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READ ACROSS WESTFIELD... Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine took time out of his busy schedule on Tuesday morning to read to students at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield as part of the National Education Association's "Read Across America Campaign." The national campaign began Monday, the 94th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Seuss' creator, Theodore Seuss Geisel.

Eileen Satkin Files for Seat On School Bd.

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Unlike the past few years, when local school board elections attracted a full complement of candidates, voters in Westfield are without a contested race for the first time in recent memory.

According to Lorre Korecky, a school district spokeswoman, the uncontested race is quite unusual for Westfield. Since 1981, when candidates' night forums began, there was a school board race of some sort.

Among the busiest years were 1987, when 13 people sought three seats; 1981, when seven candidates ran, and 1989, 1990 and 1997, when six candidates sought open board seats.

In 1995, seven people ran for three seats, with another two residents running for an unexpired seat. Two of those candidates are running for reelection this year.

The list of nominees ended Monday afternoon, when former board member Eileen Satkin filed her nominating petition with the office of Assistant Superintendent for Business and Board Secretary Robert C. Rader.

When asked why she decided to serve on the board again, Mrs. Satkin told *The Westfield Leader* that she "fully enjoyed serving on the board" during her previous stint and wanted to make a contribution again.

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Board Introduces \$52.02 Mil. Budget With Slim 2.33% Increase Over 1997

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Board of Education introduced its proposed 1998-1999 budget at its meeting Tuesday night by a tally of 9-0.

The tab of \$52,016,848, which represents a 2.33 percent increase over last year's mark of \$50,527,495, will go to the Union County superintendent's office for review, prior to the board's final, "formal" vote on Tuesday, March 17.

"We've worked very hard on this budget, we feel it's a good budget, and we would like to see the public support it (on April 21)," board President Susan Jacobson said.

Although Westfield has seen only about two of its budgets defeated in the past 15 years, district officials intend to keep working carefully with the public to ensure passage of the spending plan by voters next month.

In fact, the district has planned a public information session on the budget alone for this Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the district's Elm Street Administration Building.

And in particular, district officials have pointed out that even as enrollment figures have shown a slow, steady increase during the past five years, per-pupil costs have been dropping at the same time.

"That's the real thrust of this budget," district spokeswoman Lorre Korecky said.

With the 2.33 percent increase, the tax rate will climb by only seven cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, ac-

ording to district officials.

More specifically, since the county certifies Westfield at 60 percent of true property value, the average homeowner with a sale value of \$290,000 would pay an increase of about \$122 over last year's tab, district officials said.

That is because the home is only assessed at about \$174,000 by Union

County.

Finance Committee Chairman Keith S. Hertell, who was elected to the board in 1995 but is not seeking reelection this spring, said the budgetary process did not occur overnight.

"We did not arrive at the financial position we're in this evening last July," commented Mr. Hertell. "This is

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A HISTORIC HOME... The Town Council is scheduled to take a vote this Tuesday, March 10, to designate the Charles Marsh House, located at 508 Salter Place, as a historic landmark in Westfield's Master Plan. The two-story, vernacular Dutch center hall colonial farm house was built around 1775. The home, lived in by four successive generations of the Marsh family, is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Clark Alley. Mr. Alley is a third cousin five times removed of Mr. Marsh.

Republicans, Democrats Debate Proposed Use Of Disposable Service Ware at Sidewalk Cafés

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Town Council will vote Tuesday night on revisions to Westfield's sidewalk café ordinance for the downtown, the most controversial of which would allow establishments to apply for the use of paper and disposable service ware at outdoor tables.

Following a tense debate Tuesday night over this provision, which will enable café operators to use disposable cups and utensils, the council opted to put the final version of the ordinance up for adoption this Tuesday night.

While Democrats on the council said the goal of the revision in the code is to create a more business-friendly and less restrictive ordinance, Republicans countered the changes were not requested by any of the existing operators of sidewalk cafés, and could exasperate the downtown litter problem.

Assistant Town Attorney Paul D. Strauchler explained that the new code will only allow an operator to use disposable materials if they can explain in their application why they cannot use more durable, non-disposable service ware.

Also, operators would be required to have their own outside trash receptacles, which must be included on a

detailed sketch of the their café.

Lack of enforcement of the ordinance was another point raised by Republicans.

First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick said Zoning Officer Jeremiah P. O'Neil is unavailable during evenings, when the bulk of the café violations occur.

In this regard, Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano suggested that an enforcement committee, similar to that included in the town's exterior property maintenance code, be instituted.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim quickly asserted that this provision would make the ordinance "more restrictive."

After hearing the comments of Republican council members, Laws and Rules Committee Chairman Lawrence A. Goldman said they were "assuming that this Pandora of horrors is going to happen."

He said if a licensee continually violates the ordinance, the council simply will decline to renew the violator's permit the following year.

Operators also face a fine and possible jail sentence if convicted of violating the code.

In discussing the issue of trash blowing from outside tables, Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein suggested that employees

of eateries with cafés could be instructed to ask customers if they intend to eat inside or outside.

She those using outdoor tables would be told they must use non-disposable service ware.

Councilwoman Vernick said she has heard from residents of Prospect Street who are "very, very upset" that the council is considering the use of paper products at outdoor cafés.

She said her view of the ordinance is, "if it ain't broken, you don't need to fix it."

Erratum

A story last week on Page 1 of *The Westfield Leader* contained a typographical error regarding the number of units anticipated by the builder of a high density housing development proposed for the far southeast corner of the town.

James Flynn, attorney for developer David Kervick, stated that his client anticipates constructing some 23 units on the 69,000 square-foot parcel he currently owns at a density of 12 units per acre.

The story incorrectly indicated that 203 units were anticipated. *The Leader* apologizes for the error and any confusion it might have caused our readers.

EXISTING HOUSE MUST REMAIN INTACT FOR FIVE YEARS

Town Planning Bd. Grants Controversial Subdivision Of Woman's Club Property

By RUSSELL R. WATKINS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In a 6-1 decision Monday night, the Planning Board approved a proposal Monday night by the Woman's Club of Westfield to subdivide its South Euclid Avenue property into three separate lots.

While neighbors objected to the subdivision, the board and the Women's Club compromised by approving several conditions for the granting of the subdivision.

One of those conditions states that the existing home must remain a single-family residence for at least five years, the theory being, according to the board, that this would prevent a de-

veloper from bulldozing the house.

Also, any new homes built on the property would have to be "architecturally harmonious" with the surrounding homes in the neighborhood. The front-yard setback also was increased from 35 to 40 feet for the lot which fronts on South Euclid Avenue. The other lots front on Tremont Avenue.

The subdivision now paves the way for the organization to sell the property through sealed bids to the highest bidder. Bidders have the option of bidding on the house and the lot it sits on, the house and any one of the two vacant lots created through the subdivision, the house and both vacant lots, and either or both of the vacant lots.

Speaking to the more than 65 area residents, who had turned out to voice their objections to the proposal, Planning Board Chairman Martin Robbins reminded them that, "anything can happen. Many chapters could still be written as a result of this decision."

Robert Krause, a land use attorney representing the Woman's Club, explained to the board that although its members were "heartbroken" over the decision to sell the property, they had decided it was no longer cost-effective to own and manage the property.

Mr. Krause explained that the Woman's Club, like many civic organizations, suffers from declining membership. Once boasting a roster of

600, today the Woman's Club has barely 100 members, most of whom are retired.

Mr. Krause told the board that the Woman's Club sought the subdivision in order to maintain some control over its announced private sale of the property. If sold as the property currently exists, the club would have no control over the sale.

The attorney told the board that the club intended to sell the house as a single family residence to a new owner, who would upgrade and preserve it. The house is situated in an RS-12 zone which prevents its use as professional office space.

Mr. Krause also assured the board that, "any money from the sale of this property will find its way back to the community," possibly through the club's continuing education fund which, since 1949, has awarded scholarships to graduating Westfield High School seniors.

Under the subdivision plan, the existing garage and all pavement would be removed. According to Michael J. Tobia, a New Jersey licensed professional planner who testified before the board on behalf of the Woman's Club, this would result in more green space on the site than currently exists.

According to Mr. Tobia there is no planned alteration of the Woman's Club building, nor should anything

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Resident Faces Charges Involving Distribution Of Child Pornography

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A 21-year-old Westfield man was arrested at his home last week on charges that he used his Internet web site and the mail to distribute child pornography, authorities said.

Detectives from the New Jersey State Police high-technology crimes unit, along with Westfield officers and United States postal authorities, conducted a raid on Angelo Gadia's residence shortly before 9 a.m. last Thursday.

Lieutenant Daniel Cosgrove of the State Police said that Gadia, who is single and unemployed, lives in an apartment complex in the 300 block of First Street, next to Holy Trinity Elementary School.

The police spokesman said Gadia's arrest marked the culmination of a two-week-long investigation, which was launched after a resident of the Monmouth County area came across the suspect's web site on the Internet and tipped authorities.

The lieutenant said the individual who alerted police had viewed "what appeared to be children displayed in a sexual manner" on the web site.

He said that Gadia became connected to the Internet through Webspan Communications, a service provider in Howell, and that he published his address for potential customers.

Authorities, who arrested Gadia while executing a warrant out of Monmouth County, also confiscated a computer and an array of materials from the suspect's residence, the lieutenant said.

Law enforcement officials seized six CD-ROMs containing child por-

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Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Leader

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

Releases, pictures and letters to the editor can also be dropped off at our office located at 50 Elm Street or through our mail slot. To ensure that submittals reach our office prior to deadline, we encourage e-mail or faxed materials.

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

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

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

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

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Town Developer Gives His Side On Grandview Housing Plan

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Understanding the confusion and controversy that has arisen over a plan to develop an area of land he owns in and around Grandview Avenue, developer David L. Kervick maintained last week that he has no intention of antagonizing nearby residents who are unhappy with his proposal.

"The last thing in the world I would ever want to do would be something to the detriment of the town," stated Mr. Kervick in a personal interview with *The Westfield Leader* this past Friday.

"I will make my application through the Planning Board, and they will make the decision. I'm not a confrontational person."

Mr. Kervick, 51, is a Public Defender in Morristown and a near-lifelong resi-

dent of Westfield. He owns two parcels of land that total some 69,000 square feet in the town's farthest southeast areas, property that is adjacent to Grandview Avenue, Myrtle Avenue and Grove Street.

That land itself was a hotly-contested issue in state Superior Court, before Judge John Pisansky, who ruled on November 8, 1991 that all of the land in question must affect a Mt. Laurel plan of some kind.

On the parcels he owns, Mr. Kervick wants to increase housing density from eight to 12 units per acre, which would come to about 22 separate units.

In accordance with Judge Pisansky's ruling, Mr. Kervick says he is currently free to develop housing on his land at eight units per acre, which would give him about 10 less units—12—than he would have under

Westfield Developer Offers His Side on Grandview Plan

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the higher density. Many residents in that area spoke out strongly against a plan involving higher density at a specially-called meeting on February 18, by the Town Council's Building and Town Property Committee in council chambers on East Broad Street.

Several residents of nearby Myrtle and Windsor Avenues condemned any higher density from what is currently zoned for Mr. Kervick's land, which is eight units per acre.

One person said the developer appeared "confrontational," while a local lawyer contended that if part of Grandview Avenue were ever vacated by the town to allow for more development, his family's business would suffer greatly and would likely result in a lawsuit.

Mr. Kervick, who is represented by local attorney James B. Flynn, says he was present at the February 18 meeting and felt "sad" that he could not "allay" the fears of the affected residents.

Although no one has even suggested privately that the issue of vacating Grandview Avenue could be a "red herring" of sorts, Mr. Kervick explained the issue arose when he first inquired about the possibility of acquiring two nearby town-owned lots, one of which is a contiguous parcel of about 16,000 square feet, which sits directly northwest of the two lots the developer already owns.

Although he wants a higher density on the site, Mr. Kervick said the vacation theory was not a diversion to gain this approval from the council, but was rather a possibility "subject to how the neighbors responded to it."

Originally, Mr. Kervick had mentioned the possibility of a density calling for 16 units per acre, but later indicated that 12 units per acre is something he could accept.

"My position is that ... 12 would be a fair number," Mr. Kervick, a resident of Clark Street, said. "I don't think that eight would be a fair number. We're seeing if we're on any common ground that could work."

Mr. Kervick, who pointed out that his wife, Mary K. Meyers, was born in Westfield, also said he has not ever counted on, or even anticipated, being able to acquire another large tract of state-owned land in the area, which is presently home to the state's New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) inspection station.

Mr. Flynn had also said the same thing a week earlier.

Some town officials have already stated publicly that it is unlikely they would support rezoning Mr. Kervick's land to a higher density, although they did leave the possibility open.

Second Ward Councilman Matthew P. Albano, the Building and Town Property Committee Chairman, told *The Leader* one week earlier that "based upon what I heard last night (February 18), I would not

be in favor of that. But the jury's still out and I'm waiting for information."

Mr. Laurel, the object of a controversial court ruling both in 1978 and again in 1983, established that municipalities statewide have the legal obligation to allow for a "fair share" of low- to moderate-income housing.

Judge Pisansky, as Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt explained, understood that the DMV site, located close to the Garwood border, is already occupied. But, Mr. Brandt said, the judge ruled that in the event it were to be vacated, zoning would have to include some type of Mt. Laurel commitment.

The town, Mr. Brandt has said, has taken care of that. The Mt. Laurel obligation has been interpreted as working on a 4-to-1 ratio, meaning that Mr. Kervick would likely have to recognize one house out of every five he builds as being under Mt. Laurel guidelines.

Mr. Kervick, who also pointed out that he has run the Westfield Men's Softball League for 30 years, mentioned that he is proceeding on the current assumption that he is free to develop the 69,000-square-foot parcel at a density of eight units per acre, since the courts, he added, have already told him this.

But he would like a higher density, along with the acquisition of the contiguous tract of town-owned land, which he says he has a right of first refusal, or the right to match any outside offer for the land.

"My contention is that eight (units per acre) may be low. I'm requesting consideration for a higher density of 12," the developer said.

"What I would like people to try to visualize is this: to purchase that one lot if possible, I would be looking at 12 units per acre," Mr. Kervick added.

Would the developer recognize the interpreted 4-to-1 Mt. Laurel formula?

"That's something I would discuss with the town," Mr. Kervick replied.

The developer added that he does understand the Mt. Laurel obligations.

Mr. Brandt, when asked by *The Leader* if the town were legally obligated to sell or vacate town-owned property on Grandview Avenue, responded, "They're not legally obligated to vacate a street. You've got to look at the street vacation and the sale of land as two different things."

"But I think we should sell it to him; the court order tells us if he were to develop Mt. Laurel housing, we would have to sell it to him," said Mr. Brandt.

Is the town worried that the developer would contest the matter in court, if a higher density is not granted?

"No, we're not anticipating at this point that there's going to be another lawsuit," Mr. Brandt replied.

"That's hypothetical as far as I'm concerned," added Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., who sits on the Planning Board as the council's representative.

Woman's Club Is Granted Controversial Subdivision

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be built on the other lots that would be, "contrary to the character of the neighborhood."

Mr. Krause noted that the house is estimated at \$500,000 and Mr. Tobia estimated that the house would cost \$100,000 to modernize.

The sole legal issue confronting the Planning Board concerned the distinctive Greek Revival porch of the Woman's Club building. A section of the land use ordinance requires that any building must have a front-yard depth of at least 35 feet.

With its nine-foot porch, the Woman's Club building has a front yard of only 29.9 feet. Under the ordinance, violations must be removed unless three criteria are met.

- The existence of the violation is not a "substantial detriment to the public good."
- The existence of the violation "will not substantially impair the purpose of the ordinance and the Planning Board."
- The purposes of the zoning act would actually be enhanced if the violation were permitted to stay. In his presentation, Mr. Tobia referred to the porch as, "the most significant architectural feature in the area."

The Planning Board unanimously agreed to let the porch remain. With the porch issue resolved, all three lots were in full compliance with the Westfield land use ordinance. The ordinance states that any subdivided lot in the RS-12 zone must be at least 12,000 square feet, with a width of 75 feet and a depth of 120 feet. All three lots exceeded these minimum requirements.

According to Planning Board attorney William Jeremiah, the board could not therefore legally prevent the subdivision.

This did little to ease the concerns of the residents who turned out to voice their objections to the plan.

John P. Clark, a former Falls Church, Virginia resident, said he moved to Westfield with his wife because its "character very much attracted us." He lamented a possible future in which people in Westfield only remembered, "houses that used to be there."

Sharon Rabbit, also of Westfield, said, "The property and structure has a lot of historical significance and speaks a lot to the sort of place we

want to live and raise our kids."

The Greek Revival house is home to two former Westfield mayors.

Mr. Robbins echoed the concerns of the community in stating, "Certainly there are enough people around that would think nothing of plowing the house down. That's what has a lot of us worried."

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, who sits on the board, noted that town ordinances need to be revised to make it more difficult for developers to eliminate open space and historic buildings.

"We passed an ordinance a while ago and it had some mistakes," the mayor said. "I hope we can fix this ordinance before the developers grab all the space."

Several residents raised concerns about the manner in which the Woman's Club was accepting bids for the property. With Mr. Krause's help, the property is being offered for private sale through a sealed bid.

Westfield resident and local Realtor Carol Tenor wondered, "whether a sealed bid encourages a developer to come in. Are they (the Woman's Club) going to hold out for bigger bucks or for a good buyer who wants to preserve the historical integrity of the house?"

In the end, the Planning Board sought a compromise between its legal obligation and the feelings of the community.

Board member Robert Newell told the audience that, "As much as I'm in favor of keeping things as they are, the law allows a subdivision to occur and it is out of our hands as a committee. I'd rather have the Woman's Club handle it than have a single buyer come in and subdivide it later."

Mr. Robbins also noted that it was the board's responsibility to "deal with the specifics of the law."

The board finally approved the subdivision, 6-1, with Anthony M. LaPorta casting the sole dissenting vote. He said he wanted the home to stay a single-family residence for 25 years.

Mr. Krause said this condition would not be reasonable. Mayor Jardim suggested seven years before the board and applicant agreed on five years.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Seven hundred block of East Broad Street - system malfunction.
- Three hundred block of South Avenue - system malfunction.
- Three hundred block of Clark Street - unintentional alarm.
- One hundred block of Marlin Court - smoke condition.
- Nine hundred block of Willow Grove Road - wire down.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Seven hundred block of Lawrence Avenue - hazardous condition.
- Seven hundred block of St. Marks Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Seven hundred block of East Broad Street - system malfunction.
- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- One hundred block of East Dudley Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Three hundred block of Orenda Circle - lock out.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Three hundred block of Clark Street - system malfunction.
- Two hundred block of Cowperthwaite Place - unintentional alarm.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Clifford Lawson, 39, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting disposable cameras valued at \$57 from a West North Avenue photo finishing establishment.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- A representative of a dry cleaning firm on Boulevard reported the attempted theft of a 1991 Dodge van from the company lot.
- A Tice Place resident reported that someone stole her 1990 Mazda mini-van from the south side Westfield train station lot.
- A bicycle valued at \$445 was reported stolen from a Vernon Place residence. It was taken from the side of the house, police said.
- Police reported that a bicycle rack valued at \$550 was stolen from a vehicle at an apartment complex on Central Avenue.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- A 15-year-old Roselle youth was arrested at a county-run educational facility on Lamberts Mill Road and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, according to police. He was released to the custody of a responsible adult.

Richard Dunay, 53, of Piscataway was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated in the 1100 block of South Avenue, according to police. He was released after posting \$375 bail.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- William Oliva, 32, of Huntington, New York was arrested and charged with possession of an open container of alcohol and with possession of suspected cocaine after being stopped on Ross Place, authorities said. He was being held in lieu of \$1,225 bail.
- Carlo Fabre, 24, of Newark and Wayne Payne, 34, of Irvington were arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana after being stopped for allegedly running a red light at Elm and East Broad Streets, according to police.

Payne was released on \$250 while Fabre was remanded to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

- Irma Montero, 40, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting, according to police, based on a complaint from a North Avenue department store. She was released after posting \$275 bail.
- A West Broad Street resident reported that someone forced entry into his home and stole cash and jewelry.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Seven hundred block of East Broad Street - system malfunction.
- Three hundred block of South Avenue - system malfunction.
- Three hundred block of Clark Street - unintentional alarm.
- One hundred block of Marlin Court - smoke condition.
- Nine hundred block of Willow Grove Road - wire down.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Seven hundred block of Lawrence Avenue - hazardous condition.
- Seven hundred block of St. Marks Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Seven hundred block of East Broad Street - system malfunction.
- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- One hundred block of East Dudley Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Three hundred block of Orenda Circle - lock out.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- Three hundred block of Clark Street - system malfunction.
- Two hundred block of Cowperthwaite Place - unintentional alarm.

alarm.

- Two hundred block of Springfield Avenue - automobile accident/extraction.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Six hundred block of Hyslip Avenue - system malfunction.
- One hundred block of Rogers Avenue - water evacuation.
- Five hundred block of Sherwood Parkway - smoke scare.
- Three hundred block of Clark Street - system malfunction.
- One hundred block of Harrison Avenue - system malfunction.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- One hundred block of Boynton Avenue - system malfunction.
- Six hundred block of Leigh Drive - wires down.
- Seven hundred block of Mountain Avenue - water evacuation.
- Four hundred block of North Avenue, West - odor investigation.
- One hundred block of Summit Court - water evacuation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Five hundred block of Colonial Avenue - unintentional alarm.
- One hundred block of Normandy Drive - unintentional alarm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- Fifteen hundred block of Lamberts Mill Road - alarm activation.
- Fifteen hundred block of Lamberts Mill Road - good intent call.

Town Council Debates Use Of Disposable Service Ware

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patrons should keep this in mind when eating at outdoor cafes.

Mr. Goldman explained that if there are problems with any of the cafes, the business community will undoubtedly inform the town or the council, which will then take action.

In responding to Republican council members' worries about the danger of increased litter from the cafes, Councilman Goldman responded that the cafes are "a problem in search of itself."

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., said when the ordinance was adopted a few years ago it was, more or less, aimed at fine dining restaurants, not take-out establishments which have been increasing in number in the central business district.

In other business, the council decided to support a request from former councilman Donnell Carr to designate the corner of Osborn and Downer Streets as Paul Robeson Corner.

Robeson was described in Mr. Carr's letter as a "great American actor, orator and singer whose family lived in Westfield during (the years) 1907-1910."

Robeson's father, William Drew, founded the presently standing St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, located at 500 Downer Street at Osborn Avenue.

Next month, the state will celebrate Robeson's life, and will mark the 100th anniversary of his birth on Thursday, April 9.

The new road sign will be affixed on top of the existing sign at the intersection of Downer and Osborn. The existing sign will remain intact.

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library have requested permission from the town to serve alcohol during a 10th library anniversary celebration planned for Saturday, December 12.

It was also announced that Westfield High School will hold a walk to educate the community on the awareness of breast cancer.

On another matter, the council authorized Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko to send a letter to Westfield public school officials regarding the possibility of the town absorbing legal responsibility for the playground at the former Lincoln School building.

The school is currently under lease by the Union County Educational Services Commission.

Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh said the property would be a strong candidate for Union County's "pocket park" grant program.

The issue was discussed by the liaison committees of the Town Council and Board of Education at a recent meeting.

On another matter, Mayor Jardim defended a letter published in last week's *Leader* in which he stated he would not support a tax increase to support this year's municipal budget.

The \$22.7 million spending plan was presented to the council by Mr. Gottko on February 10. The preliminary budget represents an increase in spending of \$433,000 over last year.

The Mayor said, after listening to comments by Republican council members Gregory S. McDermott, representing the First Ward; Councilman Sullivan and Councilwoman Vernick, that he has a "free speech" right to communicate with residents.

He explained that, unlike some other communities, the Mayor of Westfield is not charged with releasing the budget to the governing body.

Thus, he wanted to communicate his feelings on this spending plan as the budget process began at the council level.

Mrs. Vernick said council members are entitled to know the Mayor's thoughts on the budget. Mayor Jardim explained that he will detail his opinions this Saturday, March 7, when the council continues budget discussions with department heads.

Eileen Satkin Files for Seat On Westfield School Board

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She said she had gained a "different perspective" on what the community is experiencing concerning school board related issues.

Mrs. Satkin said her major interest is in the area of curriculum, which she referred to as the "foundation of students' education."

She is professionally both an occupational therapist and an educator.

The candidate has resided in Westfield for 15 years. Mrs. Satkin and her husband, Steven, have two children, a son, Scott, an eighth grader at Edison Intermediate School, and a daughter, Beth, a Westfield High School junior.

The candidate is presently employed in the Garwood public schools where she provides occupational therapy to special education students.

While on the board, she chaired the Programs and Policies Committee and served on the Facilities, Long Range Planning and Attorney Selection Committees.

Most recently, Mrs. Satkin co-chaired the Parent-Teacher Council's Special Education Committee and the "Awareness Expo" where she was a presenter. She is an active member of the Westfield Coalition for the Arts and is presently chairing the Teacher Scholarship Committee.

Board Vice President Danielle M. Walsh and Ginger Hardwick will continue to serve on the board for another term, due to the lack of a pool of candidates this year.

Mrs. Walsh will begin her third term in April, while Ms. Hardwick will commence her second term.

Mrs. Satkin also taught social studies in New York City and was an instructor in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Union County College.

Mrs. Walsh, a former elementary school teacher, has a degree from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in New York. She and her husband, Michael, have two grown children.

Ms. Hardwick, an attorney, has taught as an adjunct professor at the Seton Hall School of Law in Newark. Prior to that she practiced with a Newark law firm, specializing in commercial litigation.

The candidate and her husband, Steven Lapidus, have three children, Jake, A Roosevelt Intermediate School fifth grader; Sarah, a third grader at Franklin Elementary School, and Ben, will enter Franklin in the fall as a Kindergartener.

Keith S. Hertell, the other incumbent whose seat expires in April, chose not to seek reelection to a second three-year term. He is serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee this year.

The school board election will be held on Tuesday, April 21. Voters will have the opportunity to decide the fate of the \$45,739,665 tax levy.

School Board Unveils Budget With 2.33 Percent Increase

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a three-year effort. It's also been an effort to bring the administrative cost per pupil down.

"We set out three years ago and we had a plan," Mr. Hertell added. "That plan was to really manage our finances. I don't believe taxpayers defeat budgets when they see money going into the classroom. And that's what we made an effort to do."

The per-pupil cost for the 1998-1999 budget is targeted at \$8,154, about \$450 less than what it was just two years ago. Of the total expenditures for 1998-1999, exactly 52.77 percent goes toward instruction.

Also, because Westfield receives a relatively small amount from state aid, 5.79 percent, property taxes must account for 88.04 percent of the proposed budget.

Ironically, Westfield, which a decade ago had as many as 13 candidates vying for three board seats, does not have a race this year. Three candidates are running for the three available seats on the board.

Two of those candidates are incumbents Danielle M. Walsh, Vice President of the board, and Ginger Hardwick. Former board member

Eileen Satkin will fill Mr. Hertell's seat.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it," Mr. Hertell said. "I think one of the reasons you don't see a contested election this year is because of the work we've done over the last few years."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley announced one change within the capital maintenance portion of the budget, which will postpone for at least a year the possible renovation of two shop rooms into classrooms. Instead, the district plans on cable installation to classrooms for networking high school computers.

The cost for both projects, however, carries the same \$150,000 price tag, so the switch will not affect the budget, board members confirmed.

Under other business, Mrs. Jacobson announced that five seniors in the high school - Alice Kelman, Thomas Olsen, Ryan St. Clair, George Wu and Andrew Zachar Jr. - who were named semifinalists in the national merit scholarship competition, have now become finalists.

Recent Home Sales

G.G. Merrill, to Michael J. Donofrio, 928 Everts Avenue, \$165,000.

K.P. and B.C. Walker, to Kristen Y. Kim, 815 Clark Street, \$400,000.

R.A. Boyer, to Robert L. and Sara C. McKeown, 137 Stanmore Place, \$525,000.

C.R. Thorpe, to Michael N. Colucci and Patrice Reynolds, 419 Alden Avenue, \$435,000.

D.T. and C.D. Molowa, to Charles E. Childs, 3rd and Trina C. Childs, 274 Canterbury Road, \$399,000.

F.J. Abella, to Charles R. and Adriane Y. Carson, 107 Jefferson Avenue, \$270,000.

P. and M.J. Trainor, to Damian O. and Renata E. Handzy, 438 North Chestnut Street, \$277,000.

C.C. and B.B. Richey, to Kevin P. Shanahan, 901 North Avenue, \$133,000.

J.M. Heffron, Jr. and Karin M. Heffron, to Taras and Joanna Wayner, 723 First Street, \$230,000.

R.L. and S.C. McKeown, to Matthew D. and Patricia Felix, 531 Hillcrest Avenue, \$335,500.

J.C. Riecker, to Iliia R. Harkins, 523 Hillcrest Avenue, \$227,000.

B. Cai and Y. Pan, to Hongchaun Liu and Hong Xiao, 41 Woodbrook Circle, \$255,000.

E.O. and V.R. Fischer, to Christopher P. and Megan Collins, 453 Everson Place, \$258,000.

D.G. Miller and V.L. Cefarati, to Sven Migot and Sara Cohen, 131 Pearl Street, \$235,000.

P.P. Fraser, to Michael A. Rivezzi, 1309 Boulevard, \$170,000.

T. and M. Iwamoto, to Charles F. Heyder, 4th and Salley Susan Perlestein, 41 Moss Avenue, \$220,000.

J.A. and B.J. Muraglia, to David J. and Joan B. Crabiel, 1609 Pinegrove Avenue, \$207,000.

T.J. and M.A. Bryson, to Erik Allen and Krystyna Monczka, 446 Channing Avenue, \$275,000.

M.D. Smith and M.E. Lee, to Denise Mary Miller, 642 Hanford Place, \$335,000.

S.J. and A.M. Knight, to Linda L. Mack, 360 Dudley Avenue, West, \$259,500.

N. Shapiro and H. Terry, to Tracy Tener, 240 Clark Street, \$277,000.

S.J. and N.C. Cuoco, to Adrian A. and Abbie F. Shoobs, 322 Park Street, \$257,000.

A. and E. Ciuillo, to A.D.U. Building L.L.C., 201 Cacciola Place, \$37,000.

A.D. and C. Kampf, to Stuart C. Pistle, 515 Trinity Place, \$162,000.

P.R. Baschi, to Yair Fussman, 206 Myrtle Avenue, \$175,000.

K. and S. Powell, to Paul and Mindy Buckley, 525 Grove Street, West, \$262,000.

E. and D. Botvinick, to Leonid and Violetta Pesenson, 406 Otisco Drive, \$265,000.

E.H. Furch, to Andrew John and Susan Elaine Gibbs, 121 Wyoming Street, \$156,000.

Town Resident Faces Charges Involving Child Pornography

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nography in padded envelopes ready for mailing, plus 20 blank disks and 20 padded envelopes, 15 child pornography magazines and 12 pornographic video tapes, the lieutenant confirmed.

He said authorities also recovered mailing lists, but said investigators had not released specific information as to where the tapes were being sent, citing an ongoing investigation into the case.

Gadia was charged with endangering the welfare of a child, based on his alleged distribution of the pornographic material, according to the lieutenant. He was released after posting \$10,000 cash bail.

Authorities believe that Gadia either scanned pornographic images from maga-

zines onto his own web site, or else downloaded them from other Internet locations, Lieutenant Cosgrove said.

The images were apparently then copied onto tapes and sold for \$13 each, the police spokesman revealed.

Postal officials were brought into the case, Lieutenant Cosgrove said, because the suspect is believed to have been "using the service to mail child pornography."

It was unclear as to how long the suspect was allegedly operating the web site. Lieutenant Cosgrove said authorities had received another tip about the site around the beginning of February, but "nothing developed from it" at the time.



EARNING THE BADGE...Webelo Cub Scouts, James Hanas, Paul Goldweitz and Gregory Speir recently with Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim to earn their citizenship badge. The boys learned about their local government and were able to see how their town council meets to discuss local issues. The boys belong to St. Helen's Cub Scout Troop No. 273.



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CELEBRATING FREEDOM...The Optimist Club of Scotch Plains and Fanwood recently presented its annual essay contest on the topic "freedom." Receiving recognition during a ceremony at Pantagis-Renaissance, left to right, are: Susan Lee, second place; Mary Gabriel, first place; Shawna Morgan and Andrew Ponzio, third place, and Richard Call, chairman of the contest.

BUDGET SHOWS 2.2 PERCENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

School Board OKs Tentative Spending Plan of \$43.15 Mil. For 1998-1999 School Year

By **SUSAN M. DYCKMAN**
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, Tuesday night, approved a tentative budget of \$43,148,449 for the 1998-1999 school year.

The tentative budget reflects a 2.2 percent increase over the \$42,210,491 budget approved by voters for the 1997-1998 school year. It calls for a 3.54 percent increase in the school tax levy.

Prior to the board vote, Business Administrator and Board Secretary Matthew A. Clarke reassured board members and the public that, "for to-

day," the state funding for Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools remains the same as originally promised on February 11.

The district is set to receive a total of \$3,411,863 in state funding. State officials released their updated school aid schedule on March 3, just hours before the start of the board meeting.

In Scotch Plains, the school tax rate per \$100 of assessed value is \$3.19, a 2.24 percent increase over 1997. This translates into an annual increase of \$80.50 on the average assessed home (valued at \$115,000) in the township.

