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School District Witnessing Decline in Rate Of Budget, Tax Hikes as Enrollment Jumps

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Westfield school officials began the task of promoting the proposed 1998-1999 school spending plan of \$52.02 million last week while meeting with reporters. The spending plan represents an increase of 2.33 percent, or \$1,171,751, over last year.

Noting the decline over the past three years in the percentage of the budget supported through local property taxes, Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Keith S. Hertell said that the trend the last three years has been to slow down the rate of increase in overall spending while placing more emphasis on costs associated with instruction.

"We really feel very good about this budget," said Mr. Hertell.

This year's proposed tax levy of \$45,177,689 represents an increase of 2.88 percent over last year. Last year's spending increase of 2.47 percent was the lowest hike in 15 years.

Eighty-eight percent will be supported through property taxes, with another 5.79 percent coming from state categorical aid, which for Westfield is directed towards special education programs and related transportation of these students. Westfield receives less than 1 percent of its revenue to offset taxes through federal funding.

In order to keep taxes down, the district has applied some \$2 million in

surplus funds from last year's budget — without which the tax rate would have been 11 cents more. Among other things, the surplus resulted from employee contributions to health benefits, along with declining interest payments on outstanding debt, both of which had been over budgeted last year.

"The budget and tax increases are at the lowest levels in years," Mr. Hertell emphasized.

The key to this year's school budget, according to officials, is a trend towards lower overall spending and administrative pupil costs, while funneling increased dollars into the classroom.

It will cost the district a total of \$8,225 to educate a student in the 1998-1999 school year, a slight decline from last year. Per pupil costs have dropped some \$220 over the past three years. Classroom instruction costs, including the per pupil figure, have dropped from \$5,356 three years ago to \$4,965 in the 1998-1999 budget.

Of the per pupil costs in this year's budget, \$4,689 is for teacher salaries and benefits, with an additional \$944 for administrative salaries and benefits.

Jean Poquette, Assistant Business Manager, emphasized that instruction costs are going up while administration expenses are on the decline.

One of the reasons for this pattern, according to Assistant Superintendent for Business Dr. Robert C. Rader, is the increase in student enrollment. Enrollments have risen by nearly 500 students, or 11.5 percent, since the 1992-1993 school year, to nearly 4,900.

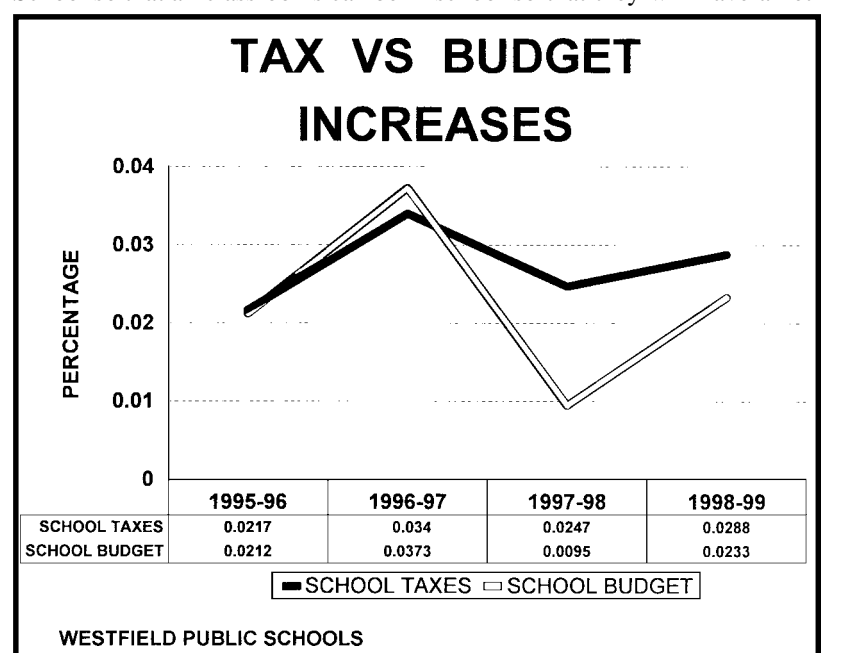
In order to address increased enrollment, the budget includes three additional elementary teachers and two elementary support positions.

One of the largest costs in the budget, outside of salaries and wages, is for the district's continued technology plan.

Included in the budget this year is over \$650,000 for technology, includ-

ing around \$264,000 in funds to install a cable network at Westfield High School so that all classrooms can be

equipped, at some point, with computer workstations. The district spent \$800,000 last year on its technology initiative.



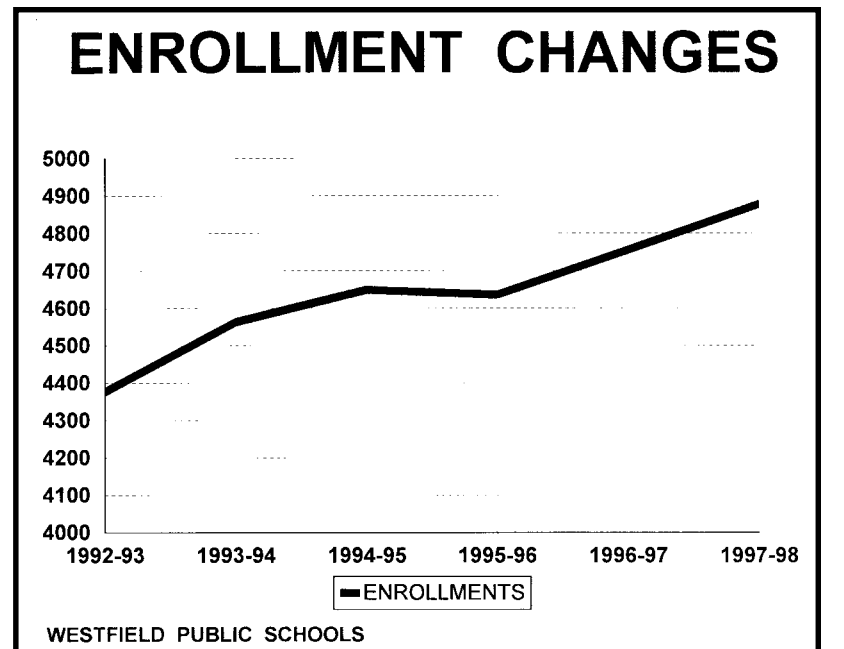
work within the high school that is linked to the outside; bringing them online in every classroom," explained Dr. Rader.

Mr. Hertell emphasized that the technology program is not being used to replace textbooks, noting that the text will still be used to complement the technology program. This year's budget includes a line item of over \$331,000 for textbooks.

Dr. Rader added that, in some cases, the textbooks may include technology, such as computer discs and tapes, to support the text.

"The high school will be the center-

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sign of the same size.

The greatest improvements to the site will be the addition of a 15-foot free standing canopy and a Tiger Mart which will sell primarily pre-packaged

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Westfield to Pay Homage to Memory Of Artist and Activist Paul Robeson

A program of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of Paul Robeson's birth has been announced by a citizens' committee in Westfield.

Robeson, who won international renown as a performing artist and human rights activist, spent three of his early years — 1907 to 1910 — in Westfield. His father was Pastor of St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Westfield and was the catalyst in a building campaign that

gave the congregation its first permanent house of worship.

"We are privileged to have this connection with one of the great Americans of the age," said the Reverend Leon Randall, the church's current minister and a Co-Chairman of the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee.

"Paul Robeson was a hero of great stature, a true All-American who had roots in our own community, however briefly, and we want to lift up our voice in the public homage that is being paid to him this year," he said.

The celebration will begin formally on Sunday, April 5, and conclude on Thursday, April 9, the date of Robeson's birth in Princeton in 1898.

His granddaughter, Susan Robeson, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon on April 9 at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield Ms. Robeson, who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the author of "The Whole World in His Hands," a pictorial biography of her grandfather published in 1981, five years after his death in Philadelphia.

There will be an opening Paul Robeson Centennial Service at St. Luke's Church on April 5, beginning at 4 p.m. The principal speaker will be the Reverend J.C. Hoggard, retired Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. His father was one of a long line of ministers at St. Luke's after the Reverend William Drew Robeson and his family moved on to

Somerville in 1910.

Scheduled to participate in the April 5 service, which will be followed by a reception, are Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim; former Westfield Fourth Ward Councilman Donnell Carr, who is Co-Chairman with Mr. Randall of the Centennial Committee; Superintendent of Westfield Schools Dr. William J. Foley, and other local dignitaries.

Representing the state will be Giles R. Wright, Director of the Afro-American History Program for the New Jersey Historical Commission, who is helping to guide the local celebration as well as programs elsewhere.

The centennial will be marked in Princeton, Somerville, New Brunswick, Newark and other locations.

Robeson biographer and longtime associate, Lloyd L. Brown, will speak at the Westfield Memorial Library on the evening of Wednesday, April 8. He is the author of "The Young Paul Robeson: 'On My Journey Now,'" a biography published last year, and "Iron City," a novel.

Mr. Brown, 85, lives in New York City and was a journalist and union organizer many years ago. His speech is scheduled for 8 p.m., and he will speak the following evening, April 9, at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg.

He will also appear in Princeton, and Ms. Robeson will participate in

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OPENING NIGHT...Cast members in the Westfield High School spring musical *Two Gentlemen of Verona* rehearse a scene from the show which starts tonight, Thursday, March 12, and runs through Saturday, March 14, starting at 8 p.m. The seven featured dancers, left to right, are: front row, Allie Feldman and Ginny Paynter; second row, Megan Brennan, Nikki Hester, Rebecca Wilhelms, and Rachel Rosenblum with Corinne Liebrich in back, and, above, Citizens of Verona, Gavin Schulman, Ryan Buntain, Tim Greenlaw and Zach Karp. Please see a story and another picture on Page 5.

Revised Café Ordinance Includes Provision for Paper if Need Exists

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Westfield's revised town ordinance regarding sidewalk cafés was passed unanimously Tuesday night by the Town Council after an amendment was made to the code which will require operators to show a need in their permit applications before gaining council approval to use disposable serviceware at outdoor tables.

If a café operator violates any provision of the ordinance, he or she will be required to correct the violation within 24 hours or face immediate revocation of their license. Also, all license renewals will now go before the council. Previously, the Town Clerk approved the requests.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim emphasized that the standard for the ordinance will be non-disposable materials.

Mayor Jardim and Laws and Rules Committee Chairman Lawrence A. Goldman, who represents the Third Ward, have indicated the past few weeks that the use of paper and other disposable products was aimed at creating a flexible code to include those

establishments that may not offer non-disposable serviceware.

In addition to explaining why they need to use disposable ware, operators will have to include a trash receptacle in the detailed drawing of their

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Exxon Gains Zoning Board Nod To Expand Station, Add Store

By RUSSELL R. WATKINS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Board of Adjustment on Monday night approved the Exxon Corporation's plan to expand its existing gas station at the corner of South and Central Avenues in Westfield. The expansion will include the addition of two new gas pumping islands, a Tiger Mart retail store, and a 15-foot high free standing canopy.

Exxon had appeared before the board on several different occasions in an attempt to reconcile its proposed improvements with town ordinances. At Monday's meeting, board members and local citizens repeatedly praised the company's efforts to integrate its new facility into Westfield's predominantly Colonial atmosphere.

Lawrence Markham, a Westfield resident and nearby property owner, hailed the new facility as an important step towards achieving, "what the town is trying to accomplish in the area."

Michael LaPlace, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, praised Exxon for being, "open and positive" to community concerns.

In fact, Henry Ramer, a private attorney hired by Exxon to represent it before the board, told members that the company has "bent over backwards to make this station fit into the Westfield community."

Mr. Ramer continued, "This is not your typical Exxon station. It is something that local tastes have had a lot of impact on."

Situated on three lots, the redeveloped station will be red brick with a mansard-style roof and gray shingles. The lot along South Avenue will be entirely devoted to landscaping, further harmonizing the station into the area.

Exxon officials also plan to eliminate the seven driveways currently existing at the site, and to replace them with three new driveways, one on

South Avenue and two on Central Avenue.

Company officials hope these new driveways will create a more intelligent flow of traffic in and out of the station.

Exxon significantly altered its original proposal for the site in order to win board approval. The company originally proposed two, internally illuminated signs, including a free-standing, 64-square-foot sign and a 32-square-foot ground-mounted sign.

However, town ordinances forbid internally lit signs, which means the board would have had to grant the company a variance for them.

The board refused to grant the necessary variance for the internally illuminated signs, and required Exxon to eliminate the larger of the two proposed signs.

Exxon must light its signs externally. The smaller remaining sign will be externally lit and will face Central Avenue. It will replace a pre-existing



SUDDEN IMPACT... This 1990 Oldsmobile came to rest underneath the porch of a home on Mountain Avenue last Sunday after it veered off the road and crossed the property. The driver, Joseph Galatilis, 70, of Mountainside told police he had lost control of the vehicle while traveling north on Mountain. There were no injuries. Authorities did not remove the vehicle until Tuesday, however, because of concern that the porch would collapse.

Ben Corbin for The Westfield Leader

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.



WIRING WESTFIELD...Former Westfield Mayor Bud C. Boothe, second from right, presents school crossing guard Delmonico Diamante, center, with a cellular phone as part of Bell Atlantic's "Wireless at Work" program. Joining in the presentation, left to right, are: Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti, Bell Atlantic Representative Carl Lordi, First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, Gaile Boothe and Public Safety Officer, Sergeant Carl Geis.

Bud C. Boothe Donates Phone In 'Wireless at Work' Program

Two weeks ago Westfield Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick introduced Westfield to the new Bell Atlantic "Wireless at Work" program and, she said, it is receiving enthusiastic support from the community.

This program offers 9-1-1 cellular phones to crossing guards for cases of an emergency.

"The safety of our children is our primary goal for this program," stated Councilwoman Vernick, Chairwoman of the Town Council's Public Safety Committee.

Mrs. Vernick donated the first phone to the cause.

"Due to the generous contribution of our former Mayor and his wife, Bud and Gaile Boothe, and the matching gift from Bell Atlantic, we now have four phones for our crossing guards," said Councilwoman Vernick.

The additional phones were given to Delmonico Diamante, stationed at South Avenue and Tuttle Parkway, and Eugene Babenkow, stationed at South Chestnut Street and St. Mark's Avenue.

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programs in Princeton and Somerville.

The Westfield committee is gathering memorabilia for display at the town library, planning related events for the public schools, and designing a poster for exhibit at various locations around town.

It is also seeking official approval for installation of a temporary marker at Downer and Osborne Streets, the site of St. Luke's Church, and for state preservation status for the building. The church's cornerstone was laid in 1908.

Robeson attended the old Washington School at Elm and Orchard Streets and, as a 12-year-old, played in some baseball games with the

Westfield High School team, exhibiting early the athletic talent that would win him an All-American ranking in football at Rutgers College.

Research by the centennial committee has located the site where the Robesons lived as the south side of Waterson Street, formerly known as Spring Street, where it intersects with Rahway Avenue.

The site, adjoining the rear of Holy Trinity Interparochial School, is now a vacant lot owned by the Town of Westfield.

Mayor Jardim, speaking at a Martin Luther King celebration in February, said he was "heartened" to learn that the place where Robeson lived is in the public domain and he indicated that some effort might be made to officially mark the site.

Mr. Carr said the centennial celebration should be instructive for a new generation, especially in the areas of civil rights and the movement that came to be known as "Black Pride."

"People like Dr. King and other leaders acknowledged Paul Robeson's great contribution in instilling pride in African-American achievement, and we hope to convey this sense of history to our young people," Mr. Carr said.

Westfield Students Earn Dean's Award At Colgate University

Two local students were recently named recipients of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the fall semester at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York.

To be eligible for the Dean's Award, a student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load.

Laura Sweeney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sweeney of Westfield, is a 1997 graduate of Westfield High School.

She is concentrating in biology at Colgate, where she is a member of the Class of 2001.

Courtney Norris Bender, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bender of Westfield, is a 1995 graduate of Westfield High School.

She is concentrating in psychology and elementary education at Colgate, where she is a member of the Class of 1999.



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REMEMBERING DR. SEUSS...Rachel Bradley's first-grade class at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield recently celebrated the completion of their author study of Dr. Seuss by painting their own "Cat in the Hat" shirts and eating "Green Eggs and Ham."

Rate of Budget, Tax Increases On Decline; Enrollment Rising

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In an effort to take advantage of the current low interest rates, officials are considering going out for a bond referendum, possibly as early as next year, to address increasing enrollment.

Mr. Hertell noted that with the current district debt service of \$1.5 million to be retired by the year 2001, the district can issue a new bond with no additional impact on taxpayers.

Dr. Rader noted that he has contacted Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko to inform him of the possibility of such a referendum. Since the town is considering its own bond issue for an extensive road improvement project, Dr. Rader said he told the administrator that it would be best not to put both bond questions before voters in the same year.

Terms of the bond referendum proposed a few years ago to support the district's technology program, Dr. Rader said the costs of this program are being supported through the general appropriations in the school budgets.

He said officials decided not to go out for a long-term bond since computers and other equipment traditionally have a short life span.

The existing bond dates back 12 years and was used to fund a number of projects, most notably an upgrade on the field house in Kehler Stadium and the music room at Westfield High School. Given that the bond was to support some 100 projects, only two-thirds of these have actually been completed.

The current debt service equals 3.4 cents on \$100 of assessed valuation of a home.

The overall tax increase is seven cents on \$100 for the average home in Westfield, which has an assessed value of \$174,000—a number which is 60 percent of its actual market value of \$290,000.

Last week, officials pointed to rising standardized test scores among the district's achievements the past few years.

Roosevelt Intermediate School eighth graders, for the first time in the district's history, were ranked first in the county with students averaging between 83 and 86 percent in the areas of reading, mathematics and writing. Edison Intermediate School students scored between 72 and 82 percent.

Also on the rise are Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores. Combined mathematics and verbal scores have risen some 40 points—to 1,127 last year. Westfield High School was ranked first in Union County on the mathematics portion of the test this past year and second on the verbal test.

Mr. Hertell pointed out that the district has allocated increased funds for staff training this year—a good portion of that for the technology program. He said a new reading program at the elementary level is included in the budget.

Citing the declining tax rate and per pupil costs along with rising test scores and other related student achievements, Mr. Hertell responded that, "If the community sees that what you are really doing is a trend, they won't mind paying the taxes when they see the results."

Unlike last year, when the district decided to seek a second question on the election ballot to exceed the state mandated cap, officials have decided not to go down that road this year.

Voters approved both questions last year, including the additional funding of \$1,594,505 in the second question, which is being used to support programs such as the summer school, the new intermediate school sports program, capital outlay projects and the automation of elementary school libraries.

The school board will hold a public hearing before voting to adopt the budget at its next meeting on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m. The tax levy will go before voters on Tuesday, April 21.

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proposed café.

Councilman Goldman said Tuesday, however, that the town "should never belittle the litter problem downtown." He said the community and downtown merchants need to take a "new look" at the litter problem as a whole, rather than simply concentrating on a potential litter problem from cafés.

Mayor Jardim said, in addressing the downtown litter problem—which he called one of his "peevish"—that he has been promoting the "Adopt-a-Road" program during his speaking engagements before community organizations.

Several merchants came forward to express their concerns regarding the change that would allow disposable materials at restaurants.

Susan Brand, of Brand Travel Service on Quimby Street, said the downtown does not need "any more litter blowing in the wind in the central business district."

She suggested that the Mayor and council assign the task of cleaning up the downtown to the Department of Public Works, adding that "litter has become a way of life downtown" for merchants.

Vicki Priscoe-Spurr, proprietor of Backroom Antiques on Elm street, said it was "just amazing" to her that the council would consider changing the ordinance as it applies to food packaging and serviceware.

She said sidewalk cafés are "a good idea when done the right way."

Prior to voting in favor of the ordinance, First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick said she believes the requirement to show a need for disposable materials, coupled with the threat of revocation of a license, gives the ordinance the "check and balance" needed for the town to address any potential litter problem, while being fair to restaurants who want to operate cafés.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., a member of the Laws and Rules Committee, said the new code "better reflects the type of establishments and the type of business done in Westfield by restaurants."

In terms of increased litter, he indicated the downtown is a concern of his, referring to it as "our community living room." He said the one area missing from the previous ordinance was a "severe and swift" enforcement mechanism for the town's zoning officer who enforces the code.

In other business, the council approved a rate of \$50 for the cost of permits for the town's bulky waste curbside program, which is slated for late April or early May.

Councilman Sullivan, who made one last ditch effort to push for approval of a rate of \$45, in the end voted along with his council colleagues in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Sullivan said he believes that even if the town only sold 800 or so permits—a drop from the average the past few years of 1,000—the town would not lose money on the program at the \$45 rate.

Costs to the town include those associated with the printing and mailing of application forms to all house-

holds in town.

Public Works Committee Chairman John J. Walsh, who represents the Third Ward, said he feared that a drop in permits could result in the town losing money on the program, which could doom its future. He noted the \$50 rate is \$10 below last year.

First Ward Councilman Gregory S. McDermott, Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, noted that participation in the program could lessen as residents have less garbage to throw out. He said the council had to weigh this factor in determining the revenue needed from permit sales to pay for the program.

The council also voted to approve the designation of the Charles Marsh House on Salter Place as an historic building. The Colonial-era farm house dates back to 1775 and was lived in by four successive generations of the Marsh family.

The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Alley. Mr. Alley is a third cousin five times removed of Charles Marsh, a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

In approving the application for the historic designation, the council agreed to a modification of the original ordinance which will enable the Alleys or any future owners to subdivide the property.

The Historic Review Commission will place a notation and plaque on the house to indicate its historic landmark status.

The council also adopted an ordinance which creates a pick-up and drop-off area for vehicles in front of Holy Trinity Interparochial School on First Street. Drop-off times are 8 to 9 a.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on school days.

Councilwoman Vernick, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee, stressed the importance of parents dropping off and picking up their kids on First Street as opposed to the Waterson Street side of the school.

"The safety of our children is of utmost concern," she said.

The council also approved the moving of an existing crosswalk across from Westfield High School on Rahway Avenue. The crosswalk will be moved to the left of the Westfield National Guard Armory parking lot—with an additional crosswalk placed across the end of the Armory driveway.

Mrs. Vernick said the change will create a "safer procedure" for students, who park in the Armory lot, to cross Rahway Avenue.

Lisa Tobelmann Cited On Dean's Honor List

Lisa M. Tobelmann of Westfield, a sophomore at Houghton College in Houghton, New York, is among those students who were named to the Dean's Honor List for the 1997 fall semester.

All students on the list have earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher and are carrying full-time course loads of at least 12 credit hours.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**
- Police reported an apartment on South Avenue West was burglarized and \$100 was missing.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5**
- An Edgar Road resident reported that two credit cards were stolen from him at a local recreation facility.
 - An attempted armed robbery occurred at a convenience store on North Avenue East, according to police, during which a man demanded money from the cashier but left emptyhanded.
 - The suspect was described as a white male, between 16 and 25 years old, 5 feet and 8 inches tall, and wearing a black ski mask, long-sleeved shirt and pants.
 - According to police, the suspect approached the counter, produced a black handgun from his waistband and demanded that the cashier fill a bag with money.
 - The cashier managed to call police, and the suspect fled in an unknown direction without taking the money, authorities said. He has not been apprehended.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 6**
- A Bradford Avenue resident reported the theft of a cellular telephone from her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway.
 - A theft and forgery incident occurred at a bank on North Avenue and East Broad Street, according to police. Authorities said an individual walked into the bank and cashed a stolen check.
 - Louis Patella, 40, of South Plainfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting at an Elm Street supermarket, according to police. Bail was set at \$275.
 - He was also arrested on outstanding contempt of court warrants of Harrison, Kearny and Newark, authorities said. The suspect was transported to the Union County Jail.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7**
- Ava Yafchak, 30, and Carolyn Kean, 37, both of Edison, were arrested on Central Avenue and each charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, according to police.
 - Yafchak was charged with possession of suspected heroin and possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. Bail was set at \$848.
 - She was also arrested on two outstanding contempt of court warrants out of South Plainfield, for which bail was set at \$330.
 - Kean was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana, for which bail was set at \$250. Both suspects were released after posting bail.
 - Police received a theft report concerning money which was taken from newspaper machines at the south side train station and at South and Westfield Avenues.
 - Amilcar Contreras, 35, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with being an unlicensed driver after he was stopped for a motor vehicle equipment violation, according to police. Bail was set at \$225.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8**
- A Bernardsville man reported that his wallet containing \$15 in cash was stolen from the lavatory of Temple Emanu-El on East Broad Street.
 - A Westfield woman reported that someone broke several windows on her 1987 Buick on Rahway Avenue.
- MONDAY, MARCH 9**
- An Elizabeth resident reported that \$29 in cash was stolen from her purse at a care facility in town.
 - Police received a report that 25 personal checks were stolen from a residence on West Broad Street.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

- MONDAY, MARCH 2**
- One hundred block of Central Avenue—oil burner malfunction.
 - Seven hundred block of Kimball Avenue—alarm activation.
 - Five hundred block of Hillcrest Avenue—alarm activation.
 - Roselle Fire Headquarters—mutual aid.
 - Eight hundred block of Forest Avenue—service call.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3**
- Fifteen hundred block of Boulevard—carbon monoxide detector activation.
 - Five hundred block of Hillcrest Avenue—system malfunction.
 - Twelve hundred block of Boulevard—unintentional alarm.
 - Four hundred block of East Broad Street—oil spill.
 - Four hundred block of Boulevard—stove fire.
 - One hundred block of Hardwick Avenue—carbon monoxide detector activation.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**
- Two hundred block of North Euclid Avenue—power line down.
 - Eight hundred block of Embree Crescent—unintentional alarm.
 - One hundred block of Hardwick Avenue—carbon monoxide detector activation.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5**
- Eight hundred block of Knollwood Terrace—system malfunction.
 - Two hundred block of Lynn Lane—carbon monoxide detector.
- Seven hundred block of Boulevard—vehicle fire.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 6**
- Two hundred block of Springfield Avenue—smoke scare.
 - One hundred block of East Broad Street—smoke scare.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7**
- Sixteen hundred block of Rahway Avenue—unintentional alarm.
 - Six hundred block of Benson Place—carbon monoxide detector activation.
 - Two hundred block of Midvale Terrace—hot water heater malfunction.
 - Eight hundred block of Knollwood Terrace—lockout.
 - Seven hundred block of St. Marks Avenue—malicious false call.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8**
- Six hundred block of Fairfield Circle—power line down.
 - Two hundred block of St. Paul Street—arcing wall switch.
 - Three hundred block of Mountain Avenue—hazardous condition.

Recent Home Sales

- D.J. and H.A. Lysaght, to Joseph and Jennifer J. Colamedici, 404 North Chestnut Street, \$205,000.
- D. and J. Green, to Steven J. Ricci and Shari Roth-Ricci, 9 Floral Court, \$567,500.
- S.L. and K.D. Barr, to Bronislaw and Grazyna Procak, 111 Massachusetts Street, \$182,500.



AN IMPORTANT VOICE...The three winners of the "Voice of Democracy" competition recently held at the Westfield High School, sponsored by the Leonard J. Sanders Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 11467 in Westfield, display the commemorative plaques and savings bonds they received from the Post. Pictured, left to right, are: Rosalie Wallach, guidance counselor from the high school, second place winner Rory Suggs, first place winner Amy Phillips and her mother, third place winner Kate Richlin-Zach and her mother, and Larry Smith, Chairman of the Voice of Democracy program at the Post.

New Treatment Has Success Fighting Respiratory Virus

Babies born prematurely and children with chronic lung conditions are susceptible to common respiratory viruses.

These children, according to Dr. Sharon Burke, Director of the Chronic Illness Program at Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH), are at risk for contracting one of the most common of these viruses, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

There is no single shot to prevent RSV, but there is preventive treatment known as Respigam and it is available at CSH and a handful of other New Jersey hospitals.

According to Dr. Burke, flu-like symptoms of RSV infection may include wheezing, nasal congestion, rapid breathing, cough, irritability, poor feeding, sluggishness, fever and faintness. Each year, RSV causes 90,000 hospitalizations and 4,500 infant deaths nationwide.

At highest risk, Dr. Burke said, are premature infants and children under 2 years of age, who have a chronic pulmonary disorder known as Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia (BPD). These children, she explained, have severely weakened or damaged lungs and are, therefore, highly susceptible to respiratory infections which can worsen resulting in pneumonia and

ventilator dependency, or even death.

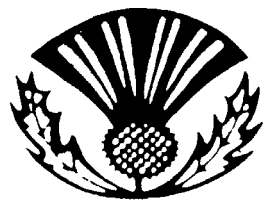
Dr. Burke administered Respigam to patients at Children's Specialized for the first time last year, focusing primarily on children with BPD and those who are ventilator dependent. Respigam was given intravenously over a two-to-four-hour period once per month to inpatients and outpatients from November through April.

Parents of children at risk are urged to contact Children's Specialized to find out more about Respigam. Further information may be obtained by calling (908) 233-3720, Extension No. 5440.

Power Squadron Receives Grant

The Northern New Jersey Power Squadron has received a \$974 grant from the Exxon Volunteer Involvement Fund. The grant was presented to the Squadron Commander, Joseph L. Cook of West Caldwell.

The grant covers the purchase of computing equipment and marker boards for use by the Squadron. Arrangements for the grant were made by Gordon D. Specht of Westfield, an Exxon retiree, who serves as a celestial navigation instructor for the squadron.



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HEARING ON CONTROVERSIAL PROPOSAL CONTINUES APRIL 23

Citizens Pack Zoning Bd. Meeting to Oppose Drug Store for Park Place Restaurant Site

By MARIA R. CICCARELLA
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment opened its doors — and were forced to leave them open — in order to accommodate the large number of residents attending last Thursday's meeting, at which time the board considered the proposal by Park Place Restaurant's owners to expand their restaurant and build retail on the property.

Even the board's attorney, Anthony D. Rinaldo, Jr., formally recognized the crowd, attributing the large num-

ber to an interest in the application.

As Mr. Rinaldo anticipated at the start of the meeting, no formal decision on this application was rendered by the board that evening. The meeting, however, served as part one of a public hearing which will be continued at a special meeting on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. and during subsequent meetings if necessary.

Scotch Plains attorney Robert Kraus, representing Mr. and Mrs. George Filippatos, the owners of the Park Place Family Restaurant, ex-

plained the reasoning behind this hearing.

"We are not presenting a complete case with a fully engineered design, but asking for approval on a concept," he told the board.

The application, submitted by the Filippatos, seeks approval from the board on two additions, including permission to add 6,480 square feet to the existing restaurant, located in an R-1 zone, which is designated as residential, and to add 12,200 square feet of retail space to the property located at 1900 Raritan Road.

Already, the restaurant is a non-conforming structure in this zone and, as prohibited by township ordinance, cannot be expanded without a variance. In addition, retail space in an R-1 zone requires that a zoning variance be granted.

The plans presented considered parking, location of current and proposed structures on the lot, as well as tentative landscape concepts. Upon approval of the proposed concepts, Mr. Kraus explained that the plans would have to become more detailed for site plan approval.

Mr. Kraus presented three individuals to testify on behalf of the application, including James Watson, a land surveyor from Scotch Plains; Barrett Allen Ginsberg, an architect from Denville, and Thomas Keighley, a Drug Fair representative.

Each of the three witnesses testified in their area of expertise in relation to the application. Mr. Keighley appeared as a witness because the proposed retail space will be occupied by Drug Fair, which has already committed to sign the retail lease if the plan is approved.

Scotch Plains residents responded to and questioned each of the witnesses present, citing concerns such as the potential environmental impact of building on the currently barren site.

Mr. Watson addressed the wetlands area near the property where rain and storm water presently drain, saying

that as part of the site plan, the water will be collected in a storm water retention facility.

Concerns were also raised over traffic which may result if the additions are realized. One resident suggested that a deceleration lane may be required in the plan. Mr. Kraus said that he believed all traffic concerns would be addressed in the site plan phase.

As other residents spoke about their traffic concerns, demanding information on allocations for roadway entrance and exit as well as possible traffic signal requirements, the board commented on the inability of Mr. Kraus and his witness to respond to these questions.

The board required that both an environmental impact and traffic pattern study be conducted for the following meeting.

Many residents also felt that the retail space use would not be well received by the surrounding community because of the planned drug store.

Although Drug Fair operates stores in neighboring Westfield, Cranford and Plainfield, Mr. Keighley said he does not foresee an overlap in business for this location. "I do not envision this area as high volume," he stated.

The negative reaction from residents in the audience caused board Chairwoman Gail Iammatteo to motion toward her gavel at this statement.

While many residents may feel there are numerous pharmacies in the area already, Mr. Rinaldo clarified that the application would not be granted based on the number of existing drug stores. "We listen and base our decision on testimony," he said.

Mr. Keighley did address this issue, however, citing a two-mile population of 40,000 people in the area surrounding the proposed location.

Although the Drug Fair representative admitted that a formal marketing study was not conducted in the area, he stated that the proposed store would fill a need based on the population.

"If you look at the area, there are no drug stores in the immediate vicinity. It would be a benefit to the overall community. (It would be) more convenient," he remarked.

Timothy Livolsi was the first board member to challenge this population statistic, which caused Susan Kimball, the township planning consultant, to demand that this statistic be made available to the board at the following meeting.

Although many residents came out to the meeting, one Scotch Plains resident, Jim Temple, quietly summed up his feelings on the proposed application and how he feels the residents have reacted.

"They think that if they build it, we (residents and customers) will come. I'm not sure if this is the right idea," he said.



