities of the coming millennium through innovative programs and services — initiatives designed to improve the quality of life for every man, woman and child who reside within our 102.93 square miles.

Your Freeholder Board is working in several areas, including taking action to secure Union County's position in the

global economy; seeing to it that our transportation infrastructure is up to date, clean and efficient; that people will have a modern retail center, not only in which to shop, but one that will provide employment opportunities and learning experiences, and that our children receive the utmost in education in order to meet the challenges of the future in order to keep us moving forward.

To this end, the board and I enthusiastically welcome our new members: Lewis Mingo, Jr. of Plainfield and Mary P. Ruotolo of Westfield. They share our commitments to the people of the county and are already using their energies to provide the services and programs our citizens want and deserve.

In keeping with our priority of ensuring continued economic development, we are reaching out to businesses locally, nationally and internationally. We are, to borrow from a popular saying, "acting and thinking locally and globally."

Freeholders Donald Goncalves and Linda d. Stender, as well as Deputy County Manager George Devaney, recently returned from Luxembourg, where they met with government officials, business leaders and American companies doing business in the European country.

A continuation of the process begun last December when a Luxembourg delegation visited Union County to witness our far-reaching commercial opportunities; this trade mission reinforced the many advantages of doing business here.

We continued multi-level efforts to ensure that our residents have the first job opportunities when the Jersey Gardens mall opens in Elizabeth next year and, at the same time, address several social concerns.

The Workforce Consortium — comprising local, county and state officials, in addition to the mall's developer — has been working to put together a comprehensive plan to deal with job training, day care and transportation.

An important outgrowth of the alliance was the establishment of an on-site, 3,000-square-foot Retail Skills Center to identify local job seekers, assess their skills and match them with the approximately 5,000 jobs and 200 tenants at the mall through specific training and internship programs.

An efficient transportation system is crucial to bring people to and from Jersey Gardens, as well as Newark International Airport and other points throughout the county.

The proposed Union County Light Rail Transit System (LRT) would do just that. I am pleased to report that LRT is a step closer to operation, having recently cleared a crucial hurdle in the state Department of Transportation.

This Freeholder Board will work closely with local, state and Port Authority officials to garner final approval for this important project.

All our economic development efforts would be meaningless, however, if we did not effectively prepare our children for the 21st century. That is the basis of "Access 2000," a program I have introduced that would put a computer and sophisticated software (including Internet access) in every classroom in the county.

The opportunity we offer to our municipalities is this: for every computer you put in a classroom, we will match it with another. We urge towns to take advantage of this unique program for the sake of our children, for our future's sake.

Union County is taking advantage of another exciting possibility: the professional MetroStars soccer team relocating to Elizabeth. In addition to sponsoring a resolution, Freeholder Goncalves' campaign has included meeting with local, state and MetroStars' officials to show why Union County and the professional soccer club would be a perfect match.

As with our other initiatives, the MetroStars and a new stadium would be a boon to the county's economy and make it an even better place to live, work and do business.

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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.

Letters to the Editor

Woman's Club Subdivision Appeal Unfair to Rest of the Neighborhood

As a resident of Tremont Avenue for 30 years and a former member and officer of both the Junior Woman's Club and the Intermediate Woman's Club, I am most concerned about the Woman's Club of Westfield's startling application for a subdivision.

The creation of the Woman's Club from a private residence in an R-12 residential neighborhood was the subject of great controversy and bitter denunciation 43 years ago.

The neighbors and many other members of the community were actively opposed to the home becoming a clubhouse because it was inappropriate and it would detract from property values and increase traffic.

While we applaud their many achievements over the years, it is imperative that we review some other aspects of the organization before this historic property is chopped up and/or razed.

The Woman's Club has enjoyed, from the municipality, tax-exempt status on this prime property, to the tune of many thousands of dollars since 1954.

The Woman's Club has been supported by the community in its many fund-raising efforts.

The Woman's Club has been fortunate in the graciousness of the surrounding neighbors, as cars were parked in front of our homes during their many events, often exceeding the two-hour posted limits, as well as music being played well past the established "curfew" time. (I'm sure the Westfield police could affirm that we've never called to complain).

Everyone just shrugs and says, "Well, it's the Woman's Club, you know."

The Woman's Club has enjoyed the generosity of neighbors, who have allowed their homes to be used on their annual fund-raising house tours.

The Woman's Club paid \$30,000 for the home. Now they hope to sell it for upwards of a million dollars (or more.) It does make the phrase, "the Woman's Club, a non-profit organization" seem an oxymoron.

Many residents were milling around at the locked door of the municipal building last night while reading the posted sign that the special meeting for this subdivision application had again been postponed.

Two women said to the neighbors, "Well, you shouldn't be upset with the ladies from the Woman's Club. They're just doing what their attorney's telling them to do."

That's even more onerous and ominous - the feeling that an out-of-town attorney with no interest or history in this community is driving this heretofore secretive effort.

To date, this property has not been marketed as a beautiful private residence in the expansive setting for which it was designed. No, it's a developer's dream - the sealed bid.

In this scenario, there will be no control over the type of housing that could go smack in the center of this historic district. And we're all aware of some horrific examples of totally inappropriate structures that have been erected in this town.

Christina Dughi Earns Dean's List Status At Hamilton College

Christina Dughi, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dughi of Westfield, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York for the 1997 fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A senior majoring in art history at Hamilton, Christina is a graduate of Kent Place School in Summit.

This is a "trophy home" in which interest has been shown by private individuals to restore it to its glorious origin. But private individuals may not have the "deep pockets" that the developers have.

At the time of the property's conversion to a club, restrictions and conditions were attached to that conversion and any future use. Certainly all the history of those hearings deserves to be carefully reviewed and scrutinized for any impediment to this application.

After all the years of supporting the Woman's Club, this community and historic neighborhood deserve better than a subdivision as repayment for our endeavors and patience.

If you want to help preserve this town landmark, please attend the Planning Board meeting on Monday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Ann Fontana Westfield

Strip Mall and Expanded Lot Envisioned as 'Paradise Lost'

Let's pave paradise and put up a parking lot? - 180 spaces to be exact.

That's the idea for the corner of Martine and Raritan Roads. The Park Place Restaurant owners would like to rezone the property to allow for a strip mall which would include a new building much larger than the existing one and parking expansion to 180 spaces.

Tractor-trailer deliveries, traffic, unsightliness, a general nightmare for we here in this part of Scotch Plains.

Our country has always been fast moving and fast developing. My fear is, and it has already been realized in many parts of New Jersey, we tend to be oblivious to the long-term, long-reaching effects of our desires for "convenience" and immediate gratification.

When do we begin to take into consideration the future of New Jersey for our children? As adults setting examples with every decision we make in the greater society, should we slowly squelch every bit of green in the state for yet another store? When do we draw a line in the sand? We,



FIELD TRIP...The afternoon Kindergarten class at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield, along with their teacher, Joellen Surace, recently visited Hillview Farms in Gillette. The children enjoyed a walking tour of the farm, saw farm animals and picked apples. Each youngster also selected a pumpkin.

Chamber Breakfast Meeting To be Held at MotoPhoto

The February Membership Meeting of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow,

Friday, February 20, at 8 a.m. at MotoPhoto and Portrait Studio, 251 North Avenue in Westfield.

All attendees will receive a free publicity photo taken by MotoPhoto's professional photographer.

Membership meetings offer Chamber members and guests a chance to exchange business cards and network with other area business people, according to a spokeswoman.

Refreshments will be served. The cost is \$8 per person.

The Chamber is currently planning its annual Spring Fling celebration, which will be held on Sunday, April 19.

In addition, pedestrian safety signs will be installed throughout downtown Westfield in the near future, the Chamber has revealed.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Westfield Chamber, and events will be held throughout the year commemorating the organization's five decades of service to the Westfield business community.

For reservations and information, please call the Chamber office at (908) 233-3021.

Strange Lights Over the Pacific Sky May Reflect Unusual Phenomenon

By Louis H. Clark

You will have noticed that from time to time, I am rather skeptical about UFOs. This is all because of my father.

He was in the Navy during World War II, but never talked about the battles he had been in. Though sometimes I would hear about them when he met with old buddies and they'd talk about their ships and the fact that he was a beach jumper.

To us, he'd talk about the dark and choppy Atlantic around Iceland or the beauty of the calm Pacific, where "you can look for miles and see nothing and then suddenly far away you'd see curtains of rain falling. They looked like those gauze curtains your mother has in the dining room."

He never talked about his battle experiences, but he did tell me a "UFO" story.

"It was a clear night in the Pacific - moon shining and everything else was just as you would want. I had just gotten off duty at midnight and thought I'd sit right under turret number 2. It was a wide deck battle ship, and I was all alone. When just like that, there was a searchlight on me, a great big one, about 30 feet wide.

"The ship was darkened so it was especially bright to my eyes. It stayed on me for 20 seconds, then went out and covered one of our destroyer escorts and bathed it in light. It moved around to every one of the escorts, then back to us.

"It didn't hit me again because by that time, General Quarters had been sounded over the loudspeakers, and then the bugle came on to wake everybody up, and we were all scrambling around.

"The ship came to General Quarters in record time, too."

Nowadays, we'd say it must have been a UFO spotting us, but a meteorologist I talked with said you often got that phenomenon in the South Pacific. It seems that the sun would be shining on the Antarctic ice and would be reflected in the clouds right up to the Equator.

The only thing my father ever said about the effect of the light was that he was annoyed by it because General Quarters was called for a full 24 hours and by the time it was called off, when he was ready to "hit the sack," his section had the watch, so he didn't sleep for another eight hours.

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hit man notices this plug for Olga, it sure isn't flustering his kill count.

Just as a successful farce must provide about three laughs a minute (one major, two minor), there must be an analogous quota of murders-per-minute for this genre. Director Fuqua doubtless makes those numbers. A dubious distinction. What's worse, this kung-fu flick with guns misses all opportunities for tongue-in-cheek humor to temper the non-stop insanity.

Curious but disappointing, *The Replacement Killers* shouldn't be substituted for seeing any one of the really good films out there.

The Replacement Killers, rated R, is a Columbia Pictures release directed by Antoine Fuqua and stars Chow Yun-Fat, Mira Sorvino, and Michael Rooker. Running time: 82 minutes.

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**SAT
1x2**

**ATI
3x4**

**J&M
3 x 7**

**Raaggi
2x5 1/2**

**Park Beverage
3 x 7 1/2**

Monika Chapman Scotch Plains



GET OUT OF JAIL FREE... Tiger Cub Boy Scouts of Den No. 2, Pack No. 171, all first graders at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield, recently were "in jail" at the Westfield police station. Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Dick Coates gave the boys a tour of the facility. They saw the holding area where suspects are fingerprinted, visited jail cells where prisoners are held, talked about the prisoners' diet, saw the police exercise room and the communications center. Mr. Coates discussed with the boys when they should call 911 to report a medical emergency or a crime in progress. The Tiger Cubs received a junior police badge as well. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Christopher DeLaFuente, John McGrory, Ross Tucker, Steven Zilberberg, Brian Hart and Craig Dyer; back row, scout leader Rich DeLaFuente, Police Officer Christopher Battiloro and Dr. D. Michael Hart.

Miller-Cory to Spotlight Games of the Colonial Era

The Miller-Cory House Museum will feature the Colonial-era card game "loo" and children's games on Sunday, February 22.

Located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, the museum will be open to visitors from 2 to 4 p.m.

Eighteenth-century entertainment included many ways to have fun, according to a Miller-Cory spokeswoman. Everyone knew how to dance and sing and play games.

Most people greatly enjoyed watching spectacles, such as men climbing greased poles, women having scolding contests, three-legged races, sack races and catching greased pigs, among other activities.

"Loo" was a popular card game that originated in the latter part of the 17th century and survived as a friendly though sometimes vicious card game, the spokeswoman said.

Esther and Fran Hallada of Westfield will demonstrate "loo" and children's games popular during the Colonial period.

Volunteers dressed in authentic period dress will guide visitors throughout the pre-Revolutionary farmhouse and will answer questions about early life in New Jersey. The last tour will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The gift shop contains an array of educational items and Colonial-era reproductions, as well as cookbooks.

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

On Sunday, March 1, the museum will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. and will feature open-hearth cooking and a presentation on maple sugaring with Jack Petersen of Westfield.

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

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Gray Family Foundation Awards Five Scholarships

Five previous graduates of Westfield High School have been awarded scholarship grants by the Gray Family Foundation. Recipients of the awards were selected on the basis of academic achievement, community service and leadership.

The honorees selected were Elizabeth Bucciarelli, Lauren Candia, Jennifer Moore, Christopher Tafelski and Laura Todd.

Miss Bucciarelli attends Union County College and the Muhlenberg School of Nursing and plans to be a pediatric nurse. Her courses include child psychology and physiology.

Miss Candia attends Villanova University in Pennsylvania and is pursuing a double major in philosophy and psychology with a minor in Spanish and has a 3.87 average.

She is a member of the Villanova Student Theater and a volunteer in Project Sunshine, a group that works with abused children in Philadelphia.

Miss Moore is attending the University of Florida and is majoring in Developmental Psychology. Last semester she made the Dean's List. She works as a literacy volunteer every week for a few hours.

Mr. Tafelski is attending Rutgers, the State University in New

Brunswick. He is majoring in biology and still has aspirations to be a teacher. In his last semester, he has achieved a 4.0 grade average. Christopher is a member of Rutgers track team.

Miss Todd has completed her course work at the University of New South Wales in Sidney, Australia, as part of the Study Abroad program. She also served an internship with the Sidney office of Major League Baseball, Inc., working to bring baseball players from the United States. During the internship she planned their clinics and tours of Australia to promote professional baseball.

She has returned to Middlebury, Vermont, to continue her work towards her psychology degree.

The selection of these recipients was under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Westfield. The club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs.

The Woman's Club, a non-profit organization, has awarded \$12,150 in scholarships during its scholarship year which begins in May.

Funds for these scholarships are realized from private donations, the annual scholarship luncheon and the "Trip of Your Choice" raffle.



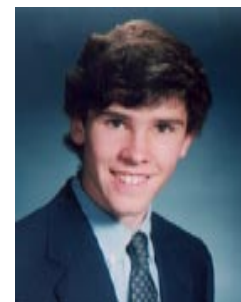
Elizabeth Bucciarelli



Lauren Candia



Jennifer Moore



Christopher Tafelski



Laura Todd

History Societies Committee To Hold Annual Meeting

The Planning Committee for the Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies has announced that

the group's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. at The First Baptist Church on Elm Street. Introductory music will start at 7:30 p.m.

The assembly is the yearly gathering of the community's five history organizations, including the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, the Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers, the Westfield Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), and the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.).

The Genealogical Society is the host association this year, represented on the committee by President Fred Bollinger.

Other committee members are Regent Lillian Blauvelt and Jane Stoner for the D.A.R.; President Don Mokrauer and Bob Miller for the Historical Society; President Bob Vivian, Ken Hoover, Steve Clarke and John Lawson for the S.A.R., and President Christine Glazer and Pat D'Angelo for the Miller-Cory Volunteers.

The program will be announced as soon as plans are complete. The feature presentation will be followed by refreshments, and the public is invited to attend at no charge.

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.

— Anonymous

Abbott Tile

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Beautiful Things

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SP Nursery School

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Lancaster's

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Dudick

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Exclusively House Cleaning

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CDC

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Little Treasures

2x2

House Calls

2x4

Local Eighth Graders Shine In Quiz Bowl Competition

Scotch Plains-Fanwood eighth-grade students, who participated in the December Knowledge Master Open (KMO) Quiz Bowl contest, placed number one in New Jersey

and second in the nation out of 1,015 competing teams.

The combined team from Park and Terrill Middle Schools was the national champion in their division, which is based on school size.

The KMO Quiz Bowl is a nationwide, computerized competition in which thousands of students participate, according to a spokeswoman for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

The competition questions are relevant to the middle school curriculum in the areas of world and American history, literature, biological science, mathematics, earth science, art and music.

Participating Park Middle School students included Patrick Carroll, Michael Chester, Christopher Delaney, Lauren DeMartino, Sonia Dutta, Jennifer Ordelt, Matthew Ortyl, Rajarshi Mukherji, John Park, Matthew Sturm, Catherine Trombley and Alfred Twu.

Terrill Middle School participants included David Baumwoll, Kathleen Donovan, Elena Goetz, William Gonch, Susannah Grossman, Thomas Gulya, Allison Hessemer, Alaina Ingram, Lisa Mortkowitz, Daniel Nelson and Christine Perrotta.



TOGETHER IN SONG...Entertaining at a recent meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Rotary Club were "The Friends in Harmony," a barber-shop quartet consisting of Joe LaCompte, Bill Ahern, Bob Garrone and Dick Bodmer.

Civil War History on Agenda For Historical Society Meeting

Civil War history will be the focus of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood's program at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 24, to be held at 8 p.m. at the Fanwood Train Station on North and Martine Avenues.

All are invited to attend this lecture by Jay Jorgensen, founder of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey. Its 180 members gather monthly at the Woodbridge Public Library to discuss various aspects of the Civil War.

During its eight-year existence, this Round Table has opened up the largest Civil War library and research center in New Jersey. There are over 200 Civil War Round Tables across the nation and around the world.

The first one started over 60 years ago in Chicago over lunch as men swapped information about the war. To join, one does not need to be an expert on Civil War history — just interested in the topic.

Mr. Jorgensen, for instance, originally found the subject "deathly boring," as a history major at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

As a lawyer, a book he read on the Civil War about 10 years ago riveted him. He found Robert E. Lee's integrity and genesis fascinating and went on the name his Round Table in Lee's honor.

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

Jacqueline Stasi Makes Dean's Honor Roll At U. of Mississippi

Jacqueline Stasi of Westfield has been named to the University of Mississippi Dean's Honor Roll for the 1997 fall semester.

A grade-point average of 3.5 through 3.74 is required for full-time students carrying at least 12 semester hours in order for them to be included on the Dean's Honor Roll at the university.



PEACEFUL SOUNDS..."Peace" was the theme of the recent Winter Concert held at Washington Elementary School in Westfield. Pictured above, left to right, are: triplets Megan, Jenna, and Kayla Vandervort, along with Anna McGrath.

College Club to Hold Gathering For Prospective New Members

The College Club of Fanwood and Scotch Plains will hold a coffee on Thursday, February 26, at 8 p.m. for

women interested in learning more about the club.

For 65 years, the club has been providing scholarship assistance to college-bound women who reside in the Fanwood and Scotch Plains area.

The organization is recruiting area women to join this active service organization. The mission of the College Club is to help area students realize their dream of a college education.

The group raises funds through a number of projects including the creation and sale of its community calendar and other events.

Monthly meetings include speakers and presentations on a variety of topics. Social activities include a number of affinity groups for women of all ages to become acquainted — such as tennis, a gourmet lunch and dinner, literature, theater and bridge.

Qualification for club membership includes a desire to help young women, a four-year college degree and an interest in meeting a diverse group of women.

For more information, please call Anne Johnson at (908) 232-4308.

Scotch Plains Reveals Upcoming Circus Trip

The Scotch Plains Department of Parks and Recreation will again sponsoring a trip to Madison Square Garden to see Barnum and Bailey's Circus.

As in the past, participants will board the train in Fanwood at about 8 a.m. and travel to New York (changing in Newark) for the 11 a.m. performance on Saturday, March 28.

Madison Square Garden rules require that one parent accompany every two children. The cost for the train and the circus is \$25 per person.

Registration begins on Monday, February 23, for residents and on Monday, March 2, for non-residents.



ANGEL FACE...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Saturday, February 21, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PetsMart store at 1022 Route No. 22, East, at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Among the pets available for adoption will be Angel, described as a lovable Chow and Rottweiler mix. Angel is a black and tan, medium-sized, one-year-old neutered male, who is current with his vaccinations. He is housebroken, well behaved and very friendly. To adopt or for further information, please call (908) 688-1073. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887.

I love living. I have some problems with my life, but living is the best thing they've come up with so far.

— Neil Simon

New Jersey Trivia on Tap For Gardenaires Meeting

William E. Dunscombe will give a lecture on "New Jersey Trivia — Part Two" at the meeting of the Gardenaires on Wednesday, February 25, at noon.

His lecture will deal with New Jersey's history, standards, symbols and natural history. The program format is that the group will be asked, via slides, a series of simple questions about the "Garden State."

From the "collective intellect" of the group a correct answer to the question is sought. The correct answer to the question is then shown on a slide with interesting bits of factual information provided.

In addition, some common incorrect answers are shown along with information about each. The Gardenaires

will meet at the above stated time at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located on Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Refreshments will be served. Hostesses for the day will be Bernice Plyley and Lillian Boyko. Guests and new members are invited.

On Wednesday, April 22, former members and past presidents will be invited to attend this meeting in celebration of the Gardenaires 40th anniversary.

On Wednesday, May 27, their 40th anniversary luncheon will be held at the Chanticleer Chateau with Jean Farnworth presenting a program of music, songs and sing-alongs which were popular from 1920 to 1945.

For further information, please call (908) 889-6740.



MUSKRAT LOVE...The Cultural Arts Committee of JA Coles Parent-Teacher Association in Scotch Plains, recently sponsored an assembly program entitled "Romp in the Swamp." Billy B. Brennan, the "Science Song and Dance Man," blends humor and song with solid science for an unforgettable exploration of the environment. In Romp in the Swamp, Billy sang about gators, muskrats, dragonflies and owls. A complex subject, the interdependency of plants and animals, becomes easy to understand and just plain fun to learn in his program. Pictured left to right, are: Richard DeLusant, Akira Uchida, Billy B. Brennan, Michelle Alleman and Amanda Dennelly.

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Richard Roberts
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Filler

Sunrise
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Patient Care

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CLUB MEETING...The Scotch Plains Woman's Club met on January 14 at the Scotch Hills Country Club, where recent and upcoming activities were discussed. Pictured, left to right, are: Carol Ortlepp, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. Karen M. Enslie of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, who addressed the group that day, and Marie Stauder, January Hostess.

Members of Woman's Club Review Slate of Activities

The Scotch Plains Woman's Club met at the Scotch Hills Country Club on January 14, with Marguerite Taylor, President, presiding.

Marie Stauder, Hospitality Chairwoman, and her committee served a light lunch at the meeting.

Dr. Karen M. Enslie of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program addressed the group concerning nutrition.

Elfrieda Bunger reported that Christmas cookies made by members were delivered to the New Jersey Department of Human Services' training center for handicapped students on Terrill Road, and were well received.

Plans were made to supply cookies to these students for Valentine's Day and Easter.

Gloria Mills and Celeste Krowicki reported that they had delivered a large quantity of clothing, makeup, costume jewelry for women and educational materials for children to the

battered women's facility at YWCA in Elizabeth.

Helen Spooner revealed that applications for the club's nursing scholarships are now available at both Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Union Catholic High School, and are offered to both women and men.

Scholarships are awarded to students planning to attend a college, school of nursing, or a university of their choice.

Terry Sidun, Chairwoman of 1998's Nursing Scholarship fundraiser, announced that tickets for the Luncheon and Accessory Fashion Show to be held on Wednesday, April 8, at Nordstrom's Department Store in Menlo Park are available from club members or by calling (908) 889-5081. The public is invited to attend.

Anyone interested in attending a meeting of the Scotch Plains Woman's Club may call Pat Nowak at (908) 889-5081.

Nominations Being Sought For Currie Teaching Award

Nominations for the fourth annual Joan Vagelos Currie Award for Excellence in Teaching for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 teachers in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools are currently being sought by the Award Selection Committee.

This award was created in memory of Joan Vagelos Currie and endowed by her brother, Dr. P. Roy Vagelos, former Chief Executive Officer of Merck and Co., Inc.

Mrs. Currie was a Scotch Plains resident who served as an elementary school teacher in the district for 16 years.

The award is given annually to the elementary or middle-school teacher in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district who best demonstrates excellence in classroom teaching, commitment to parent involvement in their children's education and service to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school/community.

Nominees must have three or more

David K. Solondz Named to Dean's List

David K. Solondz of Mountainside has been named to the Dean's List at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts.