Fanwood residents can expect a 1998 school tax rate of \$3.89 per \$100 of assessed value, which means paying an additional \$124.50 on an average assessed home in the borough (valued at \$83,000). This represents a 4.01 percent increase over 1997.

The \$43 million budget breaks down into three parts: general fund, \$41,685,513; debt service, \$522,208; and state and federal grants, \$940,728.

Under state regulations, the school budget increase may not expand beyond the 3 percent cap established by the state. However, eligible districts are allowed to use Statutory Spending Growth Limitation Adjustments (SGLA) to adapt their budgets to accommodate the discrepancy between actual expenditures by the district and calculated numbers from the state.

The board opted to take advantage of the Tuition SGLA (for out-of-district students whose tuition costs exceed \$40,000 per year). The board incorporated \$27,500 of a possible \$35,000 into its tentative 1998-1999 budget to help cushion the impact of unanticipated increases in tuition during the coming year.

While the tuition adjustment does not impact the tax rates for Scotch Plains and Fanwood as set forth by the administration on February 24, it

did change the overall tax levy increase to 3.54 percent from the original 3.47 percent announced in *The Times* last week.

Board members debated the need for a second question on the April 21 school budget ballot to provide funding for an elevator at Terrill Middle School. They also considered utilizing other SGLAs to incorporate elevator funding into the budget itself. Estimates for the purchase and installation of an elevator are approximately \$200,000.

During the 1998-1999 school, there will be two eighth-grade and three sixth-grade students in wheelchairs at Terrill.

Board member August Ruggiero made a motion to add \$199,300 to the general fund portion of the tentative budget, with the understanding that board members would use the three weeks prior to the public hearing on the board to further explore the purchase and construction costs, safety issues and maintenance costs associated with an elevator.

Only board President Donald E. Sheldon and board member Morris H. Gillet supported Mr. Ruggiero's proposal.

In casting his vote, Mr. Gillet said, "I'd like to avoid a second question if possible...it won't go over well with voters. However, if we don't make provisions (for an elevator) now, we'll have to take the dollars from somewhere else eventually."

The motion was defeated by a vote of 6-3.

"I don't think money for the elevator should be in the first question," said board member Thomas Russo, "and I don't think we should have a second question."

Having cited some concerns regarding the elevator, he said a decision at this time would be "premature."

"It would be foolish to put in money when we don't know what we want to do with it," said board member Albert J. Syvertsen.

He also questioned the need to provide for elevator funding now, saying there would not be enough time to construct the elevator prior to the start of the school year.

Board member Theresa Larkin, who supports the idea of an elevator for Terrill, said, "We have to balance

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INCUMBENT ALBERT SYVERTSEN OPTS NOT TO SEEK REELECTION

Five Seek Two Available Scotch Plains Seats On BOE; Mr. Meade Unopposed in Fanwood

By **SUZETTE STALKER**
Specially Written for The Times

Six candidates will run for three vacancies on the local Board of Education this spring, including five for the two available Scotch Plains seats. The deadline for filing nominating petitions was Monday at 4 p.m.

Elections for the school board will be held on Tuesday, April 21. Each of the candidates are running for three-year terms. Voters will also decide at that time whether or not to support the tax levy for the 1998-1999 school budget.

Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon of Scotch Plains, who is seeking a third term on the school board, and fellow incumbent Richard R. Meade from Fanwood are among the candidates in this year's race. Mr.

Meade will be unchallenged in his bid for a second full term.

Albert J. Syvertsen of Scotch Plains, who holds the third open seat, opted not to run for reelection this year. The three-term board member, first elected in 1989, said he and his wife anticipate relocating within the next three years, possibly to the northern part of New Jersey.

Mr. Syvertsen told *The Times* on Tuesday that he did fill out a petition in the event he would run again, but changed his mind after determining there were "enough good candidates" running for the school board this year to warrant a changing of the guard.

Dr. Sheldon, who has served as President of the board for the past five years, has lived in Scotch Plains for 30 years. Now retired, he was employed

by the school district for 23 years, first as Director of Guidance and later as Director of Special Services.

A Fanwood resident since 1992, Mr. Meade was first appointed to fill a vacancy on the school board in 1994. The candidate, who works as an in-house attorney for AT&T in Basking Ridge, was elected to his first full term in 1995.

Among the other four Scotch Plains nominees are Jean McAllister of Quimby Lane and Norman A. Ross of Nicholl Avenue, both of whom ran for the school board last year but lost.

Rounding out the candidate pool are newcomers Lance Porter of 815 Everts Avenue and Thomas Randazzo of 11 Autumn Drive.

A native of Brooklyn, Mr. Randazzo has lived in Scotch Plains since July of

1996. He and his wife, Victoria, are the parents of two preschool-age children. The candidate said he decided to run for the board in order to "become more involved in the school district where my kids will be going to school."

Mr. Randazzo graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering, and earned his Master of Business Administration Degree from New York University.

He is Vice President of Ambac Assurance on Wall Street in Manhattan, where he works in structuring and financing debt for municipalities and corporations. He feels his background would be an asset on the school board.

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Scotch Plains Township Council Endorses Six-Month Test Of FAA Routes; Moves Ahead to Obtain Zoo Property

By **JEANNE WHITNEY**
Specially Written for The Times

A week after publicly meeting with high-level Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials, the Scotch Plains Township Council unanimously endorsed on Tuesday a six-month test on flights heading west from Newark International Airport.

The test routes should feed noisy, low-flying aircraft over an industrial tract between Rahway and Carteret. Township officials indicated it is worth experimenting with the FAA plan to

see whether it does indeed reduce noise levels over residents' heads.

Other local communities and the Union County Air Traffic Advisory Board have opposed the routing plan known as the "260-degree turn," due to complaints that the plan continues to bring aircraft over populated areas during takeoff and landing, instead of looping back over the Atlantic Ocean in a proposal called "ocean routing."

Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen said FAA officials told her that ocean routing from Newark Airport would require at least 14 "zigzags" or overpasses around existing air traffic routes from New York's LaGuardia and Kennedy Airports, "and they (FAA) don't even like to have one overpass," she said.

The FAA has said its first priority is clearly safety, followed by efficiency and environmental impact concerns.

Councilman William McClintock, Jr. said the 260-degree turn plan appears to be a "simple solution" that takes aircraft higher — more quickly — within a two-mile radius after it leaves the runway, and then turns southwesterly. FAA officials have said the new test route will be used by the estimated 600 aircraft departing daily from Newark.

The council said it would ask the FAA for frequent updates on the testing that is scheduled to begin Sunday, March 15. The governing body also said its resolution would ask the FAA to continue to search for "any and all" plans that would reduce aircraft noise to residents.

On a different matter, the council said on Tuesday it would move ahead with legal steps to obtain the former Scotch Plains Zoo property from a Warren developer for use as a township park. The council got the okay from the Chairwoman of the Zoo Park Study Committee, Lucille Masciale, on the action and heard positive reports on the measure from the Historical Review and Environmental Commissions, officials said.

The proposals include preserving the "Aunt Betsy Frazee House" on the six-and-a-half-acre property. The property was sold last year for about \$700,000 after the zoo was shut down for violations. Recent appraisals put the property value at \$510,000.

On a related issue, the council discussed municipalities that levy a tax of one to five cents on the dollar to raise money for the purchase of property for parks and other development. Town-

ship Manager Thomas E. Atkins said 10 counties do this and so do the municipalities of Montville, Middlesex, Bedminster and Brunswick.

"This was a little bit surprising to

me," Mr. Atkins said, since the tax must be put to the voters to approve.

In other business, Councilman McClintock, the Liaison to the Library

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LaGrande Square Partnership Is Granted Final Site Plan Approval for Development

By **SUZETTE STALKER**
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Planning Board granted final site plan approval February 25 to the LaGrande Square Partnership, which plans to construct four duplex units on slightly less than three quarters of an acre of land at the corner of LaGrande Avenue and Third Street.

Board members unanimously approved the site plan with an 8-0 vote after concurring that the partners had satisfied the requirements established when preliminary approval was awarded in 1995.

Three of the board's 11 representatives, including John Celardo, Jeffrey Strauss and Chairman Gregory S. Cummings, were absent from the regular meeting. Board Vice Chairman Jack Molenaar presided at the session.

The LaGrande Square Partnership is comprised of Robert S. Rau, Jr., a former Fanwood resident now living in Warren, and Richard W. Bower of Berkeley Heights. They had been represented throughout the application process by Robert H. Kraus of the Scotch Plains law firm of Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth.

During last week's meeting, the applicants presented the final phase of their development proposal, which called for porches measuring 6 feet by 14 feet to be built on each duplex.

Mr. Kraus said his clients felt this would be an aesthetic improvement for the development, rather than simply having the units lead out onto the sidewalk.

The board handed down its approval after the partners agreed to amend the porch dimensions to 5 feet by 14 feet, in order to provide an extra foot of driveway space.

Some concern had been expressed

among board members during the meeting that if the driveway lengths were shorter, a motorist pulling in might misjudge the distance and crash into the porch area of a duplex while residents were sitting there.

The applicants also agreed to increase the number of signs prohibiting parking in a fire zone from two to four, based on a recommendation from Eugene Bellamy, Deputy Chief of Fanwood's Bureau of Fire Prevention.

One of the signs will be placed at a

locked gate in the development, to be designated for emergency exit only, and through which firefighters would be able to access a hydrant on South Avenue if necessary. Firefighters will also have access to a hydrant on LaGrande to service the development, according to Mr. Kraus.

The attorney noted that his clients also put up a performance bond of \$13,560 as assurance for the municipality that they will install storm sewers and other necessary provisions

for the development.

for the development.

Upon reaching their decision, board members reflected on the decade-long effort to develop the property in a way which would respect "the borough, the character of the community and structural requirements for safe housing," in the words of Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, a member of the board.

Mr. Kraus said several factors contributed to the lengthy period of time which elapsed before the property

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Township Planning Board Recommends Bridge Span for Proposed Development

By **CANDACE WALLER**
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Planning Board passed a resolution Monday night recommending that the Township Council consider an emergency access bridge for a proposed 116-unit townhouse development between Meadow Street and Union Avenue.

The proposed development, which would be known as The Reserve, calls for the construction of three to five buildings containing a total of 116 units for 300-plus people.

A portion of the units would be designated as low- to moderate-income housing to help satisfy the township's Mount Laurel obligation.

Council members have sought the board's input in deciding whether the Donato family, which owns the property, can apply to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for a stream encroachment permit to construct the bridge.

The applicants must get permission from the township to apply to the

state for this permit. Governing body members will take the recommendations from the Planning Board into consideration before they decide about the permit.

The Donatos, who currently own a large home on the site, have an agreement with developer K. Hovnanian to build the complex on 7.7 acres of land pending approval of their appeal.

Under the terms of the Donatos' deal with K. Hovnanian, the family home, which is more than 100 years old, would be torn down to make way for the development.

Although the Planning Board supported the applicants' bid to obtain a stream encroachment permit, the resolution neither approves nor negates the overall application, board representatives maintained.

"If the board votes in favor of the emergency access bridge, it still retains the right to vote against the application," explained Planning Board Attorney Lawrence A. Woodruff.

"I'm not suggesting that the board is considering this," he added.

Board Chairman George Tomkin, who presented the resolution to the board, encouraged members to vote in favor of allowing the Donatos to apply for the state permit.

"I think the Township Council should allow the applicant to apply for the Department of Environmental Protection stream encroachment permit," he added.

The bridge would only be used by fire, police and rescue personnel, providing them with supplemental access to the area, which is sometimes affected by rain or snow.

If it became necessary to get to someone for medical assistance, the bridge would allow emergency workers to reach the person during inclement weather.

The bridge would not be open to the public. A break-through gate would be constructed so motorists could not use the bridge as an alter-

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Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Times

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

Releases, pictures and letters to the editor can also be dropped off at our office located at 50 Elm Street, Westfield or through our mail slot. To ensure that submittals reach our office prior to deadline, we encourage e-mail or faxed materials.

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

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

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

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

SP-F Memorial Day Parade To Honor Women Veterans As Collective Grand Marshall

The 1998 Fanwood-Scotch Plains Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25.

The Parade Committee is planning to honor all women veterans in the

Lions Club to Present Pancake Breakfast

The Scotch Plains Lions Club will present "More Than a Lion's Pancake Breakfast" on Sunday, March 15, from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, at Jerusalem Road and Plainfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Pancakes, sausage, ham and eggs, juice and coffee will be served.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 6 years old will be admitted free. All proceeds from the event will go to the Blind Fund.

The Pancake Breakfast Chairman is Ron Kelly of Scotch Plains. He may be reached at (908) 753-8218. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from a Lions member.

communities of Fanwood and Scotch Plains as the collective Grand Marshall for this year's parade.

In October, 1997, the Women in Military Service for America Memorial was dedicated at the gates to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. This memorial recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by America's female military personnel during their time in service.

The committee is looking for all female veterans in local communities to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. The invitation is extended to all women veterans, regardless of rank or branch of service; era, World War II through present; duty station, state-side or overseas; or type of service, in peace time or in war.

Those persons interested in participating in the parade or if who know a women veteran are asked to call Carolyn Sorge of the Memorial Day Parade Committee at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at (908) 322-6700, Extension No. 314.

Candidates Seek Three Seats On Board of Education

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Mr. Randazzo said he felt he would bring "a different voice into the mix" and "different experiences to the board."

Originally from East Orange, Mr. Porter moved to Scotch Plains in 1970, when he was 11 years old. He is a product of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school system, later receiving a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Manufacturing Management from General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan.

The candidate and his wife, Sharynn, have two children who are enrolled at Evergreen Elementary School in Scotch Plains. He is employed as a Supervisor of Engineering at the General Motors plant in Linden.

Mr. Porter sits on the Board of Directors of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA and is a member of the Board of Trustees at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, where his father, the Reverend Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., has been the Pastor for more than 30 years.

Mr. Porter explained that he became a candidate because he felt the board "could use some diversity," adding that "there's a voice in the community among people I deal with regularly which wasn't being heard."

He said he felt his knowledge of buildings and facilities, which he has gained through his involvement with the church, the "YMCA" and his job, would be beneficial on the school board.

Mrs. McAllister and her husband are the parents of two young children. Formerly of Clark, she graduated magna cum laude from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and Economics.

A township resident for five years, her professional background includes having worked in Manhattan in investment and pension services. She has also been a literacy volunteer in New York, helping adults learn to read.

Mr. Ross, who has lived in Scotch Plains for six years, taught emotionally-disturbed children at Rahway High School for 30 years before retiring. He has also taught adult school courses in various New Jersey municipalities.

The candidate, who is married, has three grown children who were educated through the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Seton Hall University in South Orange and a master's degree in Behavioral Sciences from Kean College in Union.

BOE Approves Tentative \$43.5 Million School Budget

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what's good for students with what's good for the community. I am totally opposed to a second question, and to raise the tax levy to this (higher) level is unfair to taxpayers."

"We have to be fair," she added. "I want this elevator very much but not this way."

Board Vice President Jessica Simpson asked where else funding might come from if the board decided to make the elevator a priority and spend the money for it.

"We can't cut \$200,000 from the budget and not affect programs," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye.

"We're at the point where it would affect staff and that would mean an increase in class size," she added.

In the end, board members did not approve a second question, nor did they increase the budget.

Board members will launch budget presentations to the public on March 10.

They will speak at meetings organized by the respective Parent-Teacher Associations at individual

schools, offering parents and community members an opportunity to learn about budget particulars directly from board members.

Presentations at preschools, YMCA facilities and the library are also being considered.

All community organizations are invited to contact the school board offices to arrange for a budget presentation.

The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m.

Three of the five candidates running for the two, three-year seats on the board for Scotch Plains attended Tuesday's meeting: incumbent Dr. Sheldon, Jean McAllister and Lance Porter. Other candidates are Norman Ross and Thomas Randazzo.

Incumbent Richard Meade is running unopposed for the one, three-year seat from Fanwood.

The Board of Education Candidates' Night will be held Thursday, April 2, in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Council Endorses FAA Test; Moves Ahead on Zoo Site

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Board of Trustees said the township library would not be sharing its automation or computerization process with the Borough of Fanwood library, saying only, "It didn't work out. They're going to do it on their own."

Initially, Fanwood had asked to come into the project when Scotch Plains announced its \$142,000 plan to automate. The joint effort would reportedly have saved the township \$10,000.

On a separate matter, the township accepted a bid last week of \$49,000 for a piece of property at 2682 Plainfield Avenue. In January, the same lot was offered in auction at \$60,000 with no takers. Donato Picaro of South Orange outbid two township residents for the residential-zoned lot.

The council agreed to limit traffic on Montague Avenue to four tons after neighbors complained of commercial traffic.

Mayor Papan said the council needs to find out what residents want from New Jersey Transit in the way of parking, by Monday, March 16, when the Raritan Valley Transportation Coalition meets.

Mayor of neighboring Watchung, Anthony Addario, asked the township to work with the borough and Berkeley Heights to get funding from the state Department of Transportation to improve the heavy traffic interchanges in the Route No. 22 and Interstate No. 78 corridor, that includes Scotch Plains.

Mayor Addario cited the completion of the Connell Corporate Center as a major contributor to increased traffic in the communities. An aid to State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine said Mr. Augustine will hold a regional meeting about solutions to the transportation issues.

Council members said the township library has expressed interest in displaying a marble sculpture commemorating Christopher Columbus' travels to America, that a local Italian-American charitable organization, UNICO, will donate to the township.

Scotch Plains Day will be Saturday, October 3. The council said it has ordered sunshine for the day, after heavy rains spoiled the event two years in a row.

Final Site Plan Approval Awarded to Partnership

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could be developed. He cited the economic recession of the late 1980s, along with a sewer moratorium which lasted several years.

During the past 10 years, the property had also been eyed as a possible location for affordable housing units, according to Borough Engineer Richard Marsden.

Under other business, the board memorialized a resolution confirming its approval January 28 of an appeal by Keith and Ellen English of 243 Belvidere Avenue to place a four-foot-high, white picket fence around their property, which also borders Martine Avenue.

Mrs. English testified during the public hearing on her application that she and her husband were concerned for the safety of their two children, ages 4 and 2, one of whom had recently run onto Martine, a heavily-traveled thoroughfare.

She said she had consulted with a police officer about the proposed fence, and that he felt it would not pose a visibility problem for motorists. Board members agreed with the officer's analysis.

During committee reports, Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, who also

sits on the Planning Board, said she had met recently with a professional planner who had reviewed the borough's updated Master Plan.

She said the planner felt there were several issues, such as historic preservation, which needed to be further addressed in order to make the plan "all that it should be."

Mrs. Schurtz noted that the Master Plan defines the "sense and character of the community," even though the borough is about 99 percent developed.

Mayor Connelly concurred, calling it "the strategic plan for everything you want to do."

Erratum

A Page 1 lead story on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education meeting in the January 29 issue of *The Times* incorrectly stated that a survey was conducted last October by the Berwyck Chase Homeowners Association that revealed 21 children from the development will be attending Kindergarten in the fall. The survey was actually conducted by a unit owner of the association and not the organization itself.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
• Scott K. Bell, age 34, of Fanwood was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Park Avenue. The incident occurred pursuant to a one-car motor vehicle accident.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
• Two residents of Gary Court reported their cars were entered and items taken from the glove compartments.
• A suspicious brush fire in the creek bed adjacent to the Park Avenue Post Office was extinguished by the fire department. A number of juveniles were reported seen in the area prior to the report.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
• Two Fanwood youths, ages 14 and

15, were taken into custody and released to their parents after trespassing on railroad property and found to be in possession of marijuana.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
• Police responded to an alarm on Jenna Court and found an object had been thrown through the front window. The window also was unlocked and pushed opened. The resident was home at the time and heard nothing except the alarm. The house was not entered.
• A motorist reported a pager was stolen from his vehicle during the afternoon. He believed it was taken while his vehicle was being serviced at a local service center.

FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
• Police reported that someone drove an automobile through La Grande Park during the night, tearing up the grass there. The damage was not extensive, authorities said.
• George Yates, 45, of South Plainfield was charged with driving while intoxicated at La Grande and South Avenues,

according to police. He was released on his own recognizance.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
• A bicycle valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a Paterson Road garage, authorities said.
• Police received a report of forced entry at a Stewart Place garage. Nothing was reported missing, however.

Recent Home Sales

Residence at 2372 Longfellow Avenue, to William L. Owens and Lisa Owens, from John J. Foley, \$205,000.
Residence at 432 William Street, to William G. Wilkins, Jr. and Jessica Wilkins, from James P. McClary, \$130,000.
Residence at 2107 Newark Avenue, to Kevin P. Walsh from Dolores V. Buerkle, \$198,000.

Residence at 2251 Newark Avenue, to Andrew G. Preston and Julie L. Marashlian, from Elsa B. Freiman, \$180,000.
Residence at 1510 Ramapo Way, to John J. Foley and Tracy E. Foley, from Armand Massie, \$305,000.
Residence at 345 Cook Avenue, to Marcos V. Perello and Irene A. Perello, from Douglas S. Lessing, \$165,000.

Planning Board Recommends Bridge for Development

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nate route. The fence, however, would allow emergency vehicles to drive through it without damage.

The board Chairman noted, however, that "the bridge (plans) should be modified to prevent use by pedestrians."

The board passed the request concerning the bridge by a vote of 6-1, with board member Donald Novello dissenting. Further testimony on the overall application will be heard by the board on Monday, March 16.

During the meeting, engineering expert William Edwards offered testimony on behalf of Weldon Materials of Westfield. The quarry developers, who are located opposite the applicants' property, are opposed to the planned development.

Mr. Edwards said he had concerns with flooding and the possible use of the bridge by children. He said the bridge would fulfill DEP standards but should have additional safety features because youngsters would be in the vicinity.

"There is no lighting or pedestrian rails (on the engineering design of the bridge)," Mr. Edwards said. "It appears no provisions on this bridge have been made if (it) were used by pedestrians."

William Butler, a Westfield attorney representing Weldon Materials, said if the land were to be developed, Weldon would have to contact the people in the units whenever they did blasting in the area.

"The proposed use of the land is incompatible with our quarry use," said Mr. Butler.

"Every time they blast, they have to warn the people in the area. It's easier to contact one family than 326," added applicant Connie Donato.

This application has been in the

process for two years. Members of the Donato family have said they hope to settle the matter soon so they can move on with their lives.



Airman Ogunyemi Completes Training At Air Force Base

United States Air Force Airman Matthew O. Ogunyemi has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Airman Ogunyemi studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Ogunyemi is the son of Florence F. Sowunmi of Lakewood and Alex O. Ogunyemi of Scotch Plains. He is a 1997 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



JOINING THE 100 CLUB...Children in Bernadette Hoyer's pre-Kindergarten TIP TOP classes at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains celebrated the 100th day of school on February 11. Adrienne Stark, Michael Pesin and Elizabeth Tenzer display some of the projects that they worked on during the 100-day celebration in their classroom. They are wearing their 100-Day headbands, 100 cheerio necklaces and their 100 club buttons. The 100 Day activities were planned to help the children gain an understanding of the concept of 100.

Miss Moody Is Winner of Vocational Award

Tyeshia Moody, a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has been named a local winner in the "Tools for Tomorrow" All-American Vocational Student Awards program, sponsored by ServiStar and Coast To Coast retailers across the country.

Selection of local winners in the "Tools for Tomorrow" program is based on academic and vocational achievements, leadership skills and community involvement, according to a spokeswoman for the school district.

Winners receive a \$100 United States Savings Bond and advance to the state level of judging.

While at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Tyeshia has been a shared time student in the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools' cosmetology program.

She is looking forward to obtaining her cosmetology license following her high school graduation and eventually to owning her own hair salon, the spokeswoman said.

Announcement of Tyeshia's Vocational Student Award was made in conjunction with National Vocational Education Week, which took place February 8 to 14.

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Lydia Matombo Among FDU Students Selected For 1998 Who's Who

Lydia Matombo of Scotch Plains is among 45 students from Fairleigh Dickinson University's Teaneck-Hackensack campus who will appear in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

These students were selected as national outstanding leaders based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

A senior majoring in nursing, Lydia is the recipient of several scholarships including the FDU Scholarship/Grant and Transfer Scholarship. She is also a student representative to faculty meetings.

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Freeholders Oppose Assembly Bills Addressing Future of Waste Disposal, Incinerator Debt

UCEDC Reports Highlights Successes Last Two Years

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

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted last week to oppose legislation under consideration by state legislators which is aimed at solid waste garbage incinerators in New Jersey.

If enacted into law, several of these bills would all but nullify any chance Union County officials have of forging a long-term lease arrangement which is currently being negotiated with the builder of the Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway - more popularly known as the incinerator - and place much of the control of solid waste management and recycling plans with the municipalities.

Although a written version of the Freeholder resolution had not been received by the Office of the Freeholder Clerk as of Tuesday morning, the board agreed with the sentiments of Freeholder Linda d. Stender, who has testified in Trenton before the General Assembly's Solid Waste Committee, and the special counsel to Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) officials.

Freeholder Stender said the four bills would be harmful to Union County as it attempts to keep the debt-ridden solid waste burner financially afloat while paying off outstanding bonds issued upon its construction.

The county is currently formalizing private contracts with a number of Union County municipalities and the utilities authority for the continuing disposing of solid waste at the incinerator.

These contracts, at 25 years each, offer towns the opportunity to dump waste at a cost of \$50 per ton with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase factored in.

In explaining the board's position on any pending legislation, Freeholder Stender said the county has said "our position is 'don't do anything to hurt us'," adding that Union County is working on the 25-year lease agreement with the builder of the incinerator, Ogden Martin Systems of Union, Inc., "to solve our crisis."

The lease arrangement will retire \$175 million of the debt on the incinerator. The remainder of the \$293 million in debt would come from a number of revenue sources including a tax, referred to as an Environmental Investment Charge (EIC), on garbage leaving the state.

Prior to the vote on the resolution, Bob Carson of Rahway, representing the Concerned Citizens of Union County, called the Freeholders "irresponsible" for drafting a resolution opposing the legislation without seeing the wording included in those bills.

Eric D. Wissler, a partner in the law firm of Decotis, Fitzpatrick & Gluck, special counsel to the utilities authority, gave a summary of the pieces of the legislation, named Assembly Bills Nos. 515 through 519.

Bill No. 516, he noted, would take all responsibility for solid waste flow control away from counties and public authorities, like the UCUA, and give it to the municipalities.

"Essentially the county would have no ability to decide where, either voluntarily or on a regulatory flow basis, municipal solid waste would go," he said.

The legislation would require all municipalities to assume primary responsibility for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste either through a municipal-run system or a municipal contract.

Another piece of legislation, Assembly Bill No. 515, was described by Mr. Wisler as a "major restructuring of the (state's) Solid Waste Management Act." This bill would leave all the planning for waste disposal at the county level but "take away all the funding capability to carry out that responsibility."

He said this legislation, if passed, would render the county "incapable of mandating," even on a voluntary basis, that municipalities and commercial trash generators follow the county's Solid Waste Management Plan.

A summary of the bill said this legislation was related to the 1996 federal court decision that found the Solid Waste Management Act provisions for county planning and implementation of solid waste plans to be "obsolete and unenforceable."

A third bill, Assembly Bill No. 517, in the legislative package addresses the issue of recycling. Mr.

Wisler said this bill reinforces the state's commitment to recycling. He said, however, that in the absence of a county-wide recycling program, the towns must still maintain their own commitment to recycling.

Another piece of legislation would restructure the state's public contracts law, addressing the ability of municipalities and counties to enter into contracts for collection or disposal of solid waste.

He said the aim of this legislation is to "put public authorities and counties on the exact same playing field with private collection companies."

This legislation would essentially throw a wrench into the county's efforts to offer the voluntary contracts with towns for disposal at the incinerator.

Mr. Wisler said the legislation would require towns to bid out contracts for disposal of solid waste, thus eliminating the option for towns to voluntarily sign a contract with the utilities authority.

"The utilities authority (voluntary contract) program would have to compete with a local collection company or disposal operator on the same basis through a bid process," he explained.

Under this legislation, the term of collection contracts would be extended from the current five years, as prescribed by current state law, to a term of up to 40 years.

This bill, Mr. Wisler said, would "take away the ability for one governmental entity to contract with another governmental entity in the case of public authorities" without competitive bidding.

The last bill under consideration by legislators, Assembly Bill No. 519, addresses the issue of repaying outstanding debt on incinerators in the state. This bill would create a state-

The Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC) has announced that its biennial report has been published.

The report provides readers with highlights of the corporation's programs and services which are especially geared toward start-up businesses; established retail, manufacturing and service businesses; and to those elected officials and other leaders interested in strengthening the county's commercial districts.

"We continually surpassed previous benchmarks, and increased the depth and breadth of our services," said Maureen Tinen, President of the UCEDC.

Among the benchmarks that the corporation surpassed are:

- It lent over 100 percent more money to 62 percent more clients.
- Helped clients obtain 25 percent more government contracts worth \$45 million.
- Generated more economic reports.
- Helped over 100 businesses find sites.

Ty Williams, Chairman of the UCEDC, explained that the corporation has evolved into a technical resource center with a goal of addressing 21st-century business needs.

"The corporation helps businesses obtain financing, find new markets, and train and prepare them for business ownership, government contracting and the challenges of competing in the technological age," he said.

Ms. Tinen added that the UCEDC not only helps businesses find out about government contract bidding opportunities, but also helps them understand the complicated and varied world of the bidding paperwork for each agency.

One-on-one technical assistance is provided to help businesses not only get their first government contract, but also to perform at such a level that they will be awarded numerous future contracts.

The UCEDC now sponsors two intensive training program series each year with its partner, the Scranton Electronic Commerce Resource Center. The training programs cover topics such as electronic data

interchange and conducting business with the United States Department of Defense.

"We host the satellite office of the Electronic Commerce Resource Center, one of only two such arrangements in the United States," said Mr. Williams.

"Union County businesses can not only take advantage of low-cost training opportunities, but they can also receive free consulting assistance at their business sites," he added.

To obtain a copy of the biennial report, please call (908) 527-1166.

UCEDC has helped businesses start, develop and expand for 20 years. The organization offers a range of services for start-up and established small retail and manufacturing businesses including financial programs including microloans of up to \$25,000 and direct loans up to \$100,000, and technical, government contract assistance, research and advocacy services.

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**Horse Riding Clothes
On Sale This Saturday
At Watchung Stables**

Parents in search of horseback riding clothes and equipment may want to attend the Watchung Stable Consignment Sale on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the stable, located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside.

The annual event offers gently used riding helmets, boots and other clothing and equipment at savings to the public.

In addition to obtaining necessary items for enjoying this recreational sport, shoppers will assist instructional programs at the stable, because one-third of the items selling prices will be remitted to the county.

Questions concerning the consignment sale, or this spring's instructional program, which begins the week of Friday, March 20, may be directed to the Watchung Stable at (908) 789-3665.

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**Sealfon's
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Mountainside Residents To See No Tax Increase For Municipal Services

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Although the Borough of Mountainside does not yet have the preliminary figure in place, Mountainside residents will face no tax increase as a result of the upcoming 1998 municipal budget, Mayor Robert F. Viglianti confirmed in an interview with *The Westfield Leader* last week.

"This year, the budget I'm presenting to council again has a zero (percent) increase," said Mayor Viglianti on February 26. "This will be the second year in a row there will be no tax increase."

The budget is expected to be unveiled to the full Borough Council at its work session this Tuesday, March 10, the Mayor added, although not until the council passes the final mark in April will it become official.

The final tab must also receive state approval.

Although Mayor Viglianti took pride in the fiscal accountability of the borough overall, he took time out to explain that a one-time occurrence last year was responsible for both a precipitous 38-point increase last spring, as well as a simultaneous 38-point drop this year.

Early last spring, the Union County Regional High School Board of Education disbanded following a referendum passed by voters, thus throwing fiscal/educational policy and decision-making back into the hands of local school boards in Springfield, Mountainside, Garwood, Clark, Kenilworth and Berkeley Heights, the six towns that supported the old regional system.

The high schools that were released from regional control were Jonathan Dayton in Springfield, Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights, Arthur L. Johnson in Clark and David Brearley in Kenilworth.

When that occurred, Mayor Viglianti explained, Mountainside, as well as the other towns involved, had to issue one final payment to the regional system, which caused a tem-

porary 38-point budgetary increase, even though the municipal portion in Mountainside alone showed no increase.

"At the beginning of last year, we had an obligation to meet a one-time payment to the regional board," Mayor Viglianti outlined. "That was just to pay the regional (portion). But even though it went up 38 points, our overall budget was at zero increase."

The Mayor acknowledged that because school boards run on a fiscal (June-to-June) time clock and municipal government runs on the calendar itself, confusion was rampant not only in Mountainside last spring, but in the other five regional towns, as well.

"I've been doing budgets for 17 years, and last year, we were just as confused as everybody else because we didn't know what the game plan was," the Mayor conceded, also adding that notice of the final regional payment came on an "11th-hour" occurrence.

In April of last year, therefore, Mountainside was "told we had to raise the monies to pay for the regional board's final fiscal six months."

"Which would have been from January to June 1997," the Mayor added. "That's when I had to add that 38 points to the local tax levy to pay the regional (bill). Yet, the overall tax levy from the year before went down about \$150 (per household)."

He also cautioned that the zero percent budgetary increase covers only the municipal aspect, although he expressed confidence that Mountainside's Board of Education would continue to operate cautiously.