William A. Burke for The Times

SUBJECT OF HEARING...The public hearing for expansion of the Park Place Restaurant, as pictured above, and construction of a Drug Fair on the site began last Thursday night before a packed meeting of the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment. The application, which will continue at a special meeting on Thursday, April 23, includes the proposal for a 12,000 square foot retail store, to be occupied by Drug Fair, along with expansion of the existing restaurant.

WHITE BROTHERS ANNOUNCES NEW RATE FOR ALL BOROUGH CUSTOMERS

Fanwood Unveils \$5.5 Million Budget Which Hikes Taxes for Municipal Services by 2 Percent Over '97

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Borough Council introduced its 1998 municipal budget of \$5,520,920 during a special public meeting March 4, which followed the governing body's regularly-scheduled agenda session.

Officials revealed that the spending plan, which is expected to be adopted at the council's regular meeting on Thursday, April 9, represents a 2 percent increase over last year's flat budget.

That 0 percent increase in municipal taxes for 1997 was achieved partially through a state refund for work which had been done earlier on two streets in the municipality.

Councilman William E. Populus, Jr., Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, confirmed that this year's budget marks an increase of about three tax points on an average borough home assessed at \$83,000, and with a market value of between \$190,000 and \$210,000.

Each tax point is equal to around \$22,000, which will result in a \$24.90 increase in the municipal portion of residents' tax bills for the year, or around \$2 a month per household, borough officials confirmed.

A summary of the appropriations in the 1998 budget include \$2,384,103 for salaries and wages; \$2,126,598 for other expenses; \$25,000 for deferred charges and other appropriations; \$25,000 for capital improvements; \$634,219 for debt service, and \$326,000 in reserve funds for uncollected taxes.

Chief Financial Officer Barbara A. Brennan told *The Times* on Friday that less money had to be incorporated into the budget this year for uncollected taxes, since 98 percent of borough residents paid their taxes in 1997. She confirmed that \$385,000 was allocated for this purpose last year.

Not including the reserve funds in either budget, the 1998 spending plan represents a \$62,599 hike over last year's figure, officials explained.

During the special meeting, the council also introduced a resolution for late introduction of the budget. Officials had originally hoped to unveil their spending plan in conjunction with the state deadline on February 12.

Councilman Populus noted that the state permits delayed introduction of municipal budgets, and that officials spent the extra weeks revisiting each item in the budget in a bid to keep tax increases as low as possible. They also finalized those projects to be included under capital expenditures this year.

The council additionally passed a bond ordinance on first reading which appropriates \$485,000 and authorizes issuance of \$460,750 in bonds for various general improvements to the community.

Among the planned improvements are reconstruction of North Avenue, creation of a vest pocket park on Watson Road, renovations to borough buildings, including the historic Carriage House and Borough Hall, and the rehabilitation of sanitary and storm sewers.

Other projects included under the bond ordinance are curb and sidewalk repairs and replacement; drainage reconstruction and improvements; slurry seal of various streets, and the acquisition of a utility vehicle, computer equipment and other purchases.

A resolution was passed for the cancellation of unexpended balances totaling \$28,300 from two previous bond ordinances.

Officials subsequently introduced

an ordinance on first reading appropriating this sum for upcoming projects including the slurry seal work and for renovations to the Carriage House and at Fanwood police headquarters. A portion of the money is also earmarked for the purchase of the jaws of life.

Finally, a 1998 salary ordinance was introduced which amends and supplements Chapter 31 of the Borough Code, and addresses salaries and compensation for members of the Fanwood Police Department.

During the agenda session which preceded the special meeting, Steve Scioscia, Operational Manager of White Brothers in Plainfield, offered the governing body an update on his company's effort to standardize fees for customers in Fanwood.

Mr. Scioscia appeared before the council in December to outline a proposal which he said would end the disparity between the fees charged to some Fanwood residents compared to others. He told *The Times* that he is

doing the same for Scotch Plains customers.

He reported that White Brothers had taken the average of four different rates charged to Fanwood customers, which came out to \$31.03, and slashed the tipping portion of that number by 30 percent, to create a new, across-the-board rate of \$27.85.

Heretofore, customers on the south side had been charged according to the type of service they received, either curbside, 25 to 50 feet from the curb, or 50 to 75 feet from the curb, while customers on the north side were charged a standard rate for backyard pickup, Mr. Scioscia said.

He explained that customers on the north side of Fanwood should have already seen the reduction in their bills, while customers on the south side can expect to see the decreases in their bills by next month.

The White Brothers manager stated the standard fee will represent either a large or a small difference in customers' bills, depending on what they had

been charged previously for the various levels of service.

Mr. Scioscia said his company would "hold fast" to the standardized rate in the event the Union County Utilities Authority levies an \$18 per ton surcharge on garbage from those municipalities who do not sign a contract to participate in the authority's tentative deal to lease the county's Resource Recovery Facility — better known as the incinerator — to Ogdin Martin Systems Inc. of Union for 25 years.

In December, borough officials announced that Fanwood could not enter into an agreement with the UCUA — which would require haulers to dispose of trash at the incinerator — because the borough does not include garbage collection in its municipal budget and therefore cannot direct haulers where to take their cargo.

Mr. Scioscia said that the new standardized rate applies to backyard collection only, although the company will still offer the per bag curbside program

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PRE-REVOLUTIONARY FRAZEE HOUSE LOCATED ON SITE

Scotch Plains Council to Pursue Acquisition Of Former Zoo Property for Use as a Public Park

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

Garnering audience applause, the Scotch Plains Township Council agreed Tuesday at a public meeting to vigorously pursue the acquisition of 5.87 acres of property in the township where the former Scotch Plains Zoo was located.

A Warren developer paid over \$700,000 for the property last year

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.

after the zoo was closed down by the state Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

The council said it will transform the acreage into a public park, based on recommendations in a council committee report. Deputy Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr., called the site "...a treasure. We can't let it go. We need to preserve it."

The property, located along Terrill and Raritan Roads, was recently valued at \$535,000, according to township officials.

An attorney for the township, Jeffrey Lehrer, said he notified the current owner of the property, Mitchell Berlant, of the township's interest in acquiring the property.

Councilman Robert Johnston said the governing body wanted to condemn the property. Under the right of "eminent domain," the township can

claim the zoo property for public use and pay Mr. Berlant a "just compensation," or fair price, for the lot. No dollar amount was yet revealed.

Chairwoman of the Zoo Park Committee, Lucille Masciale, told the council. "The (proposed) park would enhance the quality of life for Scotch Plains."

According to the committee, a 1995 Master Plan report on the township shows Scotch Plains to have only 45 percent of the recommended National Recreation and Parks standard for park acreage.

The estimate, based on 1990 population figures, recommends 200 acres of parks, while the township has only 90 acres throughout 11 parks, according to the report.

The committee report also highlights the 250-year-old "Frazee House" on the property. According to Stacy

Spies, an architectural historian and township resident, the house is "a classic New Jersey house" of the period, with hand-hewn Ash tree posts and beams and large original fireplaces.

"There just are not that many (houses) left of this vintage with this level of integrity," she said. Some say the pre-Revolutionary War structure housed birds and tigers during its 40 years as part of the zoo.

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Local Man Suspected In Holdup Kills Self After Pursuit by Police

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

A Scotch Plains man killed himself with a shotgun in his van March 3 after robbing a gas station in Livingston and leading police in pursuit through several towns in Essex County.

Steven Verry, 36, who was traveling in the van with his wife, turned the gun on himself after crashing his vehicle into a utility pole shortly after exiting the Garden State Parkway in Newark, authorities said.

Lieutenant Craig Handschuch of the Livingston Police Department said Verry had entered the Mount Pleasant Exxon station on East Mount Pleasant Avenue around 1:30 p.m. that day, and robbed the attendant at gunpoint of approximately \$200 in cash.

After the attendant turned over the money, witnesses told police they saw Verry enter a 1987 Chevrolet van where a passenger, later identified as his wife, Robin, 31, was waiting.

The station attendant alerted authorities and gave them a description of the couple's vehicle, Lieutenant Handschuch said. It was spotted a short time later by a Livingston police

officer, who attempted without success to get Verry to stop.

Authorities followed the van from Livingston into West Orange, at which point Verry entered Interstate No. 280 eastbound, Lieutenant Handschuch revealed.

Police pursued the vehicle along the highway through Orange and East Orange, and finally south onto the Garden State Parkway, the police spokesman explained. He said the pursuit did not turn into a high-speed chase.

Verry exited the parkway in Newark, tracked by law enforcement units from Livingston, West Orange and East Orange, along with state police.

Lieutenant Handschuch said the van narrowly missed hitting East Orange police who were waiting near the ramp when the vehicle exited the parkway.

The officers fired on the van, the lieutenant said, although he could not confirm whether any of the shots actually struck the vehicle. Neither Verry nor his wife were injured by the gunfire, he said.

Lieutenant Handschuch stated that

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LISTEN UP CLASS...H.B. Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 with a Guest Reader Day. Brunner parents, staff and community leaders were invited to read to students in their classrooms. Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papan, joined Donna Lauricella's afternoon Kindergarten class and read a selection of Dr. Seuss stories.

Township to Launch Pick up Of Leaves, Debris in April

The Scotch Plains Department of Public Property is preparing for the township's annual spring Leaf and Gumball Pick-Up, which will begin on Monday, April 20, and cover both sides of the township.

Weather permitting, all leaves and gumballs will be picked up at curbside during the week of April 20 only. Therefore, it is important that the debris be put out on that Monday, according to a township spokeswoman.

Residents are asked to refrain from parking vehicles on the streets during this pick-up. The township has also asked that leaves which are placed at the curb be free of debris such as branches, rocks and stumps.

This debris can cause serious equipment damage, and slows the program down considerably, according to the spokeswoman, who said residents will be able to put branches out during the township's June clean-up program.

When putting leaves at the curb, residents are asked to leave space near the curb line for the water to flow to catch basins. Residents are also encouraged not to bag leaves, since the bags will have to be broken open and left on lawns.

School One Students Taking Part in 'Read Across America'

Students from Elementary School One in Scotch Plains are actively participating in "Read Across America," a nationwide effort to promote reading.

School One's involvement in this effort began on March 2, which was Dr. Seuss' birthday. On that day, students were encouraged to bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss book and to wear a hat or other item that symbolized their favorite story.

As a special treat, eighth graders from nearby Park Middle School visited School One to read stories to the elementary school children.

School One has many other activities planned for the month of March to promote reading. Later this month, author and illustrator Robert Bender will visit the school to talk about his work and to work in small groups with the children.

In addition, there will be a book swap, during which children may bring in books they have already read to exchange for books of similar reading levels. School One students will also be participating in "Book Buddies," a program in which older students at the school read to younger students.



CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS...Students at Elementary School One in Scotch Plains are participating in the "Read Across America" program during the month of March. On March 2, they celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by bringing in their favorite books by him or other authors. Pictured, left to right, are: third graders Peter Bistis, Joseph Bianco, Katie Stamler, Ariel Banks and their teacher, Carol Fulmer.

Westfield to Pay Homage to Memory Of Artist and Activist Paul Robeson

A program of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of Paul Robeson's birth has been announced by a citizens' committee in Westfield.

Robeson, who won international renown as a performing artist and human rights activist, spent three of his early years — 1907 to 1910 — in Westfield. His father was Pastor of St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Westfield and was the catalyst in a building campaign that gave the congregation its first permanent house of worship.

"We are privileged to have this connection with one of the great Americans of the age," said the Reverend Leon Randall, the church's current minister and a Co-Chairman of the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee.

"Paul Robeson was a hero of great stature, a true All-American who had roots in our own community, however briefly, and we want to lift up our voice in the public homage that is being paid to him this year," he said.

The celebration will begin formally on Sunday, April 5, and conclude on Thursday, April 9, the date of Robeson's birth in Princeton in 1898.

His granddaughter, Susan Robeson, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon on April 9 at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Ms. Robeson, who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the author of "The Whole World in His Hands," a pictorial biography of her grandfather published in 1981, five years after his death in Philadelphia.

There will be an opening Paul Robeson Centennial Service at St. Luke's Church on April 5, beginning at 4 p.m. The principal speaker will be the Reverend J.C. Hoggard, retired Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. His father was one of a long line of ministers at St. Luke's after the Reverend William Drew Robeson and his family moved on to Somerville in 1910.

Scheduled to participate in the April 5 service, which will be followed by a reception, are Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim; former Westfield Fourth Ward Councilman Donnell Carr, who is Co-Chairman with Mr. Randall of the Centennial Committee; Superintendent of Westfield Schools Dr. William J. Foley, and other local dignitaries.

Representing the state will be Giles R. Wright, Director of the Afro-American History Program for the New Jersey Historical Commission, who is helping to guide the local celebration as well as programs elsewhere.

The centennial will be marked in Princeton, Somerville, New Brunswick, Newark and other locations.

Robeson biographer and longtime associate, Lloyd L. Brown, will speak

at the Westfield Memorial Library on the evening of Wednesday, April 8. He is the author of "The Young Paul Robeson: 'On My Journey Now,'" a biography published last year, and "Iron City," a novel.

Mr. Brown, 85, lives in New York City and was a journalist and union organizer many years ago. His speech is scheduled for 8 p.m., and he will speak the following evening, April 9, at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg.

He will also appear in Princeton, and Ms. Robeson will participate in programs in Princeton and Somerville.

The Westfield committee is gathering memorabilia for display at the town library, planning related events for the public schools, and designing a poster for exhibit at various locations around town.

It is also seeking official approval for installation of a temporary marker at Downer and Osborne Streets, the site of St. Luke's Church, and for state preservation status for the building. The church's cornerstone was laid in 1908.

Robeson attended the old Washington School at Elm and Orchard Streets and, as a 12-year-old, played in some baseball games with the West-



MAGNET MOTION...During a recent visit to the New Jersey Children's Museum in Paramus, Title I Pre-Kindergarten students from Elementary School One in Scotch Plains got some hands-on experience with science and social studies concepts through numerous child-sized exhibits. The students, pictured left to right, Brooke Bergenfeld, Asha Harris and Alex Howerton, used magnets to maneuver small vehicles around an enclosed sand table.

Fanwood Council Unveils Budget With 2 Percent Hike

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to low-volume customers. He noted, however, that only about 5 percent of customers use this service, which requires the purchase of stickers and places a 15-pound limit on bags.

Under other agenda business, members of the council renewed talks concerning a proposed ordinance which would permit restaurants in the downtown to operate outdoor cafés.

Last month, officials discussed allowing establishments to open the cafés as a means of drawing more people to the downtown.

Councilman Populus said last week that while he is "all in favor" of promoting the downtown, he remained concerned about whether there would be sufficient space available for the cafés to operate without interfering with pedestrian traffic.

He noted the typical distance from a storefront to the curb is 14 feet, adding that trees and receptacles along

the sidewalk could take up six feet of that space. The councilman said the addition of a café could possibly result in furniture overlapping into a pedestrian right-of-way.

Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, who recommended last month that an ordinance be drafted permitting the cafés, cited the Brick Oven restaurant on Quimby Street in Westfield as an example of a restaurant which has successfully featured café dining without causing problems for pedestrians.

She observed that Quimby Street is tree-lined and there are sidewalk receptacles.

Borough Engineer Richard Marsden, whose engineering and land development firm is located in Cranford, noted that several establishments in that township also operate cafés, and said furniture could be purchased in different sizes to accommodate sidewalk space availability.

Man Suspected in Holdup Kills Self After Police Chase

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the van then entered a nearby park, where it collided with a utility pole. As officers approached the vehicle, he said, they heard a single gunshot from inside the van.

Police opened the passenger door and pulled Mrs. Verry out, at which time they "observed that Mr. Verry had turned the shotgun on himself," the lieutenant said.

Verry, who had shot himself in the chest, was pronounced dead at the scene, the lieutenant said. The results of an autopsy performed by the Essex County Medical Examiner's Office were still pending at press time.

Mrs. Verry was transported to East Orange General Hospital for what the lieutenant described as "very minor injuries" which were sustained in the accident.

She has been charged with one count of armed robbery, one count of conspiracy and two weapons charges related to the shotgun which her husband used in the service station robbery, the lieutenant said.

Mrs. Verry remained in jail in Livingston until Monday, when she was moved to the Essex County Jail in Newark. Lieutenant Handschuch acknowledged. She was being held on \$100,000 bail.

The Verrys, who lived on Riverdale Court, have two children, who are staying with Mr. Verry's parents in Woodbridge, according to the lieutenant.

He said he did not believe Verry or his wife was employed. It was not known whether either of them had a prior criminal record.

Township Council to Pursue Former Zoo Site for Park

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Local Historical Society President Richard Bousquet told the tale of how "Aunt Betsy" Frazee was baking bread in the same house when hungry British Army officers arrived at her door almost 225 years ago.

She was known to have nursed wounded Patriot soldiers at her house during the Battle of Short Hills, Mr. Bousquet added.

Dr. Robert Spellman, who said he has lived next door to the former zoo property for the past 26 years, told the council he endorsed the notion of a recreational park at the site. "We need places for...exercise. We need places for reflection and meditation," he said.

The committee report suggested creating walking and jogging trails at the site.

In a related matter, officials said newly renovated Brookside Park will be reopening in late April or early May for visitors.

In other business, the council agreed to a site at the front of the Municipal Building between the Village Green and the sidewalk, for a marble and metal sculpture commemorating Christopher Columbus' voyage to America.

The 12-foot by 12-foot work was designed by a Union County College student and is being donated to the township by the local chapter of UNICO, an Italian-American charitable organization.

The council also indicated it hoped to move ahead with plans for building a gazebo on a corner of the Village Green, in conjunction with efforts by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.

Christopher J. Wahlers On Dean's Honor List, Does Work at Hospital

Christopher J. Wahlers, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wahlers of Scotch Plains, was recently named to the Dean's Honor List at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for outstanding academic achievement for the fall term of the 1997-1998 academic year.

Students with a quality point average of 3.60 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) for a semester's work are placed on the Dean's Honor List.

A junior at the college, Christopher also participated in a Gettysburg College service-learning project at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore in early January.

Christopher and other participants who traveled to Baltimore worked in the teaching hospital in one of several areas: shock-trauma, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, or in an AIDS clinic.

Students also worked with hospital services in areas such as patient advocacy, social work, the psychiatric ward, chaplaincy, and hospital administration.

Gettysburg College annually offers its students the opportunity to participate in service-learning projects during winter break.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

- MONDAY, MARCH 2**
- Two motorists reported that car windows were smashed while the vehicles were parked in the area of Raritan and Lamberts Mill Roads on Saturday night.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3**
- Police received a report that a window was smashed out of a truck belonging to an employee of Elementary School One on Willow Avenue. The incident occurred during the night at the rear of the building.
 - A patron of a Route No. 22 restaurant reported that someone entered his vehicle by smashing out a window. The victim stated that a quantity of clothing was taken.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**
- Robert Hinton, 30, of Plainfield, was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice, according to police. Hinton allegedly gave police a fictitious name during a motor vehicle stop.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5**
- A student at Union Catholic High School reported the theft of a set of driving lights off his vehicle. The incident occurred during school hours.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 6**
- A student at Union Catholic High School reported that someone had damaged a hubcap on her vehicle in an attempt to remove it. The incident occurred during school hours.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 7**
- Juan C. Alfaro, 19, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with simple assault and with providing police with false information, authorities said. The incident took place at a nightclub on Terrill Road.
 - A resident of Windingbrook Way reported the theft of two statues from a display on the front lawn.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 8**
- The manager of a billiards store on Route No. 22 reported the theft of an undetermined amount of money from an unlocked safe located in an office.
 - A resident of Coles Avenue reported that someone pried open a rear yard shed door sometime during the weekend. Nothing was taken from the shed.
 - An employee of a restaurant on Route No. 22 reported finding her vehicle window smashed and her purse taken.

Recent Home Sales

- SCOTCH PLAINS**
- Residence at 24 Rambling Drive, to John Choi and Mee Sook Choi, from Merton Marsh, \$420,000.
 - Residence at 1211 Raritan Road, to Mousa Duboub and Jenny Duboub, from William J. Ziobro, \$230,000.
 - Residence at 1216 Sunnyfield Lane, to Mark Paczkowski and Sunghae S. Paczkowski, from Lucille P. Hahn, \$213,000.
 - Residence at 7 Laurie Court, to Kevin Aspell and Marisa Aspell, from Edward J. Klein, \$330,000.
 - Residence at 1110 Clarkes Lane, to David A. Hoffman, from Michael Siekierka, \$296,000.
 - Condominium at 1533 East Second Street - Apartment 7, to Esther Jordan and Roxanne P. Clark Tucker, from James B. Harrison, \$80,000.
 - Residence at 1531 Golf Street, to Yacov Nizri and Sylvia Weiner Nizri, from Peter N. Linwood, \$270,000.
 - Residence at 2238 Greendale Place, to Michael J. Leahy and Tara L. Leahy, from Peter T. Yessman, \$145,500.
 - Residence at 218 Grand Street, to Romano Di Nizo and Juanita Di Nizo, from Walter Burgess, \$220,000.
- FANWOOD**
- Residence at 5 Jenna Court, to Ravindra I. Patel and Lata R. Patel, from Lauren Estates Associates, \$700,000.
 - Residence at 7 Morgan Way, to Craig Ratner and Amy Ratner, from Stirling Chase, \$289,335.
 - Residence at 5 Thorne Place, to Robert Colonna and Carolyn Colonna, from Douglas Warner, \$227,000.
 - Residence at 60 Shady Lane, to Craig S. Gittleman and Stacy L. Gittleman, from Leo Haysler, \$190,000.
 - Residence at 51 Willoughby Road, to Jonathan Jackson and Irene L. Jackson, from Dominick L. Perro, \$165,000.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 6**
- Antonio Morton, 32, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting at a South Avenue supermarket, authorities said. He was released on his own recognizance pending a court date.



STARS IN THEIR EYES...Earlier this month, Kindergartners from School One Elementary in Scotch Plains took a field trip to the planetarium at Raritan Valley Community College in Somerville. They viewed exhibits and attended a planetarium show, set to music, which described how to identify certain planets, stars and constellations in the night sky. They also enjoyed having lunch in the community college's cafeteria before their trip back to School One. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Michael Perez, Remy Bernardo, Shane Howell and Melissa Goldberg; back row, teachers Sally Tavaglione and Priscilla Janusz.

Advice Offered for Choosing Right Money Market Fund

The recommended amount of cash to accumulate for an emergency fund is generally three to six months worth of monthly expenses, depending on whether one is a single or dual-earner family, according to a spokeswoman for Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Money market funds make ideal vehicles for moneys which are set aside as emergency reserves and for funding short-term goals.

These funds are almost as safe as an insured bank account, but are often preferred because of the availability of higher yields and because they provide easy access to other funds in a mutual fund family.

All money market funds are not created equal, however. The group can be broken down into five categories as follows:

All United States Treasury describes funds that invest totally in United States Treasury securities, primarily Treasury bills. These are the safest of all money funds. Because of this feature, and the fact that they are normally state tax-free, Treasury mutual funds usually have slightly lower yields than other taxable money markets.

U.S. Government funds invest in notes that are issued by federal government agencies, like the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) and the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), as well as Treasury bills and repurchase agreements (short-term obligations to sell and repurchase securities).

General purpose funds invest in a broad array of high-grade money market securities that include commercial paper (IOUs of large, creditworthy corporations), United States government securities, Certificates of Deposit (CDs) and repurchase agreements.

This type of fund provides the highest yield among all money markets.

Federally tax-free funds hold a variety of short-term municipal bonds. The income is federally tax-exempt, but only a small amount may be exempt from state taxes depending on the portion of the portfolio that is invested in the issuing state.

Double tax-free refers to state-specific funds whose income is free from state as well as federal income taxes for the taxpayer of the respective state. An individual federal tax bracket would determine whether it is wise to invest in a taxable or tax-free money fund.

Generally, one can consider tax-exempt funds if an individual's income bracket is 28 percent or above. A calculation should always be done to make comparisons between taxable and tax-free funds. This formula will help with the decision:

Taxable equivalent yield equals tax-free money market yield divided by 1.00 — federal tax rate (for example 15 or 28 percent).

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

For further information about Money 2000 and other educational programs, please call the local Rutgers Cooperative Extension office at (908) 654-9854.

Interested students should call the Literacy Volunteers' office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment.

Potential Tutors Urged to Attend Program at Library

The Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding a Literacy Library Day at the Scotch Plains Library on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is for all interested potential or current students and tutors.

Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use, or how to solve problems that they are having with students.

Interested students should call the Literacy Volunteers' office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment.

Academy to Again Offer Training Paid by Recruits

Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan has announced that the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains will once again offer the Alternate Route Basic Police Course when the next police recruit class begins on Friday, July 24.

Mr. Manahan said one of the project's goals is to create a pool of trained candidates who could be hired by local departments, sparing the departments the costs associated with officer training, especially the payment of salaries during the recruits' training.

The alternate route course was first offered as a pilot project at the academy in 1993, Berkeley Heights Police Chief Charles Monica said. Almost 90 percent of all alternate route candidates who graduated from the academy obtained jobs in law enforcement, he added.

Chief Monica said that after an extensive review and selection process, the civilian participants are in-

serted into the academy's regular training class, which includes cadets who have already been promised employment by police agencies.

Academy Director Anthony Parenti, former Fanwood Police Chief, said the civilian recruits receive the same instruction as the regular police cadets during the 20-week class including courses in firearms, investigations, court system procedures, crime prevention, community relations, juvenile crime, domestic violence, the basics of the state's criminal code, drug enforcement, crash injury management, crime scene management, constitutional rights, use of force and other law enforcement-related topics.

Mr. Parenti said the academy functions much like a military basic training course. The civilian and police cadets wear the same uniforms and must adhere to a strict regiment, which includes plenty of daily physical training.

The program, which includes classroom and field instruction, begins at 5:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

"All candidates must have previously obtained 60 college credits at an institution of higher learning," Mr. Manahan said.

Mr. Parenti said the civilian graduates, while not guaranteed a position by the program, will have met all the state requirements necessary to become police officers.

He said that all candidates, who must be Union County residents, are charged \$900 tuition to cover costs. Those candidates who can demonstrate financial hardship will be given one year from the time they obtain a position in law enforcement to pay the tuition. They are also eligible to receive 12 academic credits from Union County College upon graduation.

Due to heavy enrollment in the next class, only five slots will be allocated to the alternate route program, so competition will be high for those positions said First Assistant Prosecutor James Keefe.

Anyone interested in applying for the alternate route course can pick up an application at their local police department or at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

For further information, please contact Mr. Parenti at (908) 889-6112.

The absolute deadline for the return of completed applications is 4 p.m. on Friday, April 17.



FOR THE IRISH... Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan of Elizabeth, left, and Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon of Union, center, presented a check for \$5,000 from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee during a celebration held at the American Legion Hall in Elizabeth. Accepting the check on behalf of the committee was committee member Ray Perkins, right.

UCUA Reveals Spring Dates For Electronics Collection

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) will sponsor two Spring 1998 Electronics Collection Days, one in Roselle Park and another in Westfield.

UCUA Chairman James Kennedy announced that the first event will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Department of Public Works Yard, located at 180 West Webster Avenue in Roselle Park.

The second spring event, which will also include the collection of latex paint, will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westfield Municipal Swimming Pool parking lot on Scotch Plains Avenue.

Information regarding cancellation of either of the Electronics Collection Days due to severe inclement weather will be available by calling the authority after 3 p.m. on the Friday before the event.

There is no cost to participate; however, pre-registration with the UCUA is mandatory. Proof of residence is required.

Collection of electronic goods for recycling is available to Union County residents, schools, small businesses and government agencies, free of charge.

Products such as televisions, videocassette recorders, audio/stereo equipment, computers, monitors and peripherals, fax machines, copiers, printers, microwave ovens, telephone systems and key-

boards will be accepted.

Latex paint will be accepted only at the Westfield event from Union County residents, in the original paint cans. Paint in containers larger than five gallons will not be accepted.

Absolutely no painting contractors will be allowed to participate in this event, according to a UCUA spokesman.

For more information or to register, residents may call the UCUA at (732) 382-9400 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 1 and 4:30 p.m.

United Way Launches Mobile Computer Lab

United Way, in collaboration with Union County College, the County of Union and IBM Corporation launched its Mobile Computer Lab Pilot for Adult and Technological Literacy on Monday, February 23.

Students will gather at four United Way agency training sites to learn office-based computer programs to increase their marketability in the work place. The Mobile Computer Lab consists of seven IBM ThinkPad 750D computers which will circulate in and out of the training locations. The 10-week pilot course, taught by an instructor from Union County College, is offering an introduction to Windows and Word for

Municipalities in County Invited to Take Advantage Of 'Project Pocket Parks'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is urging municipalities to help save open space by taking advantage of its innovative matching-grant program.

Through "Project Pocket Parks," the Freeholder board has made \$1 million in matching grants available for land acquisition, renovation and playground upgrades.

"Because there are nearly a half-million people residing in Union County's 102 square miles," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, "open space is very precious and our playgrounds and parks simply do not meet the needs of our residents."

"We are taking a giant step toward meeting their recreational requirements, so we hope our municipalities will join us in this worthwhile endeavor," he added.

Under "Project Pocket Parks," municipalities seeking land for a park or playground will be eligible for matching grants up to \$100,000. To upgrade an existing playground or build a new one, matching grants of up to \$25,000 are offered.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for municipalities to work in concert with Union County to improve the quality of life for residents," Freeholder Sullivan added, noting that the program is in addition to \$51.4 million being allocated by the Freeholder board to upgrade more than 20 parks and playgrounds and create new soccer fields.

The current application period ends Thursday, April 30, and the second will begin Friday, May 1. Municipalities, which may apply for multiple projects, must first pass a resolution from their governing bodies authorizing mayors to request a grant.

During each 30-day review process, county officials will, among several criteria, weigh cost, scope and reasons

why municipalities feel projects are essential.

"Union County government is committed to saving open space and providing the best recreational facilities for residents," Freeholder Sullivan said. "We look forward to municipalities joining us in these goals."

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Horseback Riding Lessons to Begin March 20 at Stables

Openings for aspiring equestrians still exist in the troop program at the Watchung Stables in Mountainside, a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

The troop will begin during the week of Friday, March 20, so it is not too late to sign up.

All applicants must be 9 or older. Assignment to classes are based upon riding ability as determined by the stable management. Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding ability in order to be placed in the appropriate class.

Classes are available at various times, Tuesday through Saturdays. The fee is \$180 for Union County residents, \$220 for those who reside out of the county. Required uniforms and helmets must be provided at the trooper's expense. A consignment sale featuring many of these items will be held at the stable on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The stable also features adult lessons, for persons 18 or older, beginning in late March and early April. Classes are available on Sundays at 12:45 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The eight-ride fee is \$170 for county residents; \$218 for non-residents.

All registrations and fees must be submitted in-person at the stable, located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside. For further information, and to obtain registration materials, please call (908) 789-3665.

Stables Offers Program For Girl Scouts Badge, Tours of County Facility

The Watchung Stables in Mountainside is offering two programs, in addition to its fall and spring series of lessons, designed to introduce the sport of horseback riding to county residents.

One program is designed for Girl Scouts to earn a Horse Lover Badge. This one-time session is appropriate for junior-level scouts, and addresses use requirements as set forth in the badge handbook.

Also, pre-schoolers, youth and scout groups, senior citizen clubs and organizations for people with disabilities can take the stable's one-hour tour of the barn and its facilities. Both programs can be arranged at a date and time convenient for any particular group. There is a \$20 fee per hour, with horseback riding available at an additional cost.

Please call (908) 789-3665 for further information. The Watchung Stables is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside.

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Mountainside Looks at Vouchers As Alternative to Credit Card Use

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

Those who have already made a New Year's resolution to cut back drastically on the use of credit cards will soon have company. That's because the Borough of Mountainside is about to join them.

But in Mountainside's case, it's not because of any possible difficulties with mounting credit card debt. It's because of what Mayor Robert F. Viglianti calls a "bureaucratic snafu."

Addressing the Borough Council informally at its work session March

10, the Mayor explained that in years past, members of the police department had taken their vehicles to two nearby gasoline stations which remained open on a 24-hour basis, including Exxon, and paid by way of a credit card.

That was because "economically, it was never feasible for us to install our own gas tanks," Mayor Viglianti said.

But the state has now indicated it disapproves of municipalities using credit cards, thus forcing Mountainside onto another payment

method. In the borough's case, the Mayor simply plans to "go out to bid" in order to purchase gasoline for its vehicles by way of monthly vouchers. "If we can go to bid," Mr. Viglianti told the council again.

It is the council's intention to deal with service stations within two miles of Borough Hall, officials said.

However, Borough Attorney John N. Post expressed strong doubts that gasoline stations/companies will agree to be paid once a month only. Mr. Post suggested that Acting Police Chief Jim Debbie check with other towns in order to see how they operate in this manner.

The council also discussed the borough's 1998 budget, which was deemed "not yet official," until the council introduces it this coming Tuesday, March 17.

The Mayor again stated that the 1998 spending plan will have an increase of "0 percent" over last year, but without the precipitous 38-point add—and-drop caused last year by one final payment to the now-defunct Union County Regional High School Board of Education.

Although the council still could not release the actual amount of the new spending plan, Mayor Viglianti said an area being decreased from last year that "we are recommending to you (the governing body)" is a cut of \$70,000 for snow removal.

At least partly because the winter of 1997-1998 has set unprecedented highs in temperatures, with little or no snow accumulation in New Jersey, the Mayor said he is recommending a cut from last year's snow tab of \$170,000 down to \$100,000 only for 1998.

The Mayor indicated that although April could have "nasty" moments in terms of weather unpredictability, he feels money can be saved this way. Mr. Viglianti also said that there were some costs "we could not control" including the borough's membership and contributions to the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

Although careful not to comment too much on the tab until its planned introduction on Tuesday, members of the council reaffirmed their intent to keep local taxpayers in mind.

