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A DREAM COME TRUE....WYACT (Westfield Young Artists Cooperative

Theatre) participants Kate Cuca, Dakota Nave Hurtt and Ginny Paynter,

pictured above in the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Rotunda, prepare to

audition for the joint NJPAC/WYACT production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's

musical, Carousel, to be presented at NJPAC Victoria Theatre in July.

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RESIDENTS APPEAL FOR LATIN PROGRAM TO STAY AT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

BOE Adopts \$52.2 Million Final Budget; Projected Increase in School Taxes Reduced

By SUZETTE STALKER

In a unanimous vote during Tuesday night's regular meeting, the Westfield Board of Education adopted its final budget of \$52.2 million for 1998-1999, and confirmed that a change in Westfield's ratable base will reduce the projected increase in school taxes.

Finance Committee Chairman Keith S. Hertell revealed that the tentative \$52.02 million spending plan adopted by the board on March 3 had been modified after the Union County Board of Taxation informed district officials that Westfield's tax base had increased by \$6 million since last year.

Jersey Performing Arts Center with

open arms. We are certain that they

will provide a quality performance

opportunity for the young people participating in the NJPAC Summer

Youth Performance Workshop," said Philip S. Thomas, Vice President of

In preparation for *Carousel*, on Friday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the

Community Room of the Westfield

Municipal Building on East Broad Street in Westfield, WYACT will

welcome Tom Briggs, representa-

tive of the Rodgers and Hammerstein

Organization and librettist of the re-

Arts Education at NJPAC.

to lower its projected school tax increase from 7 cents to 6 cents per \$100 of assessed value, according to Mr. Hertell. He said school taxes were now expected to increase by \$104 a year — rather than the originally anticipated \$122 — for an average home in Westfield assessed at \$174,000, and with an actual market

The projected tax increase from last year stands at 2.43 percent instead of the previously estimated 2.88 percent, he confirmed.

Board members also recently learned the district would receive an increase in federal funding to the tune of \$161,648. These funds were added to the tentative budget, increasing the sum from the original

\$52,016,848 to the final \$52,178,496 figure for 1998-1999. Mr. Hertell advised board members and the public, however, that this amount would have no impact on local taxes "since the funds have offsetting expenditures in the program."

On Tuesday, April 21, voters will decide whether or not to support the \$45,177,689 tax levy for this year's budget. The general fund, excluding the federal moneys, represents a 2.33 percent, or \$1,171,751, increase over last year's spending plan.

The second major discussion of the evening revolved around a state mandate which within the next several years will require students to demonstrate some proficiency in a language other than English by the fourth grade. Students will be tested for similar skills as part of the Early Warning Test administered in the eighth grade.

In response to this mandate, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley outlined a proposal to intro-

The change has enabled the board courses in the sixth grade. The only course currently available to sixth graders, he said, is a world language course for half a semester.

In order to accomplish this, in light of the cap on spending increases established by the state under the Comprehensive Education Improvement and Finance Act, Dr. Foley has proposed that the Latin program at Roosevelt and Edison Intermediate Schools -- which has the least enrollment among three foreign language offerings -- be eliminated. It would continue to be available, however, at the high school level.

"We could take a small step in expanding foreign languages downward, at least to the sixth grade," Dr. Foley told The Westfield Leader in an interview the following day.

He proposed that, once the board feels its appropriate, the Latin program could be phased out of the intermediate schools over a two-year period in order to allow all students enrolled in the program to complete

"We're not faced with a situation where we have to make a decision tomorrow," he remarked.

Dr. Foley also felt the district should explore alternative funding for a Latin program, co-sponsored by the Westfield and Plainfield school districts on Saturdays, which would help keep the study of the language alive for local students.

The prospect of eliminating Latin at the intermediate level drew passionate responses from more than half a dozen people in the audience, who argued that the language has a positive impact on students' overall development.

Among those who spoke was Kate Richlin-Žack of Highland Avenue, a senior honor student at Westfield High School, who is enrolled in the Latin V program there. Reading from a prepared statement, she described how the study of Latin strengthened her skills in other academic disciplines.

She told board members how Latin "has improved my SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) scores, increased my English vocabulary, helped in my understanding of biology classifications and chemistry terminology, and has also been of tremendous value in my understanding of English literature and language.

"Eliminating Latin at the middle school level will completely undermine the high school Latin program just at a point when enrollment and interest in Latin studies appears to be

increasing," she continued.

"The middle school Latin program provides a 'feeder' system to the high school program. If you eliminate the system, the high school Latin

program will wither and die," she

PatO'Connor of Shadowlawn Drive explained that the five years of Latin her son took while in school has impressed prospective employers, and that her daughter, a high school freshman, has also benefited from the study of the language.

Mrs. O'Connor maintained that both her children "have had wonderful experiences with the Latin program," adding it would be "very detrimental" to eliminate this course at the intermediate schools.

Dr. Eugene Schaefer of Edgewood Avenue stressed that Latin is a common base for several other languages, adding that it has helped him communicate with people of other countries, besides being the basis of much scientific nomenclature.

The board's Curriculum Committee is expected to study the state mandate, as well as the proposal for developing a foreign language program in the sixth grade, according to Dr. Foley. He stressed that residents' input concerning the Latin program would also be taken into consideration by the committee.

He said he hoped to see foreign language study extended to the el-ementary school level in a manner "that is meaningful and financially

Under other business, Dr. Foley offered recommendations during his Superintendent's Report for revisions to the 1997-1998 school calendar, to compensate for two snow days which had been incorporated into the calendar but never used due to relatively mild weather conditions this

The superintendent proposed that the last day of school be held on Thursday, June 18, a day ahead of schedule, which would coincide with Westfield High School graduation exercises. He also recommended that schools be closed on Friday, May 22, to create a four-day holiday weekend.

The board approved the appointment of EI Associates of East Orange to conduct a feasibility study to determine a preliminary design and estimate the cost of construction for possible expansion of the library at Wilson Elementary School, for the lump sum of \$7,400.

These funds, school board members confirmed, would be applied toward any construction which would be needed to expand the library.

Board Vice President Darielle M. Walsh, who chairs the Facilities Committee, reported that the committee studied proposals by the firm, which specializes in this type of work, prior to the board's decision to award the contract. She said EI Associates had also been recommended by other public school districts.

also have the opportunity to audition cently reworked production of "State for the Carousel production. Fair," who will offer a free lecture on

MUNICIPAL SIDE OF PROPERTY TAX BILLS TO RISE THREE TAX POINTS

Council Cuts Another Tax Point On Budget After Closed Session

CAROUSEL SET AS FIRST PERFORMANCE IN JULY

NJPAC Welcomes WYACT Talent

To New Youth Theatre Company

tional, dark piece. We would like to

emphasize the positiveness of the

musical, that women like Julie Jor-

dan, Carousel's heroine, are strong

and can survive no matter the hard-

ship; that human beings are only ac-

countable for their own lives and not

those of their parents', that people

can accept and live among each other

happily, no matter how varied their

Introducing a summer youth-performing workshop, NJPAC will of-

fer classes in theatre arts for young

people during the summer. Students

who participate in the workshop will

After an hour in private session Tuesday night, the Town Council managed to reduce the amount of money to be raised through local property taxes by an additional \$180,000, or one tax point. The end result will increase taxes 3 cents for every \$100 of assessed valuation.

The \$22,923,211 budget represents an increase of \$649,670 over the 1997 spending plan. The budget will be supported through property taxes totaling \$11,318,088 — an increase of \$552,141 over last year.

During the preliminary meeting which preceded the governing body's regular meeting, some Republicans accused their Democratic colleagues of an "11th hour" maneuver. The

council subsequently agreed to take another \$180,000 from the sale of town assets account, a source of municipal revenue, and use it to fund operational spending.

The account has several million dollars remaining, on which the town earns additional interest revenue, according to Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko.

Thus, the total used to offset capital project spending is \$561,000 down from \$1 million which was utilized in last year's budget. An item known as "total miscellaneous revenues," which includes such items as Board of Health contracts with neighboring communities including Fanwood and Mountainside, building permits and parking decals, was increased from \$8,415,122 to \$8,595,122 as a result of Tuesday's council action.

Up until a few weeks ago, there was no money from the sale of town assets account used in the budget to pay for operational or capital costs. However, the council agreed to utilize \$380,000 of the sale of assets revenue in the budget to offset onetime capital expenditures.

But, after the Mayor and Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman announced they would not support the budget, a closed door meeting was held, at which time another \$180,000 was taken from assets revenue.

Mr. Gottko explained the revised budget will increase taxes by \$52.50 on the average assessed home in

Westfield Seniors Warned to Keep **Alert for Home Improvement Scams**

ByMARK J. YABLONSKY

With the warm-weather months now close at hand, nearly everyone agrees that there's probably no better time to have home improvement needs taken care of.

At the same time, however, police and other town officials are warning senior citizens in particular and everyone else in general, that it's also the best time for scam artists – those who offer legitimate services at high prices - to show up in your neighborhood.

And while the practice of scamming itself is hardly new, most experts feel it is on the rise now more than ever, at least partly because the cost of living has risen so precipitously in the last two decades in the tri-state area – affecting senior citizens hardest of all.

"I think there's more of it now," agreed Louis H. Raupp, Westfield's former town construction official, who has been licensed and recognized by the state of New Jersey to be the "enforcing agency" for the uniform construction code. Mr. Raupp spent his last day on the job last Thursday, March 19. "More fraud. And that's what it is,

fraud," he said. In general, according to literature

and varied comments from those in and around law enforcement as a career, most scam artists are "street smart people" from elsewhere, usually from firms that are a distance away from the particular towns involved. "They're real wise guys," Mr. Raupp

And much like the wily boxing manager who chooses opponents for his fighters carefully, many scam artists seem to generally target senior citizens, considered by many to be among the most helpless when it comes to protecting themselves in their later years.

"A lot of (scams) are," agreed Westfield Police Detective Patrick C. Gray. "They get these older people, they'll tell them they're paving a driveway; (then) they'll spend \$100 on oil or for a quick tar job, and then they'll charge you \$5,000."

One of the biggest cases along

these lines arose in June of 1994, when an elderly woman on Trinity Place was coerced by two laborers into having a new chimney liner installed at a price exceeding \$1,900. The woman, who was 89 at the time, had agreed initially to have her chimney and furnace cleaned for about \$59.

But the laborers, shortly after beginning the work, according to both police and Mr. Raupp, told the woman she was in need of a new liner and had a "dangerous" situation. The workers also told the woman they would have to call the gas company if the work wasn't done.

The woman's nephew, however, when contacted by his aunt, contacted Mr. Raupp, which eventually led to the arrest and indictment of Renaldo Recine, who later agreed to enter pre-trial intervention, a process that usually spares first-time offenders from jail terms, if they can avoid further trouble during their

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Woman Struck by Bus Still Critical but Stable

BySUZETTESTALKER

A Westfield resident remained in critical but stable condition this week after being struck by a school bus March 17 at the intersection of Rahway Avenue and West Broad

Andrea R. Mohl, 52, has been in the intensive care unit of University Hospital in Newark since being admitted shortly after the accident, hospital spokesman Roger Ramsey confirmed.

The woman, who suffered a head trauma, is on a respirator and has been unconscious since being brought to the hospital, Mr. Ramsey said Monday.

He revealed that attempts to rouse the victim to consciousness through verbal commands had so far proved unsuccessful, but declined comment on whether or not she had sustained brain damage.

Mrs. Mohl was crossing the intersection at 2:45 p.m. when she was hit by the bus, which is owned by Laidlaw Transit Inc. of Neptune City, as the driver made a right turn from Rahway onto West Broad.

Laidlaw Transit is contracted by the Union County Educational Services Commission for transportation of students to and from Centennial High School on Westfield

The driver of the bus, Kathryn A McKnight, 31, of Warren had picked up several students at Centennial shortly before the accident occurred.

Also on board the bus at the time were a teacher's aide and Mrs. McKnight's five-year-old son, authorities said. No one on the bus was iniured.

Mrs. McKnight told police that she didn't see Mrs. Mohl as she pulled out after halting for a stop sign at the intersection. She said she stopped the bus after hearing a noise and found the victim underneath the bus.