Westfield Parents Receive State's School Report Card

Parents and guardians of students in the Westfield school district have received the 1996-1997 New Jersey School Report Card developed by the state Department of Education.

Every public school district in the state was required to submit specific information to the state last fall.

Statistics from individual schools — from elementary through high school — were then documented and compared to overall state averages and averages for districts with similar socio-economic characteristics.

Areas of comparison include average class size, student/faculty ratio, instructional time, per pupil costs and scores on standardized tests.

The report was sent home with elementary and intermediate school students in Westfield.

Parents and guardians of high school students can pick up the report from the Main Office at Westfield High School or in the office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley at 302 Elm Street.

A copy is also on reserve at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street.

"Although Westfield's data on student achievement appeared in our own recently-issued Annual Report, the State Report Card has new information that compares Westfield with other districts in the state," Dr. Foley said.

"For example, the New Jersey School Report Card on Westfield High School allows us to compare our high school students' test scores with the average of our District Factor Group (DFG) and with the state overall average," the superintendent continued.

"The report indicates that Westfield High School's ranking in the Grade 11 High School Proficiency Test is above both the DFG and state average," he added.

Dr. Foley said that while school district officials are pleased with the results reflected in the State Report Card, "we will continue to examine ways to improve."

In accordance with the mission statement set forth by its Strategic Planning Council, the district is currently establishing Action Plan Committees to address various areas of improvement, Dr. Foley said.

St. Paul's Boy Scouts Receive Eagle Rank at Court of Honor

Boy Scouts Richard Hatfield and Steven Murphy of Troop No. 77 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout during the troop's recent Eagle Court of Honor.

The Reverend Richard Reid, Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield, gave the invocation. The Eagle Scout award ceremony was conducted by Scoutmaster Bruce Mellen with the help of Mark Lawrie, Ted Zawislak and Barbara Lang. Guests included Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, Kenneth MacRitchie, a member of the State Bureau of Securities, and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, who represents the 22nd Legislative District.

Assemblyman Bagger presented a resolution from the State Legislature.

Other congratulations and citations were presented from President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Congressman Bob Franks, United States Senators Frank R. Lautenberg and Senator Robert G. Torricelli, and Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

Richard, the son of Allen and Nancy Hatfield, is a junior at Westfield High School, where he is a member of the varsity wrestling team. For his Eagle project, Richard created a natural habitat for birds and animals at the Trailside Museum Watchung Reservation.

Volunteers cleared underbrush, planted trees and shrubs donated by Parker's Greenhouses in Scotch Plains and William's Nursery in Westfield, created a footpath with wood chips and stones, and built benches for visitors.

Steven, the son of Jerry and Mary Anne Murphy, graduated in June 1997 from Delbarton High School, where he was awarded the medal for excellence in drama. His writing gained him admittance to the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, where he is now a freshman majoring in film studies.

For his Eagle project, Steven built a large firewood storage rack for outside wood storage and repaired the inside wood box at the Miller-Cory House Museum. He also created pathways outside and beautified the area.

Jeffrey S. Frank Among Bloomsburg Graduates

Jeffrey S. Frank of Scotch Plains is among more than 400 undergraduate and graduate students who were awarded degrees from Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania at commencement exercises held in December.

He was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer and Information Science.



NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS...Boy Scouts Richard Hatfield, second from left, and Steven Murphy, third from left, have received the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulating them on their efforts are Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger and Mayor Thomas Jardim. All are Westfield residents.



YOUTH ART MONTH...March has been designated as "Youth Art Month" in Westfield by Mayor Thomas C. Jardim. Throughout the month, merchants in town will display artwork created by Westfield students in Kindergarten through grade 12. A kick-off reception will be hosted by Elaine Zack at Storytime on Elm, 35 Elm Street, on Thursday, March 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. Witnessing the Mayor signing the proclamation, pictured left to right, are: Joseph Spector, Catherine Marchant, Andrea McDermott, Ms. Zack, and Charlotte Kantz, Chairwoman of the Fine Arts Committee.

Redeemer Open House Part Of Lutheran Schools Week

The Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield will host an open house, on Tuesday, March 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All classes, nursery, Kindergarten and elementary, will open their doors to the public.

The open house is part of a week-long celebration of Lutheran Schools Week which is always held during the first week in March.

Beginning on Monday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. the Parent-Teacher League will host a parenting workshop, entitled "Top Ten Patterns on How to Raise a Healthy Child" facilitated by Milt Faith, Executive Director of Youth and Family Counseling Service in Westfield.

The workshop is open to the public. On Tuesday along with the open house, an art show will exhibit the creative talents of our students. Wednesday, March 4, has been designated as a day of prayer when classes pause at each hour to remember missionaries throughout the world.

On Thursday, March 5, the children of Redeemer will launch a major mission project of their own called

"By Kids, for Kids." Throughout the Lenten season, money will be collected for the purchase of school supplies for needy children in the Philippines.

Time will be spent during the day and throughout March learning about the traditions and needs of children in another culture. Primary Colors Day, a time to celebrate God's gift of music and art — a strong legacy in the Lutheran schools, will be the focus on Friday, March 6.

Redeemer Lutheran offers extended care from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Throughout the summer, two programs meet the diverse needs of students and parents. Club Summer provides cultural education for children ages 4 to 10 by providing "armchair" travel to a new country each week.

The Little Red Schoolhouse provides remedial and enrichment in an academic setting. Information regarding any program at Redeemer can be obtained by either a visit to the office, or by calling (908) 232-1592, or by fax at (908) 317-9301.



PROUD OF THEMSELVES...Students from Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield display their second marking period Honor and Credit Roll certificates.

Nominees Sought for 1998 Hardy Human Rights Award

The nomination of candidates for the 1998 Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award in Westfield is now being sought by the awards committee.

Candidates must be young adults of the Westfield community of high school or college age who have distinguished themselves in the area of human rights.

It will be offered to a person who has shown an openness and friendliness to persons of other races, creeds and nationalities; involvement and leadership in organizations and activities committed to improving human relations; unusual personal dignity.

Other qualities sought are individuals willing to risk for what he or she believes is right; unqualified acceptance of others; respect for diversity, personal integrity; caring and willingness to listen and the ability to lead by example.

Nominations should be type-written, no more than two pages in length, and should indicate not only organi-

zations with which the candidate was affiliated and responsibilities which he or she has assumed, but should also contain stories or examples that illustrate the criteria listed above.

Nominations should be mailed to the Chairman of the Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award Committee, Reverend John G. Wightman, at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield, 07090, no later than Tuesday, March 31.

The committee has asked that the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references be included so the committee can contact them.

Presentation of the award, which will consist of a certificate and a monetary award, will be made in the spring of 1998.

In addition, the winner's name will be placed on a plaque in the foyer of First Congregational Church, Marc's home church. All nominees will be publicly acknowledged in appropriate ways.

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Maurice Corrigan, Jr., 65, Volunteer; Active Member of St. Mary's Church

Maurice J. Corrigan, Jr., 65, died on Wednesday, February 11, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Camden, he lived in Plainfield most of his life.

He graduated from St. Mary's Grammar School in 1949 and from Plainfield High School in 1951, earning his Bachelor of Science Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1972.

Mr. Corrigan had been manager of the calibration lab at Lockheed Electronics in Watchung for many years, retiring in 1988.

He served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1955.

He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield, Chairman of the St. Mary's Restoration Committee and a member of its Parish Planning Committee.

He also was President of St. Mary's Historic Preservation Committee and a member of the Lockheed Electronic Star Dusters.

Mr. Corrigan was President and Treasurer of the Happy Heart of Central Jersey and a member of the Republican Club of Plainfield.

He was President of the National Conference of Standard Lab. He also was on the Class Reunion Committee, did volunteer work at Muhlenberg

Hospital in Plainfield and was a tax consultant for the American Association of Retired Persons.

A brother, James Corrigan, preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Bernadette J. Coyne Corrigan; a daughter, Mary B. Corrigan of North Plainfield; a son, Maurice Corrigan, 3rd of Scotch Plains; three brothers, Joseph Corrigan of White Plains, New York, John Corrigan of Piscataway and Robert Corrigan of Nashville, Tennessee, and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 16, at St. Mary's Church.

The Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Historical Restoration Fund, care of St. Mary's Church, 516 West 6th Street, Plainfield, 07060.

February 19, 1998

Frank J. Johnson, 63

Frank J. Johnson, 63, of Hillsborough died on Thursday, February 12, at home.

Born in Bound Brook, he had lived in North Plainfield for 18 years before moving to Hillsborough 34 years ago. His family also had a summer home in Beach Haven West.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and received his law degree from Georgetown University School of Law.

Mr. Johnson served as public defender in Hillsborough for 10 years. He had previously been employed as an attorney, serving in the Somerset County Public Defenders Office, and as a prosecutor in Raritan Borough.

He was in private practice in Somerville for 28 years, and later went to work with his son, James B. Johnson, also an attorney in Somerville.

Mr. Johnson served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves during the Korean Conflict.

He coached the Hillsborough Pop Warner "Little Dukes" football team and the Hillsborough Little League for eight years.

He was a member of the Stanton Ridge Country Club in Readington.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Beth Benedict Johnson; two sons, James B. Johnson of Westfield and Dale F. Johnson of Bridgewater; a daughter, Kimberly A. Weber of Collegeville, Pennsylvania; his mother, Victoria Jankowski of Manville; a sister, Dorothy Suleski of Webster, Massachusetts, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 16, at the Bongiovi Funeral Home in Raritan Borough, followed by a Mass at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 West End Avenue, Bridgewater, 08807.

February 19, 1998

Frederick R. George, 86

Frederick Ramsey George, 86, died on Monday, February 2, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Born in Aiken, South Carolina, on February 9, 1911, Mr. George had lived in Fanwood from 1951 to 1965, when he retired to North Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. George, who graduated from Aiken High School in 1928, had been employed by the American Agricultural Chemical Company (Agrico), a manufacturer of agricultural fertilizers in New Jersey and New York, eventually becoming Senior Vice President.

He was predeceased by his brother, David H. "Pete" George.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma Carlisle George, whom he married in 1933; two daughters, Anne George Kime of Bluebell, Pennsylvania and Frederica George Scott of Cleveland, Ohio; his sister, Josephine Bussey of Appling, Georgia; his brother, Carl William George of Aiken; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by the Northwood Funeral Home in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aiken or to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, Executive Plaza I, Suite 800, 11350 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland, 21031-1014.

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— Obituaries —

Clara Venneri, Headed Foundation; Was Active With Boys' Towns of Italy

Clara M. Venneri, 87, of Cranford died on Thursday, February 12, at home.

Born in Montazzoli, Italy, Mrs. Venneri had lived in Cranford for 53 years.

She and her husband, Arthur Venneri, helped found the Union County Committee for Boys' Towns of Italy in 1951. Mr. Venneri died in 1963.

Mrs. Venneri and her husband established the Venneri Foundation, a charitable trust which contributes funds to educational institutions and charities. She served as Executive

Director of the foundation.

The couple also undertook the renovation of an orphanage for girls in Cuneo, Italy, known as the Istituto di Sacra Famiglia.

Mrs. Venneri was a member of the Cerebral Palsy Service League of Union County, serving on its board of directors since 1962. She was also former President of the Cranford Village Improvement Association.

She was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Cranford.

Mrs. Venneri was a member of the Mothers' Guild of Delbarton School in Morris Township, and of the Suburban Deborah Foundation which supports the Deborah Hospital in Browns Mills.

She was also a member of the Women's Guild of Seton Hall University and a volunteer worker and fund raiser for the Center of Hope Hospice in Linden for the past 10 years.

Mrs. Venneri was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Italian-American Social Club of North Plainfield and a member of the Past Presidents' Club for the sixth district of the New Jersey Federated Women's Clubs.

She was President of the Union-Westfield District of the National Council of Catholic Women for two years and also served as commissioner of church affairs.

The Newark Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women recognized Mrs. Venneri for her accomplishments by presenting her with their Woman of the Year, Woman of Faith award in December of 1995.

Surviving are a son, Arthur J. Venneri of Parlin; two daughters, Marilyn Lawson, with whom she lived, and Arleen Post of Westfield; a brother, Joseph Iarussi, of Brielle; three sisters, Esther Iarussi, Antoinette Ziolkowski and Amelia Stiffler, all of Scotch Plains; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 17, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield, followed by a Mass at St. Michael's Church. Interment took place at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Venneri Foundation, 24 Colby Lane, Cranford, 07016.

February 19, 1998

Helen C. Troiano, 94

Helen Chah Troiano, 94, of Fanwood died on Thursday, February 12, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, she had lived in Edison before moving to Fanwood in 1959.

She had been a group supervisor for Tech Toothbrush and Band-Aid Departments of Johnson & Johnson in New Brunswick for many years, retiring in 1952.

Her husband, Patrick Troiano, died in 1958.

Surviving are a daughter, Anne Rosko of Fanwood; two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 17, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment took place at Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Fanwood Rescue Squad, 218 Forest Road, Fanwood, 07023.

February 19, 1998

Renee Marino, 87

Renee V.B. Marino, 87, of Westfield died on Friday, February 13.

Born in New York City, she had lived in Ramsey and Cranford before moving to Westfield 15 years ago.

Mrs. Marino was a 1931 graduate of Darlington College.

Surviving are three daughters, Drina Lesak, Renee Troy and Sandra Mykityshyn; a sister, Elizabeth Lagerquist; a brother, William Van Benschoten; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A private family gathering was held yesterday, Wednesday, February 18, at Vallean Cemetery in Ridgewood. Arrangements were handled by the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue in Cranford.

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Former Mayor Thomas G. Dunn, Sr.; Led City of Elizabeth for 28 Years

Former Elizabeth Mayor Thomas G. Dunn, Sr., 76, who served an unprecedented seven consecutive terms in office, died on Wednesday, February 11, at home.

Mr. Dunn was one of six children born to Irish immigrant parents in the city's Elizabethport section. He sold vegetables door-to-door and worked as a bartender prior to World War II.

During the war, Mr. Dunn spent more than three years with the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and other medals.

After the war, he had worked for Western Electric in Kearny, where

Shirley A. Rountree, 52

Shirley Anne Rountree, 52, of Westfield died on Sunday, February 15, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Carteret, she had lived in Westfield since 1976.

Mrs. Rountree was a communicant of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. She also was a volunteer at the Westfield "Y," working in child day care.

Surviving are her husband of 25 years, Albert L. Rountree; two sons, Drew C. Rountree of Westfield and Gino S. Frederico of Plainfield; a sister, Ruth Gaisor, and a brother, Charles Anthony Russo.

A Funeral Liturgy will take place today, Thursday, February 19, at 10 a.m. at St. Helen's Church, with burial to follow at Fair View Cemetery in Red Bank.

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

February 19, 1998

Jay Tintle, 70, Founded Cycle Center; Active in Scouting and Local Sports

Jay Walter Tintle, 70, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, February 15, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Montclair, he had lived most of his life in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Tintle was the founder of Jay's Cycle Center in Westfield.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Tintle assisted the Westfield Girl Scouts with their cycling badges and was an Assistant Leader with the Boy Scouts in Westfield.

He sponsored boys' little league teams, adult softball and bowling teams in Westfield.

Mr. Tintle was a volunteer with the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad and was a member of the American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3

he became a union leader, founding Local No. 1470 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Mr. Dunn, who first entered public life as commissioner on the city's Parking Authority, was elected to the City Council in 1951. A Democrat, he won his first term as Mayor in by defeating the incumbent, Steven J. Bercik, in 1964.

He also served as a Union County Freeholder, a State Senator from 1974 to 1978, and a State Assemblyman from 1991 to 1993.

Mr. Dunn was a co-founder of the Thornsticks, an Irish-American organization. During his tenure as Mayor, he hosted a popular Irish program on Sundays on radio station WJDM.

Mr. Dunn, who served 28 years in office, lost his bid for an eighth term during the 1992 Democratic primary to Mayor J. Christian Bollwage.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Ruth Dunn, who died in 1989.

Surviving are his second wife, Sally Essig-Dunn, whom he married in 1995; a daughter, Kathleen Priestley of Westfield; a son, Elizabeth Superintendent of Schools Thomas G. Dunn, Jr. of Westfield; a brother, Gerard Dunn of Brielle; two sisters, Genevieve Dunn of Spring Lake Heights and Margaret Koste of Mountainside, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 14, at the Higgins and Bonner Funeral Home in Westfield, followed by a Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden, 07036.

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in Westfield, the Scotchwood Lodge No. 295 Free and Accepted Masons in Scotch Plains, the Gold Coast Shrine Club in Deerfield Beach, Florida, and the Mahi Temple in Miami, Florida.

Surviving are his wife, Jean Dudley Tintle; a son, Jay Tintle of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Judy Phillips of Clinton, and a grandson.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, February 18. Interment was at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that any memorial donations be sent to the donor's favorite charity.

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Eve R. Soltis, 84, Great Grandmother; Longtime Owner of Sunoco Station

Eve R. Capone Soltis, 84, of Garwood died on Tuesday, February 10, at Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Born in Walpole, Massachusetts, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Garwood 56 years ago.

Mrs. Soltis was the co-owner and operator of the Soltis Sunoco Station in Scotch Plains for more than 21 years.

Her first husband, Carl Soltis, died in 1971 and her second husband, William Soper, died in 1989.

Surviving are two sons, Carl Soltis, Jr. of Stockton and John Soltis of

Cranford; a sister, Helen Luca; a brother, James Capone; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Friday, February 13, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden, 07036.

February 19, 1998

Michael Kulpa, 84, Won Bronze Stars; Signed A-Bomb Before Fateful Flight

Michael Kulpa, 84, of Clark died on Sunday, February 15, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Dupont, Pennsylvania, he had lived in Clark for 65 years.

Mr. Kulpa had been employed as an upholsterer for the Simmons Company, a mattress manufacturer in Elizabeth, for 31 years before retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Simmons Quarter Century Club.

During World War II, Mr. Kulpa, a mechanic with the United States Army Air Corps, was stationed throughout the Pacific.

He was assigned to the air base where the *Enola Gay* was prepared for the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945.

He crawled underneath the air-

plane and signed his name on the bomb just before the aircraft took off, according to his son, Robert Kulpa, of Scotch Plains.

Mr. Kulpa earned five bronze stars while serving with the Flying Tigers and with the 7th, 8th and 13th Air Forces.

He belonged to the Clark Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Senior Citizens Club of Clark.

Also surviving are his wife, Helen Chabak Kulpa; another son, Thomas Kulpa of Highlands; a brother, Joseph R. Kulpa of Edison; three sisters, Nell Alt and Ann Fordiani, both of Pennsylvania, and Dolores Messeri of California, and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held today, Thursday, February 19, at 9 a.m. from the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Clark. Burial will take place in St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

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Memorial Funeral Home
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Eroica Brass Quintet Returning To Mid-Day Musicales on Feb. 25

The First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, has announced that the Eroica Brass Quintet will return to the Mid-Day Musicales series on Wednesday, February 25, at noon.

The Mid-Day Musicales are free, half-hour concerts presented in the church sanctuary, which are followed by a soup-and-sandwich luncheon for \$4.50.

The members of the Eroica Brass Quintet, Chuck Olson and Thomas

St. Bart's Rosarians To Meet on March 2

The monthly meeting of St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will be held on Monday, March 2, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass. The video "Our Lady of Lourdes" will be shown.

A spaghetti dinner has been scheduled for Friday evening, April 24, with two seatings planned. Further information is pending, according to a spokeswoman for the Rosary Altar Society.

Mr. Banks to Give Concert Of Organ Music at Church

Charles Banks, organist and choir-master at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Westfield, will present a concert of grand 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 Lanquetuit.

The 56 rank Aeolian-Skinner organ in the chancel of the Methodist Church was installed in 1959 and dedicated by Wilma Jensen on April 19, 1959.

The instrument of 3,313 pipes is an example of the "American Classic" style of organ building of the post World War II period, according to a spokesman for the First United Methodist Church.

Designed by Joseph Whiteford of Aeolian-Skinner, the organ, which speaks forward into a vast sanctuary space, is considered to be one of the finest instruments in the metropolitan area, the church spokesman said. It has as an equal, a sister organ in Kirkpatrick Chapel at Rutgers University, designed and installed at about the same time.

The organ is especially suited to the performance of French romantic works thanks to golden toned French reeds which include a Bombarde 32 foot and Trompette Harmonique 8 foot, the most commanding voice of the instrument.

This stop, located in the Great Division, has been compared to a Trompette en Chamade found on many cathedral instruments, the church spokesman explained.

The Bombarde 32 foot of the Pedal reed chorus provides a strong foundation to the full organ and helps to balance the Trompette Harmonique in the treble.

A solid foundation for all works played on the Aeolian-Skinner is the Bourdon 32 foot pedal stop which can be felt as much as heard, the spokesman said.

The gallery organ, a gift to the church through the Isabelle Cherry

Willow Grove School Begins Registration

Willow Grove Pre-School, located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, will begin accepting registrations for the 1998-1999 school year beginning Monday, February 23, at 9 a.m.

Willow Grove is a Christian preschool, sponsored by Willow Grove Presbyterian Church and licensed by the State of New Jersey. Class teachers are state-certified educators, a school spokeswoman said.

Classes are offered for children who will be 2-1/2 years old by Thursday, October 1, along with classes for 3 year olds, 4 year olds and the 4-plus class for children who either miss the Kindergarten cutoff date or just need another year of preschool.

For further information, please contact the school's director, Kathy Calello, at (908) 232-7117.

Hoyt, trumpets; Susan Panny, French horn; Keith Green, trombone, and Richard Ford, bass trombone, are all virtuosos in their own right.

They have performed internationally with groups as diverse as the New York Philharmonic, the Bach Aria Festival and the Glenn Miller Orchestra, as well as numerous Broadway shows.

As a group, the Eroica Brass have been the music ensemble in residence at the New York Renaissance Festival, and have performed at Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, Lincoln Center, on WNCN radio and ABC's "Entertainment Tonight."

The program on February 25 will include works by Bach, Holborn, Ewald and Gershwin.

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

This program has also been underwritten by a grant from The Westfield Foundation.

Endowment Fund, is by the M.P. Möller Company, and was installed in 1974.

It was dedicated in 1975 by Donald Dumlér, who was the organist at the First United Methodist Church from 1964 to 1995. Mr. Dumlér is now Principal Organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

The gallery organ is controlled from the front console and will compliment the main organ in the performance, according to the spokesman.

This event, part of the Isabelle Cherry Memorial Concerts, is open to the public. Admission will be \$5 at the door. For more information, please call the First United Methodist Church at (908) 233-4211.

Artwork Exhibition Coming To Congregational Church

"Celebrating Creativity," an exhibition of artwork by members of the First Congregational Church of Westfield, will be on view from Sunday, March 1 to Wednesday, March 11.

During the month of March the congregation will be sponsoring a Festival of the Arts, a series of exhibitions and performances in music, drama, art and dance.

"To me, religion and the arts are very close to each other, since both are involved in the process of making the unseen visible.

"The artist and the person of faith have seen a vision that is not obvious to many of us, and they seek to share with us what to them is obvious," explained Reverend John G. Wightman, Pastor of the parish.

In his sermon "Religion and Art," on March 1 at 10 a.m., Reverend Wightman will reflect on the powerful expressiveness of art in communicating spirituality.

The artists of the church will come together in presenting original artwork in a variety of media. Sculpture, paintings in oil, acrylic and watercolor, drawings, photography, textile arts and mixed media will be displayed.

Registration Begins For 'Summer Fun' At Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El Nursery School has announced that registration has begun for "Summer Fun," the nursery school's summer camp program. "Summer Fun" includes three-year-old, four-year-old and Kindergarten groups.

The daily program includes arts and crafts, language experiences, music, stories, weekly Shabbat celebrations, outside playtime, wading pools and a nurturing staff, according to a spokeswoman.

"Summer Fun" is held at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. For more information or to register, please call Debbie Salkin, Nursery School Director, at (908) 232-7663.

St. Helen's Lists Programs For Observance of Lent

St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield has announced its schedule of events for Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, February 25, liturgies are planned for 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., noon and 7:30 p.m., with distribution of ashes at each service.