"They're decent people," he added. The Mayor did not comment on what he would expect from the county budget. He emphasized that the zero percent increase applies to "our municipal (figure) only."

Bravery is the fruit of a thousand hardships.

— *Philippine Proverb*



PANCAKEDAY PREPARATIONS... Westfield Acting Mayor, James J. Gruba, second from left, presents Westfield Rotary Club President, Dr. D. Michael Hart, with a proclamation in which Mayor Thomas C. Jardim declared the week of March 7 to March 14 as "Westfield Rotary Scholarship Week." They are joined by Rotary Past President Robert P. Yeager, right; Chairman of "Pancake Day-1998" and Past President James Coventry, who has taken a leadership role in all 31 "Pancake Days" held to date.

Rotary's 31st 'Pancake Day' Slated for Saturday at WHS

Preparations are completed for the Rotary Club of Westfield's 31st annual "Pancake Day" to be held in the Westfield High School cafeteria on Saturday, March 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy the pancake, eggs and sausage meal which will be served while the following en-

tertainment program is presented by various local music groups.

- Jazz Band (New Jersey Workshop for the Arts): 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- Sharps & Flats (Roosevelt Intermediate School): 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Dixie All Stars (Westfield Community Band): 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Washington Rock Girl Scouts Chorus: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Broadway Singers (Edison Intermediate School): 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- Variety of Groups (Edison, Wilson and Jefferson Elementary Schools): 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Proceeds from "Pancake Day" will be added to the Westfield Rotary Foundation, which has already allocated over \$1.2 million to over 1,800 Westfield High School students in 31 years.

Tickets for "Pancake Day" may be obtained from any Rotarian or at the door on the day of the event.

Mountainside GOP To Hold Convention To Select Candidates

The Mountainside Republican Club will sponsor a local convention for the purpose of selecting candidates for the Borough Council.

The convention will be held in the Mountainside Borough Hall on Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m.

Candidates who are interested in being considered by the Convention must forward a letter of intent and a brief resumé to Republican Chairman Bill Van Blarcom, 284 Meeting House Lane, Mountainside, by Monday, March 16.

For information, please call Mr. Van Blarcom at (908) 233-0836, or Marilyn Hart at (908) 233-4036.

Darielle Walsh Seeks Reelection To Help Board Stay on Course

Darielle M. Walsh, Westfield Board of Education incumbent who is in her sixth year on the board, said she is seeking reelection because, "I feel a responsibility to use my knowledge and experience to continue to help our schools and community."

Mrs. Walsh, active in the Westfield community and in the schools for nearly 20 years, said she is seeking reelection to the school board "to keep our focus on educational issues so that we stay on course and provide a high quality education for all of our students at the least cost to our taxpayers."

Currently, Vice President of the nine-member Board of Education, Mrs. Walsh stated, "After serving on the school board for six years, I realize the importance of experience, leadership and vision."

"I have learned to build consensus by working with a variety of 21 other Board of Education members and two superintendents of schools and by listening to hundreds of citizens, parents, students and staff," she continued.

"My experiences on the board and as a resident and volunteer have given me a unique historical perspective with the board, the educational system in Westfield and the community as a whole."

"With a track record of involvement and leadership in Westfield school and community activities, I am keenly aware of the issues facing our schools and community."

"As head of the Facilities Committee for four years, I am knowledgeable of the need to protect and preserve the community's valuable school property assets and to provide upgraded, safe, and well-maintained facilities for our students," she said.

After citing her own "responsibility to contribute her experience and leadership to the school board," Mrs. Walsh appealed to citizens to vote in the annual school election on Tues-

day, April 21.

"Westfield residents have the responsibility to vote for board members who have demonstrated by their



Darielle M. Walsh

actions, as well as their words, that they can do the best job in enabling the community to provide the highest quality education in the most cost effective manner," the candidate concluded.

Kindergarten Parents Are Invited to Attend Orientation Meeting

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will hold a Kindergarten Parent Orientation meeting on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the Kindergarten inventory and highlight aspects of the Kindergarten curriculum. All interested parents, nursery school personnel and community members are invited to attend the session.

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Westfield and Fanwood Seeing Lack of BOE Races While Township Voters Face Decision

This year will be a slow one locally in regards to school board elections. In Westfield there will be no contested race for the first time in recent memory. Eileen Satkin, who last served on the Westfield Board of Education in 1995, filed her nominating petition just hours before Monday's 4 p.m. deadline. She essentially replaces one-term board member Keith S. Hertell, who opted not to seek reelection to his board seat.

Scotch Plains voters will be asked to select two candidates from a field of five for two seats on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education. Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon is joined this year by Jean McAllister and Norman A. Ross, both of whom were unsuccessful in last year's election, along with newcomers Lance Porter and Thomas Randazzo. Richard R. Meade, representing Fanwood, is unopposed this year.

Dr. Sheldon, a former Director of Guidance and Director of Special Services, is seeking a third term on the board. Veteran board member Albert J. Syvertsen is not seeking reelection this year. Mr. Ross is a retired teacher of emotionally-disturbed students at Rahway High School.

Mrs. Satkin lost her bid for a second term on the Westfield school board in 1995 during an election in which Mr. Hertell and Ginger Hardwick, currently a

board member, were elected from a field of nine candidates for four seats.

While on the school board, Mrs. Satkin served as Chairwoman of the Programs and Policies Committee and was a member of the Facilities, Long Range Planning and Attorney Selection Committees.

Mrs. Satkin will join the board again along with Ms. Hardwick and board Vice President Darielle Walsh, both of whom are seeking reelection. Mrs. Walsh has chaired the Facilities Committee since 1992 while Ms. Hardwick is the Chairwoman of the Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Committee.

Residents in all three communities will get the opportunity to vote on the school tax levies. In Scotch Plains, approval of the district's tax levy will result in an increase of \$80.50 on a home assessed at \$115,000, the average assessed valuation in the township. In Fanwood, voters face an increase of \$124.50 on properties valued at \$83,000.

In Westfield, voters will be asked to decide the fate of the local school levy of \$45,793,665. Taxes on the average assessed home of \$200,000 would face an increase by \$140, if the school budget wins approval from voters.

Both school budgets, \$52.02 million in Westfield and \$41.8 million in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, were introduced Tuesday night.

Letters to the Editor

Alliance Between Chamber and WDC Will Help to Revitalize the Downtown

The recent joint announcement by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) that they will join in promoting our downtown is good news indeed for the Westfield community, as well as for those of us who worked long and hard over several years to reconcile differences and lay the foundation for this alliance.

As the proposal to establish a downtown Special Improvement District (SID) was considered, it became apparent to me that the Chamber and the SID each would have its benefits — and limitations — and that a marriage had to be worked out between two organizations, each of which serves certain businesses and each of which has additional concerns and constituents as well. The joint marketing program, like the holiday lighting undertaken last fall, paid advertising supplements and other programs, will

assure continued vitality for our central business district.

I am particularly pleased that support for the DWC special improvement district, which was unanimous when the Town Council created it in 1996, continues with Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, the Council DWC representative.

With the DWC in place and working, the Mayor and council should also be commended for now proceeding with a different, but very appropriate, methodology for dealing with the Central Avenue corridor. As was the case with the SID, this process will take a lot of effort and time, but I am confident that the result will be effective revitalization of this route into our community.

Garland "Bud" Boothe
 Former Mayor
 Westfield

'Colonial Westfield' Losing Selling Point as 'Treasures' Are Sold Off

How long can the phrase "Colonial Westfield" hold if the town keeps selling off its historical treasures?

I graduated from Westfield High School in 1985, but still think back on the town with pride. When I tell people where I'm from, many have heard of its reputation for graceful, tree-lined streets and beautiful architecture. But it appears that many of those qualities are drifting away as the town sells off its landmarks.

First, the Excellent Diner slipped through our fingers. The art deco train car that served us so well as a campy and fun hamburger joint was sold a couple years back to a town in Germany. Then we almost lost the Rialto Theatre, but were saved at the last minute by some

conscientious townspeople.

Now it's rumored that the Woman's Club of Westfield, the Colonial revivalist building on the corner of South Euclid and Tremont Avenues (just south of Mindowaskin Park), is going to be sold, torn down, and replaced by condominiums.

Any town can build another set of apartment buildings, but not any town can lay claim to the wonderful history and architecture that makes Westfield what it is. We've already sold part of our past for profit, let's not make the same mistake again.

Kristin Kueter
 San Francisco
 Formerly of Westfield

If Citizens Could Stop Disney at Manassas, We Can Stop Plan to Build a Strip Mall

Our past, our future and our children's future is now in jeopardy. The Park Place Restaurant Mall, soon to be voted upon by our local Board of Adjustment on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m., must not be approved.

The reasons are numerous. The proposed mall will produce a dangerous increase in traffic, particularly truck traffic, at an intersection that is already dangerous — Martine Avenue and Lake Avenue and Terrill and Raritan Roads.

The proposed mall invites a potential increase in flooding since the site is located adjacent to wetlands. Yet another vital reason to defeat this proposal is that the planned construction of the

mall destroys a part of our local history. The Battle of the Short Hills was fought on these lands during the Revolutionary War. The ancestors of Scotch Plains marched on these grounds. Let us not allow another mall to compromise our precious Scotch Plains history.

All citizens should attend the hearing on March 5 at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building to say no to this proposal.

If ordinary citizens could stop Disney at Manassas, we can stop the building of another strip mall.

Richard A. Bousquet
 Scotch Plains
 President, Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood

POLICY ON LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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

NY Times Report on Residents Opinions Of President and Monica 'Embarrassing'

I am embarrassed. We all should be by the portrait of Westfield and its morally ambivalent citizens which was painted in the February 26 edition of *The New York Times*. On Page One, no less!

First of all, I am assuming that the reporting of our town's sentiments toward President Bill Clinton's alleged sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky is reasonably accurate. That's no minor assumption, given *The Times'* proclivity for pro-Clinton spin.

Secondly, I'm assuming for the moment that President Clinton actually did have this ridiculous affair; but let's remember that despite what seems to be good indications, if not outright evidence to the contrary, our President is still innocent until shown guilty.

That said, we are given through a number of short "interviews" a sense that our town is home mostly to people who are indifferent to, or ignorant of the law, unconcerned with pathetic behavior in our highest elected office, and who generally don't care much what happens as long as the economy continues to benefit them. This is sad and shocking.

Why do I say ignorant of the law? I'm not just referring to President Clinton's possible perjury — even our most wrong-headed citizens are quoted as having a problem with this. I am actually referring to the laws throughout this country — state and federal — which prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace.

"Sexual harassment? Wait a minute," our homemaker at the pancake breakfast or the couple with the bicycle-riding girl might say, "Monica is alleged to have had consensual sex with Clinton."

My response: Let's get real. Whether "behind closed doors" or not, if President Clinton were a chief executive officer (CEO) of just about any corporation, or even a middle level manager,

POPCORN™ Palmetto: Where The Silliness Sizzles

By Michael S. Goldberger

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



2 popcorns
 Harry Barber is an absolute idiot. Ultra-sultry Rhea Malroux is a two-timing dame. That's being kind to these two greedy reprobates, the unsavory principals in director Volker Schlöndorff's hot-blooded but ultimately ill-conceived *Palmetto*.

Rhea and Harry's bad behavior, highlighted and displayed from every angle, is essentially the movie's only item of interest, thanks to an overloaded plot that gives up the ghost midway through its synthetically intriguing doings. If *L.A. Confidential* sings the best contemporary paean to film noir, *Palmetto* manages little more than a few false notes on behalf of the venerated genre.

But, steamy it is. Elisabeth Shue as femme fatale Rhea gets the pressure cooker going full-tilt. This gal can make a vacant stare look pornographic. The nefarious, conniving wife of a dying millionaire thirty years her senior, the cheaply sensual vamp brandishes less elan than Kathleen Turner exhibited in *Body Heat*, but every bit as much sizzle.

Stumbling into the web this sexy spiderwoman weaves is Woody Harrelson as the aforementioned Harry Barber, a former newsman who's attempt at journalistic muckraking in small town Palmetto, Florida, landed him a frame job and a jail sentence. Freed after two years in stir, the disgruntled, down-at-heel writer appears to be the perfect candidate for Rhea's big scheme. That is, to fake a kidnapping of Mr. Malroux's only daughter, Odette (Chloe Sevigny), and demand a ransom of \$500,000. All Harry need do to earn his ten-percent commission is be the frightening voice on the phone. You see, Odette, a teen-aged temptress in her own right, is in on the scam. So where's the risk? Old man Malroux won't involve the cops, or so assures Rhea.

Adapted by E. Max Frye from James Hadley Chase's novel, "Just Another Sucker," which describes the film's marrow more aptly than the innocuous *Palmetto*, the primary characterizations are curiously askew. Ostensibly the title player, Harrelson's sucker in question disports a thing or two about temptation, but nothing quite as convincing as Lana Turner's evil woo of John Garfield in the noir progenitor, *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (1946).

Sweating and panting like Edmund O'Brien in *D.O.A.*, (1949), dumbfounded by his iniquitous slide, Mr. Harrelson's Harry has the adrenaline rushing. But for what purpose?

The same cannot be asked about Miss Shue's participation. Shapely Rhea's raison d'être is clear. Alas, sorrowfully basic. A shameless seductress in the best First Testament fashion, updated to a frightening, high-tech pitch, it is actually Rhea Malroux's sanity that invites question. Digging way down deep to conjure the ultimate film noir enchantress, Shue fashions a wondrously disgraceful monster indeed. But the outrageous performance plays in high relief, refusing to integrate smoothly into the otherwise vapid screenplay.

Palmetto's plot convolutions amass with the dramatic aplomb of a chain-reaction pile up on a dangerous highway. Because the script sorely lacks that one real good idea, a series of bogus twists and turns are loaded on, as if the steady assault of new and confusing divulgements will raise the tale's theatrical worth. It doesn't.

What's worse, the more director Schlöndorff pulls artificial plot contortions out of his bottomless hat, the closer his film comes to burlesquing the very genre he hopes to emulate. As if that weren't enough, just for bad measure, the film sends things over the top by adding a little touch of horror. Making like Vincent Price playing a crooked cop turned ghoul, Michael Rapaport is Donnelly, Rhea's silent partner. This fiend is particularly fond of acid baths for disposing of corpus delictis. Terribly effective, and so much cleaner than piranhas.

But the other supporting performances are hardly that arousing. To the contrary, most of the sub-text folks are played as dullards — her here nor there entities ready to arouse suspicion with each new upshot. Gina Gershon as Nina the sculptor, Harry's live-in girlfriend, hardly

raises more than an eyebrow at a moment when she should be screaming. Surely she's in on the conspiracy. No? Huh?

The same can be surmised of Harry's cop brother-in-law and, in the film's twist of resistance, of the D.A. who gives Harry a police p.r. job when it becomes obvious the big kidnap case will be inundating the department with reporters. By this point, one has long stopped falling for each new shock. Instead, it becomes sport to guess what desperately lunging bushwhack the director will try next. To enjoy *Palmetto* only for its scenic moods and Miss Shue's obscene sorceress, you can't be a sucker for its patchwork suspense. That's Harry's job.

Palmetto, rated R, is a Castle Rock Entertainment release directed by Volker Schlöndorff and stars Elisabeth Shue, Woody Harrelson, and Chloe Sevigny. Running time: 114 minutes.

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HUNG UPII

Readers Seek Help Dealing With Issues of Guilt, Loss

By Milt Faith, Executive Director
 Youth and Family Counseling Service

A frustrated wife writes:

Everything you read about marriage counseling and mental health issues says that communication is the key to a healthy relationship. Healthy communication, that is, in which both parties listen to each other, try to understand the other person's feelings and then compromise or rearrange things. My husband and I do this, and yet the arguments go on. I know my husband tries, and yet, he is like his father, who always has to have the last word. He says that I am like my mother and make everything into a control issue; I must win. We've attended some lectures which say "Don't keep feelings in...don't let anger build up...mediate...try to see which decisions matter most to whom..." Nothing works. Help!

Answer:

Healthy communication implies the recognition of one's feelings and the discretion to express these feelings to the other individual with whom one is interacting. This is an appropriate and excellent way to work out feelings, plans, agreements, disagreements and the entire gamut of everyday involvements. However, our past does influence our present and the more aware we are of this, the greater the potential to resolve any factors which interfere with healthy communication. If, in fact, your husband has picked up his father's pattern of needing to control each situation, and if you have identified with your mother and must be a winner in conflicts, seminars, lectures and other educational programs will have limited value. One must become aware and resolve these emotional factors which we bring into our present lives (from our earlier, developmental years where they rooted).

A frustrated wife writes:

Several weeks ago, Super Bowl night almost became Super Brawl night. For years five couples have gotten together to enjoy watching the Super Bowl. Each of us brings the food, snacks, drinks and we all have a blast. In recent years the men have become out of control, yelling at the TV (even throwing food at it), arguing over which is the better team, and when the Broncos won this year, I

Answer:

Yes, it's called let your children watch the award shows without your being Andy Rooney, and you watch something you enjoy on another TV in another room. Any more questions?

SUPERINTENDENT'S JOURNAL

Tax Dollars Should Not Be Spent On Tuition at Magnet School

By DR. CAROL B. CHOYE
 Superintendent of Schools
 Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District

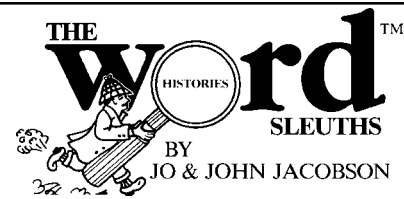
At its regular monthly meeting in January, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education approved a resolution which authorized the withholding of tuition from the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Math and Technology for the local students enrolled there, and the initiating of legal action as necessary to protect the interests of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

The board has now filed a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking formal rulings concerning the operation of the magnet high school by Union County and the payment of tuition for this program by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools.

These actions are based on two major issues which the board has outlined in its resolution and petition. First, what is the scope of "vocational education"? Second, who is responsible for the payment of tuition at a private high school?

Vocational schools currently operate under N.J.S.A. 18A:54-1 which defines "vocational education" as "any education which is: (a) to fit for profitable employment; (b) to provide training which is supplemental to the daily employment; or (c) to fit for homemaking..." Vocational-technical schools serve this limited purpose for high school students whose local school districts do not provide vocational programs to meet their academic needs. When these vocational programs are an integral part of a student's high school course of study, home school districts are responsible for the payment of tuition and transportation costs.

The Union County Magnet High School, however, offers a basic college prep program and is described in promotional material as "a school for the inten-



BELFRY

Belfry is an excellent example of a word whose current meaning suggests a far more tranquil purpose than it originally had. A belfry is defined as a "bell tower, often attached to a church." The origin of this word, however, reveals a far more "alarming" past.

In fact, belfry (ber frei) is a combination of two medieval Anglo Saxon words: beorgan, "to protect," and freide, meaning "the peace." The earliest purpose of such towers was to provide protected stations in which guards watched for approaching enemies, and sounded the alarm upon sighting them.

In time the first syllable "ber" was transposed via folk (false) etymology to "bel" because of the association with the bells often housed in such towers. Belfry eventually took on its current sense of a bell tower used to signal the hour as well as important events.

Belfry also provided us with the derogatory idiom — bats in the belfry — which describes someone who is "insane, crazy or just plain batty."

thought two of the men would get a heart attack as they screamed about which was the stronger team, and so on. The wives have had it and we've told our husbands that next year we are going out to dinner and then to a movie. My husband went off the wall and said "no way. We expect you to be here. It's traditional." Now he threatens to stay angry at me indefinitely. Any suggestions on how to resolve this?

Answer:

Super Bowl parties have become traditional for so many families in America and across the world. It has become an athletic, social and cultural phenomenon. It is fun and a great bonding among people. Although you have a year before the next Super Bowl, now is the time to address the issue of your husband's anger and "punishment." I would suggest you consider the following: 1) tell him to put aside the anger so you both can talk about the issue 2) tell him you understand how exciting the evening is, that you and the other wives enjoy it too, (but cannot get as excited), that you will provide the food, etc. next year and that you'd like to be there. 3) explain that you don't want to intrude in the men's enjoyment which includes becoming hostile and so you want to give them more freedom, but you want to enjoy the evening too, by doing your thing. 4) If there is more objection, tell him that you might reconsider if he agreed, with the other men, to tone down some of the ragings and possible arguments. (Enjoying the game is really the main priority). You have a full year to (both) reevaluate and compromise. Hopefully, this entire matter will go from a Super Bowl to a Super Brawl to a Super Banquet.

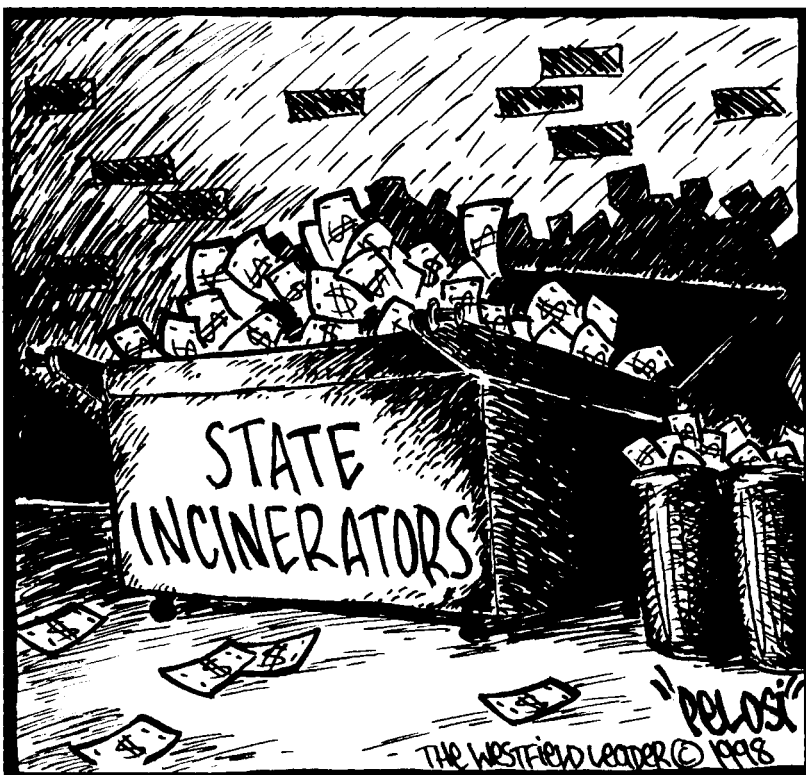
A frustrated TV watcher writes:

Recently I sat through the Grammy Awards with my two teen sons. I can't believe what I saw — the worst music, no melodies, no words that had meaning and half naked women. All we did all night was argue and I have to admit, I mocked out much of the so-called music. Why can't people write music like in the old days. Was there any way to avoid this so we don't have to fight over every lyric and note?

Answer:

Yes, it's called let your children watch the award shows without your being Andy Rooney, and you watch something you enjoy on another TV in another room. Any more questions?

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Ernest Winter to Be Feted At Red Cross Chapter Gala

Lifelong Westfield resident Ernest Winter, who will celebrate his 96th birthday on Tuesday, March 10, is living proof that volunteerism is not a thing of the past.

Still active in community service, he will be honored later this month by the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross. A chapter spokeswoman revealed that Mr. Winter has 82 years of community service under his belt.

Mr. Winter will be presented with the first "Angel on Earth" award during the chapter's 80th Anniversary Gala, to be held on Saturday, March 21, at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison.

The award will be presented to the man known as the "quintessential volunteer" by George Gatesy, Chairman of the gala.

Mr. Winter has been recognized by the Rotarians, as the 1992 Humanitarian of the Year; the Masons, of which he is a 50-year member, and the United Way of Union County, which named him Volunteer of the Year in 1986.

He has also been recognized by the United Fund of Westfield, which presented him with a special award of appreciation in 1985.

After a distinguished 44-year career in the insurance field, Mr. Winter, also known as "Mr. Red Cross," found his second calling when his wife asked him to help out by driving cars for the organization.

He subsequently updated fund-raising methods and doubled the chapter's revenue after the first year of his personalized direct mail campaign, explained the chapter spokeswoman.

Mr. Winter, who served as Chairman from 1972 to 1974, served in various finance and budget capacities for years, the spokeswoman said.

Chapter volunteers and staff look forward to Tuesday mornings when Mr. Winter, described by his colleagues as a visionary and tireless worker, appears like clockwork, revealed the chapter spokeswoman.

"His dedication has been the driving force for this chapter, that depends greatly on private donors to sustain their many people-helping-people programs," said the spokeswoman.

A 1920 graduate of Westfield High School, Mr. Winter is the son of William H. Winter, whose family settled in Westfield in 1876.

He is a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield,

and served on its board and finance committee for several years.

Mr. Winter and his wife, Jackie, spend countless hours in volunteer service, explained the chapter spokeswoman. In their leisure time they enjoy visits with family members from Boston.

Mr. Winter has lamented that there are fewer and fewer volunteers available these days, especially among dual-income families. If he could change anything, he would like to see more people have time to give back to the community, said the chapter spokeswoman.

The gala dinner-dance and silent auction will feature an appearance by the original Drifters, a popular musical group of the 1950s and 1960s, who will perform two shows during the event.

Tickets are available for the gala at \$175 each. The chapter is offering an 80th anniversary commemorative pin for a \$5 donation.

For more information on the event or on how to celebrate the anniversary during March, which is American Red Cross Month, please call the chapter office at (908) 232-7090.

The chapter's e-mail address is redcross@westfieldnj.com. The web site address is: westfieldnj.com/redcross.

Joanne Rajoppi to Speak At Genealogists Meeting

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will speak on the topic, "Tracking Your Ancestors by Their Deeds, Wills and Other Documents," for the Genealogical Society of the West Fields' meeting on Thursday, March 12, from 1 until 3 p.m. in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

"Ms. Rajoppi has a distinguished and impressive record of community service at township, county, state and national levels. She is an acclaimed writer with experience in journalism as a staff writer, editor and teacher, interested in promoting and developing gifted and talented programs educationally," explained Publicity Chairwoman for the society, Margaret J. Stephens.

After service in Springfield on the Board of Education and Township Council, Ms. Rajoppi was a Chairwoman and member of the Union County Board of Freeholders. She was a member of the national Presidential Commission on Scholars, selecting and honoring outstanding high school seniors with emphasis on arts recognition.

Ms. Rajoppi was Assistant Secretary of State for New Jersey, from 1981 to 1982. In 1984 she was elected Register of Deeds and Mortgages for Union County, an office which was merged in April, 1996 into the Office of County Clerk by state legislation signed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

As Register, her responsibilities included recording and filing land documents of the 21 municipalities in Union County. Duties of the County Clerk include registry of business and trade names, passport application processing, issuing Alcohol Beverage Control identification cards; primary, general, regular and special school board elections, along with devising and sending sample ballots.

Altogether, 33 types of documents are processed under her auspices.

The merger of the two offices' records for central access, cross training of staff and the reorganization of space was completed as scheduled. The goal was to have four separate offices: Elections, Recordings and two sections of the Business Office — spatially centralized in a single location.

An advantage of consolidation is the reduction of visits to a central

source, adding to the convenience of systematic searching by genealogists, as well as others, who need access to important documents.

Ms. Rajoppi was honored last year when presented by the Women's Political Caucus with the "Mary Philbrook" Award, in memory of a New Jersey attorney who promoted the women's equality movement.

The award was given to Ms. Rajoppi for her work in politics and government for enhancing and strengthening the well-being of women.

Last fall, Ms. Rajoppi was elected and installed for her second consecutive year as County Clerk Section Head for this state's counties in the County Officers Association of New Jersey.

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

Junior Woman's Club To Hold Grand Auction Benefit for Make-A-Wish

The 19th annual Junior Woman's Club of Westfield's Grand Auction will be held at the Forest Lodge in Warren on Friday, March 6.

Among the slate of items to be auctioned are travel accommodations in Rome, Milan, Frankfurt and St. Thomas, as well as destinations around the United States.

Other items include dinners and entertainment. In addition, there will be a silent auction for more items.

This year's auction will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey. Make-A-Wish is celebrating its 115th year in New Jersey granting nearly 2,000 wishes. Last year the Junior Woman's Club was able to donate over \$8,400 to the charity recipient, with past auctions totaling over \$150,000 in donations.

The preview will begin tomorrow at 7 p.m. with the auction starting at 8 p.m. For ticket information, directions to the Forest Lodge or a Grand Auction item program book, please stop by Rorden's Realty on Elm Street or call the Junior Woman's Club at (908) 245-5373.



VALENTINE VISITORS... Three troops of Girl Scouts from Coles Elementary School, pictured above, recently visited Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains as a joint service project. Daisy Troop No. 337 prepared bookmarks and Valentines for the residents. First-grade Brownie Troop No. 935 made placemats, while third graders in Brownie Troop No. 52 made wooden heart pins for the residents to wear. The Brownie troops also baked treats to share with the residents and staff. All three troops sang for the residents as well.

SPBPA's 'Spring Fling' Scheduled for March 20

The Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) will hold its annual "Spring Fling" on Friday, March 20.

This year, proceeds from the event

will go towards the SPBPA Business Student Scholarship Fund.

The evening includes a cocktail hour starting at 7:30 p.m., a sit-down dinner, five-hour open bar, disk jockey, dancing and silent auction of products and services from local business owners and professionals.

The cost for the evening is \$50 per person and reservations may be made by calling Lisa Mohn at Apple Blossom Flower shop at (908) 322-4999.

Anyone who cannot attend the event but would like to make a donation to the SPBPA Scholarship Fund or to the silent auction may send their donation to SPBPA care of Apple Blossom Flower Shop, 381 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

All SPBPA members and non-members, as well as the general public, are invited to attend the event.

Public Invited to Attend Meeting This Saturday On School Budget

A public information session to review the tentative 1998-1999 Westfield public school budget is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 302 Elm Street.

The public is invited to attend and to participate in the review.

Raggini
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ATI
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Park Beverage
3x7 1/2

J&M Market
3x7



Miss Nancy E. Novacich and First Lt. Joseph W. Boscia

Miss Nancy Novacich
To Wed Lt. Joseph Boscia

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Novacich of Newark, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Nancy Elizabeth Novacich, to First Lieutenant Joseph W. Boscia, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

F. Boscia of Westfield. Miss Novacich is a 1991 graduate of Newark Catholic High School in Ohio, and a 1995 graduate of the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish and International Studies.

She received her Master of Business Administration Degree, with a concentration in human resources, from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio last December.

Lieutenant Boscia is a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, and a 1994 graduate of the University of Dayton, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

He is currently serving as the Executive Officer, Headquarters Company of the 307th Engineering Battalion (Airborne) in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

A May wedding in Newark, Ohio is planned.

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John A. Sartor and Miss Kelly A. Kinsella

Miss Kelly A. Kinsella
To Wed John A. Sartor

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kinsella of Point Pleasant, formerly of Westfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kelly Anne Kinsella of Hoboken, to John Anthony Sartor, also of Hoboken. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Sartor of Scotch Plains.

The future bride, a former Westfield resident, graduated from Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. She received her Bachelor of

Science Degree in Education from Seton Hall University in South Orange, and is employed as a special education teacher in Montclair.

Her fiancé, formerly of Scotch Plains, is a graduate of Delbarton School in Morristown. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Mr. Sartor, who obtained his Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, is a doctoral candidate at that institution.

He is employed by Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor in Warren as a civil/environmental engineer.

The couple plan to be married in the summer of this year.

Daughter, Lucy,
Welcomed By
Woodwards

Mr. and Mrs. William Lea Woodward of Summit have announced the birth of their daughter, Lucy Ness Woodward, on Thursday, February 19, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Lucy weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches in length at birth.

She joins her brother, William Lea Woodward, 2nd, age 4 1/2.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Ness of Short Hills.

Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Woodward of Westfield.

There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second.

— Logan Pearsall Smith

Alexa Sharon
Is Welcomed
By Barbagallos

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Barbagallo of Bridgewater have announced the birth of their daughter, Alexa Sharon Barbagallo, on Tuesday, February 17, at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Alexa weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces, and measured 18 inches in length at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacques André of Westfield.

Alexa's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace of Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

Oscar's
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Beautiful Things
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Calvary Concert
2x5



Christian S. Davis and Miss Michelle J. Maraffi

Miss Michelle Maraffi
To Marry Christian Davis

Fritz and Jeannette Maraffi of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Michelle Jeannette Maraffi, to Christian Stuart Davis of Athens, Georgia. He is the son of Ronald and Patricia Davis of Culver City, California.

A 1993 graduate of Westfield High School, she was a member of All-State Chorus for three years. She graduated from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania last June with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and Psychology.

While in college, Miss Maraffi was a senior mentor, played the violin in the college orchestra, was a soloist with the college choir, and won the Fellowship in Education for graduate studies from Swarthmore.

Now living at International House in New York City while attending Columbia University, the bride-elect is pursuing her Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Columbia University Teachers College, which she will receive in June of 1999.

She sings with the Metropolitan Singers at the university, and is a research assistant in the Department

of Education. The future bridegroom graduated from Swarthmore College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History in 1996. While at Swarthmore, Mr. Davis sang with the college choir and in the A Cappella Singers. He will receive his Master of Arts Degree in European History from the University of Georgia in Athens in June.

He is a teaching assistant in the university's history department, and plans to pursue a doctorate in history.

An August wedding is planned, after which the couple will reside in Manhattan.