Detective Sergeant Carl V. Geis of the Westfield Police Department's Traffic Bureau said emergency personnel had to raise the bus using air bags and wooden blocks in order to extricate the victim, who was pinned under the right front wheel of the

Sergeant Geis credited the collaborative efforts of the Westfield Police Department, Westfield Fire Department and the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad with successfully freeing the woman from beneath the vehicle.

Mrs. Mohl was transported to University Hospital by the rescue squad with the assistance of paramedics.

Sergeant Geis said that no charges have been filed against the driver of the bus and that the incident is still under investigation.



and NJPAC is pleased to provide a venue in which theatre arts students can experience a professional theatre experience firsthand," said NJPAC spokeswoman Randy Becker.

Cynthia Meryl, WYACT's Artistic Director and Stage Director of Carousel said, "I've always believed that anything is possible. Seven years ago, my dream was to develop a theatre company which would offer a highquality, professional theatrical experience to young, aspiring perform-

ers, designers, and technicians. "We have succeeded over the years, but now, entering NJPAC will allow WYACT participants as well as other young New Jersey theatre artists to cultivate their crafts in a beautiful

state-of-the-art atmosphere.' When asked about the show selection, Ms. Meryl continued, "Carousel has been described as a emo-

Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Leader

Those persons preparing press eleases for submission to The Leader are reminded that copy should be e-mailed or faxed by 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.

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Sports stories which occur prior o 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 ip to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. All copy must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case, no

ber where the submitter can be reached. For events which are planned months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as

more than 500 words in length, and

include a daytime telephone num-

ossible 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 edi-

Florist Seeks More Time But **Landlord Says Extensions Have Been Granted**

BySUSANM.DYCKMAN

McEwen Flowers has been a fixture in Westfield since 1923. That may change come March 30 when owner Tim Capone's lease on the building at 431 Central Avenue ex-

The owners of that property and the empty lot adjacent to it have sold their holdings to Exxon Corporation. Exxon presently operates a gas station at the corner of Central and South

The sale will allow Exxon to expand the existing gas station to include two new gas pumping islands, a Tiger Mart retail store and a 15-foot high free standing canopy. Board of Adjustment approval on the Exxon plan was granted March 9.

Susan N. Mullen is the attorney for property owners Alfred S. Hood, Frederick Stauss and A. McEwen. She holds a court order that requires Mr. Capone to vacate the premises at 431 Central by this Monday, March

"This follows a series of extensions," explained Ms. Mullen.

She confirmed that her clients' closing with Exxon cannot take place until Mr. Capone and his business are out of the building.

"They (Exxon) don't want a tenant," added Ms. Mullen.

Mr. Capone, however, who has owned the McEwen business since 1985, wants an additional 30-day

extension on his lease.
"I want to get out," stressed the florist, who has been packing up his store bit by bit over the past months. "But, there are time constraints in all

In January, following an agreedupon lease extension to March 30, Mr. Capone identified property along East Broad Street as a suitable new location for his business.

He said he signed a 10-year lease on the space (the former Auster's appliance store) and has had plans drawn for the renovations required to accommodate the 10- by 12-foot refrigeration system he uses. He said the appropriate permits have been applied for.

"the Musical Theatre of Rodgers and

In addition to performing a classic

musical, WYACT is proud to present

the Broadway comedy hit "Isn't It

Romantic" by Wendy Wasserstein Friday, July 31, through Sunday, Au-

gust 2, at the Cranford Dramatic Club

on Winans Avenue in Cranford, pro-

viding an acting opportunity to young

actors and actresses interested in

temporary feminine dilemma, the

conflict between personal indepen-

dence and romantic fulfillment. The

story deals with the post-college ca-

reers of two best friends: Janie, a

short, slightly overweight Jewish

would-be writer; and Harriet, her tall,

thin gorgeous WASP best friend. Both

yearn to escape loving parental domi-

nation and to establish their own lives

Auditions for "Carousel" are Sun-

day, April 26, starting at 11 a.m. at the

Westfield School of Dance, located

at 402 Boulevard, and on Sunday,

May 3, starting at 11 a.m. at NJPAC,

both days by appointment. Auditioners must bring sheet music

Dance calls are the same evenings

in the same locales starting at 7 p.m.

Callbacks will be on Thursday, May 9.

are Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m., at the

Westfield School of Dance by ap-

"Auditions for 'Isn't It Romantic"

and identities.

in the correct keys.

Isn't It Romantic explores the con-

performing in a straight play.

In the meantime, "I've got no place to go. Another 30 days would be more than enough time to get the new space ready," said Mr. Capone.

"If I don't get an extension, this would hurt me really bad," he continued. "It could put me out of business, and I stand to lose quite a bit of money. Every bit of my life savings is

Not only would an additional 30 days buy Mr. Capone time to complete renovation, it would allow McEwen Flowers to reap the benefits of the profitable Easter season at its present location. The business could then be in place on East Broad Street to handle Mother's Day orders. He said these two occasions mark "the height of the season" for a

Mr. Capone said that, prior to Exxon's entering the picture, he had reached an agreement (which one of the owners had signed) to purchase

the property himself.
"Then Exxon bumped the offer up by \$55,000," he explained, knocking Mr. Capone out of the competition.

To date, Mr. Capone's attorney has been unsuccessful in approaching Exxon directly with his client's appeal for a lease extension.

Meeting is Scheduled For April 2 to Discuss **Tree Planting Event**

All interested residents are encouraged to attend a meeting of the Central Avenue Neighborhood Preservation Program on Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Neighborhood Council on Cacciola Place.

The purpose of the meeting is to finalize plans for a Cacciola Place tree planting event scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at 11 a.m. This event is one of several to be held to increase awareness of the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Everyone is invited to attend, as many participants are needed to make this project a success.

pointment. Performers should pre-

pare a short monologue. Callbacks

are the same afternoon. For the *Car*-

ousel audition or class information

For "Carousel/Isn't It Romantic"

auditions or technical apprenticeship

information, please call (908) 233-

The Westfield Young Artist's Co-

operative Theatre, Inc. (WYACT) will

present its annual "Cabaret" on Sat-

urday, April 4, at 8 p.m. at the Cran-

ford Dramatic Club (CDC) on Winans

Avenue in Cranford, Directed by Ms.

Meryl, the show's emphasis this year

is on period works written on or

before 1950 by playwrights such as

Strindberg, Shaw, Ibsen, and Moliere.

young performers, ages 7 through 17, from Westfield, Scotch Plains,

Cranford, and the surrounding towns.

Members of the Westfield Dance

Company, under the direction of

Jenny Logus, will perform excerpts

from SaintSaen's Carnival of the

Tickets can be purchased at the

door and are \$10 for adults and \$8

for students and seniors. All pro-

ceeds from this event benefit

WYACT's summer productions.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's musi-

cal, Carousel and Wendy

For further information, please call

Wasserstein's Isn't It Romantic.

(908) 233-3200.

The cast is made up of talented

call (973) 353-8009 at NJPAC.

NJPAC Welcomes WYACT

To New Youth Theatre Co.



The Mestfield Leader and THE TIMES of Scotch Plains - Fanwood

HAPPY 100 DAYS...Kindergarten students in Judy Tretiak's class at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield recently celebrated 100 days of school with a party and various activities which helped the youngsters learn to count to 100.

Seniors Warned to Keep Alert For Home Improvement Scams

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pre-trial parole period.

At the time of that incident, Recine was associated with J&J Chimney Safety, Inc. of East Farmingdale, New York. Police said that Recine told them he worked for "some guy out on Long Island." And according to information obtained from Mr. Raupp's office, the liner Recine and his co-worker wanted to install was not of stainless steel, but was instead an "ordinary, flexible duct material,"he said.

A copy of the agreement with J&J and the eldery woman showed/promised the new liner would be of "stainless steel." Recine, then 23, was driving only with a commercial driving permit at then time. His partner, Mr. Raupp added, had no

Then on February 17 of this year, both fire and police became suspicious of two men working on a chimney on a Boulevard residence during a rainfall. The workers did not have a work permit, and reportedly matched the description of the workers apprehended some time earlier. According to one fire official, the work was being done incorrectly, and any further work was ordered stopped.

Then on March 6, a man believed to be in his mid-60s and living on Summit Avenue, agreed to a deal similar to the one imposed upon the elderly woman of four years ago. He, too, would have paid workers about \$2,000, but Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro Jr., who was driving by, became suspicious at what he saw and stopped to investigate.

That led to another work stoppage order, with Mr. Raupp also telling the two men to restore the chimney area back to what it had been prior to the work agree-

The workers involved in both cases represented Fairfield Chimney and Fireplace Maintenance, Inc. of Deer Park, lew York. Some law enforcement aren't convinced the two companies are related, but Mr. Raupp suspects that J&J is a possible subsidiary of FairfieldChimney.

Dennis Falcone, however, the President of Fairfield Chimney, denied having any connection or association with J&J, and instead accused local officials of targetinghimunfairly. "We have a fairly large company, and

we stand behind everything we do," contended Mr. Falcone, who said he had "never heard" of J&J. "To me, they don't

The Westfield Leader contacted the New York State Attorney General's Officetwice to determine if the two firms are related. The Attorney General's Office did not return either call.

Mr. Falcone, who denied having ever heard of Recine, also insisted "we do not target senior citizens.'

Mr. Falcone also said that the work needed to be done in both cases this year, and that the work was stopped because his company workers had no canvassing

"Andthey (town officials) have it in for us," Mr. Falcone added. Policeaddedthat"we have no proof of

any connection (between the two companies)"this past Tuesday.

Law enforcement officials agree that the issue of work permits is a doubleedged sword, with a lot of the "onus" falling on homeowners, since they must carry some type of building permit in order to have work of major proportions

On the other hand, companies and/or canvassers must carry permits if they go door-to-door to solicit business.

That, Mr. Raupp noted, often works against victims of scam operators, since the victim can often be the one most culpable for not having a proper building permit in the first place. And even the pursuit of scammers on a legal basis is

"When you're 89 years old, do you

"Postcards of Westfield" was presented to the Westfield Chapter of the

National Society Daughters of the

American Revolution (N.S.D.A.R.) by

Stanley H. Lipson, author of the book

"Westfield in the Golden Age of Post-

cards" on March 20 at the home of

The hostesses for the program were

Mr. Lipson, a local resident and

long-time collector, has combined

images from several existing local

collections with informational de-

scriptions and added the history of

Patricia Ambielli and Elizabeth

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Jester.

DeVincenzo.

want to go through two years of court, with motions and counter-motions, and a lawyer asking for money every month or two?" questioned Mr. Rapp.

Mr. Raupp agreed that in about 75 percent of all cases, work of some kind is needed, that elderly homeowners are usually the target, and that any or all scammers are fast-talking pros who use fear as a factor in their approach, similar to the story involving the woman on Trinity Place.

Also, a one-time payment of a high sum is almost always part of the agreement, and that the scammers involved very often promise a job of a quick nature, then take the victim's check to that victim's bank, cashit, and leave quickly.

The work is often done in a mediocre or poor manner, police stated.

Police also caution homeowners of another scam approach: two woman or someone else of an innocent nature, who ask for a glass of water. But upon entry into the house, one of the scammers then keeps the homeowner preoccupied in a legitimate way, while the confederate then runs upstairs or to another portion of the house to steal money — or money-related items, such as jewelry.

Mr. Raupp, in commenting further on the former approach, said a four-item checklistcanhelphomeownersavoidmany of these repair difficulties.

Mr. Raupp said any or all homeowners approached about having work done, should ask for references, including at least three customers the company has worked with/for. Then, Mr. Raupp continued, the homeowners should check with their local banks in order to see whether or not the company has had business accounts or businesses connections, to see "that they exist."

Perhaps most important of all, Mr. Raupp added, any potential customer must ask for a list of the company's material suppliers, since very often, the supplier can "come after you" in the event the company hasn't properly compensated the supplier.

Finally, Mr. Raupp emphasized, any potential customer should ask to see a certificate of insurance from the laborer, in case a problem of liability arises. No customer should seriously consider any such work agreement without the other side proving it has liability insurance, Mr. Raupp stated.