Daily liturgies will be held during Lent at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Continuing the Journey groups will meet weekly from Sunday, February 22, to Wednesday, April 8.

The Lenten Prayer Breakfasts with coffee and pastry are held for both

men and women throughout the Lenten season.

The men meet from 6 to 6:45 a.m. beginning Ash Wednesday and on each Wednesday during Lent. Women will begin meeting from 6 to 6:45 a.m. on each Thursday in Lent beginning February 26.

Cornerstone Retreats will be held Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, for women, and Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, for men.

For more information on these programs and other activities, please call the Parish Center at (908) 232-1214.

Rev. Stephenson to Perform At Youth & Family's Concert

Reverend Alphonse Stephenson, Conductor and Music Director of the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, will perform for Youth and Family Counseling Service's eighth annual benefit concert.

The 45-member, all-professional ensemble, will return to Westfield

Reverend Stephenson formed the orchestra in 1986 while serving at St. Malachy's Parish in New York City. For several years, he was conductor and musical director on Broadway for the smash hit, *A Chorus Line* at the Shubert Theater.

Although retired from Broadway, Father Alphonse continues to direct The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, a professional orchestra made up of musicians in the New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia metropolitan area.

Father Alphonse is also familiar to New Jersey audiences as the conductor of The Festival of the Atlantic, the free, outdoor concerts each summer on the boardwalk at Point Pleasant.

Youth and Family Counseling Service is an independent, non-profit agency serving the residents of Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield, providing counseling and mental health services to individuals families, couples and groups on a sliding fee scale, based on ability to pay.

The benefit performance supports Youth and Family Counseling Service's programs relating to parenting drills, parent/teen communication and relationships and family issues. Tickets are \$50 for patrons, \$25 for general admission and \$22 for seniors.

Tickets can be obtained from the agency at 233 Prospect Street in Westfield or at the door the evening of the concert. There will be refreshments after the concert in St. Helen's Parish Hall for all who attend.

Please call Youth and Family Counseling Service at (908) 233-2042 for tickets or information.



Reverend Alphonse Stephenson

for an all new program on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, located at the corner of Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

The concert is being sponsored by the non-profit agency's Board of Directors.

Temple Sisterhood Plans Winter 'Cruise'

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield will embark on its annual winter event from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, February 21, at the temple at 756 East Broad Street.

The theme of this year's gala, "Let's Go Cruisin'," is a recreation of a shipboard cruise. Featured will be music, professional shipboard entertainers and a buffet. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information, please call (908) 561-6717.

Scottish Celebration Set for February 28 At Presbyterian Church

A Scottish celebration will be held at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 28. The public is invited to attend.

Fish and chips or pie and chips' dinners, prepared by the Argyle Caterers of Kearny, will be served at two seatings in the church dining room. The seating times are 5:30 and 7 p.m.

The cost for dinner is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Takeout dinners will be available from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at \$7 each.

Seating is limited, and tickets must be purchased in advance through the church office, according to a church spokeswoman.

Following dinner, guests will join in a Scottish Ceilidh, featuring bagpiper John Nisbet and Highland dancing by the Mary Stewart Dancers.

The church is located at the corner of Martine and La Grande Avenues in Fanwood.

Further information may be obtained by calling the church office at (908) 889-8891.

Directory to Houses of Worship

- ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-8047
Reverend Robert Griffiths
- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**
539 Trinity Place, Westfield
(908) 232-4250
Reverend Kevin Clark
- THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**
1781 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-5556
Bishop Kirk Bristol
- COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Deer Path & Meeting House Lane, Mountainside
(908) 232-9490
Reverend Christopher R. Belden
- CONGREGATION ARI YEHUDA**
1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(732) 541-4849
(Rear entrance of Assembly of God Church)
- CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL**
1920 Cliffwood Street, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-1830
Rabbi George Nudell
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DEAR COACH

Unhooking From Job Requires More of a Focus on Oneself

By James Colvin - Personal & Business Coach



Dear Coach,

Week 1: "How do I unhook from my job when at home?" asked Mary Beth, a program director of a nonprofit agency serving the public. She wondered, "The pressure should be off since an associate who was unpleasant and demeaning got fired recently."

She also said that her expectations of herself on the job were unrealistic.

My first input was to ask how she could make herself important and get the attention from herself that she needed. So I asked, "What are your daily well-being habits?" She mentioned walking, which she was doing once a week. "What else — how can you really focus on yourself?"

I pushed a bit. She came up with calling old friends, reading books, solitaire, reading the comics. It began to seem a little like fun.

We also discussed how to begin to lighten the load at work, so I suggested three things:

1. To simplify, drop and delegate as much as possible. She then admitted she does have a reliable person to delegate to, if she can just trust that person enough to do it.

2. Finish one important thing a day in order to feel complete, not left hanging.

3. Establish firm work/home boundaries.

So what if anything was the benefit of our session?

She said, "Taking concrete actions, reinforcing my need to delegate, and if I want to do something not work related it is O.K."

Week 2: Mary Beth reported she had walked twice that week and felt good. She also felt she listened more attentively and was open to input from others.

"I have a tendency to look ahead and not be in the moment," she said. She added, "But some of my best ideas come at night and then I get carried away with them."

I said, "I believe the distinction for you to get is the difference between being committed and being consumed."

"You've just named it!" she responded. "Though it's hard when the boss seems to want more, more, more with less, less,"

less," Mary Beth continued.

Her shift in perspective was palpable and she seemed to be in a place where she could move from putting most of her energy into her work to a place of balance between work and personal life. I also suggested building a boundary in the evening, if she was doing work or thinking about it.

My input was to take five minutes, an hour before bedtime, to do a "disk scan" of her thoughts, write them down, and put it all away. Then to do something relaxing — rather than working right up until going to bed and getting a poor night's sleep.

The value of the session? She said the distinction between being committed and being consumed and bringing closure to the end of the day. She still questioned how to determine when "commitment becomes obsession."

Week 3: Mary Beth said she had a great week, exercising twice, and sleeping much better.

"I woke up one morning at 4 a.m., but went back to sleep after imagining myself as a rag doll."

I thought, "Now that is better than starting to work."

She said, "The overarching professional theme is trying to maintain balance between doing a good job and being obsessive."

Mary Beth added that, "A lifetime of 'it's not enough' is hard to change."

I agreed, but said maybe she needs to get complete with her old belief system, urging her to do more and more to be better and better.

She openly admitted that letting go can be scary.

I quoted Joseph Campbell, "When the desire outweighs the fear — not when the fear is totally gone — we can change."

She said that one inhibitor is not having the time to develop new interests. My input was to set aside three nights with nothing on the schedule so her heart could emerge with ideas and interests.

She felt that three was too much but agreed to set one aside.

The wrap up: Mary Beth said, "I need to pay more attention to me, to slow down a tad from the 'gotta get it done' approach, and scheduling enjoyable activities."

My remarks are that Mary Beth typifies many caregivers who have been taught it is bad to be selfish. It is utterly necessary to be selfish if we are to have much to give either ourselves or others.

Of course there is a distinction between someone who is pathologically narcissistic (a genuine emotional disturbance) and healthily selfish. The latter is someone we are attracted to and secretly envy, until we start taking great care.

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CSH Offers Summer Camps For Youths With Disabilities

Summer Camps sponsored by Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) will provide children around the state with a variety of camp experiences beginning in June.

Children who are physically challenged, have learning disabilities, attention problems or speech-language deficits will have the opportunity to participate in sports, crafts, creative arts, drama and cooperative games at one of eight camp locations, said a CSH spokeswoman.

For children ages 3 to 6 with attention problems, learning disabilities or speech-language deficits, Camporee in Fanwood will offer five sessions of five days each during August. To register, please call (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 2528. Space is limited.

For youngsters ages 5 to 13 with physical challenges, a camp in Toms River will offer week-long opportunities for athletic training, recreation, creative arts, drama, crafts and martial arts.

Pals Paradise, scheduled for Monday to Friday, August 17 to 21, will allow children to bring along friends and siblings. For more information, please call the Toms River camps at (732) 914-1100, Extension No. 3716.

For children ages 7 to 9 with attention problems, learning disabilities or speech-language deficits, Under the Umbrella Camp in Fanwood will offer arts and crafts and outdoor activities during the month of August with five sessions lasting five days each scheduled.

For reservations, please call (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 2528. Limited spaces are available.

Seven- to 12-year-olds may attend the "Bring a Buddy" Camp in Clark, where they and a friend or sibling will be able to enjoy sports, crafts, cooperative games and day trips together from Monday to Friday, August 24 to 28. Please call (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 5272 for more information.

The Teen Recreation Camp, to be held Monday through Friday, June 29 to July 3 in Clark, will offer adolescents 13 to 17 years old with physical challenges the opportunity to participate in sports and crafts, cooperative and competitive games and day trips. For further information, please call (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 5272.

Children with physical challenges, ages 5 to 13, will be offered an introduction to the disciplines of competition in the Sports and Recreation Camp, slated for Monday through Friday, July 13 to 17, in Toms River. Please call (732) 914-1100, Extension No. 3716, for further information.

Camp Chatterbox, scheduled for Sunday through Friday, August 16 through 21, in Hackettstown, is an overnight, intensive therapy camp for non-speaking children and adolescents, ages 5 to 16, who use augmentative communication systems.

The camp program includes a training agenda for parents. For more information about Camp Chatterbox, please call (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 5339.

Junior wheelchair athletes, 9 to 15 years of age, will be given an opportunity to train and hone their skills at the

Wheelchair Basketball Camp in Clark, slated for Monday through Friday, August 10 through 14. Further information about the camp may be obtained by calling (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 5272.

CSH Summer Camps are sponsored and staffed by Children's Specialized Hospital, which treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years of age.

CSH provides outpatient services, acute rehabilitation and long-term care through its network of facilities in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.

Free Income Tax Assistance Available For Senior Citizens

Free income tax assistance is again being offered to senior citizens and low-income individuals Monday through Friday at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue.

Assistance is provided for the preparation of federal and state income tax returns, including the New Jersey Homestead and tenant rebate forms for persons who do not have to file a tax return.

To make an appointment, please call the library at (908) 322-5007. Individuals should bring last year's copies of their tax returns.

Eric Hoyer Graduates From Maine; Sister Named to Dean's List

Eric Hoyer, the son of Bob and Bernadette Hoyer of Fanwood, has graduated from the University of Maine, Orono campus, with a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Ecology.

He is a 1993 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Additionally, Christine Hoyer, a 1997 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania.

Christine's activities on campus include the Concert Band, Habitat for Humanity, Campus Gold (Girl Scouts), Etown After Dark and the Psychology Club. She is majoring in psychology.

Danielle Shaw Earns Dean's List Honors At Champlain College

Danielle A. Shaw, the daughter of Anthony Shaw of Westfield and Alison Osorio of Roselle, was among those students who were named to the Dean's List at Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont.

She is a graduate of Westfield High School and a senior in the Early Childhood Education program at Champlain.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student at Champlain College must achieve a semester average of 3.5 or better, receive no grade lower than a "B minus" and complete at least 12 hours of class work during the semester.

Jennifer Armstrong Makes Dean's List At Lycoming College

Jennifer Armstrong was among the 342 Lycoming College students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the Williamsport, Pennsylvania college.

Jennifer Armstrong, a Spanish major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Armstrong of Westfield.

Students make the Dean's List at the college if they complete at least four letter-graded courses and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.50 for the semester.

I finally figured out the only reason to be alive is to enjoy it.

— Rita Mae Brown

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Free Internet Access Available to Public At Fanwood Library

The Fanwood Memorial Library now offers free public Internet Access. People can surf the web using Comcast @ Home's "super-fast" cable modem connection, according to a spokesman for the library.

Job seekers and/or changers can access the state's Workforce New Jersey website which provides information and listings for jobs and job hunters.

Full text magazine searching on IAC's InfoTrac General Reference database (indexing plus over 350 titles full text) will soon be available via the web, the library spokesman confirmed.

For more information, please call the library at (908) 322-6400.

Fashion Consultant To Present Program To Local College Club

Doreen Binkiewicz, a local fashion consultant, will address members of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club on Monday, February 23, at 8 p.m.

Her presentation will cover choosing colors and accessories, as well as tips on updating one's current wardrobe, among other topics.

Members are invited to bring guests. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1171 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. For information about becoming a member of the College Club, please call (908) 233-6513.

Gwendolyn Schundler Achieves First Honors At Mount St. Dominic

Gwendolyn Schundler was recently named to the honor roll for the second marking period at Mount Saint Dominic Academy in Caldwell.

Gwendolyn, a freshman at the school, was awarded first honors. She is the daughter of Robert and Pamela Schundler of Westfield.



GUEST SPEAKERS...Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, right, Superintendent of Schools for the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains, and Charles Mancuso, center, President of the Board of Education of the schools, recently spoke to the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club. Dr. Bistocchi described the array of programs offered by the 21 county vocational-technical school districts, while Mr. Mancuso said the mission at the vocational schools is to help residents of Union County and surrounding areas to acquire the marketplace skills necessary in today's challenging labor market. The guest speakers were introduced by Past Rotary President Joseph Y. Outub, pictured at left.

Mayor Connelly Plans To Address Democrats At Township Meeting

Scotch Plains Democrats will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 25, at 8 p.m. at the United National Bank on Martine Avenue in Fanwood.

The guest speaker will be Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, who is testing the waters for a run for Congress in New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District.

Mrs. Connelly, now in her third year as Fanwood's Mayor, served on the Fanwood Borough Council for nine years. A 19-year resident of Fanwood, Mayor Connelly spent 28 years as a human resources executive with AT&T.

"Mayor Connelly would be an outstanding candidate and an equally capable member of the House of Representatives," stated Scotch Plains Democratic Municipal Chairman Dr. Walter E. Boright. "Her sensitivity to peoples' needs and firsthand knowledge and leadership in local government would be tremendous assets in tackling issues. The thought of her candidacy is already being well received throughout Scotch Plains," Dr. Boright, a former Union County Freeholder, continued.

The club will elect officers for 1998-1999. Individuals interested in joining the Democratic Club, becoming involved in local government, or taking part in the Democratic campaign effort are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Elizabeth Ann Frame Achieves Dean's List At West Virginia U.

Elizabeth Ann Frame, the daughter of Linda Frame of Fanwood, was recently named to the Dean's List at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia.

She attained a grade-point average of 4.0. A student must maintain a 3.5 average to be named to the Dean's List at the school.

Trip to Outlet Stores In Reading Planned By Recreation Dept.

The Scotch Plains Department of Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a trip to the Factory Outlets in Reading, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, March 24. The bus will leave from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5 p.m.

There are hundreds of discount outlet stores selling name-brand merchandise at reasonable prices, including clothing from designer names like Evan Picone, Izod, Jones, New York, Mikasa, Reebok, Vanity Fair and much more, according to a spokesman for the Recreation Department.

Lunch may be purchased at several food courts located in the complex.

A charge of \$15 for transportation will be charged and residents may register starting Monday, February 23. Space permitting, non-residents may register starting Monday, March 2, also at the \$15 fee. Please call (908) 322-6700 for further information.



JUDICIAL VISIT...Superior Court Judge Travis L. Francis addresses a seventh-grade class at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains about the state court system, constitutional rights and juvenile justice.

Judge Francis Tells Students About the Judicial System

Judge Travis L. Francis, the first African-American Superior Court Magistrate in Middlesex County, recently was a guest speaker at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains.

The judge addressed all the seventh-grade social studies classes and members of the school's Multicultural Club about the state court system and juvenile justice. Judge Francis' appearance was arranged by Multicultural Club advisor Mary D. Williams, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

The seventh-grade social studies classes, under the direction of teachers Sonya Martin and Joseph Filep,

had studied the United States' legal system and constitutional issues so they were prepared to talk with Judge Francis.

Based on case studies and other background information, the students responded to a "know your rights" quiz by the judge, and were able to see just how actions have consequences even for youthful offenders.

Support for the event was provided by Principal Chester Janusz and Vice Principal Theresa Elias. Park media specialist Tamara Francis assisted the teachers in coordinating classroom work with the content of the presentation.

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Further Distance Is Sought For Sex-Oriented Businesses

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General Manager of Micro Mark in Berkeley Heights, unveiled the diorama, which is 1/87 the size of the actual Community House building, during the outset of the meeting.

Crafted from laser-cut basswood and mounted on a solid oak base, the display is "an absolutely accurate model of the train station" as it appeared following restoration of the landmark several years ago, Mr. Piccirillo said.

Micro Mark manufactures models which can be purchased in kit form. Mr. Piccirillo said the Fanwood station was his own pet project, inspired by his daily travels past the time honored landmark every day as a student enroute to Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains.

He said railroad enthusiasts across the country have already purchased kits of the Fanwood station, which is available in two sizes.

Mayor Connelly, calling the restored Community House "one of the most beautiful buildings in Union County and certainly in New Jersey" said the model would be prominently displayed so members of the public would be able to enjoy it.

Several individuals were recognized for their long service to the community. Raymond Manfra, Director of Public Works and Recycling Coordinator, was honored for 35 years with the Public Works Department.

Officer Michael Caspersen, a borough resident, was sworn in by Mayor Connelly as the newest member of the Fanwood Police Department. He was accompanied by his parents, Sidney and Pat Caspersen of Fanwood.

Mark Ettore of Fanwood and David Ziegler of Scotch Plains were also acknowledged as new members of the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Officials, who saluted the spirit of volunteerism during the meeting, also honored Karl Eschle and William Crosby, both of whom recently retired from volunteer positions which they had held for many years.

Mr. Eschle was recognized for his service to the Fanwood Planning

Board, on which he served as Chairman and also as the board's Liaison to the local Environmental Commission. Mr. Crosby, who chaired Fanwood's Shade Tree Commission, was lauded for having served on the commission for 33 years.

He expressed his gratitude to fellow commission members, borough officials and the Public Works Department for their support of the commission's work.

The Mayor confirmed the appointments of James Bardwill to the Fanwood Memorial Library Board of Trustees and architect Kevin Mason to the borough's Historic Preservation Commission.

Several proclamations were also issued by the governing body. The first of these supported Read Across America, which calls on adults nationwide to encourage children to read. It is held in conjunction with the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss on March 2.

The second proclamation, celebrating February as Black History Month, acknowledged the "civil, social and religious contributions" of African-Americans "which have inspired residents of this municipality."

The final proclamation, designating March as Family Safety Month, spotlighted the efforts of the Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Kerri O'Brien Named To Dean's List for Fall

Irwin L. Goldstein of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland, in College Park has announced that Kerri O'Brien is included on the Dean's List as one of the few students acquiring a minimum 3.5 grade-point average for the fall semester.

Inclusion on this list is recognition of superior scholastic attainment. Kerri is a double major in journalism and government.

She is a 1994 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Woman Killed in House Fire; Eight Others Escape Blaze

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children, range in age from nine months to 5 years old.

However, Mr. Hoffman's mother, Elinor Hoffman, 68, remained unaccounted for, and authorities believe that she was unable to get out of the house.

Mrs. Hoffman's body was discovered within the burned-out structure the following afternoon by Scotch Plains police and fire personnel, along with members of the Union County Arson Task Force, who had searched for the missing woman's remains throughout the day.

The search had been made especially difficult, authorities said, be-

cause the house had collapsed into the basement during the fire, forcing searchers to sift through layers of debris.

Investigators determined that the blaze, which has been ruled as accidental, began in a first-floor kitchen area in the rear of the home, but have not yet pinpointed the source.

Seven of the eight family members who escaped the fire were treated for smoke inhalation at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. They have all since been released, and are believed to be staying with relatives, Chief Ellis said.

SP Council Introduces Budget With 2.2 Percent Tax Increase

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and Country Club of flocks of roosting birds.

Arrowwood Drive and Wood Road residents claim the droppings from the birds are a health hazard and Councilman Robert E. Johnston said the state Department of Fish, Game and Wildlife determined that the birds carried traces of pesticides.

Mr. Johnston said, "They flock there by the thousands."

On a different subject, the council heard from Planning Board member Joseph Doyle that council members should meet with the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment to consider how the township will respond in the next two months under a state planning act of "cross acceptance" for state, county and township master plans. Working under state development and redevelopment initiatives, Mr. Doyle said the township should hire a professional planner and set goals for the township.

Lastly, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter of UNICO, an Italian-American charitable organization, offered the township a marble and metal 12-foot high sculpture honoring Christopher Columbus.

The as yet unmade sculpture, that will cost anywhere from \$25,000 to \$100,000 depending on materials, depicts a hand holding a sphere with three sailing ships.

Speaking for UNICO, John Appezzato asked the council to consider putting the sculpture on the

Crazy For You On Tap At SP-F High School

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Repertory Theatre Group will present the Gershwin musical *Crazy For You* on Fridays and Saturdays, March 20, 21, 27 and 28, at the high school on Westfield Road at 8 p.m.

General admission tickets for the show are available for \$6. Student tickets are \$5, although those with a Renaissance Card will be admitted for \$2.50.

Senior citizens will be admitted free to all performances. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, please call (908) 889-8600, Extension No. 361.



FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

• Police reported that a woman stole 48 cartons of cigarettes, valued at \$1,150, from a South Avenue supermarket shortly before 2 a.m.

The woman loaded the cartons into a shopping cart from a Plexiglas cabinet and then left the store, authorities said.

Police believe the suspect was working in conjunction with two men and another woman, who asked the store manager on duty if they could have some cardboard boxes.

The robbery occurred while the manager and the three individuals were collecting the boxes from the

warehouse area of the store, according to police. Authorities later found the boxes discarded in the supermarket parking lot.

• Authorities reported that someone broke into a used car dealership on South Avenue during the night and stole a dash-mounted stereo system valued at \$200 from one of the vehicles there.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

• John Ho, 54, of Westfield was charged with driving while intoxicated on South Avenue, according to police. He was released on his own recognizance.



Recent Home Sales



FANWOOD

Residence at 14 Nichols Court, to Steven Bisgay and Jennifer R. Bisgay, from Howard D. Rogers, \$254,500.

Residence at 106 Cray Terrace, to Richard Spina and Denise Spina, from Peter C. Hallworth, \$255,000.

Residence at 28 Mary Lane, to Peter J. Chemidlin and Joan M. Chemidlin, from Cullen J. Ketcham, \$145,000.

Residence at 460 South Avenue, to Anthony J. Buido and Pamela R. Buido, from Harold V. Caulfield.

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Residence at 3 Jenna Court, to Francis R. Nedza and Susan Dube, from Lauren Estates Associates, \$485,000.

Residence at 515 Westfield Road, to Steven T. Margaritondo and Stacy A. Margaritondo, from Henry S. Golinski, \$114,000.

Residence at 1991 Parkwood Drive, to Timothy W. Majek and Karen Ann Majek, from Virginia Domenico, \$235,000.

Residence at 1 Colonial Drive, to David A. Jaffe and Freada S. Jaffe, from William M. Pittman, \$400,000.

Residence at 2071 Oakhill Road, to Thomas Conheeny and Roseanne Conheeny, from Felix J. Stefanow, \$399,950.

Residence at 8 Aberdeen Road, to

Harold L. Grodberg and Emily Rippis Grodberg, from R. Scott Hoerrner, \$296,800.

Residence at 354 Jackson Avenue, to Ernestine Carter, from Deanna E. Richardson, \$134,000.

Residence at 980 Fox Hill Lane, to Jen-Chieh Chang and Pei-feng Chang, from Malik Khan, \$625,000.

Condominium at 12 Maddaket, No. CM, to J. Michael Blake, from Marilyn T. Hansen, \$171,000.

Residence at 2131 Gallagher Avenue, to Lucio Pimenta, Jr. and Francene H. Pimenta, from Joseph J. Stracuzzi, \$200,000.

Residence at 24 Treeview Circle, to Ajay D. Kamdar and Meera A. Kamdar, from David J. Smith, \$338,500.

Residence at 309 William Street, to Scott B. Kersey and Judith A. Kersey, from Irwin J. Frischman, \$175,000.

Residence at 14 Swans Mill Lane, to Liangshyng Jou and I. Zheng, from Harold D. Loey, \$461,000.

Residence at 440 Warren Street, to Scott J. Jaeger and Susan A. Jaeger, from Robert Shoenbach, \$215,000.