James Loughrey
Accepted for Fall
At Green Mountain

James Loughrey, of Westfield, has been accepted at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont, for the fall 1998 semester. James plans to major in recreation and leisure resource facilities management.

James, who attends Westfield High School, is the son of Deborah C. and Robert J. Loughrey.

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Susan Pepper Chosen to Head County's Access 2000 Program

A education advocate and community leader from Westfield will direct Union County's initiative of ensuring that every public school classroom in the county is equipped with a computer and state-of-the-art software by the end of the year 2000.

Susan H. Pepper, a former President of the Westfield Board of Education, has been named Director of Access 2000.

The three-year, \$3 million partnership between the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county's public school districts provides matching resources to purchase computers with cutting-edge programs and Internet access, while also training teachers. It is modeled after an initiative in Camden County.

"Workplace readiness is an important component of our county's economic development plan," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, explaining that Access 2000 will partner with local school districts to provide 71,000 public school students with the necessary technological tools to meet the challenges of the next century.

Scotch Plains to Offer Hypertension Clinic March 9 at Library

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, screening clinic on Monday, 9.

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

The intent of the clinic is to identify new cases of high blood pressure, a township Health Department spokesman said.

Those persons who are over 30 and smoke or are overweight or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

Local DECA Students Excel At Recent State Competition

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA chapter, an association of marketing students, continued its winning tradition in statewide competitions by winning 59 awards, including 44 trophies, at a recent competition at the Cherry Hill Hilton.

Fifty-seven Scotch Plains-Fanwood students were among 1,200 participants from over 60 schools throughout New Jersey who competed at the event, which featured areas the students learn in their related marketing class or their on-the job training.

The competitions are career-oriented and consist of competency based testing in marketing areas or on market research projects completed by students.

Senior Brian Spitsler, a four-year DECA student who expects to attend Boston College, was awarded a \$1,500 state scholarship, while seniors Marc Jacobs and Adam Baumwoll were awarded scholarships of \$1,000 and \$750, respectively.

In the competitions, Scotch Plains-Fanwood's Quiz Bowl team led the way and remained undefeated for the second consecutive year, with the same team of Adam Baumwoll, senior Jeffrey Gillie, Marc Jacobs and Brian Spitsler taking first place honors.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter won first place in all four chapter events. Seniors Jeffrey Feighner and Chris DiFabio won in the Civic Consciousness event, which consisted of a marketing analysis of several of the group's activities including their Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the homeless, monthly parties at Ashbrook Nursing Home and their work for the needy.

Seniors Jordan Eannucci and Rianna Liss teamed up to win the Public Relations Project, which detailed the organization of activities for the families of the Interfaith Council.

The Eannucci and Liss team also won first place in their Retail Market Research Project done on Gap Kids where they are both employed, with senior Marcella DeRubeis winning second place.

Seniors Kamran Ahmed and Lauren McCourt and juniors Paul Valenzano and David Budd won first place in the Free Enterprise Promotion project, while Paul and David also won first place in the International Marketing event, with senior Lindsay Freeman in second place.

Brian Spitsler and Jeffrey Gillie took first place honors in the Creative Marketing event, which consisted of follow-up research on the improvement and promotion of the Scotch Plains business district.

Senior Adam Koster took first place honors in the Food Market Research event, while seniors Becky Goski and Chris Hughes finished first and second in the General Marketing Research category.

"Susan Pepper brings valuable experience in and out of the classroom that are crucial to the success of Access 2000 and our students," he said. "She is the perfect addition."

"She has long been at the forefront in education, and knows school boards and superintendents. She is knowledgeable about what our children need to compete in the emerging global marketplace," added County Manager Michael J. Lapolla.

Mrs. Pepper will work to implement Access 2000 with a committee of superintendents from Union County school districts, as well as with Union County Schools Superintendent Dr. Frances Lobman.

Mrs. Pepper said she eagerly takes on Access 2000's "challenging opportunities."

"I am very excited to build a partnership with our schools to accelerate our students' access to the technological tools that can broaden their educational experiences," she said.

With more than 20 years' experience in education and community leadership, Mrs. Pepper has worked as an elementary school teacher and as a consultant to Exxon Chemicals in international employee assistance.

A founding trustee and member of the boards of Education Fund of Westfield and the Garden State Coalition of Schools, Mrs. Pepper served for 10 years on the Westfield Board of Education, and was its President from 1987 to 1995.

She serves on the board of the United Fund of Westfield and chaired its 1996 campaign.

"I see great potential in working together within the county to advance our technology, goals and plans."

"Hopefully, through joint purchasing, interdistrict collaboration and sharing, we can be even more efficient. I am also very optimistic about bringing in other members of our county community to join this partnership for the future of our children," Mrs. Pepper said.



DRESS REHEARSAL... Brownies from Troop No. 640 at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains pose in rain gear before a dress rehearsal for their performance of "Singing in the Rain" in the second annual "Baby Bundles" concert, to be held tomorrow, Friday, March 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in McGinn's Multi-purpose Room. A dozen McGinn troops will perform "Songs from Stage and Screen" for their families and friends. The price of admission is one baby item per family. Items will be assembled into "Baby Bundles" and distributed to local charities. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Michele Silverstein, Francesca Lumetta, Annie Smith and Kathryn Albanese-Demair; middle row, Rheana Rien, Jayne Dzuback and Erica Nadal, and back row, Emily Meehan, Briana Character, Molly Meehan and Daneen Easley.

SP-F High School '27 Alumni To Speak Before Alumni Group

The regular scheduled meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Alumni Association will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Room No. 101.

For the program that evening, Laura Novello Negele and Esther Iarussi will come and share their memories of old school days. They were members of the first class to enter the new Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, now Park Middle School, in 1927.

Mrs. Negele left high school early and attended Drake Business College at night, and studied design and dressmaking in New York. Ms. Iarussi graduated from the high school as Salutatorian in 1932. Both have been friends for life and are also cousins.

Over the years, they have mounted numerous fund-raising campaigns for St. Bernard's and St. Bartholomew's churches. Ms. Iarussi ran United Service Organization (USO) dances during World War II, and Mrs. Negele worked at the Red Cross.

Now, at ages 83 and 82, respectively, both women are co-chairwomen of the township's Senior Citizens' Advisory Board.

All area residents are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Marie Leppert at (908) 233-3829 or Kristi Hawkins at (908) 232-6845.

Old Guard of Westfield Tells March Programs

The Old Guard of Westfield, a social club for retired and semi-retired men from Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark and other nearby communities, has announced its March program schedule.

Meetings are held every Thursday at the Westfield "Y" from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Refreshments are served from 9:30 to 10 with the formal meeting taking place from 10 to 11 a.m. The program presentation begins after the meeting and concludes at noon.

- The March schedule for the Old Guard is as follows:
- March 5 — 1997 Tax Update (IRS Outreach) presented by William Larkin.
 - March 12 — "Type 'A' and 'B' Personalities" presented by Judith Goldman of Overlook Hospital in Summit.
 - March 19 — "A New Approach to the Tort Problem" by Dewey Rainville.
 - March 26 — "Lyme Disease" with Ed Petz of the Union County Rutgers Extension Service.

For additional information, please contact Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.

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Cancer Survivor Plans Talk on Art and Healing

Anne Wennhold, speaker and workshop leader, will explore this topic with slides at the Fanwood Woman's Club meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

Anne is an artist and former teacher whose experience with cancer took place seven years ago. Following recovery she drew her feelings on a roll of paper 150 feet long. Many requests to view this mural and hear about the process led to talks about art and healing and drawing/painting workshops. Her art work has appeared in shows throughout the Northeast and her photographs and articles are published in a number of newspapers and magazines.

She is a national consultant for Prentice-Hall Publishing Company giving workshops and seminars to

educational groups throughout the country. She is also an art therapy consultant and keynote speaker listed with the National Career Survivors Speaker Bureau.

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

Jefferson's Monticello Topic for Garden Club

The Garden Club of Westfield will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 1 p.m. at The Woman's Club of Westfield.

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello will be the topic discussed by John Fitzpatrick, founding Director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, an heirloom plant preservation program started at Monticello in 1986.

Mr. Fitzpatrick served as Projects Manager for the Garden Conservatory, a national garden preservation organization based in Cold Spring, New York from 1993 to 1997. He is a horticulture graduate from the University of Maryland and has recently started graduate work with a focus on the history of horticulture in the United States.

Hostess Chairwoman for the meeting is Joan Hogan assisted by Otilie Griesemer, Dot Archer, Avis Skinner and Jennie Williams. Westfield Memorial Library flowers are being arranged this month by Rita Mahoney, Nita McHugh, Carolyn Fleder, Alice Salvato and Jane Curtis.

Borough Students Make University of Hartford Dean's List for Fall '97

Fanwood residents Jaclyn Connelly and Diane Kapner, were recently named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford for the fall semester of the 1997-1998 academic year.

They are both students at the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions at the university, located in West Hartford, Connecticut.

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WINNING COLORS... St. Helen's Cub Scout Pack No. 273 recently held the traditional Pinewood Derby race at the Parish Center. The scouts constructed and painted cars, with their family's help. The winners of the race are: first place, Gregory Speir, middle; second place, Brian Gibbons, left, and third place, Colton Strano, right. All are shown here with Cubmaster Tom Madaras displaying their cars and awards.

Miller-Cory Plans Program On Significance of Corn

A presentation on the history of corn and how it was used for cooking during Colonial times will be featured at the Miller-Cory House Museum on Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Rosemarie Lewandowski of Scotch Plains will give a presentation on the history of corn from ancient times to the present.

The program will highlight how the early settlers were taught the uses of corn by the Indians and the preparation of foods such as cornmeal, popcorn, bread and Johnny cake.

Mrs. Lewandowski will also discuss the current uses of corn and its by-products, such as glue and the more popular corn syrup.

Members of the museum's cooking committee will prepare foods made with corn over the open hearth. The cooks will use authentic cooking techniques and recipes. Visitors will be able to enjoy taste treats.

Tours of the farmhouse are available throughout the afternoon, with the last tour at 4:30 p.m. Docents dressed in period costume will tell visitors about the history of the farmhouse, and visitors will have an opportunity to tour the grounds.

Children under six years of age are admitted free. The admission charge is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children over age six.

Anyone interested in becoming a Miller-Cory volunteer is asked to call the museum office at (908) 232-1776. No experience is necessary.

On Sunday, March 15, the Miller-Cory Museum will present a concert with David and Ginger Hildebrand, specialists in Colonial-era music, at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street in Westfield, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The museum will reopen on Sunday, March 22, and will feature 18th century music.

For information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum office.

Young People's Theatre To Present Tom Chapin

Young People's Theatre, sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent-Teacher Association Council, will present the last performance for this year's season of shows this Saturday, March 7, an evening with guitarist Tom Chapin.

Mr. Chapin, a nationally known guitarist from Rockland County, New York, has recorded six albums of adult-oriented material including "Life is Like That" in 1976, "In the City of Mercy" in 1982, "Let Me Back Into Your Life" in 1986, "So Nice to Come Home" in 1994, and "Join the Jubilee" in 1996.

Children's classics have included "Family Tree" in 1988, "Moonboat" in 1989, "Mother Earth" in 1990, "Billy the Squid" in 1992, "Zag Zig" in 1994, and "The World Back Again" in 1996. His latest family recording, "In My Hometown" is due out this month.

The theatre will present the concert at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, located on Westfield Road in Scotch Plains.

Show times are 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets are still available, but are going quickly, according to a

theater spokeswoman.

Mr. Chapin's shows have the reputation for such popularity that his performances become sold out, the spokeswoman added.

Young People's Theatre experienced this first hand four years ago



Tom Chapin

when it previously had invited Mr. Chapin to entertain for the community.

Tickets can be purchased in Scotch Plains at the Scotch Hills Pharmacy on Mountain Avenue, the Village Shoe Shop on Park Avenue and in Plainfield at Dairy Queen on South Avenue.

Tickets may also be reserved through the Young People's Theatre web site at: www.commerce-blvd.com.

For further information, please call (908) 322-7516.

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

Temple Emanu-El To Hold Carnival On Sunday, March 11

The Temple Emanu-El Nursery School will hold its annual Little People's Carnival on Sunday, March 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the temple, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The carnival will offer family fun with games, crafts, food, a silent auction and prizes. A free magic show is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

Carnival tickets for games and crafts can be purchased by calling (908) 232-7663, or by obtaining them on the day of the event.

All are welcome and all proceeds benefit the temple's Nursery School.



'CONSTRUCTIVE' EFFORT... Parents of students from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit practice their carpentry skills as they supervise construction of a playhouse. Skilled craftspeople from the area volunteered many hours for the actual work. The playhouse, designed in a French country cottage style, will be auctioned during the school's upcoming Grand Prix fundraising event. Debra King of Basking Ridge, pictured at center, is the mother of an Oak Knoll second grader and is heading the project. The building supervisor is John Hnat of Warren. The Grand Prix, which features auctions, a raffle, dinner, and dancing, is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

Two Gentlemen of Verona Coming to WHS Next Week

Two Gentlemen Of Verona, a musical adaptation by John Guare and Mel Shapiro of one of Shakespeare's earlier works, will be the spring musical at Westfield High School (WHS).

The show opens at the WHS Auditorium, located 550 Dorian Road, on Thursday, March 12 and runs through Saturday, March 14. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

This romantic comedy, set in a modern-day large city, features Shakespearean language with music and dancing reflecting Galt McDermot's jazzy rock Caribbean beat similar to what he did in *Hair*. The set design by Barbara Flynn, staged in the style of the Broadway hit *Rent*, has scaffolding, wood and metal forming an urban mood that will include stomp dancing and garbage can drums playing upbeat rhythms.

The story has "Valentine," portrayed by Charlie Irwin, and "Proteus," played by Sam Fleder - good friends living in Verona. Valentine decides to go to Milan but Proteus, who loves "Julia," played by Melissa Miller, wants to stay.

When coy Julia confesses her love for Proteus in a letter, his father suddenly sends him to Milan. The lovers exchange rings before Proteus departs. But Julia with her servant "Lucetta," portrayed by Lisa Villalobos, follow disguised as boys.

In Milan, Valentine falls in love with the "Duke's" (Yari Sigal) daughter, the lusty "Silvia," played by Sabrina Hyman. He asks Proteus to help with an elopement, but Proteus decides to win Silvia for himself and betrays his friend.

The plot focuses on falling in and out of love in a series of love triangles, as true love wins out and the town prepares for

a double wedding. The remaining roles in the play are: "Antonia," played by Alaina Buckland; "Eglamour," portrayed by David Citrin; the innkeeper, played by Adam Gross, and the milkmaid, played by Caroline Tell.

Assorted clowns are "Speed," played by Jeremy Chilnick; "Launce," portrayed by Jordan Kaplan; "Crab," a part played by Kevin Buckland; "Thurio," played by Dan Moore, and "Cupid," played by Erik Clinton.

Musical Director Jim Beil and Choreographer Lorinda Haver, both Rising Star Award winners, have fun with the musical numbers such as "Summer, Summer," "Thurio's Samba," "Love Me," and "I Love My Father." In all, there are 17 originally-choreographed dance numbers.

Five of the seven featured dancers were awarded the 1997 Rising Star for Outstanding Ensemble Group by the Paper Mill Playhouse for their portrayal of the 1920s Kit Kat Girls in *Cabaret*.

Dancers Megan Brennan, Allie Feldman, Nikki Hester, Corinne Liebrich and Rebecca Wilhelms are joined this year by Ginny Paynter and Rachel Rosenblum.

The Citizens of Verona and Milan are played by Scott Brewster, Ryan Buntain, Marta Capasso, Shana Golembo, Tim Greenlaw, Rose Hely, Greg Jackson, Kevin Johnson, Zach Karp, Laura Krasnor, Julianne Mandrillo, Katie Mortenson, Megan Rodd, Lyndsay Ruotolo, Alex Schwarzer-Muth, Gavin Shulman, Allison Uniacke and Natalie Warren.

Tickets are \$8 for reserved seating. For more information or tickets, please call (908) 789-4549.

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MUSIC MAKERS... Colonial music specialists David and Ginger Hildebrand will appear at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street in Westfield, on Sunday, March 15, at 4 p.m. The Hildebrands will present vocal and instrumental music of early America, with a special emphasis on Irish music. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will benefit the Miller-Cory House Museum and the Westfield Historical Society.

Couple to Perform Music Of Colonial Era at Church

A concert of early American vocal and instrumental music will be presented by David and Ginger Hildebrand of Annapolis, Maryland, at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street in Westfield, on Sunday, March 15, beginning at 4 p.m.

The concert will benefit the Miller-Cory House Museum and the Westfield Historical Society. A husband-and-wife team, the Hildebrands are specialists in Colonial-era music. They will emphasize early Irish music during the concert in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Appearing in 18th-century costumes, the couple use authentic and reproduction instruments including the harpsicord, Baroque violin, hammered dulcimer, English flute, Spanish and English guitars.

Musical selections will include drawing room music, ballads, theater songs, military music and dance tunes.

Admission is \$10. Tickets are available in Westfield at the Miller-Cory House Museum, (908) 232-1776; Rorden Realty, Inc., (908) 232-8400; Celtic Imports, Ltd. (908) 654-3490,

and The Town Book Store, (908) 233-3535.

They can also be purchased at Hynes Jewelers in Cranford at (908) 272-0785 and at Irish Imports - My Irish Cottage in Summit, (908) 522-1811. For further information, please call the Miller-Cory House Museum.

Former Priest to Discuss Unusual Journey to Judaism

John Scalomonti, the only known United States priest to have become an Orthodox Jew, will discuss his spiritual odyssey when he keynotes the March general meeting of the Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah Sisterhood.

The program is set for Monday, March 16, at the temple, 111 Valley Road in Clark. Beginning at 8 p.m., the program is open to the public at no cost.

Author of "Ordained to be a Jew," which recounts his spiritual journey, Mr. Scalomonti will sign copies of the book at the program. The book will also be available for purchase.

At age 27, Mr. Scalomonti fulfilled his childhood dream by being ordained into the Catholic priesthood. Five years later, he lost his faith in the church and turned to Judaism.

Now 54, he began learning about

Ms. Brawley to be Ordained At Presbyterian Church

The ordination of Diana C. Brawley will take place on Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Ms. Brawley will then serve as Interim Associate Pastor at the church.

Born in Seattle, Washington, Ms. Brawley moved with her family several times before her family settled in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she graduated from high school.

Ms. Brawley received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina in 1986. She obtained her graduate degree in social work from the University of Georgia in Athens.

Following graduation, she worked with those suffering from severe mental illness in Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. She later moved to Willington, North Carolina, where she worked with those diagnosed with chronic renal failure.

Ms. Brawley discovered her calling to the ministry while working as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and pursued her studies at Princeton Theological Seminary.

She has served several Presbyterian church congregations, and has also continued her ministry as a jail Chaplain for a summer in Chicago's County Jail and with the American Friends Service Committee of Newark.

Miss Vardaman Set to Perform At Musicales Concert Series

Soprano Lynne Vardaman will present a program of American songs at the First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, on Wednesday, March 11, as part of the Mid-Day Musicales concert series.

These half-hour, noon-time programs are presented free to the community and are followed by an optional soup and sandwich luncheon served for \$4.50 in the church's social hall.

Miss Vardaman will be accompanied by pianist Marc Pelouquin in works of Charles Ives, John Duke and Irving Fine.

Miss Vardaman recently spent several seasons with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players as their resident leading lady. At home and on tour, she sang eight of the Gilbert and Sullivan heroines, Princess Ida,

Josephine, and Elsie Mynard being her favorites.

Mr. Pelouquin has performed the works of contemporary composers throughout the world.

This past season he designed a series of concerts in New York City



Lynne Vardaman

as part of the Henry Cowell centenary, and was also a guest artist at the XX Festival de Musica Religiosa in Columbia, South America, at which he presented works by American and Columbian composers.

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.

Talk on Parkinson's Disease Slated at Presbyterian Church

Professor, Dr. Lawrence Golbe, a member of the Parkinson's disease research group at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, will speak at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The group will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Golbe will speak about his studies of an Italian family which he identified as having Parkinson's disease more than 10 years ago.

Eventually the family was found to comprise more than 400 individuals. So far at least 60 cases of Parkinson's disease have been identified in the last five generations of this family. Working with colleagues at the University of Naples, Italy, Dr. Golbe was able to establish the full genealogy of the family through 12 generations to an ancestral couple who lived in the village of Contursi in southern Italy in the early 18th century.

With this information, the research group in New Brunswick, began a collaborative effort with the National Center for Human Genome Research at the National Institute of Health to locate the gene mutation in the Contursi kindred.

The Parkinson's Support Group in Westfield meets on the second Monday of the month in the Parish House lounge, located at 140 Mountain Avenue. The meetings are open to the public.

The group, now in its third year, was formed to foster the maximum potential for living by people with Parkinson's disease and their families.

By getting together at these meetings, they provide themselves with opportunities for self-help, social contacts and a chance to share personal experiences about coping with Parkinsonism.

Take time to laugh — it is the music of the soul.

— Anonymous



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION...Members of the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee prepare for the April events which will take place in Westfield to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the singer-actor, athlete and human rights activist. Centennial Committee members, pictured left to right, are: standing, the Reverend Leon Randall of St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Chairman; Giles Wright of the New Jersey Historical Commission; Edward Jardim, Andrew Lee and Co-Chairman and former Westfield Councilman Donnell Carr, and seated, Patricia Faggins, Lenore Scurry, Patricia Barrett and Ernest Powell.

Spring Concert at Church To Benefit Local Agency

"Young at Heart" is the theme for the spring concert to be held on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

The 45 members of the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, under the direction of the Reverend Alphonse Stephenson, will present a mix of popular and classical selections.

This concert is a fundraiser to benefit the Youth and Family Counseling Service, a non-profit mental health agency that serves Westfield, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford and Rahway.

Chamber Singers Set To Perform Concert At Methodist Church

The University Chamber Singers of Ohio Wesleyan University, located in Delaware, Ohio, will present a concert of sacred and secular music at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, tomorrow, Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

There will be a reception following the concert, which is open to the public. Admission is free.

The Ohio Wesleyan University Chamber Singers, founded in 1966, is a selected, 24-voice mixed choral ensemble.

This is the first concert of the group's tour, which includes performances in churches and schools in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Geared toward all ages, the concert will feature a Rossini overture, Haydn's "Toy Symphony," music from the movies, "The Alphabet Song," Broadway show tunes, opera and even music from cartoons, according to a spokeswoman for the event.

Opera singer Raemond Martin, a baritone, will sing the prologue from Mascagni's "I Pagliacci (The Clowns)."

Following the concert, refreshments will be served in St. Helen's Parish Hall. The church is located at the corner of Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road.

Tickets are \$50 for patrons, \$25 general admission and \$22 for senior citizens. They are available at Don's Pharmacy in Clark; The Enchanted Garden in Cranford; Richard Roberts, Ltd. in Scotch Plains, and Lancaster Ltd. in Westfield.

For information or tickets, please call the Youth and Family Counseling Service at (908) 233-2042.

Baptist Women Invited To Church's Day of Prayer

The American Baptist Women around the world will celebrate a day of prayer tomorrow, Friday, March 6.

The sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street, will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for anyone to come in and spend some time in prayer. One can pray for anything that concerns them, and especially for world peace, said Reverend Darla Dee Turlington of First Baptist.

Community Invited to Adrenaline Workshop At First Congregational

The Westfield community is invited to a workshop called "Transforming the Adrenaline Lifestyle" this Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer Street.

The session, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee, will include identifying what adrenaline does to and for a person, the distinction between passion and adrenaline and a self assessment on adrenaline in their lives.

The group will also brainstorm solutions to getting off adrenaline and on to a healthy, more relaxed lifestyle.

The facilitator of the program is James Colvin, a personal coach, licensed therapist, ordained minister and author of the "Dear Coach" monthly column in *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood*. Pre-registration is helpful but not necessary. Please call the church at (908) 233-2494 or email JColvin99@aol.com for more information.

Saint Helen's Tells Schedule of Services For Lenten Season

The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Helen in Westfield has Lenten offering activities that will give parishioners of all ages the opportunity to reflect and participate in community observances in preparation for Easter.

During Lent, daily masses are scheduled at 7:30 and 9 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation, also known as confession, will be held Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. throughout Lent except Holy Saturday, April 11.

A Parish Communal Service will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at 8 p.m. including individual absolution. Student Reconciliation Services will take place for high school students on Monday, March 16, at 7:15 p.m.; for intermediate school students (seventh and eighth grade) on Monday, March 23, at 7:15 p.m.; fifth grade, Tuesday, March 24, at 3:30 p.m. and for sixth grade, Tuesday, March 31, at 3:30 p.m.

Parishioners and the public are invited to celebrate the Lenten season at St. Helen's by attending any of the services at the church.

Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.

— Kahlil Gibran



SONGSTRESS... On Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m., Jean Farnworth of Scotch Plains will present a program entitled "Women in Song" for the Fanwood Presbyterian Church Women's Brunch. The presentation, which will be held in the church dining room, explores women's changing roles in society and culture through select songs from Medieval through modern times. Ms. Farnworth provides her own live music, playing the Celtic harp and 12-string guitar as she sings historic ballads, Appalachian work songs, chorus sing-alongs and Irish traditional tunes. The church is located at the corner of Martine and La Grande Avenues in Fanwood.

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Torah Center Plans Purim Celebration

The Union County Torah Center, located at 418 Central Avenue in Westfield, will present a Purim Celebration at The Westwood, located at 438 North Avenue in Garwood, on Wednesday March 11, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Featured will be a multimedia Megillah reading, live music and dancing, and light refreshments. A Megillah reading, recounting the Purim story, will be held at 7 and 9 p.m.

There will be prizes for all children who come dressed in costume, clown face painting, animal balloons and other activities.

There is a suggested donation of \$7 per family. The program is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Reservations are preferred but not required.

For more information and to receive a free Purim guide, please call the Torah Center at (908) 789-5252.

Welcome Wagon
2x3

Robert J. Boutillier, 74, Executive; Active in Red Cross and Scouting

Robert J. Boutillier, 74, of Westfield died on Wednesday, February 25, at home.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Westfield since 1958.

Mr. Boutillier had worked for Peat Marwick Mitchell and Company, now known as K.P.M.G. Peat Marwick, in Newark and New York City from 1943 until his retirement in 1982.

During his tenure with the firm, he was a partner in charge of the accounting firm's Newark office from 1960 to 1970, the head of its United States operations from 1970 to 1977, and Vice Chairman of the company's northeast region from 1977 to 1982.

Mr. Boutillier, a 1948 graduate of the Rutgers University School of Business Administration in Newark, was a member of the Rutgers University School of Business Administration and received the school's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1975.

He was a former trustee of Rutgers University and had also been an overseer for the Rutgers University Foundation, a fund-raising arm of the college.

Mr. Boutillier had been a Director of the Prudential Insurance Company of America in Newark. He was a former Vice President and trustee of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, and a member of the Council of the American Institute of CPAs.

Mr. Boutillier was also a Past President of the Rotary Club of Newark and Past Vice President of the Newark YM-YWCA, the American Red Cross and the Robert Treat Council of the Boy Scouts of America, all in Newark. He had also been a member of the board of trustees of the Overlook Hospital Foundation in Summit.

He was a Past President and a member of the Board of Governors of the Baltusrol Golf Club and a member of the New Jersey Jaycees, which named him Outstanding Man of the Year from 1954 to 1955. He was a Past President of the Jaycees of Newark.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Marie C. Boutillier; a son, Robert A. Boutillier of Morristown; a daughter, Suzanne M. Helwig of Harding Township, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 28, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, in Westfield. Burial followed at The Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rutgers University Foundation, or to the Overlook Hospital Foundation.

Rosa Buoscio, 85

Rosa Buoscio 85, of Westfield died on Sunday, March 1, in Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Pietracupa, Italy, she had moved to Westfield in 1960.

Surviving are her husband of 62 years, Luigi Buoscio; three sons, Carmine Buoscio, Antonio Buoscio and Nick Buoscio; a sister, Giovannina Del Monaco; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, March 4, in the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

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

William J. Greene, 85, Navy Veteran; MIT Graduate Invented Generator

William J. Greene, 85, of Warren, a former Scotch Plains resident, died on Friday, February 27, at home.

Born in New York City, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Warren more than 35 years ago.

He had been a Director of Research at AirCo in Summit for 25 years, prior to retiring in 1960. He was also a consultant for Teledyne Company in South Carolina and invented the Paradyne Generator.

Mr. Greene had attended the Brooklyn Polytechnical School and received his master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received an honorary doctorate degree from Princeton University.

Mr. Greene was a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II.

He was predeceased by his wife, Betty McNamara Greene, in 1982.

Surviving are his sister, Millicent Greene McAfee of Bayonet Point, Florida; a niece, and two great-nieces. Interment took place at Somerset Hills Memorial Park in Basking Ridge.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung.

Ann Dillonair, 75

Ann Dillonair, 75, of Nazareth, Pennsylvania died on Saturday, February 28, at home.

Born in Racine Wisconsin, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Nazareth several years ago.

Mrs. Dillonair had worked for Syscon Inc. of Scotch Plains for 12 years before retiring as Vice President in 1985.

Surviving are a son, Dean J. Dillonair; three brothers, Hermes Demet, Homer Demet and Paul Demet; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held yesterday, Wednesday, March 4, in the Bartholomew-Schisler Funeral Home in Nazareth.

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Karen Avenoso, 31, Rhodes Scholar; Reporter Was Pulitzer Prize Nominee

Karen Avenoso, 31, of Westfield died on Wednesday, February 25, at home.

Born in Smithtown, Long Island, she had lived in England for three years while going to school, and later in New York City before moving to Westfield in 1997.

Ms. Avenoso attended Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in American Literature in 1988.

She was a Rhodes scholar and studied 19th-century British literature at Oxford University in England, where she was awarded a master's degree in 1991.

She had most recently been a reporter for *The Boston Globe* for two years. Prior to that, she had been a

reporter for *The New York Daily News* for three years.

While working as a feature writer and education reporter at *The Daily News*, Ms. Avenoso wrote a series about public school children who beat the odds to excel academically. She tutored two of these children, who went on to Dartmouth and Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Ms. Avenoso left *The Daily News* in November of 1995 to work at *The Boston Globe*, where she covered education. She was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for a news story about a racially-related altercation outside a school.

Surviving are her husband, Jonathan Sherman; her mother and father, Ellen and Frank Avenoso of Charleston, South Carolina and Brooks, Maine; a brother, Kenneth Avenoso of Portland, Oregon, and her two grandmothers, Lillian Stark of New York City and Dorothy Shotts of Rockville Center, New York.

Funeral services took place on Friday, February 27, at Temple Emanuel in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment will take place in Brooks.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Karen Avenoso Scholarship Fund at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Mary C. Weinzierl, 82

Mary C. Weinzierl, 82, of Westfield died on Sunday, March 1, at the Cedar Oaks Nursing Home in Edison.

Born in The Bronx, she had lived in Westfield most of her life.

Mrs. Weinzierl was a member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, March 4, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street, in Westfield. Burial took place at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

John J. Dagostaro, Sr., 70, Veteran; Owned Tony's Tavern for 40 Years

John J. Dagostaro Sr., 70, of Elizabeth died on Monday, February 23, at home.

Born in Westfield, he moved to Elizabeth in 1978.

Mr. Dagostaro had owned and operated Tony's Tavern Westfield for 40 years before retiring in 1986.

He served as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, and was a member of the American Legion Post No. 3 in Westfield.

Surviving are a son, Jack Dagostaro; two brothers, George Dagostaro and Richard Dagostaro; a sister, Winifred Kutz, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 26, in the Evangelical Church in Scotch Plains.

Rudolf H.C. Freund, 87, Retiree; Former Member of School Board

Rudolf H.C. Freund, 87, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, February 28, at Manor Care Nursing Home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Scotch Plains from 1945 to 1992 before moving to Lancaster six years ago.

Mr. Freund had been a customs banker and President of Import-Export Service of New Jersey for 45 years, retiring in 1972.

He was a United States Army veteran of World War II, serving as a private first class.

He served on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education from 1949 through 1952. He was also a member of the Newark Traffic Club.

He was predeceased by his wife, Roberta Bishop Freund, in 1996.

Surviving are a son, A. Colin Freund of Lancaster, and three grandchildren.

Services were held yesterday, Wednesday, March 4, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment took place at

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

Neal Van Kirk, 87, War Historian; Former Director of Transportation

Neal Van Kirk, 87, of Harding Township, a former Westfield resident, died on Saturday, February 28, in the Holly Manor Nursing Home in Mendham.

Born in Leiden, the Netherlands, he came to Michigan in 1912 and had lived in Chicago, Westfield, Wheeling, West Virginia and in Clearwater, Florida before moving to Harding Township.

Mr. Van Kirk was a graduate of

Dr. Irving L. Bindelglass, 72, Veteran; Former Medical Director at Hospital

Dr. Irving L. Bindelglass, 72, of Westfield died on Monday, March 2, at home.

Born in Passaic, he had lived in Elizabeth before moving to Westfield in 1990.

Dr. Bindelglass had been the Medical Director of Elizabeth General Medical Center from 1990 to 1996.

He also had been a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees and President of the medical staff. An internist, Dr. Bindelglass had offices in Roselle and Elizabeth from 1956 to 1990.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II and in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Frank DeBernardis, Sr., 86, Retiree; Worked for Exxon in U.S. and Europe

Frank A. DeBernardis, Sr., 86, of Westfield died on Sunday, February 22, in Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield.