The veteran construction official, who has held similar job titles in both Tinton Falls and Stafford Township, has never seen Westfield with as many out-of-state contractors as "it has now," which is "up six-fold from 1992."

Mr. Raupp also warned that many scamartists are interested largely in targeting those with homes that have had mortgage debts "paid off years ago," and especially those homes "with large cash

It is agreed that institutions, even legitimate ones, have provisions enabling them to at least part of the house's financial assets if a "lendee" fails to meet repayment requirements on time.

Mr. Raupp, however, recalling a recent nationally-televisednewsmagazine on the subject, said that some loan/home improvement financing companies can have clauses in agreements that give them title to all of the victim's assessments on the house, literally forcing some out on the Mr. Raupp, recalling when his aged

mother was still alive, said he "couldn't believe all the contacts she had" from those interested in doing work in and around the home—until, the construction code official said, they found out the house was really owned by him.

"They dissolved into the night," Mr. Raupp concluded. Just because Westfield is an "up scale town," things are often perceived that these matters "don't exist.

The Westfield chapter participated

in a bake sale at the Veterans Health

Care Center in Lyons on March 17.

Members will hold a yard sale Satur-

day, April 25, to benefit the many

schools and scholarship funds spon-

Members of the chapter are

women descended from ancestors

who participated in the American

Revolution. Eligible women inter-

ested in membership may call the

Registrar, Marjorie Gural, at (908)

686-5484 or Lillian Blauvelt, Re-

sored by the N.S.D.A.R

gent, at (908) 232-8674.

"They surely do," he said.

Author Presents Postcards

To Local D.A.R. Chapter

each scene.

WESTFIELD **POLICE BLOTTER**

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Mei-Chen Ho, 53, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting at an Elm Street supermarket, according to police. She was released on \$275 bail.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

 Fondrea L. Lewis, 26, of Hillside was arrested and charged with shoplifting after she allegedly attempted to take \$983.99 worth of clothing from a North Avenue department store, authorities said. She was released on her own recognizance. · Michael Bartolomeo, 18, and Jeremi

Thomson, 19, both of Westfield, were arrested and charged with burglary and theft, according to police. Bartolomeo was taken into custody at his home, while Thomson was arrested at police headquarters. Authorities said the pair was charged in

connection with five incidents, involving cellular telephones which were stolen from motor vehicles during February. Each of ne suspects was released on \$2,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 A bicycle valued at \$270 was reported stolen from a rack at Roosevelt

Intermediate School on Clark Street. Police said it has not been recovered. THURSDAY, MARCH 19 Mia Kottler, 36, of Warren was arrested on Prospect Street and charged with driving while intoxicated, and also with refusal to take a breath test, accord-

ing to police. She was released on \$650 FRIDAY, MARCH 20

• The theft of a bicycle valued at \$201 from a residence at North Avenue and Charles Street was reported to police. Authorities said the bicycle has not been

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 • Two people, one a Boulevard resi-

dent and the other from Amherst, Massachusetts, filed simple assault reports, according to police.

They each claimed they were pushed against a wall by an employee of a local recreation facility who was attempting to make them leave the premises.

No charges have been filed in connection with the two complaints, authorities **SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

 A representative of the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Cowperthwate Place reported that someone knocked over four walkway lights, a larger spotlight and some wiring, according to police.

The church representative told authorities that similar incidents had occurred seven times previously; however, there are currently no suspects in the case.

• An East Broad Street resident reported that someone punctured a tire and scratched the hood and the entire driver's side of his 1995 Dodge. The vehicle was parked in a rear lot on East Broad at the time the incident occurred, authorities said.

 A Carleton Road resident reported that someone stole a cellular telephone valued at \$70 from his vehicle on January 5, and subsequently rang up \$200 worth of telephone calls, according to police.

The victim told authorities he believed that the telephone was removed from the car either while it was parked in his driveway or in a lot on East Broad Street and

MONDAY, MARCH 23

An employee of a shop on North Avenue, West, reported that his camera was stolen from the establishment. Police said they do not have a suspect in the case.

• Daryl Meek, 22, of Montclair was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license on North Avenue, authori-

A further investigation revealed that Meek was wanted on a no-bail warrant from the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, as well as a contempt of court warrant from Roxbury, for which bail was set at \$800, according to police.

• A resident of Twin Oaks Terrace reported that someone stole his credit card from a local recreation facility and subse-

• Paul Cacciatore, 18, of Scotch Plains. James Rodrigues, 19, of Westfield and Christopher Gargiulo, 20, of Edison were arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana following a motor vehicle stop at West Broad Street and Rahway Avenue, according to police. All three were released on \$250 bail.

Council Cuts Another Tax Point On Budget After Closed Session

Westfield of \$175,000. A home assessed at \$350,000 will see an increase in taxes of \$105 for municipal services.

If the county portion of property tax bills remains flat as expected, the total average tax bill will increase by 9 cents on \$100 of assessed valuation, or \$156 for the average home in town. The increase for the school tax, which will go before voters on Tuesday, April 21, is six cents,

The move to use more revenue generated from the sale of town assets caused Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., to vote against the introduction of the budget. He said if the money was to be used, it should fund long-term projects and not municipal operational spending.

He said he would support the budget if the revenue from the sale of town assets was used to pay for any purpose "other than paying our bills."

Also voting against the introduction of the budget was Mayor Thomas C. Jardim. Although happy with the increased spending on capital improvements planned around town for 1998—which he said has doubled from previous years—the Mayor said he was not pleased with the operational side of the budget.

Specifically, he said more discussion needs to focus on the biggest expense item in the budget—salaries and wages -which accounts for 62 percent of the spendingplan.

He said he believes the amount placed in the budget as reserve for uncollected taxes, \$1,850,000 on the appropriations side, and the revenue item of receipts for delinquent taxes, \$650,000, are both too

"I think we should go back and do a little bit more work," Mayor Jardim as-

On the capital spending side, Mayor Jardimacknowledgedthat\$600,000 was in the budget for road improvements as part of a multi-year program to pave neglected streets in town. Town parks will see improvements also, with \$60,000 geared for improving Sycamore Field, \$12,000 for Memorial Field, construction of a picnic structure at Tamaques Park and new playground equipment for Lincoln School.

The budget also includes funds to continue examining and repairing the town's sewer system. Another \$370,000 has been slated for walkie-talkies and other public safety and public works items.

A total of \$7,500 has been set aside for the state Neighborhood Preservation Program proposed for a large triangular section between Central Avenue and Grove Street, South and Grandview Avenues.

This revenue is the result of the sale of town-owned land, used police cars and othermunicipal vehicles.

Prior to the regular meeting, Councilman Goldman said he was prepared to vote against the introduction of the budget unless the burden on taxpayers was reduced further.

The council wrestled with the possibility of introducing the budget, already over a month late to Trenton, in April, thus pushing the public hearing and adoption vote of funtil May. Officials said this would have endangered the town in getting out property tax bills by Saturday, August 1, since the process of setting tax rates at the Union County Board of Taxation often is a slow process.

Mr. Goldman was critical of reduced state aid to the town over the past few

"Lower state aid from Trenton and rising local expenses means higher local property taxes. And that really is the bottom line," he said.

State aid of \$4,132,714, he said, "is only \$6,000 more than it was last year. It is only \$23,000 higher than it was three years ago, in 1995. In fact, it is \$320,000 less than it was in 1994."

"We are not the source of the problem. The source is elsewhere and we have to live with those ramifications," he said.

The municipal budget was reduced by \$156,000 during the process as the governing body took the budget presented to them by Mr. Gottko in January and chopped it from an increase of five cents per\$100 of assessed value to three-anda-half cents. However, town auditors, after reviewing the budget, placed the increase at four tax points. The number was than dropped to three points following council discussion Tuesday night.

First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick said she feels the budget was "cut to the bone" and that any further reduction to lower taxes would have negative impli-

"I felt very strongly that mortgaging our future (by reducing surplus funds even further) to accomplish an artificial decrease would have a negative impact on Westfield,"she said.

Shesaidthebudgetmaintainsthe "quality of life that Westfield residents have always expected."

During the preliminary meeting before the regular meeting, Mr. Goldman said he supports moving away from using revenue from the sale of assets but gradually, rather than "cold turkey," as was presented in the budget handed over to the council in January.

He also said more discussion is needed on wages and salaries, which he said was only discussed "a couple of minutes" during the budget process.

In response, Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said "in the personnelarea, Larry, we're pretty much dealing with agreements with bargaining units. The percentage or dollar amount of the discretionary personnel costs is relatively small compared to the total payouts to bargaining units. So the amount we would be able to talk about, if we wanted to, is limited by that definition."

Councilman Goldman said he would like to see more discussion on municipal staffing levels—noting that perhaps some areas are overstaffed, while other departments are understaffed. Mr. Gruba said Councilman Goldman's concern "is on the table as of this budget hearing pro-

Mr. Goldman told the council he was not prepared to vote in favor of the tax levy which would have risen \$774,000 had the council not made the additional \$180,000 cut.

The council also approved introductionof the 1998 budget of \$265,000 as proposed for the special improvement district by the Westfield Downtown Corporation. Among projects in the special improvement district (SID) budget, the governing body of the SID, are new ornamental lighting for the downtown, crosswalks, benches and trash receptacles. Promotional events, including an expanded Jazzfestival from last year's "Sweet Sounds of Downtown" and a June sports event in the downtown are also planned.

Another \$12,500 has been appropriated to pay for the salary of a new parking system manager.

The public hearings on both the town and SID budgets will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21.

In other business the council approved the appointment of Anthony Scelea as Acting Construction Code Official/Building Subcode Official for a term of up to 60 days. This comes as the result of the resignation of Louis Raupp last Friday. Mr. Scelea currently serves as Building

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ASSISTED LIVING OR A PARK?...Sunrise Assisted Living, the new owner of the former Scotch Plains Zoo property, is proposing to build a new facility on the land while the Township Council has begun plans to condemn and purchase the property if the deal goes sour. Scotch Plains officials propose to use the land for a park.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SEEKS TO TURN PROPERTY INTO PUBLIC PARK

Sunrise Assisted Living Unveils Plan for Facility On Former Zoo Property

The Township of Scotch Plains, on

the other hand, has its own plans for

the corner acreage. The municipality

hopes to transform the property into

a park and historic district that would

protect the "Aunt Betsy Frazee

House" which dates back to Revolu-

On December 1, 1997 and again

on March 4, 1998, the township sent

letters to the owners offering to pur-

chase the property at fair market value,

The site of the former Scotch Plains Zoo at 1451 Raritan Road is back in the spotlight.

Its present owner, Sunrise Assisted Living, wants to build a 55,000 square-foot, 76-unit senior citizen

residence on the site.

The proposed facility is designed for people who do not need full-time medical supervision, yet are not independent enough to live alone. The average age of individuals entering

recently assessed at \$510,000. The offers were not accepted. the facility is 82 years. Sunrise's Vice President of Development, Joe McElwee, calls his proposal a "win-win" situation for

tionary times.

his company as well as the Township of Scotch Plains. The building and adjacent parking space would be constructed behind the stream which intersects the prop-

erty. Mr. McElwee said parking and traffic considerations are minimal as residents do not drive or own cars.

"Sunrise would donate the land on the street side of the stream to the township for open space," said Mr. McElwee, "and renovate the existing single-family house on the property

and preserve it for the township." He said the open space area covers approximately two acres.

Sunrise would also be willing to finance a portion of a petting zoo in the open space if the right proposal came forward.

"This community would provide a property tax ratable for Scotch Plains that doesn't provide any traffic," added Mr. McElwee.

During the week of March 16, Sunrise filed an application for a use variance for the property. The structure would be I-shaped, "long and narrow," and modeled after a Victorian mansion.

On Tuesday night, the council introduced an ordinance authorizing its acquisition, by eminent domain, of the zoo property. Once passed, the ordinance would empower the council to condemn the property and acquire it for public purposes. The ordinance also permits the township to pay the owner of the property "just compensation" for the land.