"It's really still under review," explained Councilman Werner C. Schon. "Whatever areas we feel can be minimized, we'll review. Nothing's concrete there."

Will the borough possibly consider extra projects because interest rates for bond debt seem promising?

"We normally would bond out most of those (anyway)," Mr. Schon replied. "We try to do things over a period of time. That's just prudent financing."

Drug Awareness Week Reaches 10-Year Anniversary in Westfield

The Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA (Preventing Alcohol, Narcotic and Drug Abuse) will sponsor its 10th annual Drug Awareness Week, Sunday through Saturday, March 15 through 21.

PANDA is Westfield's drug and alcohol abuse education and prevention alliance. The theme for this year's Red Ribbon Campaign is "Keep Your Future Bright! Stay Drug Free!"

The week's activities begin this weekend with special activities in churches and synagogues.

On Monday, March 15, which is "Red Ribbon Rally Day," all town personnel, including police, fire and crossing guards, store and business owners and school children will be wearing red ribbons with this year's theme.

Residents may also wear red ribbons and tie red ribbons to their porches, trees and cars. All Westfield citizens are encouraged to wear these ribbons throughout the week.

Members of the Junior Optimist Club are distributing posters and ribbons in town encouraging businesses to participate in the week's activities.

Boy Scouts from Troop No. 73 from Holy Trinity School and Girl Scouts from Troop No. 968 from McKinley Elementary School are tying red ribbons around the town and then will remove them after the end of the week.

Westfield florists and Williams Nursery have donated ribbons which will decorate trees in the community.

On Tuesday, March 17, "PANDA Day" at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Thomas C. Jardim will sign a proclamation issued by the Town Council in support of Drug Awareness Week.

Residents are also asked to turn their porch lights on from 7 to 9 p.m. to show their support for the program.

On Friday, March 20, residents are asked to wear red, a symbol of the communities concern for substance abuse and its prevention.

"This concern is imperative as surveys show that smoking, alcohol use and drug abuse is again on the rise among youth with first use occurring at younger ages. Drugs today are also more dangerous and deadly," said Lucy Van Iprea, Director of Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA.

Westfield's schools will have special assemblies and activities throughout the week. At Wilson and Tamaques Elementary Schools, this year's theme will be incorporated with displays of bright yellow suns throughout the school buildings. The suns will include anti-drug messages as well as themes based a "bright future."

Also on March 20, the entire Tamaques student body will participate in an assembly where Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti and DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) Officer Edward Belford will make presentations.

Selected fifth-grade students under the direction of the new Student Assistance Counselor, Beth Slothower, will put on skits about peer pressure. The assembly will be held at 1 p.m.

At Jefferson Elementary School, highlighting the Olympics, each student will be given a torch and on it they will write down healthy habits. The torches will be hung on the bulletin boards in the hallways. At Franklin Elementary School the fourth- and fifth-graders will bring in news articles which talk about problems related to drinking and driving and will share these in their health classes.

At Washington Elementary School parents will be given information on how to talk to their children about drugs. Each child will also complete a pledge to "keep their future bright."

These pledges will be displayed in the hallways. McKinley Elementary School students will participate in a "Sun Project" on Tuesday, March 17, when teachers will discuss with all

classes why children should stay drug free. The children will also sign pledges on Friday, March 20.

The student peer leaders at both Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools are practicing skits about decision making, curfews, parties and smoking. During the week, they will be sharing these skits with the sixth graders at their respective schools and with fifth graders at the elementary schools. They will also present skits at the Friday, March 20, Tamaques assembly entitled "Just Say Chill."

Speakers will be coming to the Westfield High School throughout the week. On Monday, March 15, there will be a speaker from the National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program and on Tuesday, March 16, there will be a demonstration by the Union County Sheriff's canine unit that is used for prevention.

On Thursday, March 19, Karen Sarnowski, an addiction prevention specialist and counselor from the Choices Counseling Program, will speak about choices and how they affect the future and how friends and family can help those abusing drugs.

At Westfield Memorial Library, books on family relationships and substance abuse will be on display throughout the week.

On Tuesday, April 28, and Tuesday, May 5, the community is invited to two parenting workshops, "Working It Out: Conflict Resolution Training for Parents" which will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield High School cafeteria. Parents can get more information about these workshops by calling (908) 789-4550.

All Westfield residents are welcome to help develop and support drug and alcohol prevention activities. For more information, please call (908) 789-4040 or write to the Westfield Municipal Alliance at P.O. Box 2122, Westfield.

Mendoza Fraud Case Proceeds As Officials Broaden Investigation

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

Although both federal and postal inspection service officials remain reticent, the case against bank fraud suspect Eusebio Anthony Mendoza, 47, of Irvington is continuing, with apparently more of his alleged misdemeanors slowly being revealed.

Law enforcement sources close to the case told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* last week that Mendoza, who was apprehended on February 3 during a joint arrest raid conducted by Mountainside and Irvington police units, as well as by the United States Postal Inspector's Office, remains in custody, although it is not known whether or not his initial bail of \$300,000 has been increased, as some police speculated it might.

Mendoza, who was caught with highly-sophisticated machinery and fraudulent materials at the time of his arrest, is accused of using technology to create phony identification for himself in order to gain access to the bank accounts of wealthy professionals, mainly physicians.

According to those law enforcement sources, more information is being unearthed about Mendoza, which is what police had predicted would happen earlier.

Mendoza, police sources added, is suspected now of also having plundered some American Express accounts, something which the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is reportedly looking into.

However, Joseph Valiquette, an FBI agent with the New York bureau, refused confirmation of that when contacted by *The Leader* and *The Times* last Thursday.

"My message would be if we were planning on charging him sometime in the future, we wouldn't be talking about it (now)," Mr. Valiquette commented.

However, when asked whether or not Mendoza was being investigated for bilking American Express accounts, United States Postal Inspector George Belsky Jr. replied, "it's under investigation."

Mr. Belsky, who took part in the raid of Mendoza's Irvington address, did confirm, however, that Mendoza was indicted by a federal grand jury in Newark on February 17 for one count of bank fraud. The suspect was then arraigned on March 3 in Newark on that charge.

Police had commented earlier that Mendoza, who reportedly had been jailed a few years ago on similar charges, may have been involved in even more extensive fraudulent plots. One Mountainside police detective theorized the bank fraud against wealthy doctors may only be "the tip of the ice berg."

Although Mr. Valiquette did not want to either confirm or deny any of the alleged further charges against Mendoza, he did say the FBI has "jurisdiction over 300 federal statutes or executive orders."

That jurisdiction, Mr. Valiquette added, does involve the use of telephones for fraud, since telephones are considered to be an "instrument" of interstate commerce.

Wire fraud is also under FBI jurisdiction, Mr. Valiquette concluded. "You don't need to necessarily have someone crossing the George Washington Bridge," he said.

Is the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark currently investigating any alleged credit card fraud on Mendoza's part?

"We can neither confirm or deny an investigation, or the lack of an investigation," responded Al Ables, a spokesman for the United States Attorney's Office. His department will only discuss an indictment after it has been handed down, he added.

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Test Scores Are Best Method to Show Student Success in the Classroom

As the Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood school boards begin their publicity campaigns for voter approval of the amount of taxation needed to support the annual school budgets, it is important that all residents begin considering themselves, more or less, as shareholders with the "profit line," if you will, being the overall achievements of students.

In Westfield, test scores have been on the incline the past few years. On the Early Warning Test, given to eighth graders to test abilities in reading, mathematics and writing, Roosevelt Intermediate School students had the highest rate of competence (Level I) on the test of any school in Union County—a first for the district—with 83.6 percent in reading, 86.8 percent in mathematics and 86.8 percent in writing.

Edison Intermediate School students scored 74.3, 72.3 and 81.8 percent in reading, mathematics and writing, respectively, according to a summary on test scores released by the state Department of Education.

At Park Middle School in Scotch Plains, 71.2 percent of students showed complete competence in reading, 50 percent were completely competent in mathematics, and 75 percent reached this level in writing. These scores are up an average of 10 points over last year.

Terrill Middle School students scored 66.2, 69.2

and 76.7 percent in reading, mathematics and writing, respectively, in Level I. These scores are up around seven to eight points from the previous year.

On the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), Westfield High School students were first in Union County in the mathematics portion of the SAT with an average score of 572. They were second in the verbal section with an average of 555. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School scored an average 537 in mathematics, ranking them fourth in the county, and 523 in verbal, which places the school fifth.

Westfield SAT scores are up nearly 20 points over the past year to an average total score of 1127. Scotch Plains-Fanwood scores are up about the same amount, for a total of 1060.

In an effort to gain an idea of how students perform at an even earlier age, fourth-graders will also now be tested like their eighth-grade counterparts. Test results will begin to be released for comparison sometime next year.

We encourage all residents to begin studying test results and other areas used to compare successes of students, i.e. the number of college-bound students and National Merit Scholarship students, before heading to the election polls to vote on school budgets next month.

Letters to the Editor

Mayor Papen and Township Council Are Applauded for Study of FAA Test

The residents of Scotch Plains are fortunate to have a Mayor and Council who take the time to study an issue like the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) 260 degree route test before acting.

Other elected officials would do well

Reader Thanks Town For Efforts in Locating Lost 18-Yr. Old Dog

On February 23, my parents lost their dog, JoJo, a little white, fluffy, Bichon Frise, weighing 13 and 1/2 pounds, with not a lot of fur, who is 18 years old and doesn't hear very well anymore.

Because he is growing old, he wandered off their property and could not find his way home. Little did we know our worst nightmare had begun. What started out as a relatively clear morning turned into the worst winter storm we have had this year with freezing, pouring rains and gale winds that continued through the night and into the next night.

To make a long story short, JoJo was found after being out there more than 30 hours in the freezing cold. When he was found his body temperature was only 80 degrees, (a dog's body temperature should be 101) his little heart was barely beating and he was going into shock.

But he was alive, and it was a miracle because it could not have happened without the support and efforts of so many fine people.

So, on behalf of my family I would like to extend sincere thanks to Mayor Joan Papen, for taking time out of her very pressing schedule with township duties and obligations, for her support of this little dog; to the Scotch Plains postal employees, not just once but twice.

Had it not been for you then I would not have found my own dog last summer and now again in a true emergency you were there. To Bob Merkle, who runs our local cable station TV34. Had it not been for his compassion and airing our plea when he did, Jo would not be with us now.

To our Police Department, our own Scotch Plains Animal Hospital, Garden State Animal Rescue, and even the United Parcel Service workers, for taking those few minutes to call my parents and even stopping by to let them know they were out there.

And finally, the Brown family who called my parents within minutes of seeing it aired on TV 34, and taking care of Jo, until my mother got there.

I've been told the Browns are new residents in town, and I hope that their family enjoys as many wonderful, happy and healthy years here as my family has because Scotch Plains is a wonder place to live because of people like them.

Kathy Sevell
Scotch Plains

to emulate our council's common sense approach to learning the facts before making decisions.

By resisting relentless pressure and distortion of facts, they proved that politics is not for the faint-hearted or easily intimidated.

It is downright scary that demands were made on federal and state legislators to tell our council to oppose the FAA 260 degree route test.

Only those contemptuous of consensus and civil discourse would hold democracy in such disregard.

I thank Mayor Joan Papen for inviting the FAA to present the facts on the 260 degree route change to the public.

It is gratifying to know that democracy is alive and well, at least in Scotch Plains.

E. Dennis Hardie, Chairman
Scotch Plains Aircraft Noise
Committee Inc.

Historic Designation For Clubhouse Would be Gift Back to Community

Last night, I attended the Planning Board meeting about the sale of the property at Tremont and South Euclid Avenues owned by the Westfield Woman's Club. The lawyer for the Woman's Club put forth a case that seemed a sincere representation of the position of the members of the club.

The members of the community spoke eloquently about what the property and the club has represented to the community in the 40 years it has occupied the big white house, as well as the aesthetic character of the property itself.

The members of the Planning Board felt the pressure of being in a situation where they are charged with doing both the right thing and the legally correct thing.

I believed the lawyer for the Westfield Woman's Club when he said that every member of the club was sad about the demise of the clubhouse. He spoke well about the concern the club felt for the community and the appreciation the club felt towards the community for the last 40 years.

Here is where I have some confusion. There are two ways of communicating. One is through words, and the other is through actions. The words of the Westfield Woman's Club sound correct, but the actions tell a different story.

The actions of the Westfield Woman's Club started with hiring a lawyer, then hiring a surveyor and drawing up plans for a mini-subdivision, offering the property at closed bid, then presenting the whole package to the Planning Board for approval without telling the community. The community would never have known about the sale and subdivision if not for the vigilant attention to detail of the members of the Planning Board.

I believe the members of the West-

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.

No endorsement letters will be accepted.

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

Telephones for Crossing Guards Applauded as Child Safety Measure

I am writing in response to your article "Councilwoman Submits Application for 9-1-1 Phones for Crossing Guards" in

the February 19 issue of *The Westfield Leader*.

I fully support this proposal. It means a more assured safety of our town's children. Whether accidents occur often or not in this town, it is better to be safe than sorry. I am very happy that Westfield has taken more thought into the safety of our community.

I am sure with this emergency telephone system, many parents will be less anxious when their children go off to school. It will assure them their children will be safer.

I congratulate Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, the Westfield Police Department, and Bell Atlantic for supporting this issue and taking action.

If this is successful in Westfield and our neighboring towns, it might be necessary to present this idea to other councils of more dangerous cities in order to protect their children as well.

POPCORN™

Dark City: Town Without Pity

By Michael S. Goldberger

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



3 popcorns

In order to mess with your mind, really big time, the aliens in *Dark City* are particularly fond of administering large injections of phony memory directly into their victims' foreheads. Employing an extravagant syringe that looks like some Victorian contraption used to examine immigrants at Ellis Island, this is but one way the invading "Strangers" exert their evil will. And it's only one of the many weird aspects that spookily comprise director Alex Proyas's wonderfully de-ranked and superbly creative variation on a very old sci-fi theme.

When returned home from the screening of *Dark City*, my daughter, Erin, asked what it was about. I noted that it concerned aliens "taking over our minds." Expressing the sort of world-weary cynicism that comes with being 12 years old, she automatically responded, "That's real new."

"I know, but it's good," I defended. "Really."

Visually stunning, the hugely inventive mind-blower doesn't make much sense if you really stop to think about it. But while all the phantasmagoria is erupting before you, there's little inclination to scrutinize the thoroughly outrageous doings, or the darkly psychedelic settings that serve as their backdrop.

Mr. Proyas (*The Crow*) zooms about his oddly captive world with lickety-split skill, aided and abetted in his hallucinogenic madness by editor Dov Hoenig. Recreated as stills, at least 12 *Dark City* scenes by production designers George Liddle and Patrick Tatopolous would make great wall hangings.

In an unnamed, post-apocalyptic city that looks as grungy and seedy as New York did in the 1970s, it is never daytime. But that little fact seems to be lost on folks. They just appear to be going about their business, including William Hurt as Inspector Frank Bumstead. He's looking for a serial killer specializing in prostitutes. Waking up in a bathtub, in a haunting scene suggestive of Dali (replete with broken goldfish bowl), John Murdoch (Rufus Sewell) thinks he may be the hunted killer—that is, if memory serves him correctly. Could someone be playing with his head? And if so, why?

Director Proyas doesn't quickly divulge the who, what and where of this intellectual anarchy, preferring instead to fashion his eerily exotic plot in the form of a mystery. And therein lies the film's major rub. The premise as the main course of suspense is an unwieldy, if not outright strange, concept at best. While it is increasingly implied that the ghoulishly imperialistic aliens (a civilization "as old as time itself") are using the city as a huge test tube, with human-kind as their guinea pigs, there's no knowing if this is true or false until the final scenes.

No matter, though. Handsome, put-upon, and confused, Mr. Sewell is the dauntless pilgrim trying to discover his identity amidst the kaleidoscopic insanity that bombards him. And his adventure is dramatic impetus enough to catapult the intrigue. Yet just to complicate the set of suppositions, his John Murdoch is the only human who shares telekinetic powers with the Strangers. He, like they, can rearrange things—such as buildings and landscapes. But is he really human? In any case, the aliens would like a tete-a-tete with this heroic seeker of truth. Particularly anxious for this meeting of the minds, so to speak, is their leader, Mr. Book (Ian Richardson), the iciest, most willful zombie of them all.

Mr. Proyas's use of Rufus Sewell's relatively unknown face (though reminiscent of a youthful Tony Curtis) for his picture's answer to *Odyssey* proves judicious, giving the pivotal role just the right everyman quotient. It'd certainly be a shame if he were the serial killer, or an alien, or both.

Just as every chef today feels a faddish compulsion to present balsamic this or

that, there's hardly a director who isn't offering up his film noir thing, even if it's an odd fusion with science fiction. Hence, William Hurt as the hard-bitten detective is a sly wink to the movie's noirish propensities.

Wearing fire engine red lipstick, Jennifer Connelly as a torch singer in romantically dingy cabarets may or may not be Murdoch's wife. Supposedly, they quarreled after she did him wrong. Costuming his players just so, filmmaker Proyas captures a look and feel that establishes him as an ingenious evocator of mood. Juxtaposing sci-fi with whatever artistic notions please his greater vision, he dabs devilishly at a palette of favorite tempers and tones: a little dadaism here, a schlock 50's film motif there, and a soupçon of Edward Hopper over here—all wrapped up in a fatalistic aura smacking of Europe between-the-wars.

Serving as the mascot of this movie's soul, an accented Kiefer Sutherland is a whimsical hoot in the role Peter Lorre perfected. He is Dr. Daniel Schreiber, the mad scientist no self-respecting sci-fi film can be without.

Doing the Strangers' bidding is not only a matter of survival for wily Herr Docteur, but a sinister labor of love as well; after all, the traitorous fiend gets to give those big needles and do all that human memory mixing.

It elicits more mood than meaning, though there is the perfunctory, uplifting hokum about the human essence (those cold aliens...they'll never really understand our inherent nobility). But spectacular, computer-enhanced imagery reigns supreme, combining with more traditional art in a synergistic fusion of visual energy. Take this roller-coaster ride through director Proyas's veritable museum of science fiction mechanisms, make a right just where Rod Serling's *Twilight Zone* left off, and you'll be in *Dark City*.

Dark City, rated R, is a New Line Cinema release directed by Alex Proyas and stars Rufus Sewell, Kiefer Sutherland, Jennifer Connelly and William Hurt. Running time: 104 minutes.

Where Do They Get Shark Oil to Produce Those Capsules?

By Louis H. Clark

When I was a boy, my mother used to give me Coca Cola syrup for an upset stomach. They also used to use it for cleaning type in printing houses.

As I grew to the ripe age of 10, I used to get cod liver oil so that I would "grow strong" and become a home run hitter, as that was the dream of my life.

Now along comes this doctor of medicine at the United Nations who tells an interviewer that the best thing in the world to make your immune system stronger is shark oil.

Now sharks, as you know, are the one monster that Disney has not been able to make small children think that they are loving playmates whom you can take into the bath with you and have a good time playing ball with.

I also have read and seen people who say sharks are afraid of human beings except when they smell blood in the water. No one ever explained whose blood, however, was in the water. Plus, I will take bets that the same people who call the shark such a gentle creature are the first ones out of the water when the beach master runs up a red flag and screams "shark" into the loudspeakers.

But where do they get all the shark oil that the good doctor says he takes two capsules every day?

It reminds me of what I think about when I am having my favorite luncheon sandwich, tuna fish. Where do they get the tunas they fill millions of cans with? I've heard that like sharks, tuna grow to huge weights. But I prefer not to think about it and keep ordering what a friend of mine who stutters calls tuna on toast, when he invariably gets two sandwiches.

So how do they get that capsule? A shark, according to the doctor himself, only carries 20 pounds of oil in its boneless body, so you can only make so many capsules from that.

Or, and the thought terrifies me, does someone have a shark farm and sells the oil at perfume prices? Or have they synthesized or even cloned shark oil so that you and I can be healthy?

If you know, don't tell me. I'm not going to buy the stuff anyway.

School Tours to Spotlight Middle Level Education

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council will celebrate Middle Level Education Week from Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20, with a tour of both Terrill and Park Middle Schools.

The Terrill Middle School tour will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at 9 a.m. and will begin in the Media Center.

The tour of Park Middle School will be held on Friday, March 20, at 9 a.m. and will meet in the cafeteria.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet Chester Janusz, Principal of Park Middle School, or John

Fouls, Principal of Terrill Middle School, as well as staff members and PTA volunteers.

Parents will also learn about a typical middle school day and be able to see the schools in session with students learning.

The entire community is invited to attend, especially parents of fifth-grade students, who may have questions about the transition from elementary to middle school, according to a PTA Council spokeswoman.

We take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.

— Cynthia Ozick



AEROBIC

The word aerobic, coined by the scientific community in the 19th century, combines two Greek elements: *aero* meaning "air" and *bios*, "life." The result of this mating, aerobic, is defined as "an organism (aerobe) that required the presence of air to sustain its life."

The system of aerobics is of more recent vintage, having first appeared in print in 1969. According to the Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins, aerobics is defined as "a system of building up the body by use of oxygen in the body, in which rigorous calisthenics and/or dance routines are used."

We have just about exhausted the word aerobic(s) which, to many, is infinitely better than being exhausted by aerobics.

Thrift Shop Announces Sale of Spring Apparel

The Westfield Service League has announced that the Thrift Shop, located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield, is stocked with a large selection of ladies', men's and children's spring apparel.

Patrons can also purchase jewelry, shoes and accessories to compliment their wardrobe, according to spokeswoman Kathy Seelye.

The Thrift Shop offers high quality merchandise at attractive prices, the spokeswoman said. All profits are donated to local charities.

In addition to clothing, the shop sells books, toys, bric-a-brac, household and vintage items.

The Thrift Shop is open for business Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are accepted during shop hours.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Group Will Meet At Runnells Specialized

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

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

The group is facilitated by Kathleen Balascio, a Runnells Specialized Hospital licensed social worker.

The support group shares information on the disease, research updates, practical care techniques and a list of community resources.

An important part of the meeting is the time devoted to discussing the frustrations individuals feel in caring for those stricken with Alzheimer's disease.

Runnells sponsors the meetings in conjunction with the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's is the nation's fourth-leading fatal disease among adults, afflicting some four million Americans, according to a Runnells spokesman.

The schedule for the remainder of 1998 for the support group is Thursdays, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

For further information, please call (908) 771-5835.

African Violet Group To Meet March 19

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

A program entitled, "All Over the Place," will be featured. All county residents are invited to attend the program.

Role of the Railroad In Fanwood's History To be Program Topic

Channel 35, Fanwood's local access television station, will present for the first time "Next Station Stop Fanwood" beginning tomorrow, Friday, March 13.

The program will be telecast again on Sunday, March 15, and Tuesday, March 17. It will be broadcast at 7:30 p.m. each of the three nights.

The 58 minute audio-visual program describes the railroad's role in the founding and development of the Borough of Fanwood, according to producer-director Joseph Nagy.

In the presentation, the historical experience of Fanwood is placed in context with the economic forces that pushed railroading up to and then down from the pinnacle of its golden era, Mr. Nagy said.

The research and script was prepared by Mr. Nagy; the videography and editing was done by George Weiss, and the narration was done by Sergeant T.J. Jedic of the Fanwood Police Department.



IN REHEARSAL...*Two Gentlemen of Verona*, an updated version of an adaptation of an early work by William Shakespeare, will feature these Westfield High School student actors in this light-hearted comedy of romance and adventure. From left are Charlie Twin as Valentine; Lisa Villalobos as Lucetta; Sabrina Hyman as Silvia; Melissa Miller as Julia and Sam Fleder as Proteus. This one weekend show runs from tonight, Thursday, March 12, through Saturday, March 14, at the Westfield High School auditorium.

Union Catholic Tricky Tray To Offer Broadway Theme

The annual Tricky Tray Auction sponsored by the Parents Guild of Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, will take place on Friday, March 20, with doors opening at 6 p.m.

This year's theme, "Night on Broadway," will feature an array of individual tables spotlighting well-known stage hits.

The "Titanic" table, featuring items of gigantic proportions, will offer a Broadway Theater Package that will include two orchestra seats to the Broadway play *Titanic*, with limousine service by Star Services of Plainfield to and from New York City, and a gift certificate to a New York City restaurant.

Also at this table will be a computer, the newest American Girl Doll, Josephina, and many more gifts, according to a spokeswoman

for the event.

The other theme tables are "Damn Yankees," a sports table; "The Sound of Music," a video and music table; "The Lion King," a children's and teen table, and "Smokey Joe's Café," a dining out table.

A selection of baskets will be available at "A Chorus Line" table, including a Bread Basket, a Photography Basket, a Flag Basket, a Backyard Basket, an Italian Basket and Spoil Yourself Spa Baskets, one for a man and the other for a woman.

Bid tickets are \$6 and if purchased before March 20, buyers can receive an extra bid sheet free. Table reservations may also be taken for groups of eight or more.

Please call (908) 889-1600 for tickets, table reservations, donations or more information.



Two Gentlemen From Verona Open Three-Day Run at WHS

The Westfield High School spring musical, *Two Gentlemen Of Verona*, opens tonight Thursday, March 12, for a three-day run. Shows are also Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, at the Westfield High School auditorium, located at 550 Dorian Road. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

This early work by William Shakespeare, originally set in Renaissance Italy, was adapted by John Guare and Mel Shapiro for the 1970's and brought up to the 1990's for this version. The Galt McDermot of *Hair* fame has rousing, moving music reminiscent of a New York City block party.

It is a kaleidoscope of races, colors and cultures loving, hating, betraying, and living with each other. An updated number with the currently popular Stomp style was choreographed by Audrey Spies, Marching Band instructor and incorporates rhythms of the day using garbage cans, pails, garbage can lids, aluminum cans and lots of rhythmic clapping.

Two men, Valentine, portrayed by Charlie Irwin, and Proteus, played by Sam Fleder, plan to leave Verona and travel to the big city of Milan. Before going, Proteus pledges his love to Julia, played by Melissa Miller, and they exchange rings. After the men depart, Julia with her servant Lucetta, played by Lisa Villalobos, decide to follow them disguised as boys.

In Milan, Valentine falls in love with the sultry Silvia, played by Sabrina Hyman, who adds him to her list of fiancés along with Thurio, a part portrayed by Dan Moore, and Eglamour, played by Dave Citrin, who had been sent off to war by her father. Proteus betrays Valentine and wants Silvia for himself.

"From the opening, John Guare's *Compendium* read by Jeremy Chlnick, while mimes with white, fixed expression masks act out the synopsis of the play, the mood is set for this light-hearted, romantic comedy," according to Joe Nierle, Westfield High School (WHS) drama teacher and Rising Star Award winning director.

Featured dancers Megan Brenan, Allie Feldman, Nikki Hester, Corinne Liebrich and Rebecca Wilhelms, who won recognition last year for Outstanding Ensemble Group at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, are joined in the production by Ginny Paynter and Rachel Rosenblum to perform in most of the 17 Lorinda Haver originally choreographed dance numbers.

The citizens of Verona and Milan adding to the festivities are Scott Brewster, Ryan Buntain, Marta Capasso, Shana Golemba, 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.

This cast of 40, under the musical direction of Jim Beil, also has fun with "What Does A Lover Pack?," "Where's North?," "Bring All The Boys Back Home," "Carla Lily Lady" and more.

Tickets are \$8 for reserved seating. They can also be purchased at the door. Please call (908) 789-4549 for more information.



TOAST TO GLORY...Kevin Amara, Captain of Trader Joe's of Westfield, and Helene Gersten, a Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) board member; are pictured as they choose the proper wines to toast the WSO during intermission at the upcoming concert *Glory of Great Britain* on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway. For tickets, please call (908) 232-9400.

When grace is joined with wrinkles, it is adorable. There is an unspeakable dawn in happy old age.

— Victor Hugo, from *Les Miserables*

Scotch Plains Thrift Shop Opens for Season on March 17

The Thrift Shop in Scotch Plains will open for the spring season this Tuesday, March 17.

The shop includes ladies' fashions in the Designers' Corner, a men's department, an antique and collectibles cabinet, as well as a separate rack of ladies' clothes in time for St. Patrick's Day including green tops, blouses, skirts and dresses. Table decorations and corsages will also be available for the holiday.

The shop has Easter bunnies, toys and Easter flower arrangements on sale, as well.

Donations of gently-used clothing, household items, antiques and collectibles, or costume jewelry are accepted Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. through noon.

The Thrift Shop, located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, is open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. Friday and Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The shop's 24-hour hot line is (908) 322 5420.

Arts Association Plans Glass Blowing Program

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Arts Association will feature Brooke Gardiner in a demonstration of glass blowing at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, at the Fanwood train station on North Avenue.

Mr. Gardiner, whose interest in glass blowing began when he was a young teen, has created functional and representational objects, as well as multimedia pieces.

He has taken courses at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, and has also studied stone sculpting with local artist Gladys Reimer and neon art at the Urban Glass studios in Brooklyn.

All are welcome to attend. For further information, please call Thomas Yeager at (908) 322-5438.

SAT
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Family Investors
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2x 51/2

Patien Care
3x7

J&M
3x7

*Miss Susanna Smullen
Marries Thomas Lanier, Jr.*

Miss Susanna Pramile Smullen, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Brian Smullen of Suffolk, Virginia, was married on Saturday, March 7, to Thomas (Todd) Chappell Lanier, Jr. He is the son of Thomas Lanier, Sr. and Mrs. Patricia Lanier, both of Greensboro, North Carolina.

The wedding took place at the West Market Street United Methodist Church in Greensboro, with the reception held at the Fellowship Hall of the church.

The bride, who is the granddaugh-

ter of Mrs. Ceil Smullen of Westfield, is an alumna of the Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield. She is a 1995 graduate of Greensboro College and is employed as a teacher at the Primrose School at Brassfield in Greensboro.

Her husband will graduate from Greensboro College in December with a degree in religion and philosophy, and a minor in child and family studies.

After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the couple resides in Greensboro.



Miss Suzanne Garganigo and Dominic Canuso

*Miss Suzanne Garganigo
To Wed Dominic Canuso*

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Garganigo of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Suzanne C. Garganigo, to Dominic C. Canuso, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vito Canuso of Cherry Hill.

The bride-elect, a member of the Class of 1992 at Westfield High School, graduated from Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania in 1996.

She is enrolled in the graduate program at Kean University in Union, where she is studying special education, and is an elementary school teacher in Roselle.

Her fiancé graduated from Cherry Hill East High School in 1993 and will receive his degree in commerce and finance this spring from Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Canuso is employed by Arthur Andersen in Philadelphia as an economic and financial consultant.

A wedding is planned for June of 1999.

*Claire Vivian
Born to K aos*

Her fiancé graduated from Cherry Hill East High School in 1993 and will receive his degree in commerce and finance this spring from Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Kao of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Claire Vivian Kao, on Friday, February 6, at Saint Barnabas Hospital in Livingston.

Claire weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length at birth.

She joins her sister, Emma Beatrice, 2.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jon Pardoll of Phoenix, Arizona.

Claire's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Shih-Chieh Kao of Cranford.

**St. Peter by the Sea Concert
Next Saturday Will Benefit
Youth & Family Counseling**

Plans have been completed for the concert performance of the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

The orchestra, conducted and directed by its founder, the Reverend Alphonse Stephenson, is being featured in the annual benefit concert being presented to the public by the Youth and Family Counseling Service.

Father Alphonse recently announced the addition of two musicians to the orchestra. Christopher Collins Lee, formerly Concertmaster with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, has assumed that post with the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea.

A Juilliard graduate and Fulbright Scholar, Mr. Lee has appeared as guest concertmaster with the American Symphony Orchestra, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Naumberg Orchestra and others. Mr. Lee travels widely to conduct Master Classes and also has recorded extensively.

His most recent release "Old Friends" is a compilation of 23 of his favorite violin and piano selections.

Father Alphonse also announced that composer and arranger, Mark McGurdy, has become special consultant to the orchestra in repertoire and recording. Mr. McGurdy, also a product of the Juilliard School of Music, went on to become composer-in-residence for six symphony or-

chestras on the West Coast.

His arrangements have been performed by the Hollywood Bowl, the Cincinnati Pops and the New York Philharmonic. He was nominated for



Christopher Collins Lee

a Grammy Award, and as Music Producer of the documentary, "The Hollywood Sound for PBS," shared an Emmy Award with conductor John Mauceri.

The theme of this year's Youth and Family Service concert will be "Young at Heart."

Tickets are \$50 for patrons, \$25 for general admission and \$22 for senior citizens. Please call (908) 233-2042 for tickets and information.

Tickets can also be purchased at Lancaster, Ltd. in Westfield, Don's Pharmacy in Clark, The Enchanted Garden in Cranford and Richard Roberts Ltd. in Scotch Plains.

**Red Cross Chapter to Hold
Anniversary Gala on March 21**

The Gala Committee of the Westfield and Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is working to make its 80th anniversary gala a success.

The black-tie affair is slated for Saturday, March 21, at the Plainfield Country Club.

One of the many highlights of the evening will be two performances by the nationally-known singing group, The Drifters, who will perform many

of its original hit songs including "Under the Boardwalk" and "There Goes My Baby."

The evening will also include a silent auction which includes such items as Phil Mickleson limited-edition wedges, autographed Yankee New York Derek Jeter items, a trip to Arizona and several vintage Red Cross items.

Tickets for the evening are \$175 per person, and there are still some tickets available, said Red Cross spokeswoman Gail Moffett.

There also will be a souvenir book for those who want to place something special in the journal. Costs and sizes are: full page, \$200; half page, \$100; quarter page, \$75; business card size, \$50, and booster, \$35.