Born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, he had lived in Houston, London, Cranford and Annandale before moving to Westfield.

Mr. DeBernardis had worked for the Exxon Corporation for 35 years, retiring in 1974. During his career with the firm, he served as manager of training and development in New York City, Houston and London.

While in London, he was responsible for training of Esso Europe. In Houston, he was manager of training and development for Far Eastern countries.

Surviving are a son, Frank A. DeBernardis, Jr.; a daughter, Barbara Stoddard; a brother, Anthony DeBernardis; a sister, Jeanette Paglia; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Dr. Bindelglass was a diplomate of the Board of Internal Medicine, a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the Union County Medical Society and the American Society of Internal Medicine.

He was a 1947 graduate of Princeton University and an alumnus of the Long Island College of Medicine.

Surviving are a daughter, Suzanne Siegel; a son, Richard Bindelglass; a brother, Howard Bindelglass, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 3, in the Higgins and Bonner Funeral Home in Elizabeth.

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Josephine Wood, 85

Josephine Perry Wood, 85, of Bridgewater died on Wednesday, February 25, at home.

Born in Leone, Italy, she moved to the United States in 1919. She had lived in Plainfield and in South Plainfield for 27 years before moving to Martinsville two years ago.

Mrs. Wood had been a hatter in the men's hat department at the former Bronson Hat Company in Plainfield for 32 years. She later worked as a waitress at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains for 13 years.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield and attended the Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church in Martinsville.

Mrs. Wood was a member of the Bridgewater Senior Citizens, the Somerset County Senior Citizens and was a former member of the Tri-County Senior Citizens.

She was also a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and the American Association for Retired Persons Chapter No. 4144 in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Louis Perry, in 1969, and by her second husband, Michael L. Wood, in 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Rose Marie Bruno of Martinsville; a step-daughter, Irene Dubiel of Plainfield; two sons, Lou Perry of Califon and Carmen Perry of Martinsville; three stepsons, Michael Wood, Jr. of Lawrenceville, Georgia, Anthony J. Wood of Westfield and Robert A. Wood of Tamarac, Florida; 15 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Mass was offered on Friday, February 27, at the Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, following funeral services which were held at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home in South Plainfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martinsville Rescue Squad or to the Somerset Visiting Nurses Association, 386 East Main Street, Bridgewater, 08807.

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Matthew Velderman Awarded Scholarship to NJ Symphony

Matthew Velderman, a young musician currently studying at The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield, was recently awarded a scholarship to attend a special workshop led by members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

At 12, Matthew was the youngest of five teenagers granted funding to attend the Seventh Annual Chamber Music Workshop, which is sponsored by the Ethical Culture Society of Essex County.

Matthew began studying music at 6, adding the cello at 8 under the tutelage of Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, founder and Executive Director of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. He continued to study several other instruments with Dr. Schlosberg, including saxophone and clarinet.

Matthew still pursues his studies at the Workshop with faculty member Howard Toplansky, adding bassoon and self-taught keyboards to his growing roster of musical proficiencies.

He has been performing in ensemble groups since 1992, first as a member of the Franklin Elementary School



Matthew Velderman

Orchestra, where he played both cello and clarinet. He currently attends Roosevelt Intermediate School, where he participates in the school's Concert Band, String Orchestra and Jazz band.

Last year, as a member of the New Jersey Inter-Generational Orchestra, Matthew was given the opportunity to perform at the Lincoln Center Courtyard in New York City.

He has been playing in The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts' Family Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble since 1995, and, in 1997, became a cellist in the Greater Newark Youth Orchestra—the youth division of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

In 1995, he was elected as Franklin School Musician of the Month. Also that year, Matthew was granted the Workshop's Ruth Sell Memorial Scholarship, given annually to a student as a result of their hard work, practice and consistent achievement in performance on a musical instrument.

In 1996, he was awarded the Ruth V. Vincent Memorial Scholarship, as well as the Westfield Coalition for the Arts Certificate.

The Chamber Music Workshop, which

'Y' Trips Are Planned For '60 and Better Set'

The Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield, is sponsoring three trips this spring for the "60 and Better Set."

On Tuesday, April 7, the season will kick off with a trip to the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx, with lunch at Abigail Kirsch's Garden Café and Terrace Room. The fee for this trip is \$65 per person.

The Monday, May 11 destination is the Dogwood Festival in Fairfield, Connecticut, where trip participants will have lunch at the Silvermine Tavern. The fee for this trip is \$55 per person.

The spring lineup culminates with a cruise up the Hudson River to West Point on Thursday, June 25, where a buffet luncheon will be held at the Hotel Thayer and a tour of the academy. The fee for this trip is \$65 per person.

All trips leave from the Westfield "Y" at approximately 8 a.m. and return to the "Y" at approximately 6 p.m.

"Y" membership is not required to participate. Fees include transportation from and to the "Y," lunch and all entry fees. Payment in full is due when reservations are made and no refunds will be issued unless a person's seat can be sold to someone else.

For more information, please call the "Y" at (908) 233-2700.

MadJazz to Perform In Concert March 20 At Westfield Library

MadJazz, a group of 10 men and women who sing a cappella works ranging from madrigals to jazz, will perform on Friday, March 20, at 8 p.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library.

The concert is one in a series sponsored by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The group performs the music of diverse composers and arrangers, such as Bach, Gershwin, Thomas Morley, Ward Swingle, John Lennon and James Taylor.

Formed in 1991, MadJazz generally performs 8 to 10 concerts a year, ranging from gatherings at area churches and hospitals to larger venues such as Summit's First Night celebrations, where they have appeared each year since 1993.

The performance is free and open to the public.

Tax Contributions Can Help Finish Vietnam-Era Center

When filing their state income tax returns this year, New Jersey residents may assist in the completion of the Vietnam Era Educational Center, a companion project of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation in Holmdel.

By checking off line 54, New Jersey taxpayers may donate all or part of their tax return to the foundation, a non-profit organization, to help complete the Educational Center and also maintain the Memorial, according to a spokeswoman.

Once completed, the Educational Center will offer visitors the opportunity to learn about the Vietnam War by offering both a personal and a historical perspective, said the spokeswoman.

Scheduled to open later this year, the Educational Center will include a resource library as well as artifacts and exhibits about the war.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is located at Exit 116 of the Garden State Parkway.

For more information about the Educational Center or the income tax check-off, please call the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation at 1-800-648-VETS.

League Plans Fashion Show To Benefit Needy Infants

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield, Inc. (JLEP) and Saks Fifth Avenue will once again host a fashion show to benefit the Paige Whitney Babies Center (PWBC) of Basking Ridge.

The PWBC, established in 1992, is dedicated to providing, free of charge, the basic necessities for babies from disadvantaged homes from birth to age 2 on an ongoing basis.

These necessities include diapers, formula, baby food, wipes, skin-care products, bottles, pacifiers and undershirts. Over 1,600 families from 10 counties have been helped to date, according to a spokeswoman for the league.

The fashion show will take place on Saturday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Designer Salon, located on the

Mayor Announces Distribution Of Services Evaluation Cards

Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim has announced that his office has recently distributed Citizen Evaluation Cards to be placed at all municipal government points of service.

These cards serve several purposes, he explained in a recent memorandum to Town Council members dated February 18.

"First, they send the positive message to our customers (Westfield's residents) that we are committed to

providing quality service to them.

"Secondly, the cards allow each point of service provider the opportunity to receive direct feedback from the public, and to reply to that feedback accordingly," Mayor Jardim said.

He said the cards will enable the council to better understand the day-to-day work of each service provider.

"I do not view these evaluation cards as a means of finding fault with town employees or with the manner in which service is delivered. In fact, I am pleased to report that completed responses returned thus far have demonstrated overwhelming satisfaction with the quality of service being provided.

"We are all aware that certain customers of government services will never be satisfied with the quality of services they receive from their government, and we should read any responses with that in mind.

"I am hopeful, however, that the responses will provide an opportunity to demonstrate the commitment that we all share to deliver quality government services to each resident in an effective and efficient manner," Mayor Jardim concluded.

He who does not travel will not know the value of men.

— African Proverb

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

LADY DEVIL RECORD 20 SEASONAL-BEST TIMES

Lady Devils Denied Public A Swim Title by CHE, 87.5-82.5

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

Excellent performances on the part of both teams kept the suspense right up to the final event and the Cherry Hill East swim team won the 400-freestyle relay event to edge the Westfield High School girls, 87.5-82.5, in the Public A Girls Finals held at the College of New Jersey in Ewing on February 28. Despite the loss, the Blue Devil girls recorded 20 seasonal-best times.

The Blue Devils knew they had to win two of the three relays to bring home the championship. Cherry Hill East (CHE) had a very strong 400-freestyle relay foursome and was virtually a shoe-in to win the event. Blue Devil Head Coach Bev Torok used Ashley Saul, Brooke Smith, Jessie Coxson and Heidi Schoenemann in the 200-medley relay event and came up with an excellent winning time of 1:55.39 which was nearly four seconds better than their winning time at the North A meet.

The 200-freestyle relay foursome of Ashley Saul, Heidi Schoenemann, Jessie Coxson and Abby Coxson turned in their seasons-best time of 1:42.81; however, the CHE squad touched at the same time and first place was shared.

"We knew that we had to win two of the three relays. Their 400-relay team was outstanding and we decided to stack the sprint relay and the medley relay," stated Torok. Smith also won the 200-individual medley and the 100-breaststroke with respective times of 2:12.33 and 1:08.45. Saul took the 100-backstroke in 1:04.76

and Abby Coxson touched first in the 100-freestyle at :56.08.

"We needed to step up and we did. I can't say that we had a letdown anywhere. We had a great, great swim meet," expressed Torok.

"Co-Captain Kelly Carter swam her best ever times in the 200-freestyle and in the 100-fly and our other Co-Captain Heidi Schoenemann was involved in the relay medley and the 200-free relays which also were season-best times," stressed Torok.

Although not placing in the top five in the particular event, Fromtling, Susan Kapuscinski, Hart and Liz Schundler had seasonal-best times in the 50-freestyle, the 100-freestyle, the 500-freestyle and the 100-backstroke, respectively. Sara Beth Euwer, Tyne Duffy, Christina DaCosta and Kristen Ostrega combined for a seasonal-best in the 200-freestyle relay and Smith had a seasonal-best time in her leg of the winning 200-freestyle relay.

On March 7-8, Abby and Jessie Coxson, Smith, Saul, Schoenemann, Carter, Kitty Fromtling and Katie Bartholomew will compete in The Meet of Champions also at the College of New Jersey in Ewing.

PUBLIC A FINALS:
Cherry Hill East 87.5, Westfield 82.5
[* Seasonal-Best Time]

200 medley relay -1. * Westfield (Ashley Saul, Brooke Smith, Jesse Coxson, Heidi Schoenemann) 1:55.39, 2. (CHE) 2:02.05 3. (W) (Kerry Hart, Bartholomew, Jennifer Chiesa, Danielle Baukh) 2:05.66

200 free -1. Krystal Haesler (CHE), 1:57.13, 2. * A. Coxson (W) 1:59.07 3. * Carter (W) 2:01.65 4. * Carter (W)

2:01.94 5. (CHE) **200 IM -1.** * Smith (W), 2:12.33, 2. R. Weitz (CHE) 2:14.82 3. * Saul (W) 2:16.13 4. E. Weitz (CHE) 2:16.9 5. J. Mauredin (CHE) 2:19.75

50 free -1. Naumann (CHE), :25.55, 2. * J. Coxson (W) :25.66 3. J. Cona (CHE) :26.29 4. Schoenemann (W) and A. Tannenbaum (CHE) :26.47 **100 fly -1.** Naumann (CHE), 1:01.63, 2. * Carter (W) 1:02.65 3. * Danielle Baukh (W) 1:04.61 4. J. Girman (CHE) 1:05.35 5. A. Ehinger (CHE) 1:05.85

100 free -1. * Abby Coxson (W), :56.08, 2. J. Cona (CHE) :56.94 3. Schoenemann (W) :57.39 4. Tannenbaum (CHE) :57.82 5. L. Wander (CHE) :58.84

500 free -1. Haesler (CHE), 5:10.16, 2. J. Coxson (W) 5:16.84 3. * Schwebel (W) 5:25.28 4. J. Smith (CHE) 5:27.22 5. N. Elisha (CHE) 5:50.46

200 free relay -1. * Westfield (Smith, Schoenemann, J. Coxson, A. Coxson) and (CHE), 1:42.81, 3. (W) (Fromtling, Bartholomew, Chrissy Schwebel, Carter) 1:48.19

100 back -1. * Saul (W), 1:04.76, 2. Mauredin (CHE) 1:05.53 3. Girman (CHE) 1:05.68 4. * Baukh (W) 1:06.31 5. Ehinger (CHE) 1:09.25

100 breast -1. Smith (W), 1:08.45, 2. R. Weitz (CHE) 1:11.11 3. E. Weitz (CHE) 1:12.23 4. Bartholomew (W) 1:13.07 5. M. Anderson (CHE) 1:13.07

400 free relay -1. (CHE) (Cona, Tannenbaum, Naumann, Haesler), 3:48.69, 2. (CHE) 3:56.54 3. * (W) (Saul, Hart, Schwebel, Fromtling) 3:56.81



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LAW OF THE LEVER...Blue Devil Mike Baly, top, uses his arm as a lever to pry Rashad Jones of Elizabeth to his back during the quarterfinals of the District 11 Tournament. Baly won by a 16-1 technical fall in 4:29 at 162-lbs.



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DOUBLE ARM BAR...Blue Devil Onur Tezucar, top, smoothly uses a double-arm bar in the finals of the 147-lb. Class. Tezucar got revenge on Donofrio with a 10-2 majority decision.

BALY PLACES 2ND, KIVETZ & KIVETZ SEIZE THIRDS

Friedman, Tezucar Triumph; Devils Advance 5 to Regions

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

Blue Devils Nick Friedman and Onur Tezucar got revenge at the right time and arose with first-place titles in their respective weight classes in the District 11 Championships held at Westfield High School on February 27-28. The Blue Devils placed fifth with 94 team points and Rahway High School captured the team crown totaling 190 points.

Friedman was focused with one goal in mind—the 142-pound title—and he knew the man he had to beat was first-seeded Tom Petrusko of Rahway, who had defeated him on two previous occasions. But, first, Friedman had to earn his way to the finals.

First, Friedman did a job on Ralf Chavanne of Elizabeth, winning 5-0. Friedman scored on a takedown, a penalty point and a third-period reversal. In the semifinals, Friedman defeated second-seeded Dennis Bowden of Johnson (Clark), 3-1.

Now, in the finals, Friedman had his chance at redemption. Both times before, Friedman was caught in lateral drop pinning maneuvers by Petrusko. It wasn't going to happen this time.

Although Petrusko scored first with a takedown, Friedman came back with an escape and a takedown to take a 3-2 first-period lead. Friedman dazzled Petrusko in the second period by adding an escape, two takedowns and a two point nearfall while yielding only a reversal to take a commanding 10-4 lead into the final period. Friedman slicked Petrusko with a spin-behind takedown, then gave up a reversal and a penalty point, but added an escape to earn a convincing 13-7 victory.

In the Union County Tournament, Tezucar was the victim of a crushing first-period pin from the ferocious John Donofrio of Cranford at the 147-pound class. Tezucar's state of mind was quite different this time.

After clamping Sam Shipley of Rahway with a cradle in 2:15 and winning by a 15-0, 4:10 technical fall over Joe Majocho of Johnson, the stage was set for Tezucar's revenge.

Tezucar nailed Donofrio with a single-leg takedown in the first period to record the only scoring until the final period. From the bottom position, Tezucar rose to gain an escape, then added another takedown to take a 5-0 lead. Donofrio retaliated with a reversal; however, Tezucar responded with a reversal and a three-point nearfall before time ran out to grab a 10-2 majority decision.

Revenge was also the theme in the 162-pound finals, but this time it was Rahway wrestler Jason Crutchfield's turn to reap the benefits from Blue Devil Mike Baly. Each wrestler had met on several occasions in the past four years and Baly had won all but one of the matches. Momentum also told the tale in this bout.

After disputing a call disallowing him of a takedown, Baly instead, was taken down himself. In the second period, the very determined Crutchfield took advantage of Baly, who was still trying to get himself focused. Crutchfield added takedown after takedown, as Baly became more and more desperate. By the sound of the final buzzer, Crutchfield had gained an 18-5 majority decision and the championship. With both wrestlers advancing to the Region 3 Championships, they may yet meet again. Will the tide of momentum and revenge shift once again?

At 132, senior Jeff Kivetz bested Ryan Best of Johnson, 12-6; then lost to John Forstenhauser of Linden in the semifinals. In the consolation, Kivetz was fired up when he clamped Naem Milner of Shabazz with a crunching cradle in 3:19. The third-place finish qualified

Kivetz for the Region 3 tournament.

Mike Kivetz clasped a berth to the regionals by pulling off a crowd-pleasing 12-10 victory over Yusuf Smith of Shabazz in the 154-pound consolation. Previously, Kivetz exploded with a takedown and two nearfalls in the third period to defeat Carlo Perra of Rahway, 9-5.

Against Smith, Kivetz hit a barrel-roll takedown on two occasions, had two reversals and two penalty points, then came up with a two-point nearfall in the final seconds to claim the victory.

The first round of the Region 3 Championships took place on March 4 at Union High School and the final round will be on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, at the same location.

TEAMS: 1. Rahway (R) 190, 2. Colonia (Col) 135, 3. Elizabeth (E) 133, 4. Johnson (Clark) (ALJ) 107 5. Westfield (W) 94, 6. Cranford (Cr) 81.5, 7. Linden (L) 71, 8. Shabazz (S) 48, 9. Roselle Catholic (RC) 15

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

105: — Blake Johnson (R) p. Anthony Spolizino (Col), 4:47
114: — Chris Salerno (Col) d. Jamar Walker (E), 9-7
121: — Joe Herits (Col) p. Gabe Fonseca (E), 4:14
127: — Nick Cilento (Col) md. Keenan Stockling (E), 16-4
132: — Shaun Stueber (R) p. John

Forstenhauser (L), 1:49

137: — Manny Villaba (E) d. Jeff DiPillo (Col), 9-5
142: — **Nick Friedman (W)** d. John Petrusko (R), 13-7

147: — **Onur Tezucar (W)** md. John Donofrio (Cr), 10-2
154: — Todd DeWitt (ALJ) md. Dennis Osby (E), 9-0

162: — Jason Crutchfield (R) md. **Mike Baly (W)**, 18-5
173: — Mike Mergott (ALJ) d. Joe Moretti (L), 6-3

191: — Nik Fekete (Cr) p. Brian Drake (ALJ), 1:57
217: — Pat Ekstrom (Cr) d. Ishmael Medley (E), 5-2

Hwt: — Antonio Garay (R) p. Greg White (S), 1:14

THIRD PLACE:

105: — Nick Lim (ALJ)
114: — Rob Burnett (R)
121: — Al Tarek Frazier (R)
127: — Louis Ott (R)
132: — **Jeff Kivetz (W)**
137: — Dan Freer (R)
142: — Dennis Bowden (ALJ)
147: — Joe Majocho (ALJ)
154: — **Mike Kivetz (W)**
162: — Craig Howlett (RC)
173: — Mike Scott (S)
191: — Tom O'Reilly (R)
217: — Jamil Johnson (Col)
Hwt: — Charles Leverette (L)



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BATTLING FOR THE REBOUND...Blue Devil Tom Langton, center, battles for the basketball with a Union player. Teammate Rob McCullam, No. 15, gets an arm in on the action.



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THE REBOUND...Blue Devil Tom Langton pulls down a rebound during the game with Union High School.

Blue Devil Boys Cagers Show Promise for Next Season

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

The Westfield High School Boys' Basketball team recorded a modest record of 8-12 this season. Although the record may seem disappointing, the Blue Devils lost many close contests to the states finest teams. On a positive note, four of the six starting players will return next year.

The 1997-98 season marked the debut of Head Coach Kevin Everly. Coach Everly was the assistant coach with Steward Carey since 1995. He took his place after Carey began his job as the assistant principle of Edison Intermediate School this year.

The Blue Devils started the season off strong with a breath-taking, overtime

victory over Newark Shabazz. Junior Pete Anzelone hit a beautiful jump shot in the lane with 30 seconds left to give Westfield its first win of the season. Junior Maurice Boatwright was a major factor for the Blue Devil success, scoring 21 points to maintain the Westfield lead.

Boatwright said, "The win over Shabazz was a huge confidence booster for us especially since we won in overtime. I think if we would have dropped the game, our record would have been a lot worse because our confidence level would have been down."

Another thrilling Blue Devil victory arrived on January 14 against Bayonne. Junior Tom Langton recorded a tremen-

dous game with 13 rebounds and 11 blocks. Langton's solid defensive performance allowed the Blue Devils to overcome a 10-point deficit and win in overtime, 53-51. The win boosted Westfield's record to 5-3.

Langton said, "It felt really good to beat Bayonne. We were the underdogs going into the game and no one expected us to win. I was in the right place at the right time to get all those rebounds and blocks, most of them just came my way."

In perhaps one of the biggest wins on the season, the Blue Devils stunned 19th-ranked Irvington by a score of 66-49. The Blue Devils came out on fire after being tied at half time 27-27. Senior Rob McCullam played a stellar second half when he netted nine of his 17 points in the third quarter to pace Westfield.

McCullam said, "Beating Irvington

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BRIDGEMAN, ROSENBLATT BLAST

Devil Bowlers Capture First Round of UCT

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

Scott Bridgeman and Brett Rosenblatt splintered the pins and helped the Westfield High School bowling team blast its way to the highest pin count, to capture the first round of the Union County Bowling Tournament held at Clark Lanes on February 23. Twenty-five high school teams participated in the event.

Each team rolled three games, and the total pin count determined which six teams were to advance to the final round which was held on February 25. The Blue Devils totaled 2,863 followed by A.L. Johnson (Clark) with 2,856, Roselle Catholic with 2,816, Cranford with 2,747, Linden with 2,637 and Union with 2,622.

The Blue Devils were paired against the Union Catholic High School squad which finished in the seventh position, just shy of qualifying for the finals. The Blue Devils swept the three-game series,

2,863-2,581; however, the Vikings bowled quite well with only one of the games being out of range.

Rosenblatt rolled a 224 in the first game, as the Blue Devils crushed the pins to win, 1,033-863. Bridgeman smashed his way to a 248 in the second game, and the Blue Devils out-pinned the Vikings, 935-906. The third game ended, 895-812, in favor of the Blue Devils.

Rosenblatt also rolled a 214 in the second game and wound up with a 624 series. Bridgeman shattered the pins in all three of his games and wound up with a 640 series, which was the highest of all the competitors.

"Every game was kind of tight except for the first game in which we bowled a

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It seems as though everyone's interested in their health or the "wellness" of someone they love...Want an assessment of some key health items? Check out the list below, gather yourself, friends and family, and don't miss the **HEALTH FAIR on Sunday, February 8, from 12 - 3 p.m.** Free and open to the public, this annual event has something for all ages:

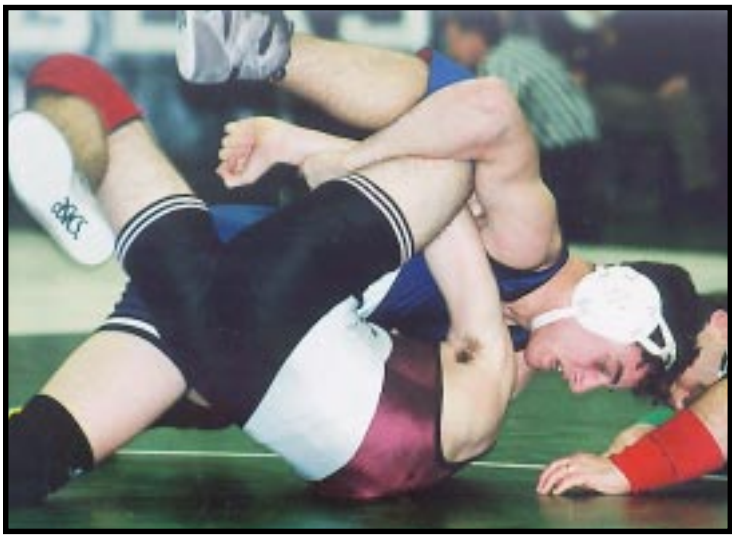
- Tai Chi/Meditation/Yoga
- Stress Reduction Workshops
- New Youth Basketball Skills/League
- New "Performance Workshop" for 6-12 yrs. old...kids explore set & costume design, props, music, etc. to culminate in a performance at the last class.
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- Blood mobile
- Teddy Bear clinic
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- Body composition testing
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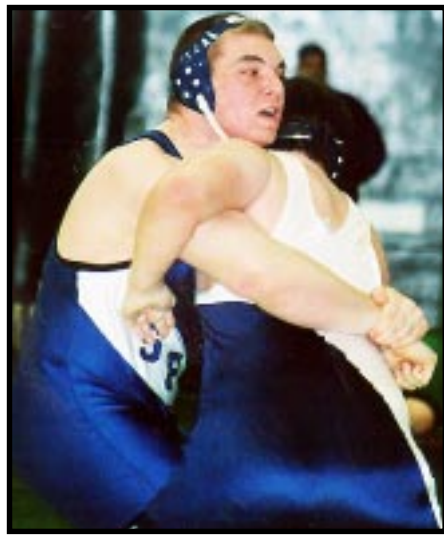
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CLAMPING THE CRADLE...Raider Luke Cerchio clamps Greg Monticello of North Plainfield with a crushing cradle and pins in 2:14 during the quarterfinals at the 147-lb. class. Cerchio placed second in the District 12 Tournament.



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BEAR HUG...Raider Jim Feeley crumpled Rich Strehle of Chatham with a bear hug and eventually pins him in 1:51 in the semifinals. Feeley went on to win the District 12 heavyweight title.

MELLENDEZ, THORNE, FEELEY CLAIM THE CROWNS

Raider Matmen Claim Three District 12 Championships

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

Senior Frank Thorne and juniors Tony Melendez and Jim Feeley stormed their way to first place in their respective weight classes, to give the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestling team the most champions at the District 12 Tournament held in South Plainfield on February 27-28. The young, spirited Raider squad accumulated 159 team points, and clearly made its presence known by placing second to South Plainfield which totaled 203 team points and qualified eight wrestlers for the Region 3 Tournament.

Melendez ripped his way to the finals at 127, pinning Tom Erhardt of Governor Livingston in 3:00, then clamped Dallas Kingsbury of Watchung Hills with a shift to a headlock in 3:35. Once in the finals, Melendez punished Joe Celentino of South Plainfield, winning by injury default in 5:43.

After receiving a first-round bye in the 217-pound class, Thorne stuck Javier Medina of Watchung Hills with two takedowns and a three-point nearfall to record a 7-1 victory and a ticket to the finals. After a scoreless first period, Thorne scraped Chris Cioffi of South Plainfield with a reversal and a spin-behind takedown, while allowing only an escape, to take a 4-1 lead into the final period. Thorne gave up a penalty point and an escape, and picked up a penalty point to secure a 5-3 victory.

Feeley, at heavyweight, received a first-round bye, then smothered Rich Strehle of Chatham in 1:51 to reach the finals. South Plainfield heavyweight Colin Hunter was searching for his 19th victory at the hands of Feeley, but instead he was slapped with a 6-4 defeat. Feeley scored first with a double-leg takedown, but Hunter picked up an escape and a takedown before Feeley tied the score, 3-3, with an escape as the first period ended. Feeley added an escape in the second period and Hunter found an escape in the third, but Feeley reached deep and grabbed a takedown just before time ran out.

At 105, Dave Loewinger advanced to the finals by pinning Ken Hatcher of Plainfield in :37 with a wrist and half-nelson combination, then by squeezing a 7-6 win over Todd Desmond of Watchung Hills. In the finals, Loewinger dropped a close 7-5 decision to Roberto Ramos of South Plainfield.

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Cerchio quickly escaped; but Marcantonio hit a double-leg takedown to take a 4-1 lead. Marcantonio added a two-point nearfall in the third period, and Cerchio came back with a reversal and a penalty point. But it wasn't enough as Marcantonio held on to win, 6-4.

Raider Josh Ricca, at 154, received a bye, then won a 12-2 majority decision over Mike Lazarte of North Plainfield. Raider squad accumulated 159 team points, and clearly made its presence known by placing second to South Plainfield which totaled 203 team points and qualified eight wrestlers for the Region 3 Tournament.

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Loewinger (SPF), 7-5
 114: — Brett Vanderveer (GL) d. Tommy Doerr (SoP), 2-1 (Sudden Death Overtime)

121: — Rich Sachsels (NPr) d. Billy Wilson (SoP), 4-2
 127: — Tony Melendez (SPF) won by injury default over Joe Celentano (SoP), 5-43

132: — Scott Desmond (WH) d. Pete Paradise (NPr), 11-5
 137: — Joe Salerno (CH) md. Kris Lecomte (GL), 8-0

142: — Donny DeFilippis (NPr) tf. Chris Johnson (SoP), 27-10 (5:45)
 147: — Tim Marcantonio (GL) d. Luke Cerchio (SPF), 6-4

154: — Brian Cassera (WH) p. Josh Ricca (SPF), 5:10
 162: — Jason Howard (P) d. Dom Fiorilli (NPr), 8-4

173: — Aaron Morton (P) md. Chris Francis (SoP), 16-8
 191: — Dan Kunst (SoP) p. Tony Zardecki (SPF), 4:46

217: — Frank Thorne (SPF) d. Chris Cioffi (SoP), 5-3
 Hwt: — James Feeley (SPF) d. Colin Hunter (SoP), 6-4

THIRD PLACE:
 105: — Todd Desmond (WH)
 114: — Joe Cassera (WH)

121: — Charlie Tripet (SPF)
 127: — James Stemberge (P)
 132: — John Blondet (SoP)
 137: — John Kosnik (WH)

142: — Mike Vitolo (WH)
 147: — Dave Fiore (SoP)
 154: — Frank Crincoli (SoP)
 162: — Joe Keane (NPI)

173: — Fred Williams (GL)
 191: — Dan Ingrassia (NPr)
 217: — Dom Spagnola (NPr)
 Hwt: — Mike Wroblewski (WH)



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RIPPING HIS WAY THROUGH...Raider Tony Melendez rips on the arm of Dallas Kingsbury of Watchung Hills and picks up nearfall points in his 127-lb. Semifinal bout. Melendez pinned Kingsbury in 3:35.

Little Devil Matmen Qualify Three for State Tournament

Westfield's Little Devils Traveling Wrestling Team members Nick Delpopolo, Sam Kramer and Lee Tomasso turned in outstanding performances to qualify, at the Regional Championship at Union High School on February 22, for the state wrestling tournament in their respective divisions.

Eight regional tournaments are held, and the top three finishers from each move on to the state tournament. This means that Delpopolo, Kramer and Tomasso are in an elite group of the top-24 wrestlers in their age and weight classes in the state. All three wrestlers have good chances to place in the medal rounds of the top eight finishers at the state tournament.

Delpopolo wrestled in the Bantam 70 lb. division. Delpopolo will make his first state tournament appearance and looks to have the tools to be a top wrestler, possessing great strength and a variety of moves on his feet and on the mat. In the quarterfinals Delpopolo used a series of takedowns to run up a big lead. In a tightly-contested semifinal, Delpopolo hit a late reversal for a gutsy win. In the gold medal round, Delpopolo fell behind, 2-0, before hitting a switch and then cranking his opponent to his back three times to run away with first

place on a strong 10-2 win. Kramer wrestled in the 65 lb. junior division, and took first place in what may have been the most exciting bout of the day. After a quick takedown, Kramer gave up an escape, and then followed with a takedown for a 4-1 first-period lead against a formidable foe from Union. In the second period, Kramer fell into a cradle and a 4-4 tie. The bout ended up in a pressure-packed double overtime, with Kramer winning a criteria decision for riding his opponent.

Kramer will be making his third consecutive state tournament appearance, and appears to be a shining star on the future Westfield wrestling scene. Tomasso, a veteran wrestler and one of the top wrestlers in the area, will make his third state tournament appearance in four years. Tomasso made it to the final eight wrestlers in the state two years ago, and has his sights set on a medal this year.

Wrestling in the junior 90 lb. division, Tomasso buzz-sawed through three highly-touted West Jersey opponents before suffering an upset loss in final. Tomasso used his great quickness for take downs before sticking a series of single and double-arm bars in all three victories. Tomasso pinned a Delaware Valley foe in 1:57. He then trounced a wrestler from the prestigious Red Hawks Club of Phillipsburg in an 8-0 win. Tomasso pitched another shutout in the semis, with a 12-0 win over a wrestler from Voorhees.

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BAUM BOWLS HIGH-GAME OF 258

Tiger Keglers Squeeze Past Devils in UCT

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

It was a striking tournament for the Westfield High School bowling team; however, the Linden High School team spared little mercy in the third game and surged to a spectacular come-from-behind victory over the Blue Devils in the finals of the Union County Interscholastic Bowling Tournament held at Clark Lanes on February 25. The Tigers shattered the pins to complete a 1,035 third-game total, which enabled them to edge the Blue Devils for the title, 2,909-2,879.

The Blue Devils started slowly in the first game, but collectively caught fire in the last five frames to blaze to a 985 first-game total. Dan Rock gobbled a foursome string of strikes to finish with a 211. Scott Bridgeman, who started slowly, finished strong to wind up with a 207, and Evan Baum bombed five-straight strikes, a spare and another strike in the last six frames to finish with the second-highest single-game score in the tournament with a 258. The 985 gave the Blue Devils a 34-pin lead over Linden, which shot a 951, and a 43-point lead over Cranford, which shot a 942.