The ordinance reads: "The Township Council determines that it is

TAXES WOULD INCREASE, ON AVERAGE, \$80.50 IN TOWNSHIP AND \$124.50 IN BOROUGH

Board of Education Approves \$43.15 Million Budget, Up 2.2 Percent Over '97 Spending Plan

By SUSANM. DYCKMAN

1998-1999 budget of \$43,148,449 for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools was approved by the Board of Education Tuesday, following its review and approval by the Union County Superintendent of

Residents will vote on the school budget on Tuesday, April 21, when they will also choose from among five candidates to fill two Scotch Plains vacancies on the school board. Board member Richard R. Meade of Fanwood is running unopposed for the third open seat.

The budget breaks down into three parts: general fund, \$41,685,513; debt service \$522,208, and state and federal grants, \$940,728. The amount of the general fund to be raised from taxes is \$38,226,549.

Overall, the budget is up 2.22 percent, or \$937,958, over the 1997-1998 spending plan, well below the 3 percent cap on spending increases established by the state under the Comprehensive Education Improvement and Finance Act.

Contributing factors include the absence of a free balance; a decline in miscellaneous revenues, and an increase in debt service on the 1993 bond issuance for capital improve-

The district's free balance from 1996-1997 dissolved in the face of unanticipated insurance charges, tuition increases and additional appropriations. Following the discovery of the budget crisis in September 1997, the board and administration launched an intensive overview and restructuring of the

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district's budget practices.
The 1998-1999 budget is the first

to reflect the line-by-line spending accountability dictated by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles accounting standards.

Under revenue, state aid to Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools for the coming year rose 10.34 percent over 1997-1998, while other state and federal grants declined 3.21 percent.

With respect to taxes, Scotch Plains homeowners continued to reap the benefits of new construction and increasing ratables (taxed property improvements within the

On an average assessed home of \$115,000, the anticipated annual school tax increase would be \$80.50, or 2.24 percent.

The school tax increase in Fanwood will be 4.01 percent. On an average assessed home of \$83,000, this translates into an increase of \$124.50 per

During the public budget hearing, Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon and Finance Committee Chairman Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. delivered a summary budget presentation to their colleagues and the five residents who attended the meeting. The meeting was taped for re-broadcast on Cable Channel 35.

"The budget reflects a minimum increase given the district's increase in enrollment," said Dr. Sheldon. 'We do not anticipate changing any of our instructional, co-curricular or athletic programs.'

Among the instructional improvements built into the proposed 1998-1999 budget are \$50,000 for the cyclical review of the English/Language Arts curriculum.

Continuing in the cyclical review process are Guidance, Health/Physical Education, Business Education, Industrial Technology, Family and Consumer Education, and Art.

Five teacher positions were added to address increased enrollment. A second Pervasive Developmental Disorder class, which supports children aged 3 to 5 who exhibit characteristics of autism, will be created.

In addition, continued implementation of the district's technology plan will incorporate \$177,899 in restricted state aid to create two middle school distance learning labs, and distance learning capabilities at Evergreen and Brunner

Elementary Schools, and to develop blueprints for the technology infrastructure of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Terrill and Park Middle Schools.

Mr. Saridaki stressed that the district has control over 10 percent, or approximately \$4.2 million, of the total \$43,148,449 budget. Classified as "All Other" expenses, this portion of the budget includes classroom costs like general supplies and textbooks, plus the costs of co-curricu-

He identified salaries, benefits, tuition, debt service, state and federal programs and transportation as budget components beyond board and administrative control.

In 1989-1990, salaries represented 72 percent, or \$22 million, of the overall budget of \$30 million; in 1998-1999, salaries constitute 67

Testimony Continues in Proposed Development for Townhouse Units

By CANDACE WALLER

The Scotch Plains Planning Board heard testimony from planner Betsey McKenzie Monday night regarding a 116-unit townhouse development

proposed for Meadow Street and Union Avenue. Frances and Angeline Donato, sisters-in-law, own the 7.7-acre parcel.

Some of the area is located near the Greenbrook flood plain. The Donatos want to sell their property to K. Hovnanian, a construction company, which is seeking board approval to build the townhouse units, 16 of which are designated for low-

to moderate-income housing. Eight would be for low income. with another eight designated as moderate income units in accordance with the Mount Laurel court deci-

Ms. McKenzie, who owns a consulting firm in Flemington, said the development is described in builder's terms as "piggyback" units because there will be two units, one above the

"We wanted to use the slope in the design of the units," Ms. McKenzie

She testified that the Donato property would be an "ideal place" to put the low- and moderate-income units, and used the standards of the state Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) for her reasoning.

"This site meets suitable COAH standards," Ms. McKenzie said. "It has open space, parking, sewer and water. The accessibility issue is met."

Township Professional Planner Duggan Kimball had concerns about how the project will conform to rules for low- and moderate-income housing. The plan, as it was presented, didn't include specifics about the locations of the Mount Laurel hous-

"Basically the plans don't specify where the Mount Laurel units will be. It's the township's responsibility to comply with COAH requirements for affordable housing," Mr. Kimball said. "There needs to be a follow-up mechanism to check that (Mount

Laurel guidelines are being followed).

Ms. McKenzie said that there will be no way to detect the low and moderate income housing from the rest. She said that most of the people who will be utilizing those units come from the surrounding area.

"My experience with people looking for affordable units is that they come from within the community, usually 10 to 15 minutes away," Ms. McKenzie said. "The very poor cannot afford to move from urban ar-

Parking was another concern for the board members. According to the plan there are 266 spaces for parking, with 116 garages, 116 street spaces and 32 parking stalls.

Board Attorney Lawrence A. Woodruff expressed concern about people taking parking spaces in the Mount Laurel section of the plan. Each unit is designated one space, with visitor parking available. Ms. McKenzie said she would look deeper into the parking issue.

This meeting focused on questioning specifically for the planner and the board. Questions about zoning, which is out of the Planning Board's jurisdiction, were asked only in relation to planning.

"The terms of zoning we cannot really change," Mr. Woodruff said.
"As far as suitability of the site and test of flooding, I think the planner can get into this issue.

Ms. McKenzie on several occasions referred to the engineer when asked about retaining walls or other construction situations.

"I was very pleased with the interchange tonight," said Township Councilman and Planning Board member

Martin Marks. At one point, William Butler, the attorney for Weldon Materials, said "my problem is the board is protect-

Scholarship Fundraiser **Attracts Business Leaders**

Whoever it was that once said "you can't mix business with pleasure" very likely couldn't have imagined the Snuffy's Pantagis.

That's where the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) sponsored its third straight SPBPA dinner-dance this past Friday night, March 20, and it was another success for the group that has grown to over 180 members since its inception in 1994.

Business leaders had a chance to converse over cocktails and an entree of either chicken and fish - all while listening to music as provided by a live disc jockey.

Ray Pardon, proprietor of Nuts n' Plenty and President of the association, provided an overview of the association's agenda for 1998.

Among the highlights are plans to rename East Second Street, Westfield and Plainfield Avenues under the single name of Centre Boulevard, in an attempt to identify and unify the downtown area.

Sixty banners have been proposed with the words, "Scotch Plains Town Centre" and the slogan "Enjoy the Towne Feeling.'

The \$8,000 cost to fund the cost of the banners will be split between the SPBPA and the budget for the Township Council task force that was formed to address improvements to the downtown as recommended by the 1997 Downtown Development Committee.

Also planned is a gazebo which will be built at the corner of the Village Green.

Councilman Martin Marks, who attended the event along with Councilman Robert Johnston, said the plan is to have the gazebo, new signs and banners in place by Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

He noted that the gazebo, among other things, could be used as a viewing area for the Memorial Day Pa-As part of the SPBPA dinner dance,

a 50/50 raffle and silent auction were held with proceeds going to the association's scholarship fund. Upcoming activities by the group

include a Classic Car Show and Craft Fair and the weekly New Jersey Farmers Market, all planned for the spring and fall. The association also organizes Summer Sidewalk Sales in late July or early August, and a Halloween window painting contest in the fall. Mr. Pardon noted that any business

who is not a member and would like to join and support the work of the SPBPA can contact him at (908) 322-

The SPBPA is a non-profit corporation with an 11-member Board of Directors representing a cross section of business and commercial in-



BEING THEIR BEST...Brownie Troop No. 310 from McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains participated in the Girl Scout "Be Your Best" night at the school on March 6. Troops from the school performed songs from stage and screen. Baby items were collected and donated to Good Beginnings in Plainfield.

FUNDS EARMARKED FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS

Scotch Plains Council Approves \$15.7 Million Municipal Budget

ByKIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

The Scotch Plains Township Council approved a \$15.7 million municipal budget, following a public hearing Tuesday night, which raises taxes 2.4 percent from last year. The increase is less than that for last year's budget, which marked a 3.63 percent hike over the 1996 spending plan.

This budget, which was introduced on March 10, will have taxpayers paying \$23 more per year on the average assessed home of \$115,000, with a market value of \$230,000. The \$381,917 rise in total spending will,

among other things, support improvements to roads, sewers, parks and services.

William Councilman McClintock reported that an amendment to the proposed budget was made in the amount of \$11,138 in additional state aid.

In addition to the increase for municipal services, taxes on a home assessed at \$115,000, the average for the township, will increase by \$80.50, or 2.24 percent, to support the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education budget — should taxpayers in both communities pass the tax

levy at the school board elections on Tuesday, April 21.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education budget is estimated to cost Scotch Plains taxpayers about \$3,680 per household in 1998

Union County has reported there will be no increase in its share of the tax dollar, which translates into a \$1,104 tax bill per average household. Municipal tax estimates are \$1,058.

This municipal budget, according to officials, includes funding related to downtown development projects,

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Testimony Continues On 'Reserve' Development

ing this witness. Anytime you ask her (McKenzie) about flooding she refers to her engineer.'

The quarry developers, located opposite of the applicants' property,

are opposing the development.
"I try not to take sides," said board Chairman George Tomkin. "I'm addressing the part of your (Mr. Butler's) statement about protecting the witness. The criteria of sustaining objections is when you ask her questions outside her expertise."

The Greenbrook Dam Failure Analysis, which will provide a study of the application in terms of flooding, will be on the agenda for a future

Angeline Donato, the last witness heard that night, said that since she moved to the property in 1937, there have been only five floods.

"I think it's time to get this matter settled quickly," Mrs. Donato said. "I don't mean to sound harsh but I'm 84 years old and Frances is 88. Put your mothers in this position. COAH (representatives) came to our place and said it was a beautiful piece of property (for low- to moderate-income

The Donato application has been pending for three years. The husbands of the two women are deceased.

"If we don't follow procedure dictated by law, the state can overturn our decision," Mr. Tomkin said. "We have to follow the law as prescribed by the constitution.

"Don't take it personally that this is taking longer than it should," he said in response to Mrs. Donato.

Earlier in the meeting the board made a final resolution in the Woodland Estates case. The property, located on the border of Scotch Plains and Plainfield, is also a K. Hovnanian holding.

The company was granted approval to subdivide the land into 29 lots: 22 in Scotch Plains and seven in

BOE Approves Budget With 2.2 Percent Increase

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FANWOOD CORNER STORE

34 Martine Avenue, Fanwood

FANWOOD TRAIN STATION

North Avenue, Fanwood

QUICK CHEK

572 North Avenue, Fanwood

SHOPPERS EXPRESS

190 South Avenue, Fanwood

SEVEN ELEVEN

1200 South Avenue West, Westfield

J & M CAFE

251 North Avenue, Westfield

percent, or \$28.8 million, of the \$43.1 million budget.

Projected tuition expenses for 1998-1999 of \$2,281,282 (expenditures primarily associated with outof-district placements for special needs children) are half of what they were five years ago.

"This is one of those expenses we can only try and forecast," explained Mr. Saridaki. "We can't control it."

The finance chairman also offered a 10-year comparison of how expenses have increased. For example, salaries, which account for 67 percent of the 1998-1999 budget, rose 22 percent since 1988-1989, while health benefits jumped 69 percent. Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools employ 620 people, including a professional staff of 371.

Tuition rose 113 percent, while debt service increased 105 percent. "All Other" expenses rose 7 percent in 10 years.