Residence at 318 Rolling Knolls Road, to William K. Kraft and Anita L. Solas, from Leonard T. Solas, \$245,000.

Art Show Winners Inspired By Sand Dollars, Horses

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graduate of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and a freelance artist, she is currently pursuing her master's degree in Fine Arts Education at Columbia University in New York City.

Mrs. Zwaskis has been painting for only four years. She said a former teacher, now deceased, encouraged her talent. The artist, who is planning to move to Florida, hopes to have her own studio there and to sell paintings which people can display in their homes.

"I did my best painting with my former teacher. I was with him two years," Mrs. Zwaskis said. "His wife gave me all his equipment. I want to do something with art."

Diana Cammack, who won first place in the acrylic category for her work called "The Hunt," used her love for horses as an inspiration for her artwork. She has been painting for over 20 years.

"I'm a horse owner and enthusiast," Ms. Cammack said. "I do a lot of riding. I'd like to be able to show my work in galleries. I'm very influenced by horses."

Ms. Cammack has entered her work in shows in Westfield, Plainfield, Summit, Dunellen and Ocean City. She revealed that she has "won quite a few awards painting horses."

Rounding out the winners in the acrylic category were Ken Malpas, second place, for "Room Thru Eye Sockets," and Marjorie McConnell, third place, for "Sicilian Artichoke."

Dolores O'Brien, who has won "Best in Show" in the past and took a first-place prize in watercolor for "Sunset, Northern Territory, Australia," said she's always happy to be recognized for her work.

"I paint wet on wet and I have to paint quickly," Ms. O'Brien said. "I chose Australia because the sunset was so beautiful. I was excited to win (the award.) It's always a thrill to be recognized."

Other winners for watercolor entries were Jocelyn Wong, second place, for "Springtime," and Betsy Ruff, third place, for "Begonia and Apples."

Honorable mentions were presented to Mary Hovaneck for "Winter Storm," Christine Scott for "Straw Boy" and Marie Gerus for "Ballerina."

First place in oil paintings was won by Steve Tomczyk for "Sunset West;" Angela Rosenbach won second place for "Cape May Harbor," and Lorraine Olson garnered third place for "Fall in Vermont."

Winners in mixed media were Shirley Farkas, first place, for "Garden Treasures;" Stephen Westernnik, second place, for "Internet," and Barbara Swindlehurst, third place, for "Sheepish."

In photography, the winners were Rita Hahn, first place, for "Garden Glow;" Peter Hovaneck, second place, for "Young Pup" and Bob Hahn, third place, for "Old Ironsides."

In addition to the art show, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Art Association also gives a scholarship every year to deserving high school students who plan to study art in college.

School Board Considers Early Opening of Schools

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BCBS, on the other hand, recommended the board consider a "prospective" arrangement, whereby the board would pay a flat premium regardless of claim activity.

BCBS representative Rick Rispoli said, "More (school) boards are going with a prospective rating program over the last two years."

Board members asked for additional information from BCBS regarding anticipated rate increases under the prospective plan.

During the public meeting on February 24, the board is scheduled to act on a proposal to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding funding for a distance learning program in the middle school.

The school budget is also scheduled to be introduced that night, and may be adopted by the board.

Board members will consider a policy change regarding medical examinations for employees, and discuss a resolution from the Cranford Board of Education regarding legislation to broaden penalties for dealing drugs on school grounds to include playgrounds.

The agenda will also include an update from board member August A. Ruggiero on contract negotiations with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association.



LEARNING ABOUT NUTRITION...The children in Bernadette Hoyer and Kathy Cannon's pre-Kindergarten classes at Brunner Elementary School and School One in Scotch Plains recently took a trip to King's Supermarket in Garwood. The children received a tour of the deli, bakery, meat, fish, dairy and produce departments. The children were given food samples in several departments as they learned about the many food choices that are available. The trip was planned in conjunction with a unit of study on food and nutrition. Pictured sampling orange juice is Brunner student Chelsey Finkel.

Hauler Critical of Threat Of Legal Action by County

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ity at full capacity, the incinerator began accepting what is known as "spot market" trash, where garbage is taken from towns which have no place to go at this time.

Mr. Infantino said he has information that some haulers are dumping for as low as \$38 under spot market terms at the Union County incinerator.

County Manager Michael J. Lapolla said that rates for household garbage on a spot market basis are still being offered at the \$50 rate to haulers. Other spot market trash could be dumped at a different rate depending on the material.

He said the facility is operating at near 100 percent capacity — the highest capacity since the burner opened on Route Nos. 1 and 9 in 1994.

Mr. Infantino said he is also strongly opposed to the lease agreement being pushed by both the utilities authority and the Freeholders. Under the agreement, the utilities authority will lease the incinerator to Ogdan Martin Systems of Union, Inc., the builder of the facility, for a total lease rate of \$175 million over the next quarter century.

The remaining portion of the \$293 million worth of debt on the incinerator would be paid off through a number of revenue sources, including a proposed Environmental Investment Charge (EIC) to be charged on all garbage being transported to less expensive out-of-county sites or out of state.

Noting the varying rates for disposal of solid waste, Mr. Infantino said towns or carters would "have to be crazy to sign that lease."

Legislation introduced in Trenton would impose a tax of between 6 and 10 percent on gross revenues for all state garbage collectors and disposal facilities in an effort to provide funds to counties with incinerators. The tax would generate between \$84 and \$140 million a year. The current debt on incinerators stands at \$1.5 billion.

According to the UCUA officials, the state's Local Finance Board has said counties or other agencies will not be allowed to default on outstanding debt incurred through the construction of garbage incinerators.

The county has backed \$35 million of the bonds issued to construct the Rahway incinerator, according to county officials.

In Westfield, residents are free to seek out a different disposal company if they are unhappy with their garbage collection service. About 10 firms, mostly from Westfield, currently service the town.

Mr. Infantino noted that he has given potential customers the names of other haulers servicing their neighborhood if his firm has no other customers in the immediate area.

Mr. Lapolla said that the lease deal is "still in the works" and is likely to be finalized within the next several months.

"It is going to happen," he said. Thus far, 12 communities have

passed resolutions indicating their intention to sign contracts with the utilities authority. These towns currently provide for disposal services within their municipal budgets.

Scotch Plains and Fanwood have both passed resolutions noting that they will not be opting for the county program.

Westfield has not taken official action, although elected officials have said they are leery about the length of the contract and the amount of trash the town would be required to send to the facility.

The three towns are among seven communities which do not include disposal service within their property taxes. In order to sign on to the UCUA contract, these towns would have to place disposal collection in their budgets by contracting out such services.

In terms of the threat of legal action against firms that do not reduce their fees, Mr. Lapolla said outside counsel is looking into the matter. He said the comments by Freeholder Sullivan were meant to apply "public pressure" on haulers to lower their fees.

In an unrelated matter, Frank Festa, owner of Grand Sanitation Service, announced last week that he would no longer be servicing customers in Westfield.

He told *The Westfield Leader* that he had been offering curbside pickup service at \$26.14 throughout the town.

Mr. Festa decided to pull out of town after he was contacted by the Westfield Board of Health, which said it planned to cite his customers for placing garbage containers at curbside.

In Westfield, only rear or side yard collection of garbage is permitted.

"I am not going to put up with this madness," he said, explaining that he believes haulers are being singled out. He noted that recyclable materials can be placed at the curb for pickup.

"I'm not putting up with the nonsense from their (Westfield) municipality," said Mr. Festa.

He said Fanwood is now offering curbside service. He also has customers in Scotch Plains and Clark, and previously serviced Plainfield.

Clark has reportedly asked Rahway to take over the township's disposal system.

Alicia Bronski to Serve As College Tour Guide

Alicia Bronski, a first-year student at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has been named a tour guide for the Admission Office at the school.

A 1997 graduate of The Pingry School in Martinsville, Alicia is the daughter of Stephen and Gail Bronski of Westfield.

Tour guides volunteer two hours each week to host visiting prospective students and their families. They are knowledgeable in academic and extracurricular information, as well as the history and architecture of the college.

Mountainside Police Chief Leaving Force After 32 Years

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"Well, it's not unusual because Mountainside is a quality community in which to live and raise a family," Chief Alder agreed.

Another issue that police have had to more actively control is the issue of domestic violence.

While the problem is hardly a new one, a state law mandating an arrest if police find any evidence that someone has been victimized was clearly meant to take some of the pressure off victims who may have been reluctant to press charges on their own.

The most telling evidence, it is acknowledged, would be the presence of blood or bruises on the face of a battered spouse upon arrival of police.

"Victims of domestic violence receive more protection than they ever have in the past," stated Chief Alder, who served as President of the Union County Chiefs Association in 1986. "They've had this law in effect for some time, but they're always tuning it up a bit."

"Thirty years ago, we would typically respond to a scene like that," Chief Alder added. "More likely, we would arbitrate the situation. But of course, victims had the ability to file formal complaints against the attacker."

Now as then, Chief Alder agreed, victims still worry about ramifications, but an arrest must now be made if signs indicate violence has occurred.

"And that's an affirmative step well beyond what we used to do," Chief Alder said.

Now, police officers receive far more training than they did 30 years ago, and many are still either required to, or voluntarily, undergo extra training annually. The chief says "training requirements far surpass those that were taking place in the mid-1960s."

No matter what community an officer is working in, there are three things that any officer should count on, according to the outgoing chief. These include court appearances to testify against those they have apprehended, dealing with the public on a daily basis, and making potential life-or-death situations.

And what else does Chief Alder feel is essential to the makeup of a police officer?

"My view of it is that you typically try to attract the equivalent of the whole person," the chief responded, after a moment's reflection.

"You want somebody who is bright, physically fit and socially aware," he added. "You have to be able to maintain a calm and professional demeanor, but never let your guard down because you may be required to fight for your life, or for the lives of others, too."

Board Expected to Decide On Exxon Appeal March 9

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suggested that the board may choose to prohibit left turns out of the station, as they have at neighboring properties.

Board Chairman Lawrence C. J. Mannino was particularly concerned about morning traffic at the Tiger Mart, when people may stop for coffee or a doughnut. He referred to the rush hour traffic at the 7-11 in Mountainside as "hand-to-hand combat, with road rage mixed in."

Several members of the board were equally concerned about the proposed signage. As board member Michael Kelly expressed it, "I just think that this is going to look like Route 22."

Exxon had originally sought two freestanding, back-lit signs, two signs on the building, and smaller signs on the canopy and pumps. Town ordinance only permits one sign, measuring three feet by 20 feet.

This type of sign is appropriate for a storefront, Exxon argued, but not for a gas station. Furthermore, the applicant maintained that the tricky location of this station requires signage that can be read in several directions, and from a distance.

After some deliberation, the two parties seemed to move towards a compromise, involving one freestanding sign at the corner of the property, one sign on the building, and small signs on either the canopy or the pumps, but not both.

The deliberations were nearly completed at Tuesday's meeting, reported Mr. O'Neil.

The final details, and the board's decision, are expected to be revealed during the board's regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 9.

Revised Sidewalk Café Law Requires Trash Can Provision

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issued for a year. In other business, the council is also set to introduce an ordinance which will cut the cost of permits for the town's annual bulky waste collection program from \$60 to \$50. The permits allow residents to dispose of up to 750 pounds of materials.

Town Engineer and Supervisor of Public Works Kenneth B. Marsh estimated that the cost of the program to the town would be \$47.30 per permit if 1,000 permits are sold, and \$39.90 if 2,000 permits are purchased by residents. The cost to the town drops as the number of permits sold increases.

In the event the council decides to drop the amount of tonnage per permit to 600 pounds, the cost to the town would drop to \$42.80 per permit if 1,000 permits are sold, and \$35.40 if 2,000 permits are bought. The town has sold 1,000 permits on average in past years.

Costs include collection and disposal fees. The disposal fee will be based on whatever the actual weight of the materials disposed of turns out to be.

Also factored in are printing, postage and staff costs for the mailing of permit applications to all residences in town.

Mr. Marsh said the average tonnage put out at the curb over the past three programs was 600 pounds per permit.

Public Works Committee Chairman John J. Walsh, who represents the Third Ward, reasoned that keeping the permit cost at \$50 would provide "a cushion for a worst case scenario" in the event participation in the program declines.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., said the program was never meant to be a "money maker" for the town.

The council bids the town-wide program to help lower overall costs per resident. Officials have said the town simply wants to break even on the cost of the program.

The council awarded a contract to A. Fiore & Sons Salvage, Inc., of Newark, last week for the curbside program. The firm bid a price of \$32.50 per permit, broken down to \$10 for collection and transportation of the waste and \$22.50 for the estimated disposal fee.

On another matter, Councilman Goldman, who serves as Liaison to the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), the governing body for the special improvement district, said the DWC board has been inquiring about the status of funds approved by the town several years ago for new parking signs in the downtown.

Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko said \$50,000 has been appropriated for the signs and new parking

signs, but an arrest must now be made if signs indicate violence has occurred.

He suggested that the board's design committee should present a proposal on the type and design of signs they want and present it to the full DWC for approval before approaching the town with its final recommendation.

Several council members were quite concerned that no action has been taken to date on the signs. A parking Task Force Report was delivered to the full council in January of 1996, which supported more visible signs to indicate shopper and commuter parking lots in town.

On another matter, Councilman Walsh said the town is approaching final agreement on a contract with Comcast. He said the one area which remains under negotiation between the two sides is the length of the contract.

Comcast has agreed to provide \$50,000 to the town, earmarked for equipment and other improvements for the town's public access television station, TV 36, at Westfield High School.

Comcast is seeking a 15-year deal with the town, for which Westfield would receive roughly \$5,000 a year, for a total of \$75,000 over the length of the contract.

First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick presented several proposals as recommended by the Public Safety Committee, which she chairs.

Among them was a recommendation for some sort of reflection device on the curve in the road on Standish Avenue on the approach to Cedar Terrace.

Councilwoman Vernick also asked the council to approve an ordinance which will create a drop-off area for parents to pull up and let their children out in front of Holy Trinity Interparochial School on Trinity Place.

In addition, there would be no parking in front of the school from Trinity Place to the end of Rahway Avenue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The drop-off times would be 8 to 9 a.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on school days.

Another change would move the crosswalk on Rahway Avenue at Westfield High School to the left of the Westfield National Guard Armory's driveway. In addition, a crosswalk would be placed across the driveway itself.

The change will provide additional parking spaces on each side of Rahway Avenue where the current crosswalk is located. Councilwoman Vernick said the governing body will need to pass an ordinance to create a no parking area within 25 feet of the Armory's driveway.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

• Police arrested Jill Tice, 25, of Neptune and Harold Williams, 27, of Plainfield and charged each of them with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana following a motor vehicle stop on First Street.

Tice, who authorities said was also wanted by Newark for contempt of court, was being held in lieu of \$700 bail. Williams was additionally charged with violation of the state's Intensive Supervision Program, according to police. He was held without bail.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

• James Lios, 31, of Clark was arrested at his home and charged with two counts of theft, according to police. Authorities said he was also wanted on two contempt of court warrants out of Irvington and Belleville.

Police have charged Lios with stealing

\$200, along with a circular saw and a five-gallon can of deck cleaner, from a Central Avenue firm on January 31.

Lios was transported to the Union County Jail. Authorities recovered the saw and deck cleaner but not the currency.

• A resident of First Street reported that someone stole her wallet while she was at her place of employment on South Avenue.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

• A Forest Avenue resident reported that a cellular telephone was stolen from her vehicle while the car was parked in the roadway in front of her house.

• Daniel A. Guzman, 19, of Linden was arrested on Lamberts Mill Road and Rahway Avenue and charged with driving with a revoked license, according to police. Authorities said it was his second offense. Guzman posted \$775 bail.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

• One hundred block of East Broad Street — structure fire.

• One hundred block of Virginia Street — hazardous condition.

• Six hundred block of Norwood Drive — lockout.

• One hundred block of Cottage Place — electrical short.

• Three hundred block of Clark Street — unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of Cottage Place — gas odor investigation.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

• One hundred block of Sunnywood Drive — electrical short.

• One hundred block of Nomahegan Drive — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Sixteen hundred block of Rahway Avenue — good intent call.

• One hundred block of Barchester Way — system malfunction.

• Seven hundred block of Prospect Street — unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of Cacciola Place — lockout.

• One hundred block of Elm Street — electrical hazard.

• Nine hundred block of Carleton Road — carbon monoxide detector activation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

• Two hundred block of North Avenue, West — electrical hazard.

• Four hundred block of North Chestnut Street — gas leak.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

• Six hundred block of Hillcrest Avenue — system malfunction.

• Seven hundred block of Hyslip Avenue — kitchen fire.

• One hundred block of Marion Avenue — lockout.

• Terminal Avenue and Westfield Avenue — car fire/standby.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

• Bowcraft, Route No. 22, Scotch Plains — mutual aid.

• One hundred block of Kirkstone Circle — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Three hundred block of Woodland Avenue — system malfunction.

• Six hundred block of Tremont Avenue — system malfunction.

• Three hundred block of Prospect Street — gas odor investigation.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

• Four hundred block of Wychwood Road — system malfunction.

• Seven hundred block of Doran Road — unintentional alarm.

• Two hundred block of East Broad Street — smoke scare.

Recent Home Sales

WESTFIELD

R. and M. Sawyer to Messercola Bros. Building Co., Inc. 451 Whittier Avenue, \$150,000.

A. and C. Leone, Jr. to Albert E. and Lauren M. Yousef, 166 Harrison Avenue, \$345,000.

Eva Plinton to James Ronald Curry, 440 West Broad Street, \$106,000.

D. and D. Carpenter to Norman W. and Adrianna Chambliss, 208 North Scotch Plains Avenue, \$180,000.

M. Dobbies and L. Hill to Nicholas J. and Erin M. Zito, 307 Hazel Avenue, \$275,000.

G. and L. Griswold, Jr. to Scott and Lisa A. Freidenrich, 642 Norman Place, \$340,000.

J. Estabrook and H. Moulton to Albert T. Leung, 515 Trinity Place, \$185,000.

R. Cintorino to C.F.G.R. LLC, 517 Central Avenue and 521 Central Avenue, \$420,000.

R. Ley to Mitchell P. and Brett R. Harris, 423 Everson Place, \$265,000.

S. and J. Catania to Steven J. Knight and Anne McCarthy Knight, 26 Stoneleigh Park, \$550,000.

E.W. and H.M. J. Hu to Kenneth R. Creran, 87 Cottage Place, \$170,000.

W. and N. Longfield to Robert M. Burke and Cynthia M. McIntyre, 24 Mohawk Trail, \$175,000.

M.J. and V. Pritchard, to Kenneth and

Cindy Lee, 358 Orenda Circle, \$330,000.

E.M. and A. O'Connell, to Carol Dorobis, 926 Cleveland Avenue, \$140,000.

H.L. Vallet, to Karyn E. Hann, 606 Maple Street, \$302,000.

J.K. Meeker, 3rd and I. Meeker, to J.S. and Marguerite A. Lizzo, 115 Marion Avenue, \$228,000.

N. Miller, to J. Gonda and Myron Harvist, 418-A Rahway Avenue, \$181,000.

Po-Yen and Wen-Ling Lu, to Patrick and Mary Jane Trainor, 23 Cornwall Drive, \$415,000.

A. and J.L. Spak, to Henry J. Sacco, Jr. and Margaret A. Sacco, 675 Boulevard, \$385,000.

H.J. and M.D. Otto, to Michael A. and Kelly A. Lama, 548 Washington Street, \$275,000.

M.A. Weiant, to John K. Meeker, 3rd and Irene Meeker, 11 Stoneleigh Park, \$406,000.

P.R. Jones, to J.D. and M.B. Irving, 418 Poe Avenue, \$350,000.

M.E. Toth, to Michael M. and Marisa Meola, 175 North Cottage Place, \$182,000.

MOUNTAINSIDE

Residence at 232 Evergreen Court, to Michelle D. Beideman, from Kenneth L. Degen, \$232,500.

Westfielders Named To Colby Dean's List

Colby College in Waterville, Maine has announced that Michelle A. Foster and Jennifer M. Kassakian, both of Westfield, have been named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 1997-1998 academic year.

Michelle, a junior sociology major, is the daughter of Jay Foster of Westfield and Elaine Foster of Cranford. She is a graduate of The Pingry School in Martinsville.

Jennifer, a sophomore, is the daughter of Edward and Sharon Kassakian of Westfield. A graduate of Westfield High School, she is majoring in biology with a concentration in environmental science.

To be named to the Dean's List, first-year students must earn a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.0, while sophomores, juniors and seniors must earn at least a 3.2 GPA.

Dahesh Patel Named Law Firm Associate

Dahesh D. Patel of Westfield is among eight attorneys who recently joined the Roseland law firm of Brach, Eichler, Rosenberg, Silver, Bernstein, Hammer and Gladstone as Associates.

Mr. Patel, a 1997 graduate of the University of Texas, concentrates in tax and business law.

The firm specializes in health/medical, environmental, real estate, tax and land use law and general litigation.

This is Westfield
26th Annual Edition
This year's focus is on volunteerism in our community and will include a directory of community organizations
Coming April 9th



PICTURE OF PEACE...Anna Tabachnik, second from left, a seventh-grade student at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, accepts her awards as the winner of the local competition in the International Association of Lions Clubs annual Peace Poster Contest. Joining her, pictured left to right, are: Ken Shulack, Principal of Roosevelt School; Ann Cohen, Art Director at Roosevelt, and Douglas C. Schembs, Jr., Westfield Lions Club Peace Poster Contest Chairman.

Labon
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PERSEVERING...Delbarton sophomore Michael Carter, the son of James and Mary Carter of Westfield, received the "Plus Est en Vous" award at a school convocation on December 5. He is pictured with, Reverend Giles P. Hayes, Headmaster; Robert Cerasia, and his parents. The award, which is dedicated to the memory of the late Michael C. Cerasia, a member of the Delbarton Class of 1994 and son of Robert L. and Carole Cerasia of North Caldwell, is given to a sophomore in recognition of his perseverance and diligence as a freshman.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

THREE BIG DEVILS ROLL A STRING OF STRIKES

Blue Devil Keglers Roll Over Indians, Raiders, Vikings 7-0

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

Every roll of the ball has counted in the past eight matches and so far the Blue Devils have been coming through in all the crucial situations. The Westfield High School bowling team has pulled off some startling come-from-behind finishes which have kept them atop the Watchung Conference Standings.

On February 5, against Rahway High School, the Blue Devils needed to win 7-0, and they did; however, they found themselves in jeopardy toward the end of the second game. The Devils had taken the first game handily, 936-845, but found themselves in a situation where their last three bowlers virtually had to strike out in the 10th frame to win the game.

First, Brett Rosenblatt stepped up and blasted all the wood three times and finished with a 248. Next, Tim Capriario crushed all the pins three times in a row. Finally, Scott Bridgeman needed a double plus seven to capture the game for the Blue Devils. Bam! Bam! Now, all that was needed was the seven. Crash!

Bridgeman nailed nine, and the game belonged to the Devils.

After the stunning comeback, the Devils had broken the Indians' spirit in the third game, winning easily, 944-876, to take all three games and sweeping with a total of 2,828-2,666.

"The second game had three guys strike out in the 10th frame. Obviously we needed them all since we won by only three pins," explained Blue Devil Head Bowling coach Mike Tirone.

After Rosenblatt and Capriario both struck out, Tirone continued, "even though they did that, Scott had to throw at least two strikes in the 10th frame to even have a chance at winning. He threw the first two strikes, then threw a nine to win the match which was extremely important because we were only one point ahead for the Conference Championship. So, every point was so important."

Bridgeman had a 246 in the third game and had a 627 series to lead the team, and Brett Rosenblatt totaled 607.

The scenario was the same against Scotch Plains-Fanwood on February 9.

The Blue Devils needed a 7-0 sweep. This time; however, the route to victory was smoother as the Devils won all three games (906-913, 1,001) to stop the Raiders 2,820-2,230.

Rosenblatt rolled games of 203 and 226 and finished with a 608 series; Evan Baum had a 209 and a 214 for a 604 series, and Bridgeman had a 193-193-235 for a 621 series.