Deadline for ticket sales is this Tuesday, March 17, and for the ad journal, this Saturday, March 14. All ads should be camera-ready.

For additional information, please call the chapter at (908) 232-7090.

**Genealogical Society
Presents Program
About Family Trees**

During the February 19 meeting of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, members participated in a "Show and Tell" where they displayed their family trees.

For the project, members had earlier been asked to list their ancestors, including parents, grandparents and, if possible, others in direct line to and including great-great grandparents.

On a separate document, they were asked to list children, grandchildren and spouses, if any.

Half of those assembled exhibited their family tree while the rest were spectators. After about 40 minutes, the roles of exhibitor and spectator were reversed.

Judges examined all the entries. Although all attendees exhibited their family trees, officers of the Society, previous winners and judges were not eligible for prizes.

This year the winners were Richard C. Underhill of Westfield, first prize, \$5, and Arthur Froehlich of Roselle, second prize, \$3.

**Arts Festival to Debut
At Park Middle School**

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will present its first District Arts Festival on Wednesday, March 18, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Park Middle School gymnasium on Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Students from every school will present their artwork in all types of media, and there will also be demonstrations by young artists of their various techniques.

**Dudick
2x3**

**Abbott Tile
2x3**

**Lancasters
2x5**

**Celtic Imports
2x5**

**Paine Webber
2x5 1/2**

**Little Treasures
2x2**

**Valley Furniture
2x7 1/2**

**Arc to Hold Candlelight Ball
On April 18 at L'Affaire**

The Arc of Union County will hold its annual Candlelight Ball on Saturday, April 18, at L'Affaire in Mountainside.

The gala event affords the agency an opportunity to publicly recognize special community volunteers for their support, according to a spokeswoman.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 7:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing at 8:30 p.m. Tickets to the event are \$90 and may be purchased by calling Sarah Lewis at (908) 754-7826.

Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine will be presented with the Humanitarian Award during the event.

The Merck Volunteer Focus Group will be presented with the Community Service Award and the Murray Hill Child Development Center PTO will receive The Spirit of The Arc Award. This year's Ambassador of Good Will is

Stephanie Ridilla.

The Arc, formerly known as the Association for Retarded Citizens, is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Programs are available to families who need the services, usually starting at infancy and through geriatrics.

The Arc provides early intervention programs at Kohler Child Development Center in Winfield and the Murray Hill Child Development Center in Murray Hill.

A special summer day camp, a variety of recreational opportunities, adult work centers, residential housing and several special needs programs for people with multiple disabilities are among the many services provided by The Arc.

For more information, please call The Arc at (908) 754-5910.



DEDICATED SERVICE...Scotch Plains Police Captain Marshall Nelson, right, accepts an award on behalf of Police Chief Thomas O'Brien, from Grand Knight Andrew MacDonald of the Father John S. Nelligan Council No. 5730 of Knights of Columbus, center. Looking on is Robert F. Kruthers, Chairman of the Knights' Awards Night Ceremonies, which were held on February 19.

Knights of Columbus Holds Awards Night Ceremonies

The Father John S. Nelligan Council No. 45730, Knights of Columbus, hosted its Awards Night ceremonies on February 19 at St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

The Knights hold these ceremonies for the purpose of recognizing and honoring the Scotch Plains and Fanwood police, fire and rescue squad organizations for their "exceptional service" to the communities they represent, said Robert F. Kruthers, Chairman of the Awards Ceremonies for the council.

Also honored at these ceremonies were the Council winners of the Youth Basketball Free-Throw Contests sponsored annually by the Knights.

The awards to the basketball free-throw winners were first on the agenda. These awards, for boys and girls aged 10 to 12, were introduced by Grand Knight Andrew MacDonald and presented by Father Nelligan Council Past Grand Knight, Michael D'Antuono, Chairman of the contest.

Each winner received a certificate and an engraved plaque attesting to their accomplishment. The winners honored were:

- Girls: Christine Lomiguen, Kristyn Kosovan and Cristina Dyogi.
- Boys: Kyle Gates, Kevin Rotondo and Joseph Wilkinson.

Presentation of the Shield Awards, honoring the Scotch Plains and Fanwood Police and Fire Departments and Rescue Squads, began with a brief history of the Shield Awards Program by Grand Knight MacDonald.

In past years, the honors were accorded to individual police, fire and

rescue squad personnel who had distinguished themselves, and were nominated for their exceptional service by the Chiefs and Presidents of their respective organizations.

For the most recent year, the Knights varied the award procedure by individually honoring the Chiefs and Presidents, themselves, for their "continuing exceptional performance in guiding their organizations."

It was the request that from these organizations that all the members of their organizations be included in the award due to their teamwork, dedication and experience.

Therefore, this year the Knights again varied the award procedure by presenting a Certificate of Excellence to each organization, together with a monetary contribution to be used in whatever manner chosen.

Each award was presented to the honored Chief or President, or his representative, on behalf of all members. The awards were introduced by Mr. MacDonald and were presented by Knights of Columbus Honorary Life Member, Mr. Kruthers, a long-time member of the Fanwood Rescue Squad.

Receiving the awards were Scotch Plains Councilman Robert E. Johnston, representing Township Fire Chief Jonathan Ellis; Fanwood Rescue Squad President William Crosby, filling-in for Fire Chief Norman Grover; Scotch Plains Police Captain Marshall Nelson, representing Police Chief Thomas O'Brien; Fanwood Police Chief Robert J. Carboy; Scotch Plains Rescue Squad President Donald Sullivan, and Fanwood Rescue Squad President William Crosby.



A JOB WELL DONE...Fanwood Rescue Squad President William Crosby, right, accepts an award on behalf of Norman Grover, President of the Fanwood Fire Company, during the Knights of Columbus Awards Night ceremonies. He is congratulated by Robert F. Kruthers, left, Chairman of the Awards Night ceremonies.



SERVICE TO COMMUNITY...Fanwood Chief of Police Robert J. Carboy, center, thanks the Knights of Columbus after he accepted an award for the "dedication and service" of the entire Fanwood department. Looking on is Robert F. Kruthers, Chairman of the Knights' Awards Ceremonies, left, and Grand Knight Andrew MacDonald.

Westfield Rescue Squad Fund Drive Is Underway

As the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad's 1998 fund drive enters its second week, the organization is asking residents of Westfield to support the squad with a donation of money or their time.

Grace Kowalski, Vice President of the squad, explained that "each year, the cost to train our members, stock our first aid supplies and maintain our three ambulances rises."

Every March, the squad begins its yearly fund drive by sending a letter to each residence and business in Westfield asking for a donation.

The rescue squad relies on the annual donations from the townspeople in order to provide volunteer service, according to a spokeswoman.

"EMTs (emergency medical technicians)

are only required to serve four hours a week and dispatchers are only required to serve two hours a week," Mrs. Kowalski revealed.

Residents who wish to donate their time are asked to stop by the rescue squad building to pick up a membership packet. The building is located at 335 Watterson Street, just off the South Avenue circle.

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad is an all-volunteer organization serving the community of Westfield, and one of the few resident squads in the state of New Jersey.

Tax deductible contributions may be made to: The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, 07090. For all emergency service, please call 911.



READY TO RESPOND...Grace Kowalski, Vice President of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, and her husband, Steve, are encouraging all residents of Westfield to support the 1998 fund drive. In addition to donations, the squad is seeking people willing to be trained as both emergency medical technicians and dispatchers. Tax deductible contributions may be made to: The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, 07090.

Westfield Seniors Receive Free Tickets to Symphony

Every year, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra offers complimentary tickets to residents of the Westfield Senior Housing Complex.

This gesture has been made possible during the 1997-1998 season with the help of grants from CoreStates Bank and the Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement.

"As Westfield's resident professional orchestra, we are delighted to give back to the community that has supported one of Westfield's cultural jewels for the past 14 years," stated Patrick Gaines, Executive Director of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

Through the grants the WSO is able to offer access to live symphony performances for 20 to 30 seniors during each of the 1997-1998 subscription concerts.

This season's remaining concerts include "Glory of Great Britain" on Saturday, March 21, at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, featuring works by Handel, Elgar, and Vaughan Williams, and Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* in concert on Saturday, April 18, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Tickets are available for both performances and are \$25 for general admission, \$22 for seniors, and \$15 for students.

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

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



GIFT OF MUSIC...Patrick Gaines, Westfield Symphony Orchestra Executive Director, and Claire Sullivan Tucciarone, Community Manager of CoreStates Bank's Westfield office, are joined by residents of the Westfield Senior Housing Center. Through grants from CoreStates and the Wallerstein Foundation for Geriatric Life Improvement, up to 30 seniors have been given the opportunity to see live performances of the symphony.

Romance fails us and so do friendships, but the relationship of parent and child, less noisy than all others, remains indelible and indestructible, the strongest relationship on earth.

— Theodor Reik



FEARED ARTIST...Sister Anne McVeigh is shown beside two of her photographs which are being featured at The Westfield Art Gallery during the month of March.

Art Gallery Featuring Photos Of Sister McVeigh This Month

In keeping with its tradition of featuring the works of outstanding new artists, the Westfield Art Gallery, a Division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, is featuring the photography of Sister Anne McVeigh, for the month of March.

She is a member of the congregation of the Sisters of Chestnut Hill in Philadelphia.

In 1974, Sister McVeigh began photographing her family and the scenes of nature around her.

During summers and vacations spent traveling with her family, or as a chaperone for students, to Alaska,

Ireland, England, British Columbia, France, Italy and Switzerland, she carried a camera for photograph opportunities.

The exhibition of Sister McVeigh's photographs will continue through Friday, April 3, at the Westfield Art Gallery, located 152 East Broad Street in Westfield. Hours for the Gallery are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A reception, which is open to the public, will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 15.

For additional information, please contact Kitty Schlosberg at (908) 789-8844.

Miss Lenehan to Serve In Teaching Capacity

Mairen Lenehan, a freshman at Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut, will be a continual volunteer this year at Edgerton Elementary School in New London.

She will work with students in a variety of capacities, serving as a one-to-one tutor, tutoring small groups of students, and as a teacher assistant, where she will work with entire classrooms.

Mairen is a 1997 graduate of Westfield High School. She is the daughter of Janice and Robert Lenehan of Westfield.

Eileen Hannigan Takes Drexel Co-op Position As Graphic Designer

Eileen Hannigan, the daughter of George and Elizabeth Hannigan of Scotch Plains, is working as a graphic designer for Display Arts Group through the cooperative education (co-op) program at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

A 1996 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Eileen is majoring in graphic design.

Under Drexel Co-op: "The Ultimate Internship," now in its 78th year, Eileen alternates classroom study with six-month periods of career-related employment.

Family Investors Presents Classes

Family Investors Company of Fanwood will present some informational classes at the Union County College Continuing Education program and at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Adult School. All classes will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Peter Chemidlin will discuss "How to Start Your Investment Program" today, Thursday, March 12, at the college. Mr. Chemidlin's discussion will be repeated on Tuesday, April 7, at the adult school.

David Macdonald will present "A Guide to Uncomplicated Investing" on Thursday, March 19, at the adult school.

On Wednesday, March 18, Michael Grady will discuss "Building Long-Term Financial Security Through the Use of Mutual Funds" at the college.

"Wealth Construction — A Single Person's Approach" will be presented on Tuesday, March 24, at the college by Ed Sjonell. Mr. Sjonell will also discuss "Women and Investing" on Thursday, March 26, at the adult school.

Founded by Fred J. Chemidlin, Jr., Family Investors Company is celebrating its 38th year in Fanwood.

For additional information about the classes, please call the college at (908) 709-7600 or the adult school at (908) 889-7718.

John's Meat Market 2x4

Florida Lawyer Guy 2x4

Subscription Form

Howard Roemmele, 96, Was Engineer; Belonged to Rotary and Old Guard

Howard C. Roemmele, 96, of Monroe Township died on Sunday, March 1, at the Monroe Village Health Care Center in Monroe Township.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Haddonfield and was a 31-year resident of Westfield before moving to the Monroe Village community in Monroe Township in 1988.

Mr. Roemmele had been employed as an engineer for 49 years for PSE&G Company of New Jersey. He began at the Camden office after his graduation in 1923 from Stevens Institute of Technology.

In 1956 he was transferred to the Central Division, and three years later was transferred to the main office in Newark, holding the title of Transmission and Distribution Engineer until his retirement from PSE&G in 1972.

Following his retirement, he was employed by Elizabethtown Gas Company as a consultant for four years.

Mr. Roemmele had been a member of the Haddonfield Presbyterian Church and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

He was also a former member of

Viola Bagby, 88

Viola Bagby, 88, of Westfield died on Wednesday, March 4, at the Cranford Hall Nursing Home in Cranford.

Born in King and Queen County, Virginia, she moved to Westfield in 1939.

She was self-employed, and her primary occupation was child care.

Surviving are her daughter, Annie Williams of Westfield; a grandson, a great-granddaughter and a great-great grandson, all of Westfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Plinton Funeral Home of Westfield.

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Dr. Warren Graves, 41, Radiologist; Affiliated With Medical Associations

Dr. Warren A. Graves, 41, of Westfield died on Friday, March 6, at University Hospital in Newark.

Born in Plainfield, Dr. Graves had lived in Westfield and California before moving back to Westfield recently.

He was a graduate of Westfield Senior High School in 1975 and received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, at the

Salvatore A. Monico, 86

Salvatore A. Monico, 86, of Mountainside died on Monday, March 2, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Mountainside for 41 years.

Mr. Monico was a builder and owner of the Monico Corporation in Mountainside for many years.

He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Surviving are a brother, Carmen Monaco, and two sisters, Emma Garcia and Marion Orlando.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Friday, March 6, in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

Arrangements were under the direction of Smith and Smith (Suburban) in Springfield.

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Shirley Frankel, 74, Active in Temple; Was Paralegal with New York Firm

Shirley Frankel, 74, of Cranford died on Sunday, March 1, in St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Frankel had lived in Manhattan before moving to Cranford 40 years ago.

She had been a paralegal with Kramer, Levin & Frankel in New York City before retiring in 1990.

She was a member of Hadassah and the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, both of Cranford, and a Past

the Rotary Clubs of Camden and Plainfield and Past President of the Philadelphia Stevens Club. Mr. Roemmele was a member of the Society of Gas Engineers and the Old Guard of Westfield.

Surviving are his wife, Anne McDevitt Roemmele; a daughter, Mary R. Crowley of Rutland, Vermont, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, at Monroe Village, Half Acre Road, Monroe Township. A private cremation was arranged by the Lester Memorial Home in Jamesburg.

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Louise Gipson, 74

Louise Gipson, 74, of Westfield died on Friday, March 6, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, she had lived in Westfield for the past year. She had previously lived in Scotch Plains for 40 years.

Mrs. Gipson had been a machine operator at Burroughs Electronics Corporation for 10 years, retiring in 1984. She had also been an assembler for Rona Plastics Corporation for 10 years.

Mrs. Gipson was a former President of the Scotch Plains Parent-Teacher Association.

Surviving are three sons, Hayward Gipson, Jr. of Westport, Connecticut, Reginald B. Gipson of Hoboken and Roy F. Gipson of Westfield; three sisters, Marjorie Wallace of Dalton, Georgia, Maeola Bush of Shrewsbury and Ernestine Davis of Burlington; a brother, Charles Frazier of California; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, March 11, at St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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— Obituaries —

George Brownell, 83, Active in Town; Was Attorney and Legal Consultant

George R. Brownell, 83, a resident of Westfield for more than 80 years, died on Sunday, March 8, at Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Brooklyn, he had moved to Westfield in 1917. He had a second home in Eldora, Colorado.

Mr. Brownell graduated from Westfield High School, where he had excelled as an athlete. He attended Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and graduated from Cornell Law School in 1938.

While at law school, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the



George R. Brownell

Order of the Coif, and was valedictorian and editor of the *Cornell Law Review*.

With the exception of three years of service in the United States Navy from 1942-1945 as a Lieutenant junior grade, Mr. Brownell had been associated with the law firm of Mudge Rose Guthrie and Alexander of New York City, and predecessor firms as an associate and partner, from 1938 to 1965.

He was also of Counsel to Ragan & Mason in Washington, D.C.

Beginning in 1965, he represented D.K. Ludwig's worldwide interests as special counsel and Vice President of the Legal Department at National Bulk Carriers in New York City.

Since 1985, he had served as a legal consultant for this and other companies and was Senior Counsel to the law firm of Aitken Irvin & Lewin in Washington, D.C.

He was a Director of Interacat, Inc., Alfred Karcher, Inc., and Brady-Palmer Label Corporation. He was a member of the New York, District of Columbia, American and International Bar Associations.

Mr. Brownell's law practice concentrated on international corporate law with activities in Germany, the Middle East, Australia, Brazil and elsewhere.

Mr. Brownell was a past board member and President of the YMCA. He was a lifetime member and former trustee of The First Presbyterian Church in Westfield, and led the campaign to save the steeple.

He was a Past President of the Westfield Historical Society and continued to serve as a trustee. He was on the board of the Friends of Mindowaskin Park, and recently assisted in the creation of the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was one of the founding members of the Black River Fish and Game Club in northern New Jersey, and was also a member of the Anglers' Club of New York and a past editor of the Anglers' Club Bulletin.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Claire Dannefer, in 1991.

Surviving are a son, John Brownell of Grand Island, Nebraska; two daughters, Susan Dailey of Kalispell, Montana and Joan Brownell of Fish-tail, Montana, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 13, at 11 a.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Nature Conservancy, the ALS Foundation or the Claire Brownell Memorial Garden through The Westfield Foundation.

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

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Bishop Clarence Harper, 73, Pastor; Was Awarded Doctorate of Theology

Bishop Clarence Harper, 73, of Linden died on Friday, February 27, in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Elizabeth.

Born in Westfield, he had moved to Linden 35 years ago.

Mr. Harper served as Pastor and Bishop of the Full Gospel Church in New Brunswick since 1979. He was also the Dean of the Full Gospel Bible Institute in New Brunswick.

He had worked as a receiving clerk for American Cyanamid Company

Catherine Robinson, 57

Catherine Robinson, 57, died on Sunday, March 1, at her home in Plainfield.

Born in Camden, South Carolina, she had lived in Plainfield for 30 years.

Mrs. Robinson was a member of the Cathedral Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Lawrence Robinson; two daughters, Susan E. White and Karen D. Robinson, both of Plainfield; three sons, Anthony Robinson of Plainfield, Darrin Robinson of Easton, Pennsylvania, and Lawrence Robinson, Jr. of Seattle; four sisters, Ruth Nelson of Plainfield and Elizabeth Hedgepeth, Willa Mae Brown and Louise Keets, all of Scotch Plains; a brother, Arthur Henderson of Monroe, North Carolina; 13 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 4, at the Cathedral Second Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 600 First Avenue, Raritan, 08869.

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Catherine Mowen, 94, Was Teacher; Member of Congregational Church

Catherine Jeffrey Mowen, 94, of Westfield died on Saturday, March 7, at Union Hospital in Union.

A native of Torrington, Connecticut, she graduated from Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and had studied at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

She had been a teacher of French and Latin at high schools in Connecticut and New Jersey and was later employed as a home instructor by the Westfield Board of Education and as a foreign language tutor.

Mrs. Mowen was an active member of the First Congregational

Church of Westfield.

Surviving are two daughters, Eleanor Kovach of Wilmington, Delaware and Carol Jordan, of Willington, Connecticut; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield, 07090.

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NEWLY RENOVATED...The Dooley Colonial Home on Westfield Avenue in Westfield has reopened after 10 months, following the completion of extensive renovations which included the remodeling and enlargement of the building. An open house is scheduled for this Sunday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. until noon, at which time the public is invited to see the improvements first hand.

Dooley Colonial Funeral Home Reopens Following Renovation

The Dooley Colonial Home in Westfield is reopening after being closed for the last 10 months. The building has been extensively remodeled and enlarged.

A new visitation room was added in the back of the building, handicapped accessible bathrooms installed on the main floor, asbestos ceilings removed and a new roof put up.

"We know that we inconvenienced many of the families that we serve, but there was really no way to keep the building open during the construction. We know that these renovations were needed, and we have tried to work in all of the suggestions that people have made over the years about how to improve our funeral home," said Charles V. Dooley, the manager of the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford.

The funeral home has been at its present location, on Westfield Avenue near Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, since 1956.

The business was founded by Charles E. Dooley on North Avenue in Cranford in 1913. The existing Cranford home was constructed on the same site of the original building in 1962.

The business was continued after his death in 1922 by Charles E. Dooley's wife, Elizabeth Kelly Dooley until 1933. At that point their son, also Charles E. Dooley, and his brother, Frank, took over the business.

Charles E. Dooley and his wife, Carolyn Daubert Dooley, had moved to Westfield in June of 1929 and settled on Washington Street.

They moved to Elm Street in 1944 but their request to open a funeral home there was denied by the town. At that point, a friend of theirs, George

Hamrah, sold them the property at 556 Westfield Avenue in 1955.

"Unfortunately, my grandfather was not able to do everything that he would have liked to when the original construction was done," said Charles V. Dooley. "Also, over the years a number of nagging problems became apparent in the building. I think that we have taken care of everything possible this time."

Charles E. Dooley was the manager of the Westfield funeral home until 1981 when Frank Dooley died. Frank had managed the Dooley Funeral Home in Cranford.

Their sons, Joseph and Frank, Jr., became the managers of the Westfield and the Cranford funeral homes, respectively. Joseph retired in 1997, but his son, John, is the new manager of the Westfield home. John's brother Charles V. Dooley manages the Cranford funeral home. Frank, Jr. is now the General Manager and oversees both funeral homes.

Although the funeral home's founder's son, Charles E. Dooley, died in 1987, Carolyn, his widow, herself a licensed funeral director since 1949, will be 92 this year.

In terms of the renovations, visitors will first notice the new porticoed side entrance.

"We wanted a parking lot entrance that would be more convenient," said Charles V. Dooley. "Now passengers can be dropped off in a sheltered space right before the door."

Minor changes were made to the parking lot, but no parking spaces were lost due to the construction. Inside, the funeral home is newly decorated, and re-carpeted and much of the antique furniture has been reupholstered and restored.

A new air conditioning and heating system were added and much of the existing ducting removed in order to raise the ceilings. The rooms now have an airier, more open feeling, said Charles V. Dooley, a theme that is carried over into the rest of the decorations.

"We have always felt that people in mourning do not need a dark or oppressive atmosphere. Too many funeral homes seem to give the impression of a school gym or a dank basement," added John Dooley.

"We want visitors here to feel comfortable and at ease. My great-grandfather (Charles E. Dooley) founded The Dooley Funeral Service with very definite ideas on service and compassion. My father (Joseph Dooley) and grandfather (Charles E. Dooley) continued that tradition, and so will I," said John Dooley.

There will be an open house at the Westfield funeral home this Sunday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

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Gray's

Memorial Funeral Home

— Directory to Houses of Worship —

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-8047
Reverend Robert Griffiths

BETH EL BAPTIST CHURCH
539 Trinity Place, Westfield
(908) 232-4250
Reverend Kevin Clark

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
1781 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-5556
Bishop Kirk Bristol

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Deer Path & Meeting House Lane, Mountainside
(908) 232-9490
Reverend Christopher R. Belden

CONGREGATION ARI YEHUDA
1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(732) 541-4849
(Rear entrance of Assembly of God Church)

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
1920 Cliffwood Street, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-1830
Rabbi George Nudell

ECHO LAKE CHURCH OF CHRIST
419 Springfield Avenue, Westfield
(908) 233-4946
Dr. Ellis Long

EVANGEL CHURCH
1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9300
Reverend Kevin M. Brennan

FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Martine Avenue & La Grande Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 889-8891
Reverend Stephanie Miller-McLane

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
170 Elm Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2278
Dr. Robert L. Harvey

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
257 Midway Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 322-8461

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
422 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 233-5029

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
125 Elmer Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2494
Reverend Dr. John G. Wightman

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1171 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9222
Reverend Sam Chong

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2278
Reverend David F. Harwood

GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1100 Boulevard, Westfield
(908) 233-3938 or (908) 232-4403
Reverend Stanford M. Sutton, Jr.

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield
(908) 233-8533
Reverend Dimitrios Antokas

HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Westfield Avenue & First Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8137
Reverend Joseph Masiello

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RC CHURCH
1571 South Martine Avenue, Westfield
(908) 889-2100
Reverend John F. Kennedy

MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL
1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside
(908) 232-3456
Reverend Dr. Gregory Hagg

OUR LADY OF LOURDES RC CHURCH
300 Central Avenue, Mountainside
(908) 232-1162
Reverend Patrick J. Leonard

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD
140 Mountain Avenue
(908) 233-0301
Reverend Dr. William Ross Forbes

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
229 Cowperthwaite Place, Westfield
(908) 232-1517
Reverend Paul E. Kritsch

ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2032 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5192
Reverend Michael A. Merlucci

ST. HELEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield
(908) 232-1214
Reverend Monsignor James A. Burke

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
2387 Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-6972
Reverend Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.

ST. LUKE'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH
500 Donner Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2547
Reverend Leon E. Randall

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
414 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8506
Reverend Richard W. Reid

SCOTCH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
333 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5487
Reverend Linda Hart

TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH
111 Valley Road, Clark
(732) 381-8403
Rabbi Shawn B. Zell

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
756 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-6770
Rabbi Charles A. Krolloff

TERRILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
1340 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-7151
Michael C. Seaman

TERRILL ROAD BIBLE CHAPEL
535 Terrill Road, Fanwood
(908) 322-4055

WILLOW GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-5678
Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel

WOODSIDE CHAPEL
5 Morse Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 889-2375



DEDICATION DAY... The congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains held the dedication of their new outdoor church sign on February 15, as a sign of their witness and ministry to the community. The sign was dedicated in honor and memory of loved ones by friends and members of the congregation. Those who participated in the ceremony included the Reverend James White, Jack Lay, Bill Machrone, Nicola Crisp, Melissa Tourjee, Laura Galbraith, Tom Sweet and Pastor Sam Chong. Refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall after the dedication ceremony.

New Music Director Named At Community Presbyterian

The Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside has appointed Eric Jorgenson to the position of Music Director.

Mr. Jorgenson was formerly Director of Music at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Ambler, Pennsylvania, and at the Jenkintown, Pennsylvania United Methodist Church.

The music program at the church includes a large Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, three children's choirs, and a two-manual pipe organ.

In addition to these duties, Mr. Jorgenson will oversee "the recently-established Mountainside Chorale and Chamber Players" which will give members of the community an opportunity to hear professional concerts and recitals locally.

The first concert planned is Haydn's "The Creation," to be performed at the church on Sunday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m. The oratorio will be performed in its entirety by a 45-voice chorus, a 30-piece professional orchestra and soloists.

The "Mountainside Chorale" includes members from not only the church and the local community, but also from New York, Pennsylvania, and other parts of New Jersey.

Mr. Jorgenson holds masters degrees in cello performance from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia and in voice and opera from Temple University in Philadelphia.

He has also studied at the Franz Schubert Institute in Baden, Austria and at the Conductor's Institute.

First Baptist Offering Class in Biomedical Ethics This Sunday

The Pastor's Class on Christian Perspectives at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street, begins a special series of discussions on biomedical ethics Sunday, March 15, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

"Current happenings, such as paying human egg donors thousands of dollars, harvesting body parts from executed Chinese, and creating a newborn identical twin of a 7-year-old by implanting an embryo frozen for seven years raise ethical questions," a church spokeswoman explained.

Among the questions that will be covered during the series are when does life begin? who decides?, and what is the meaning of life?

Dr. Robert Hanover, Senior Minister at First Baptist, and Paula Bistak, a health professional and doctoral student in biomedical ethics, will teach the class. Visitors are welcome. Please call (908) 233-2278 for more information.

Catholic Golden Age To Hear Talk on Safety By Former Police Chief

The Scotch Plains Chapter of Catholic Golden Age will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

Attendees are invited to bring guests, and are also asked to bring a donation to the food bank. Those coming to the meeting are asked to enter on the rectory side of the building.

Anthony J. Parenti, Director of the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains and former Police Chief of Fanwood, will be the featured speaker.

Mr. Parenti will discuss "Senior Security Measures," with an emphasis on driving precautions, home security, precarious walking, and other topics. An open question period will follow.

Reservations are being accepted for the following trips:

- Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, Wednesday, March 25. The cost of the trip is \$18 per person.
- Hunt's Landing Day Trip, Monday, April 20, Country/Western Festival, featuring food, entertainment, dancing and contests throughout the day. The cost of the trip is \$43 per person.
- Hawaii "Fun Ship" Trip in the fall. The event is currently booked, so there are standby possibilities only.

Sisterhood Group At Temple Beth El To Meet March 17

Karen Platt, Program Vice President of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El of Cranford, has announced that Dr. Ralph Oriscello will speak to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El on "Medical Ethics" at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 17.

Dr. Oriscello is the Director of the Department of Medicine and Emergency Services at Elizabeth General Medical Center. He is Board Certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, critical care medicine and bioethics and medical humanities.

Rita Schwartz and Sandra Springer, Co-Presidents, will preside at a short business meeting.

The meeting, which will take place at the Synagogue, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford at 8 p.m., is open to the public. For more information, please call the temple office at (908) 276-9231.

Temple Emanu-El to Host 'Shabbat Across America'

Members of Westfield's Jewish community will gather at Temple Emanu-El in display of Jewish revitalization and interdenominational unity on Friday, March 20.

Conceived and organized by the National Jewish Outreach Program, "Shabbat Across America" represents a united effort by Judaism's four major movements to renew interest in observing a weekly day of rest — Shabbat in Hebrew.

Temple Emanu-El will be one of innumerable synagogues across the continent that will simultaneously open its doors to practicing and non-practicing Jews alike.

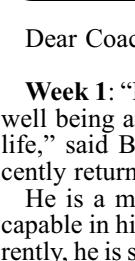
Led by Rabbis Renee Goldberg and Mary Zamore and Cantor Martha Novick, attendees will experience a traditional Shabbat dinner with all the rituals explained at 6:15 p.m., and an interactive Friday night service at 8:15 p.m.

Designed to teach a generation of unaffiliated Jews about the "beauty and significance" of the Jewish Sabbath, Shabbat Across America is the first nationally orchestrated program of its size to appeal to members of all major Jewish denominations.

It is also the first and only program aimed at uniting Jews across the United States and Canada through one single event, a Temple Emanu-El spokesman explained.

Located at 756 Best Broad Street in Westfield, Temple Emanu-El has 1,110 member families from Westfield and surrounding communities.

DEAR COACH
Bob Seeks to Live From Heart Where There Isn't Cramping



By James Colvin - Personal & Business Coach

Dear Coach,

Week 1: "I want a greater sense of well being and more balance in my life," began Bob. "On the beach I valued the idea of space in relationship to time...It produced a light, open feeling."

I requested that he keep that inner image and be aware of anything cramping him.

Bob: "I have a hard time saying what I want and defer to what I think other people expect."

Coach: "What would it take to be truly selfish?"

Bob: "Don't know."

Coach: "What has to shift?"

Bob: "My belief that it is O.K. for me...to care for myself."

Coach: "So the shift is for you to take responsibility for yourself and to ask others for exactly what you want."

Comments: Bob struggles to live from his heart, that place "where there is no cramping." Having permission from an outside source helps him accept that this is all right, but the reader can feel the struggle.

Ongoing coaching will involve encouragement of living not only from the head, where many educated people are trapped, but also from the heart.

Week 2: Bob forgot to call.

Week 3: He began his call by apologizing, saying that he was so preoccupied with work that he never looked at his calendar for the day. (An example of what I call the "adrenaline lifestyle," being hurried, harried and incomplete with much.) He was still feeling swamped as he prepared to leave for a brief Florida vacation.

Coach: What needs to shift.

Bob: I need help with time management — I procrastinate a lot.

Coach: You need more of a sense of space.

Bob: That sounds right, because I feel enslaved by the clock. Then he remembered a phrase from Job, "The Spirit creates a broad vast space in which there is no cramping." (I felt really connected to Bob at that moment.)

Working with this great wisdom, I suggested that on vacation Bob consider enjoying the "broad vast space" of being away and contemplate how to design his life, co-creating space with God. He said, "Often I react rather than create."

Week 4: "The break was too short.

Temple Emanu-El To Hold Carnival On Sunday, March 22

Editor's Note: The following is being republished due to an error in last week's paper regarding the date of the carnival.

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.

Temple Beth O'r/Torah To Celebrate 40th Year, Efforts of the Raviches

Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah in Clark will pay tribute to distinguished community leaders David and Elaine Ravich by dedicating in their honor a commemorative ad journal marking the conservative synagogue's 40th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of Israel.

The Raviches, longtime residents of Clark who also maintain a home in Delray Beach, Florida, are "sterling paradigms of leadership whose abiding commitment, creative vision, and far-reaching beneficence have made an indelible imprint on our synagogue, the Jewish community in our area, across the United States, in Israel and around the world," said Sue Margulies, a general Chairman of the temple's two-day anniversary celebration and long-time friend of the honorees.

Set for Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, at the temple, 111 Valley Road in Clark, the celebration will include a special Friday evening service dedicated to "Israel at 50" and featuring a guest speaker and the temple's religious school children; a Shabbat (Saturday) morning service highlighting the synagogue's numerous multigenerational families, and a Saturday evening gala dinner-dance, at which the Raviches will be cited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ravich have held membership at Temple Beth O'r since they moved to Clark 35 years ago. Prior to this, they were members of Temple Beth Torah in Rahway, which merged with Beth O'r in 1991, for 12 years.

Mr. Ravich, an attorney, is a former Municipal Judge in Clark and has been a Temple board member. Mrs. Ravich, who spearheaded the development of the Temple's Sisterhood, is a past President of the synagogue.