Mr. Saridaki also showed how a

decline in non-tax revenues (i.e. interest on free-balance moneys) is directly related to "how much money we need to ask the taxpayers for."

Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools serve 4,330 students, with 64 students placed out-of-district to accommodate their special needs. Nearly 30 percent (1,250) of the students in grades 4 through 12 participate in the instrumental music

At the high school level, 836 athletes competed in men's and women's sports during the year, while 319 children competed at the middle school level.

Student participants in co-curricular activities number 615 and 1,435 at the middle schools and high school (non-musical), respectively.

For additional information about the proposed 1998-1999 budget or April 21 school election, residents may call the Board of Education telephone hot line at (908) 889-9665.

The Mestfield Leader and THE TIMES of Scotch Plains - Fanwood

IN A NUTSHELL...Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education members August Ruggerio and Teresa Larkin, at left, were recently available for questions about the district and the upcoming budget during a tour of Park Middle School for the parents of incoming sixth graders. Vice Principal Teresa Elias, Guidance Counselor Mary Waters, School Nurse Kathleen Moulton and members of the school's Parent-Teacher Association were available for questions from parents about life in the middle school. The tour was lead by

Assisted Living Facility Proposed for Zoo Property

in the best interests of the township to acquire the 5.87-acre parcel for public purposes as park land, open space, public recreation, protection of an environmentally sensitive area and preservation of the township's cultural and historic heri-

tage."
"We're taking the zoo property,"
said Councilman William F. McClintock, "as is our right. This is the first step.

"(The) council would only get into this when negotiations with the owner to purchase the property were unsuccessful," explained Municipal Manager Thomas E. Atkins.

"Why would the township condemn when Sunrise is willing to give it half of the property, plus a property ratable, and preserve a historic structure at zero expense?" asked Mr. McElwee.

Councilman McClintock also introduced a related mandate calling for a bond ordinance appropriating \$600,000, and authorizing the issuance of \$570,000 bonds or notes of the township to finance the purchase of the zoo property.

"This provides the financial backing to purchase the former zoo property," he explained. "We fully intend to get as much funding and grant money as possible, but we need to show that financing has been set up before the condemnation can take place.

Both ordinances will be discussed following their second reading during the council's scheduled public meeting on Tuesday, April 14.

The council also passed a resolution engaging the engineering firm of Killam Associates to perform a Phase I environmental audit of the former zoo property.

We want to make sure there are no types of environmental problems on the site," explained Mr. Atkins.

In the event of a problem, the costs to bring the site in line with environmental codes could impact the market value of the property.

Sunrise, based in Fairfax, Virginia, presently operates six assisted-living facilities across New Jersey, including one in Westfield. Three more Sunrise communities are under construction in Paramus, Fairfield and East Brunswick.

During the public portion of the council meeting, resident Donna

Service League Offers Items for Holidays

Responding to the working public's request for longer Saturday hours, The Thrift Shop of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, and Saturday April 11.

Recent innovations at The Thrift Shop include painted Easter baskets, spring table arrangements and small corsages.

Following tradition at the shop, three prizes will be offered to lucky shoppers. The first prize is a decorated Victorian hat, suitable for hanging on a door or wall. The second prize is a ceramic rabbit and matching candlestick. Prize number three is a Easter basket.

Shoppers are encouraged to take part in the drawing with their shop sales receipt. Drawings will be held on Thursday, April 9, and winners are not required to be present to win.

Donations of gently-used winter or spring clothing for all the family, household items, new items, costume jewelry, antiques and collectibles for the shop's cabinet are accepted each day during shop hours. All profits earned are returned to scholarships and local, county charities.

The Thrift Shop, an upscale resale shop, is located at 1730 East Second Street, at the corner of Willow Avenue in Scotch Plains. Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with regular hours on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Questions may be directed to the shop's 24-hour hotline by calling (908) 322-5420. Also, a new donation pick-up service is available by calling (908) 322-8496 to make a reservation.

Avers of Terrill Road, expressed concerns over using moneys to turn the former Scotch Plains Zoo into a public park. She expressed that, in her opinion, an assisted living housing project was of more importance since Scotch Plains has no such facilities to date.

Mayor Joan Papen commented that the council's ad hoc Zoo Park Study Committee is looking at the zoo site for a passive park because of the fact that the property is now in a one house per acre zone and that parts of the land currently have flooding problems.
Councilman Martin Marks agreed

that there is a need for assisted living and reported that the committee is actively in the works for addressing that need. He also stated that the zoo property was not best suited for the project.

Councilman Marks said the governing body hoped to transform the site into park land because "recreational facilities in Scotch Plains are deficient. We want our residents to enjoy the beauty of the area.'

Mike Cerick of Concord Road addressed the council concerning his idea to transform the proposed park into one with ball fields. He cited a lack of baseball parks in the vicinity, adding that it is difficult to schedule baseball practices due to the lack of available fields.

Councilman McClintock, in addressing the need for more soccer and baseball fields, reported that the Recreation Commission is currently looking into the issue.

Councilman Robert Johnston reported that the township was investigating opportunities to look for more open space to transform into fields. Because of the low and high slopes of the property, Councilman Johnston said this land is not appropriate for ball fields.

Kimberly A. Broadwell contributed to this article.

Taxpayer Relief Act Makes IRAs More Attractive Than Ever

"It's IRA time and the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 has made IRA's even more attractive for retirement investing," stated Fred J. Chemidlin, Jr., President and founder of Family Investors Company in Fanwood.

The big news, he said, is the Roth IRA, a non-deductible IRA whose earnings, distributions and withdrawals are tax free, provided certain qualifications are met.

"Unlike a traditional IRA, with a Roth IRA you can make contributions past age 70 ½, provided you have earned income and there are no requirements to begin withdrawals at age 70 1/2," Mr. Chemidlin added.

'The Roth IRA appears to be an excellent idea for young people to take advantage of since eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA ends once individual or combined spousal income reaches certain levels," he explained.

'For those with children, an Educational IRA provides tax-free growth and tax-free withdrawals if certain qualifications are met and provided that the funds withdrawn are used for higher educational costs.

Only one educational IRA can be established per child. Currently, there is a \$500 limit per year for this type of account and no contributions are permitted after the child reaches age 18," Mr. Chemidlin continued.

Family Investors Company, founded in 1960 and located in Fanwood for 38 years, is located on South Avenue in Fanwood.

Park Students Reading, **Hearing About Careers**

Park Middle students are actively involved in a reading and speaker project which allows them to read about a career or read works of an author, followed up by hearing about careers from many different speakers.

Seventh graders had an opportunity to put their talents to work in a poster contest demonstrating their attitudes about "Teaching Children to Think & Dream."

Winning finalist were: first place, Fabian Toro; second place, Aaron Quade; third place, Adam Only, and high honorable mention, Stephanie Heath and Monique Lemus.

Township to Launch Pick Up Of Leaves, Debris in April

The Scotch Plains Department of Public Property is preparing for the ownship'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 Monday, 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 pro-

gram down considerably, according to the spokeswoman, who said residents will be able to put branches out during the township's June

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.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, MARCH 16

 A resident of Rahway Road reported a burglary of his residence. Entry was gained by smashing a basement window. It could not be determined if anything was taken.

•A resident of Crestwood Road reported that someone drove over the length of her yard, leaving a deep

 Barry A. Anderson, 35, of Scotch Plains was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Terrill Road.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 Robert G. Griffrin, 31, of Scotch Plains, was arrested for eluding from police.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

•Kimberly M. Wilson, 27,of Scotch Plains, was arrested for a contempt of court, on a motor vehicle warrant and for possession of drug paraphernalia. Police also arrested Lavonne Johnson, 35, of Newark, for providing a false identification to police during a motor vehicle stop on Front Street at approximately 9

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

• Stanley F. Olencki, 40, of Scotch Plains, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest following a motor vehicle stop on Cooper Road.



I AM SPECIAL... Every child at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains recently decorated his or her unique "I am Special" cut-out paper doll. This project was one of the many ways in which the school participated in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools' district-wide effort to keep its children free from the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. All of the dolls are displayed in

Average Taxpayer to See \$23 Hike for SP Municipal Budget

the proposed purchase of the former A portion of these units would be Scotch Plains Zoo property by the township, and new asphalt sidewalks.

In other business, the council passed a formal resolution in support of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) six-month test on new flight patterns which began on March 15 and will conclude on Tuesday, September 15.

These new flight patterns at Newark International Airport, the FAA has said, are aimed at reducing noise from low-flying aircraft over residential areas.

The test involves a 260-degree turn at higher altitudes for airplanes just to the south of the runways. Airplanes should then follow an industrial tract between Rahway and

The council stressed in its resolution that the FAA report bi-monthly to the governing body on the noise level tests and that the agency continue to pursue all alternatives to reduce the noise.

The council also wants to see an FAA ocean-routing study where noisy, low-flying aircraft would loop back over the Hudson River and Atlantic Ocean before heading west at higher altitudes.

Rick Obrock, President of the Scotch Plains Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise (SPFCAAN), who was not present at the council meeting, provided The Times with a statement regarding the flight pat-

"SPFCAAN has consistently opposed moving aircraft noise from one community to another. The 260degree departure procedure appears to do just that. This test has been opposed by Clark, Fanwood and Westfield councils, and the Union County Freeholder board," read the statement by Mr. Obrock.

"I was pleased the Scotch Plains Council indicated an interest in ocean routing which would provide maximum aircraft noise reduction to our township and our neighbors," Mr. Obrock concluded.

In another matter, the council approved a resolution to apply to the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for a stream encroachment permit to construct a bridge for a proposed 116-unit townhouse development between Meadow Street and Union Avenue. The application is now being considered by the Scotch Plains Planning

The proposed development, known as The Reserve, includes three to five buildings containing a total of 116 units for 300 plus people.

designated as low- to moderate-income housing to help satisfy the township's Mount Laurel obligation. The Donato family, which owns

the property and a large home on the site, has an agreement with developer K. Hovnanian to build the townhouse complex on the 7.7-acre property.

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

ognition of George Reider as he leaves his position as Emergency Management Coordinator for the township after almost 20 years of

Mr. Reider has served the township as a member of several volunteer groups, including the Board of Adjustment, and as an original member of the Senior Citizen Housing Corporation. Also, 30 students from Park

Middle School were honored by the council for their 24 performances of the song "God Bless Us Everyone," under the direction of Mary Lee Farrell, when they appeared in A Christmas Carol at Madison Square Garden this past fall.

Each student was presented with a resolution acknowledging this accomplishment. The resolutions were presented by Mayor Papen and Park Middle School Parent-Teacher As-President sociation McLaughlin.

The group performed for the council Tuesday night. They also have performed the number for Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and during WPLJ's "Morning Show" and NBC's "Today Show."

Mayor Papen has also declared the week of March 23 through 29 as Dyslexia Awareness Week in Scotch Plains, and urged all citizens to continue to be aware of this disorder and to support the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc.

Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt added a resolution to honor the local Rotary Club for 60 years of service to the community. A celebration to honor this organization was held yes-

Resident Gabe Spera of Monitau Way commented to the council that he was "very appreciative" for the yearly spring cleanup and was hopeful that it would be provided again this year.

The council reported that cleanup will start on Monday, June 1, for

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Live Wolf to Head County's

A live wolf will be the "headliner"

at Union County's ninth annual Wild-

life Sunday at Trailside Nature &

Science Center in Mountainside on

Union County Freeholder

Alexander Mirabella said that a rep-

resentative from Wolf Visions, an

organization dedicated to the educa-

wolves, will bring the special guest

'Visitors will be able to learn from

a wolf education booth with real wolf

tracks. There also will be handouts

for all ages," said Freeholder

Parks and Recreation Advisory

Board, noting that a discussion by Vinnie Reo of Wolf Visions will em-

phasize the importance of wolves to

County Manager Michael Lapolla

said that the special day is dedicated

to all kinds of wildlife, with a variety

of demonstrations, nature walks,

planetarium shows, and ongoing ac-

what to do if you find an injured

animal in your yard," he said, ex-

plaining that Renee Thomair from

Born Free Wildlife Care will address

this issue and explain the role of wild-

life rehabilitators, who are licensed by

"One of the other topics will be

Bad Wolf.'

the ecosystem.

tivities for families.