"In order to maintain our league lead, we feel like we must win seven games every time we play," mentioned Tirone. "Union beat Cranford 4-3, so now we have a little breathing room. We actually are five points ahead of both of those teams now."

Union Catholic presented little problem as the Blue Devils swept again, this time with a 2,851-2,525 brushing. The Devils won game one, 911-785; game-two, 945-921, and game-three, 995-819.

Rosenblatt had high games of 233 and 213 to total 610; Capriario rolled a 209 high game and totaled 559; Baum had high games of 212 and 257 to turn in a 652 series, and Bridgeman rolled 182, 184 and 213 for a 579 series.

"We have been 56-0 in the last eight matches which is really totally outstanding. I told the kids at the end of the third game when we lost to Cranford that if we are really interested in becoming conference champs, we really can't give up another team point and so far, they have come through," expressed Tirone.

Chris Marotta rolled a 209 to lift the Blue Devil junior varsity (JV) to a 2,419-2,182 sweep over the Viking JV team. Also, the JV continues to hold onto first place.

The Blue Devil varsity has won eight 7-0 sweeps in a row and have completed a run where they have rolled four 2,800 games out of the last five games. In the previous five games, the Devils have a total wood of 14,159 which averages to 944 per game or 189 per person.

Baum presently has the highest average for games rolled in the Watchung Conference with 197. Rosenblatt carries the highest average on the team for all games rolled with a 192.

"Basically what we are trying to do is take that first step and win the conference; then right after that the counties are coming up and the states are coming up," stated Tirone. The Union County Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 21, and the States will take place Saturday, February 28. "We are hoping that bubble doesn't burst."

On a serious note, when asked about the closing of the Clark Lanes, Tirone responded, "The only thing I know is that they may be planning on it in May; however, I'm not sure anything official has come out yet. There probably will be a town meeting and they may have to pass it through certain channels."

The Blue Devils' next match is today, Thursday, February 19, against Linden and by picking up two points, the conference title will be in hand.

FOCUS ON U. COUNTY TOURNEY

Raiders Stop 1:00men; Upset With UCT Seed

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

Seniors Don Patterson and Doug Bishop came through in the final minute to elevate the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' basketball team over Elizabeth, 59-55, in Elizabeth on February 12.

The game was close all afternoon, having been tied, 31-31, at half-time and with the Raiders being ahead by only three points at the end of three quarters. The Minutemen closed the small gap; however, Patterson snapped the 49-49 tie with a layup, then Bishop ended the Minutemen's hopes by nailing both of his foul shots with only one second remaining.

Senior Dave Gewirtz, who had been deadly all season shooting three-pointers, did it again — whooshing seven for a game-high 21 points. Gewirtz cooled the Minutemen's second-half attack when he iced four of his three-pointers.

Jeff Feighner blazed in 12 points; Patterson finished with 10; Ben Martinez made five; Bishop and Ron Jenerette had four, and Dave Hermann added three points. The Raiders upped their fine record to 15-5, while Elizabeth lowered to 6-13.

"Nobody talked about the situation concerning our seeding position. We just went out and played," stated Raider boys' basketball Head Coach Willie Leonardi.

Leonardi was happy with his victory over the Minutemen, but was disap-



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SCOOTING AND SWITCHING...Blue Devil Mike Baly, left, begins a switch maneuver against Kevin Kolbeck of Roselle Park in the 160-lb. finals but must scoot his hips to successfully complete the move.



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TOP CONTROL...Raider Luke Cerchio, top, controls John Donofrio of Cranford in the 145-lb. Finals. Donofrio and Cerchio had a battle, but Donofrio managed to pull out a 5-4 decision over Cerchio.

CERCHIO GRABS 2ND; 3 RAIDERS, 1 DEVIL GET 4TH

Melendez Takes Mat Crown; Baly Gets 2nd at UC Tourney

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

Tony Melendez of Scotch Plains-Fanwood lived up to his first-seed selection, as he breezed his way to the 125-pound championship at the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference wrestling tournament held at Dunn Center in Elizabeth on February 13-14. Mike Baly of Westfield was "edged" in the title bout at 160 and came home with second-place honors.

Roselle Park High School ran away with the team title, amassing 232 points. Scotch Plains-Fanwood took fifth place with 146.5 points despite having pulled eight of their wrestlers from the third- and fifth-place consolation round due to having high-seasonal match total. Westfield High School placed 10th with 83 points.

Melendez pinned Tom Ehrhardt of Governor Livingston in :36, then had his most difficult bout with Blue Devil Dan Todd winning by decision. In the semifinals, Melendez handled Luis Ott of Rahway to grab a 14-4 majority decision.

Against Brian Garrison of Roselle Park, Melendez put on a takedown clinic. Melendez slicked Garrison for five takedowns and added one escape, while allowing only three escapes to capture an 11-3 majority decision and the title.

Baly earned his way to the finals by pinning Ben Bakas of Governor Livingston, then by recording a 19-4 technical fall over fourth-seeded Mike Mergott of A.L. Johnson of Clark.

Baly and Kevin Kolbeck of Roselle Park played an "edgy" game of strategy in which calls made at the edge of the mat decided the outcome in the 160-pound title bout. First, near the center of the mat, Kolbeck scored a defensive takedown on Baly to take a 2-0 lead. Kolbeck maintained a defensive stalling strategy and eventually got penalized one point.

In the second period, Kolbeck went ahead 3-1 after escaping Baly's grasp, but Baly

quickly snagged a both-feet-in takedown at the edge of the mat to tie the score. Later, Kolbeck escaped, then immediately duplicated the earlier takedown by Baly to go ahead, 6-3. Baly reversed Kolbeck with a switch, bringing the score to 6-5.

Knowing that Kolbeck had been wrestling in a highly-defensive posture, Baly allowed him an escape, hoping to pick up a two-point takedown. With seconds remaining, Baly slipped under and on top of Kolbeck near the edge of the mat; however, the referee had simultaneously blown the whistle, awarding Baly a stalling penalty point instead of the takedown. Time ran out and Kolbeck had seized the championship, 7-6.

Raider Luke Cerchio pinned Mike Hieber of New Providence in 4:36, and won by a 10-1 majority decision over Justin Flinnerty of Union to reach the semifinals. Later, Cerchio pulled out a thrilling 8-6 overtime decision over third-seeded Chris King of Roselle Park to reach the finals.

Cerchio had a battle with John Donofrio of Cranford in the title bout at 145. After a scoreless first period, Cerchio broke the ice with an escape and held the lead into the final period. Donofrio caught Cerchio

off balance, and rocked him with a five-point lateral drop to go ahead, 5-1. Even though Cerchio later added an escape and a takedown, time ran out and Donofrio won the title with a 5-4 decision.

Blue Devil 145-pounder Onur Tezucar pinned Steve Kohutic of Linden in :42, and defeated Larry Ward of Elizabeth, 13-9; but was beaten by Donofrio in the semifinals. Tezucar did not compete for third place and received a fourth.

Raiders Josh Ricca at 152, Tony Zardecki at 189 and Frank Thorne at 215, having had a full-load of bouts this season, did not wrestle for third place and accepted fourth place. Raiders David Loewinger at 103, Mike Loewinger at 112, Mike Natale at 135, Mike Grabel at 140 and Jim Feeley at heavyweight were also in similar situations, and accepted sixth-place awards.

Ricca decked Mike Hogan of Roselle Catholic in :57, won by technical fall over Blue Devil Mike Kivetz and defeated Jeremy Ferguson of Governor Livingston. Zardecki decked Breon Love of Plainfield in 2:45 and Mike Farrell of Governor Livingston in 1:56, then upset second-seeded Brian Drake

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
BOWLING TRIPLE THREAT...Blue Devils Scott Bridgeman, left; Brett Rosenblatt, center; and Tracy Masino pose a mighty threat to all of their opponents in the Watchung Conference. Currently, the Westfield High School bowling team is in first place.

McKEON MAKES 17; NUSSE NABS 12

Blue Devil Girls Blast Kearny 'K'gers, 57-36

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

The Westfield High School girls' basketball team dominated the Kearny Cardinals en route to a 57-36 romp on February 10. The Blue Devils boosted their record to 11-4, as the Cardinals fell to 12-8.

Junior Liz McKeon paced the Blue Devils by scoring 17 points. Senior Vicki Nusse also cashed in a solid, all-around performance for the Blue Devils, with 12 points and 9 assists.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early 8-0 lead in the first quarter, as McKeon and senior Megan Devitt had two baskets each. Throughout the quarter, the Blue Devils continued to pound away at the Cardinal defensive zone with Nusse and McKeon combining for six additional points.

The strong Blue Devils defense completely shut down the wingless Cardinal

offensive threat, allowing a mere five points. By the end of the first quarter, the Blue Devil girls were enjoying a huge 19-5 lead.

Things began to chill somewhat for the Blue Devils in the second quarter, as they experienced a series of turnovers and missed shots. Devitt did manage to toss in four points to keep the Devils on top; however, Devitt also led the Blue Devils in rebounding during the quarter, as she tore down five defensive rebounds. At the end of the first half, the Blue Devils were leading the game by a score of 31-16.

Devitt said, "In the first quarter, we were able to jump out to a big lead because we broke their full-court press early and were able to get off some easy shots. Later on in the second quarter, they began to adjust to our offense and our offense slowed down."

The Blue Devils continued to face

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William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LEAPING PASS...Senior Blue Devil Vicki Nusse leaps to make a pass during the game with the Kearny girls. Westfield grounded the Cardinals, in Westfield on February 10.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CROSS BODY RIDE...Raider Tony Melendez, top, gets a cross-body ride on Brian Garrison of Union during the 125-lb. Finals. Melendez was fantastic as he seized the title with an 11-3 majority decision over Garrison.

Raider Bello Wins UC Coach of Year

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Head Wrestling Coach Dave Bello has been selected as the 1997-1998 Union County Wrestling Coach of the Year. Bello was selected by votes from all the Union County high school wrestling coaches. Bello has demonstrated his ability to build a successful and competitive wrestling program.

DEADLINE INFO.

Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS

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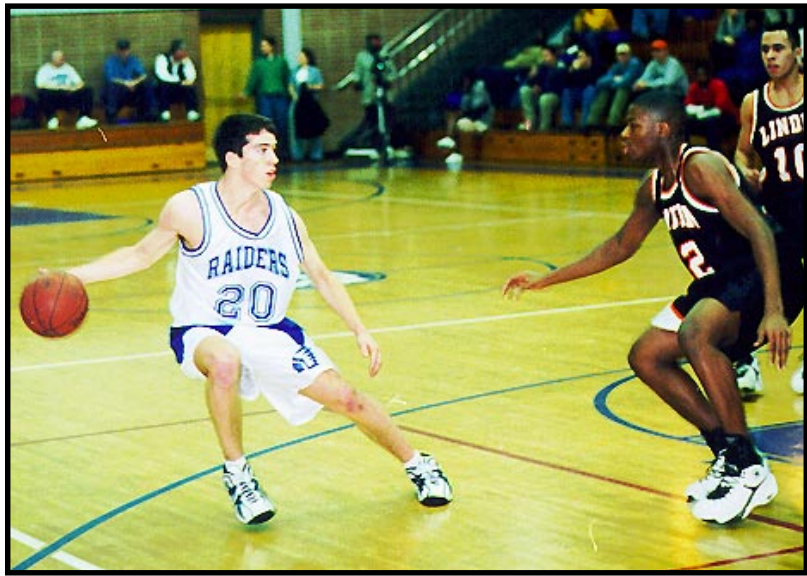
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William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times SHIFTING DIRECTIONS...Raider Doug Bishop, No. 20, starts to change directions in the first half against the Linden High School team. The Raiders beat the Tigers, 48-41, in Scotch Plains on February 10.

Raider Boys Roll Past Tigers, 48-41

Senior Dave Gewirtz and junior Ben Martinez gave the Raiders the momentum they needed, as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys' basketball team rolled in the second half to defeat Linden, 48-41, in Scotch Plains on February 10.

Holding only a slim one-point lead at half-time, the Raiders squeezed a 15-13 third-quarter edge, as Gewirtz erupted for nine points. Martinez nailed five points in the final quarter, as the Raiders rolled off a 16-12 run to gain the victory.

Gewirtz, who sank four three-pointers, finished with 16 points; Martinez totaled nine; Don Patterson put in eight points, and Jeff Feighner scored seven. Doug Bishop hit for six points, and Ron Jenerette contributed two points.

Linden (10-8)	8	8	13	12	41
Sc Pl-Fnw (14-5)	9	8	15	16	48

Boys Basketball:

February 10:					
Plainfield 62, Shabazz 42					
Shabazz (4-15)	10	4	12	16	42
Plainfield (12-6)	16	12	16	18	62

Irvington 61, Rahway 56					
Irvington (11-6)	8	17	15	21	61
Rahway (3-15)	10	12	15	19	56

Cranford 80, Elizabeth 71					
Elizabeth (6-12)	21	10	17	23	71
Cranford (11-7)	18	26	15	21	80

February 12:					
Plymouth Whitemarsh (Pa) 83, Irvington 49					
PI Wmsh (10-14)	22	19	28	14	83
Irvington (11-7)	11	15	15	8	49

February 13:					
Union 76, Emerson (UC) 69					
Union (18-2)	16	26	15	19	76
Emerson (9-10)	7	20	18	24	69

February 14:					
Elizabeth 46, Governor Livingston 35					
Gov Livingston 4	4	14	7	10	35
Elizabeth (7-13)	10	15	10	11	46



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times CLIMBING COUGAR...No. 40 of the Cougars virtually climbs over Blue Devil Tom Langton, right, in an effort to rebound the basketball.

Cougar Cagers Climb Over Blue Devil Boys, 80-74

Brilliant performances from junior Lamont Turner and senior Greg Freisen were not enough, as the Westfield High School boys' basketball team fell short, 80-74, to an offensively-hot Cranford squad in Westfield on February 12.

After a tight first half, with the Cougars clinging to only a one-point lead, the Blue Devil defense fell apart in the second half. The Cougars battered the Devil boards with 24 points in the third quarter and repeated the performance in the final quarter.

The Blue Devils made a gallant effort

in the fourth quarter to come back from a 10-point deficit, coming to within four with only :10 remaining. Turner struck for 20 points, and Freisen, who nailed three three-pointers, finished with 17.

Junior Maurice Boatwright and senior Rob McCullam had 10 points each for the Blue Devils, and Dan Sabreen sank eight. Martin Siemoneit scored four points; Tom Langton had three, and Adam Cohen contributed two. The Blue Devils slipped to 7-10, as the Cougars climbed to 11-7.

Cranford	16	16	24	80
Westfield	14	17	15	74

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

CONTRACTOR: David C. Krueger, Environmental Technology Inc., 460 Main Street, P.O. Box 50, Chester, New Jersey 07930.

NATURE OF SERVICE: Environmental consultant for a Wetlands Delineation Report on Lot No. 1, Block No. 14802 which is 5.89 tract formerly known as the "Terry Lou Zoo".

DURATION: Until after completion of said report.

AMOUNT: \$1,300.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk. Fee: \$18.87

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.

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.

Nearst 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) 4 T - 1/29, 2/5, 2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$173.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that the ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, after a public hearing granted approval to Mr. Mark E. Williams for a variance to construct a detached garage on the property at 22 Kempshall Terrace, Fanwood, New Jersey being Lot No. 4, Block No. 97.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Mr. Mark E. Williams 22 Kempshall Terrace Fanwood, New Jersey 07023 1 T - 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-860-96.

NATIONS CREDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, A NORTH CAROLINA CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. PHILIP ESTRADA, UNMARRIED, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 9, 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.

The judgment amount is \$62,926.52. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

It is commonly known as 1057 William Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It is known and designated as Block No. 9, Lot No. 1383.

The dimensions are 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Nearst cross street: Situate on the north-easterly line of William Street, 175 feet from the north-westerly line of Catherine Street.

Prior lien(s): None.

There is due approximately the sum of \$65,241.06 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 STERN, LAVINTHAL, NORGAARD & KAPNICK, Attorneys Suite 300 293 Eisenhower Parkway Livingston, New Jersey 07039-1711 CH-753290 (WL) 4 T - 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 & 3/5/98 Fee: \$179.52

NIKKI McCOY TOSSES 13 POINTS

Lady Minutemen Beat Raider Cagers, 47-31

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

Junior Nikki McCoy had an impact both offensively and defensively for the Raiders in her first start since being sidelined early in the season with a shoulder injury. However the very strong Elizabeth High School girls' basketball team prevailed, 47-31, in Scotch Plains on February 12.

McCoy fired in 13 points, pulled down five rebounds (four defensive), had an assist and grabbed three steals. McCoy literally threw herself after loose balls and, on occasions, created confusion for the Lady Minutemen. In the second half, McCoy made two steals and broke away to make easy layups.

The Lady Minutemen held a commanding 27-15 first-half lead and controlled the boards, holding the Raiders to only six defensive rebounds and three offensive rebounds. The Raider girls managed to make only four steals during the first half.

In the second half, with the help of both McCoy's, Nikki and Jeanine, the Raiders held their own with the Lady Minutemen. Jeanine swiped two steals and scored four points, while Nikki grabbed two steals

E. Side Boys Sink Viking Hoopsters

Union Catholic had an early 12-8 first-quarter surge; however, the Newark East Side High School boys' basketball team came to life in the next three quarters and flooded the Vikings, 58-45, in Scotch Plains on February 10.

The Vikings were inundated by a persistent East Side scoring frenzy until, finally, the Vikings were sunk. Viking Carlos Jefferson fired 21 points across East Sides' bow, and teammate Eric Conrad hit for eight points. Edwin Hilton hammered in seven points; Kwaku Morgan had six, and Joey Green added three points.

East Side (15-3)	8	15	15	20	58
Un Catholic (5-15)	12	9	11	13	45

Kardinals Soar; Down Devil Boys

The Blue Devils did the flying in the first half, 29-16; but the Kardinals took off with a 15-7 third quarter, then soared with a 20-11 final quarter to shoot down Westfield, 51-47, in Kearny on February 10.

Maurice Boatwright led the Blue Devils with 15 points; Lamont Turner struck 10 points; Greg Freisen fired in nine points; Tom Langton hit for six; Rob McCullam scored five, and Pete Anzelone had two.

Westfield (7-9)	15	14	7	11	47
Kearny (9-11)	6	10	15	20	51

SP-F Men's 30+ Basketball Results

30+ STANDINGS: (As of February 11)

TEAM	W	L
Swan Motel	10	0
C&C	7	3
Campbell	7	3
Sneaker Mania	5	5
Team 5	4	6
Thunder	4	6
Shootin & Lootin	3	7
Paperchase	0	10

Campbell Construction made their move as predicted by Rich "Soup" Campbell. After losing to league-leading Swan Motel on February 4 by one point, "Soup's team" rallied and thoroughly dominated second-place C&C, 90-72.

On February 11, equally exciting was Shootin & Lootin's buzzer-beating shot to upset Team 5, 67-66.

Other Scores: Thunder 57, Paper Chase 46. Swan Motel 73, Sneaker Mania 66.

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SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3863-97.

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.

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 THIRDF 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 Lotare (Approximately) 102.33 feet wide by 51.00 feet long.

Nearst Cross Street: Situated on the EASTERLY side of THIRD AVENUE, WITH THE SOUTHERLY side of FIFTH STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$150,512.77 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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys 406 - J. Lippincott Drive Marlton, New Jersey 08053 CH-753588 (WL) 4 T - 2/12, 2/19, 2/19 & 2/26/98 Fee: \$173.40

and added seven points.

Freshman Bianca Gray scored six points, yanked in six rebounds, created a steal and added an assist for the Raiders. Sophomore Katie Feighner pulled five defensive rebounds, sank four points, seized two steals and contributed an assist.

Jeanine McCoy finished with six points, one rebound, two steals and one assist. Samantha Kanarek had one point, one steal and two assists. Senior Kate Vanderheyden grasped three rebounds and set up two assists, while freshman Najwa Glover had four rebounds and two points.

The Raiders slipped to 5-14, as the Lady Minutemen improved to 16-3.

Elizabeth	15	12	13	7	47
Sc Plns-Fanwood	8	7	7	9	31



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times SETTING UP THE PLAY...Senior Kate Vanderheyden, No. 25, of the Raiders watches for the break to get off a pass during the game with the Lady Minutemen. The Raiders got tough in the second half; however, the Elizabeth girls defeated the Raiders, 47-31, in Scotch Plains on February 12.

Melendez Takes 125-Pound Mat Crown; Baly Gets 2nd at U. County Tourney

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of A.L. Johnson, 12-9. Thorne pinned Blue Devil Brian Williams in 1:57 and won by a 4-0 decision over Danny Garay of Rahway, then pinned Dom Spagnola of New Providence in 3:37.

Dave Loewinger won 12-2 majority decision over Bobby Ward of Elizabeth; pinned Dan Genovese of Cranford in 4:02, then edged Blue Devil Mike Sawicki, 2-0. After receiving two byes, Mike Loewinger won by a 13-0 majority decision over Blue Devil Dan Sawicki. Natale defeated Mark Miller of Rahway, 4-2, in overtime. Grabel defeated Ralf Chavanne of Elizabeth, 7-6, and pinned Matt Caduto of Roselle Catholic in :45. Feeley pinned Mike Harms of Brearley (Kenilworth) in 5:45, and Mike Lodato of Union in 1:25.

Blue Devil 130-pounder Jeff Kivetz came on strong after dropping a 4-2 decision to Chris Mann of Union by pinning Otis Baker of Elizabeth in 2:04; decisioned Mike Carbone of Cranford, 5-3, then bettered Ryan Best of A.L. Johnson, 5-2, to seize fifth place.

At 112, Blue Devil Mike Sawicki won by a 1:30 fall over Altay Vigilante of Brearley, then proceeded to accept seventh place. At 125, Todd pinned Florio Hawkins of Cranford in :46; Ehrhardt of Governor Livingston in 2:44, and James Stembidge of Plainfield in 4:35 to take seventh place. Mike Kivetz at 152 pinned Hogan of Roselle

Catholic in 4:37, and Rick Miceli of Brearley in 4:15 to place sixth.

The Outstanding Wrestler awards went to 130-pounder Craig Frost of Roselle Park and 189-pounder Nik Fekete of Cranford. Union County has several outstanding individual wrestlers who will make an impact at the upcoming New Jersey State Tournament to be held in Atlantic City.

TEAM SCORES:

- Roselle Park (RP) 232.
- Rahway (R) 176.
- Union (U) 168.
- Elizabeth (E) 164.
- Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 146.
- New Providence (NP) 113.
- Johnson 100.
- Cranford (Cr) 89.
- Linden (L) 87.
- Westfield (W) 83.
- Governor Livingston (GL) 61.
- Brearley (B) 53.
- Plainfield (P) 32.
- Roselle Catholic (RC) 29.

TERMINOLOGY:

- d.-Won by decision-3 team points
- p.-Won by pin-6 team points
- md.-Major decision-4 team points
- tf.-Technical fall-5 team points

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- 103: — Dare Ajibade (U) d. Nick Lim (J), 4-0
- 112: — Brett Vanderveer (GL) d. Rory Adams (RP), 10-3
- 119: — Rich Sachsels (NP) p. Gabe Fonseca (E), 2:25
- 125: — Tony Melendez (SPF) md. Brian Garrison (RP), 11-3
- 130: — Craig Frost (RP) d. Shawn Stueber

(R), 6-0

- 135: — Manuel Villaba (E) d. Kris Lecomte (GL), 8-4
- 140: — Donnie DeFilippis (NP) md. Phil Torino (RP), 13-3
- 145: — John Donofrio (Cr) d. Luke Cerchio (SPF), 5-4.
- 152: — Eric Swick (RP) d. Todd DeWitt (J), 10-7
- 160: — Kevin Kolbeck (RP) d. Mike Baly (W), 7-6
- 171: — Doug Schoening (RP) d. Jon Zika, (B), 4-2
- 189: — Nik Fekete (Cr) p. Tom O'Reilly (R), 1:16
- 215: — Pat Ekstrom (Cr) p. Pat Appello (RP), 2:39
- Hwt: — Antonio Garay (R) p. Mike Munoz (RP), 2:25

THIRD PLACE:

- 103: — Blake Jackson (R)
- 112: — Jamar Walker (E)
- 119: — Eric Forstenhauser (L)
- 125: — Luis Ott (R)
- 130: — Chris Mann (U)
- 135: — Kevin Davis (RP)
- 140: — Tom Petrusko (R)
- 145: — Attila Vigilante (B)
- 152: — Dave Pignatore (U)
- 160: — Craig Howlett (RC)
- 171: — Aaron Morton (P)
- 189: — Perrie Holmes (E)
- 215: — Ishmale Medley (E)
- Hwt: — Charles Leverett (L)



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times 'KLAWING' KIVETZ...Raider Josh Ricca gets his right hand in a claw position during his quarterfinal bout at 152 with Blue Devil Jeff Kivetz.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times AWAITING THE WHISTLE...Raider Tony Melendez, top, and Blue Devil Dan Todd await to respond to the whistle during their 125-lb. Bout.