Mrs. Ravich has been a Vice President of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and is now Torah Fund Chairwoman at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Mr. Ravich, who founded the Jew-

Passover Tastings Planned by Ketubah

The next event of the B'nai B'rith Ketubah Couples Unit (ages 40 and over) will be Passover Tastings. There is no cost, but each couple is asked to bring a dairy or parve Passover dish for other couples to taste.

This event will be held at a member's home in Hazlet on Sunday, March 22, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Interested persons are asked to call Paula at (732) 739-2125 to obtain directions and tell what dish they will be bringing. All non-members are also invited to attend.

American Baptist Women To Hold Annual Luncheon

The American Baptist Women of First Baptist Church will hold their annual corned beef and cabbage luncheon to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the lounge of the church.

Both men and women are invited to the luncheon and fellowship. The church is located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

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First United Methodist Begins China Mission Series March 15

First United Methodist Church of Westfield will begin a three-week mission education series entitled "China: A Mission Study," this Sunday, March 15.

The first session will begin at 9:45 a.m. and is entitled "The Enduring Church: Christians in Communist China." The session will be led by Bob and Janet Soong.

In the evening there will be a special session entitled "Traveling China," featuring Dave and Alberta Jacobs' "show and tell" with displays and reflections by Ginny and Wilson Jackson. The public is invited to attend the session and a Chinese dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

The second session will be held on Sunday, March 22, at 9:45 a.m. at which time Dr. John Lim will present a program called "Americans in Mission with Churches in China."

The final session, "Is China Democratizing?," with Dr. Homer Hall, Westfield Town Historian, will be held Sunday, March 29, at 9:45 a.m. Dr. Hall will provoke a dialogue of American Christian concerns, and of the American government's foreign policy.

Pre-registration for the March 15 dinner is required. To register or to gain further information, please contact the church office at (908) 233-4211.

The church is located at 1 East Broad Street.

Raritan Woodwind Quintet Due Tomorrow at Calvary

The Raritan Woodwind Quintet will perform tomorrow, Friday, March 13, at 8 p.m. as part of the Calvary Concert Series at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street in Cranford.

All professional musicians individually, the members of the Raritan Woodwind Quintet have performed together extensively for the past three years. They are all currently music students at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

In their program at Calvary, they will be performing music by Nielson, Ligotti, Villalobos and Rossini as a full quintet, as individuals and in small groups.

Group members include flutist Kevin Willois, Andrea Imre on the oboe, clarinetist Kenneth Ellison, Kevin Viscariello playing the French horn, and Ivy Haga on the bassoon.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens, students with identification and children.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Calvary Lutheran Church at (908) 276-2418. They will also be sold at the door on a space available basis. For information about the concert series, please call the church office at the above telephone number.

First Congregational Chorus to Perform Rossini Masterpiece

The Festival Chorus and Soloists of the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street, will present Rossini's masterpiece, the *Stabat Mater*, on March 15 at 10 a.m. during the Sunday worship service. The public is invited to attend.

The performance will be directed by Dr. Barbara Thomson, and feature soloists Lynne Marie Dolce, soprano; Linda Cowan, mezzo-soprano; Rodne Brown, tenor, and Wilbur Lewis, bass-baritone.

The chorus plays a supporting role in several of the movements, much like an opera chorus, but gains prominence during the powerful fugue which closes the work, according to a church spokeswoman.

All four soloists for this presentation have opera credentials, and have sung with various opera companies in this country and abroad, the spokeswoman said.

Catholic Singles Set Game/Dessert Night

The Young Single Catholic Adults Club, a non-profit organization, will be sponsoring a Game/Dessert Night on Saturday, March 21, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Singles between the ages of 25 and 45 are invited to attend. Admission is \$2 for those bringing a dessert, and \$4 for those who do not bring a dessert.

For further information, please call Mike at (732) 679-9012 or Jim at (732) 382-2754.

Interfaith Singles To Gather Sunday

Singles 45 and over will gather at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15, to enjoy refreshments and view a current movie on the giant screen at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

There is no charge, and newcomers are welcome. This interfaith group meets at 9 a.m. every Sunday for continental breakfast and discussion of the single life. Please call (908) 233-2278 for more information.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

BAUM ROLLS A 655 SERIES; ROSENBLATT HITS 621

Blue Devil Bowlers Capture Second in North Sectionals

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

The Westfield High School bowlers turned in their finest performance of the year; however, the North Jersey Section 2 high school bowling title went to the Union High School bowlers, who were simply sizzling on the Bell Clair Lanes in Montclair on February 28. When all the smoke had cleared, the Farmers had totaled a 3,041-pin count, followed by the blazing Blue Devils with a 2,995.

Rolling against a superb Nutley High School team, the allies burned, as the Blue Devils crushed 1,020 pins in the first game. Brett Rosenblatt smashed a 246; Evan Baum hit a 201, and Scott Bridgeman shattered the pins with a 247. At that point, the Blue Devils held the lead. In the meantime, the Farmers (Union), several lanes away, rolled a 968.

In game two, embers were still crackling as the Blue Devils rolled another fine game, knocking down 1,002 pins. Baum bowled a 217; Tim Caprario came up with a 200; Bridgeman mashed a 199; Rosenblatt blasted a 194, and Dan Rock rolled with a 192. The Farmers reaped the benefits of an amazing 1,041 game. At that point, the Blue Devils held a 13-pin lead.

Still hot, the Blue Devils charred the pins in the third game with a 973. Baum had a 237; Rock threw a 202, and Caprario cashed in a 191. Midway through the third game, Bridgeman pulled a groin muscle, and a big decision had to be made whether or not to continue. Union combined and turned the pins to ashes with a whopping 1,032 to pull out of its second-place position and claim first.

"I had a big decision to make," expressed Blue Devil Head Coach Mike

Tirone. "He told me that he could continue bowling. He was obviously hindered by the injury. If I took him (Bridgeman) out, that would mean that he would lose his opportunity to be the state singles champion, so I decided to leave him in the game. Unfortunately, he opened the next three or four frames and ended up with a 162."

Although losing out to the Farmers for the title, the Blue Devils won their match with Nutley, 5-2. That head-on win elevated Westfield's record to 16-1.

Baum had the third-highest series in the tournament with a 655, and Rosenblatt placed ninth with a 621. The high series was rolled by Byron Martin of Montclair, who shot a 701. Rob Hill of Nutley came in second with a 672 series.

Last week, at the county tournament, the Blue Devils beat the Farmers by nearly 500 pins. The Linden High School team, which had won the Union County title, wound up in the 2,400 range.

Tirone commented, "We did extremely well. It was probably the best we have done all year. Our goal was obviously to be the sectional champions, but basically it's important to be one of the three teams which qualified to get the opportunity to be the state champions."

Advancement to the state championship is more difficult in bowling. Most high school sports are divided into groups by the total enrollment of students, then the top three finishers from each group advance. With bowling, all the groups are combined; then only the three top finishers from that entire mass of schools will advance to the state championship.

"We are always there. We are always one of the top teams. So far, we have not been able to beat the number one team," concluded Tirone.

The last time the Blue Devils had won the state championship was in 1994. In that season, the Blue Devils also placed second in the sectionals. The NJSIAA bowling finals were held on March 7 at Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

BLUE DEVIL BOWLING MENTOR...Westfield High School Bowling Head Coach Mike Tirone takes time to relax during the finals of the Union County Interscholastic Bowling Tournament held at Clark Lanes. The Blue Devils did quite well and placed second to a very hot Linden High School team.

MCKEON AND VINEGRA SCORE; DEVITT REBOUNDS

Lady Devils Defeat Plainfield; Fall to Bloomfield in Sections

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

The Westfield High School girls' basketball team's season came to a halt when the Blue Devils lost a 51-32 decision against the 13th ranked Bloomfield High School girls in the quarterfinals of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 Tournament on March 5. Two days prior the Blue Devils dominated the Plainfield Cardinals for the second time this season and came away with a convincing 65-37 win.

On March 3, the Blue Devils improved upon an earlier season success against the Cardinals when they won, 54-42. In the first quarter, the Blue Devils stormed out to a 10-0 surge when junior Liz McKeon sank back-to-back jumpers.

By the end of the quarter, the Blue Devils firmly held a 24-6 lead. Seniors Suzanne Vinegra and Vicki Nusse led that offensive bonfire with five points apiece.

Five minutes into the first quarter, the Blue Devil defense played a strong 2-3 zone, limiting the Cardinals to outside shots. Senior Megan Devitt was a dominating force on the defensive glass, claiming five rebounds throughout the quarter.

Devitt said, "I thought that we played a very aggressive zone in the first quarter which allowed our transition game to

emerge. Everyone on defense stepped up and that's how we were able to jump out to a big lead."

The Blue Devils' onslaught calmed down a bit in the second quarter. Westfield received four points from McKeon in the first two minutes as the Blue Devils pushed the lead to 28-6. One minute later, the Cardinals went on a 10-2 scoring spree and chopped the Blue Devils' lead to 30-16.

Not to be outdone, the Blue Devils retaliated with Devitt posting up and scoring four points from the paint. Westfield held a 36-19 advantage at the completion of the half.

Defensive domination by the Blue Devils continued in the third quarter. The intense and aggressive zone plagued the Cardinals with missed shots and turnovers. Seniors Missy Franz, Heather Simpson and Annie Ruvolo contributed solid performances on defense while Vinegra and McKeon combined for stellar performances on offense. A three-point play by Vinegra and two foul shots by McKeon presented Westfield with a 48-27 lead with just a few minutes left in the quarter. By the end of the quarter, the Blue Devils led 53-29.

The Blue Devil underclassmen consisting of sophomores Emily Lieberman,

Valerie Griffeth and freshman Carolyn Matthew accounted for 8 of the 12 fourth-quarter points.

McKeon led the scoring attack with 21 points and Vinegra was a close second with 19. Devitt contributed 10 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Nusse tossed in eight. Ruvolo, Simpson and Matthew all scored two apiece.

McKeon said, "I was very happy to win against Plainfield. Everyone on the team made a great effort on offense as well as defense. The win was a total team effort."

On March 5, the Blue Devils fell to Bloomfield in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 tournament. The Blue Devils got out to a sluggish start and trailed the entire game before losing, 51-32. Vinegra threw in 10 points and McKeon sank eight while Devitt and Nusse had six points apiece. Emily Lieberman added two points.

Simpson said, "It was a disappointing loss. Bloomfield was a great team and they had a lot of talent."

The Blue Devils ended their season with a respectable 15-6 record

FIRST ROUND:					
Plainfield (10-12)	6	13	10	8	37
Westfield (15-5)	24	12	17	12	65
QUARTERFINALS:					
Westfield (15-6)	5	7	7	13	32
Bloomfield (22-2)	13	10	17	11	51



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CLEARING THE REBOUND...Blue Devil Suzanne Vinegra, left, grabs the rebound and yanks it away from a Cardinal player as Megan Devitt, No. 42, and Vicki Nusse, No. 11, begin to run down court. The Blue Devils won 65-37



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
CONCENTRATION...Liz McKeon concentrates on her free throw.

Orange Boys Sour Raider Hoopsters

Duquan Everett and Jamaal Cooper sank 25 and 23 points, respectively, as the Orange High School boys' basketball team soured the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School team, 60-50, in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 quarterfinals in Scotch Plains on March 4.

The Raiders lost ground in each of the four quarters. Raider senior Don Pateron struck for 17 points, and junior Ben Martinez hit for 13. Dave Gewirtz and Ron Jenerette had seven points each, and Jeff Feighner put in six points.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball squad had a marvelous season and, at one point, were undefeated at 10-0. The Raiders finished their season with a 16-7 record. Orange upped its record to 15-4 and advanced to the semifinals.

Orange	12	9	16	23	60
ScPlns-Fanwood	9	8	14	19	50

Blue Devil Boys Reveal Final Basketball Stats

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

Although finishing with an 8-11 record, the Westfield High School boys' basketball team have a hopeful future. With a little luck, the Blue Devils could have finished 12-7, having dropped three games in overtime and a thriller to rival Cranford High School. Four starters will be returning, and only two starters will be lost to graduation.

The two senior starters, Rob McCullam and Greg Freisen, have, however, had a major impact. McCullam scored 193 points which was the second-highest on the team. McCullam led the starters with



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SLIDING THE ARM BAR...Blue Devil Mike Baly works a slide arm-bar maneuver on Barry Stein of Union High School. Baly won by a 20-5 technical fall over Stein in 4:22 at the 162-pound class.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
DOUBLE-LEG TAKEDOWN...Raider Luke Cerchio drives through Chris King of Roselle Park in his 147-pound bout on March 4. Cerchio wrestled very well and crowned King, 14-3.

BALY CAPTURES THIRD; FEELEY PLACES FOURTH

Tezucar Grabs Region 3 Mat Title; Melendez Gets Second

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

Westfield High School wrestler Onur Tezucar won the 147-lb. championship and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School wrestler Tony Melendez just missed winning the 127-lb. title at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Region 3 wrestling tournament held at Union High School on March 7. Tezucar and Melendez, along with Blue Devil 162-pound wrestler Mike Baly, advanced to the Super Region Tournament.

Tezucar began his march to the 147-lb. championship by trampling Attila Vigilante of Brearley (Kenilworth) in 1:50. In the semifinals, Tezucar won by a 7-4 decision over Matt Arellano of Hanover Park. In the title bout against Jon Gorelov of Millburn, Tezucar jumped to a 5-1 lead in the first period, scoring on a single-leg takedown and a three-point tilt. Tezucar added a takedown in the second period; then Gorelov picked up a penalty point and a reversal in the third.

"I never wrestled him (Gorelov) before. I just wrestled the way I normally do. I had no changes in my bout strategy," commented Tezucar.

At 127, Melendez eliminated Louis Ott of Rahway in the quarterfinals; then earned his way to the finals by defeating Brendan Kauffman of Delbarton, 2-0, scoring on a first period single-leg takedown.

In the 127-lb. finals, first-seeded Nick Cilentio of Colonia scored a spin-behind takedown to take a 2-0 first-period lead. The decisive period in the bout was the

second where Cilentio scored a reversal, then caught Melendez in a three-point nearfall to go ahead, 7-0. Melendez rallied, picking up an escape and a penalty point as the period ended. Melendez came on strong in the third, adding two escapes, a penalty point and a takedown, while Cilentio added a takedown to hold on for a 9-7 win.

At 162, Baly quickly went to work on Barry Stein of Union, scoring on a double-leg to spin-behind takedown. Baly added another takedown after letting Stein escape; then went on to add seven more takedowns and a two-point tilt to win by a 20-5 technical fall in 4:22.

After losing in the semifinals to the eventual champion Chris Madia of Parsippany Hills, Baly avenged an earlier loss in the Union County title bout by beating Kevin Kolbeck of Roselle Park in the consolation bout, 7-3. Baly nailed Kolbeck with a takedown; then Kolbeck escaped as the first period ended. Baly increased his lead to 5-1 when he added an escape and another takedown. Kolbeck picked up an escape and a penalty point, but Baly sealed the victory by getting another takedown.

Raider heavyweight Jim Feeley advanced to the semifinals by crumpling Vinnie Grossi of Whippany Park with a 15-3 majority decision, but fell victim to first-seeded Antonio Garay of Rahway.

In the consolation, against Mike Munoz of Roselle Park, Feeley scored on a double-leg takedown; then Munoz added an escape. Munoz added another escape to tie the bout 2-2, but hit Feeley with a

double-leg takedown, then pinned him with a half-nelson in 3:09.

Blue Devil District 11 Champ Nick Friedman was stopped by runner-up Chris Johnson of South Plainfield in the 142-lb. Quarterfinals, and Raider 217-lb. District 12 Champ Frank Thorne was edged, 9-6, by Pat Appello of Roselle Park in the quarterfinals.

Raider Luke Cerchio annihilated Chris King of Roselle Park, 14-3, at 147. Cerchio got a spin-behind takedown in the first period, added a blazing escape in less than two seconds in the second period, then, moments later, nailed King with a lateral drop and picked up a nearfall to go ahead 8-0. King added two escapes, but Cerchio got a double-leg takedown and added a nearfall. King added an escape in the third period, but Cerchio slicked behind for another takedown to finalize the scoring. In the quarterfinals, Cerchio lost a 3-2 heartbreaker to Arellano of Hanover Park.

Raider Josh Ricca, pinned Romaine Cochrane of Columbia in 5:09 in the 154-lb. preliminaries. After being taken down, Ricca quickly scored a reverse; but Cochrane escaped to go ahead, 3-2. Ricca received a penalty point, but Cochrane escaped and added a takedown to take a 6-3 lead.

Cochrane increased his lead to 8-4; however, Ricca slid into another gear. Ricca slicked Cochrane with a single-leg shoot-through takedown; then crunched him in a head lock pinning combination. In the quarterfinals, Ricca was stopped by Todd DeWitt of Johnson (Clark) in 4:50.

On March 4, Raider Dave Loewinger was pinned by Joe Ruggerio of Brearley (Kenilworth) in :23 with cradle from the takedown in the 105-pound class. Raider Charlie Triplet dropped a 7-0 decision to Omar Smith from Barringer at 121. At 191, Raider Tony Zardecki nailed Tom O'Reilly of Rahway with a double-leg takedown; then added a spin-behind takedown after O'Reilly escaped. In the second period, Zardecki escaped to go ahead, 5-2; however, O'Reilly caught Zardecki in a lateral drop takedown and pinned him in 3:21.

At 132, Blue Devil Jeff Kivetz fell to Pat Hu of Parsippany in 1:42. Kivetz scored first with a single-leg takedown; however, Hu quickly reversed him and clamped him with a cradle.

At 154, Blue Devil Mike Kivetz came out on the rocky side of a rock-and-roll bout with Mike Conway of Morristown. Kivetz hit Conway with a lateral drop takedown, but Conway escaped. Kivetz spun behind for another takedown, but Conway added a reverse, then caught Kivetz on his back. Kivetz broke loose and reversed Conway to tie the score 6-6; but, in the second period, Conway reversed Kivetz and pinned him with a half nelson in 3:06.

REGIONAL FINALS: (*Won-Loss Record) (Union Co. Wrestlers)

- 103: — Rick LaForge (*29-2) Delbarton
- d. Mike Picharallo (*26-6) Parsippany, 14-7
- 112: — Brett Vanderveer (*25-2) Governor Livingston d. Tommy Doerr (*28-3) South Plainfield, 3-2.
- 119: — Rich Sachsel (*25-2) New Providence md. Joe Herits (*23-5), Colonia, 18-9
- 125: — Nick Cilentio (*28-0) Colonia d. Tony Melendez (*24-6) Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 9-7
- 130: — Craig Frost (*31-1) Roselle Park md. Shaun Stueber (*25-4) Rahway, 11-2
- 135: — James LaValle (*27-0) Hanover Park p. Joe Salerno (*22-4) Chatham,

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DEADLINE INFO.

Sports deadlines are:
All sports that take place during the week **MUST** be submitted by **FRIDAY, 4 P.M.** Weekend sports **ONLY** will be accepted **up till Noon on Monday.** Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RETHINKING GAME STRATEGY...During half time of a game against Union, the Westfield High School boys basketball team listens to Head Coach Kevin Everly, kneeling left, as he explains what must be done to get back into the game.



GRABBING THE LOOSE BALL...Blue Devil junior Tom Langton, No. 50, along with two Cranford High School Cougar players look down at Blue Devil senior Greg Freisen, No. 31, who grabs possession of the basketball.



MAINTAINING CONTROL...Raider Tony Melendez, top, gains control of Nick Cilento of Colonia in the 127-pound title bout. Cilento held on to out-point Melendez, 9-7.



RAMMING HIM TO HIS BACK...Raider Josh Ricca slips behind Romaine Cochrane of Columbia High School and pins him in 5:09 in the 154-pound class.

Blue Devil Boys Reveal Final Basketball Stats

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sists with 39. Boatwright led the team in scoring seven times, and led in rebounds four times.
Junior Lamont Turner, known for his dazzling ball-handling skills, led the Blue Devils in assists with 47, and struck for 183 points which was third-highest on the team. Turner sank 44-63 from the free-throw line and had the season-high game of 28 points for the Blue Devils against Elizabeth. Turner also led the team five times in scoring.

Junior Tom Langton, also known for his shot-blocking skills, was tied for second in rebounds with 67. Langton finished with 57 points, and led the Blue Devils in rebounding five times.

Junior Pete Anzelone contributed 95 points, was 12-16 from the free-throw line, set up eight assists, and yanked down 35 rebounds.

Supporting the starters were seniors Dan Sabreen, Martin Siemoneit and Adam Cohen, as well as juniors Oliver Janney and Matt Rosen. Sabreen contributed 37 points, 10 assists and 27 rebounds. Siemoneit put in 16 points, had six rebounds, and set up two assists. Cohen added two points, one assist and four rebounds. Janney had two points and four rebounds. Rosen scored three points, had an assist, and pulled down three rebounds.

McCullam led the team with three-point shots, sinking an impressive 32 shots. Turner was second in three-point shots with 25, Boatwright was third with 12, and Freisen was fourth with 10.

As a team, the Blue Devils totaled 930 points, hit 160-249 from the free-throw line for 64 percent, and averaged 56 points per game. The Blue Devils also pulled down 383 rebounds, and set up 168 assists.



'SUB' STITUTE FOR EXCELLENCE...January Scholar-Athlete Sage Steffuk, left, holds a giant sub sandwich with Jerry Lipshitz, co-owner of Hershey's Deli located at 221 South Avenue in Westfield. Lipshitz and his partner Mike Sbarro, along with Kehler's Athletic Balance, The Mattress Factory, The Leader Store and Taylor and Love (Century 21) Realtors are sponsors of the Scholar-Athlete program.

Viking Cagers Topple Mount St. Mary, 51-15

One is a lonely number, and that was all the scoring the Mount St. Mary girls got in the first quarter against the Union Catholic High School girls, who zoomed to a 51-15 win in the first round of the Parochial A North Tournament on March 2 in Watchung. Senior Katie Santo led the Viking charge with 10 points and six assists.

Situations did not get much better offensively for Mount St. Mary, as the Vikings allowed only two more points in the second quarter. During the first half, Santo and Devin McDonald each scored seven points, as the Vikings surged to a 25-3 lead.

The Vikings have been on a roll recently, having won 10-straight games and grabbing the Union County Cham-

ampionship. They continued rolling in the right direction, as 10 Vikings found the net successfully while their defense denied Mount St. Mary any significant offense.

McDonald finished with nine points and six rebounds, and Jen Britton sank eight points. Lisa Lott hit five points; Kathryn Rooney, Shrita Smith and Kelly Stretenovic had four points apiece, and Brenda Kaus added three while Jessica Ballweg and Margaret Imbricco scored two points each.

Mount St. Mary slipped to 17-6, while the Vikings improved to 19-4 and were to play top-seeded Paramus Catholic on March 5.

Union Catholic	11	14	16	10	51
Mount St. Mary	1	2	6	6	15

Scotch Plains Sr. Basketball Results

(50+ Age, As of March 6)

American Division:		
Cranford Cougars	9-2	.818
Paterson Wise Guys	8-2	.800
Areana Sports	4-6	.400
Team Law	2-9	.182

National Division:		
Scotch Plains	8-3	.727
Berkeley Heights	6-5	.545
Westfield Pearls	4-7	.364
North Plainfield	2-9	.182

March 1:
Team Law 49 Aces(Monmouth) 27
Cranford Cougars 50 Ft. Monmouth 47

March 2:
Scotch Plains 75 North Plainfield 43
Areana Sports 59 Team Law 47

March 5:
Scotch Plains 49 Westfield Pearls 33
Paterson Wise Guys 49 Areana Sports 30

The Senior basketball season approached its conclusion in final league action at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, as Cranford, Scotch Plains and Paterson picked up wins in the final week to move into the favorites roles in the upcoming playoff tournament, which will include the top five teams from the Scotch Plains loop, to be joined by the top three teams from Monmouth County Action will take place in a weekend tourney, to be played on April 4-5 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

In Monmouth County action, visiting Cranford displayed superior post play in beating host team Ft. Monmouth in a tight game featuring Chip Weiss with 17 points and double figures also from Benny Dunbar and Lou Koehler.

Scotch Plains was given a battle by North Plainfield for a half, but pulled away in the second half. Key contributions for Scotch plains were made by Pete Tierney, Bill Clancy and Tommy Aguirre in the scoring column, with big Joe Zailisky corraling double figures off the backboards.

Scotch Plains then met Westfield, which also stayed with the victors in the first half, trailing only by three points. Scotch Plains pulled away in the second half off a quick five-point run by Aguirre, and later by a number of consecutive scores by Clancy, to pull away for good.

Paterson's squad was ahead of Areana Sports throughout the contest, largely from the jump shooting of Larry Gutler and Tooty Harrell's three-point push shot. Areana was paced by Jim Carovillano and Wayne Schroeder. Team Law showed a good team shooting touch in their game in Monmouth County, defeating the Aces, with double figures scored by Rick Musser and Mike Reitean.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
CONTRACTOR: Gary Jacobson, Esq., Faer, Siegel, and Fersko, 600 South Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

NATURE OF SERVICE: Legal representation for a bankruptcy matter regarding Lot No. 12 in Block No. 4303, formerly owned by 2435 Plainfield Avenue, Inc.

DURATION: Until matter is finalized.
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$7,500.

THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT FOR SAME ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 3/12/98, The Times Fee: \$16.83

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-000195-97.
LUSITANIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, PLAINTIFF vs. ROGERIO M. MENDES AND FLORIAN M. MENDES, H/W/ ET ALS, 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.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 762 Clark Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201.
Tax Lot No. 11 in Block No. 1166.
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 30.00 feet wide by 200.00 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northeasterly side of Parker Road 425.10 feet from the northerly side of Westminster Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$174,398.23 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG, BECKER & ACKERMAN, Attorneys
1139 Spruce Drive
P.O. Box 1024
Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024
1-908-233-8500
File No. XVL 33716
CH-753621 (WL)
4 T - 2/19, 2/26,
3/5 & 3/12/98 Fee: \$177.48

WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., Attorney
737 Stokes Road
P.O. Box 1088
Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962
CH-753617 (WL)
4 T - 2/19, 2/26,
3/5 & 3/12/98 Fee: \$167.26

Tezucar Grabs Region 3 Wrestling Title; Melendez Takes Second Place

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140: — **Donnie DeFilippis (*18-0)** New Providence ff. Chris Johnson (*28-5) South Plainfield, 17-2, 4:18
145: — **Onur Tezucar (*24-3)** Westfield d. Jon Gorelov (*23-5) Millburn, 7-4
152: — **Eric Swick (*32-0)** Roselle Park d. Kevin Langreis (*23-5) Hanover Park, 5-3
160: — **Chris Madia (*27-3)** Parsippany

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.

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 \$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 FULTON STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

Tax Lot No. 510 W03 in Block No. 3.
Dimensions of Lot: approximately 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.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
Attorneys
Suite 201
7 Century Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
CH-753633 (WL)
4 T - 2/26, 3/5,
3/12 & 3/19 Fee: \$179.52

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14670-93.
LUSITANIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, PLAINTIFF vs. ROGERIO M. MENDES AND FLORIAN M. MENDES, H/W/ ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 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 8TH 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 \$156,595.00.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as 43 Erie Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Being also known as Lot No. 6 in Block No. 5 on the Subdivision Map of Frog Hollow, filed July 6, 1987 in the Union County Register's Office as Map No. 769F.

Dimensions: (approximately) 17.50 feet by 100 feet by 17.50 feet by 100.00 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: (approximately) 125.00 feet from Merritt Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$160,704.40 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
Attorneys
1120 Bloomfield Avenue
P.O. Box 1289
West Caldwell, New Jersey 07007-9452
CH-753643 (WL)
4 T - 3/12, 3/19,
3/26 & 4/2/98 Fee: \$173.40

Hills d. **Jason Crutchfield (*24-4)** Rahway, 12-10
171: — **Aaron Morton (*19-2)** Plainfield ff. Vinnie Armenti (*23-5) Madison, 19-4, 4:02
189: — **Nik Fekete (*28-0)** Cranford p. Carl Betz (*28-2) Bayley-Ellard, 1:08 (Olympic Arm Bar)
215: — **Pat Ekstrom (*27-2)** Cranford d. Jeremiah Fleming (*24-5) Columbia, 6-5
Hwt: — **Antonio Garay (*25-0)** Rahway p. Roy Attieh (*24-2) Bayley-Ellard, 1:13 (Head Throw)

CONSOLATIONS:

103: — **Roberto Ramos (22-6)** South Plainfield won by forfeit over **Blake Jackson (23-3)** Rahway
112: — **Dan Shamsudin (25-5)** Parsippany p. Chris Salerno (16-9) Colonia, 5:07
119: — **Anthony Politi (25-6)** Hanover Park p. **Gabe Fonseca (20-8)** Elizabeth, 3:45
125: — **Brendan Kaufman (28-3)** Delbarton d. Brian Costigan (15-8)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"

The purpose of the ordinance:
Exclusion of trucks over four tons on Montague Avenue, except for pick up and delivery of materials on such street.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday March 24, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE
Township Clerk
1 T - 3/12/98, The Times Fee: \$31.62

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-13568-91.
KEY FLORIDA BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. THE ESTATE OF GEORGE SOYKA, JR.; WILLIAM J. SOYKA; ELIZABETH P. SOYKA ET ALS, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 22, 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 8TH 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 \$16,424.71.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 550 BAYWAY AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.
Tax Lot No. 123 in Block No. 4.
Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 100.00 feet wide by 33.34 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the WESTERLY side of BAYWAY, 133.33 feet from the SOUTHERLY side of CLARKSON AVENUE.

There is due approximately the sum of \$17,020.90 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys
406-J Lippincott Drive
Marlton, New Jersey 08053
CH-753646 (WL)
4 T - 3/12, 3/19,
3/26 & 4/2/98 Fee: \$171.36

Parsippany, 10-8
130: — **Scott Desmond (22-6)** Watchung Hills d. Andy Inelli (26-6) Delbarton, 10-7
135: — **Jeff DiPillo (24-5)** Colonia d. **Manny Villaba (21-6)** Elizabeth, 7-5
140: — **Phil Torino (28-3)** Roselle Park d. Matt Shear (24-4) Millburn, 6-4
145: — **Dan Forjone (26-5)** Parsippany Hills d. Matt Arellano (18-13) Hanover Park, 5-4 SD OT
152: — **Todd DeWitt (26-5)** Johnson d. Brian Cassera (21-7) Watchung Hills, 22-20
160: — **Mike Bely (25-3)** Westfield d. **Kevin Kolbeck (26-4)** Roselle Park, 7-3

171: — **Ryan Nichols (25-6)** Hanover Park d. **Mike Mergott (22-9)** Johnson, 3-2
189: — **Almeen Swint (24-4)** Irvington p. Dan Kunst (19-8) South Plainfield, 44:215: — **Ismael Medley (19-8)** Elizabeth d. **Pat Appello (23-6)** Roselle Park, 8-6.

Hwt: — **Mike Munoz (26-4)** Roselle Park p. **Jim Feeley (19-11)** Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 3:07

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 C. Sumislaski 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 (4) (b) (rear yard depth) and for variances on the existing house 93-9A (1) (i) (side yard setback); 93-9A (4) (C) (street side yard setback); 93-9A (1) (h) (front yard depth) on the property at 203 Farley Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 26, Lot No. 7 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 C. Sumislaski
203 Farley Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 3/12/98, the Times Fee: \$27.03

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12855-97.

EMILA KORIKO, PLAINTIFF vs. DAVID POHIDA, GLENN POHIDA, WAYNE POHIDA, DR. JOSEPH GALLETTA 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 8TH 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 \$64,592.54.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 1213 Magnolia Avenue.
Tax Lot No. 11 in Block No. 646A.
Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 30 feet by 78 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: North Broad Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$66,395.60 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
POLLACK & ZUCKERMAN, Attorneys
530 Boulevard
P.O. Box 223
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033-0223
4 T - 3/12, 3/19,
3/26 & 4/2/98 Fee: \$161.16

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 425 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1998 AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING:

PROVIDING A DISPOSAL SITE FOR GRASS CLIPPINGS
BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 127, PL 1975 SUPPLEMENT TO THE LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION), AND MUST PAY WORKMEN THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES PROMULGATED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

PROPOSALS SHALL BE IN WRITING ON THE FORMS FURNISHED AND MUST BE DELIVERED AT THE PLACE AND BEFORE THE HOUR ABOVE MENTIONED, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT, AND A STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP ON THE FORMS INCLUDED IN AND EXPLAINED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER CONTRACT DOCUMENTS MAY ONLY BE SEEN OR PROCURED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, 959 NORTH AVENUE WEST, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, IF IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN, IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE TO DO SO.

KENNETH B. MARSH
TOWN ENGINEER
1 T - 3/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$38.76



UNION COUNTY CHAMPS...Members of the Westfield High School junior varsity girls' basketball team enjoy their victory over Summit High School. Seated, left to right, are: Carolyn Matthews, Kristen Leonardis, Judy Mathew, Valery Wicks. Standing: Coach Paul Smith, Erin McCool, Katie Richards, Lindsey El Koury, Monique Brendel, Courtney Thornton, Mary Ann Benner, Katie Gildea, Kelly Meyer, Chrissy Genova.

Lady JV Blue Devils Seize Union County Hoops Title

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ment and dedication to the team and its goals. Afterwards, the average margin of victory in the remaining seven games was nine points, several which were in the double digits.
Coach Smith said, "During those last few weeks of the season all the girls really rose to a higher level of play." One final detour during that time was the loss of starting guard Lindsey El Koury for the last five games due to a knee injury. This meant that everyone had to step up even more.