Sunday, April 5, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, 1998

UCUA Announces Schedule For Household Waste Days

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) will sponsor three Spring 1998 Household Special Waste Days, according to Chairman James J. Kennedy.

The first event will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cranford Municipal Pool, on Centennial Avenue in Cranford. The second program will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2

p.m. at the Springfield Municipal Pool on Morrison Road, Springfield. The final event for the spring will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Union at the Depart-

ment of Public Works Yard on

Swanstrom Place. Information regarding cancellation of any of the events due to severe inclement weather will be available by calling the authority at (732) 382-9400 after 3 p.m. on the Friday before

the event. There is no cost to participate; however, pre-registration with the

Torah Center to Present Pre-Passover Story, Crafts Hour for Kids on Sunday

The Union County Torah Center in Westfield will be presenting a pre-Passover Jewish Story and Crafts Hour for children, ages 3 through 5, on Sunday, March 29, from 10:30 through 11:15 a.m. at the center, located at 418 Central Avenue in Westfield.

Children will listen to a story, learn about the holiday and do a related arts and crafts project. Popular holiday songs will also be taught. The fee is \$5 per child.

Rabbi Levi Block of the center said "this will give a chance for children who are not yet in Hebrew Schools to learn about Passover in a fun and entertaining way.'

For more information and to reserve space, please call (908) 789-5252.

UCUA is mandatory. The disposal of household special waste is open to Union County residents only. Proof of residency is required.

Acceptable household special waste includes oil-based paints and varnishes, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, thinners, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and

Other acceptable items are motor oil, gasoline, motor oil filters, automotive products, batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), thermostats and mercury switches.

Only materials in their original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons or empty containers will be accepted.

In addition, unidentified materials, explosives, radioactive materials, gas cylinders or materials containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) will not be accepted.

Latex paint will not be collected at Household Special Waste Days. The authority is sponsoring a separate Latex Paint Collection Day to be held at the Westfield Municipal Pool on Scotch Plains Avenue on Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At this event, latex paint will be accepted in the original paint can and in containers no larger than five gallons. This event is open to Union County residents only. No commercial contractors will be permitted. Pre-registration is also required for this event

All Union County schools will also be able to dispose of their laboratory chemical waste at Household Special Waste Days for a nominal charge.

In order to participate, schools must contact the UCUA at least two weeks before an event for more information

and to register. For more information or to regis-

ter, residents may call the UCUA at (732) 382-9400.

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LANDMARK EVENT...Mayor Thomas C. Jardim of Westfield presents former Union County Freeholder Carol I. Cohen with watercolor scenes of Westfield by a local artist, along with a Westfield lapel pin, on the occasion of her being sworn in as County Counsel. She is the first woman to be appointed to the position of counsel in the county's 140-year history. A pin symbolizing the women's movement and those who have broken the "glass ceiling," which has traditionally separated women from men in higher positions, was presented by County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi on behalf of the New Jersey Women's Political

Toastmasters Reveal Speakers for Tonight

Gino Merendino of Linden, Bob Fontaine of Roselle and David Cohen of Westfield are the scheduled speakers at Coastmasters of Westfield tonight, Thurs-

day, March 26, at 8 p.m. Evaluators scheduled for the meeting are Jane Boyer of Westfield, Noel Crawford of Mountainside and Joe Sarzillo of Carteret

The scheduled Grammarian is Fred Meyer of Scotch Plains and the Timer will be Ed Becmer of Westfield. Jim Vandewater of Union will give the

Toastmasters meets in the First Savings Bank on South Avenue in Fanwood, across from the train station. The entrance to the downstairs meeting room is through the ATM Room.

The club provides a supportive and positive learning environment for men and women to learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking, according to spokesman Jack Pfanne.

For more information, please call Mr. Pfanne at (908) 276-7935.

Financial Abuse of Seniors Topic of Cable TV Show In April, Union County's cable Service, which is administe

television program for senior citizens will discuss the prevention of financial abuse of the elderly.

"This is a terrible problem that Union County has been addressing,' said Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr., Liaison to the county's Advisory Council on Aging.

"We urge everyone to watch this show and learn about what is being done," he added.

Freeholder Mingo noted that the show, "Vintage Viewers," will feature "Community Partners to Prevent Abuse," a program which has successfully addressed the problem.

Program host Lou Coviello will interview Grace Egan, project director of the New Jersey Association of Area Agencies on Aging's Elderly Abuse and Neglect Project, and Susan Cronk, program manager of Union County's Adult Protective

Service, which is administered by Catholic Community Services.

Their discussion of the Elderly Abuse and Neglect Project emphasizes the project's concern with the public's lack of awareness of this danger, which prevents corrective action, and its focus on overcoming the lack of knowledge through educating the public and professionals in the fields of medicine, social services, legal services, law enforcement and banking.

The discussion also covers the law, which can help protect the elderly, and how Adult Protective Services may be used by threatened seniors or those who care for them. A key concept is the partnership of the public and professionals.

"Vintage Views" is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Cablevision of Elizabeth. The program will be available locally Thursday nights on Comcast Cable, Channel 57, starting at 7 p.m.

For more information about "Vintage Views," or to comment on programming, please call Mr. Coviello at (908) 527-4872.



FROM A WOLF'S PERSPEC-TIVE...Wolf painting, by wildlife artist Jill Sutherland, who will have her paintings displayed and for purchase at Wildlife Sunday at Trailside Nature & Science Center.

the state to care for and release orphaned and injured wildlife.

Bird banding with Glenn and Eileen Mahler will show how the retrieval of leg bands helps provide information on songbird migration routes and travel time, while Grant Stiles of Stiles Apiaries will bring a colony of honeybees for up-close observation.

The Newark Bait & Flycasting Club will present a hands-on fishing clinic designed to show participants a variety of different fishing techniques, bait and lures, and Ruth Yablonsky of Trailside, will introduce everyone to some of the Nature Center's own native snakes.

Turtle Back Zoo of West Orange will bring many animals to touch, and hawks and owls from the Avian Wildlife Center of Wantage will be on display. New Jersey Fish, Game & Wildlife, the Nature Conservancy and Jenkinson's Aquarium of Point Pleasant will also be setting up interesting displays and providing valuable information.

During Wildlife Sunday, families can go on nature walks in search of animal signs, go birdwatching with members of the Greater Watchung Nature Club, or discover what they can do to attract birds and butterflies to their own backyard.

Children's activities will include face-painting, wildlife crafts and the opportunity to have their picture taken while posing as a hanging bat.

Admission to Wildlife Sunday is \$2 per person, with children 6 and under admitted for free. Trailside, located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Please call (908) 789-3670 for information on this event, as well as on the variety of upcoming spring and summer camp programs.

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NEW ROTARIANS...Two new members were recently inducted into the Rotary Club of Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Rotarian William B. Bonsall, new Rotarians George F. Kraemer and Michael Davoren, and club President D. Michael Hart. Mr. Bonsall and Mr. Hart sponsored Mr. Kraemer and Mr. Davoren, respectively.

New Members are Inducted Into Westfield Rotary Club

George F. Kraemer and and Michael Davoren were inducted into the Rotary Club of Westfield at a recent regular weekly meeting of the organization.

A native New Jerseyan, Mr. Kraemer attended Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights and graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, where he majored in finance and economics and received a master's degree in accounting from the University of Nevada.

He is the owner of Affiliated Travel International and Millennium Computer Associates, Inc., both of Westfield. The companies specialize in vacation and corporate travel and small business and family computer training, respectively.

Mr. Kraemer has resided in Westfield with his wife, Jean, for 18 years. They have a son, George, a 17-year-old junior at Westfield High School, and a daughter, Jessica, who is a freshman at Kent Place School in Summit. Mr. Kraemer is a member of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Davoren was born in New York City and is a graduate of St. John's University, University College and the School of Law.

He is a Vice President of PNC Bank in the Westfield Private Banking office, where he specializes in the administration of living and testamentary trusts.

The new Rotarian has resided in Westfield with his wife, Helen, and two sons, Doug and Steve, since 1970.

Craft Show Slated for April 4 By Alumni, Student Leaders

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association and the Student Leadership Conference are sponsoring a craft show on Saturday, April 14, at the high school.

The alumni association was started four years ago to promote and encourage scholarship leadership, education and fellowship between stu-

dents and alumni.

They have set up a scholarship fund and also help and promote activities such as the Renaissance Program at the high school. The proceeds from the craft show will go

toward their project funds.

The conference consists of approxi-

mately 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 expense of the program.

The Craft Show will have crafters from New Jersey and Pennsylvania displaying and selling a wide variety of hand made craft items.

There will also be a kitchen serving a light breakfast and lunch, a cake sale, face painting for the youngsters as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny. Pictures will be taken during the show with the Easter Bunny.

Screening of Documentary On Robeson Set for March 31

NJN Public Television will present a sneak preview of the documentary, "Speak of Me as I Am," about the life of Paul Robeson, as a work-in-progress at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Victoria Theater in Newark on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m.

The son of a runaway slave, Robeson was born on April 9, 1898 in Princeton, and resided in Westfield from 1907 to 1910, later graduating from Somerville High School. He won an academic scholarship to Rutgers University, where he excelled as a scholar and an athlete, and delivered the commencement address as class valedictorian in 1919.

Robeson, who died in 1976, later won international renown as a performing artist and human rights activist. His father was Pastor of St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church in Westfield.

"His travels around the world made him more aware of the racism and prejudice in the United States and he became an ardent critic of discrimination, engaging in the civil rights struggles in the late 1940s and paving the way for the civil rights movement of the 1960s," a spokesman for NJN said.

The completed version of the hourlong documentary will have its world premiere on NJN Public Television on Thursday, April 9, at 9 p.m., the day on which Robeson was born 100 years ago.

Locally, a Paul Robeson Centennial Service will be held at St. Luke Church on Sunday, April 5. The service will begin at 4 p.m.

Anyone interested in purchasing a

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of "Speak of Me as I Am" for educational purposes may call NJN Video at (609) 777-5093.

For ticket information regarding the screening of the work-in-progress at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, please call (800)-GO-NJPAC.

Library Friends Seek Books For Sale to Begin March 31

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library are seeking people to donate and purchase books at the organization's annual book sale, to be held in the Program Room at the library, 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Starting tomorrow, Friday, March 27, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., donors are asked to bring paperbacks and hardcover books to the sale site. Donations also will be accepted on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Monday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Donors are asked not to submit textbooks, records, tapes, condensed works or damaged books.

The sale itself kicks off on Tuesday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to noon with a members' preview. Memberships to the Friends' organization may be purchased at the door during that time.

The general sale starts that day from 1 to 9 p.m. and continues on Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday,

Jill Goldberger Makes Dean's List at Ithaca

Jill Goldberger of Westfield was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York.

She is a member of the Class of

1999 and is majoring in acting. Ithaca College is the largest private residential college in New York state, with 5,700 students and 495 faculty members. April 2, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. During these time periods, buyers may purchase books from many categories at bargain prices, according to spokeswoman Tina Lesher.

On Friday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., the remaining books will be available at half-price, and on Saturday, April 4, purchasers may secure a grocery bag of books for \$3.

Anne Arkel and Ed Orlando are co-chairing the 26th annual sale. Over the years, the sales have raised more than \$200,000 to be used by the library for purchase of books, equipment, and services.

Close to 100 volunteers will assist with accepting and sorting the books, handling the sales and cashier duties, and assuming the post-sale clean-up responsibilities.



A GROUP EFFORT...Pictured with Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, as he signs a town proclamation declaring March 15 through the 21st as Drug Awareness Week in Westfield, are community volunteers from the Junior Optimist Club, Boy Scouts Troop No. 73 and the Dream Makers program at the Westfield Neighborhood Council who helped to make Drug Awareness Week a success. Pictured, left to right are: Sara Finestein, Mikaela Cruz, Paige Corbett, Mayor Jardim, Callie Avis, Alfred Riker, Ivan Villafane and Lucy Fromtling

PTA Council Reveals Date For BOE Candidates Night

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council will host a Board of Education Candidates' Night on Thursday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Westfield Road in Scotch Plains.