County Wrestling:

February 9:

Watchung Hills 54, Governor Livingston 19

Bouts of Interest: 112: — Brett Vanderveer (GL) p. Joe Cassera, 1:36

February 11:

Johnson 50, Cranford 27

Bouts of Interest: 140: — Dennis Bowden (J) p. James Woglon, 1:27

145: — John Donofrio (Cr) won by default over Dan Joy, 1:10

152: — Todd DeWitt (J) p. Jason Swanson, 1:59

189: — Nik Fekete (Cr) p. Jason Wollenberg, 1:24

215: — Pat Ekstrom (Cr) p. Matt Bobertz, 1:10

Roselle Park 69, Newark Central 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12462-97.

BANK UNITED OF TEXAS, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. CARLOS ZUNIGA, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 8, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader and The Times
DRIBBLING AROUND...Senior Doug Bishop, No. 20, skillfully dribbles the ball and draws the attention of two concerned Tigers. Teammate Jeff Feighner, right, awaits a pass.

Union Catholic Cagers Roll; Bounce Hunterdon C. Girls

Senior Devin McDonald soared with 17 points and the defense solidified at the proper time, as the Lady Vikings pulled a 49-42 come-from-behind vic-



Beverly Torok

WHS's Beverly Torok Honored by University

Westfield High School (WHS) health and physical education teacher Beverly Torok was honored by University of Richmond.

Torok was recently recognized by the University of Richmond for her efforts to promote the intellectual growth and achievement of the students she has taught.

Identified by a recent WHS graduate now attending the University of Richmond as a first-year student, Torok was honored with a letter of recognition by the university that acknowledges the value of her work in influencing the growth and achievement of her students.

In a letter of congratulations sent to Torok, the University of Richmond president expressed the university's appreciation by saying, "We benefit from your hard work when well-prepared students can add to the academic life of the university."

In addition to teaching physical education and health at WHS, Torok is the coach for varsity volleyball and girls' swimming, and ninth-grade field hockey. "Bev is an outstanding teacher who, over the years, has developed an outstanding rapport with her students and athletes," said Physical Education Department Coordinator Magi McFadden.

"It is a well deserved recognition for Bev," added McFadden.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
MAKING THE PASS...Raider Katie Feighner, No. 44, fires a pass to an open teammate during the game with Elizabeth. Jeannie McCoy, right, reacts to the play.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12731-97.
 JAMES STEIN, GERALDINE RUSSELL AND JANET YOUNG, PLAINTIFF vs. MELINDA SLEDGE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 24, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
 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 Westerly side of Grove Street, 142.64 feet from the Northerly 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 FROEHLICH
 SHERIFF

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

Lady Raiders Capture Second at UC Tourney

The Scotch-Plains Fanwood Lady Raiders' swimming team placed second at the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference Swim Meet held on February 8 at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth. The Raider girls opened and closed the meet with spectacular performances.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Sarah Milligan, Jess Zentmeyer, Ann Espinoza and Dana Berkowitz shattered an 11-year-old Union County record by almost two seconds. The Raiders then went on to score in all individual events, by placing in the top twelve.

Melissa Canniff, Jen Bassman and Jen Kane started the girls with a third-, sixth- and twelfth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle event. Berkowitz and Espinoza followed by swimming strong to place third and fifth in the 200-yard individual medley. Fine performances by Milligan and Christina Kane to place fourth and eleventh in the 50-yard freestyle.

In one of the most exciting races of the meet, Espinoza gave her all to place first in the 100-yard butterfly, with Bassman and Kristin Cameron swimming strong for seventh- and tenth-place finishes, respectively. More points were added in the 100-yard freestyle by Berkowitz, who took second place, and Christina Kane who placed ninth.

Canniff and Jenna Bezruczyk did their best and placed third and eighth, respectively, in the grueling 500-yard freestyle. The 200-yard freestyle relay team comprised of Bassman, C. Kane, Cameron and Canniff swam their best, to edge out Union for second place.

The Raider girls earned their most points in the 100-yard backstroke with Milligan placing second, Cameron placing fifth and a surprise sixth-place finish by Zentmeyer, swimming in the unseeded section.

The breaststroke event was another very exciting race with Zentmeyer in the

lead at the 50-yard mark and ending with a very close third place.

The last event of the meet was the 400-yard freestyle relay, which proved to be the most challenging and exciting. The team of Espinoza, Milligan, Canniff and Berkowitz were seeded second, but knew a first-place victory was possible if they each swam their best — which they did. All four girls had their best splits with an outstanding finish by Berkowitz. The girls succeeded in chopping a whopping four seconds off their seed time.

The Raider girls, along with Coaches Jess Hulnik and Jim Powers, were very proud of their strong second-place finish and would like to congratulate Westfield Coach Bev Torok and the Lady Devils on their first-place finish.

Devil Boys Whip Hackensack 115-55

The Westfield High School boys' swimming team easily handled the Hackensack team, 115-55, in a North Group A quarterfinals meet in Westfield on February 10.

(Westfield Victories Only Listed Below):

200 medley relay — Westfield (Kyle McCluskey, Jay Pollack, Seth Burstein, Eric Larson) 1:52.09

200 free — Cliff Haldeman (W) 1:56.9

100 free — McCluskey (W) :55.63

500 free — Scott Kautzmann (W) 5:43.71

200 free relay — Westfield (McCluskey, Rob Myers, Haldeman, Pollack) 1:41.94

100 back — Burstein (W) 1:00.22

400 free relay — Westfield (Kautzmann, McCluskey, Burstein, Haldeman) 3:53.63



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
READY TO MAKE A MOVE...Blue Devil Greg Freisen, No. 31 left, works to out-manuever No. 12 of the Cougars. Cranford defeated the Blue Devils, 80-74, in Westfield on February 12.

Union Catholic Girls Crush Bayonne Hoopsters, 46-26

Defense did the trick once again, as the Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team stopped the Bayonne girls, 46-26, in Scotch Plains on February 12. Senior Devin McDonald trailblazed the path offensively for the Vikings.

The highly-regarded Viking defense held Bayonne to only 10 points in the first half, while their offense scored 24. McDonald sank six of her game-high 17 points in the first quarter. Afterwards, the Vikings operated their game plan

with ease.

Katie Santo finished with 11 points; Jen Britton put in nine; Lisa Lott hit four; Brenda Kaus and Kathryn Rooney had two points apiece, and Jessica Ballweg contributed one point. McDonald also pulled down 18 rebounds.

The Vikings have won five straight games and have improved to 13-4. Bayonne slipped to 13-4.

Bayonne	4	6	10	6	26
Union Catholic	13	11	8	14	46

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLenary RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE
 TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to Mayor and Council of the Township of Scotch Plains to transfer to: **KP Enterprise, Inc.**, trading as **Scotchwood Liquors**, for premises located at **2261 South Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076**, the Plenary Retail Distribution License: **2016-44-011-005** hereto issued to **Tri-Tack Enterprises, Inc.**, trading as: **Scotchwood Liquors**, for premises located at: **2261 South Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076**.
 The officers, directors and shareholders are:
Joseph H. Kalkstein
 315 Roberts Land
 Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
Christopher S. Pells
 284 West Webster Avenue
 Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204
President/Treasurer
Vice President/Secretary
 Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Barbara Riepe, Clerk of the Township of Scotch Plains, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, 908-322-6700.
 2 T - 2/19 & 2/26/98, The Times
 Fee: \$69.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Town of Westfield, New Jersey for the furnishing of a food concession for the 1998 season at the Westfield Memorial Pool. Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey on Monday, March 9, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time.
 Specifications and Bid Forms are on file in the Recreation Office, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey and may be obtained by prospective bidders during regular business hours.
 Bids must be on the Town of Westfield's standard proposal form in the manner designated herein, and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Westfield Memorial Pool Food Concession", bearing the name and address of the bidder, addressed to the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, and must be in the office of the Town Clerk on or before the hour named.
 The bid must be accompanied by a proposal guarantee in the form of a certified check in the amount of 10% of the total bid, payable to the Town of Westfield. The successful bidder will be required to supply a cash bond by delivery, cash or a certified check in the amount of \$1,000. Each bidder must be prepared on demand to prove to the satisfaction of the Town of Westfield that it has the skill, experience and financial resources to operate in a satisfactory manner within the terms of the contract specifications.
 Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (NJAC 17-27).
 The Town of Westfield reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive unsubstantial or minor defects or irregularities in bid proposals, if in the interest of the Town of Westfield it is deemed advisable to do so.
 Bidders Statement of Ownership, as required by Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977, must be submitted with all bids.
 Joy C. Vreeland
 Town Clerk
 1 T - 2/19/98, The Leader
 Fee: \$45.90

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Town Clerk
 1 T - 2/19/98, The Leader
 Fee: \$45.90



MEDLEY RELAY CHAMPS...Left to right; Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School swimmers Dana Berkowitz, Jesse Zentmeyer, Sarah Milligan and Ann Espinoza set a new Union County record of 1:54.00 in the 200-medley relay during the county tournament on February 7 in Elizabeth. The previous record of 1:55.72 was set in 1987 by the Westfield High School relay team.

Raider Dave Russ Captures Four Golds at UC Tourney

Dave Russ, a junior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, accomplished something at the Union County Swimming Championship that no other swimmer did — earning four gold medals.

Russ placed first in both of his individual events, the 50-yard freestyle with a time of :22.65 and then the 100-yard freestyle at :49.72. He also swam in two winning relays, the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

- North Group A Semis:**
Westfield (15-3) 91, Vernon 79
 February 12:
200 medley relay — Vernon (Bohman, Nix, Kaiser, Gibson)
200 free — Jay Pollack (W) 1:50.43
200 IM — Seth Berstein (W) 2:06.61
50 free — Coley Lechner :23.28
100 fly — Burstein (W) :54.76
100 free — MacDonald (V)
500 free — Pollack (W) 5:14.48
200 free relay — Vernon (Kaiser, Gibson, Nix, MacDonald)
100 back — Lechner (W) :58.7
100 breast — Rob Myers (W) 1:07.41
400 free relay — Westfield (Erik Larson, Scott Kautzmann, Lechner, Pollack) 3:40.41

Raider Boys Swim Past Cranford

The strong Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School swimming team smothered the Cougars, 95-67, in Cranford in the North Group A quarterfinals on February 10.

200 medley relay — SPF (Steve Berkowitz, David Russ, Jeff Wagner, Ian Doeber) 1:54.09

200 free — Charlie Rowe (SPF) 1:59.14

200 IM — Doeber (SPF) 2:08.34

50 free — Russ (SPF) :23.15

100 fly — S. Berkowitz (SPF) :59.84

100 free — Rowe (SPF) :53.09

500 free — Dana Berkowitz (SPF) 5:21.29

200 free relay — SPF (Chris Karelus, Chris Smith, S. Berkowitz, Rowe) 1:38.91

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
 Public Notice is hereby given that a resolution as follows was passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held February 10, 1998.
 Joy C. Vreeland
 Town Clerk

RESOLUTION
 WHEREAS, The Town Code of the Town of Westfield requires that the Town Council adopt an Annual Notice of meetings for the current year in the first seven days of the year, and
 WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Westfield met on Tuesday, January 6, 1998 and adopted a resolution setting the meeting dates for conference sessions of the Council for the year 1998 and the time of those meetings also being set for 8:00 p.m. and
 WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Town Council to change the time for these meetings to 7:30 p.m.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the annual notice of meetings of the Town Council setting the time and date of the Conference meeting be amended to read 7:30 p.m. and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this amendment be published in the newspaper and a copy be placed on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.
 1 T - 2/19/98, The Leader
 Fee: \$28.56

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 Joy C. Vreeland
 Town Clerk
 1 T - 2/19/98, The Leader
 Fee: \$45.90

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 Town Clerk
 1 T - 2/19/98, The Leader
 Fee: \$45.90

Russ swam the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay along with Steve Berkowitz swimming backstroke. Jeff Wagner swimming the butterfly and Ian Doeber swimming freestyle in 1:43.69.

Russ also anchored the 400-yard freestyle relay along with Chris Karelus, Charlie Rowe and Doeber in 3:23.90. Both relays set new Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School records.



DAVE RUSS

UC SWIMMING ERRATUM:

In the article written about the Union County Boys' and Girls' Swimming Championships on February 7, Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls' swimmer Dana Berkowitz's name was inadvertently omitted for placing third with a time of 2:16.57 in the 200-yard individual medley.

Also Westfield High School freshman Cliff Haldeman was accidentally omitted from the first-place 200-yard freestyle relay team.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
TO WHOM IT MY CONCERN:
 The Regular Meeting of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders scheduled for February 19, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. is hereby canceled.

The Agenda Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 1998 will be held on that date 6:30 p.m. (February 19, 1998) in the Freeholders Meeting Room, 6th Floor, County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The Agenda Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. is hereby canceled. The Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 1998, will be held on that date at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeholders Meeting Room, 6th Floor, County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

BY ORDER OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS.
 M. Elizabeth Genievich
 Clerk of the Board

1 T - /97, The Leader
 Fee: \$24.48

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14700-96.
 BROAD NATIONAL BANK, A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOC., ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF vs. ARMANDO OLIVERO AND CECILIA OLIVERO, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 8, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$105,155.35.
 All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Madison Avenue 100 feet northerly from the northeast corner of Julia Street and Madison Avenue; thence

- 1) South 69 degrees 31 minutes East 150 feet to a point; thence
- 2) North 20 degrees 29 minutes East 60 feet to a point; thence
- 3) North 69 degrees 31 minutes West 150 feet to a point in the easterly line of Madison Avenue; thence
- 4) along the easterly line of Madison Avenue, South 20 degrees 29 minutes West 60 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

Being also known as 561 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey; Lot No. 0749 in Block No. 12 on the Tax Map.

There is due approximately the sum of \$107,977.55 together with lawful interest and costs.
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
 RALPH FROEHLICH
 SHERIFF

MARVIN S. FISH, Attorney
 Suite No. 6
 1300 Route 519
 Hope, New Jersey 07844
 CH-753579 (WL)
 4 T - 1/29, 2/5,
 2/12 & 2/19/98
 Fee: \$212.16



FINAL HOCKEY GAME...Senior Assistant Captain Bryan Gates, white No. 15, takes control of the puck in the Blue Devil's final game of the regular season on February 11 against Montclair. Steve Wlazlo, No. 23, is in the foreground.

Raider Boys Take 3rd, Devil Girls Grab 7th in Group 3

Karl Jennings of the Raiders grabbed a third and a fourth and Blue Devil Sage Stefiuk took a third, as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' and the Westfield High School girls' track teams placed third and seventh, respectively, in the 39th NJSIAA Group 3 track and field championships held in Princeton on February 8. The Raider boys totaled 26 points behind second-place Morristown with 37 and winner Notre Dame with 42. Jennings leaped 6' 4" to take third in the high jump. The winning leap was also 6' 4"; however, Todd Matthews of Notre Dame placed first by virtue of having less misses. Jennings also placed fourth in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of :07.93.

Morristown came in second at 4:32.76. The Blue Devil girls finished in seventh place with six team points. Willingboro took first-place honors with 44 points. Stefiuk placed third in the girls' 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:29.92. Cate Guiney of Middletown South captured first with a time of 5:15.97, and Sherry Sikora of Roxbury came in second at 5:27.88. Lady Raider Jeanette Tourjee placed sixth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12:16.08.

Lady Vikings Stop East Side, 52-45

Senior Devin McDonald fired in 16 points, to lead the Union Catholic High School girls to a 52-45 victory over Newark East Side in Newark on February 10. In their typical fashion, the Vikings gathered a comfortable 32-19 lead by half-time, then allowed their defense to minimize any thought of a comeback by East Side.

Kathryn Rooney struck for nine points; Katie Santo hit eight; Lisa Lott and Shrita Smith scored six; Jen Britton sank five points, and Jessica Ballweg had two. Union Catholic upped its record to 13-4, while Newark East Side fell to 9-12.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 furnished by the purchaser and acceptable to the Township. The balance of the payment shall be made at the time of closing by cash or certified check for the full amount of the accepted bid price plus recording costs and costs for a survey and/or title search of the Property, if such survey and/or title search are necessary.
- The Property is sold in "as is" condition. No representations are made as to the condition of the Property, and no representations are made as to the dimension or description of the Property herein. All descriptions furnished are only furnished for the convenience of prospective purchasers.
- The sale shall be subject to any and all easements, rights-of-way, covenants, conditions and restrictions of record and to such state of facts as an accurate survey may disclose. The sale shall be further subject to zoning and other municipal ordinances and applicable state, municipal, county, federal or other statutory provisions. The conditions as aforesaid shall be incorporated in the deed of conveyance of the Property and be deemed to be covenants running with the land. The Township Council may, by Resolution, waive all or part of the restrictions encompassed in this paragraph. Possession shall be delivered upon closing of title. The Township of Scotch Plains makes no warranties of title either implied or express. The Township of Scotch Plains shall be held harmless from any damages, claims, and/or causes of action whatsoever in the event that the Township is unable to convey marketable title to the Property, subject to the conditions set forth above, for any reason whatsoever.

1 T - 2/12 & 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$190.74

Montclair Icemen Chill Blue Devil Skaters, 7-2

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

The Westfield High School hockey team took to the ice against Montclair on February 11, but suffered a tough loss. The events of the first period set the mood for evening.

Montclair scored two goals within the first five minutes, putting the Blue Devils in a state of desperation. The Devils' defense was shaken and disorganized, but they pulled themselves together towards the end of the period.

Rookie goalie Chad Pushel gave a commendable showing with seven clutch saves, although Montclair managed to slip another goal in with six minutes remaining in the period.

Blue Devil Josh Falcone managed to push through some rough territory, however, and followed up with a goal just before the period ended to make the score 3-1.

The second period seemed promising, as the Blue Devils' defense began to tighten up. The Montclair icemen continued pounding the Devil net; however, no puck successfully penetrated the net. Fatigue began to set in for both teams, as the period came to a close.

After the break, play intensified as the Montclair skaters mounted a furious offensive. Pushel managed to deflect 11 shots on goal; however, four shots slid into the goal and Montclair took a commanding 7-1 lead.

Power player Ronnie Kashlack attempted to rally the Blue Devils with a goal 4:00 into the period, but additional reinforcements never happened. Although Westfield defenseman Bryan Gates and Anton played a very physical game, time ran out and the Montclair icemen had won 7-2.

Despite obvious disappointment, injured teammate Erik Lund commented that "Although we suffered a tough loss, we have to keep our heads high and go into states with heart."

Girls Basketball:

February 10:
Elizabeth 49, Cranford 37
Cranford (10-8) 10 7 8 12 37
Elizabeth (15-3) 14 9 15 11 49

February 11:
Union 48, Kearny 43
Kearny (12-7) 10 16 6 11 43
Union (9-11) 15 11 8 14 48

February 12:
Roselle Catholic 45, Rahway 22
Rahway (2-18) 2 8 3 9 22
R Catholic (14-4) 10 9 16 10 45
Perth Amboy 49, Linden 33
Perth Amboy (7-14) 7 9 16 17 49
Linden (3-12) 10 5 9 9 33

February 14:
Elizabeth 42, Lincoln 34
Lincoln (3-14) 8 9 7 10 34
Elizabeth (17-3) 12 14 2 14 42

Raiders Boys Stop 1:00men, 59-55

And what else can you say? We should have been seeded ahead of them!" Leonardi further stated, "I think Middlesex County does their seeding very well. All the coaches go to the meeting and have everything which is needed to provide information for a proper seeding. All coaches who believe that their team should be number one are allowed five minutes to state their case, then the coaches vote based on the information. Then, they proceed to the next seed."

"I think the coaches are close to the situation. They are close to the scene; they've seen everybody play and they have a good idea who should be where for the seeding," Leonardi concluded. Union County has a seeding committee which is controlled by a Chairman. Some of the members of the committee are from Rahway, Roselle, Elizabeth and Kenilworth.

Sc Plns-Fanwood 17 14 14 14 59
Elizabeth 19 12 11 13 55

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following Project:

PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS, SEED AND FERTILIZERS FOR MAINTENANCE OF SCOTCH HILLS GOLF COURSE

Bids will be accepted only by mail or in person to the Office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (ATTN: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until March 5, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. The Township of Scotch Plains (hereinafter "Township") shall not be responsible for any bid mailed which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service.

At the above time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Bid for Purchase of chemicals, seed and fertilizers for maintenance of Scotch Hills Golf Course, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076". No bid will be received after the time and date specified.

After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except if provided for herein. The bid of any Bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between Bidder and the Township.

All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Bid Package. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the Office of Recreation, Municipal Building, Township of Scotch Plains, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bid proposals and all required documents must be completed and submitted by the date as set forth above. All documents in the enclosed Bid Package must accompany the bid proposal.

In addition to the above documents, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond issued by a responsible bank, trust company or insurance company, payable to the Township of Scotch Plains shall be submitted with each bid as a guaranty that if a contract is awarded the Bidder shall execute said Contract. The Bid Security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower.

All Bid Security, except the Bid Security of the three (3) apparent lowest responsible Bidders shall, if requested in writing, be returned after ten (10) days from the opening of the bids (Sundays and holiday excepted) and the bids of such Bidders shall be considered withdrawn.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial informalities, or to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township of Scotch Plains, will be in the best interest of the Township all in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. In the event of an equal or tie bid, the Township shall award the bid to the Bidder which, in the Township's sole discretion, best serves the interest of the Township.

The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids if sufficient funds are not available and/or appropriated. The selected Bidder, will, within seven (7) days of award of the bid, enter into an appropriate contract with the Township.

All Bidders must comply with P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the 'Law Against Discrimination' approved April 16, 1945 (P.L. 1945, Chapter 169)", N.J.A.C. 17:27, as amended from time to time, and the Americans With Disability Act.

Devil Girls Maul Montville, 48-25

The Westfield High School girls basketball team picked up its 12th win of the season by mauling Montville, 48-25, in Westfield on February 14.

Senior Vicki Nusse nailed 19 points to lead the Blue Devil girls. Megan Devitt scored 11 points, seven which were in first quarter. Suzanne Vinegra sank eight, Melissa Franz fired seven, Jessica Lutkenhouse hit six and Liz McKeon made three while Ann Marie Ruvolo and Carolyn Matthews had two each.

Montville (1-17) 2 2 8 13 25
Westfield (12-4) 16 11 11 10 48

SPORTS DEADLINE

Please refer to the deadline box on Page One for sports deadlines. Deadlines will be ADHERED to with NO EXCEPTIONS. Articles will be accepted by e-mail at: sports@goleader.com

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 AL, 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 Lotare (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-16930-96.

CHASE MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. SILVIE JANE QUINTERO, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 23, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 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 \$138,399.74. MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth. COUNTY AND STATE: Union County, State of New Jersey.

STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 1036 Dewey Place.

TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: LOT Acct. 265, BLOCK Ward 6.

DIMENSIONS: 28.81 feet x 116 feet x 46.24 feet x 117.29 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: At the intersection of Fay Avenue with Dewey Place.

There is due approximately the sum of \$142,035.83 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

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Newark, New Jersey 07102
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4 T - 2/5, 2/12,
2/19 & 2/26/98 Fee: \$161.16



A SHORT JUMPER...Sophomore Blue Devil Valerie Griffith gets off a short jump shot during the game with the Cardinals.