The Blue Devils increased their lead slightly in the second game, totaling 926. The Tigers with a 923 and the Cougars with a 912 were still on the Blue Devils' tail. Baum followed up with a 206, and Bridgeman crashed a 235 in the second game.

Rock rolled a 234 and Bridgeman finished with a 199 to give the Blue Devils a 968 third-game total, but the Tigers' big series catapulted them past the Blue Devils.

Blue Devil bowling Head Coach Mike Tirone emphasized, "We didn't lose it, they won it; we bowled really, really well."

Baum finished with an impressive 646 series, the second highest series of the tournament; Bridgeman finished third-highest with a 641, and Rock crushed a 622 series in only his second time starting at varsity.

During the entire tournament, the Blue Devils knocked down a total of 5,735 pins, the highest of all the schools, and Linden totaled 5,546, nearly 200 less than the Blue Devils.

Expressing concern about the county tournament system of selecting a winner, Tirone mentioned, "This doesn't matter, but the ironic thing though was that for the 10-day total, we were 154 pins higher than the next highest total which was Roselle Catholic and we were over 190 pins higher than Linden."

Tirone continued, "These things happen. Three years ago, we beat every team in each of the first five games, then one team came up with 1,100-plus in the final game to beat us out by three total pins."

When asked about his opinion of the tournament setup, Tirone an-

swered, "The format for the Union County Tournament is not very good, and I am going to work toward changing it because you could beat everybody five out of six games and wind up losing. It seems like it needs a little looking at."

Tirone concluded, "Basically, this has happened to us in the past. We would make a very good showing in the counties, but wouldn't quite win it. And, it seems like when this happened to us in the past, we would go on to win the sectionals. This might fire us up."

The Blue Devils were to compete in the sectionals which were held at Bell-Clair Lanes in Montclair on February 28.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RESTING BETWEEN FRAMES...Blue Devils Dan Rock, left, Brett Rosenblatt, center, and Tim Caprario relax while awaiting their turn to bowl at Clark Lanes during the final round of the Union County Bowling Tournament on February 25.

Devil Swimmers Swamp NLV Girls in North A

Brooke Smith and Jesse Coxson earned four first places and Abby Coxson picked up three, as the Westfield High School girls' swimming team submerged Newton Lenape Valley, 109.5-60.5, in the semifinals of the North A swimming championships on February 18.

February 18:
 Westfield 109.5, Newton Lenape Valley 60.5

(25-yards; top 3)
200 medley relay — 1. (Westfield) (Ashley Saul, Katie Bartholomew, Brooke Smith, Adrienne Coppa) 1:59.15, 3. (W) (Megan Brown, C. Schwebel, Danielle Bauk, S. Kapuscinski) 2:10.78

200 free — 1. (W) Jesse Coxson 2:03.07, 2. (W) Kelly Carter 2:05.12
200 IM — 1. (W) Saul 2:18.2, 3. (W) Coppa 2:24.68

50 free — 1. (NLV) Lauren Klitzer :26.05, 2. (W) Heidi Schoenemann :26.64, 3. Kitty Fromtling :27.47

100 fly — 1. (W) Carter 1:03.8, 2. (W) Abby Coxson 1:06
100 free — 1. (W) Jesse Coxson :56.98, 2. Schoenemann :58.13

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-860-96.

NATIONSCREDIT 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. 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 \$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. Nearest cross street: Situate on the north-easterly line of William Street, 175 feet from the northwesterly 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.

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Devil Bowlers Capture First Round of UCT

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1,033. That game propelled us into the lead, and we were able to hold on in the last two games to come in first because we had beaten everybody by 65 pins at that point. The second-place team was Cranford with 968," announced Blue Devil Bowling Head Coach Mike Tirone.

The Blue Devils were to be assigned a team to bowl against in the finals; however, in any event, the team with the highest total pin count among the six finalists would win the championship.

"It's really rough to keep the intensity and roll a 248 game and 640 series and to come in first twice in-a-row. We have found, in the past, when we have come in first in the first round that we have sometimes come in second or third in the final round. So, it's not a 'gimme,'" concluded Tirone.

The Blue Devils are 15-1 on head-to-head matches and, after the county finals, will be in Montclair for the first round of the sectionals on March February 28.

500 free — 1. (W) Abby Coxson 5:26.14, 3. (W) Schwebel 5:43.66
200 free relay — 1. (W) (Smith, Schoenemann, J. Coxson, A. Coxson) 1:46.14, 3. (W) (Coppa, Bartholomew, Carter, Fromtling) 1:50.23

100 back — 1. (NLV) Jessica Burt 1:05.55, 2. (W) Saul 1:05.96, 3. (W) Bauk 1:07.35

100 breast — 1. (W) Smith 1:08.68, 3. (W) Bartholomew 1:15.39

400 free relay — 1. (W) (J. Coxson, Schoenemann, A. Coxson, Smith) 3:55.09, 3. (W) (Carter, Schwebel, Kapuscinski, Saul) 4:06.70

Raider Jennings Takes 5th at Meet of Champs

Karl Jennings of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School placed fifth in the 55-meter hurdles at the Meet of Champions in Princeton on February 22 with a time of :07.9. Todd Mathews of Notre Dame won the event with a time of :07.43.

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. MICHAELA A. VELASQUEZ AND MRS. MICHAEL A. VELASQUEZ, HIS WIFE, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 19, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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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.

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WTA Announces Season Opener

Membership applications are now being accepted for the Westfield Tennis Association's (WTA) 1998 Summer Tennis Ladder. Application openings include Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Senior (age 45 as of May 1) Men's and Women's Doubles.

Applications are available at the Westfield Recreation Department, located in the Municipal Building, and can be mailed to: WTA, P.O. Box 125, Westfield, 07091.

In order to play on town courts, one must be a Westfield resident and must have a 1998 Westfield Town Badge, which can be purchased from the Recreation Department. The deadline for listing in the WTA Directory is Wednesday, April 15. Interested players are asked to get their applications in early.

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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.

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 \$82,716.71. MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth, COUNTY AND STATE: Union County, New Jersey.

STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 528-530 Adams Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07022.

TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot No. 14, Block No. 12. DIMENSIONS: Approximately 50.00 feet x 150.00 feet x 50.00 feet x 150.00 feet.



JUST CHECKING...Bryan Gates, No. 15, and Brendan Hickey, No. 5, of the Blue Devils crash a Don Bosco Prep player up against the boards. Josh Falcone, No. 3, skates in to assist. The Westfield Ice Hockey team made a huge impact on the ice this season.

Lady Blue Devils Crumble East Side Hoopsters, 56-40

Senior Megan Devitt sank 15 points to lead the Westfield High School girls' basketball team to a 56-40 thrashing of the Newark East Side girls in Westfield on February 24.

The Blue Devil defense was outstanding in the first half, as they held East Side to only three points in the first quarter

and seven in the second. The Devil offense was consistent, hitting for 13 in the first and 14 in the second quarter. The consistency continued in the third quarter, but Devitt blasted 10 of her points during that period.

Senior Suzanne Vinegra fired in 14 points and pulled down eight rebounds, and junior teammate Liz McKeon finished with 11 points. Jessica Lutkenhouse hit for six points and Vicky Nusse nailed four, while Ann Marie Ruvalo, Valerie Griffith and Carolyn Matthews contributed two points apiece for the Blue Devils.

Westfield upped its record to 13-5, while Newark East Side fell to 11-13.

Nwk East Side	3	7	13	17	40
Westfield	13	14	16	13	56

Scotch Plains Sr. Basketball Results

(50+ League)
February 22:
 Donovan's Reef (Monmouth) 59, Berkeley Heights 46
 North Plainfield 45, Aces (Monmouth) 13

February 24:
 Paterson Wise Guys 67, Team Law 41
 Scotch Plains 81, Berkeley Heights 49

February 26
 Cranford Cougars 48, Paterson Wise Guys 45
 Berkeley Heights 58, Westfield Pearls 1

SENIORS STANDINGS: (As of February 27)

AMERICAN DIVISION:		W	L
TEAM			
Cranford Cougars		8	2
Paterson Wise Guys		6	2
Areana Sports		3	5
Team Law		1	7

NATIONAL DIVISION:		W	L
TEAM			
Scotch Plains		6	3
Berkeley Heights		6	5
Westfield Pearls		4	6
North Plainfield		2	8

The best and most consequential game in the Senior Basketball League season was played at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood gym on February 26. The Paterson Wise Guys had a rematch with the Cranford Cougars, the only team to have whipped them all year.

In its first game, Cranford shocked the then-undefeated Wise Guys by 14 points, employing a fast break and strong center play to win going away. In this contest, Paterson not only had their pride at stake; they were also playing to hold their first-place position, which they have held all season.

The strategy was to swarm all over 6'5" Chip Weiss, and attack him with three men every time he touched the ball, which rendered him scoreless for the first game all year. Cranford deployed its running game, however, and ran fast breaks effectively, with Lou Koehler and Kenny Dunbar filling lanes for a total contribution of 28 points. The rest of the Cougars hustled after loose balls, particularly Ken Steinberg and Bob Keenan, and the Cougars pulled out a win in a dynamite game which never saw more than a 3-point lead.

In other action, Scotch Plains, playing with all of their starters together for the first game since early in the season, blasted Berkeley Heights by 30, with Bill Clancy, Len Braunstein, Pete Tierney and Tommy Aguirre all scoring in doubles, mostly off the break, to indicate their readiness for the upcoming playoffs.

In Monmouth action, Dave Bell's North Plainfield squad represented the league well in their victory over the Aces. Cutting in and around Al Kroboth, the team showed savvy and an improved shooting touch, particularly Rich Perini, a candidate for most-improved player, and Walt Cwikla, whose one-hander was accurate all game.

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.
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Sc Plains Masters Basketball Results

(40+ League)
February 26:
 Cumming Motors 71, The Express 33
 Scotch Plains 66, Warren Warriors 4

MASTERS STANDINGS: (As of February 26)

TEAM		W	L
Merrill Lynch		2	0
Scotch Plains		2	0
International Realty		1	1
Cumming Motors		1	1
Warren Warriors		0	2
The Express		0	2

League play in the Scotch Plains Masters League for players over 40 saw only two games this week, with Cumming Motors trouncing The Express, 71-33. Cumming's attack was balanced, with Jake Higgins, Danny Jayson and Gary Zakovic leading the scoring, and crisp passing, solid board play and accurate shooting being the key.

Leading The Express was Darryl Hall, whose three straight jumpers in the first half pulled The Express to within 10, only to see Cumming pull away in the second half. Also effective for The Express were Dave Bell, penetrating and shooting, and new recruit Dan Margolis, who helped the rebounding effort.

In the nightcap, the Scotch Plains squad was led by Charles Turner, scoring on an assortment of moves around the hoop, and Bill Clancy hitting jump shots and setting up assists. The Warren squad was never out of the game, rallying several times to pull within range of the fast-breaking victors; but they were never able to gain the lead. Key contributions came from Mark Ruderman, Dave Robinson and Mitch Stoller, with Dr. Jerrold Zeitels setting up the action.

Westfield 'Y' to Offer Water Exercise Classes

The Westfield "Y" will offer a very active water exercise class. It includes warm-up, deep water jogging, and strength and flexibility exercises, as well as the use of weights to help build strength and tone.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Please call the Westfield "Y" at (908) 233-2700 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12219-96.
FIRST NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ROBERT EDOUARD AND EVELYNE EDOUARD, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 11, 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 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 \$72,115.09.
 The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and in the State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 1141-1143 ANNA STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07211.
 Tax Lot No. 163.F in Block No. 12.
 Dimensions of Lot are (Approximately) 65.50 feet wide by 22.08 feet long.
 Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the NORTHERLY side of ANNA STREET, 156.08 feet from the WESTERLY side of JEFFERSON AVENUE.
 There is due approximately the sum of 74,414.57 together with lawful interest and costs.
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
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SANTO SALVAGES THE VIKINGS Lady Vikings 'D'feat Elizabeth in UCT Semi

Senior point guard Katie Santo put the finishing touches on the second-seeded Elizabeth High School girls' basketball team by sinking three free throws in the final :30, as third-seeded Union Catholic took down the Lady Minutemen, 23-19, at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth on February 25. Obviously, the low score indicated that each team's strategy was defense.

Scoring by either team was nearly nonexistent in the first quarter, as the Lady Minutemen held a 3-0 lead. Kathryn Rooney and Devin McDonald got the Vikings moving offensively by scoring eight and seven points, respectively, in the second and third quarters. With their defense being nearly impenetrable, the Vikings carried a 19-12 lead into the final quarter.

Now, in the fourth quarter, the Elizabeth defense flexed its muscles and held

the Vikings to only one point in the first 7:30. The Lady Minutemen closed to within one of the lead with less than :30 remaining. At this point, Santo saved the Vikings with her ball control which caused the Lady Minutemen to foul. Santo hit both of her foul shots. Seconds later, Santo was fouled again. She nailed another and victory was in hand.

The victory came at the right time, as the Vikings not only avenged an earlier 36-35 loss to Elizabeth, but also advanced to the finals to meet top-seeded Oak Knoll on February 28. The loss dethroned the Lady Minutemen, who had won the previous three titles.

McDonald and Rooney finished with eight points each, and Santo finished with seven. The Vikings improved to 18-4 and Elizabeth slipped to 19-4.

Union Catholic	0	8	11	4	23
Elizabeth	3	2	7	7	19

Vikings Blank Knoll in 4th; Claim UCT Crown, 51-39

What began as an atypical game for the Vikings ended in an excellent display of their typical strong defensive style, as the Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team held Oak Knoll scoreless in the final quarter to pull in a 51-39 victory in the finals of the Union County Tournament at Dunn Center in Elizabeth on February 28.

Both teams exercised their offensive talents in the first half, as the Vikings held a slight 28-26 lead. The Royals gained the upper hand toward the end of the third quarter until Katie Santo pulled off some wizardry which pushed the Vikings into a 38-37 lead. Santo made a lay-up, then stole the ball and passed to Jen Britton, who then hit a two-pointer. The Royals regained the lead, 39-38, just before

the end of the period.

The Viking defense became impassive in the final quarter, while the offense became deadly. Britton zeroed in on the basket and hit four points and Santo sank three points, while Devin McDonald added two points and pulled down several rebounds. Brenda Kaus and Jessica Ballweg also put in two points each to give the Vikings 13 for the quarter.

McDonald finished with 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds; Britton blasted 10; Santo sank nine; Kathryn Rooney scored eight, and Ballweg nailed six for the Vikings.

Union Catholic boosted its record to 18-4, while Oak Knoll fell to 22-3.

Union Catholic	17	11	10	13	51
Oak Knoll	15	11	13	0	39



MEETING OF THE MINDS...Westfield High School Ice Hockey Head Coach Brian LaFontaine confers with members of his team at intermission during the game with Don Bosco Prep. Both teams' defensive strategy must have worked out, but Don Bosco eked out a 1-0 win over the Blue Devils.

Westfield Basketball Association to Hold End-of-Season Clinic

An end-of-season basketball clinic, sponsored by the Westfield Basketball Association (WBA), will be held for boys and girls in second through 12th grades on Saturday, March 12, at Roosevelt Intermediate School.

The clinic will be conducted by Kevin Everly, Westfield High School's varsity basketball coach. Members of the varsity squad will assist Everly in providing instruction, strategy, skills and demonstrations.

Session One, for youth in grades 2 to 4, will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Session Two, for fifth to 12th graders, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

There is a fee of \$10 per player, with a \$25 maximum per family. Participants are requested to bring their own basketball.

Applications can be obtained from all WBA coaches. For additional information about the clinic or registration, please call The WBA message center at (908) 654-6361.

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. EDDIEL 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.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CONTRACTOR: Resolve, Inc., 1830 Front Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.
NATURE OF SERVICE: Employee Assistance Program.
DURATION: January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998.
AMOUNT: \$3,700.
THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.
 Barbara Riepe
 Township Clerk
 Fee: \$15.81
 1 T - 3/5/98, The Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-8592-97.
OCWEN FEDERAL BANK FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. ROBERTO CANEIRO AND MARIA CANEIRO, HIS WIFE; ROGELIO CANEIRO, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 16, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
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 The judgment amount is \$103,740.77.
 The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, New Jersey 07206, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 507-509 FULLTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.
 Tax Lot No. 510 W03 in Block No. 3.
 Dimensions of Lot: Irregularly 50.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.
 Nearest Cross Street: Fifth Street.
 Situate at a point on the easterly sideline of Fulton Street distance approximately 70.00 feet northerly from its intersection with the northerly sideline of Fifth Street.
 There is due approximately the sum of \$106,528.78 together with lawful interest and costs.
 There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
 The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
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 Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
 CH-753633 (WL)
 4 T - 2/26, 3/5,
 3/12 & 3/19/98 Fee: \$179.52



WHOOOPS...Blue Devil Rob McCullam, No. 15, attempts to save the basketball from going out-of-bounds as teammate Tom Langton looks on during a game with Union High School in January.

Blue Devil Boys Cagers Show Promise for Next Season

was a total team effort. Everyone stepped it up after half time and played to their highest ability. Since they were ranked high, it made everyone play with more enthusiasm and that was a big factor in the win.

On February 3, the Blue Devils were eliminated from the state playoffs when they lost a heart-breaking game to Elizabeth in overtime, 60-59. Junior Lamont Turner netted a tremendous 28 points and also sent the game into overtime with a basket with only 3 seconds remaining in regulation.

"The loss to Elizabeth was very disappointing. We played with them throughout the entire game but we just ran out of gas in overtime. You can't always win the close ones," said Turner.

The Blue Devils won the first round of the Union County Tournament on Febru-

ary 16 by defeating Union Catholic for the second time this season. Senior Captain Greg Freisen contributed 15 points in the win. In the second round, Westfield lost to third-seeded Roselle.

Freisen said, "We played a good game against Union Catholic. We were playing very well against Roselle up until the second half. That's when our defense fell apart and the offense couldn't get the job done."

Although some may look at this year's record and it may seem disappointing, the future looks bright for next year's team. Boatwright, Anzelone, Turner and Langton as well as juniors Matt Rosen and Oliver Janney will add depth as seniors for next year's varsity squad.

Boatwright summed up the season by saying, "Although our record wasn't too good, we won some great games and most of our losses could have been either way. We played tough and had a lot of fun. Next year we'll be a good ball club."

Yoga Center Lists Registration Dates For Spring Session

Nicole's Yoga Center, located at 94 North Avenue in Garwood, will begin the early spring session on Monday, March 16.

The session includes 20 yoga classes weekly for beginner and advanced levels. In addition, four meditation classes will be available.

In celebration of Earth Day, Yoga Center owner Nicole Mode will hold a commemoration ceremony on Wednesday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the site of the "Tree of Life" she planted in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield. All are invited to attend.

An open house is planned for Saturday, May 9, at 1 p.m., when a free yoga and meditation class will be offered.

The Yoga Center will be open for general registration (free personal evaluation by appointment only) on Mondays, March 9 and 16, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, March 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

For a brochure, further information or to schedule an appointment, please call (908) 789-6426. Early registration is recommended to ensure a place in the desired spring session class.

Ms. Mode is a certified hypno-therapist and yoga therapist, and offers private therapeutic yoga sessions for stress-related conditions, by appointment only.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its February 9, 1998 meeting for the following applications heard at its January 12, 1998 meeting:
 1. Clorinda Megaro, 341 First Street seeking permission to erect an addition to a second story and convert a one family dwelling to a two family dwelling—Granted with conditions.
 2. Rudolfo J. Betancourt, 112 Golf Edge seeking permission to erect two building additions—Granted.
 Colleen Mayer, Secretary
 Board of Adjustment
 Fee: \$16.32
 1 T - 3/5/98, The Leader

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9712-97.
SUMMIT BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. DOUGE 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.
 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 \$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 sideline of Catherine Street at its intersection with the northeasterly sideline 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 FROELICH SHERIFF
 FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, Attorneys
 Suite 201
 7 Century Drive
 Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
 CH-753608 (WL)
 4 T - 2/19, 2/26,
 3/5 & 3/12/98 Fee: \$183.60

BOYS BASKETBALL: UNION CO. TOURN.

SEMIFINALS:
February 24:
 St. Patrick's 78, Roselle Catholic 55
 Roselle Cath (18-5) 10 12 19 14 55
 St. Patrick's (20-3) 20 22 16 20 78

February 25:
 Union 55, Roselle 46
 Roselle (17-4) 9 14 16 7 46
 Union (21-2) 13 10 15 17 55

FINALS:
February 28:
 St. Patrick's 76, Union 45
 Union (21-3) 9 12 9 15 45
 St. Patrick's (21-3) 20 19 23 14 76

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

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD
 Notice is hereby given that on March 25, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of John Antonucci for a bulk variance to erect a deck and from requirements of Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provisions of subparagraph 93-9A(2)(b) (rear yard depth) on the property at 59 Locust Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 66, Lot No. 32 on the Fanwood tax map.
 All interested persons may be present and heard.
 The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.
 Mr. John Antonucci
 59 Locust Avenue
 Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
 1 T - 3/5/98 Fee: \$24.48

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6359-96.
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. LOUIS J. GILLS NOVEMBRE AND MARIE LORDE NOVEMBRE, HIS WIFE; ET ALS., DEFENDANT.
 CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 10, 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 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 \$96,048.28.
 The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, New Jersey 07201, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
 Commonly known as: 555 WALNUT STREET, EL



DIVISION B CHAMPS...The 1997 Westfield PAL Football Suburban League Division B Champions, pictured, left to right, are: first row, Scott Villa, Dan MacDonald, Devin Stanley, Peter Gately and Jan Cocozziello; second row, Eric Braxton, Alex Persky, Matt Toth, Tyson Blackman, Montel Glasco, Adam Trzesniowski and Philip Barlet; third row, Defensive Coordinator Kelly Sailors, Offensive Coordinator Harold Butts, Pat Daly, Brian Butts, Terrance Bryant, Trevor Putnoky, Jason Fertakos, Special Teams Coach Mike Gresi and Head Coach George Gresi; fourth row, Mike DeFazio, Ben Koket, Kirt Gresi and Jordan Sailors. Not pictured is Coach Fred DeFazio. The Blue Devils had a 9-0 record, scoring 18 touchdowns for 119 points while only allowing 19 points against them.

FSP Gymnasts Improve Against Montclair "Y"

On February 28, the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA "B" Division Gymnastic Team competed in its third meet of the season. The meet was hosted by Montclair YMCA and included Five Points YMCA, as well as the Fanwood-Scotch Plains contingency. The gymnasts successfully obtained their goal of increasing their team total from their last team score; however, they were defeated by the strong Montclair team.

The gymnasts competed in three age groups: 11 and under, 12 year olds, and 13 and over. "B" Team members Rachael Eannucci and Diana Filo have qualified to compete in the Novice Division at the YMCA National Championships to be held at Hanover, Pennsylvania later this season.

In the 11-and-under age group, Stephanie Faber brought home a third-place ribbon for her performance on vault.

The 12-year-old age group saw a large group of strong competitors, including the Fanwood-Scotch Plains representatives, Kathryn Brucia and Jessica Guerriero, who put in strong performances and helped contribute to the team's improved total score.

Four gymnasts represented Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA in the 13-and-over age group. Capturing the first-place All-Around title, Filo also was awarded first place for her performances on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. She received the second-place award on vault. The second-place All-Around title

went to Eannucci, who was awarded first place on vault and second place for her performances on uneven bars and balance beam.

Although the lights malfunctioned during her floor routine, Chrissy Perrotta overcame the obstacle and was awarded second place for her performance on floor exercise. Tiffany Kane competed in three events, and contributed to the team's improvement.

Congratulations go to all the gymnasts, as they continue their season. The YMCA offers gymnastic classes for gymnasts of all ages and levels. Anyone interested in gymnastic classes or participating on one of the teams, please call (908) 889-8880 for more information.

Pool Memberships Now Being Accepted

The Westfield Recreation Commission is now accepting membership for the 1998 Westfield Memorial Pool season, which commences on Saturday, June 6.

The 1998 season will feature continuing enhancements to the picnic grove area, as well as additions to the children's pool area, with more shade umbrellas being installed.

The restrooms and playground area will also have some new improvements, according to a spokesman for the Recreation Commission.

The swim lesson program is offered to member children 5 years of age and up. Competitive swim teams are also available for both advanced and beginner swimmers.

For additional information or fees for the 1998 season, please call the Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080.

Jane Wieting Named To Spring Dean's List

Jane Wieting of Westfield was among 190 students at Caldwell College recently named to the Spring Dean's List.

She and the other students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement of maintaining a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and completing at least 12 credits during the semester.

There were 70 seniors, 44 juniors, 40 sophomores and 36 freshmen who achieved this honor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9470-96.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. CARLOS SALAZAR, ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 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 1ST DAY OF APRIL 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 \$112,923.98.

The mortgaged premises are described as follows:

ALL THAT certain land and premises situated in the Township/City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the northerly line of John Street, distant 139.50 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly line of John Street and the westerly line of First Avenue, and running thence

South 65 degrees 53 feet west, 25.00 feet to a point; thence

(2) North 24 degrees 49 feet 40 inches West, 50.58 feet to a point; thence

(3) North 27 degrees 22 feet West, 47.78 feet to a point; thence

(4) North 63 degrees 36 feet 30 inches East, 25.00 feet to a point; thence

(5) South 27 degrees 22 feet East, 47.35 feet to a point; thence

(6) South 24 degrees 51 feet 20 inches East, 52.00 feet to the northerly line of John Street and the point and place of Beginning, BEING COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 13 John Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Block No. 7, Lot No. 650A Tax Map of Elizabeth.

There is due approximately the sum of \$119,652.66 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-753059 (WL)

4 T - 3/5, 3/12,
3/19 & 3/26/98

Fee: \$216.24

Coles Has Received, Sent Out Over 100 E-Mails Worldwide

Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains is involved in an Internet project for which the school has sent and received just over 100 e-mails by the 100th day of the school year — February 11.

The school was part of an international registry which includes 400 schools representing Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and Central America. In addition, all 50 states are represented.

Coles students have heard interesting facts from the different states and countries that are involved. For instance, in an Alaskan town, they confront polar bears and travel in snow mobiles. In a school in Vermont, children spend Monday afternoons on the slopes as part of their education program.

In a Guatemalan village, children do not have many toys, so they create dolls from corn husks and silk and sling shots from branches and rubber bands. These are just a few of the tidbits students have learned through this process.

All Kindergarten-, first-, second-, and fourth-grade teachers incorporated this project into their activities for the 100th day of school.

The teachers involved in this project were Lynne Grimmer, Laurel Muenzen, Suzanne Frederichs, Ginny Mitchell, Carol Patten, Marilyn Schott, Anita Prato, Joan Vollkommer, Rosalie Gamba, Kristin Santin, Jen Murphy, Chris Moffit, Pat Casey and Heidi Griswold.

All teachers were responsible for five or six states and one or two countries. Each teacher sent greetings to their territories and received greetings from schools in their territories.

The project has been utilized for curriculum areas such as technology, social studies, language arts and geography. Classes were taken to the school's library media center to show students how to utilize the Internet to send and receive messages.

This process also involved looking up the individual schools on the international registry. The location of each e-mail received was plotted on maps. Fourth-grade classes actually plotted the coordinates for the specific locations.

A bulletin board display created by Coles fourth graders has been placed at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education office.



E-MAIL FROM AUSTRALIA...Natalie Terenf and Brian Hessemer, two second graders from Jennifer Murphy's class, display one of the e-mails they received from Australia as part of a project at Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains.

Nominees are Sought for Governor's Awards Honoring Volunteers

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and the State of New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism is seeking nominees for Westfield residents to be recipients of the 1998 Governor's Volunteer Awards.

The annual Governor's Awards recognizes the volunteer accomplishments of a group or individual in one of 10 categories.

Any individual or group actively engaged in volunteer activities that benefit the community of Westfield or the state of New Jersey may be nominated.

Additional information on completing and submitting nomination forms and eligibility requirements for the Governor's Volunteer Awards may be obtained by calling Mayor Jardim's office at Westfield Town Hall at (908) 789-4040.



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS...The New Jersey Jaguars Wheelchair Basketball Team captured both the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regional Titles, qualifying it to participate in the 1998 National Championships to be held in Carbondale Illinois on Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15. With an 8-2 record, the team is currently ranked sixth in the country. Pictured, left to right, are: Lauren Reynolds of Warren, Kevin Murray of Point Pleasant, Ben Park of Dover, Coach Bill Ward, Miguel Cintron of Perth Amboy, Paul Ward of Allendale and C.J. Dodge of Westfield.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12363-95.

CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ESTELUS PIERRE AND CLAIRMENE PIERRE, HIS WIFE; ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 20, 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 1ST DAY OF APRIL 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 \$178,311.88.

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

TAX LOT NO. ACCT No. 921 IN BLOCK NO. WARD 12.

DIMENSIONS OF LOT (APPROXIMATELY): 35 X 125

NEAREST CROSS STREET: LINDEN STREET.

PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1147-1149 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

There is due approximately the sum of \$182,976.04 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

HUBSCHMAN & ROMAN, Attorneys
318 Bergen Boulevard
Palisades Park, New Jersey 07650
CH-753639 (WL)

4 T - 3/5, 3/12,
3/19 & 3/26/98

Fee: \$167.28

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4368-96.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK; ET AL.; PLAINTIFF vs. FRANK A. PAUL; BARBARA PAUL, OCCUPANT, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 4, 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 1ST DAY OF APRIL 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 \$118,395.90.

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, more particularly described as follows:

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A".

Tax Lot No. ACCT #53, Block No. WARD 5, FORMERLY KNOWN AS LOT NO. 18 AND BLOCK NO. 9.

Commonly known as 37 ATLANTIC STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

There is due approximately the sum of \$122,703.08 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-752924 (WL)

4 T - 3/5, 3/12,
3/19 & 3/26/98

Fee: \$163.20



SPOTLIGHTING VOLUNTEERS...Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, center, presents a proclamation to the officers of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, designating March as "Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad Month." Squad officers, pictured left to right, are: Richard Warwick, Assistant Treasurer; Reid Edles, President; Grace Kowalski, Vice President; Jennifer Broadbent, Secretary; Jim D'Ambrosio, Captain, and Diane Holzmueller, Deputy Captain.

Mayor Recognizes March As 'Rescue Squad Month'

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim recently kicked off the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad's 1998 fund drive by proclaiming March as "Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad Month."

Mayor Jardim proclaimed that the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad has "unselfishly provided emergency medical care and transportation to the residents and visitors of the Town of Westfield, in the event of accident, disaster, sudden illness and the like for the past 48 years."

The Mayor went on to state that during 1997, squad members had "volunteered tens of thousands of duty hours of service to answer 1,944 calls in the alleviation of human suffering."

Every resident of Westfield will receive a letter in the mail asking for their financial support of the squad, which is funded solely from private donations, according to a spokesman.

"The fund drive is our once-a-year appeal to raise enough money to fund our day-to-day operations and provide the squad reserve monies to ensure continued service to the community in the future," said Grace Kowalski, Vice President of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad and the officer in charge of the 1998 fund drive.

"This year, the squad also has a tremendous need for volunteers to work as Emergency Medical Technicians and dispatchers," she added.

Tax deductible contributions may be made to The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, 07091.

For further information about volunteering with the squad, please call (908) 233-2501, or stop by the building at 335 Watterson Street and pick up an application. For all emergency services, please call 9-1-1.



PREPARING FOR PENNY COLLECTION...Alexandra Grosser, Paul Lee and Catherine Meixner, children who attend the Westfield Day Care Center, show the canisters for the Penny Drive which will be held through this month.

Sliding Scale Tuition Remains Intact at Day Care Center

The Westfield Day Care Center was first conceived by the Church Women United in February, 1967. At that time, they saw a need for affordable quality day care, a spokesman for the center recently explained.

They directed the Day Care Center to offer a program which would provide excellent child care to families from varying socio-economic backgrounds regardless of the families ability to pay.

A sliding scale for tuition was established which allowed scholarship families to pay as little as half of the actual costs for child care. This philosophy remains the same today and one-half of the families receive scholarship funding, the spokeswoman said.

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 16, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey to continue the application of William and Jennifer Clancy, 1018 Leland Avenue who propose to subdivide Block No. 15403, Lot No. 5, into two lots. The applicant has requested the granting of several waivers and the following variance:

Lot No. 5:01-Section 23-3.4A, Para. C, Col 7-Front Setback

Required: 40 feet
Proposed: 39.83 feet existing

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board offices during regular business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.).

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev
Secretary to the Planning Board

1 T - 3/5/98, The Times Fee: \$29.07

Donations, such as the proceeds from the Westfield Day Care Center Auxiliary Penny Drive, go directly into the Scholarship Fund.

UCVTS Announces Upcoming Course In Computer Repair

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) in Scotch Plains is offering a new course in Computer Repair Technology starting in September.

This course will enable the student to describe general computer circuit theory, use technical manuals, schematics, and diagnostic software and test equipment to become proficient in the technical art of troubleshooting personal computers (PCs) down to the component level.

The essentials of networking, along with an ability to install, maintain and update PC networks, will be covered. Fundamental electronics theory will be introduced to the student throughout the curriculum.