Five candidates are running for two seats in Scotch Plains. They are Jean McAllister, Lance Porter, Thomas Randazzo, Norman A. Ross and Board of Education President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon.

Board of Education President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon.
Richard R. Meade is running unopposed for the seat in Fanwood.
The evening will begin with the introduction of the candidates by

program moderator Margaret Walker of the Westfield Area League of Women Voters.

Each candidate will then have the opportunity to make his or her own

introductory remarks, including their reasons for running for the Board of Education.

The PTA Council has posed two questions to the candidates. The first question deals with class size and the candidates' ideas on funding and

question deals with class size and the candidates' ideas on funding and space limitations. The second question asks for the candidates' stance on grouping students by their abilities.

The Junior States Association on organization of Scotch Plains

The Junior States Association, an organization of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School students, has posed one question concerning which issues the candidates feel should be addressed.

Candidates will answer these questions and then the forum will be opened to questions from the audience. All residents of the community are invited to attend this event.

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Desperate Senior Citizens Make Perfect Targets for Home Labor Scam Artists

With smiling faces and promises of a more worryfree future, they invade our homes via aggressive television and radio advertising, urging us to take out a home improvement loan in order to pay off credit card debts, make home improvements, or simply to have "extra cash on hand."

But to quote a fabulous song from 1971, "smiling faces show no traces of the evil that lurks within. Indeed, some scam artists involved with home labor, including chimney and driveway repair, have much to hide, and in a lot of cases, they are able to do so successfully.

In fairness, this is not to say that everyone associated with home improvements, either in lending or labor categories, is necessarily evil at all. But the old axiom that "nobody gives you something for nothing" ought to be remembered before any cash offer you deem enticing is pursued any further.

In short, a lot of this advertising is aimed at those either desperate for cash, or those who are tricked and even frightened – into having work done on their homes, or in taking out a home improvement loan. Obviously, the two are related, and while the immediate benefits can indeed be helpful, the long-

term repercussions are not. In particular, senior citizens represent the most vulnerable group on many a financing firm's checklist. That's because senior citizens, who have already paid off their mortgages years ago, are finding it increasingly difficult to pay their property taxes, monthly bills and yes, even grocery bills, on time – and sadly, in some instances, not at all.

So they find themselves forced, they think, into taking out a home equity loan, almost always having to use their home as a collateral. The alternative sometimes appears to be doing nothing, and then being forced out via a sheriff's tax sale.

That's what life has become like for many of our seniors who live in the tri-state area in the 1990s. Imagine that: the very same people who helped this country make the world safe for democracy are suddenly those who are the most vulnerable of all. Even a child is accorded more respect.

Of course, younger people can encounter financial woes, with credit card debt being perhaps the leading reason why. But unless they own their own homes that have plenty of cash equity, they needn't at all worry about these inducements, some of which appear to be just short of fraud.

And in instances where senior citizens are approached by scammers offering to fix parts of their homes or properties at very high prices, it is very definitely fraud.

Towns like Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside, with admirable, refreshing qualities – including homes with high property/equity values – are especially vulnerable to scam artists, who target senior citizens rather than younger

So before anyone contemplates entering into either a home-equity arrangement or a scam inducement, the advice that Westfield Construction Code Official Louis H. Raupp offers is simple:

- Always ask for references, people who can tell you first-hand what it's like to deal with this particular firm. Or if you already know some, check out your own references.
- Check with local banks in the area to see if these firms have any sort of traceable records that will prove or disprove their integrity.
- In terms of hiring Johnny-come-lately home laborers, at least insist on them having – and showing — their own proof of insurance, saving you from unforeseen lawsuits in the event they have none.
- In terms of home laborers, insist on finding out who their suppliers are -i.e., suppliers of concrete, piping, etc. You could be liable in some cases if the laborer does the work at a high price, cashes your check and then leaves town, never to be seen by you

If anyone balks at or resists such requests, then it is likely best for you to balk at hiring them.

Because nobody, save for charity and some nonprofit organizations, is prepared to offer their help to you without expecting something in return.

That is the way of the world.

Letters to the Editor

Actions by Woman's Club Conflict With Public Expressions of Remorse I am writing to agree with Barton to the Woman's Club at their post office

Stabler's Letter to the Editor of March 12 and the position that the actions of the Woman's Club of Westfield are not always consistent with their public expressions of sadness and remorse. But I have reason to doubt his observation that "the members of the Westfield Woman's Club would like to see the property preserved.'

One of the first published reports of the pending subdivision application stated that the Woman's Club would be interested in keeping the property if they could find "another group" (to) team up with...to stave off the bid-

On February 1, a letter was sent by hand and mail to the Woman's Club attorney, Robert H. Kraus, by a third party, suggesting that an officer of a similar Westfield-based, tax-exempt organization wanted to meet and begin discussions that could lead to a joint venture or "a buy, lease or rental agreement that would include a provision for the uninterrupted use of the house and property by the Woman's Club and the community which would preserve the tradition of the Burr-Towl house. Copies of this letter were also mailed

PTA Council Urges All Citizens to Vote In April 21 Elections

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council urges all citizens to vote in the upcoming school election to be held on Tuesday, April 21. At this time, members will be elected to the Board of Education and the school budget will be voted on.

It is crucial that community members educate themselves about the issues and. exercise one of the most precious of our rights in this democracy — the right to

> Mary O' Connor, **Corresponding Secretary** Scotch Plains-Fanwood

and clubhouse addresses, even though they instructed that all correspondence was to be directed to Mr. Kraus.

Neither Mr. Kraus nor the Woman's Club has replied to this letter. Have they ever publicly acknowledged the receipt of such an offer? Repeated telephone messages left for Mr. Kraus went

The Woman's Club has explained that this sale is being driven by unaffordable maintenance costs. If so, why was there no reply to an offer that potentially could have solved their problem?

There are other related questions: Before or after the subdivision announcement, what good faith efforts or appeals to the community did the Woman's Club make to help them avoid a sale?

Were there other offers of assistance made by community groups or private citizens? Was this particular proposal made known to all of the members? Or was the lure of an overheated real estate market predestined to crowd out all other

In forming judgments based on actions, it must be said that the Woman's Club of Westfield has an outstanding record of 40 years of community service and the sale is for charitable, and not personal, gain.

Is it possible the members — individually or collectively — rationalized that the important charitable end would justify the means? (The means being the potential destruction of a historic home, and the creation of an unwanted subdivi-

The Woman's Club of Westfield has apparently gone down the last road first. It is not too late to turn back, or to designate the site as historic for the sake of its preservation.

At the very minimum, the club should explain why no effort was made to explore at least one known viable proposal. he continued professed sadness of the Woman's Club has become tired and sad

Sal Caruana

Junior Woman's Club **Announces Success**

The 19th Grand Auction held by the

We are happy to know that the money is already slated to go towards the wish of a boy in Fanwood. In addition, the 50/50 raffle helped add to our scholarship fund, which

The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield will be giving the donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation representative at its monthly meeting in April. Special thanks to all who donated their goods and services.

Of 19th Grand Auction

Junior Woman's Club of Westfield was a wonderful success. The night raised over \$7,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey.

will be given away in the weeks to come.

Marijke Shugrue Junior Woman's Club of Westfield

Proficiency Rates Ought to Reflect Money Parents Spend for Education

mythical status.

ingly out of thin air.

It is time for parents of our school system children to stand up and let the Board of Education know you are not satisfied with a less than 80 percent proficiency rate of state testing at the eighth grade level.

The parents and all taxpayers pay out high tax rates because we want superior education for the young people of Westfield. The parents should request a refund from the high teachers' salaries to pay for the increased budget that the Board of Education is requesting in the current budget before the

If teachers had no tenure or had to work on productive performance of their products, there would be no tax increase for Westfield property owners. Why should taxpayers pay for poor performance of teachers of our chil-

Westfield shares one of the highest socio-economic demograpic conditions in a community of this state and our children should be an important part of the privilege we share as adults.

It's Pollyanna to believe all the teachers and administration staff will give back 15 percent of the administrative payroll to help us maintain a no tax property increase, so parents and town taxpayers, vote no on the Tuesday, April 21 Board of Education budget.

Businessmen, if you'll be out of town or suspect you will be away that day, request your absentee ballot now at the Board of Education office. We all want high proficiency of our school children. Middle of the road is unacceptable.

Stan Niedzwiecki

PANDA Thanks Local Community For Success of Drug Awareness Week

The Board of the Westfield Municipal Alliance/PANDA (Preventing Alcohol, Narcotics and Drug Abuse) would like to thank everyone in the community who helped to make Westfield's 1998 Drug Awareness Week a success, especially our students, parents, school PANDA representatives, substance abuse counselors (SAC), nurses, and other school staff; and our police officers who participated in and organized all the school activities; Scouts, family members and friends of Boy Scout Troop No. 73 and Girl Scout Troop No. 968 and their Scout leaders for tying ribbons around our community's trees; the members of the Junior Optimist Club for distributing posters to businesses and organizations throughout our town; Westfield florists- McEwen, Vance, Meeker's, Scarlet Begonias, the Flower Basket and Williams Nursery for donating ribbons for the trees,

the Westfield Memorial Library for setting aside books for parents and youth on family relationships and substance awareness, Falcon Printing for getting our Alliance Community Newsletter quickly printed for distribution during Drug Awareness Week; and the members of the Dream Makers program who made substance abuse prevention posters during the week that are on display at library this week.

Westfield Municipal Alliance/



Fly In The Ointment

The fly in the ointment is true survivor. In fact, it first appeared in the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastic (10:1); 'dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth stinking savoir, so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour.'

This pungent biblical passage confirms the widely known fact that a tiny defect (such as a dead fly) can spoil something of great value. The ointment idiom presently conveys the sense that 'there is something wrong somewhere or that there is a defect that might come to light in connection with something that looks too good.'

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How to Survive Life's Obstacles As Depicted on the Silver Screen

By Louis H. Clark =

of the Seattle Seven, but only after starchy

Maude relates that she doesn't remem-

ber who they were. Further securing his

place in the annals, Dude adds that he

was one of the original framers of the

So preposterous it's mirthful, the Coen

Port Huron Statement, and not the sec-

brothers' offbeat send-up of the detec-

tive genre is a lovingly acerbic, left-

handed present to Baby Boomers, a nov-

elty gift as tacky as an exploding cigar.

Scoring several spares and a few strikes

thanks to its screwball portraitures, only

lack of a truly challenging plot keeps *The*

Big Lebowski from rolling a perfect game.

The Big Lebowski, rated R, is a Gramercy Pictures release directed by

Joel Coen and stars Jeff Bridges, John

Goodman and Julianne Moore. Running

time: 117 minutes.

ond, watered-down version either.

POPCORN[™]

The Big Lebowski: **Bowling Over Convention**

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

By Michael S. Goldberger

3 popcorns

for life? Or is life actually an elaborate

of delirious creativity unleashed by the

brothers Coen, is so screwy that it could

be proffering either, both or neither of

those two possibilities. And doing it with

nius that distinguished their last effort,

Fargo, this new set of dryly delivered

absurdities from the filmmakers (Joel

writes and directs; Ethan writes and pro-

duces) is raucously disarming on its own

Rolling with the punches (as well as

the body blows) and making it all look so

easy, Jeff Bridges propels the organized

insanity with his ingeniously languid

performance. Starring in the title role,

sort of — the story involves two Mr. Lebowski's and a resultant case of mis-

taken identity — he is actually the lesser

Lebowski, financially speaking, that is. But the thugs that beat him up and

then vilely soil his rug in the opening

scene don't immediately realize that.

to be rich." They depart the dishabille that is his Venice, California, apartment.

or more formally, The Dude, the fiscally

little Lebowski bemoans his ruined rug.

Later recounting the outrage to his best

buddies at the bowling alley, he asserts

that the damaged rug "really tied the room together." He is indignant. Atten-

Sympathetic out of loyalty if not un-

derstanding are John Goodman as Walter

Sobchak and Steve Buscemi as Donny,

the sort of quirky, Steinbeckian charac-

ters who traditionally populate Coen

brothers films. Silly-sad souls, they have

elevated to an art form the making of

mountains out of molehills and vice versa.