Mathew and Katie Richards who took charge of the shooting and ball handling duties, while a more powerful presence under the boards from Katie Gildea, Erin McCool, Thornton, Brendel, Kelly Meyer and Chrissy Genova proved to be the ingredients that spelled success for the Blue Devils down the stretch. The Blue Devils ended their season with a 17-3 record.
To sum it up, Smith commented, "This season has been one of teamwork, determination and progress. The girls were always open to new ideas and demonstrated a real commitment to the team's success. I congratulate all the girls on an unbelievable finish to a great season."



LITTLE RAIDER WRESTLERS...Pictured left to right, first row, Steve Mineo, John Loomis, Matt Fleissner, Tyler Bowman, Sal Gano, Dan Gore, Mike Ridge and Rickey Olsen; second row, Head Coach Tony Melendez, Kevin Urban, Colin Campbell, Andrew Silber, Chris Hambleton, Anthony Ferrente, Matt Loomis, Pat Romeo, Eric Connolly, A.J. Watson and Patrick Mineo; third row, Assistant Coaches Bill Bowman, Mike Ridge and Chuck Silber

Blue Devil Bowlers Finish Ninth in State Tournament

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specialty: Writen for The Westfield Leader and The Times
The Westfield High School bowling team did not roll up to its expectations and wound up in ninth place in the New Jersey Interscholastic Bowling State Championships held at Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick on March 7. The Blue Devils totaled 2,626 and first-place Bergen Catholic totaled 2,960.

Rolling against Seton Hall Prep, the Blue Devils knew they were in trouble when they had trouble adjusting to the lanes and turned in a dismal 848 first game while Seton Hall rolled an 982. Matters did not get much better as the Blue Devils went on to bowl an 890 and an 888. Seton Hall rolled 959 and a 796 to finish in sixth with a 2,737 total.
"It was just one of those days," commented Head Coach Mike Tirone. "Basically, we had trouble adjusting to the lane conditions. We had a dry lane and we could not control the action."
Brett Rosenblatt rolled the fourth highest game of the tournament with a 248 and finished in 15th individually with a 578 total. Evan Baum rolled games of 194, 171 and 197 to total 562 which placed him 19th individually.
Earlier in the season, the Blue Devils had defeated Seton Hall Prep twice; however, this time good fortune was not with the Devils. It was only the second head-

McDONALD RIPS 17 PTS., GRABS 13 Viking Cagers Shatter Paramus Cath. Girls

Senior Devin McDonald fired in 17 points and yanked down 13 rebounds, as the Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team showed its offensive muscle and dethroned first-seeded Paramus Catholic, 51-44, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey Parochial A Tournament in Paramus on March 5.

Rooney and Jen Britton slid through for important layups.
The momentum was on the Vikings' side and it stayed there throughout the final period. The Vikings ripped the net for a decisive 18 points, as Paramus Catholic sank 14.

The Vikings were nearly flawless from the foul line, as they sank 23-27. Rooney finished with 12 points; Britton totaled nine, and Katie Santo sank five while Jessica Ballweg and Lisa Lott added four each. Union Catholic upped its record to 20-4, while Paramus Catholic fell to 21-4.

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Union Catholic	8	11	14	18	51
Paramus Catholic	14	10	6	14	44



CLOSING IN ON THE PUCK...Blue Devils Ronnie Kashlak, No. 19, and Danny Marer, No. 16, close in on the puck during the state playoff game with Heightstown. The Westfield skaters were just beaten by Heightstown, 3-2, on March 6. See additional picture on page 16.

SPF Matmen Capture Third at UC Tourney

Eight teams from Union County met at David Brearley High School for the Union County League Championship Tournament on February 21. Led by Head Coach Tony Melendez and Assistant Coaches Chuck Silber, Mike Ridge and Bill Bowman, the little Scotch Plains-Fanwood matmen captured third place. Nearly all the SPF wrestlers placed in one of the top four spots in each division they entered.

Hambleton.
Seizing second place were Pat Romeo and Tyler Bowman. Aggressively placing third were Andrew Silber, Mike Ridge and Dave Kruglyak. Fourth-place finishes were awarded to matmen Anthony Ferrente, Dan Gore and John Loomis.

Matmen A.J. Watson, Steve Mineo, Dave DeNichilo, Mike DeNichilo, Kevin Urban and Colin Campbell all wrestled aggressively, challenging each of their opponents. Dominating the first-place spot in each of their respective divisions were Matt Loomis, Eric Connolly, Rickey Olsen, Matt DeNichilo, Sal Gano, Matt Fleissner, Patrick Mineo and Chris

The Little Raider matmen have been actively placing in several divisions and have been gearing up for the New Jersey State Wrestling Championship to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29, at Lakewood High School.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on March 5, 1998, the following decisions of the Board were memorialized:

Granted a variance to **Gail Flannery Bronski** to permit the construction of an addition at the property located at **936 Crestwood Road (Block No. 7601, Lot No. 10)**, Scotch Plains.

Granted a variance to **V.M. Brown** to permit the construction of a deck at the property located at **586 Forest Road (Block No. 1402, Lot No. 13)**, Scotch Plains.

Granted a variance to **William Weiss** to permit the construction of an addition at the property located at **1480 Terrill Road (Block No. 14801, Lot No. 17)**, Scotch Plains.

Granted use variances with conditions, a bulk variance and a waiver of site plan approval to **Marke Enterprises, Inc. /a Bowcraft Amusement Park** to permit certain alterations, additions and fencing at the property located at **2545 Route 22 West (Block No. 4802, Lot No. 9)**, Scotch Plains in accordance with plans submitted.

Linda M. Lies Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Township of Scotch Plains
1 T - 3/12/98, The Times Fee: \$33.66

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 Special Meeting on Monday, March 23, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey to hear the application of K. Hovnanian and the Final Major Subdivision Application for Woodland Estates, 1165-1211 Woodland Avenue, Block No. 15801, Lot Nos. 4, 5, 9 and 10.

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, 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.
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RECEIVING THE PASS...Blue Devil Vicki Nusse, No. 11, prepares to receive the pass from teammate Jessica Lutkenhouse, No. 12, during the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 game with Plainfield High School.

Pope John Hoopsters Deter Union Catholic Girls, 36-33

The Union Catholic High School girls' basketball team's winning streak finally came to an end when the Lady Lions of Pope John came from behind to defeat the Vikings, 36-33, in the North Parochial A semifinals in Sparta

on March 7. Donna Dolan scored three points in the waning seconds of the game to give the Lions the victory and a trip to the finals.



After an even first quarter, Pope John bolted to a six-point lead by the half. The Vikings narrowed the gap to one, as the final quarter ended, and took the lead, 33-31, with only 1:40 remaining. Dolan nailed a jumper to tie the game, then added three more in the last :13 to secure the victory.

Senior Kathryn Rooney led the Vikings with 12 points; Devin McDonald finished with 10 points; Katie Santo sank six points; Jen Britton had three, and Shrita Smith scored two points.

Union Catholic finished with a 20-5 record, and Pope John upped its record to 19-5.

Union Catholic	11	9	8	5	33
Pope John	11	15	3	7	36

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 98-07-S AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on March 4, 1998. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to appropriate \$28,300.00 from capital surplus to fund various projects.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on April 9, 1998.

Eleanor McGovern Borough Clerk
1 T - 3/12/98, The Times Fee: \$18.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bond Ordinance published herewith 98-06-S was introduced and passed upon first reading at the meeting of Council of the Borough of Fanwood in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on March 4, 1998. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Council on April 9, 1998 at Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION I. For the various improvements or purposes described in Section III of this bond ordinance, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for improvements or purposes, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$485,000 including the aggregate sum of \$24,250 as the various down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budget.

SECTION II. In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by application of the down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$460,750 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

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k) Utility Vehicle	20,000	19,000	1,000	5 years
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TOTAL	\$485,000	\$460,750	\$24,500	

SECTION IV. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time to public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

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(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized herein for each purpose and the reasonable lives thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. This statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law will not be increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

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FSPY Gets Two Swim Titles; Finishes 9th in State Tourney

Fanwood Scotch Plains YMCA sent a strong team of 65 qualifying swimmers to Gloucester on February 21-22, for the YMCA New Jersey State Championship, a competition involving 28 'Y' teams. ESPY finished in ninth place overall, while the FSPY swimmers also came home with two firsts, two seconds, two thirds, and plenty of personal best times.

Head Coach Ed Foeri was pleased to note his 11-12 year-old boys ended the weekend with a point total that put them in third place. Leading the attack for the boys was 'Y' State Champion backstroke, Ryan Hauptman, who took first place in the 50-backstroke and qualified for 'Y' Summer Nationals with a time of :28.78.

While Hauptman also took fifth in the 50-freestyle (26.60), Eric Swenson swam two sparkling races to take second in the 200-Individual Medley (2:27.68) as well as third in the 50-breaststroke (33.72). Adam Siegal took sixth in the 50-breaststroke (35.90) with a personal best time, and Brian Gartner had his fastest swim to take seventh in the 50-butterfly (30.14). The 11-12 medley relay squad of Hauptman, Swenson, Gartner and Siegal posted a tremendous third-place finish with a best time of 2:02.38.

Also coming home a 'Y' State Champion was 10-year-old Kelsey Foy, who won the 50-yard breaststroke with a best time of :38.11. There was plenty of action from the other 9-10 year-old girls. Amanda Cameron swam to a fifth-place finish in the 100-freestyle (1:08.95), while Sarah Zukowski took sixth (1:09.06) in the 100, as well as seventh in the 50-freestyle (31.36). Evelyn Yuen glided to a best time and eighth place in the 50-breaststroke (40.95), while Rachel Dolgin snagged ninth place with her personal best time, the 50-backstroke (37.03). The freestyle relay of Cameron, Jessica Moore, Foy and Zukowski took fifth (2:08.75).

For the 9-10 boys, David Hauptman clinched second place in the 50-freestyle with his best time (29.84) as well as fourth in the 100-freestyle (1:06.33), while Billy Swenson took eighth in the 50-backstroke (36.44). The free relay team of Billy Moates, Luke Makowski, Swenson and Hauptman took second place (2:07.39) after a missed start led to a second swim of the event.

Personal best times were achieved by several 9-12's: Maggie Gousman, Hillary

Klimowicz, Nichole Zoller, Billy Moates, Brendan Jones, Calvin John Smiley, Beth Deresz, Katherine Kaczka, Ann Marie Klimowicz, Morgan Larkin, Mariela Lemus, Monique Lemus, Tori Maffey, Vanessa Merritt, Erin O'Connor and Xiao Lan Wong. Alexis Zukowski led the 13-14 girls with sixth-place finishes in both the 50-freestyle (26.87) and the 100-backstroke, with a 'Y' Summer National qualifying time of 1:05.19. Jenny Gartner posted a Summer National time as well, taking sixth in the 200-freestyle (2:05.42).

Taking eighth place in the 100-butterfly (1:06.14) and 100-freestyle (58.77) was Jen Bassman, while Melissa Lemus, Shannon McEneely, Sabrina Ramesar, Diana Rocco, Jacqueline Todd and Jessica Yuen all swam to personal bests. Julia Sheffield, Bassman, Gartner and Zukowski made up the 13-14 freestyle relay squad which clinched second place with a best-time effort (1:47.01).

Ann Espinoza took third-place honors for the 15-18 girls in the 100-butterfly (1:01.35) and Sarah Milligan snagged eighth in the 100-backstroke (1:03.21). Kristin Cameron, Katie Carr and Erin Wilkinson put forth their best swims, and for the senior boys, Chris Wetlesen and Chris Karelus each posted a best time.



HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS...Members of the Westfield High School ice hockey team swarm teammate Mike Bird to congratulate him after scoring a goal against Heightstown in the state playoffs.

Delbarton Offering New Sports Camps For Young Athletes

With the addition of the new Delbarton Sport Camps, students and athletes can enjoy a full program of academic and athletic activities at Delbarton this summer, according to Margaret Lowery Walsh, Directory of External Relations.

Camps will be offered in football, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, ice hockey, basketball and baseball. Another camp, entitled, "Sports Experience," will also be offered.

Age groups for camps are: varsity group — entering grades 8 and 9; junior varsity group — entering grades 5 through 7 and "sports experience" — entering grades 4 through 9. Directing the camps are John Kowalik, Delbarton Assistant Headmaster for Athletics and football coach, and Kent Manno, a Delbarton teacher and swim team coach.

For the third year, Delbarton's summer session will offer fully accredited co-educational classes for students entering grades 6 through 12.

Advanced credit courses will meet four hours daily from Wednesday, June 24, to Sunday, August 2, for a total of 120 hours and will cover the content material of a full-year course. Enrichment classes will meet from Monday, June 29, to Friday, July 31, for two hours daily and a total of 50 hours.

Charles R. Ruebling, Chairman of Delbarton's Science Department, directs the summer academic program.

For information, brochures, or registration, please call Connie Curnow, summer session and sports camps register, at (973) 538-3231, Extension No. 3019.

FSPY Piranhas Swimmers Shine at 'Y' Silver States

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA swim team sent 47 swimmers to Gloucester to participate in 'Y' Silver States, a statewide silver-level meet with competitors from 26 'Y' teams on February 21. The Piranhas had a fantastic showing in the individual events, taking four first places, four seconds, and four thirds, as well as many personal best times.

Overall for the day, FSPY boys finished in an impressive second place. Spearheading the boys' success were Richard Khan, who took first in the 13-and-over 200-freestyle (2:42.37) as well as second in the 100-backstroke (1:24.36), and Chris Wetlesen, who won the 13-and-over 100-breaststroke (1:10.91) and took third in the 100-freestyle (58.07).

Michael Sheffield had a victory in the 100 butterfly event, winning with his best time (39.34). Stephen Lynch snagged a second-place medal with his best time in the 9-10 50-breaststroke (45.68) while Deryck Middleton achieved his personal best time to take second in the 11-12 100-freestyle (1:08.32).

Daniel Lin took third in the 11-12 200-individual medley (2:50.98) as well as sixth in the 50-breaststroke (39.74), and Marc Calello snagged third in the 13-

and-over 100-breaststroke with his best effort (1:20.18). Calvin John Smiley clinched fifth in the 11-12 100-freestyle and eight-year-old Scott Marino had a super swim taking eighth in the 9-10 50-freestyle. Other boys that logged personal best times were: James Livolsi, Sean Gaynor, Terry Juba, Devang Doshi, Anthony D'Errico and David Ng.

For the girls, Erin Wilkinson took first in the 13-and-over 200-I.M. (2:41.72) as well as second in the 100-freestyle (1:06.15). Stefanie Miller clinched third in the 9-10 50-breaststroke (45.38) and Katie Carr placed fourth in both her 13-and-over events, the 200-freestyle (2:24.86) and the 100-freestyle (1:06.39).

Erin Kechner took a fourth place in the 13-and-over 100-backstroke (1:16.23), while Megan Guinan came away with a sixth and a seventh in the 9-10 50-freestyle and the 50-backstroke, respectively. Stephanie Ng achieved sixth place in the 9-10 50-backstroke with her best time and Judy Wicker-Briscoe put forth her best effort to take seventh in the 11-12 200-I.M. Other girls with super swims were: Christine Marino, Whitney Smallwood, Angie Jacobsen, Jennifer Juba, Lauren Kaczka and Evelyn Yuen.

Rich Czarnomski to Take 'Big Ride' for Lung Disease

Rich Czarnomski of Westfield, formerly of Scotch Plains, will join more than 20 New Jerseyans and 1,000 fellow cyclists in an effort to help control and combat lung diseases.

The cyclists will venture cross-country next summer in the GTE Big Ride Across America to benefit the American Lung Association (ALA).

Mr. Czarnomski, 30, and his fellow "Big Riders" will embark on their journey Monday, June 15, in Seattle, Washington and finish six and a half weeks later in Washington, D.C.

This fully-supported event will cover 3,000 miles of America's landscape, and is expected to be the largest cross-country cycling event in the nation's history, according to a spokeswoman for the event.

A "mobile city" will follow the crusaders, assuring them hot meals and showers, laundry facilities, bike security, full medical and technical support, and other services during their 45-day adventure, the spokeswoman said.

A marketing coordinator for the architecture firm of Sverdrup Civil, Inc., Mr. Czarnomski said he considers the Big Ride as a harbinger of



Rich Czarnomski

good health. "I always wanted to ride cross-country. I realized that I was killing myself with the coffee and stress. Now I'm getting a bit healthier thanks to the bike riding," he said. Mr. Czarnomski must raise at least \$6,000 by May to participate.

The ALA of New Jersey is seeking more cyclists to participate in this event. Interested persons may call (800) LUNG-USA for free information.

Individuals are also needed to serve as a Big Ride crew member, sponsor or volunteer.

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 ALS., 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Planning Board at its meeting on March 2, 1998 memorialized the following Board action of December 1, 1997 re:

97-23 SOMERSET CAPITAL, L.L.C. (OWNERS), CHARLES HIGGINS (APPLICANT), PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY ON CLARENCE AVENUE, KNOWN AS BLOCK NO. 2814, LOT NO. 23 — approved.

97-24 SOMERSET CAPITAL, L.L.C. (OWNERS), CHARLES HIGGINS (APPLICANT), PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY ON CLARENCE AVENUE, KNOWN AS BLOCK NO. 2815, LOT NO. 7 — approved.

and memorialized the action from February 2, 1998 meeting re:

97-25(V) CROLL-REYNOLDS, 751 CENTRAL AVENUE, BLOCK NO. 4001, LOT NOS. 95 AND 96, PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL WITH VARIANCES TO ERECT A TWO STORY ADDITION TO AN EXISTING TWO STORY OFFICE BUILDING AND REMOVE AN EXISTING GARAGE — approved with conditions.

98-1 D. VILLANE CONSTRUCTION (APPLICANT), CARL WILLIAM ANDRITA VILANE (OWNERS), MAJOR SUBDIVISION OF CLARENCE STREET PROPERTY, BLOCK NO. 2815, LOT NOS. 8, 9 AND 10, AND BLOCK NO. 2814, LOT NOS. 22, 24 AND 26 — approved with conditions.

97-5(V) MESSERCOLA BROTHERS (APPLICANTS), SEEKING FINAL APPROVAL OF A MAJOR SUBDIVISION, WHITTIER AVENUE, BLOCK NO. 801, LOT NOS. 6 AND 7 — approved.

97-19 CONJOE REALTY CO., INC. (OWNER), THE TOWN BANK OF WESTFIELD IN ORGANIZATION (APPLICANT), FINAL MAJOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL, 520 SOUTH AVENUE WEST, BLOCK NO. 2510, LOT NO. 20 — approved.

Kenneth B. Marsh, Secretary
Westfield Planning Board
1 T — 3/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$52.53

Sunburst Girls 10th At Gymnastics Meet

The Sunburst girls' gymnastics team traveled to College Park, Maryland on March 1, to compete in the 10th annual Columbia Challenge Invitational.

In the 7-11 age group, Morgan Liss of Mountside finished third on the vault, sixth on the uneven bars and sixth all-around. Kayla Hoffman of Union finished second on the vault and in the floor exercise, while Daniella Palumbo of Roselle finished fourth on vault, second on the uneven bars and third on the floor exercise.

In the 12-14 age group, Kristen Valla of Westfield finished second on the vault, second on the uneven bars and fourth on the floor exercise. Kyla Mendes of Scotch Plains had the best individual performance from the team. Mendes took fourth on the vault, first on the uneven bars and was the all-around champion.

Sunburst took nine gymnasts to this competition and, out of 12 competing teams, Sunburst took fourth-place team honors. The rest of the team includes Alexandra Brockway of Scotch Plains, Breanna Moroney of Metuchen, Amy Behr of Westfield and Jaelyn Tumolo of Scotch Plains. These gymnast train at Sunburst Gymnastics Training Center in Union.

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-752639 (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-9712-97.

SUMMIT BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. DOUGE JULIEN, NELTA JULIEN HW, MR. AND MRS. CHARLECN CHARLES, HW 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: Boudoin Place. Situate at a point on the southeasterly sideline of Catherine Street at its intersection with the northeasterly sideline of Boudoin Place.

There is due approximately the sum of \$89,564.82 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

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

Westfield 'Y' Sponsors Trip to Rocky Mountains

The Westfield "Y" will sponsor a trip to the Rocky Mountains in Colorado during a week in August.

They are planning to bring 20 or more families to Estes Park, Colorado, to vacation at the Estes Park Center/YMCA.

The site is located on 860 acres at an altitude of 8,010 feet next to the eastern entryway for Rocky Mountain National Park. Snowcapped and rocky mountain peaks surround the property of Estes Park Center where the Westfield "Y" group will have their hotel or cabin accommodations.

Activities at the center include tennis, hiking, mountain bike activities, volleyball, mini-golf, horseback riding, swimming indoors, golf at two nearby courses, basketball, softball, horseshoes, fishing and crafts.

Guests also are free to drive on Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved highway in the United States, featuring lookouts of 12,000 feet in altitude.

David Mueller, Family Life Director for the Westfield "Y," has brought two other groups to Estes Park Center in the summers of 1996 and 1997.

Anyone interested in the trip is invited to attend an informational slide show today, Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

For more information, please call Mr. Mueller at (908) 233-2700, Extension No. 233.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-674-98

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ADOLPHUS LTD., A CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PENNWALT CORP., S.S. WHITE DIVISION, A PENNSYLVANIA CORP.; EVELYN BLAND AND UNION COUNTY; BELMONT EQUIPMENT CO.;

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4 Century Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint (if any) filed in the Civil Action, in which FUMB As Custodian for D.H. Associates is plaintiff and Adolphus Ltd., a Corporation of the State of New Jersey, et als. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within 35 days after March 12, 1998, exclusive of such date.

If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure and Practice.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the county of venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the county of venue. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies are as follows:

Lawyer Referral Service: (908) 353-4715
Legal Service: (908) 354-4340
THIS ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate(s):

1. A certain tax certificate 3253, recorded on June 21, 1994, made by Anthony R. Chiodo, Collector of Taxes of City of Elizabeth, and State of New Jersey to City of Elizabeth and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, FUMB As Custodian for DH Associates. This covers real estate located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, known as 844 Newark Avenue, Block No. 11, Lot No. 0890, as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of City of Elizabeth.

YOU, Adolphus Ltd., a Corporation of the State of New Jersey, are made a defendant because you are the owner of a property which is the subject of the above entitled action.

YOU, Pennwalt Corp., S.S. White Division, A Pennsylvania Corp., are made a defendant in the above entitled action because on March 30, 1992, entered a Judgment against John Burke t/a Burke Enterprises for a debt of \$37,926.56, plus costs in the Superior Court of New Jersey, under Docket No. J-12320-81.

YOU, Evelyn Bland and Union County are made a defendant in the above entitled action because on February 21, 1992, you entered a Judgment against John Burke and Rodney John Burke a/k/a John Burke for a debt of \$15,752.00, in the Superior Court of New Jersey, under Docket No. J-21361-92, CS37-D-491.

YOU, Belmont Equipment Co., are made a defendant in the above entitled action because on January 6, 1992, you entered a Judgment against John Burke t/a Burke Enterprises for a debt of \$1,812.69 in the Superior Court of New Jersey, under Docket No. DJ-16074-81.

DONALD F. PHELAN CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

ALLOCCA & PELLEGRINO
4 Century Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
1 T — 3/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$80.07

Exercise Class Leaders Sought For Program to Help Osteoporosis

The New Jersey Association of Retired and Senior Volunteer Directors, Inc. and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, recently joined forces to sponsor "Healthy Bones," a program dealing with osteoporosis.

Jo-Ann Croteau, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Director in Union County, a program of Catholic Community Services, said this program will be conducted

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held March 10, 1998, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 24th day of March, 1998, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Joy C. Vreeland
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 13, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield in the County of Union that the Code of the Town of Westfield, Chapter 13, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" be amended in the following particulars:

SECTION I.
That Section 13-20 "Parking Prohibited — At All Times" be amended by adding the following:

Rahway Avenue, northeast side, from a point five hundred and two feet from the northwest curbline of Dorian Road and extending northwest along the curbline fifty-six feet

SECTION II.
That Section 13-26 "Two hour zones — unmetered" be amended by deleting:

First Street. Both sides between Rahway Avenue and Westfield Avenue between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

SECTION III.
That Section 13-26 "Two hour zones — unmetered" be amended by adding:

First Street. North side between Rahway Avenue and Westfield Avenue between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

First Street. South side between Rahway Avenue and Westfield Avenue between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M.

SECTION IV.
That Section 13-23 "Fifteen Minute Zones — unmetered and metered" be amended by adding:

(a) Unmetered
First Street. North side, starting at a point on the north curbline of First Street one hundred and seventy-seven feet from the east curbline of Rahway Avenue and extending along the curbline a distance of three hundred and forty-five feet, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.; and 2:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M.

SECTION V.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict, or inconsistent with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

SECTION VI.
In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION VII.
This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner, provided by law.

1 T — 3/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$72.42

throughout New Jersey, with each individual county conducting its own program.

Ms. Croteau is currently looking for two exercise leaders for Union County. Training will take place in April and will be conducted by Tufts University.

Exercise leaders will be responsible for conducting an exercise class two times a week for a period of six weeks, after which there will be a break. The class will then resume for another six weeks throughout the year.

Classes will be limited to 10 people. Anyone 55 years or older interested in becoming a certified osteoporosis exercise leader is encouraged to call the RSVP office at (908) 497-3941 for more information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held March 10, 1998, and that the said Council



VALENTINES FOR SALE...Diane DiBella's second-grade class at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains performed the play *The Shower of Hearts* for their families in honor of Valentine's Day. Also attending the production were Dr. John Crews, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction/Curriculum and McGinn School Principal Mariana Cassidy. Starring as the "Valentine Vendors," pictured left to right, are: Katherine Douglas, Annie Smith and Chelsea Lusk.

Local Music Students Invited To Become CJMEA Members

Three students of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts have been invited to become members of the Central Jersey Music Educators Association (CJMEA) Intermediate Band and Orchestra.

Elizabeth Madresh, viola; Thomas J. Killian, tuba, and Michael Kim, alto sax, all successfully auditioned for their ensemble seats on January 31, at Manalapan High School.

The CJMEA Intermediate Band and Orchestra held the annual auditions for students who are currently members of their school band or orchestra from grades 6 through 9.

For their auditions, all students were asked to perform a pre-determined solo piece, as well as two sets of scales, and a sight reading to best display their abilities. All the selected students will participate in six rehearsals during February and March to prepare them for a concert on Sunday March 29, at 3 p.m. in the Manalapan High School auditorium.

Elizabeth Madresh is an eighth-

grade student at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield, and has been playing the viola for three years. For her audition, Elizabeth performed the third movement of Vivaldi's *Concerto* in D Minor, and received fifth chair out of 20 other violinists who auditioned.

She currently studies at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts under the instruction of Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg and Ning Mu. Elizabeth has also participated in the All-Regions Orchestra.

Michael Kim is a seventh-grade student at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School, and has been playing the saxophone for four years. Since the third grade, Michael has studied alto sax at the Workshop for the Arts. For his audition with the CJMEA Intermediate Band, Michael performed Koepke's "Recitative & Allegro," and played a chromatic scale and a major scale in the keys of A, B flat, and D. Michael was the fifth of six students out of 60 who were accepted into the band.

Thomas J. Killian, a sixth-grade student at the Edison Intermediate School, began his musical studies at 5, taking piano lessons. At the age of 8, Thomas began playing violin, and at 9 added the tuba.

He also enjoys playing the harmonica, banjo, recorder and viola. He auditioned for both the CJMEA orchestra and band, on both the violin and tuba, playing "Fourth Pupil's Concerto" by Seitz, and Kabalevsky's "Waltz & Galop," respectively. He placed into both divisions, and has ultimately decided to play First Chair tuba. Thomas has also participated in the Westfield Recital Series concerts, the Edison Intermediate School Concert Band, the String Ensemble, the Jazz Ensemble, and was concertmaster at the All City Orchestra.



YOUNG PERFORMER...Thomas J. Killian, a sixth grader at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, will play First Chair Tuba with the CJMEA orchestra.



MARKETING WORKSHOP...The New Jersey Catholic Schools Marketing Council recently presented a workshop entitled "Practical Marketing Tools for Recruitment and Retention" at Mayfair Farms Restaurant in West Orange, which was attended by representatives of Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. Eugene M. Kail, second from right, of Eugene M. Kail Associates from Pittsburgh, offered strategies and ideas for presenting a school and activities in a positive marketing light to insure public interest and eventual involvement. Union Catholic representatives, pictured left to right with Mr. Kail, are: Mary Cullinane, Director of Integrated Technology; Bernadine Liebrich, Public Relations, and Anne Wischusen, Director of Institutional Advancement.

Historical Society to Hear Talk on Brooklyn's History

The growth and development of Brooklyn, New York, from a small farming village to the fourth largest city in the United States is the subject of the next General Membership Meeting of the Westfield Historical Society.

The meeting will take place Thurs-

Jennifer Mosko Makes Dean's List for Spring At Susquehanna U.

Jennifer Mosko of Fanwood was among 488 students who were recently named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a minimum 3.4 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 for the semester, while completing a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Jennifer is a senior biology major and the daughter of Peter and Marlene Mosko

day, March 19, at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, and the public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

The speaker, John Kriskiewicz, is a native New Yorker and a graduate of Pratt Institute. An architectural historian, he has lectured widely on the architecture and development of New York City.

Mr. Kriskiewicz's talk, which includes slides, will review 300 years of Brooklyn's physical history — covering the farmhouses of the early Dutch settlers, the elegant brownstones of the 19th century and the urbanization of today.

A spokesman for the Westfield Historical Society said that the program should be particularly interesting for those planning to take part in the society's spring field trip to Brooklyn on Saturday, May 16.

Five WHS Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

Robert G. Petix, Principal of Westfield High School, has announced that five Westfield High School (WHS) seniors were recently named National Merit Finalists.

Alice Kelman, Tom Olsen, Ryan St. Clair, George Wu and Bill Zachar were among more than 15,000 semi-finalists named in September.

These students have met all requirements to qualify as finalists in the competition for merit scholarship awards, Dr. Petix confirmed.

They were selected as semi-finalists based on achieving high scores

on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test during their junior year.

The students were then eligible for finalist status after completing a comprehensive application which included an essay, high school transcript and their Scholastic Assessment Test scores.

This month, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will mail scholarship offers to 7,400 winners from approximately 14,000 finalists.

The five finalists will be recognized at the WHS graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 18.



DISTINGUISHED GUESTS...The Rotary Club of Westfield welcomed Past President Grant M. Buttermore and Past District Governor Weyman O. Steengrafe, who also served as club President and is now an honorary member, to a recent luncheon meeting. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Buttermore, Mr. Steengrafe, Rotary International Director Robert A. Coultas, a member of the Rotary Club of Morristown, and Dr. D. Michael Hart, President of the Rotary Club of Westfield.

Rotarians Hear Discussion On Courage of Presidents

Westfield Rotarians welcomed two honored guests to a recent luncheon meeting. Past District Governor Weyman O. Steengrafe was the

speaker for the day, and gave a talk on the courage of four former United States Presidents — John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Woodrow Wilson and Harry S. Truman.

Rotarian Steengrafe explained how each President had, in his own way, put "The Interests of America First."

Sight, Sound Theater Trip Set for April 8

A bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater, Strasburg, Pennsylvania, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, with a 7:30 a.m. departure from Lord & Taylor Department Store parking lot on North Avenue in Westfield and return at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$65 per person and includes admission to Sight and Sound Theater, a full-course family style dinner at a local Amish restaurant, and deluxe Motorcoach transportation.

For a registration form and flyer, please call the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at (908) 654-9854. This trip is a function of the Union County Family and Consumer Sciences Council.

Reservations are due as soon as possible since the bus is filling up. Any questions or further information should be directed towards Cathy Forsythe at (908) 654-9854.

Barbara Gilmour Earns Honors at Campbell

Barbara Gilmour of Scotch Plains is among those students who were recently named to the President's List or the Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina and its satellite campuses.

The President's List includes students who, during their second or a later semester at Campbell, are eligible for the Dean's List and present a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on the school's 4.0 scale for all college work attempted.

The Dean's List recognizes students who, for the most recent semester, have achieved an average of 3.25 or better in completing 12 or more semester hours.

Campbell University offers programs in law, pharmacy, education, business, religion and arts and sciences.

Have your Club Listed In This Is Westfield Call Peter at 232-4407

Local Business Women To Mark Anniversary Of Women's Movement

The Berkeley Heights, Clark and Westfield Business and Professional Women's (BCW/BPW) monthly dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at George's Catch 27 Restaurant, located at 618 West St. Georges Avenue in Linden.

Networking will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and the program to follow at 7 p.m. Non-members are invited to attend.

In celebration of National Women's History Month and the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement, this month's meeting will consist of historical displays, a video presentation about the suffragists entitled "We Were Arrested of Course" and the 1998 Young Careerist competition.

Advance registration for the dinner meeting is required. The cost of dinner is \$22 per person. Reservations must be made by this Monday, March 16. For reservations and information, please call (908) 276-9502.

S.A.R. Reveals Date For Dinner Meeting

The West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) will hold its annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, March 25, at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

The cash bar will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The Daughters of the American Revolution are invited to join the occasion.

The meeting will feature Charles Jack in an illustrated presentation titled "The Constitution and the War of 1812." He is Past President of the New Jersey Society of the S.A.R. and of the New Jersey Society of the War of 1812.

The program will include the election and installation of officers for 1998-1999, the presentation of the Eagle Scout Medal, and recognition of new chapter members.



NEW OFFICERS...Eddie Robison of Cranford, left, and Allen Chin, of Westfield, have been named Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority for 1998.

Edward Robison, Allen Chin Elected RVSA Top Officers

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) Commissioners have unanimously elected Edward Robison, former two-time Cranford Mayor, to serve as Chairman for a one-year term ending February 18, 1999.