The fundamentals will cover DC circuit theory, AC circuit theory and semiconductor theory, according to a spokeswoman for UCVTS.

Students enrolled in Computer Repair Technology will be eligible to be certified by the Network Cabling Industry (recognized by Lucent technologies) as cable splicers.

For information about this course, please call Patrick Mauro at (908) 889-2911 or visit the UCVTS web site at www.ucvts.tec.nj.us.

How can there be so much difference between a day off and an off day?

— Larson

From small beginnings come great things.

— Dutch Proverb

- Obituaries -

Cornelius R. Nagle, 68

Cornelius Richard Nagle, 68, of Westfield died on Sunday, March 1, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Mount Kisco, New York, he grew up in Bedford Hills, New York and moved to Westfield in 1954.

Mr. Nagle received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Seton Hall University in South Orange in 1950.

He was a four-year member of the varsity basketball program at the school, and a member of the Knights of Setonia.

Mr. Nagle was a communicant of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

While serving in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, he was a journalist with the Army Home-town News Center.

Surviving is his wife, Joan Nagle; two daughters, Patricia Nagle of Princeton and Sharon Nagle Caraluzzo of Canandaigua, New York; a sister, Catherine Odell of Wall, and three grandchildren.

A Funeral Liturgy was held yesterday, Wednesday, March 4, at St. Helen's Church. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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

March 5, 1998

Anna E. Merrill, 88

Anna Elizabeth Merrill, 88, of Edison, formerly of Scotch Plains, died on Thursday, February 26, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Tarrytown, New York, she had lived in Hungary before returning to the United States in 1924. She had lived in Scotch Plains from 1927 to 1968, when she moved to Plainfield. She relocated to Edison in 1983.

Mrs. Merrill had been a saleswoman at the S.S. Kresge department store in Watchung before retiring in 1970.

She was a member of St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church in Edison, the Scotch Plains Seniors and the Scotch Plains Meridians.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank L. Merrill, Sr. in 1976, and by her daughter, Carmella Walker, in 1981.

Surviving is a daughter, Antoinette V. Spina; two sons, Frank L. Merrill, Jr. and Thomas S. Merrill; a sister, Mary Vally Kline; 13 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, March 2, at St. Helena's Church.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Memorial contributions may be made to Deborah Hospital in Browns Mills.

March 5, 1998

Bernadette Carey, 81

Bernadette Carey, 81, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, February 26, in the home of her daughter, Nancy Didier of Garwood.

Born in Bayonne, she had lived in Mountaineer for many years before moving to Scotch Plains two years ago. She also had maintained a home in Boca Raton, Florida for many years.

Mrs. Carey had been an owner and partner with her late husband, Edward Carey, of a hardware store in Elizabeth. Prior to that she had been a legal secretary with the Turter Law Firm in Elizabeth.

Mrs. Carey was a founding member of the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountaineer and a member of the Women's Club of Mountaineer.

Also surviving is another daughter, Maureen Pollock; a son, Thomas Carey, Jr.; three brothers, Vincent Hane, William Hane and Gerard Hane; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, March 2, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Arrangements were handled by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

March 5, 1998

Joan E. Krauel, 68

Joan E. Krauel, 68, of Fanwood died on Wednesday, February 25, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born on Staten Island, she had moved to Fanwood 27 years ago. Mrs. Krauel was a member of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains, the All Saints Crafters Club and the Woman's Club of Fanwood.

She was predeceased by her husband, William G. Krauel, in 1986.

Surviving are two sons, William G. Krauel and Keith A. Krauel, both of Fanwood; a daughter, Janet L. Yahn of Hamilton, a brother, Robert E. Blue of Dayton, and a grandson.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. at the All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice at Muhlenberg, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield, 07061.

March 5, 1998

Frances Devalon, 77, Former Teacher; Edna White Scholarship Recipient

Frances "Peggy" C. Devalon, 77, of Sun City West, Arizona, died on Saturday, February 21.

Born in Rawlins, Wyoming on March 30, 1920, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Arizona in 1987.

She had been a foreign language teacher at Edison Junior High School, now Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, from September of 1969 through July of 1980.

Mrs. Devalon was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Sun City West. She had also been a member of the College Women's Club and St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women, and had received the Edna White Rome Scholarship through the American Academy in Rome, Italy.

Surviving are her husband, Earle W. Devalon; four daughters, Sharon Fairchild of Rocky River, Ohio, Colleen Devalon Rech of Larkspur, Colorado; Margaret Haas of Parker, Colorado and Dr. Melissa Bocovich Devalon of Port Angeles, Washington; a son, Gerald Devalon of Vista, California, and nine grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Thursday, February 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Sun City West. Entombment was in Fairmount Mausoleum in Denver, Colorado.

Margaret Gorski, 88

Margaret Birdsall Gorski, 88, of Westfield died on Monday, March 2, at her home.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Irvington and Maplewood before moving to Westfield 12 years ago.

In the 1930s, Mrs. Gorski had owned a beauty salon in Newark for about five years.

She was a past matron, secretary and treasurer of Mizpah Chapter No. 33 in South Orange, which later merged with Livingston Chapter and then Vehslage Chapter No. 158, Order of Eastern Star of Millburn.

She was a deacon of the Prospect Presbyterian Church in Maplewood, and was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Surviving are her husband, Alexander C. Gorski; two daughters, Carol Ann Loftus and Joan Corbo; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 6, at 11 a.m. at the Haerberle & Barth Colonial Home in Union. Interment will take place at Hollywood Memorial Park in Union.

A service by the Vehslage Chapter No. 158, Order of the Eastern Star will be held at 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 5, at the funeral home. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, 111 Funderne Avenue, Bridgewater, 08807.

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Shirley M. Petersen, 74

Shirley M. Petersen, 74, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Westfield, died on Thursday, February 26, at home.

Born in Vancouver, Canada, she moved to Westfield in 1943, where she had lived until moving to Scotch Plains two years ago.

Mrs. Petersen belonged to the Plymouth Brethren in Scotch Plains. She was predeceased by her daughter, Patricia Holt.

Surviving are her husband, James Petersen; two daughters, Anne Mitchell of Vancouver and Heather R. Waskey of Ellicott City, Maryland; Paul Petersen of Montclair, three sons, Paul Petersen of Montclair, Glenn Petersen of Bradenton, Florida and James C. Petersen of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 28, at the Meeting Hall in Scotch Plains. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Immaculata DeMarco

Immaculata "Mabel" Natale DeMarco of Westfield died on Friday, February 27, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Madelone, Italy, she had lived in Westfield most of her life. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank DeMarco, and a daughter, Mary DeMarco.

Surviving are three daughters, Angela DeMarco of Springfield, Mikki DeMarco of Fanwood and Frances Dietz of Scotch Plains; a son, Saverio DeMarco of Glendale, California; three brothers, Patsy Natale, Anthony Natale and Leo Natale, all of Summit; a sister, Matilda Saracen of Avenel; three grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, March 2, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

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

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Memorial contributions may be made to New Jersey Classical Association, Edna White Scholarship, care of Goldie Gluckman, 1426 Brookside Drive, Union, 07083.

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Mary Gammino, 88

Mary Sokoloff Gammino, 88, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, February 24, in the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Baltimore, Mrs. Gammino had lived in Watchung before moving to Scotch Plains 15 years ago.

She had been a machine operator for General Electric in Newark for 37 years, retiring in 1974.

She was a former member of the Russian Club of Newark.

Mrs. Gammino was predeceased by her first husband, Alexander M. Sokoloff in 1963 and by her second husband, Joseph Gammino, in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Gloria Hoffman of Scotch Plains and Vera Smith-Friedman of New York City; eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, on Friday, February 27. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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Eleanor W. Budde, 87

Eleanor Wright Budde, 87, of Fanwood died on Monday, February 23, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Morristown, she had moved to Fanwood in the 1940s.

She had been a secretary for Ballantine Brewery in Newark before retiring many years ago.

She was a member of the Fanwood Garden Club.

Surviving are three nieces, Leslie Rousseau of Ojai, California, Marilyn Rousseau of LaVeta, Colorado and Diane Tutt of Telluride, Colorado, and a great nephew.

Graveside services were held on Friday, February 27, in Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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Mollie Zwillman, 79

Mollie Zwillman, 79, of New Providence died on Tuesday, February 24, in the Glenside Nursing Home in New Providence.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to New Providence a year ago.

Mrs. Zwillman had worked for C.C.H. Inc. of Westfield for eight years prior to retiring three years ago.

She was a member of Hadassah of Essex County.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Berstein and Arlene Rogers; a brother, Dr. Milton Shoshkes, and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Friday, February 27, at Anshe Russia Cemetery in Newark.

Arrangements were handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

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Rose M. Buccino, 89

Rose Manente Buccino, 89, of Westfield died on Thursday, February 26, at the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in New York City, she had lived in South Plainfield for 20 years prior to moving to Westfield 30 years ago.

Mrs. Buccino was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Buccino, to whom she was married for 54 years.

Surviving are three sons, Daniel M. Buccino, Morris Buccino and Henry P. Buccino; 13 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Monday, March 2, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

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Rosalie E. Meyh, 67

Rosalie E. Allewelt Meyh, 67, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, February 26, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Irvington, she had lived in Union and Westfield prior to moving to Scotch Plains.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield and the Exxon Annuitant Club of North Central New Jersey.

Surviving are her husband, Edward Meyh; two daughters, Nancy Romeo and Debra Romano; her mother, Evelyn Seitz Allewelt; a brother, Albert Allewelt, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 2, at the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY...Lower School students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison recently celebrated the first anniversary of the consolidation of the school. The children enjoyed a special cake depicting the new Lower School, and fifth graders presented Christopher Williamson of Plainfield, Head of School, with a plant to thank him for his perseverance in seeing that the building was completed. Participating in the celebration, left to right, are: Mr. Williamson and fifth graders Jaraad Pretty of Plainfield and Alicia Roldan of Westfield. Wardlaw-Hartridge's Lower School was formerly located in Plainfield. In February, 1997, it was moved to a new building on the Edison campus, creating a consolidated three-division school.

Girl Scout Council to Perform Saturday at Pancake Breakfast

Members of the Washington Rock Scout Council chorus will be performing at the Westfield Rotary Club's Pancake Breakfast, to be held this Saturday, March 7, at Westfield High School and at the LINKS Arts Melange to be held at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 22.

In addition, the chorus will be go-

ing on a song-workshop camping trip to Camp Hoover, Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29.

The chorus is an intergenerational group ranging in age from 7 to 71 and is open to any registered girl scouts in the Washington Rock Council.

For more information about the chorus, please call (908) 232-3236.



SINGING THEIR HEARTS OUT...Members of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus recently sang for many of the residents of the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Judy Klein and Chris Gerveshi; third row, Arlene Zegan, Louise Wanzer, Phyllis Cunningham, Rebecca Mason, Rachel Chech, Claire McNamara, Dipal Patel, Christine Migton, Marie Mankowski and Carly Goldberg; second row, Erin Klein, Jessica Cunningham and Carina Gerveshi, and front row, Callie Gravanis, Carly Athan, Theresa Demboski, Angelina Carovalino and Natalie Alcock.

Vo-Tech Program Prepares Teen Moms for the Future

The Maternal Support Program at Union County Vocational Technical Schools (UCVTS), now in its 10th year, is designed to develop vocational and academic skills for pregnant and parenting teens.

Teens are offered assistance in completing their high school requirements and learning a marketable vocational-technical skill. The instructional and support staff provides assistance on an on-going basis.

The program also provides qual-

ity, on-site child care for infants and toddlers while the teen mothers are enrolled in classes at UCVTS, according to a spokeswoman.

Infants are allowed to grow in a "loving, clean environment" and are provided with play materials and receive educational stimulation, the spokeswoman explained.

Toddlers participate in developmentally-appropriate experiences including language, art, music and physical activities, the spokeswoman explained.

A playground designed by the UCVTS Carpentry and Construction class is adjacent to the child care center.

For further information on this program, please call Barbara Kaczmarek, admissions recruiter, at (908) 889-2907, or Rita Urbanski, Maternal Support Program Instructor, at (908) 889-2949. Interested individuals may also visit the UCVTS web site at www.ucvts.tech.nj.us.

Wardlaw-Hartridge Names Local Students To Honor Roll

The Wardlaw-Hartridge Middle and Upper Schools recently announced the names of those students who achieved Honor Roll status at each of the schools for the second marking period.

Middle School students, which includes those in grades 6 through 8, must have a "B-plus" average and no grade lower than a "B" in their academic subjects to be named to the Honor Roll.

Upper School students, which includes those in grades 9 through 12, must have a cumulative weighted average of no less than 87 out of 100 points in their academic subjects.

Area students named to the Honor Roll at the Wardlaw-Hartridge are as follows:

Grade 6: David Altszuler and Gopika Barai, both of Westfield.

Grade 8: Stefanie Forman of Westfield.

Grade 9: Caroline Nguyen, Michael Nguyen and Samantha Schackman, all of Scotch Plains.

Grade 11: Michael Carabuena, Ben Friedland, Kavitha Janardhan and Michelle Schackman, all of Scotch Plains.

Grade 12: Whitney Kent, Stefanie Ring and Nick Sullivan, all of Westfield.

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, located at 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison, serves more than 40 communities in central New Jersey and welcomes students of all races, religions, national backgrounds, and economic circumstances.

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Foundation to Sponsor Youth Employment During the Summer

The Westfield Foundation has announced that it will once again provide its Youth Summer Employment Program this year.

Begun in 1983, this project makes grants to non-profit agencies and organizations in Westfield to fund the salaries of high school and college students for summer employment.

Agencies receiving a grant select their own student employee. Students have had the opportunity to work in offices and in direct service programs with children and the elderly, according to a spokeswoman.

Funds for this project come from the foundation's Unrestricted Fund and from donations made by individuals and businesses for this special project.

Anyone interested in supporting this program may send their donation to the Westfield Foundation, P.O. Box 2295, Westfield, 07091.

Agencies wishing to augment staff this summer are urged to forward their proposals to the Westfield Foundation by Wednesday, April 1.

Proposals will be reviewed and awards will be based on need and the availability of funds, said the spokeswoman. Those selected will be notified by Friday, May 15.

Local Honor Students Recognized at Franklin & Marshall

Six area residents are among 12 students from Union County who recently received academic honors for the fall 1997 semester at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

A student receives Honors List recognition for achieving a 3.7 or better grade point average, and Dean's List recognition for achieving a 3.0 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Rachel Davis, the daughter of Edward and Susan Davis of Fanwood, is a senior English major with a minor in German. She is a 1994 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Amelia Baker, the daughter of Dr. Jeffrey and Marjorie Baker of Scotch Plains, is a sophomore. She is a 1996 graduate of The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison.

Lindsey Everitt, the daughter of Dr. Jeffrey and Karen Everitt of Scotch Plains, is a freshman at the college. She is a 1997 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Alicia Bronski, the daughter of Stephen and Gail Bronski of Westfield, is a first-year student. She is a 1997 graduate of The Pingry School in Martinsville.

Jodi Goldberg, the daughter of Don and Barbara Goldberg of Westfield, is a sophomore. She is a 1996 graduate of Westfield High School.

Dan Zemsky, the son of Dr. Lewis and Linda Zemsky of Westfield, is a senior history major. He is a 1994 graduate of Westfield High School.

Three Westfielders Are Among Students On Emory Dean's List

Three Westfield residents are among 1,310 students who were recently named to the Dean's List of Emory College, the undergraduate, liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, for the Fall 1997 semester.

Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College, or have approximately a 3.7 or higher grade point average, to be named to the Dean's List.

The Westfield students named to the Dean's List include Jeffrey D. Feder, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Feder; Steven A. Kaye, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Gary L. Kaye, and David A. Kressner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kressner.



MAKING A POE TREE...The second grade classes of Jefferson School completed their study of poetry with the creation of a "poe-tree." The "poe-tree," made from recycled paper bags, can be seen growing in the school hallway. The stems of the "poe-tree" branch out along the walls and ceilings. Each leaf is made from green construction paper and includes an original poem written by a second grade student. Anne Hudders and several students are pictured admiring the work.



A STROKE OF GOOD LUCK... These eighth-grade students in Anne Cohen's art class at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield hope their hand-painted furniture will bring good luck to victims of AIDS. The furniture is being donated to the AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey for its 10th annual auction on Saturday, March 7, at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield for the benefit of people afflicted with the virus. Pictured, left to right, are: Mary Lygate, Terry Rosenthal, Kaitlin Valla, Erin McClellan, Marissa Ross and Ms. Cohen. The art teacher's daughters are also donating prints to the auction.

Tamaques Students Visit Seniors at Clark Center

Members of the Tamaques Elementary School Student Council recently visited the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, bringing entertainment and refreshments to the residents.

The students played bingo and musical instruments, and brought

baked cookies and prizes for the center residents.

More than 30 students in the third, fourth and fifth grades participated in this third visit to the facility. Twelve parents, coordinated by Debbie Tiedrich, helped with the driving and arrangements.



GREAT GAME... Tamaques Elementary School student Carolyn Yost, far left, presents a bingo prize to Jennie Gilbert, a resident of the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Other bingo players, pictured left to right, are: Kathryn Werner, Kim Pickart and Thelma Bullock. Kathryn, a third grader at the Westfield elementary school, remarked that "This was great and I really liked it. It's nice to be here with all the people and I want to come back."



IN THE PLANNING... Committeewomen from Scotch Plains for the 40th annual Westfield Hadassah Fine Arts and Crafts Show, shown from left to right, are: Shirley Ducatman, Betty Dubman, Marilynne Ford, Tassie Becker and Sallie Cherr.

Year-Round Effort Key to Success Of Hadassah Arts & Crafts Show

When the 40th Annual Fine Art and Crafts Show of the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah opens on Saturday, March 28, at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, its success will be due to many people who have worked year-round.

Work began in planning the show last summer when Marilynne Ford of Scotch Plains commissioned artist Will Barnett to create a limited edition serigraph to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the show.

The same artist had also created the limited edition graphic on the occasion of the show's 20th anniversary.

Mr. Barnett lives in New York City, where his art has been critically acclaimed since the mid-1930s. His work is in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, The Guggenheim Museum, and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, as well as in major museums throughout the United States.

Art Show sponsors receive the serigraph as a gift for their donation to Hadassah.

The Gallery Committee, chaired by Maxine Bradie of Mountainside and Evelyn Hollander of Rahway, and the Individual Artists Committee, chaired by Betty Dubman and Sallie Cherr of Scotch Plains, selected the galleries and artists who will participate.

The galleries will set up their own "mini-galleries" and will ensure that knowledgeable staff is present throughout the show to answer any questions from the public.

Other committees not involved in art selection have also been hard at work. A team of Hadassah members, under the direction of Miriam Blonsky of Westfield and Karen Rose

of Millburn, has managed publicity for the show.

The invitation, announcements and posters, which Sadie Schoss of Westfield has been distributing, were created last fall by graphic designer Susan Napack of South Orange. The Ad Journal Committee, chaired by Geryln Lichtenstein and Jeanne Goldstein of Westfield, Shirley Ducatman of Scotch Plains and Molly Tubert of Plainfield, has been soliciting ads and preparing the layout of that substantial publication.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the door, under the direction of Charlotte Shak of Scotch Plains. This year's prizes include a bracelet donated by Michael Kohn Jewelers of Westfield and earrings by Laurence Ford.

Annette Diamond of Linden and Gladys Grayson of Scotch Plains are organizing the cafe, which will sell snacks and meals on Sunday.

Ellen Winetsky of Linden will supervise the sales desk. Associate member Stan Daich is doing the mechanical and carpentry work necessary to set up the show.

Opening night, March 28, will find the children of members serving hors d'oeuvres and checking coats at the Gala. Renate Bieber, President of the Westfield Chapter, organizes the children's efforts.

The Gala Committee, under the direction of Tassie Becker, Linda Lafkowitz, and Karen Langer of Scotch Plains, is planning the opening night reception.

In May the year-long cycle will conclude with a wrap-up meeting. The show will be evaluated and financial data will be presented by Marilyn Napack of Westfield. Shortly thereafter, the committees will start preparations for next year's show.

The Fine Art and Crafts Show is located at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street, in Westfield. The show will be open to the public on Sunday, March 29, from noon to 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, with a reduced rate of \$1.50 for senior citizens. Students will be admitted for free. For additional information, please call (908) 233-6531.

Barbara Zietchick Showing Paintings In Union Library

Barbara Zietchick of Westfield will present a show of Paintings and Monotype Prints entitled "Celebration of Memories: An Artist's Portrayal of Places Visited and Objects Remembered" at the Les Malamut Gallery of the Union Township Library through Wednesday, April 1.

Painting and world travel are intertwined in the artist's life. She has visited all of Europe, Mexico, Central America, China and the Pacific Rim Countries, Venezuela, some of the states of India, China, Korea and Japan.

Ms. Zietchick remembers the places she has been and the mood they evoked. She tries to communicate their essence to others, and to share her experience through her art.

The artist said she remembers her travels long after she has returned to Westfield, and is amazed by the images that appear in her work. She is a board member of the Westfield Art Association and has exhibited her work extensively in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

The hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Gallery is located in the Union Library on Morris Avenue and is wheelchair accessible.

Terry Milanette Makes University of Rochester Dean's List for Fall '97

Terry Milanette, a sophomore at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, has been named to the Fall 1997 Dean's List for academic achievement.

Terry, a graduate of Westfield High School, is a resident of Westfield.

Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess.

— Oscar Wilde

The bitterness of studying is preferable to the bitterness of ignorance.

— Philippine Proverb

Emergency Response Unit Provides Peace of Mind

The Visiting Health Services (VHS) of Union County, Inc. a 45-year-old, non-profit agency that provides certified home health aides in Union County, is expanding its homecare services by offering Response Ability, a personal emergency response system, according to Dr. Anita Weinberg, Executive Director.

"This is an important new service which helps address the needs of elderly citizens who are frail or living alone," said Dr. Weinberg.

After a fall or other medical crisis, a patient simply presses a button on a pendant worn around the neck or on the wrist.

This sends a distress signal through telephone lines to the National Emergency Response Center, which immediately contacts a family member and proper authorities, based on pre-submitted medical and social information about the patient, Dr. Weinberg explained.

The proper authorities are notified immediately with accurate and complete information available for the police and rescue squad personnel, she added.

Information about the Response Ability system is available from Dr. Weinberg at the Visiting Health Services office at 526 North Avenue in Westfield, or by calling (908) 233-3113.

VHS is licensed by the State of New Jersey and accredited by the National Association of Home Care (NAHC). The agency offers in-the-home assistance to all residents of Union County regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background, disability, or religion.

Governed by a voluntary Board of Trustees, VHS is a member of the United Fund of Westfield, the United Way of Eastern Union County, the United Way of Cranford, and the United Way of Plainfield, North Plainfield, Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

Westfield Residents Named To President's List at UCC

Union County College (UCC) has named 367 students, including 18 students, to the President's List in recognition of their academic excellence during the fall semester.

They were honored from among more than 8,000 full-time and part-time students at the college.

Consideration for the President's List is based upon quality points earned as a result of the student's grades and number of credits carried. Only matriculated students are eligible for President's List recognition, a college spokesman said.

To qualify, a student carrying at least 15 credits for a semester and must achieve a minimum 3.50 grade-point average out of a possible 4.00, with every grade being a "B" or higher.

A matriculated student carrying 12 credits during one semester is eligible for the President's List if he/she achieves a GPA of 3.75 or better, with no grade lower than a "B."

A part-time matriculated student will be considered for the President's List if he or she has earned at least 12 credits and has attained a cumulative grade-point average of at least

3.00. Once this minimum is met, the student must carry no less than six credits and attain a semester average of 3.75 with no grade lower than a "B."

Westfield residents named to the President's List and their majors are: Romano Gadia and Robin L. Metzger, accounting; Alene M. Stout, American sign language/deaf studies; Christopher J. Demers, business/business information systems, and Jennifer A. Francis, business management.

Also named to the list were Lily L. Cheung, Mark Howard Gorbaty, Michael Hewson and Corinne E. Hoffmann, all business majors; James F. Gilmartin, construction engineering technology; Brian Franz, criminal justice; Daniel P. Ranaldo, computer science; Wendy J. Reynolds, liberal arts/education; Pamela A. Johnston, liberal arts/honors program; Erika Monteleone, liberal arts/fine arts illustration; Kip-Sergio Kim, liberal arts; Susan Faulkner, liberal studies/exploring science and arts, and Lois Dondiego, dental hygiene at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Music Studio Band Performs at Supper For Methodist Church

The Music Studio Jazz Band of Westfield recently performed Shrove Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church's annual Pancake Supper.

The band is one division of The New Jersey Workshop of the Arts, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded in 1972 by Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg.

The group is comprised of music teachers and students and many different parent-child pairs. The band plays a wide range of popular music, including "classical" jazz, ragtime and popular show tunes.

Anyone interested in performing or in receiving lessons can contact The New Jersey Workshop of the Arts at (908) 789-9696. The office is located at 152 East Broad Street in Westfield.

CLIP THIS AND SAVE

Westfield Pickups Told For Remainder of 1998

Advanced Recycling Technologies Systems, Inc. has released the schedule for curbside pickups of recyclables for the remainder of 1998 for Westfield.

Newspaper, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and tin containers, plastic bottles, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, polyboard and aseptic cartons, household batteries, and metal clothes hangers will be collected every other week according to the following schedule.

Thursdays — North of the railroad tracks

Fridays — South of the railroad tracks

	NORTH	SOUTH
March	12, 26	13, 27
April	9, 23	10, 24
May	7, 21	8, 22
June	4, 18	5, 19
July	2, 16, 30	3, 17, 31
August	13, 27	14, 28
September	10, 24	11, 25
October	8, 22	9, 23
November	5, 19	6, 20
December	3, 17, 31	4, 18
January 1999	14, 28	***4, 15, 29

***January 1 (1999) pickup on Southside rescheduled to following Monday due to holiday.

Residents are reminded to set out their recyclables by 7 a.m. the day they are scheduled for collection.

Those who miss pickups should telephone (908) 862-0101. If you live in an apartment or condominium please contact your building superintendent or manager to find out whether to set your recyclables at curbside or take them to a central storage area.

If you need additional information please telephone the town Recycling Coordinator at (908) 789-4100.

WHAT AND HOW TO RECYCLE (RECYCLABLES PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP)

• **NEWSPAPERS** — Tie with twine in bundles no more than 12 inches high. Do not use tape, wire or rubber bands to tie. No mixed paper, paper bags, telephone books or cardboard will be accepted with newspaper bundles.

• **MIXED PAPER** — Mixed paper must be tied with twine in bundles no higher than 12 inches high. Acceptable materials include magazines (any type of binder), glossy catalogs, coupon inserts, envelopes, color news inserts, notebook paper, construction paper, real estate listings, mixed color paper, photocopy, fax, mimeograph and computer paper, telephone books and hardcover books.

In addition, chipboard, flattened cereal and gift boxes, multi-colored dry food boxes and paper bags must be tied in a separate bundle or placed in brown paper bags.

• **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** — Must be clean, flattened and tied in bundles separate from newspapers and mixed paper.

• **HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES** — Place spent household batteries including "AA," "AAA," "C," "D," nine-volt, lantern and button cell batteries in a clear plastic bag that can be sealed or tied. Tuck the bag under the twine on your top bundle of recycled newspapers. If you do not have newspapers to recycle for a particular collection period, place the clear bag next to your other recyclables.

COMINGLED COLLECTION

Glass, aluminum and tin cans, metal clothes hangers, polyboard and aseptic cartons, empty paint cans, spray or aerosol cans, aluminum foil and aluminum cans, and plastic containers can be comingled in one receptacle. Containers must be well-rinsed. All caps and lids must be removed and discarded.

• **GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS** — No window glass, dishes, Pyrex, mirrors or crystal will be accepted.

• **ALUMINUM AND TIN** — Cans, metal clothes hangers (with the cardboard removed and hangers tied together), empty paint cans with the lids off, spray or aerosol cans, aluminum foil or aluminum pans will be accepted.

• **PLASTIC BOTTLES** — Only plastic bottles that contained pourable liquids, such as milk, soda, juice or detergent, will be accepted. No squeeze bottles, packaging, plastic wrap or containers that held food or hazardous materials, such as motor oil or antifreeze, will be accepted.

Acceptable materials will have a PET, PETE or HDPE mark or the number 1, 2 or 3 in a triangle imprinted on the bottom of the bottle.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WESTFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH TOWN OF WESTFIELD UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 01-98

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF LEAD BASE PAINT DURING EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINTING AND FOR CLEAN UP AND DISPOSAL OF LEAD BASE CHIPS AND DUST.

WHEREAS, The Board of Health, Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, has determined the need to establish regulations for the control of the removal of lead base paint during exterior house painting in order to reduce the hazards of lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, the removal of leaded paint by methods that create excessive dust are a lead poisoning hazard to workers, residents and children; and

WHEREAS, clean up and proper disposal of leaded chips and dust resulting from exterior paint removal is necessary in order to reduce the hazards of lead in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Health, Town of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey, as follows:

ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS:

1.1 "Lead Base Paint" means paint that contains more than 0.5% by dry weight of lead as determined by a laboratory certified by the state of New Jersey or that contains more than one milligram of lead per square centimeter of paint surface when measured by a X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzer.

1.2 "Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, employee, company, association, firm or partnership.

1.3 "Confined Power Sanding" shall mean the use for the removal of lead paint of electric or hydraulic powered sanding tools that have attachments that while sanding paint simultaneously vacuums dust and chips into a HEPA filtered vacuum device or otherwise contain and control chips and dusts from being released into the environment.

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1.4 "Unconfined Power Sanding" shall mean the use for the removal of paint of electric or hydraulic powered sanding tools that do not have attachments that while sanding paint simultaneously vacuums dust and chips into a HEPA filtered vacuum device or otherwise contain and control chips and dust from being released into the environment.

1.5 "HEPA Vacuum" means a high efficient filter that filters out fine particles of dust at 99.7% of fine particles at 0.3 microns in size.

1.6 "Permit" shall mean a permit obtained through the Health Department for the removal of exterior lead paint, or paint suspected of containing lead at a fee of \$10.00 per house or other structure.

ARTICLE II: PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

2.1 No person shall remove lead base paint, or paint suspected of containing lead on the exterior surfaces of a house or other structure without obtaining a permit through the Health Department and prominently displaying same at the proposed work site.

2.2 No person shall remove lead base paint, or paint suspected of containing lead on the exterior surfaces of a house or other structure by the method of Unconfined Power Sanding.

2.3 When exterior lead base paint is removed by Confined Power Sanding or other methods such as scraping, manual sanding or power washing, drop cloths or other ground cover shall be used to catch chips and dust from the process of paint removal. Chips and dust that fall onto the ground shall be cleaned to sight.

2.4 Prior to removal of exterior lead base paint, windows of the structures being painted shall be closed and sealed with tape or other barrier to prevent entry of chips and dust into the interior of the house.

2.5 Following paint removal, clean up of dust and chips on window surfaces, driveways, sidewalks and other ground surfaces shall be done. Paint dust and chips shall not be dispersed by blowers or hose water. Paint chips and dust

collected shall be placed in double plastic bags of not less than 3 mils each of thickness and not weighing more than twenty (20) pounds.

2.6 Collected paint chips and dust may be left with the owner or resident and shall be disposed of in accordance with Section 12A-6 of the Town Code covering regular municipal household garbage collection.

ARTICLE III: ENFORCEMENT:

3.1 This Ordinance shall be enforceable by the Health Officer or his agent, the Construction Official or his agent, the Police Department or other designated Town Official(s) or person(s).

3.2 This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law.

ARTICLE IV: PENALTIES:

4.1 Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$500.00. Each day that violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

4.2 In lieu of issuing a summons or complaint in Municipal Court, an order to immediately cease unconfined power sanding, and to clean and remove leaded paint chips/dust within a reasonable time period may be issued by the enforcement official.

ARTICLE V: SEVERABILITY:

5.1 If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a meeting of the Board of Health, Town of Westfield, held on March 2, 1998, and that the Board will meet again on April 6, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place the Board will proceed to consider the said Ordinance on second reading and final passage.

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Program to Offer Training In Small Business Operation

Union County College (UCC), in cooperation with the Union County Economic Development Corporation, will co-sponsor the annual Entrepreneurial Training Institute from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, March 11, at the college's Plainfield Campus.

The program is designed to provide new and prospective small business owners with tips on how to establish and maintain a successful operation, according to a UCC spokeswoman. It will continue each Wednesday through April 15.

Provided by the ETI Consortium, the Entrepreneurial Training Institute's curriculum combines training, ongoing technical assistance, and financing to qualified entrepreneurs who are interested in creating a business plan and operating a business.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the first session, where a personality self-analysis will be conducted to determine if the person is a viable prospect as a small business owner, the UCC spokeswoman said.

The training phase of the program will begin during the second session. Assigned to peer groups, participants will gain information on a range of topics from business planning to goal setting, and how to make decisions about financing and marketing.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to network among themselves and discuss homework assignments and individual business plans.

At the conclusion of the program, participants will present their business plans before a panel of consultants who are experts in the fields of marketing, lending, and/or accounting.

Panel members will review and critique each business plan to help the individual address the plan's strengths and weaknesses, said the UCC spokeswoman.

For further information, please call Adam Farrah of the Union County Economic Development Corporation at (908) 527-1166.



NEWEST ADDITION...Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich cuts the ribbon to the new Security Control Center, as former Freeholder Henry W. Kurz, left, and Freeholder Donald Goncalves join in the ceremony.