Blue Devil Girls Blast Kearny 'K'gers, 57-36

difficulties dealing with the Cardinals' full-court press early in the second half; however, two minutes into the third quarter, Nusse dribbled past three of her defenders for an easy fingertip-roll lay-up. Thirty seconds later, McKeon hit a jump shot in the lane, to increase the Blue Devils' lead to 35-16.

Moments later, the Cardinals struck back and went on a 6-0 surge over the course of a minute. After a time out by Head Coach Kathy Hauser, the Blue Devils changed the defensive two-three zone to an effective man-to-man defense. The defensive strategy worked, and the Cardinal offense was held to a modest three points for the remainder of the quarter.

With the game now under control going into the fourth quarter with a 44-26 lead, the Blue Devil starters took a break, as the bench was brought into action. Sophomores Emily Lieberman and Valerie Griffith accounted for seven of the team's 13 points in the fourth quarter. Westfield outscored Kearny, 13-10, to secure the 57-36 victory.

Devitt finished with 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, while senior Suzanne Vinegra contributed six points. Lieberman totaled five points, while Griffith, Melissa Franz and Anne Marie Ruvolo added two apiece. Jessica

Lutkenhouse scored one point. McKeon said, "The game against Kearny was a big win for us. We jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter and that allowed us to stay ahead for the entire game."

Westfield 19 12 13 13 57
Kearny 5 11 10 10 36

Lady Tigers Bite Raiders, 37-23

Bianca Gray, with 12 points, was the only Raider to hit double figures, as the Linden High School girls' basketball team defeated the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls, 37-23, in Linden on February 10. Tiger Alicia Chapman outscored the entire Raider team, hitting for 24 points.

After a modest 7-6 lead in the first quarter, the Raiders watched the game get out of control, when the Tigers slashed their way to a 25-10 run in the next two quarters. Katie Feighner sank four points, and Samantha Kanarek scored three points for the Raiders, while Jeannie McCoy and Najwa Glover added two points each.

The Raiders slid to 5-13, as the Tigers improved to 3-11.

Sc Plns-Fanwood 7 8 2 6 23
Linden 6 13 12 6 37



TEE TIME...These Westfield residents, pictured left to right, Mauro Fantini, Stephen Toal, Jeff Mazen and Fred Krug, recently participated in The Neumann Foundation's annual Golf Classic at the Maplewood Country Club. The four some took second place by shooting 6 under par. The foundation, of which Mr. Toal is President, is a non-profit organization based in Westfield. It provides financial support to various causes, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on MARCH 5, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of:

Jerome Hines for permission to continue to retain a second kitchen at the premises located at 3 Karen Court (Block No. 14502, Lot No. 22), Scotch Plains. Said permission, if granted, is pursuant to Section 23-4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance allowing for temporary permission not to exceed a period of one (1) year.

William Esposito for permission to continue to utilize the premises located at 2219 Evergreen Avenue (Block No. 3201, Lot No. 65), Scotch Plains, for the operation of an office for accounting and telephone answering in connection with a tree service business. Said permission, if granted, is pursuant to Section 23-4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance allowing for temporary permission not to exceed a period of one (1) year.

Oscar Garrido for permission to park a livery vehicle in the garage at the premises located at 1550 Front Street (Block No. 201, Lot No. 5), Scotch Plains. Said permission, if granted, is pursuant to Section 23-4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance allowing for temporary permission not to exceed a period of one (1) year.

George and Eleni Filippatos for permission to add 6,480 square feet to the existing restaurant, a non-conforming use in the R-1 Zone, and to add 12,200 square feet of retail space to the property located at 1900 Raritan Road (Block No. 13901, Lot No. 9), Scotch Plains. The proposed retail space is prohibited in the R-1 Zone pursuant to Section 23-3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance thereby requiring a Use Variance. Said expansion of the existing restaurant use requires a Use Variance from Section 23-6.1.a.3 where by non-conforming use may be expanded.

If the above Use Variances are granted, an application for Site Plan Approval will be filed. All interested persons may be present and be heard.

The file pertaining to this application is in the office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains, and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Linda M. Lies
Secretary to the
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Township of Scotch Plains
1 T - 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$64.26

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JOHN H. HUNTON, JR., Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 13th day of February, A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Aaria D. Hunton
Executor

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6374-97.

TEMPLE - INLAND MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A TEXAS CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MICHAEL A. VELASQUEZ AND MRS. MICHAEL A. VELASQUEZ, HIS WIFE, ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 19, 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 \$112,576.74. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

It is commonly known as 32 Reid Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

It is known and designated as Block No. 9, Lot No. 1051.

The dimensions are approximately 25 feet wide by 168 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the westerly line of Reid Street, 350 feet from the northerly line of Elizabeth Avenue.

Prior lien(s): None.

There is due approximately the sum of \$115,589.38 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

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4 T - 2/12, 2/19
2/26 & 3/5/98 Fee: \$179.52



SENIOR NIGHT AT WARINANCO: The last league game for 13 Westfield High School ice hockey seniors, most of whom began with the program in its inaugural season in 1993, was played at Warinanco Rink on February 11 against top-ranked Montclair. Though the Blue Devils succumbed, 7-2, the game celebrated four years of the successful grant-supported program at Westfield High School under Coach Brian LaFontaine. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Erik Schoenberg, Brian Garrison, John Dilorio, Assistant Captain Brad Schwarz and Erik Kolb; back row; Christian Fagin, Jason Zelawski, Ian Wolkoff, Steve Wlazlo, Assistant Captain Bryan Gates, Captain Brendan Hickey and Ghengis Niver. Missing from the picture is J.R. Young.

Westfield Resident Takes Home Medal

On January 9 through 17, Westfield resident Roxane Nassirpour was involved in an international Tae Kwon Do competition, held in Cancun, Mexico. Nassirpour, a primary black belt, qualified to compete at the international event last May. Over 1,300 competitors gathered from all parts of the nation to put their skills to the test. "I was very excited about being a part of Team USA," said Nassirpour. Not only did she rise to the occasion in forms taking a silver medal, she brought home the gold. Nassirpour has been studying taekwon do for over 2-1/2 years. Not only did Edison Intermediate High School student do well in Mexico, she also managed to get straight "A's" on her report card. Westfield resident Jeff Dunn also took home the gold in his respective division. Additionally, he was awarded the international coaches award for his student's outstanding outcome.

F-SP Rec League Basketball Results

(As of February 12)

TEAM	W	L
Sonics	9	0
Pacers	6	3
Redmen	6	3
Celtics	4	5
Suns	1	7
Warriors	1	8

February 10: Sonics 35, Redmen 31. Joey Batollotta had seven assists for the Redmen, and Timmy Ryan added 10 points. **Pacers 31, Celtics 27:** Chris Manson had six points for the Celtics. Chris Nielsen had six points for the Pacers, along with Dwight Simms' 10 rebounds. **February 12:** Warriors 31, Suns 25. Matt Fanichel had 10 points for the Suns. Travis Buff had five rebounds, and Dustin Jefferson had 10 points for the Warriors. **Sonics 48, Celtics 23:** Bobby Murphy scored nine points for the Celtics. Ray Moskal had four steals for the Sonics.

Chambliss Athletic Scholarship Created for High School Seniors

The Norman "Flip" Chambliss Athletic Scholarship has been created by the Chambliss family in memory of the late Norman Chambliss. On August 17, the Westfield Men's Softball League All Stars came together to participate in the First Annual Flip Chambliss All Star Softball Game. Chambliss was a supervisor for the Department of Public Works in Westfield, where he was an employee for 33 years. He was a sports enthusiast who loved playing and watching all sporting events. He encouraged his five children, all Westfield High School graduates, to participate in sports and he joined them in all activities, rarely missing an event. Chambliss went from being a player

for the Scotch Plains Bombers, the Westfield Centennial Lodge, the Westfield 50 and over team, and the Sacks Pac softball team which he managed for 14 years. Under his management, the Sacks Pac won numerous championships. Two Westfield High School senior scholarships will be awarded - one to a graduating female athlete and the other to a graduating male athlete. A fund has been set up and contributions may be sent to: The Norman "Flip" Chambliss Athletic Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2904, Westfield, 07090, Attention: Gladys L. Chambliss or Matt Costello.

Sc Pl Masters 40+ Basketball Results

February 10:
Merrill Lynch 74, Cumming Motors 45
International Realty 37, Warren Warriors 22

MASTERS STANDINGS:
(As of February 13)

TEAM	W	L
Merrill Lynch	1	0
International Realty	1	0
Scotch Plains	1	0
The Express	0	0
Cumming Motors	0	1
Warren Warriors	0	1

The Masters Basketball League, for players over 40, began with two charged games at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on February 10. Reigning champion Merrill Lynch pulled away from a reconstituted squad representing Cumming Motors of Elizabeth, featuring local Scotch Plains veterans and some new faces, 74-45. The game was close in the first half, with high intensity by both teams, but Merrill's deep bench and height (the victors boast 6'8" twin towers Steve Solop and Howard Alexander) prevailed, primarily in the second half. Three-point shooting by Tod McDougald and Pete Kessel, and some tight defense by Richie Conrad on Cummings' slick 6'0" guard Steve Miller contributed to the second-half assault. Miller, with an assortment of moves and shots from the guard position, and jump shooting by Danny Jayson and Jake Higgins paced Cumming Motors' attack. In the second game, International Realty got big points from player-coach Rick Ramentol, and solid board work from 6'6" general manager/player Rick Gelmetti to set back the Warriors, which applied steady and unrelenting pressure on the ball at all times. A poor shot percentage on conversions attempts by the Warriors and ineffectiveness at matching International's point production told the tale. Steve Welner led Warren's production, scoring on jump shots and putbacks.

Sparks Gymnasts Win State Championship For the Second Time

The Sparks Rhythmic Gymnastics team of Scotch Plains, which has won the New Jersey State Championship for the past two years, was recognized during a ceremony at the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission's recent meeting. Suzanne Dixon is the instructor for the Sparks. Level 6 competitors include seniors Jennifer Alonzo and Claire Cjekaj and juniors Kristi Gayara, Annmarie Klimowicz, Danielle Henderson and Stephanie King. Level 5 competitors are Jennifer Bauer, Rebecca Bush, Emily Everson, Cecilia Osterman and Laura Percoco. The Scotch Plains Department of Parks and Recreation sponsors the Rhythmic Gymnastic program, which is offered to girls 4 years old and up, at the Towne House in Green Forest park on Westfield Road in Scotch Plains at various times on weekdays. Training for competition is based on the instructor's evaluation of a student's skills. Interested parents may call the Scotch Plains Recreation Office for further information at (908) 322-6700.

DEADLINE INFO.
Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS



MVP GUEST SPEAKER... Former New York Giant Otis Anderson, center, was recently the guest speaker at the monthly Westfield Optimist Club meeting held at Ken Marcotte's restaurant on February 11. Anderson, who was the MVP when the Giants won the Superbowl in January of 1991 was flanked on the left by fellow Optimist Allan Tidrich and Vice President of the Otis Anderson Children and Community Foundation Shawn Craig on the right.

SportSMARTS Announces Baseball Camp

On Sundays, March 15, 22 and 29 SportSMARTS Baseball Camps will continue its winter camp season at Union Catholic High School, with a special pre-season offense/defense camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Camp is open to all ages, and instruction will be led by Union Catholic Head Coach Paul Reddick, who has worked with the Montreal Expos, Elizabeth High School, and USA Baseball. Guest instructors will include Florida Marlin Rich Shied and Seton Hall University All-Big East catcher Bill Reddick. Players will learn all facets of offense and defense. Students will also receive a camp T-shirt, evaluation form, certificate of achievement, full-color camp photo and instruction on a 5:1 player/coach ratio. Students who register early will receive a free copy of the new Baseball Skills Video produced by the SportSMARTS staff. Parents may participate SportSMARTS special parent clinics and complimentary coffee and doughnuts. Please call Paul Reddick at (908) 686-6057 for more information.

Metrostars to Run Free Soccer Clinic

The Westfield Recreation Commission and the Westfield Soccer Association have teamed up to sponsor a free soccer clinic conducted by the New York/New Jersey Metrostars. The clinic will be held indoors on Friday, February 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Westfield National Guard Armory. Metrostars players will be on hand to conduct a one-hour soccer clinic and then will remain on site to answer any questions and sign autographs. Westfield soccer players of all ages are invited to attend. Whether you are a novice or an advanced player, this clinic is sure to provide you with information and skills that will improve your game. Don't miss this free opportunity to improve your soccer skills. No advanced registration is required. For more information, contact the Westfield Recreation Commission at 789-4080.

SPF Youth Rule Mat Tournament

On February 7, Kenilworth held a Pee Wee Bantam Wrestling Tournament in which three of Scotch Plains-Fanwood's younger matmen dominated. Michael Ridge (48 lb.) ex-celled in the Pee Wee Division, commanding first place with two very powerful pins and two matches won with commanding leads. Sal Gano (50 lb.) captured third place in the Bantam Division, with one dominating pin and two very aggressive matches won on points. The third wrestler, Daniel Gore (60 lb.) completely dominated his weight class in the Pee Wee Division, pinning all three of his opponents. All three wrestlers were coached by Mike Ridge, assistant coach of Scotch Plains-Fanwood's PAL wrestling team.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-000195-97.
COLONIAL SAVINGS BANK, SLA, PLAINTIFF vs. CARL J. SWENSON, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 14, 1998 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 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 \$234,697.47.
MUNICIPALITY: Westfield.
COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
STREET AND STREET NO.: 762 Clark Street.
TAX BLOCK NO. AND LOT NO.: BLOCK NO.: 709, LOT NO.: 6.
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 330 feet x 60.77 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 175.49 feet from the intersection of Effingham Place.
There is due approximately the sum of \$240,772.93 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10466-96.
FIRST TOWN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. EDDIE L. DAVIS, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 9, 1998 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 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 \$169,947.97.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 75 Parker Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201.
Tax Lot No. 11 in Block No. 1166.
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 30.00 feet wide by 200.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northeasterly side of Parker Road 425.10 feet from the northerly side of Westminster Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$174,398.23 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9712-97.
SUMMIT BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. DOUGIE JULIEN, NELTA JULIEN H/W, MR. AND MRS. CHARLECI CHARLES, H/W ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 9, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
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The judgment amount is \$87,192.64.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 131 CATHERINE STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.
Tax Lot No. 0111 in Block No. 9.
Dimension of Lot: Irregular 82.43 feet wide by 135.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Boudinot Place.
Situate at a point on the southeasterly side of Catherine Street at its intersection with the northeasterly side of Boudinot Place.
There is due approximately the sum of \$89,564.82 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

WOMAN'S CLUB OF WESTFIELD, INC.
A New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation
318 South Euclid Avenue
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

WOMAN'S CLUB PROPERTIES NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF

- The Woman's Club of Westfield, Inc., (the "Club") has determined that its real property known as 318 South Euclid Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 should be sold because it is no longer feasible to maintain it for the Club's use.
- The property is hereby offered for private sale as follows:
 - The house only on a 108 foot x 150 foot lot
 - The house and one vacant lot
 - The house and both vacant lots (92 feet x 150 feet and 100 feet x 150 feet)
 - Either/or both vacant lots
- A bid package may be picked up at the Club and the house and property may be inspected by any prospective bidder and the bidder's representative(s) on the following **Thursdays** during the following hours:

February 5	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
February 12	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
February 19	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
February 26	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
March 5	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
March 12	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
March 19	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
March 26	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.	3:00 - 5:00 P.M.	7:00 - 9:00 P.M.
- Purchase offers to the Club for the property must be made by sealed bid. The sealed bid must be submitted to the Club on or before the **bid deadline of 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 26, 1998**.
- All sealed bids received shall be **opened** by the Club's Executive Committee on **Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 5:15 P.M.**
- A certified or cashier's check made payable to the bidder shall accompany each bid in the amount set forth in the bid proposal. The checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned immediately. The check or checks of the successful bidders will be endorsed to the Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth, P.A., attorney trust account at First Union National Bank.
- Title to the property will be conveyed by Bargain and Sale Deed, with Covenants against Grantor Acts.
- No representations are made as to the condition of the property except as set forth in the following inspection reports that will be included in each bid package:
 - a building Inspection Report prepared by H & J Freile Home Inspection, Inc., dated December 30, 1997.
 - a radon Inspection Report prepared by Northeast Environmental Testing dated January 6, 1998.
- Except as noted in the Inspection Reports and Contract forms, the property is sold in its "as is" condition.
- The sale is subject to the following:
 - the terms and conditions of the R-12 Residential Zone of the Town of Westfield.
 - the facts set forth on a Proposed Minor Subdivision (2 sheets) prepared by E.K.A. Associates, P.A., dated December 16, 1997.
 - the right of the Club to accept or reject the bid(s) received.
 - the right of the Club to reconsider the private sale and advertise or list the property for public sale.
- Possession shall be delivered to the Buyer upon closing of title - projected to be May 29, 1998.
- Payment shall be made at the time of closing by cash, certified check, cashier's check or attorney trust account check.
- Except as otherwise provided, and subject to the right of the Club to accept or reject the bid(s) received, the property shall be sold to the highest bidder.
Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth, Attorneys
328 Park Avenue
Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076-0310



LEARNING THE ROPES... Pictured are Westfield High School (WHS) teacher Catherine Trayers-Mislan, left; Westfield Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Patrick Gaines, and WHS student William Bogatko, seated.

Student Working at Symphony Through School to Work Program

William Bogatko, a senior at Westfield High School (WHS), recently participated in a satellite program of Westfield High School's "School to Work Transition" which enabled him to work with the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) as an intern. William experienced hands-on the daily operations of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

He has chosen to intern in businesses that involve computers, animals and pets, children and cooking. The WSO enabled him to work with computers with his main responsibilities involving database entry. William visited the symphony office two times per week, from November through January, with his teacher, Catherine Trayers-Mislan. Ms. Trayers-Mislan works daily with William at WHS and at his various internship sites. She is a certified teacher of the deaf, who joined the faculty this school year. The "School to Work Transition" program has been in place at WHS to assist students with choosing a career, but this year's program enables students to learn and apply valuable work and life skills. WSO Executive Director Patrick Gaines stated that "The Westfield Symphony Orchestra was delighted to participate in this important youth education program sponsored by the Westfield Public Schools. "Bill and Catherine were a pleasure to work with and Bill provided valuable time-saving assistance by helping us set up our new database system."

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Jefferson Celebrates Science and Technology

Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield has announced that its theme for the 1997-1998 academic year is "Science and Technology." Students and teachers are planning a science/technology fair to be held in the spring during the evening, so the students can exhibit the many projects that they worked on throughout the year. The school kicked off its theme with "Billy B.," the science guy, who taught the students about the rain forests and all of the plants and animals that live in the region. Grades 3 through 5 participated in a theme logo and slogan contest. Maureen Ferraro's third-grade class won with the slogan, "Jefferson School is Blasting Off With Science and Technology." Brandon West came up with the idea to use the space shuttle as the logo. Jefferson will also be integrating history into the science lessons, according to a spokeswoman for the school. Each wing of the school has been assigned a period of history, in order to highlight major findings or discoveries. The students will research a scientist and include him or her on a time line that will be displayed throughout the school.

Welcome Wagon To Hold Event For New Members

The Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield will host a new member coffee on Tuesday, February 24, at 8 p.m. Women new to the area, or those looking for something new, are invited to attend this event. The Welcome Wagon Club of Westfield is a non-profit organization which provides a variety of daytime and evening activities for women and their families. These activities include monthly dinners, couples' social events, children's activities and community service. Those women interested in attending the upcoming coffee, or for more information about the club, are asked to call Amy Stone at (908) 789-4299, or visit the club's website at www.westfieldnj.com/welcome.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9632-96.
NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. MARIO CRAVO, 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 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 \$166,082.96.
Municipality: Elizabeth.
Street Address: 125-127 Race Street.
Tax Lot No.: 899, Tax Block No. 6.
Approximate dimensions: 42.18 x 165.89 x 42.41 x 161.55.
Near cross street: Pearl Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$170,445.82 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

KATZ, ETTIN, LEVINE, KURZWEIL & WEBER, Attorneys
905 North Kings Highway
Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034-1569
CH-753600 (WL)
4 T - 2/12, 2/19
2/26 & 3/5/98 Fee: \$146.88

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3349-97.
FLEET FINANCE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ETTIENNE R. PIERROT AND BELZINA PEIRROT; ET ALS., 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 Southeasterly side of Madison Avenue, 50 feet from the Northeasterly 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 FROEHLICH SHERIFF

WHS Media Center Provides Internet Access for Students

The Westfield High School (WHS) Library Media Center now provides Internet access through a dedicated T-1 line which allows up to 19 simultaneous users to search the net for information on a vast range of research topics.

Through the new T-1 line, other departments are also providing Internet access to students, beginning with the Departments of Foreign Languages and Math and Computer Science.

Emily Snitow, WHS Library Coordinator, is enthusiastic about the teaching opportunities.

"We have always emphasized critical thinking and evaluation in our

library media center. These skills are even more important when using the Internet, where material is not always subject to the scrutiny of publishers, academics and librarians," she stated.

"We found everything we needed on the Internet," commented Mark Kolvites and Ryan Jones, two WHS ninth-grade students, who searched the net in connection with a research assignment on mythology for Beverly Geddis' English class.

Ms. Geddis added, "The Internet now offers yet another research tool which affords exciting possibilities. I already see the benefit for my ninth graders this year."



PANCAKES FOR EVERYONE...Rotarians are pictured flipping pancakes at last year's annual Rotary Club of Westfield "Pancake Day." Immediate Past President Robert P. Yeager is organizing club members in preparation for this year's event, which will take place on Saturday, March 7, in the Westfield High School cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The annual fundraiser benefits the club's scholarship program.

Westfield Rotary Club Plans 'Pancake Day' for March 7

The Rotary Club of Westfield will hold its annual "Pancake Day" on Saturday, March 7, in the Westfield High School cafeteria between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"Pancake Day" is the main fundraiser each year in support of the club's scholarship program, which has allocated over \$1.2 million to 1,800 Westfield High School students

over the past 32 years.

As in the past, guests will be served a meal of pancakes, eggs and sausages, while being entertained by local musical groups performing selections geared to all ages, said a club spokesman.

Tickets for "Pancake Day" may be obtained from any Rotarian or at the door the day of the event.

Arthritis and Osteoporosis Treatments Topic of Discussion of Soroptimist Group

Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield have invited pre-registered members of the public to hear about the latest options in the treatment of arthritis and osteoporosis.

Rheumatologist Dr. Richard R. Brodman will share this information on Wednesday, February 25, following the organization's business meeting, at approximately 7:45 p.m. at the medical center.

Dr. Brodman, who is Muhlenberg's Chief of the Division of Rheumatology, is a fellow of the American Rheumatism Association and a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medi-

cine and the American Board of Rheumatology.

During the evening, Registered Nurse Ruth Walter Laing, Assistant Vice President for Organizational Development for the medical center, will provide an update regarding the collaboration of the John F. Kennedy Medical Center and Muhlenberg, known as the SOLARIS Health System.

Soroptimist is an internationally classified service organization for professionals and managers. The Westfield chapter was founded in 1984.

To make reservations for the meeting, please call Dorothy Zimatore, Soroptimist Vice President, at (908) 322-7384 no later than Monday, February 23.

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 ARONSON L. SMITH, BRENDA A. SMITH, H/W, 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 \$20,400.67 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

FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorneys Suite 505 Sentry Office Plaza 216 Haddon Avenue Westmont, New Jersey 08108 CH-753598 (WL) 4 T - 2/12, 2/19 2/26 & 3/5/98 Fee: \$167.28

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11253-97.

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. JEFFREY WAYNE TRUITT, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$103,939.30. MUNICIPALITY: Westfield.

COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

STREET AND STREET NO.: 311 Windsor Avenue.

TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO. 4004, LOT NO. 18.

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 133.61 feet by 26.01 feet.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 684 feet from the intersection of Ripley Place.