The official action took place at the authority's annual reorganization meeting, during which Allen Chin, former Westfield Mayor, was also elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the 10-member board.

"I'd like to see the authority continue to maximize its cost efficiency without sacrificing its safe environment," commented Commissioner Robison.

"Although I don't think that the commissioners should get involved in the day-to-day operations of the authority; however, in the budget process, we would like to see cost-cutting options presented to us by the staff," he added.

"Running a small family business makes you fiscally conservative," pointed out the former five-letter man, who attended Adelphi College in Garden City, New York, on an athletic scholarship. He, subsequently, became owner and President of the 69-year-old family owned M. Robinson & Son, a landscape design nursery.

"In a small business, you can't balance your budget by raising taxes, and you learn to live within that budget, or you're out of business,"

observed Commissioner Robison.

Commissioner Chin is the President of George G. Sharp, Inc., an 850-employee Naval Architectural and Marine Engineering firm. With corporate offices in New York City, the firm has eight branch offices and 18 field offices nationwide.

A Westfield resident for over 30 years, he is a licensed professional engineer, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio University and a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stevens Technical Institute in Hoboken.

Voted the United States Small Business Administration's "1997 Small Business Person of the Year," Commissioner Chin stated, "The authority, in essence, is a small business which services 3,000 residential and 3,500 industrial and commercial customers, whose average annual sewer fee of \$78 is among the lowest in the state."

In other action, Thomas McHale of Kenilworth and Rosalie Berger of Springfield were reappointed by their respective municipalities to serve as commissioners for a term ending February 1, 2003.

Mrs. Berger had served the authority as a commissioner from February, 1978 through February, 1989.

The authority services Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Westfield, Winfield and Woodbridge.



JOINT MEETING...A joint meeting and program by the Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield and the Garden Club of Westfield will be held on Wednesday, April 1, in the Assembly Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield at 12:30 p.m. Pictured above is Program Designer and Speaker, Leslie Harris, co-owner of Brooklawn Flower Shop in Brooklawn and a member of the American Academy of Floriculture and American Institute of Floral Design, with her recent design in the Philadelphia Flower Show. Guests of members of each garden club are invited to attend. For further information, please call (908) 654-4590.

Adam Pisane Among Distinguished Students

Adam Louis Pisane, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pisane of Scotch Plains, has been recognized on the Dean's List of Distinguished Students at the University of Richmond in Virginia for the fall semester of 1997. This award recognizes outstanding scholars.

Junior League Reps Visit Nation's Capital

The state's Public Affairs Committee and the President-Elects of the New Jersey Junior Leagues attended the American Junior League's (AJLI) Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. from February 4-7.

The conference was designed to bring all the Junior Leagues throughout the country together to network, advocate, and learn from each other, according to a spokeswoman for the group.

Three Westfield residents were among those attending this conference, including Diane Baccash-Fruchtman, Bernadette Houston, and Jeanne Marie Ryan.

The highlight of the trip was the visit the group made to Capitol Hill to meet with legislators, including Congressmen Bob Franks, Rodney Frelinghuysen, Pappas, William J. Pascarell, Jr., and Congresswoman Marge Roukema.

The legislators exchanged ideas with group members on a variety of topics, such as the group's support of President Bill Clinton's child care initiative, teacher tenure reform, and mandated bone density testing.

The visitors were also able to meet with aides of Congressman Donald Payne, and United States Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert G. Torricelli.

The group, during its visit to Capitol Hill, represented the 4,000 members of the New Jersey Junior Leagues, the spokeswoman said.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS...The Three Day Teddy Bear Class at the Wesley Hall Nursery School in Westfield celebrated Dr. Seuss' 94th birthday by making hats, a birthday cake and reading books by the popular children's author.



OPEN YOUR HEARTS FOOD DRIVE...Students at School One and Evergreen Elementary Schools in Scotch Plains recently completed a two-week food drive to benefit needy families in the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities. Over 600 food items were collected by students at the two schools. Pictured, left to right, are: School One students Shrenik Shah, Joshua Kelk, Morgan Scully, and Maura Giloly.

Elementary School Students Collect Food for Area Needy

Students at School One and Evergreen Elementary Schools in Scotch Plains recently participated in a food drive to help needy families in the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities.

The food drive was held during the first two weeks in February and was called "Open your Hearts for Valentine's Day."

During the two-week collection

period, students brought in a wide variety of food items and deposited them in large boxes located in the two schools' lobbies.

According to Tricia Nering, who coordinated the food drive for School One, over 600 food items were collected by the students at both schools.

The food was delivered to the Scotch Plains Welfare Department, which serves as the local "food pantry" for both Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

The coordinator for the food drive at Evergreen School was fourth-grade teacher Nicola Crist.

It's not only who you know, but what you know about who you know that counts.

— Mrs. C. Lowe

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

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, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201.

Tax Lot No. 1384.A in Block No. 12.

Dimension of Lot: approximately 25.00 feet wide by 192.12 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Mary Street.

Situate at a point on the southerly sideline of Walnut Street distance approximately 725.29 feet easterly from its intersection with the easterly sideline of Mary Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$99,759.67 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH
SHERIFF

FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD,
Attorneys
Suite 201
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Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
CH-752923 (WL)
4 T - 2/26, 3/5,
3/12 & 3/19 Fee: \$183.60

Five WHS Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

Robert G. Petix, Principal of Westfield High School, has announced that five Westfield High School (WHS) seniors were recently named National Merit Finalists.

Alice Kelman, Tom Olsen, Ryan St. Clair, George Wu and Bill Zachar were among more than 15,000 semi-finalists named in September.

These students have met all requirements to qualify as finalists in the competition for merit scholarship awards, Dr. Petix confirmed.

They were selected as semi-finalists based on achieving high scores on

the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test during their junior year.

The students were then eligible for finalist status after completing a comprehensive application which included an essay, high school transcript and their Scholastic Assessment Test scores.

This month, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will mail scholarship offers to 7,400 winners from approximately 14,000 finalists.

The five finalists will be recognized at the WHS graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 18.

Prudential Manager Stresses Value of Multiple Listings

"If you list your home exclusively with one broker, even for a week or two, you cut yourself off from the loyal clients of other companies. Why limit your exposure?" asked Bernadette Houston, Manager of Prudential New Jersey Realty's Degan Boyle Division Westfield Office.

"We welcome all comers to a healthy, productive marketplace. But when some Realtors decide to 'hold onto' their listings and try to sell them without cooperating with other brokers, as has happened lately, we don't think this is in the homeowner's best interest," she continued.

"A home's greatest value is determined by the maximum exposure to qualified buyers," she explained. "As much as we like to sell our own listings, Prudential New Jersey Realty always cooperates with other brokers."

Because the inventory of homes for sale is significantly tighter than it has been in years, prices are rising and Realtors are becoming increasingly competitive, according to Ms. Houston.

In fact, in recent months, some Westfield real estate offices have actually waited a week or more to share their new listings with other brokers. During this time, the home sellers may not realize that their listing is being held as an "exclusive" that other brokers can't show.

For generations, New Jersey home sellers have relied on the Realtors' Multiple Listing Services (MLS) to sell their homes. There are several reasons why this is a good strategy, according to Ms. Houston.

"A multiple listing service ensures that homes get the greatest exposure among the most buyers, a major factor in finding the highest market value for a home in the shortest time," she said.

"Many potential buyers never see an 'exclusive' listing. Because many buyers choose an agent or company as a result of good past experience — or through a referral — they work only through that one company," she continued.

She maintained that advertising

alone usually doesn't sell a home. "A listing broker's ads may not be enough to sell your property. A survey we did a few years ago indicates that less than 10 percent of all homes sell as a direct result of ads. But most homes do sell through the MLS," Ms. Houston concluded.



Bernadette Houston

ton concluded.

The New Jersey Real Estate Commission has deemed broker cooperation so important to homeowners that it established a rule that any seller who wants only one broker to show or sell his or her property must sign a waiver to that effect.

The waiver explains advantages of the multiple listing system, and it states that the seller who signs it understands the advantages he or she is signing away, according to Ms. Houston.

Ms. Houston said that anyone signing that waiver should consider it carefully. And when interviewing Realtors about selling a home, she advised that a homeowner ask how long from the time the listing agreement is signed will it take for the home to reach the MLS system.

A home should go into MLS within 48 hours, according to Ms. Houston.

Prudential New Jersey Realty is located at 153 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Ms. Houston and her team of real estate professionals may be reached at (908) 232-5664.



FASHIONABLE EVENT...The Jefferson Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization will hold its annual Dinner and Fashion Show on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Pictured, left to right, are: teacher Robert Lipman, Robin Clemenko, a parent who will model clothes at the event; Chairwoman Kathleen Dunn and teacher Arthur Vice.

Jefferson PTO Announces Dinner and Fashion Show

The Parent-Teacher Organization of Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield has announced that its annual Dinner and Fashion Show will be held at L'Affaire, Route No. 22, East, in Mountainside, on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be sold from Wednesday, March 25, through Friday, March 27, at Jefferson School, 1200 Boulevard, from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Admission costs \$30 and will include the fashion show and dinner.

Parents and teachers will model.

Fashions will be provided by Sealions of Summit. Hairstyling will be provided by Guillotine of Westfield.

A 50/50 raffle and a gift basket raffle will be held with prizes distributed throughout the evening. A door prize will also be awarded. All proceeds will benefit the Jefferson School Parent-Teacher Organization.

The event is open to the public. Reservations may also be made by calling Kathleen Dunn at (908) 789-4276.



GEOGRAPHY CHAMP...Raj Bhandari, who achieved first place in the Geography Bee at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield in January, shows the medal he won from the National Geographic Society to school Principal Dennis Murphy and social studies teacher Judy Hutchinson. The competition was sponsored by the National Geographic Society and coordinated by the Social Studies Department. Final contenders, who joined Raj in the school-wide competition, were Robert Freudlich, Devin Power and David Zorn. Raj will next find out if his test scores qualify him to participate in the state finals at Rutgers University which will take place this month.

Mr. Bagger Named to Chair Appropriations Committee

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger has been appointed Chairman of the Assembly Appropriations Committee for the 1998-1999 Legislative Session by Assembly Speaker Jack Collins.

Assemblyman Bagger, who has served as Assembly Conference Leader since 1994, will relinquish that position to take on this Chairmanship role.

The Assemblyman represents the 22nd Legislative District which includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside.

"I am extremely honored that Speaker Collins has chosen me to fill

this important position. I applaud the work that has been done by previous Chairmen of this committee and pledge to work diligently at continuing their successful track record," the Assemblyman said.

Along with his Conference Leader post, Assemblyman Bagger had also served as Vice Chairman of the Assembly Policy and Regulatory Oversight Committee and as a member of the Assembly Insurance Committee and Joint Committee on the Public Schools.

During his first term in the Legislature, from 1992 to 1994, the Assemblyman served as a member of the Appropriations Committee under the chairmanship of former Assemblyman Rodney Frelinghuysen, now a member of the United States House of Representatives.

"I am very pleased to be returning to the Appropriations Committee and am confident that my colleagues and I will serve the people of New Jersey well on this committee with our collective legislative experience," Assemblyman Bagger said.

In addition to serving as Committee Chairman, Assemblyman Bagger also will serve in the Assembly Leadership as Majority Budget Officer for the two-year legislative session.

The Assembly Appropriations Committee is responsible for reviewing all issues involving the state budget, state appropriations, state revenues and/or any other matters relating to state finance, according to Assemblyman Bagger.

George C. L'Heureux Named to Dean's List For Fall '97 at Dayton

George Conrad L'Heureux of Scotch Plains is among more than 1,500 students at the University of Dayton in Ohio who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1997-1998 academic year.

To be named to the Dean's List at the university, a student must achieve a superior academic record, which is a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

A computer science major, George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. L'Heureux of Scotch Plains.

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1998 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BOROUGH OF FANWOOD, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES		ANTICIPATED	
	1998	1997	
1. Surplus	\$710,000.00	\$672,500.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,574,378.77	\$1,643,087.90	
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$165,000.00	\$190,000.00	
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$3,071,542.08	\$3,011,733.54	
Total General Revenues	\$5,520,920.85	\$5,517,321.44	
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS		FINAL	
	1998 BUDGET	1997 BUDGET	
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$2,384,103.00	\$2,284,461.14	
Other Expenses	\$2,126,598.85	\$2,084,294.30	
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	\$25,000.00	\$36,000.00	
3. Capital Improvements	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	
4. Debt Service	\$634,219.00	\$697,566.00	
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$326,000.00	\$385,000.00	
Total General Appropriations	\$5,520,920.85	\$5,517,321.44	
Total Number of Employees	84	84	
BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT			
	GENERAL		
Interest	\$421,959.00		
Principal	\$2,277,000.00		
Outstanding Balance	\$2,698,959.00		

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union on March 4, 1998.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on April 9, 1998 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 1998 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Eleanor McGovern, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023, (908) 322-8236, during the hours of 8:00 (A.M.) to 4:00 (P.M.).

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Fee: \$126.99

The Leader/Times Crossword Puzzle

- Religious News -

Oratorio Singers to Perform J.S. Bach's St. John Passion

The Oratorio Singers will perform J.S. Bach's *St. John Passion* on Sunday, March 29, under the direction of Trent Johnson. This concert, which will be held at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, marks the 18th year in which the group has performed a major choral work with professional orchestra and soloists.

Past works include Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, *Belshazzar's Feast* by William Walton, and the *Christmas Oratorio* and *Mass in B Minor* by Bach.

Opening Reception Set For Festival Art Show

The opening reception for the Festival Art Show will be held on Sunday, March 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street.

Original artwork by area artists in oil, acrylic, watercolor, drawing media, pastel, mixed media, sculpture, photography and textile arts will be on view.

Awards for the juried and judged show will be presented at 3 p.m., following a reading of Emily Dickinson poetry by Dr. Maryanne Garbowski, the Professor of English at County College of Morris in Randolph, at 2:30 p.m.

The art show continues through Wednesday, April 1. Exhibition hours are Sundays, March 22 and 29, from 9:30 to 10 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 4 p.m.; on Tuesdays, March 24 and 31, from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Wednesdays, March 25 and April 1, the art show will be open before and after the Mid-Day Musicales from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Mid-Day Musicales on Wednesday, March 25, will feature Juana Zayas on the piano. On April 1, the Baroque Chamber Trio will appear.

All events are free and open to the public. The church is handicapped accessible.

Oratorio Singers attract members from all of northern New Jersey. The 75 singers that make up the group bring a wide range of diversity.

The *St. John Passion* is recognized as one of Bach's greatest works, said Mr. Johnson. It is a dramatic musical setting of the events leading to the death of Jesus Christ; his betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion, as related in the New Testament.

Within this oratorio, there are roles for all of the major figures involved in the crucifixion, namely, Jesus, Peter, Pontius Pilate, and the Evangelist, who narrates the story. The chorus takes on the roles of the angry and mocking crowd and the gambling soldiers and also comments on the moods and feelings engendered by the drama.

These comments take the form of some of the moving chorales written by Bach. Many will be familiar to the listener because of the independent performance they have enjoyed, explained Mr. Johnson.

It is said that a performance of the *St. John Passion* that does not leave the listener in tears has failed, he added.

This season is Mr. Johnson's fourth directing the Oratorio Singers and is one of many in his career in conducting, composition and organ performance. Formerly the Associate Director of Music of the 2,300-member Church of St. Columba in Washington, D.C. and the Associate Organist at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, he has conducted many large choral works from the Baroque, Classical, and Romantic Periods.

These include the *Requiems* of Faure and Durufle, Britten's *St. Nicholas*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, the *Poulenc Gloria*, and *Masses* of Haydn, Mozart, and Schubert. A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory and The Juilliard School of Music, Mr. Johnson is an active recitalist, performing organ literature in major churches throughout the Northeast.



IS THIS YOU?... This year, the Presbyterian Nursery School is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and is looking for former alumni to share in its history on Sunday, April 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Pictured above are the two women who founded the school in 1948, Helen Coombe, left, and Ruth Woodruff Boetke. Also pictured are former students Bonnie Irwin and Ricky Smith. For more information on the anniversary celebration, please call the school at (908) 233-0766.

UCC Honor Society Chapter Nominated for Top Rating

For the third consecutive year, Union County College's Iota Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society for two-year colleges, has reached the top level of achievement as a Five-Star Chapter, among 1,300 chapters worldwide.

It is one of 70 chapters to be nominated for this designation. Final selection will be announced at the PTK's international convention on Thursday, April 2, in Nashville, Tennessee.

At the PTK regional convention on January 20 and 21 in South Jersey, the chapter was awarded the Leadership Hallmark

Award for its members' leadership ability.

This ability was demonstrated through its fund-raising efforts, leadership course instruction presented by chapter faculty adviser, Professor A.H. Roholt-Moen of Westfield, and service to the community, according to a college spokeswoman.

The chapter's community service activities include blood drives, book sales, and fund-raising for children with AIDS.

The chapter also earned the region's Fellowship Award for its "exceptional outreach" to other PTK chapters to attend its many activities, the spokeswoman revealed.

Legal Secretaries, Others To Attend May Convention

The New Jersey Association of Legal Secretaries (NJALS) will hold its 1998 Annual Meeting/Convention from Friday through Sunday, May 1 through May 3, at the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset. The theme for this event is "Touched By An Angel."

All legal secretaries, receptionists, file clerks, bookkeepers, mail clerks, and others working in the legal field, including law offices, state, county and municipal government agencies and departments, and legal departments within corporations, are invited to attend.

The weekend begins on Friday evening with informal meetings and an informal hospitality session. The Annual Meeting takes place on Saturday morning, with a legal education luncheon and discussion groups conducted in the afternoon.

On Saturday evening, the Annual Installation of Officers Banquet Dinner will be held. A buffet breakfast and organizational meeting will take place on Sunday morning. Participants may attend either the entire weekend or register for activities of their choice.

The registration deadline is Friday, April 10. Those who register after this date must pay a \$10 late registration fee. Individuals do not have to be members of NJALS in order to participate.

For further information, please call the local NJALS Marketing Committee member, Susie Mack, at (908) 789-8550, Extension No. 26.

Piano Concert to Celebrate 25th Year of Polish Group

As part of this year's ongoing activities celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Polish Cultural Foundation (PCF), its Vice President for Cultural Affairs, Josephine Cukier of Mountainside and Operations Manager Izabela Gregrowska of Lawrenceville, have arranged for a second concert this year, in an ongoing series, a piano concert by Margaret Wacyk.

As a soloist, Ms. Wacyk has performed in the United States, Canada and Europe. She is also actively involved in performing chamber music.

Ms. Wacyk was selected to be presented in Strasbourg, France, at an international concert showcasing promising young musicians in 1996 and was invited to participate in the Aspen Summer Music Festival last year.

Currently, Ms. Wacyk continues to pursue an active career as a soloist. Upcoming engagements this season include her New York recital debut in Weill Recital hall at Carnegie Hall this month as well as an orchestral concert with the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra in Florida. The program featuring Ms. Wacyk

will be held on Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of PCF, 177 Broadway in Clark.

A donation of \$12 for adults and \$5 children includes refreshments and meeting with the artist after her concert.

For more information, please call the PCF office at (732) 382-7197 or Josephine Cukier at (908) 654-7634.

Mature Drivers Offered Chance to Boost Skills

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Catholic Community Services is sponsoring American Association of Retired Persons-Mature Driving Program titled "55 Alive" on Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14, at 505 South Avenue in Cranford, from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

This program offers the mature driver 50 years of age and over an opportunity to sharpen his or her driving skills, and may also qualify them for reduction of points against their driver's license. It may also entitle them to a reduction in the cost of their car insurance by 5 percent.

The fee for the full program is \$8, which covers the cost of materials. For more information or to register, please call (908) 497-3941.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY

In accordance with the New Jersey Statutes relating hereto, Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the School District of the Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood has prepared a tentative budget for the school year beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999, which is on file and open to inspection at the Secretary's office in the Administration Offices, Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

It should be observed that expenditures are shown under a GAAP format (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) approved by the New Jersey Department of Education. This format shows the School District's tentative budget by general program rather than in the line item structure, thus providing the reader with a better understanding of how the District plans to utilize community resources.

Public Hearing on said budget will be held at the Administration Offices, Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 1998.

The tentative budget will be on file and open for examination from the date of this Notice until March 24, 1998 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on regular school days, in the Office of the Secretary, Administration Offices, Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from your local school district. (NOTE: Because of the compressed election and budget schedule in effect this year, this budget is being advertised prior to review and approval by the Commissioner of Education and is subject to revision.)

Matthew A. Clarke
Board Secretary
Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1998-1999

UNION — SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REGION

ADVERTISED ENROLLMENTS

ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	OCTOBER 15, 1996		OCTOBER 15, 1997		OCTOBER 15, 1998 ESTIMATED	
	ACTUAL		ACTUAL			
Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	4,088		3,716		3,757	
Pupils on Roll Regular Shared-Time	32		28		28	
Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	92		480		530	
Pupils on Roll - Special Shared-Time			15		20	
Private School Placements	31		38		37	
Pupils Sent to Other Districts-Special Education Programs	28		26		26	
Pupils in State Facilities			1			
Resident Enrollment Per State Aid Calc.			4,202		4,339	

ADVERTISED REVENUES

BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
		ACTUAL		REVISED		ANTICIPATED	
GENERAL FUND							
Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund	10-303			250,000			
Revenues from Local Sources:							
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	35,785,170		36,935,939		38,226,549	
Miscellaneous	10-1XXX	444,506					
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX			337,898		225,000	
SUBTOTAL		36,229,676		37,273,837		38,451,549	
Revenues from State Sources:							
Transportation Aid	10-3120	607,062		434,160		620,838	
Special Education Aid	10-3130	2,224,274		2,050,103		2,167,284	
Bilingual Education	10-3140	33,846		38,092		37,468	
Stabilization Aid	10-3171	6,206		86,779			
Supplemental Stabilization Aid	10-3172			309,904		309,904	
Academic Achievement Reward Program	10-3193			11,919		98,470	
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	194,427					
SUBTOTAL		3,065,815		2,930,957		3,233,964	
Adjustments for Prior Year Encumbrances				296,285			
Act (Excess) Deficiency of Rev. (Over)/Under Expend.		1,780,331					
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		41,075,822		40,751,079		41,685,513	
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
Revenues from State Sources:							
Distance Learning Network Aid	20-3213			168,080		177,899	
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	231,559		215,195		215,195	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		231,559		383,275		393,094	
Revenues from Federal Sources:							
P.L. 103-382 Title I	20-4411-4414	141,497		124,406		105,746	
P.L. 103-382 Title VI	20-4415-4416	15,959		18,341		15,590	
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420	338,000		395,520		395,520	
Other	20-4XXX	30,940		50,387		30,778	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		526,396		588,654		547,634	
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		526,396		588,654		547,634	
DEBT SERVICE		757,955		971,929		940,728	
Revenues from Local Sources:							
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	501,583		487,483		522,208	
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		501,583		487,483		522,208	
TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE		501,583		487,483		522,208	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		501,583		487,483		522,208	
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		42,335,360		42,210,491		43,148,449	

ADVERTISED APPROPRIATIONS

BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
		EXPENDITURES		REVISED		APPROPRIATIONS	
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE							
Regular Programs - Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	15,575,489		16,227,648		16,449,743	
Special Education - Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	2,418,358		2,598,124		2,666,231	
Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	626,213		632,427		647,413	
Bilingual Education - Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	62,229		65,952		66,027	
School Sponsored Cocurricular							
Activities - Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	159,453		193,420		197,501	
School Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	471,240		494,404		492,104	
Community Services Programs/Operations	11-800-330-XXX	73,038		76,425		77,702	
Undistributed Expenditures:							
Instruction	11-000-100-XXX	1,987,904		2,143,782		2,281,282	
Attendance & Social Work Services	11-000-211-XXX	55,762		59,290		60,735	
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	493,347		522,268		513,487	
Other Support Services - Students							
- Related & Extraordinary	11-000-216,217	259,493		271,647		277,608	
Other Support Services - Students - Regular	11-000-218-XXX	765,903		724,094		730,912	

BUDGET CATEGORY	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Other Support Services - Students - Special	839,808	782,361	739,775
Improvement of Instructional Services	827,627	815,671	867,476
Educational Media Services - School Library	454,944	448,671	445,561
Instructional Staff Training Services	176,231	221,728	257,047
Support Services - General Administration	779,935	704,167	667,324
Support Services - School Administration	2,177,486	2,414,867	2,434,544
Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	4,513,887	3,923,424	4,182,319
Student Transportation Services	1,227,286	1,285,929	1,365,273
Business & Other Support Services	1,145,894	776,337	885,424
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	5,259,976	4,987,639	5,229,139
Food Services	50,000		5,000
Total Undistributed Expenditures	21,015,483	20,081,875	20,942,906
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE	40,401,503	40,370,275	41,539,627
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Equipment	313,672	94,638	145,886
Facilities Acquisition & Construction Services	360,647	286,166	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	674,319	380,804	145,886
GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL	41,075,822	40,751,079	41,685,513
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Support Services	20-213-200-XXX	168,080	177,899
TOTAL DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK AID		168,080	177,899
Other State Projects:			
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	41,283	44,484
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,641	28,701
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	83,151	83,151
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	58,307	58,859
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	130,328	130,328
Total State Projects		231,559	383,275
Federal Projects:			
P.L. 103-382 Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	141,497	124,406
P.L. 103-382 Title VI	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	15,959	18,341
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	338,000	395,520
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	30,940	50,387
Total Federal Projects		526,396	588,654
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		526,396	547,634
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS			
Debt Service - Regular	40-701-510		

Flea Market-Bazaar Slated To Benefit Needy Animals

Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption Inc. (Charlotte's Animals) will hold a flea market-bazaar fundraiser to benefit homeless and rescued pets, along with those awaiting adoption, on Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Bates Hall, on Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

A variety of household items, toys and games, jewelry, new gifts, handcrafted merchandise and "attic treasures" will be available, according to event coordinator Eleanor Green.

Home baked cakes and cookies, hot dogs and submarine sandwiches will also be sold.

All proceeds are used to pay for veterinary care, inoculations, neutering and boarding of pets awaiting adoption.

The group is accepting donations of articles which are clean and in new or good condition, but cannot accept furniture, books, clothing or large articles due to storage limitations.

The drop-off time for donations is Friday, March 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. only at Bates Hall at the church.

A volunteer is needed for that Friday for one hour after 4:30 p.m., with a small truck or van to move items from storage to the church, and also on Saturday after 3:30 p.m. to remove unsold articles to storage. Interested persons may call (908) 654-6651 or 486-0230 during the evenings.

Those who cannot come to the sale, but who would like to make a donation may send their tax-deductible contribution to Best Friend Dog & Animal Adoption Inc., P. O. Box 335, Cranford, 07016.

For further information, please call (908) 654-6651 or (908) 241-8545.



Michael Kolba

Mr. Kolba to Receive PBA Silver Life Award

Michael Kolba, Trustee and First Vice President of The Two Hundred Club of Union County, has been selected to receive the Policemen's Benevolent Association's (PBA) Silver Life Award at the Union County Police Benevolent Association's (PBA) annual dinner.

Mr. Kolba is being honored for his work as Scholarship Chairman for The Two Hundred Club of Union County in awarding scholarships to children of police and firefighters in Union County.

Mr. Kolba, President of AGS Systems in Mountainside, resides in Chatham. The Two Hundred Club, with over 400 county residents, supports the police and firefighters of Union County in a variety of ways.

The PBA Dinner will be held at The Westwood in Garwood on Saturday, March 21. Tickets are available by contacting The Two Hundred Club headquarters in Scotch Plains at (908) 322-2422.

Mr. Bagger Seeks to Protect U.S. Olympic Trademark

The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) trademarks would be protected under New Jersey's trademark law, according to legislation recently introduced by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger.

The measure would revise the "New Jersey Trademark Counterfeiting Act" to include provisions specifically protecting trademarks of the USOC and the International Olympic Committee.

"This legislation is essential to the continued success of the United States Olympic Committee," said Assemblyman Bagger, who represents the 22nd Legislative District including Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside.

"Because the USOC does not receive government funding, it finances many of its activities through sponsorship and licensing programs relating to its trademarks, which in-

clude the Olympic rings," the Assemblyman continued.

"It is as a result of this initiative that many Olympic athletes are able to receive funding for training," he added.

"An infringement upon a trademark is a serious offense against our athletes and deserves serious penalties," Assemblyman Bagger said.

"The USOC needs to have the authority to prosecute counterfeiters under state civil and criminal statutes to ensure the maximum possible protection of its trademarks," he explained.

"Without this legislation, they would not receive full protection of their trademarks, and consequently, would stand to lose a large amount of their financial support. In the end, it will be our Olympic athletes who will be shortchanged by these criminal acts," he concluded.



SHARING SONG...Members of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus recently sang for the young patients and their families at Children's Specialized Hospital. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Marie Mankowski, Jennie Zegan, Heather Schwendeman, Rebecca Mason and Claire McNamara; front row, Erin Klein, Carina Gerveshi, Briana Redmount, Hantz Mautes, in wheelchair; Carly Athan and Natalie Alcock.

Scout Chorus Brings Cheer To CSH Kids and Families

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus recently sang at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

"The chorus did a wonderful job of entertaining our patients and families," said Christy Sahuto, Recreation Therapist at the hospital, in a thank you note to the scouts.

"The children always seem to enjoy and respond so well to all of the excitement and singing," she added.

"They showed the true spirit of what it means to be a scout."

The chorus members have shared their time and talents with more than a dozen groups during the past year, according to a Girl Scout spokeswoman.

Any registered Girl Scout in the Washington Rock Council is invited to join the chorus. For more information, please call (908) 232-3236.

'Be Your Best' Program Leads Girls Scout Week

Nationally, Girl Scout Week began this past Monday. To celebrate this event, locally, the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is preparing for celebration and service projects throughout its 24-town jurisdiction.

The mission of the Girl Scout movement is "to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so that they can become happy and resourceful citizens."

"Girl Scouting seeks to accomplish this by providing girls opportunities to develop their potential and have fun with their peers in a supportive, all girl setting," said G. Jean Atwood-Waller, Communications Director and consultant to Washington Rock.

A Girl Scouts of the United States sponsored program called "Be Your Best" is leading the activities for Girls Scout Week at Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

This year girls have been collecting donations of items to assemble baskets to give to needy mothers and their babies. The "Be Your Best" Baby Bundles are being distributed to women in battered women's shelters, AID/HIV care units, hospitals, homeless shelters, etc.

This project helps girls carry out the second part of the Girl Scout Promise "to help people at all times."

On Saturday, March 14, several Washington Rock Girl Scout troops will be providing service at the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, located in Hillside Food Bank.

Some Girl Scouts who received the Gold Award, Girl Scouts highest honor, have proven their leadership to the community.

For example, a freshman at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, Lauren Flynn of Westfield was active in Girl Scout Troop No. 517 where she earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. Miss

Flynn's Gold Award project was entitled, "Fourth Grade Literature: Inspiring Characters for Aspiring Minds," which involved writing, "Andy on the Mound."

The inspiration for the book was the desire to present girls around ages nine and 10 with inspiring role models, said Miss Flynn. Andy, the main character in the book, is a fourth grade girl who overcomes obstacles of entering a new school.

As the story develops, she proves to be the baseball coach of a male dominated little league that she is a skilled player and belongs on the mound as pitcher.

"I have so many interests — creative writing, journalism, singing, and playing guitar. I'd love to pursue all of my interests and perhaps I can. Ultimately, I'd love a career writing stories, novels, and screenplays," she said.

Karl Calello, a 17-year-old senior at Scotch Plain-Fanwood High School and senior Girl Scout in Troop No. 561, titled her Gold Award Project "Nature Study Room at Camp Hoover."

Miss Calello completed her project last November and is awaiting the receipt of her Gold Award at the upcoming April Awards and Recognition Dinner.

She recaps her project by saying, "The most successful aspect of my project was being able to reach out to the Girl Scout community and make camping experiences more enjoyable and enlightening. I was able to conduct workshops with a group of Girl Scouts using the nature room that I created."

"I enjoyed being able to use the new activities and help them learn new skills," she added.

To find out how to become a part of Girl Scouting please call the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council at (908) 232-3236 or visit their website at <http://www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts>.

Honor Roll Students Announced by Deerfield

Deerfield School in Mountainside has released its honor roll for the second marking period. To be named to the High Honor Roll, students must achieve either straight "A's" or have only one "B" in all major subjects, and a "B" or better in minor subjects. For the Honor Roll, students must earn at least a "B" in all major and minor subjects.