County Sheriff's Office Opens Operations Center

The Union County Sheriff's office held the dedication of its new Security Control Center on January 29.

Sheriff Ralph Froehlich was joined by Freeholder Donald Goncalves and former Freeholder Henry W. Kurz, along with members of the Union County judiciary, Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan and Chief Richard Mannix, President of the Union County Police Chief's Association, and other invited guests.

Planning for the new control center began back in 1996. The old control center was designed 10 years earlier, but service demands led to its obsolescence.

The ever-increasing level of activity within the Trial Court System as well

as the unprecedented numbers of visitors to the complex, over 1,000,000 per year, pointed to a need for additional space and more sophisticated security operations.

Construction began in March, 1996. M&M Construction of Elizabeth was the general contractor.

The new Operations Center is a 3,400-square foot complex that consists of a Command Center, public waiting area, and male and female locker rooms. The Control Center, which comes under the direction of Undersheriff Joseph Brennan, is the central nervous system of the Sheriff's Court Operations.

The center is staffed by a Captain, a Lieutenant and a Sergeant. This concentration of superior officers is necessary because the complexity of the functions, the time constraints that require prompt decisions and the volume of radio and telephonic traffic, said Sheriff Froehlich.

There are 63 television monitors located in the Control Center. These monitors are connected to cameras in all the courtrooms, high traffic public corridors, waiting areas and the courthouse perimeter.

The monitors are also tied into a duress system in the courts. This alarms system can be activated from any number of remote locations. The alarm is transmitted to an annunciator panel that identifies the location of the alarm.

The Control Center Supervisor dispatches additional officers to the incident while the cameras videotape the incident.

The Control Center also serves as the communications hub for officers assigned to the courts, transportation and building security units. The Sheriff's Court Security Division moves over 30,000 inmates each year; the Transportation Unit transports 3,000 inmates to state institutions, hospitals, municipal courts and other external locations, while the officers assigned to building security screen over 1 million visitors to the Court House Complex.

Field officers call in for warrant checks or assistance while the Control Center supervisor can dispatch staff to meet situations as they arise.

Sheriff Froehlich said the construction cost of this state-of-the-art facility was \$250,000. This project is part of an overall plan to renovate the Union County Court House.

Money Transmitters to Face Regulation Under Legislation By Assemblyman Augustine

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, of Scotch Plains, that would protect consumers who wire money orders, purchase money orders and use third party bill payers, has been approved by the state Assembly Banking and Insurance Committee.

"What happens if the money never gets there?" asked Assemblyman Augustine.

"Millions of dollars are exchanged every day through businesses that wire money from one location to another or issue money orders. Yet, if the money never reaches its destination, there is no way for the consumer to be guaranteed to get their money back."

Under the bill, money transmitters would have to demonstrate they are on sound fiscal footing, post a bond or other type of security device with the commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and secure all their outstanding balances with reserve funds.

As amended, the bill would require each business engaged in money transmissions to obtain a license from the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance. Additionally, each business would have to:

- Maintain a net worth of between \$50,000 and \$100,000, plus an additional \$25,000 for each location at which money transmissions are conducted. The amount of minimum net worth would depend on the size and type of business.
- Post a survey bond or similar bond or similar security device between \$25,000 and \$1 million, depending on the size and type of business, with their license application to the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance.
- Possess cash, certificates of deposit or other permissible investments equal in value to the total amount of outstanding payment obligations the business has issued or sold.

At present, only money transmitters who issue money orders or wire money to overseas locations are regulated, but

Freeholders Oppose Assembly Bills Addressing Waste Disposal

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wide fund that would be available to counties and authorities like the UCUA to help them reduce the debt on solid waste burners.

This money could either be used to retire the debt directly or to provide monies to subsidize down the rate "so that they could compete in the open market" and charge a rate to sufficiently repay outstanding incinerator debt.

The legislation, which contains two components, would provide a 50 percent funding match by the state of the total outstanding state-wide incinerator debt, estimated at \$1.6 billion, and a 6 percent assessment on all gross revenues of municipalities who institute their municipal garbage collection system, as well as on all the revenues of solid waste transfer stations, resource recovery facilities (known as incinerators) and landfills in the state.

This fund could be assessed annually by counties but only upon approval of the director state Division of Governmental Services.

In commenting on the package of legislation, each of which was sponsored by Assemblyman John E. Rooney of Bergen County, Chairman of the Assembly Solid Waste and Hazardous Committee, Freeholder Stender responded that a "one size fits all (approach) is not going to help us (Union County)."

She noted that the county is "very close" to solving its waste crisis by finalizing the lease of the incinerator.

In a related matter, the board passed a resolution enabling the utilities authority to make an application to the Commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection for the 1997 Solid Waste Services Tax Fund entitlement of \$416,633.

The application is for the UCUA special collections for household special waste, used motor oil, motor oil filters and batteries, curbside household special waste collection and collection of latex paint.

In other business, the Freeholder adopted an ordinance increasing the number of members of the Union County Improvement Authority from five to nine members.

Prior to the adoption of the ordinance, the authority was under the control of Republicans. Chairman of the authority this year is Gregory S. McDermott, a town councilman in Westfield.

The board also honored members of the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The second annual parade will begin with ceremonies starting at noon on Saturday, March 14, at Morris and Stuyvesant Avenues in Union Township. The actual parade will begin at 1 p.m.

Mission to Luxembourg Boosts County's Efforts On Building Economy

Continuing their mission to expand Union County's economy by solidifying ties with the international market, officials have returned from Luxembourg with commitments from companies based there to visit the county to explore possible sites of operation.

"Union County's economic future is dependent on establishing ties around the globe," said Freeholder Linda D. Stender, calling three days of meetings in Europe's financial capital "extremely productive."

"Our meeting not only resulted in two companies' coming to see what Union County has to offer, but enabled the county to make valuable inroads in the country that is known as the 'gateway' to Europe," she said.

"A priority of the Council of Economic Advisers is to bring opportunities here and promote our area as an operations center for access to the U.S. and North American markets," said Freeholder Donald Goncalves, liaison to the Union County Council of Economic Advisers.

He said executives from two Luxembourg-based, publicly traded companies — a packaging distribution firm and a manager of construction materials that is looking to relocate

from the Midwest — will visit Union County in March to explore possible sites of operation.

"They will see the tremendous benefits of setting up business here," Freeholder Goncalves said, pointing to the county's infrastructure and proximity to major seaports, airports and commercial centers.

Meeting with members of Luxembourg's Ministry of Economy and Chamber of Commerce, FEDTL (an association of 400 companies and industries), a banker's association as well as American companies doing business in Luxembourg, Freeholders Goncalves and Stender, Deputy County Manager George Devanney and a Port Authority of New York and New Jersey representative continued the international dialogue begun last December when 12 members from Luxembourg visited the county to discuss trade and investment with business executives and public officials.

Freeholder Stender said that by establishing ties in the country, Union County will have access to every major European city and their respective commercial opportunities.

He noted that Luxembourg is at the crossroads of trade for the European market of 400 million inhabitants.

The country, with 217 banks, is an important link between Northern Europe, the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and Central European countries.

While in Luxembourg, the capital of the country that borders France, Germany and Belgium, the Union County delegation met in the United States Embassy with officials from Luxguard, Price Waterhouse and Tyco — American companies doing business in the nation.

"The meetings were extremely informative. We gained valuable insights on how to do business with Luxembourg and the rest of Europe," Freeholder Goncalves said.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders and the county's Department of Economic Development have established several initiatives to promote the county's economic growth while ensuring that taxpayer dollars receive their best return on investment.

No taxpayer money was used to finance the Freeholders' mission, officials said.

In addition to the ongoing relationship with Luxembourg, the county last December sponsored "Transporting Union County Into the 21st Century: A Leadership Conference on Economic Development."

"Economic development depends of progressive efforts. Everything we do will ensure that Union County is a major factor in the local, regional, national and global economies," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan.

Alan Kennedy Reports

To Duty on Navy Carrier

Navy Airman Recruit Alan J. Kennedy, the son of Joyce A. and Alan J. Kennedy, Sr. of Mountainside, recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier Precommissioning Unit Harry S. Truman, based at Newport News, Virginia.

The 1995 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School of Springfield joined the Navy in July, 1997.

UCC to Host Raritan Valley College Planetarium Director

Union County College will host Jerry Vinski, Director of the planetarium at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, during the monthly meeting of Amateur Astronomers Inc. (AAI), at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 20, in the Roy W. Smith Theater at the Campus Center of the college's Cranford campus.

He will speak on "A New View of the Planets." AAI, a non-profit organization dedicated to education and research in amateur astronomy, is based at the college's Sperry Observatory.

An avid amateur astronomer in addition to his position at Raritan Valley, Mr. Vinski will compare old and new photographs of the solar system. Many of his photos are from the Hubble Space Telescope and include models that demonstrate the scale, size and distance of the planets.

Following Mr. Vinski's lecture, visi-

Contest Kicks Off Government Week In Union County

A poster contest to promote County Government Week, slated for Sunday through Saturday, April 19 through 25, entitled, "My County," is being sponsored by the Constitutional Officers of Union County in conjunction with the County Officers Association of New Jersey.

"The contest is open to all fourth grade children throughout the state's 21 counties, and here in Union County we're expecting an enthusiastic response," County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi said.

Ms. Rajoppi is serving as Coordinator for the project in Union County. Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich and Surrogate Ann Conti are the Union County Constitutional Officers along with Ms. Rajoppi who are sponsoring the contest.

Detailed information and guidelines on the contest have been sent to all public, private and parochial schools in Union County.

"The basic guide lines instruct students to create a poster that depicts the special and unique qualities of Union County and how this relates to county government," a county spokesman said.

The deadline to submit posters is Monday, March 30. Winners will be selected by the judges and first, second and third runners-up along with three honorable mention awards will be given. The winners will receive certificates and be invited to an awards reception at the Courthouse in Elizabeth along with their parents and teachers.

Teachers, school administrators and parents who wish additional information on the contest can call the County Clerk's Office at (908) 527-4998 Monday through Friday. Posters submitted by the students will be exhibited in the Union County Courthouse during County Government Week.

Jennifer Gottlick Cited For Academic Work And Commission Study

Jennifer Gottlick, a senior at West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. She is majoring in social work.

Jennifer, along with four other undergraduate students, recently participated in a study by the Delaware County Women's Commission on "Violence Against Women."

The Council of Delaware County, Media, Pennsylvania, presented each of the students with a "resolution" honoring their outstanding contributions to the domestic violence study undertaken by the commission.

Jennifer received a congratulatory letter from the President of West Chester University for her involvement with the Delaware County Women's Commission.

A 1994 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Jennifer is the daughter of Charles and Maureen Gottlick of Fanwood.

tors are invited to cross the campus to the observatory, where they can view celestial phenomena through two high-powered telescopes.

Those interested in further information should call either (908) 709-7520 or (908) 276-STAR.

County Continues Efforts To Gain State Approval On Light-Rail System

Having cleared the first crucial hurdle in the New Jersey Department of Transportation (DOT), the Union County Light Rail Transit System (LRT) is on track as county and other officials continue to work for the innovative, 11-mile line to become a reality.

"We hope that state officials will ultimately agree that LRT is crucial to Union County and the region and will give their approval," said Freeholder Donald Goncalves, adding that the county, the Elizabeth Development Company and the line's developer are solidifying the proposal in time for the Monday, March 30 deadline for the second phase of the project.

On December 2, DOT Commissioner John J. Haley, Jr. passed the plan from the first phase to further consideration in the multi-stage review process, meaning the public-private partnership is one of nine around the state still under consideration. Six projects will eventually be approved from the original field of 16. The DOT has said there will be four or five stages to the process.

Teen Arts Festival To Be Held at UCC Later This Month

The annual Union County Teen Arts Festival will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 18 and 19, at the Cranford Campus of Union County College from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festival showcases the artistic and creative abilities of Union County's youth. The two-day celebration of the arts is held annually at Union County College. The event is open to all students from public, private and parochial, middle and high schools in the county.

Students from over 50 public and private schools will participate at the festival, according to Union County Board of Freeholders Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

At the Festival, students participate in performances, master classes, interactive workshops and critiquing seminars led by professional artists in all disciplines — visual art, music, theater, dance and creative writing. All performances are open to the public.

In addition, police artist Vincent Gagliardi will lead a workshop at the festival. Mr. Gagliardi will describe the process of composite art and explain how the visual arts play an important part in law enforcement.

Mr. Gagliardi has been with the Union County Sheriff's identification office for five years.

Anyone interested in attending the festival should call (908) 558-2550 for a program brochure or other information. Relay service users should call (800) 852-7899.

The festival is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, hosted by Union County College, and sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The public is invited to the festival to enjoy performances in music and theater and art exhibitions.

In preparation for the proposal's review, analysis and ranking during the second phase, officials from Union County, Elizabeth and project developer Raytheon Infrastructure of New York are putting together a detailed plan on:

- How the two-track, electrified LRT would provide transportation benefits to New Jersey through the movement of goods and people, would contribute to public safety, as well as be beneficial to the environment.
- The economic and financial benefits to the state, including aspects, public versus private involvement and return on investment, and
- Anticipated levels of public acceptance, which entails demonstrating support from local, regional and business communities.

Freeholder Goncalves — who is sponsoring a resolution from the Freeholder board seeking support from local, state and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey officials, while urging Trenton to select Raytheon to operate the system — said he was optimistic that the phase II submission would meet the requirements because LRT is designed to provide rapid access to and from Newark International Airport, the Elizabeth Seaport and the Jersey Gardens Mall (currently under construction) from points south of Elizabeth (as well as from Manhattan), thereby accelerating economic growth opportunities.

"People will be able to take these modern and efficient rail cars to wherever they need to go," said Freeholder Goncalves.

He said the LRT would be a safe, convenient and inexpensive means of transportation for local residents who need to fly from Newark International or want to go shopping, for people who work at the airport or mall; or for airline passengers with layovers to shop at Jersey Gardens or local businesses.

LRT has many advantages. Freeholder Goncalves continued, noting that light-rail lines have contributed significantly to the Portland, Oregon and Baltimore economies.

"It would be a tremendous help to our initiatives to open employment opportunities and address important traffic and environmental issues," said Freeholder Goncalves. Raytheon is putting together a similar system in Hudson and Bergen Counties.

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

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage said that he also is optimistic on LRT's fate.

"I think that the DOT will agree that the LRT is crucial to Elizabeth and Union County," he said, noting that the Elizabeth Development Company has been working with the county to generate support for the project.

Freeholder Goncalves concluded, "As an integral part of the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area, Union County needs a modern, efficient and safe transportation system that will provide easy access into, through and out of its borders."

- Religious News -



IN REHEARSAL...Rehearsing for "A Night of Operettas" for the Musical Club of Westfield on Wednesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street, left to right, are: back row, Gabriel Barreuco, George Stralkus, Diane McCloskey, Charles Roessler, Louise Andrews accompanist; front row, Ginger Haselden, Patricia Babinsky, Sandy Smith, Joseph Babinsky, D. Eileen Jacob, Director. Absent from the picture are Edward Hedlund, Marilyn Spesak, Helen Hynes and Joseph Loria.

Night of Operettas on Tap Wednesday at First Baptist

"A Night of Operettas" will be presented by the Musical Club of Westfield on Wednesday, March 11, at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

Solos, duets and ensembles will be performed by members: soprano, Ginger Haselden, Sandra Smith and Helen Hynes; mezzo-soprano, Diane McCloskey and Marilyn Spesak; tenor, George Stralkus; and non-members, soprano, Patricia Babinsky; bass, Joseph Babinsky and Charles Roessler; baritone, Joseph Loria; tenor, Gabriel Barreuco and Ed Hedlund.

Director of the program, D. Eileen Jacob, and accompanist, Louise Andrews, state that the audience will enjoy many favorites in the selec-

tions from the works of Sigmund Romberg, Edvard Grieg, Franz Lehar, Victor Herbert, Johann Strauss and Gilbert and Sullivan.

Musical numbers performed will include: "Moonbeams," "Song of the Vagabonds," "Strange Music," "My Hero," "Make Believe," "This Is My Beloved," "Stranger In Paradise," "Lover Come Back to Me," "I'm Falling In Love," "Because You're You," "Desert Song" and numbers from "Die Fledermaus."

Trent Johnson, organist, will perform "Toccata in Fugue in D minor" ("Dorian") BWV 538 by J.S. Bach.

Hospitality Chairwoman Jane Stoner will be assisted by Jerome Mendel and Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg. The public is invited to the performance.

Former Priest to Discuss Unusual Journey to Judaism

John Scalomonti, the only known United States priest to have become an Orthodox Jew, will discuss his spiritual odyssey when he keynotes the March general meeting of the Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah Sisterhood.

The program is set for Monday, March 16, at the temple, 111 Valley

Road in Clark. Beginning at 8 p.m., the program is open to the public at no cost.

Author of "Ordained to be a Jew," which recounts his spiritual journey, Mr. Scalomonti will sign copies of the book at the program. The book will also be available for purchase.

At age 27, Mr. Scalomonti fulfilled his childhood dream by being ordained into the Catholic priesthood. Five years later, he lost his faith in the church and turned to Judaism.

Now 54, he began learning about the Jewish heritage, traditions, and customs after falling in love with a Jewish woman, Diane, to whom he is now married. They have four children, all of whom are being brought up as Orthodox Jews.

For further information on the program, please call the temple at (732) 381-8403.

Pre-Purim Jewish Story, Crafts Hour Set for This Sunday

The Union County Torah Center will be presenting a Pre Purim Jewish Story and Crafts Hour, for children aged 3 to 5, on Sunday, March 8, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. at the center, located at 418 Central Avenue in Westfield.

Children will listen to a story, learn about the holiday and do a related arts and crafts project. Popular holiday songs will also be taught. The fee is \$3 per child.

Rabbi Levi Block of the center said, "this will give a chance for children who are not yet in Hebrew Schools to learn about the Purim holiday in a fun and entertaining way."

For more information and to reserve space, please call (908) 789-5252.

Holy Trinity Seniors To Meet at School

On Monday Afternoon

The Senior Social Club of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield will meet in the cafeteria of the Holy Trinity Interparochial School on Watterson Street on Monday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m.

The program will consist of Irish dances performed by three great-grandchildren of Mary Bellew, the club program chairwoman.

These children have engaged in Irish dancing competitions, and will now entertain the club members.

Upcoming club events include a trip to Hunt's Landing in Pennsylvania on Tuesday, March 17, for a St. Patrick's Day celebration and luncheon.

On Tuesday, April 21, the group will travel to Pocono, Pennsylvania, for an Italian Fest. Trips in June and July are also being planned.

Tim Romano Honored For Scholastic Work, Athletic Achievements

Tim Romano, a 1997 graduate of Westfield High School, has been named the recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the fall semester at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, where he is a member of the Class of 2001.

Tim is concentrating in chemistry and biology at Colgate. To be eligible for the Dean's Award, a Colgate University student must achieve a 3.30 or higher grade point average while carrying a full course load.

While at Westfield High School, Tim was Co-Captain of the swim team.

He also set the freshman swim record at Colgate in the 400-yard individual medley, swimming in the Patriot League Championships during February 12 to 14.

Tim had broken the record in December at the Georgetown University Invitational Swim Meet. At the Patriot League Championships, he took another 3 seconds off the record to finish in 4:07.22 for a bronze medal and a lifetime best.

Tim achieved three finishes in the top ten at the championships. In addition to the bronze medal in the 400-yard individual medley, he finished sixth in the 200-yard individual medley, and 10th in the 200-yard breaststroke.

His performance qualifies Tim for the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championships.

Letters to the Editor

Modeling of Air Routes May Be First Page In Final Chapter of Air Noise Chapter

Mayor Joan Papen of Scotch Plains, in her recent letter, makes an excellent point regarding the air noise controversy. In reference to the Scotch Plains 1991 Cutler and Stanfield Study she states, "all communities affected... would have to agree on the same plan."

She is exactly right, and this is the tenet of the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise's (NJCAAN) basis for advocating a regional solution. Moreover, that concept has been embraced by our senators, congressmen, governor, legislature and county freeholder boards.

Mayor Papen makes a second admirable reference. In September, 1997, the Scotch Plains Township Council passed a resolution that endorsed the unique legislative actions of Congressman Bob Franks and Assemblymen Richard H. Bagger and Alan M. Augustine.

The resolution further commended Governor Christine Todd Whitman and state Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco on their individual leader-

ship roles in promoting a regional solution. Sadly, then Deputy Mayor Papen in 1997 was the singular "nay" vote on this commendable resolution.

New Jersey has recently moved into an exciting new dimension in our technological age: i.e., modeling of air routes. With the significant assistance and substantial effort of Congressman Franks and New Jersey Citizens for Environmental Research, New Jersey and Staten Island airspace modeling were viewed on February 20 by United States Senator Frank Lautenberg, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, Congressional staff, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Eastern Region personnel.

Modeling will lead us to the best regional plan that can be safely implemented. I am optimistic that this is the first page in the final chapter of Northern and Central New Jersey's air noise crisis.

Pamela Barsam-Brown
Exec. Director, NJCAAN
Scotch Plains

Planet Could be Crowded Quarters And Quite Boring for the Over 200 Set

By Louis H. Clark

Well, the medical profession, anyway, it's research people in the "want us to live forever" division who are going to paint all of us into a corner.

"We hope that within two decades," a guy who didn't even have a short beard said on TV, "we hope to have 'advanced' to a point where a life of 200 years plus will be commonplace."

Doesn't that sound wonderful — living 200 plus years?

But is it? Even now the world has over five billion people, or is it six, living on it. With this new longevity scheme, you will have at least eight

generations living on the earth at the same time. Our posterity will have to live on air, but with so many breathing it, even air will get stale with 48 billion people breathing it.

And how about the victims — us? How boring life will be when you live 200 plus years. After a hundred years, you have worn out your taste buds because there are just not enough foods to keep your taste buds sitting up and looking around.

And interests. My great grandmother, in her sharp 90s, has often said, "People around here die because they're bored to death." She compares her nursing home to a waiting room for undertakers.

And how are the medics going to accomplish this so-called miracle? By keeping all the parts, that usually make you die, in storage? Say your leg breaks; they'll just reach into the correct closet and out will come a leg just like the old one that will click into place. Heart trouble? Reach into the cupboard and bring out a new heart. Take out the old one and click in the new.

Before they do anything, the doctors had better talk to the physicists and find out when they are going to get on the ball and create a space craft that will carry frozen bodies to new planets, because sure as my name is not Dr. Kevorkian, the young will want to get off a planet that is run by the

"over 100s."

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Stagestruck Kids Arts Camp To Hold Open House Sunday

"Stagestruck Kids" Performing Arts Camp, a summer theatre program offering intensive theatre arts with an emphasis on the creative process and group experience, will hold an open house this Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at the Cranford United Methodist Church located on the corners of Walnut and Lincoln Avenues.

The camp teaches young performers how to work and create together. Stagestruck Kids Juniors is for students entering Kindergarten through second grade in the fall. It is a half-day, morning program, offering the junior performer fun through dance (tap, jazz and ballet), musical theatre, creative dramatics and special performing arts workshops.

This program will run from Monday, June 29, through Friday, July 31, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Stagestruck Kids is for students entering third through 10th grades. This full-day program offers children classes in dance, musical theatre, improvisation and voice in the morning.

The afternoon consists of rehearsals for a musical revue, plays and a scene presentation. This program will run from Wednesday, June 24, through Friday, July 31, from 9 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.

All students will experience all aspects of the theatre — scenic design, makeup and costuming. There will also be special field trips and guest artists, a spokesman for the arts camp said.

New this year will be an early morning drop-off at 8 a.m. and a late day pick up at 5 p.m.

Memorial "Friends" To Offer Scholarships For Higher Education

The Friends of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial have announced a new scholarship program for high school students.

The Scholarship Fund Committee will offer two annual awards of \$500 each to high school seniors for use in post high school education, such as college, junior college, or trade school.

"Friends," a non-profit, all-volunteer organization, gives thousands of school-age children personalized tours of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel during the school year.

Scholarship applicants must be New Jersey residents and graduating high school seniors with verification of acceptance for post high school studies, who have visited the memorial.

Also required is a 250-word essay describing the student's visit to the memorial. All applications must be received no later than Wednesday, April 15.

The Scholarship Fund Committee will select two winners, then present the awards on Monday, May 25, during the Memorial Day ceremony held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

Winners will be notified in advance and are asked to attend the ceremony. Applications should be sent to: Friends of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Scholarship Fund Committee, P.O. Box 754, Neshanic Station, 08853.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial is located in Holmdel off the Garden State Parkway at Exit 116, adjacent to the PNC Arts Center. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Rhea Powell Cited For Academic Work

Rhea Powell of Westfield, a freshman at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, has been honored for outstanding academic achievement during the fall term of 1997.

Rhea, the daughter of Eliot and Rebecca Powell, was cited for outstanding work in a course in women's studies.

Dartmouth, the nation's ninth-oldest college, enrolls nearly 4,000 undergraduates and 1,000 graduate students in the arts and sciences, and in the graduate schools of business, engineering and medicine.

Correction

In our issue of February 26, an article appeared on the Westfield Art Association Gallery located at Children's Specialized Hospital. The name of one of the artists was spelled incorrectly. The proper spelling is Gladys Aronson.

Scotch Plains Library to Begin Story Time Program Registration

Registration for Story Time at the Scotch Plains Public Library will begin this Monday, March 9, and continue until each class is full.

The maximum amount per class is 15 children. There will be a sign up sheet on the Children's Room desk.

"Pre School Story Time" will run from 10 to 10:30 a.m., or 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays starting March 31 and continuing through April 28; or from 10 to 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays, from April 1 through April 29.

Children must be 3 years old on or before the date of the first program.

The "Kindergarten through First Grade Story Time" will take place from 3:30 to 4 p.m., also on Wednesdays from April 1 to April 29.

These programs are offered for Scotch Plains residents and Scotch Plains Library card holders.

For further information, please call the Children's Room from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (908) 322-5007.

Jennifer Armstrong Wins \$500 Scholarship For Studying Aboard

Jennifer Armstrong, a senior at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, has won a \$500 Lycoming College Study Abroad Scholarship for the spring semester.

Jennifer is a Spanish major who will be studying in Segovia, Spain.

Previously, she received the Phil G. Gillete Prize for excellence in the field of Spanish.

A graduate from Westfield High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Armstrong of Westfield.

Jennifer is a Dean's List student.

Gastroenterologist At Overlook to Speak To IBS Support Group

The monthly meeting of the support group for individuals with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) will be held Friday, March 6, from 7 to 8 p.m., at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room No. 1.

The Overlook Department of Health Promotion has arranged for Dr. Andrew Coronato to speak at this meeting.

Dr. Coronato is an attending gastroenterologist at Overlook and Rahway Hospitals and maintains his office in Westfield.

The group is free and open to anyone concerned with the problems of IBS. Parking at Overlook is also free for those attending the group.

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

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Child ID Program Set For March 14 at CSH

Free child fingerprinting and video identification services will be provided at Children's Specialized Hospital in Auditorium A and B, 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside, on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In celebration of Children and Healthcare Week, the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Great Escape Committee of Children's Specialized Hospital are offering these services to children accompanied by a parent or guardian on a first come, first served basis.

Children who have previously been videotaped should bring their tapes and new footage will be added.

Jay's Cycle Center of Westfield will perform free child helmet safety checks and the Westfield Fire Department will provide fire safety tips.

For more information, please call Judy Hartway at (908) 301-5432.

Westfield Residents

Named to Honor Roll

At The Pingry School

The Pingry School has announced the names of students who have attained the first semester Honor Roll in the Middle and Upper Schools.

Pingry is a coeducational, country day school which enrolls about 1,000 on campuses in Short Hills, Kindergarten to grade 6, and Bernards Township, grades 7 through 12, near Martinsville.

Middle and upper school students from Westfield who are listed on the Martinsville Campus Honor Rolls include:

- Grade 7, Matthew Ghabrial and Diana Svoboda.
- Grade 8, Peter Jeydel, Angela Kim, and David Santoriello.
- Grade 10, Enrico Encarnacion and Patricia Jeydel.
- Grade 11, Vanessa Svoboda.



FINAL WEEKEND...The final weekend to see the wonderfully delightful musical comedy *She Loves Me*, at the Cranford Dramatic Club (CDC) Theater, is this weekend Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. Reserved seat tickets are priced at \$15 and may be reserved by calling the handicapped accessible CDC Theater box office at (908) 276-7611. The CDC Theater is located at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford just minutes from the Garden State Parkway off Centennial Avenue. Pictured are cast members Pam Skillman, from Cranford, as an elegant shopper, and Richard Sibello, from Nutley, as George Nowack.

Men Who Turn 26 in 1998 No Longer Eligible for Draft

Young men who will turn 26 in 1998 will be reaching an important milestone, according to the Selective Service System.

Beginning this year, men who were required to register with Selective Service in 1990 will be turning 26 and will no longer be eligible for induction should a draft be re-instituted.

Selective Service does not have the authority to accept late registrations after a man reaches his 26th birthday, according to John E. Coley, Jr., State Director of the Selective

Service System.

Mr. Coley warned that with few exceptions, a man who fails to register before turning 26 will permanently forfeit his eligibility for certain benefits, such as federal student aid, job training and most federal employment, in addition to facing possible prosecution as a felon.

Some states also require registration for state student aid, entrance to state-supported colleges and universities, state employment and permission to practice law.

New Jersey requires Selective Service registration as a pre-condition for state student financial aid.

Mr. Coley points out that men age 18 through 25 who have not yet registered can avoid the risk of prosecution and loss of benefits by registering promptly at any local post office or on the Internet at www.sss.gov.

He said failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000, up to five years in prison or both.

Over 12 million men age 18 through 25 are currently registered with Selective Service. Of those, 359,593 are from New Jersey.

I hate to spread rumors, but what else can one do with them.

— Amanda Lear

Weichert Sales Associates Earn Recognition for Achievements

James M. Weichert, President of Weichert, Realtors, has announced that five Sales Associates were recently honored for their work with the company's Westfield office.

He revealed that Holly Cohen and Louis Faruolo have both qualified for the 1997 New Jersey State Million Dollar Club at the silver level.

This designation is the most recent state award for Ms. Cohen, who is a member of the

company's 1997 President's Club, comprising the top one percent of the firm's 7,500 sales associates.

Both are achievements she has earned repeatedly throughout her association with Weichert, according to the company President.

Ms. Cohen began the new year by winning five office awards in January, including top sales and greatest sales dollar volume. She led the office in revenue units and won two marketing awards.

They are the most recent office honors for Ms. Cohen, a longtime resident of the Westfield area. She is a member of Weichert's 100 Marketed Club and Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

Ms. Cohen, who is licensed in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, also holds a New Jersey broker's license. She is a member of the Westfield, Greater Eastern Union County, Middlesex, Somerset and North Central Jersey Associations of Realtors.

Mr. Faruolo, who has earned state honors every year since 1986, is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Distinguished Sales Club.

Created in 1994, the award honors those who have earned membership to the State Million Dollar Club at least 10 times.

In January, Mr. Faruolo earned office awards for his sales and marketing achievements. They are the most recent office awards for the consistent top producer.

Mr. Faruolo is a member of Weichert's Ambassador's Club, comprising the top two percent of Weichert's 7,500 sales associates.

It is an honor he has earned repeatedly throughout his association with

the company, along with membership in Weichert's Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs.

He is a member of the company's 100 Sales Club and 100 Marketed Club, career achievement awards.

With 18 years of experience, including 14 as a broker, Mr. Faruolo is a seasoned real estate professional. He is a member of the Westfield, Middlesex and Somerset Boards of Realtors, and the Garden State Multiple Listing Service.

He is Co-Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee of the Westfield board.

A longtime resident of Fanwood, Mr. Faruolo holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers University. He is a member of the Westfield "Y" Fitness Center.

Linda Weimer has won the office award for the greatest number of marketed listings in January.

For Ms.

Weimer, it is the

most recent in a

growing list of

awards that include

repeat membership

in Weichert's Mil-

lion Dollar Club

and the New Jer-

sey State Million Dollar Club.

Ms. Weimer has been a licensed

real estate professional since 1994.

She is a member of the Middlesex

and Westfield Boards of Realtors and

the Garden State Multiple Listing

Service (MLS). She is married and

has two children.

The Rahway resident is a member

of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church

in Clark and a volunteer for the

prevention of adolescent drug and

alcohol abuse.

Sheldon Mizus has won an office

award for his sales accomplishments

in January.

Mr. Mizus is an experienced real

estate professional and a member of

the Westfield Board of Realtors. Be-

fore joining Weichert, he was self

employed, managing personal real

estate. He also has experience in

multimedia commu-

nications and

public relations.

Mr. Mizus is

a graduate of

City University

of New York,

Queens College,

where he ma-

joored in eco-

nomics and po-

litical science. He is married and

resides in Westfield, where he is a



Holly Cohen



Linda Weimer



PIONEER FOR WOMEN...Assistant Union County Prosecutor Laura A. Hook, a Westfield resident, has been selected to receive a special "Law Enforcement Award" by the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women. Ms. Hook, who is legal supervisor of the Domestic Violence Unit at the Prosecutor's Office, was selected for her "innovative and pioneering efforts to hold batterers accountable through criminal prosecution, while remaining sensitive and supportive to victims." She will receive her award on Thursday, March 26, at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton.



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