There is due approximately the sum of \$106,734.73 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., Attorney 737 Stokes Road P.O. Box 1088 Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962 CH-753571 (WL) 4 T - 1/29, 2/5, 2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$165.24



WAY DOWN SOUTH...Students in Joan Miller's fifth-grade class at Elementary School One in Scotch Plains find Antarctica on the globe, having recently finished a science unit on weather. One of their activities was corresponding via the Internet with a woman working at the McMurdo Research Station in Antarctica. Pictured, left to right, are: David Rappaport, Aja Bundy, Emma Sparber and Alvarez Copeland.

School One Students Study Antarctica Via the Internet

Students in Joan Miller's fifth-grade class at Elementary School One in Scotch Plains recently finished a science unit on weather.

One of their activities involved using the Internet to find out about the extreme weather conditions in Antarctica.

One of the members of the class knew a woman who was spending several months in Antarctica work-

ing at the McMurdo Research Station there, according to a School One spokeswoman.

She agreed to correspond by e-mail with the class to answer questions they had about Antarctica. She described the very strong winds and cold weather there, even though it was the Antarctic summer.

She also described the penguins, whales and seals which live in the area.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15211-96.

ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. STANLEY E. BANASIAK, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 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-12685-97.

FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ROBERT SPILLMAN, JR.; ROOSEVELT WALKER; JODY PEDERSON, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 4th Floor of the Bank Building, 24 Rahway Avenue, in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$118,851.78.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 153 RACE STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.

Tax Lot No. 910 in Block No. 6.

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 200.44 feet wide by 31.50 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the WESTERLY side of RACE STREET, 242.00 feet from the NORTHERLY side of SOUTH STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$122,022.70 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, attorneys 406 - J Lippincott Drive Marlton, New Jersey 08053 CH-753567 (WL) 4 T - 1/29, 2/5, 2/12 & 2/19/98 Fee: \$173.40

Junior League Announces Service Scholarship Award

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) has announced the creation of a \$1,000 Community Service Scholarship Award.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates leadership abilities, "with an outstanding commitment to volunteerism and community service," said a JLEP spokeswoman.

The eligible recipient must be a female high school senior graduating at the end of the current academic year, who is ranked in the upper half of her class, and a resident of Union County. Relatives of JLEP members are not eligible.

To be considered for this award, the student must complete the application, write a two- to three-page essay describing why volunteerism is important in America (including what volunteer activities the applicant has been involved in during

high school) and provide two letters of recommendation.

One letter must be from the agency or organization with whom the applicant has volunteered and the second from a high school teacher or guidance counselor, who will be asked to include a statement that the applicant is in the top half of her graduating class.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, March 31. The scholarship recipient will be notified by the first week of May and presented with the award at the JLEP Annual Dinner later that month.

To receive an application, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, 110 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, 07016, to the attention of the Scholarship Committee. For further information, please call (908) 709-1177.



COMPUTER KIDS...Members of the Westfield Day Care Center's Kindergarten class wait their turn to use a computer donated by AT&T through its Family Care Development Fund. Pictured, left to right, are: Rebecca Krakora, Mark Bishop and Alec Ludewig. All children at the center, aged 3 through Kindergarten, use the computer to reinforce their learning skills.

Westfield Library to Present 'An Evening of Irish Music'

The Westfield Memorial Library will present "An Evening of Irish Music and Song" performed by

Aideen O'Donnell, a singer and harpist, on Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. O'Donnell received her training in Ireland at the Sion Hill School and at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. The Dublin-born artist is a two-time winner of the All Ireland Harp and Voice Competition.

Ms. O'Donnell's latest compact disk is entitled "The Water is Wide." The program is being presented as part of library's celebration of its 10th anniversary in the new building, a library spokesman said.

Free tickets for this performance are available at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street, in Westfield.



Aideen O'Donnell

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a Public Hearing on MONDAY, March 2, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey to consider the Major Subdivision application of Anthony Marconi, known as Hidden Acres, 1711 Rahway Road, Block No. 14401, Lot No. 17, which proposes to subdivide into 9 conforming lots.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board officials during regular business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.)

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev Secretary to the Planning Board 1 T - 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$24.48

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Cranford Dramatic Club Continues *She Loves Me*

The musical comedy *She Loves Me* continues tomorrow and Saturday, February 20 and 21, at the Cranford Dramatic Club (CDC) Theater in Cranford.

The show, set in a middle-European perfume store, tells the story of two store clerks who do not care for each other but whose letters are unknowingly delivered to one another after they both join a lonely hearts club.

Reserved seat tickets for *She Loves Me* are priced at \$15, with student and senior citizen discounts available.

A mini-subscription for two musical shows, *She Loves Me* and *Baby*, the CDC spring musical production, is available for \$25.

She Loves Me will also run next Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28, and the weekend of March 7 and 8. Curtain time for all shows is 8 p.m.

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

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

Town Book Store Reveals Art Display, Author Visits

Works of art by members of the Westfield Art Association will be on display during Winter Art Sunday on February 22, from noon to 5 p.m., at The Town Book Store, 255 East Broad Street in Westfield.

A variety of media including watercolors, oils, acrylics, collages and sculptures will be shown. Subjects will include abstracts, still-life, figurative paintings and landscapes including several local areas.

A wide assortment of unframed works will also be displayed. Members of the Westfield Art Association will be on

hand to discuss their works and answer questions.

Winter Art Sunday is the third show that The Town Book Store has held for the Westfield Art Association in the past year.

Local authors Ellen Laird and Barbara Brunhouse will be available to discuss their new book "Network to Home Repair & Decorating Services" on Saturday, February 28, from noon to 2 p.m. at the store.

Described as a cross between the format of a Zagat Survey and the reliability of Consumer Reports Magazine for home improvement, this directory lists over 100 home improvement experts, including plumbers roofers, gardeners, and interior decorators.

This guide is the first in a series and focuses on Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union and Warren counties. All business included in this book had to meet certain criteria which included returning telephone calls promptly and having multiple references from polled consumers.

Each referral catalogues how long the service has been in business, which counties it covers, a summation of what the service does and a frank customer comment, according to store owner Grace Roth.

Pingry teacher Dean Sluyter of Plainfield will be available to discuss his new book "Why the Chicken Crossed the Road & Other Hidden Enlightenment Teachings: From Buddha to Bebob to Mother Goose" on Sunday, March 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the store.

In 33 illustrated mini-chapters, Mr. Sluyter maintains that Christ and Buddha bring the same good news of cosmic liberation, and so do Bugs Bunny and Alfred E. Neuman, the Rolling Stones and the Monkees.

He tells lively stories that incorporate basketball and Sufi dancing, cowboy movies and Sabbath mysticism, bebop saxophone practice and Tibetan compassion practice, according to Ms. Roth. He also shows how to apply these teachings in people's own lives.

For more information on any of these events, please call The Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535.



MAN OF DISTINCTION...During a recent meeting of the Westfield Lions Club held at B.G. Fields restaurant, Norman Sprague of Westfield was honored for 50 years of service to both the Lions and the community. Mr. Sprague was cited by Lions Governor Ralph DeVito for his efforts in furthering sight conservation and helping the blind. A former Lions Governor and Westfield Club President with 50 years of perfect attendance, he has also been praised by former President Ronald Reagan and former Governor Thomas H. Kean for his work. Pictured, left to right, are Mr. DeVito, Westfield Club President Jeffrey Broadwell, Mr. Sprague, holding his plaque of appreciation, and Past Lions Governor Nick DiCanio.

LEARN to Address Rare Brain Disorder at Feb. 23 Program

Registered nurse Marie Kassai, Director of Patient Care and Chief Nurse Executive at General Hospital Center in Passaic, will address the League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (LEARN) on Monday, February 23, at 7:45 p.m. at All Saints' Church Parish House, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The program will define Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), and review the causes of this rare, fatal brain disorder. Additional information on who gets CJD and its incidence will also be provided, as well as the relationship of "Mad Cow Disease" to CJD.

LEARN, a professional organization for registered nurses, offers eight programs per academic year on current nursing topics. Yearly dues are \$30 or a guest fee of \$8 per program.

For more information, please write to LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains, 07076, or call the Program Coordinator at (908) 272-7239.

Neighborhood Council Offers Free Beginners Bridge Classes

The Westfield Neighborhood Council will offer free beginner lessons in the card game of bridge. The lessons started yesterday, Wednesday, February 18, and will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another class will begin Tuesday,

February 24, and will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Both classes will be held at the Westfield Neighborhood Council.

The lessons are designed to help men and women, who are new to the card game of bridge, develop their playing skill. Harold Cohen, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Neighborhood Council, will serve as the instructor on Wednesday and Sylvia Ballatt, a volunteer bridge instructor, will serve as instructor on Tuesday.

As an extra added attraction, the Westfield Neighborhood Council also will begin offering free mahjong lessons that will be taught by Vivian Weiss, a volunteer.

For additional information, please call Dorothy Kirkley at (908) 654-3813 or the Westfield Neighborhood Council at (908) 233-2772.

Michael J. Stappas Makes Dean's List

At Radford University

Michael James Stappas has been named to the fall semester Dean's List at Radford University in Radford, Virginia.

The son of Thomas Stappas of Westfield, Michael is a senior pre-business major.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have taken 15 or more credit hours and have a grade-point average of 3.4 or above with no grade below a "C."

Bayberry Gifts Raffles Princess Di Beanie Baby

The Bayberry & Gift Shop, Inc., located at 860 Mountain Avenue in Mountainside, raffled off a limited edition Princess Diana Beanie Baby on Friday, January 9. Proceeds from the raffle went to the New Jersey Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NJHPCO) in Scotch Plains.

The family-run business owned by Bea Alter and managed by her son, Harvey, has served the community for 35 years.

According to Mr. Alter, "The community has been so good to us that we wanted to give some thing back."

The Alters have been raising money for various local organizations such as Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and most recently NJHPCO, a non-profit organization founded in 1979 as an advocate group for the terminally ill and their families.

The organization recently expanded its mission to include palliative care to help hospices better address patient needs and ease their transition into comfort care.

Other organizations and causes that the Alters plan to raise money for are animal hospitals and shelters and breast cancer research. Besides a wide variety of Hallmark cards and gifts, the store also carries many specialty items such as Colonial candles, Caspari paper goods, helium balloons, cookbooks, fine stationery as well as gold and silver jewelry.

College Club to Hold Spring Fashion Show

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will present a "Swing Into Spring" Liz Claiborne fashion show on Sunday, March 1, at L'Affaire, located on Route No. 22 in Mountainside, starting at noon.

Fashions will be modeled by club members and gifts are currently being collected from local merchants to be awarded to those who attend this annual affair.

Other prizes will include items donated by club members, according to a spokeswoman.

This fashion show/luncheon is one of the College Club's fundraisers for 1998.

All proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship fund, which in the past has awarded over \$10,000 to local female high school and college students.

For tickets, or to obtain further information, please call (908) 889-6626.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday, March 2, 1998 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m. to hear and consider the following application:

98-2 WOMEN'S CLUB OF WESTFIELD, INC., MINOR SUBDIVISION OF 318 SOUTH EUCLID AVENUE, BLOCK NO. 3111, LOT NO. 10. Plans entitled "Proposed Minor Subdivision", drawn by EKA Associates, P.A. (Sheets 1 through 3 dated December 16, 1997 and Sheets 2 and 3 revised January 28, 1998). Applicants seek to subdivide one existing lot into 3 completely conforming lots. (NOTE: Existing garage to be removed by applicant.) Applicant seeks variance for the following:

Pre-existing, non-conforming zoning conditions for Lot 10.02:

Section 1011 E.2., as it refers to Section 1003 (d)(3) of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires the front yard setback to be at the established front yard depth of 35 feet - 29.9 feet is existing.

Plans and applications are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1 T - 2/19/98, The Leader Fee: \$34.17

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

The Bond Ordinance published herewith (Ordinance No. 98-01-R) has been finally adopted on February 12, 1998 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this statement.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk

1 T - 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$13.26

Puzzle Answers

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 98-03-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on February 12, 1998. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 89 of the Fanwood Borough Code, Vehicles and Traffic, adding no stopping or standing on Madison Avenue between Martine Avenue and Russell Road and Russell Road and Hunter Avenue during certain hours.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on March 12, 1998.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$19.87

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 98-02-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on February 12, 1998. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 56 of the Fanwood Borough Code to delete the provision relating to the storage of explosives since state law supersedes the Borough Code.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on March 12, 1998.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 98-04-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on February 12, 1998. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 98 of the Fanwood Borough Code, Zoning, relating to sexually oriented businesses.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on March 12, 1998.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 2/19/98, The Times Fee: \$17.34

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PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT... Students Justin Lewis and Samantha Scutieri, who are members of the Environmental Club at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, along with club advisor Sister Raymond, were recently appointed by Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen for a one-year term to the Scotch Plains Clean Communities Advisory Commission. Along with other members of the commission, they will review initiatives and implement them, help organize and execute the Public Lands Clean-Up Day in May and encourage recycling in a full-scale program. Sister Raymond was also appointed to a three-year term on the township's Environmental Commission.

Trailside Center Blasting Off With 'Astronomy Sunday'

A "stellar" lineup awaits the public on Sunday, February 22, from 1 to 5 p.m. when the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation presents "Astronomy Sunday" at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

Astronomy Sunday will provide amateur and seasoned astronomers with an opportunity to learn more about this science through exhibits, displays,

children's workshops, planetarium shows and lectures.

Dr. Frank Somers of Columbia University and the Hayden Planetarium in New York will be the featured speaker.

He will speak at 3:15 p.m. on "Eclipse Devine: Stonehenge Saros & Eclipse Prophecy," during which he will discuss the history and science of eclipse prediction, as well as ancient prophecies. He will also give information about the Thursday, February 26, eclipse.

Scheduled planetarium shows for this special interstellar day include: "A Collection of Cold Constellations," at 2 p.m., for ages 6 and up; "Rodney the Rocket" at 3:15 p.m. for ages 4 and up, and "Laser Waves" at 4:15 p.m. for children 10 and older.

The laser show will feature the music of The Beach Boys, Electric Light Orchestra, Pink Floyd and U2.

Tickets for planetarium shows are only sold at the door and cost \$3 per person, or \$2.55 for seniors. The laser show costs \$3.25 and \$2.75, respectively. No one under the age of 15 will be admitted to a planetarium show without an adult.

Over activities for Astronomy Sunday will be space face painting, children's crafts workshops, a model rocket display by the Garden State Space Modeling Society and a display by the Star Trek Avengers Fan Club.

There is a suggested admission of \$1. The donation includes a door prize ticket. The Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road.

For further information on Astronomy Sunday and other Trailside activities, please call (908) 789-3670.



IN THE SPIRIT... Eighth-grader John Acquadro and sixth-grader Alexandra Ackerman, both of Westfield, will appear in Newark Academy's winter musical, *Godspell*, from Thursday through Saturday, February 26 to 28, in the school auditorium. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Newark Academy, a private, coeducational country day school, is located at 91 South Orange Avenue in Livingston. Tickets to the show cost \$7.

Library Friends Plan Storytime Playhouse

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will sponsor Storytime Playhouse, a drama workshop for Kindergartners, on Tuesday mornings, February 24, March 3, 10, and 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the library.

Jan Elby, a local drama director, will lead the workshop. She was associated with The Westfield Summer Workshop for the Arts for 23 years as Chairwoman of the Drama Department, Director of Studio One and instructor of Acting and Creative Dramatics.

She also directed the Westfield Recreation Department's Drama Workshop for 12 years. Ms. Elby volunteers for the Mental Health Association as a mental health player.

A child attending a Westfield school and holding a library card can be registered in the library's Children's Department. There is no charge.

Volunteers Sought to Attend Event for Literacy Program

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding a Literacy Library Day at the Kenilworth Public Library this Saturday, February 21, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The event is for all interested potential or current students and tutors. Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use or how to solve problems that they are having.

Potential tutors will find out about the program. Interested students can call the LVA office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for February 21.

Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess.

— Oscar Wilde

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Vo-Tech Adult School Tells Courses for Spring Semester

Registration for Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) Adult Education Division continues spring semester class registrations through tomorrow, February 20, according to Director Thomas E. Highsmith.

Registration will be held in Baxel Hall on the UCVTS campus, located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

Days and hours for registration are today, Thursday, from 1 to 7 p.m., and Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Brochures listing courses and schedules may be obtained by contacting the office at (908) 889-2914 or (908) 889-2922 between the hours listed and providing a name and full address.

Short courses offered include Microsoft Office, Word, PowerPoint, Excel and computer-assisted design and drafting, holiday floral arranging and "Defensive Driving."

The driving course enables a participant to reduce insurance costs by 5 percent and have two points deducted from the New Jersey motorist driving record.

Automotive technicians seeking certifications or test preparation for licensing examinations may enroll in the ASE Advance Engine Performance Exam preparation course or consider the Refrigeration, CFC Recovery, Recycling, Reclamation, and Safety Standards Program to be eligible for EPA certification for purchasing refrigerants and servicing equipment which holds refrigerants. This course is also required for uncertified heating and refrigeration mechanics.

Another offering is the barbering program for beauticians who require additional training to qualify for license upgrading.

Many of the most popular classes such as welding, baking and cooking fill quickly, so prospective students are urged to register early. UCVTS can also be reached on the web at www.ucvts.tcc.nj.us.

Just remember, once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed.

— Charles Schultz



NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT...Troop No. 33 Scoutmaster David Keeton and Patriot District Senior Executive Ken Mayti congratulate Keegan Rosera for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor held February 2 at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, the sponsor of Troop No. 33.

Keegan Rosera Presented With Eagle Scout Award

Keegan Rosera of Scotch Plains was presented with the Eagle Scout Award by Ken Mayti, Patriot District Senior Executive of the Watchung Council of the Boy Scouts of America during a ceremony at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church on February 2.

To earn this highest award in Scouting, the scout must earn 21 merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle service project in his community. Keegan is the 58th scout from Boy Scouts Troop No. 33 to achieve Eagle Scout status since the troop began in 1939.

Among those present at the ceremony were Reverend John Kennedy of Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, Watchung Scout Council President James Peeney, Mr. Mayti, Scotch Plains Township Councilman William F. McClintock, Troop No. 33 Scoutmaster David Keeton, Troop No. 33 Assistant Scoutmaster William Ritter, and members of Keegan's family and troop.

Keegan has also received congratulatory letters from the President and First Lady Hillary Clinton, United States Senator Robert G. Torricelli, Congressman Bob Franks, Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger and Alan M. Augustine and State Senate President Donald F. DiFrancesco.

Also commending his efforts were the Most Reverend Dominic Marconi of the Archdiocese of Newark, Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio for Pope John Paul II, and Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

In 1989 Keegan first joined scouting as a Cub Scout with Pack No. 98 in Scotch Plains where he enjoyed many events such as the Pinewood Derby.

In 1991, when he joined Boy Scout Troop No. 33 in Fanwood, he began his quest for the Eagle Award. As a member of Troop No. 33 he acquired a number of useful skills and enjoyed hikes, camp-

outs, the 1993 Scout Jamboree, backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in 1997, and five summers with the Troop at Sabattis in New York State.

Last spring he was elected into the Order of the Arrow, a scout service organization, and was inducted in the fall of 1997. He is currently the Elections Chairman for the Patriot District of Watchung Council.

Keegan's Eagle Project involved the removal of several potentially ecologically dangerous plants that had begun to run rampant through the Watchung Reservation. The primary one of these plants was a tree with airborne seeds called Ailanthis.

This was originally a decorative plant that began to grow uncontrollably because it had no natural predators. This displaced several native plants in the area, removing valuable food and shelter for native animals. With the help of several scouts from Troop 33, Keegan killed the alien plants at one strategic spot in the Watchung Reservation, and took measures to make it more habitable for humans and other animals.

Keegan currently attends St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen where his course work this year includes four Advanced Placement courses. He is interested in Computer Science and Biology. In addition, he has learned and applied six computer programming languages and hopes to continue these interests in college next year.

During the last two summers he attended programs at Drew University in Madison and Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Keegan upholds a long tradition of Scouting in the Rosera Family. His father, Richard, is also a Eagle Scout and his sisters, Tegra and Karlene, have earned the Girl Scouts Gold Awards, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Westfield Foundation Names Recipients of Three Grants

The Westfield Foundation recently made three grants from assets that have achieved a third consecutive year of double-digit growth.

The 1997 return on the foundation's investments was 19.6 percent, bringing its total value to nearly \$6 million, according to Trustee Robert E. Dillon.

A grant of \$2,500 was approved for the Westfield High School Ice Hockey Association. The money will be added to funds raised by parents and students to pay for uniforms, equipment, buses and coaches' salaries.

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra will receive \$2,400 to fund three educational concerts in local elementary schools.

The third grant, for \$1,000, goes to the Westfield Historical Society for maintenance of the town clock that is located in the steeple of the Methodist Church at the downtown plaza.

The clock was donated to the church in 1886 by the town and residents who felt that the community would benefit from a centrally located clock.

The Westfield Foundation trustees use the following guidelines in evaluating grant applications:

- The grant would aid the Westfield community or groups serving the com-

munity which provide innovative responses to recognized community needs.

- The grant is for education; the arts and other cultural activities; civic, health and human services; community development, and the conservation and preservation of historic resources.

- The grant would enable agencies or institutions to improve their services to Westfield and strengthen their relationship to their constituency.

No grants are made to individuals, or to religious organizations for religious activities, or to other organizations for legislative activities or political campaigns.

Grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis. Deadlines for completed applications are the first day of January, April, August and October.

Forms and further information may be obtained at the Foundation office, located in the northside railroad station.

Scott Fleisch Receives Dean's List Honors

At Rochester University

Scott Fleisch of Westfield, a senior at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, has been named to the fall 1997 Dean's List for academic achievement.

A graduate of Newark Academy in Livingston, Scott is majoring in political science and in health and society.



A SCOTTISH TRADITION...Participating in the "Robert Burns Day" assembly at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, left to right, are: fifth-grader Allison Clancy of Westfield and board member Ted Osborne of Plainfield. Allison carried in the haggis, a pudding popular in Scotland which is served at celebratory occasions. She was escorted by Mr. Osborne, who wore a traditional Highland costume and explained its parts to the students.

Wardlaw-Hartridge Honors National Poet of Scotland With Special Day

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison recently honored the national poet of Scotland, Robert Burns, by designating January 23 as Robert Burns Day.

At a special assembly, students were entertained by bagpiper Sean Collins of Fanwood, who played well-known songs by Mr. Burns including "Auld Lang Syne" and "Comin' Thro the Rye."

Fifth grader Allison Clancy of Westfield carried in the haggis, a pudding

popular in Scotland served at celebratory occasions. She was escorted by Ted Osborne of Plainfield, a parent of a ninth grader as well as an alumnus and board member, who wore the traditional Highland costume of the Bonnie Brae clan and explained its various parts to the students.

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

Future of 'Generation X' Topic of Informal Talk

At Family Investors Co.

Must people have all heard the media talk of "Generation X." But who is Generation X?

Generation X is the current group of 43 million young people aged 21 to 33. They are the first generation to experience a falling standard of living in relation to their parents.

Generation X is a group where statistically 48 percent of the members believe in UFOs, but only 26 percent believe the Social Security system will be around when they retire. What are the expectations and fears of this large group of young people?

The general public is to attend an informative and educational discussion geared for this age group. A question-and-answer period about "The Future of Generation X" will be hosted by Family Investors Company.

This program will be held today, Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. at the Family Investors Company office at 265 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Family Investors Company is celebrating its 38th anniversary in Fanwood.

The program is free, but a reservation is necessary. Please call the office at (908) 322-1800 to reserve a seat. Refreshments will be served.



DO A GOOD TURN...The Cub Scouts of Pack No. 98 used the theme "Do a Good Turn" for the December Pack meeting. In a response to request from talk show host Rosie O'Donnell, the Scouts created homemade ornaments. For every ornament the Rosie O'Donnell show received, Hasbro said they would donate a new toy to a Children's Charity. Pack No. 98 and their families sent over 100 handmade ornaments to support this cause. In addition, continuing a Pack No. 98 tradition, the scouts each brought a donation of new hats, mittens and scarves to warm the homeless. The scouts placed these on a holiday tree in the spirit of the season.

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