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| SIXTH GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL | Christopher DiVito |
| Michael Amalfi | Eric Feller |
| David Apigo | Chase Golomb |
| Nicole Baseil | Brittany Hamill |
| Marissa Basile | Jennifer Hauser |
| Michael Biel | Sarah Hu |
| Elizabeth Billy | Justin Polce |
| Eric Csaszar | Kevin Wyratt |
| Marissa DeAnna | |

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| SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL | Arda Hotz |
| Jenna Blasi | Stephanie Lombardi |
| Steven Bobko | Brielle Luciano |
| Jamie Boyce | Kaitlyn Moore |
| Jean Brodian | Jonathan Moss |
| Anthony DeAngelis | Danielle Pace |
| Joseph DeRosa | Marcy Stickles |
| Neha Desai | Gregory Trimmer |
| Jessica Garry | Cecilia Watson |
| Arthur Gussis | Jamie Zawislak |
| Andrew Harris | |

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| SEVENTH GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL | Kenneth Kolanko |
| John Bodenachak | |

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| Tara Crane | Stephen Kress |
| David Dempsey | Estrella Lopez |
| Daniel Drake | Kristen Manzo |
| Nicole Ehrhardt | Michael Margello |
| Jude Faella | Jessica Nichols |
| Katelyn Fenton | Deirdre Norris |
| Ashley Ferrell | Constance Souder |
| Brian Gardner | Nicole Taeschler |
| Suzanne Hopkins | Lindsay Vlachakis |
| Stacy Vlachakis | |

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| SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL | Chuck Orlando |
| Ryan Anderson | Jennifer Punsal |
| Craig Anderson | Christine Reidy |
| Salvatore Arpino | Kimberly Risch |
| Katrina Blasi | Brittany Sanders |
| Ashley Criscitiello | Jamie Tam |
| Joseph King | Beatrice von Seckendorff |
| Shaun Modi | Christine Weag |
| Jonathan O'Dowd | Kailey Wheaton |

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| EIGHTH GRADE HIGH HONOR ROLL | Kristen Hauser |
| Steven Brown | Ellen Levitian |
| Jonathan Doorley | Dana McCurdy |
| Oliver Eng | |

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| EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL | Bridget Melnyk |
| Christopher Barnett | Martin Moroney |
| Pamela Cash | Shannon Schmidt |
| Jason Gionta | Susan Schnakenberg |
| Alexander Holz | Michelle Stickles |
| Christine Intermicola | Micha Thau |
| Jason Krawczyk | Jason Thomas |

Park Middle School Tells Second Period Honor Roll Students

Park Middle School recently released its honor roll for the second marking period. To be included on the Distinguished Honor Roll, students in grades 6, 7 and 8 must achieve an "A" in all subjects.

To be placed on the Honor Roll, sixth-grade students must have at least two "A's" and no grade lower than a "B" in major subjects including mathematics, English, science, social studies and reading, and at least a "C" or "S" in other subjects.

Seventh-grade students must achieve at least two "A's" and no grade lower than a "B" in major subjects including mathematics, English, science, social studies and study skills, and at least a "C" or an "S" in other subjects, to be named to the honor roll.

Eighth graders must earn at least two "A's" and no grade lower than a "B" in major subjects including mathematics, English, science, social studies and foreign language, and at least a "C" or an "S" in other subjects.

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| SIXTH GRADE DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL | Andree Melendez |
| Kathryn Bantz | Chelsea Mintz |
| Andre Baruch | Scott Rober |
| Jacyr Eannucci | Matthew Powers |
| Lauren Fox | Theodore Sansor |
| Marie Guerrero Reyes | Caitlyn Shevlin |
| Lauren Hertlein | Erin Sullivan |
| Brittany Hessemer | Nancy Tzu |
| Hya Laksin | Camille Vecchione |
| Aubrey Lipetz | Courtney Veeck |
| Karen Lucey | Allison Williams |
| Jenna Marionni | Kathryn Zinman |

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| SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL | Celine Lavigne |
| Kyle Baker | Elizabeth Lempert |
| Nina Baker | Mariela Lemus |
| Anna Balch | Eric Long |
| Lauren Belford | Peter Maricic |
| Alyssa Bergh | Christa Marvelli |
| Kerlos Bernaba | Joseph Matrile |
| Travis Boff | Zachary McGuire |
| Ryan Breznitsky | Lauren McVey |
| Judith Brown | Kyla Mendes |
| Kerry Carr | Daniel Metzger |
| Michael Cerick | Andrea Meyer |
| Christopher Chester | Jessie Montlor |
| G.D. Clark | Abraham Nam |
| Lauren Conway | Victor Neumark |
| Steven Cooney | Kristin Oley |
| Nicole D'Auria | Valerie Dent |
| Valerie Dent | Jin-Young Park |
| Jillian Prefach | Courney Reddington |
| Alyson DiFiore | Meaghan Roberts |
| Michael Dsumrey | Tyler Rodgers |
| Anthony Dziedzic | Christina Rosa |
| Ronald Ferrara | Christopher Russo |
| Derek Francavella | Victoria Sale |
| Robert Fusco | Victoria Shelus |
| Brett Gardner | Courtney Stewart |
| Allison Gebler | Christine Sullivan |
| Roseann Ghabour | Patrice Taylor |
| Angelo Harris | Adriana Toro |
| Dennis Hercul | Jaclyn Tumolo |
| Neil Hingorani | Erika Vigiante |
| Stephanie Jacobus | Eric Wildstein |
| Ashley Jones | Amanda Williams |
| Timothy Karis | Jonathan Wong |
| Joshua Karis | Richard Zbleckas |
| Jamie Kaye | Aleza Zimmerman |
| Jessica Kim | |

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| SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL | Laura Klastava |
| Lauren Baines | Daniel Lin |
| Alicia Cristiani | |

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| Katie Downey | Edward Saridaki |
| Diana Wilks | |

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| SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL | Ryan Keogh |
| Kathryn Benski | Nicole Impellizzeri |
| Lauren Bianco | Monique Lemus |
| Schuyler Boyda | Catherine Madurski |
| Paul Caccitolo | Deanna Mustachio |
| David Campbell | Eric Pratt |
| Jillian DeMair | Sean Quinn |
| Steven Dickey | Daniel Rosenkrantz |
| Steven Doremus | Christopher Seeman |
| Brandice Flournoy | Jessica Seto |
| Joshua Haggan | Nicholas Sette |
| Ryan Hauptman | Patrick Shevlin |
| Jason Hipp | Laura Wittish |
| Danielle Hirschhorn | Kristin Zelenick |

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| DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL | Karen McCort |
| Erin Brenzitsky | Rajarshi Mukherji |
| Alison DeMaio | Kristy Novak |
| Matthew Deegan | Jennifer Ordelt |
| Christopher Delaney | John Park |
| Sonia Dutta | Catherine Trombley |

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| EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL | Rebecca Novorro |
| Jennifer Alonzo | Sharon Opila |
| Laine Bonstein | Matthew Orly |
| Regina Cappio | Andrew Pavoni |
| Patrick Carroll | Bretton Pooorobba |
| Michael Chester | Jamie Rigano |
| Gregory Cvetovich | Emily Rodino |
| Lauren DeMartino | Matthew Ruggieri |
| Joshua Finkelstein | Eva Stepanowicz |
| Jaclyn Fiorino | Marta Stepanowicz |
| Alicia Golinski | Michelle Trimpin |
| Jessica Green | Christine Troiano |
| Kerry McVey | Alfred Twu |
| Jennifer Nigro | |

Holy Trinity Announces Second Marking Period Honor Roll Names

Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield recently announced the Honor Roll for the second marking period.

Students achieving the Principal's List must maintain an "A" in all subjects. Students garnering First Honors must have an "A-" average, while Second Honor students must maintain a "B+" average.

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| SIXTH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S LIST | Edaquin Quinn |
| Colette Moryan | Matthew Smith |

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| SIXTH GRADE FIRST HONORS | Laura Manziano |
| Brendan Eagan | Alice Ryan |
| Caitlin Lojo | Elizabeth Traflet |

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| SIXTH GRADE SECOND HONORS | Kathleen Sullivan |
| Ashley Alvernes | Kyle McPherson |
| Mora Jimenez | Jennie Mathew |
| Megan O'Shea | |

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| SEVENTH GRADE FIRST HONORS | Shari Jones |
| Michelle Greco | David Ritter |
| Jaleah Hawkins | |

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| EIGHTH GRADE FIRST HONORS | Joseph Serzan |
| Tara Behr | Alexis Zukowski |
| Brandon Leonard | |

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| EIGHTH GRADE SECOND HONORS | Katherine Bash |
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International Fare is Theme For Best Chefs Night Benefit

International Best Chefs Night will take place on Monday, March 23, beginning at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire on Route No. 22 in Mountainside.

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is the organizing of the event which, this year, is focusing on international fare and includes a silent auction.

Chefs will prepare international cuisine for attendees to sample and special recipes will be shared. Some of the cuisine that will be available during the event include: shrimp la rustic; Southern style ribs and peach cobbler; stuffed cabbage and corned beef and pastrami on rye; tortellini and stuffed mushrooms; tacos; spinach ravioli; apple crisp and grilled rack of lamb.

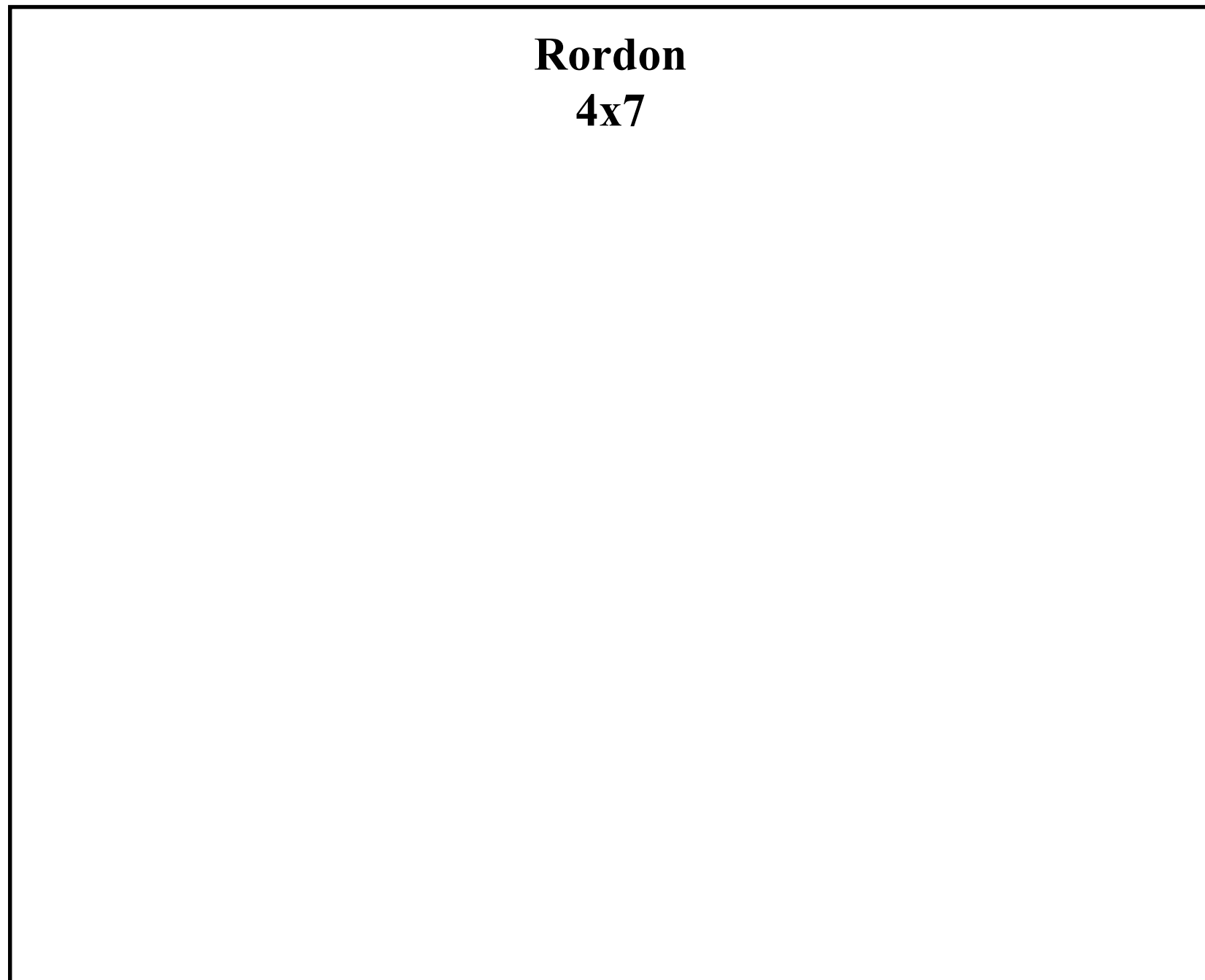
Participating restaurants, beverage companies, bakeries, and caterers include: Crossroads of Garwood, Liantonio's of Kenilworth, Beana Mexicana from Rahway, Raagini of Mountainside, the Windsor Diner of Clark, Julio (formerly Alfonso's) from Hillside, Deli King of Clark,

Freshwaters from Plainfield, L'Affaire out of Mountainside, Joe Corbi's Pizza from Maryland, Rustic Mill of Cranford, The Gourmet of Cranford, Red Lobster from Union, Subway out of Cranford, Al's Prime Meats & Catering from Garwood, Ahrrre's Coffee of Westfield, Fedway Associates of Kearney, Bella Palermo of Elizabeth, Village Bakery in Linden, Cafe Montebello Bakery of Warren, Rosa's Ristorante of Summit, Allied Beverage of Union; Geigers of Westfield, Trader Joe's of Westfield, Charlie Brown's of Greenbrook, Outback Steakhouse of Greenbrook and BJ's Wholesale Club of Watchung.

Tickets are available for \$30 per person in advance and \$50 at the door, if available. Persons must be over 18 to participate and business attire is requested.

For more information, please contact Laurie Bell, Fund Development Director, at (908) 232-3236, Extension No. 218. Proceeds will benefit Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

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A GOOD 'CHAT'...Parents from Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield recently discussed techniques for building students' self esteem during an informal discussion called "Chat with the Principal." Pictured, left to right, are Noreen Lund, Jorden Schiff, Principal of Jefferson School, Carol Gerson, Maureen Mazzaresse, Donna Marra and Gloria White-James.

Jefferson School Parents Learn Effective Strategies

At a recent "Chat with the Principal," Jefferson Elementary School parents learned about effective parenting strategies and building self-esteem in children.

Guest speakers at the event were Carol Gerson and Gloria White-James, Edison Intermediate School guidance counselors, and Maureen Mazzaresse, a student assistance coun-

selor at Westfield High School.

"Chats with the Principal" consist of informal discussions on topics of importance to the Jefferson School community.

These topics are based on subjects selected through a parent survey in the beginning of the school year. The "Chats" precede all Parent Teacher Organization meetings.

Enrichment Center Offers SAT II Preparation Course

The Enrichment Center of Westfield will offer intensive preparation classes for the SAT II (Scholastic Assessment Test) tests offered by the College Board on Saturday, June 6.

"These tests are subject specific, and are similar to the former achievement tests," stated Elaine Sigal, one of the owners of The Enrichment Center.

Four-week, eight-hour classes for the SAT II are being offered in biology (molecular and general), chemistry, writing, history (United States and world), foreign languages and math.

The center recommends that nine- and 10th-graders take the biology or chemistry tests.

"It is important for students to take these subject tests at the end of the school year in which they have taken the subject. Many colleges require students to submit scores for three of the SAT II tests in addition to their SAT I test scores," said Ms. Sigal.

All of these courses will be taught by qualified experienced teachers. Each class is limited to eight students to maximize the learning experience.

The two-hour classes will run on Sundays, April 26, May 3, May 17 and May 31. Students may choose 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Students who wish to take two classes can be accommodated by attending both morning and evening sessions. If the times or dates of the classes are not convenient, a class can be created with a minimum of four students, said Ms. Sigal.

The Enrichment Center also can set up private tutoring sessions.

To enroll for the SAT II preparation classes, please call (908) 654-0110. The cost of the eight-hour SAT II Preparation Class is \$225.

Early enrollment has been strong. Students should register soon to be assured of a place in the class of their choice.

Review classes for the SAT II will also be offered in September and October for students taking the test in November.

The Enrichment Center is located at in the rear if the second floor at 424 Central Avenue in Westfield.

'Y' Sponsoring Trip To Botanical Garden For 60-and-Better Set'

The Westfield "Y" will sponsor a trip to the New York Botanical Garden on Tuesday, April 7, for the "Sixty and Better Set."

The day will begin with a docent-led tour of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory to explore a "World of Plants," from tropical rain forests to deserts.

The featured exhibit will be the Gardens of Charleston, South Carolina. Following a plated lunch at the new Garden Cafe, operated by Abigail Kirsch, there will be unescorted free time.

Some of the optional exhibits include the T.H. Everett Rock Garden, the Spring Flower Exhibition and the Thekla E. Johnson Orchid Terrarium.

The fee for the trip is \$65 per person. The price includes round-trip transportation from the Westfield "Y," admission fee and lunch.

Reservations can be made to the Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. No refunds will be issued unless the person's spot can be sold.

For more information, please contact Karen Simon at (908) 233-2700.



TAKING THE READING PLEDGE...Elizabeth Shlala Leo, an academic coach at the Score! Educational Center on East Broad Street in Westfield, reads with Westfielders Patrick Conlon and Alfredo Prada at Score's "Reading and Sharing" party. The event was held across the country as part of the National Education Association's Read Across America project marking Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2.

Community Invited to Donate Books for Library Friends' Sale

As a prelude to the area's largest book sale, the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library has scheduled donation days at the Program Room of the library.

Those wishing to donate books may bring them to that site on Thursday, March 27, and Friday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or on Monday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Hard copies and paperbacks are sought for the sale. Donors are asked not to bring textbooks, damaged books, condensed books, tapes or records.

An estimated 30,000 books will be on sale beginning Tuesday, March 31, with a members' preview from 9 a.m. to noon and a general sale from 1 to 9 p.m. The sale will continue on Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Friday, April 3, the Friends will hold a half-price day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bag Day is slated for Sunday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For \$3, patrons can fill a grocery bag with books.

Close to 100 volunteers will sort the books, shelve them and assist with sales and cashier duties. Last year, the sale netted \$19,000; the funds of which are used to provide books, services and equipment for the library.

Ed Orlando and Anne Arkel are serving as co-chairmen for the Friends 26th annual sale. Others on the Planning Committee are: Ann Robinson and Martie Myers, coordinators of volunteers; Eleanor Senus, Treasurer; Jane Curtis and Nancy Yoder, advertising; Tina Leshner, publicity; and Barbara Abeles, hospitality.

Upcoming SP-FHS Craft Show To Benefit Alumni Association

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association and the Student Leadership Conference will sponsor a Craft Show on Saturday, April 4, at the high school.

The alumni association was started four years ago to promote and encourage scholarship, leadership, education, and fellowship between students and alumni.

The Alumni Association set up a scholarship fund and also helps and promotes activities such as the Renaissance Program at the high school. The proceeds from the Craft Show will go toward their project funds.

The Student Leadership Conference consists of approximately 12 students from each grade level who

are selected to participate in a three-day leadership training program. The students are not asked to pay for their participation in the program so proceeds from the craft show will go towards the expenses of the program.

The show will feature crafters from New Jersey and Pennsylvania displaying and selling a wide variety of hand-made craft items. A light breakfast and lunch will be available and there will be a cake sale and face painting for the youngsters, as well as a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Pictures will be taken during the show with the Easter Bunny.

For more information about the show or becoming a vendor, please call (908) 322-5863 or (908) 813-8603.

Women's Group Offers Tax Filing Program

Women for Women has announced that a new tax filing program is offered at its new office at 511 North Avenue in Garwood.

Meira Findel, an accountant, will be available to assist women during this tax season. The program will run until Tuesday, April 14. There is no charge for qualifying women to participate but donations are appreciated.

To schedule an appointment, please call Women for Women at (908) 232-5787.

Women for Women is a private, non-profit organization in Union County. It provides self-help service and professional counseling for women in crisis and transition.

Nature Club Meeting Scheduled at Trailside

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

Dave Womer, President of Back to Nature, will present the program, titled "Reptiles and Amphibians," which will explore the lives and legends of these creatures.

A "Birding for Beginners" field trip will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 8 a.m. to noon. Participants will meet at the Wildlife Observation Center on Long Hill Road in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

'McMania' to Benefit Local Music Programs

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Department has announced that "March McMania" will take place at McDonald's on Route No. 22, West, in Scotch Plains, to benefit the music department.

Customers are encouraged to mention that they support the music department when placing their orders on any Wednesday between 4 and 8 p.m., according to a spokeswoman for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association, Inc.

McDonald's will give 20 percent of these sales to benefit Scotch Plains-Fanwood music programs.

Women's Group Lists Financial Forum Date

Women for Women of Union County will host a seminar entitled "Financial Planning for Women" on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., at 511 North Avenue in Garwood.

For information, please call Women for Women at (908) 232-5787 or Faye Varsolona at (800) 526-4931.



FOR THE FUTURE...First Vice President Alan Deombeleg, right, presents a check for \$1,000 from Merrill Lynch's Westfield office to Tom Phelan, a trustee of the Westfield Foundation. The donation, made as part of Merrill Lynch's worldwide philanthropic program, will go towards the foundation's Unrestricted Fund, to benefit local programs and projects.

Donation by Merrill Lynch To Benefit Local Foundation

The Westfield office of Merrill Lynch is donating \$1,000 to the Unrestricted Fund of the Westfield Foundation, a company spokesman has revealed.

Local company employees are also committed to increasing their volunteer

efforts within the community as part of the firm's worldwide philanthropic program marking its recent milestone of \$1 trillion in client assets.

To commemorate this benchmark, the Merrill Lynch Foundation has committed more than \$5 million in support to charities benefiting children and families around the world, the company spokesman said.

"We are proud, as well as grateful," said Alan C. Deombeleg, First Vice President, "and we have decided to celebrate by giving something back to our community."

"Since children and their families represent the future, we thought it would be particularly appropriate to make them the beneficiaries," Mr. Deombeleg added.

The income from this fund, as well as other financial sources, is used each quarter to provide grants to worthwhile community programs, according to Elizabeth Chance, Executive Director of the Westfield Foundation.

Holy Trinity Places Three Essay Winners In Local DAR Contest

The Westfield Chapter Daughters of The American Revolution (DAR) have announced the winners of its annual essay contest. Three of those winners are from Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield.

The winners were: first place, sixth grade, Mora Jimenez; first place, eighth grade, Joe Serzan, and second place, eighth grade, Tara Behr.

Joe Serzan has also placed second in the state for eighth graders. This marks Joe's second DAR state-wide win.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held March 10, 1998, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 24th day of March, 1998, at 8:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Joy C. Vreeland
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 15 OF THE APPENDIX OF THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE DESIGNATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS TO ADD THERETO A CERTAIN PROPERTY AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, specifically the Appendix dealing with the designation and preservation of Historic Landmarks provides a method by which certain properties and/or districts can be designated as Historic Landmarks and as Historic Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the Town has reviewed certain property as set forth hereafter, and has determined that the said property has significant historic value, meets the criteria of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and is worthy of protection and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has documented the importance and historic significance to the municipality, the State, and the nation of this proposed landmark; and

WHEREAS, the owner of said property proposed to be designated as an Historic Landmark has been notified and furnished with copies of reports and findings of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the property proposed to be

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designated as a landmark has been submitted to the Planning Board for their review and the Planning Board has recommended that said property be designated as an Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the property proposed to be designated as an Historic Landmark has been submitted by the Planning Board to the Town Council of the Town of Westfield and the Town Council has agreed with this designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield as follows:

That Section 15 of the Appendix to the Land Use Ordinance providing for Historic Preservation be amended to add the following property:

"7. The private residence presently owned by Theodore C. and Elizabeth P. Alley located at 508 Salter Place, Westfield, New Jersey, known as Lot No. 12.02 Block No. 3408 on the tax maps, being also known as the Charles Marsh House and built about 1775 and originally the residence of Charles Marsh, a member of one of the pioneer families of Westfield and a veteran of the Revolutionary War, excepting therefrom the portion of the aforesaid lot 12.02 described by the following metes and bounds description:

BEGINNING at a point on the southwesterly sideline of Salter Place, said point being the division line between Lot Nos. 12.02 and 13.00, Block No. 3408, and being 650.00 feet northwesterly along the southwesterly sideline of Salter Place from its intersection with the northwesterly sideline of Fourth Avenue, and running;

thence (1) North 46 degrees 50 minutes West, along the said sideline of Salter Place, a distance of 70.00 feet to a point,

thence (2) South 44 degrees 30 minutes West, through the aforementioned Lot No. 12.02, a distance of 150.00 feet to a point on the rear line of the aforesaid Lot 12.02,

thence (3) South 46 Degrees 50 minutes East, along the rear line

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of Lot No. 12.02, a distance of 70.00 feet to a point,

thence (4) North 44 degrees 30 minutes East, along the aforesaid division line, a distance of 150.00 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Afore described property, being the most southeasterly 70.00 feet of Lot No. 12.02, Block No. 3408.

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance to the contrary this historic landmark designation shall not prohibit the present or future owners of this property from subdividing lot 12.02 so long as said subdivision meets all the requirements of the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Historic Review Commission shall be permitted to place an appropriate notation and plaque on said property indicating its Historic Landmark status.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, in the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner, permitted by law.

1 T - 3/12/98, The Times Fee: \$119.85

It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage.

— Henry Ward Beecher

Milisha Barnett Heads Back to Norfolk Following Deployment in Persian Gulf

Navy Airman Milisha S. Barnett, the daughter of Roger A. Barnett of Westfield, recently departed the Persian Gulf aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz*, the lead ship of the *USS Nimitz Battle Group*.

Airman Barnett is one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the carrier who participated in Operation Southern Watch to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

The Secretary of Defense ordered the battle group to the area in October in response to rising tensions there.

Airman Barnett's ship, homeported in Bremerton, Washington, will shift its homeport to Norfolk, Virginia, when it finishes this deployment in March.

The shift will allow *USS Nimitz* to undergo repairs and to refuel its nuclear reactors at Newport News Shipyard, according to a United States Navy spokesman.

Aircraft carriers like *USS Nimitz* are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis or tension, the spokesman explained.

The 1996 graduate of Westfield High School joined the Navy last May.



100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN...Members of Jamie McKenzie's Kindergarten class at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison are having fun learning to count by keeping track of the number of school days on their bulletin board. On February 12th the class celebrated having reached the 100th day of school. Pictured, left to right, are: Taylor Anthony, Kindergarten teacher Jamie McKenzie and Samantha Mellina, all of Westfield, and Jonathan Johnson of Edison.

Youth Art Month Generates Support of Local Merchants

For the third consecutive year, Youth Art Month is being celebrated throughout Westfield's downtown area. A kick-off reception hosted by Elaine Zack of Storytime on Elm, 35 Elm Street, will take place tonight, Thursday, March 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This year, more than 220 student works of art are on display at approximately 70 stores. The artwork includes paintings, drawings, sculpture and painted furniture created by students of all ages in all

of Westfield's nine public schools.

Joseph Spector, owner of the Leader Store, donated a gift certificate for the Youth Art Month poster contest winner, Molly Orbach.

"We thank the support of the merchants who allow us to showcase the work. It's very exciting for the student to be a part of it," said Charlotte Kantz, Parent-Teacher Council Fine Arts Committee Chairwoman. "It brings various components of the town together," she added.

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Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance as follows was passed and adopted as amended by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held March 10, 1998.

Joy C. Vreeland
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1702 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE VII, "SIDEWALK CAFES" BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THEREOF.

1 T - 3/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$14.79

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Joy C. Vreeland
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1701 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 10A-9 AS IT RELATES TO THE COLLECTION OF BULKY WASTE.

1 T - 3/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$14.28

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BOARD OF EDUCATION WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey, in the Board of Education Office, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, at 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) on March 26, 1998 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

"RESTROOM RENOVATIONS AT WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND ROOSEVELT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, B8-118"

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MARCH 16, 1998

Plans, specifications, form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work and other Contract Documents thereto, as prepared by M. Disko Associates, are on file in their offices at 493 Lehigh Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, and in the offices of the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and may be examined at the office of M. Disko Associates during business hours.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for Sixty Dollars (\$60.00), payable to M. DISKO ASSOCIATES, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.

Proposal forms (as contained in the Specifications) provide for the awarding of all the work to the lowest qualified bidder under a single contract.

The guaranty accompanying the bid shall be given in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid and may be given at the option of the bidder by a Certified Check, or Bid Bond from a reputable insurance company.

All bidders must be prequalified in accordance with Chapter 105, Laws of 1962, as amended by Chapter 188, Laws of 1968 as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

Labor in connection with the project shall be paid not less than wages as listed in Prevailing Wage Rate Determination, pursuant to Chapter 150 of the New Jersey Laws of 1963, or the U. S. Department of Labor Wage Determinations, whichever are higher for each class of labor.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1975, C. 127. (NJAC 17: 27)

Bids may be held by the Board of Education for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract"

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment the public interest will be served by so doing.

By order of the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey.

Robert Rader
Board Secretary

1 T - 3/12/98, The Leader Fee: \$59.16

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Insurance Switch Is Cited As Beneficial All Around

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that it has switched its insurance coverage for county employees to First Option Health Plan.

"We are satisfied that the First Option Health Plan will be beneficial to Union County employees and provide significant savings to the county," said Freeholder Nicholas P. Scutari.

On January 26, Mr. Scutari postponed sponsoring the resolution switching coverage from PruCare because of reports that First Option canceled scheduled surgeries for plan participants.

"The company explained its position and assured us that such incidents would not happen to Union County employees," he said.

He referred to reports that the managed care company attempted to cut the pay of anesthesiologists by 20 percent, which resulted in canceled surgery for patients in North Jersey.

"We absolutely would not sacrifice quality health care to save money," he said.

By changing insurance coverage, Union County could save more than \$800,000 in property and health insurance premiums while its employees will benefit from better medical coverage, county officials maintained.

The resolution saves \$700,000 — about 19.4 percent — in health insurance premiums over two years. More than \$100,000 will be saved by having Hartford Insurance Company insure county property for 14 months, according to the Freeholder board.

The county's Citizens Insurance Re-

view Committee — to which Mr. Scutari is the Freeholder Liaison — compared monthly premiums and their coverage for 424 policies, which include those for singles, husbands and wives, parents and children and families.

Under PruCare, they cost \$174,505, or \$2,094,064 annually. However, expanded coverage under the First Option Health Plan is \$140,639 a month, for \$1,687,671 a year. The annual savings is \$406,392. CIRC also rated the First Option Health Plan superior in nine of 14 categories.

Additionally, the First Option Health Plan guarantees that second-year rates will increase no more than 6 percent. That means that even if PruCare premiums were to stay the same and First Option's went up, the county would still save approximately \$300,000, according to the Freeholders.

Westfielders Included On Fall Dean's List At Boston University

Alisha H. Kolski, and Heather J. Schwartz, both of Westfield, were recently named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester.

The university, with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges, offers courses in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research.

Folk Art Grant Applications From State Due by April 13

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, has announced that a folk art apprenticeship grant program is being offered by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA).

The NJSCA has established the Folk Arts Program which will provide support for both artists and activities of New Jersey's ethnic, regional and occupational communities.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the many cultural groups in Union County to further promote and teach the significance and value of their heritage," stated Union County Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

In order to encourage communities to continue passing on their traditional arts and to provide greater support for the folk artists who perform them for the community, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, with the assistance of the National Endowment for the Arts, is offering grants for Folk Arts Apprenticeships.

These grants provide stipends to apprentices so that they can pay master folk artists to help them develop their skills in traditional folk arts and crafts. The grants range between \$1,000 and \$3,000. Potential apprentices and the master folk artists they wish to work with apply as a team and complete a form giving information on their backgrounds, their funds, their plans to work together and their art form.

They must also provide support materials that show their level of skill.

Apprentices must be full-time residents of New Jersey and must be at least 15 years old. Applications will be evaluated

on the following criteria: excellence of the master, preparation and commitment of the apprentice, shared cultural heritage of the team, traditionality and significance of the art form within the community, adequacy of the work plan and appropriateness of the funding request.

The deadline for applications is Monday, April 13. For information or an application, please call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550 or Rita Moonsammy at (609) 292-6130. TTY relay users should call (800) 852-7899.

Fanwood Library Sets Kids Storytime Programs

The Fanwood Memorial Library Children's Department has announced new Family Storytime for Mondays, March 16, 23 and 30, starting at 6 p.m.

The programs will last between 20 and 30 minutes. Children three years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult in the Story Room.

A parent or caregiver must be present in the children's area for any child participating in the program. All parents are welcome in the Story Room and no registration is necessary for children participating.

A Storytime for School Age Children, for those youngsters at least in Kindergarten, will be offered on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. for 20 minutes on March 10, 17, 24 and 31. No registration is necessary.

County 'Committed' to Helping Towns Reduce Utilities Costs

Union County government is continuing its efforts to lower electric and natural gas rates, a result of energy deregulation, by helping municipalities collectively negotiate the best deals with utility companies.

"Union County government is committed to lower costs. One of the ways it has achieved them is through the sharing of services with the 21 municipalities," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan during a recent speech to approximately 70 municipal, county and state officials, as well as business leaders at a conference on energy deregulation at the Gateway Institute for Regional Development at Kean University in Union Township.

"The deregulation of these utilities is yet another opportunity to share services and reduce energy costs throughout the county," he said, adding that the open market will also enable the county to create an energy master plan. "By working together we can maximize taxpayer savings even more."

To expedite collective negotiating for natural gas and electric rates, Freeholder Sullivan explained that Union County has applied for a \$25,000 grant from the state Department of Community Affairs to study utility use among the municipalities and to compile data to put together utilities plans.

The conference, sponsored by three

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Gateway Institute — formed in 1997 to meet the economic, social, cultural and educational challenges of the emerging global community — focused on the benefits of deregulation while encouraging the banding together of several towns to become one, large customer.

Freeholder Sullivan said that, by combining utilities in public buildings (including schools), between 5 and 10 percent could be saved on electric costs, while the savings on natural gas could be between 7 and 12 percent. More than \$1 million could be saved in seven years.

"The savings could be used to provide more services and programs, or even to cut taxes," he said.

Freeholder Sullivan said that after municipalities provide information on energy use and costs, Union County will compile and evaluate the figures before implementing a collective purchasing plan.

"We understand the fiscal pressures local officials are under to provide the best services for the lowest amount of taxpayer dollars. We also realize that local governments are not equipped to deal with the complexities of the energy industry," he said. "Union County has the expertise to negotiate genuine, across-the-board savings."

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