Dude trucks up to the Big Lebowski's

mansion where, for the umpteenth time

in the last cinematic year, the film nor

scenario is set. Trophy wife Bunny (Tara

Reid) has been kidnapped. But this is

the kind of film where The Big Lebowski

(David Huddleston) eventually hires The

Dude to find the abducted Mrs.

The plot thickens, but the insane

details, played out to the backdrop of

an all-important bowling tournament,

are really of no consequence. Suffice it

to note that Dude and company become

embroiled in matters usually left to

professional cops and criminals. These

guys are just morons, like Abbott and

Costello but with a much more ex-

pounded sociology. Or Cheech and Chong with a heightened ethos and a

splendidly drawn Dude is the fallen

everyman of his generation, a joint-toking

freak whose opportunity for redemption, if he solves this kidnapping gambit be-

fore evil forces do him in, has arrived.

Playing Sancho Panza to this post-

hippie Don Quixote is John Goodman in

a hilarious turn as war vet Walter

Sobchak, who sees everything either in

terms of Vietnam or his adoption of the

the bowling alley, blustering Walter in-

dignantly lectures: "This isn't Vietnam.

with his conscience: Should he accom-

pany Dude on a ransom drop during

much more subdued here than in his

performance as the petty thief in Fargo.

If dull-bulb Donny is supposed to be as

dumb as a post, then Mr. Buscemi has earned his fee.

tal insanity that populate The Big

Lebowski in a kaleidoscope of delight-

fully heady nonsense, Jeff Bridges won-

drously manufactures an unlikely hero in

a role that, by its very definition, defies

characterization. But like he did in

Starman, Mr. Bridges once again proves

he can conjure a viable persona seem-

Partly self-effacing, part-parody, be-

neath the drop-out bravado that is the

Dude there's a wistful fantasy at work.

Augmented by nifty camerawork and

neatly-spliced dream sequences, Dude

as the ordinary pothead tossed into ex-

traordinary circumstances achieves near-

other Lebowski's control-freak daugh-

ter, Maude (Julianne Moore), Dude is

asked from whence he came. He informs

the domineering artiste that he was one

Romanced for devious reasons by the

Anchoring the zany swirls of inciden-

It's bowling. There are rules.'

Shabbos, the Jewish Sabbath?

Admonishing a foul line scofflaw at

In another instance, Walter wrestles

Steve Buscemi as ex-surfer Donny is

A relic of the 1960s, Jeff Bridges's

Seeking reparations for his rug, The

tion must be paid.

Lebowski

sense of history.

Jewish faith.

Hey, this Lebowski guy is supposed

Known to his fellow keglers as Dude,

Not until one of the assailants muses:

While not approaching the filmic ge-

metaphor for bowling?

a straight face no less.

ridiculous terms.

Is bowling really a rolling metaphor

The Big Lebowski, the latest tantrum

I believe that many of the divorces in this country are caused by marriage counselors and therapists who keep telling their clients, "always tell the whole truth to each other, and the truth will make you free." Politically correct; maritally a di-

Civilization is built upon little white lies. You and your wife meet a pair you really don't like; the women kiss each other; and you shake his hand and say, "Looking good." Suppose you had told them, "Beat it. Can't stand you." In the 800s a 40-year war broke out because one queen told another that she looked like an ugly horse

When Henry Ford told one of his executives, "I don't like you," and fired him, the executive went over to Chrysler cars and started beating Ford to death.

When you tell your fantasies to your wife or husband, it's okay if your object is a singer or an actress. They are so far away, it's really a joke. But if you tell the truth and the object of your fantasy is someone near at hand, the whole thing will blow up in your face.

It's not only fantasies. A man who keeps praising his mother's cooking will have more fights on his hands than those team wrestlers on TV do.

Money of all things seems to be the prime cause of contention. "He's just cheap," she says. And in turn, he might say, "She seems to think money grows on trees." The therapist will say, "Now we are getting to the root of the matter. You're not only telling me the truth, you're really pouring oil on the fire.'

Whereas, if you sat down together and say, "You're the smartest person I ever met when it comes to money," the oil

won't get on fire. Don't forget, the fees paid to a therapist or a family counselor will cost you both a trip to Bermuda or the Caribbean, where things will fall into their true perspective and you won't be tearing up your emotions because you told the truth

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WESTFIELD GIRL SCOUTS

April Looks Like Busy Month For Girl Scouts of Westfield

Written by Girl Scouts for Girl Scouts

As the year continues, so do Girl Scout activities. April is filled with many important and exciting events. Please take note of the times and descriptions of the activities to follow

The Westfield Girl Scout Service Team will meet on Friday, April 3, from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m., at the home of Liz Fallon, 910 Irving Avenue.

On Friday, April 4, a Kayak 101 workshop will be given at the Fanwood YMCA, 1340 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This workshop will provide valuable skills for kayaking. Workshop participants will be able to perform the basic maneuvers and strokes upon completion.

No prior experience is necessary. The cost is \$12 per girl to cover costs of pool rental. Deep-water certification is required for acceptance to the workshop. A bathing suit and towel are needed. The workshop is the Silver Award Project of Cadette Girl Scouts Sarah Burke and Molly Orbach. Registration is required and space is limited to 12 Westfield Girl Scouts. Please call Molly Orbach at (908) 233-2878 as soon as possible to reserve

A follow-up trip to Zoar Outdoor in Claremont, Massachusetts, for May 15 and 16, is in the planning stages. Additional information will be provided in

All Senior Westfield Girl Scout troops will meet on Tuesday, April 7, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. This monthly meeting affords mutual interaction and planning among the senior troops. All senior troops are encouraged to attend.

The second and final mandatory Encampment preparation meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and will be repeated on Thursday, April 9, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. The morning and evening meetings are being offered to accommodate the various schedules of troop representatives.

A representative from each troop registered to attend the Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3 Encampment at Camp Hoover is required to attend this final

preparatory meeting.

Cookie Booth sales will continue throughout Westfield until Sunday, April

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank all those wonderful community residents, members of community agencies, organizations, churches and merchants who volunteer their time and talents and contribute merchandise and money to enable us to continue many other projects in the community throughout the year.

Board Members

19. The public is asked to support the Girl Scouts in this effort.
On Tuesday, April 28, the annual Awards and Recognition Dinner will be

held at the Westwood in Garwood from 6 to 9 p.m. This event commemorates out standing service of adult Girl Scout members of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council (WRGSC). Reservations are being accepted by WRGSC until Friday, April 17. Individual troops may contribute \$2 as a booster for the Awards program. Proceeds will benefit the Girl/ Adult Financial Aid (GAFA) program.

For a \$15 contribution, donors can be listed as supporters of GAFA. The deadline for booster program submission to WRGSC is April 7.

Early Girl Scout registration for 1998-1999 will be held in May or June. Further information will be provided. Early troop registration eases the October troop startup activities and has been highly recommended by those troops taking advantage of it during the 1997-1998 scouting year.

Maire Abraham, a Senior Girl Scout working toward her Gold Award, is requesting donations of new and/or gently used men's clothing. Anyone who can contribute to this project may call her at (908) 233-1481 to arrange for pickup of donations.

This project will feed into the B.R.I.D.G.E.S. project associated with Christ Church in Summit. People involved with B.R.I.D.G.E.S. gather food, clothing, and toiletries, and truck these items to designated homeless areas in New York City and Newark. All men's clothing donated will be gratefully accepted by Ms. Abraham.

A sincere thank you to all in our Westfield Community for reading our monthly Girl Scout article. We urge those of you thinking about getting involved in Girl Scouting to go for it! Stay tuned for upcoming events in May.

This column may be viewed at The Westfield Leader web site and may be accessed as www.goleader/ girlscouts.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!

This column is prepared monthly by Westfield Girl Scouts for the Westfield Girl Scout community and for the public.

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Letters to the Editor

Magnet Schools Should be Removed From Under the Vo-Tech Umbrella

Editor's Note: The enclosed letter (in a slightly different form) was sent to Senator Robert Martin, Chairman of the New Jersey Senate Education Committee, with copies going to various local and state government and education offi-

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association Council has serious concerns regarding the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology and all magnet schools statewide that are funded through vocational-technical districts.

Vocational-technical schools were originally designed to meet the needs of students not going on to college. Magnet schools fall outside this intent and defi-

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School offers a strong program of mathematics, science, and technology, including college prep and Advanced Placement

Programs at the magnet school duplicate what is already offered in the district and, unfettered by countless state mandates, the magnet school unfairly competes with Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School for top students.

Due in part to extensive marketing by the magnet school, response has been

This year the magnet school has six Scotch Plains-Fanwood students, which

While the departure of six students insignificantly reduces local operating costs, a very significant \$36,000 in resources is lost to their local peers. When the magnet school is in full operation, our district may have to cope with a whopping budget cut of as much as

Should we cut the advanced science, mathematics, and technology classes that the magnet school duplicates? What can we say to those children who remain and whose resources have been plundered?

We object to the burden of locally

Mary O'Connor, **Corresponding Secretary** Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association Council

PTA, PTO Members Should Ensure Kids' Safety by Purchasing Cell Phones

Editor's Note: The following letter was addressed to all Westfield Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) members with a copy sent to The Westfield

Westfield First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee, is sponsoring a program that enhances the safety of our school children as they walk to and from school each day. I am referring to the special cellular telephones that have been donated to crossing guards throughout

As Chairwoman of The BRAKES Group of Westfield, I strongly support this program. Its benefits are twofold. First, in the case of an emergency, a crossing guard can call for help immediately. A quick response to an emergency situation can make the difference in reducing or eliminating serious injury

Second, and perhaps more important, the phones enable the crossing guards to prevent emergencies. Being able to report reckless driving behavior might make the difference in preventing emergencies altogether. The police cannot be everywhere. With help from crossing guards, the most egregious drivers can be stopped before they cause a serious accident in

I ask that each of you be instrumental in donating enough phones for each of the crossing guards that support your school. After the initial purchase of the phone, no further costs will be incurred by the Parent-Teacher Association/Parent-

Teacher Organization. A 911 call is free. Any costs incurred in calling the police station will be paid for by the town. The telephones are \$180 each. Checks should be made out to Bell Atlantic. The police department will com-

plete the paperwork. I hope you will do everything possible to equip your professional school crossing guards with the tools they need to

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strong; moreover, enrollment is not capped at two students per sending district per year as promised, but enrollment is apparently unlimited.

translates into \$36,000 in tuition payments from the district budget.

\$144,000 plus transportation costs.

paying for select students to attend what is in effect a private school, free of the regulatory burdens other schools bear. We ask for legislation to remove magnet schools from the vo-tech umbrella and to devise a magnet school funding plan that does not penalize those students who remain in district schools.

Sara E. Strohecker

school district Thank you for your sup-

Chairwoman The BRAKES Group of Westfield

Coalition Extends Thanks to Sponsors Of Upcoming Walk to End Hunger

The Coalition for Hunger Awareness of Union and Somerset Counties wishes to publicly thank the many local firms which have responded positively to the ongoing invitation to sponsor the 1998 Rally Walk to End Hunger, scheduled for Sunday, May 3, in Mindowaskin

Park in Westfield. The Coalition is an interfaith group of congregations, non-profit and civic groups organized in 1992 to raise funds to alleviate hunger by supporting local food pantries and soup kitchens, and to promote public awareness of the hunger

problem in our community. These generous firms include AT&T, Irma's Bag, Anthony James Construction, Park Place Restaurant, Trader Joe's, Martinsville Inn Caterers, Ditschman Flemington Ford, Exogen, A.Gelfond & Co., Condor Capital, Ortalis Corporation, S. Seltzer Construction, George Ulanet Co., Union County Florist Supplies, Great Finds and Chase Manhattan Bank.

In addition, we thank the Somerville Rotary Club, the Wilf Family Foundation, Congregation Beth Israel and its Sisterhood, as well as Temple Har Shalom, along with several individuals for

their generous sponsorship support. There is still time before the walk for interested business, civic or religious groups and individuals to join as sponsors. Please call Luis Fleischman at (908) 889-5335 for more information.

Civic and school groups, as well as individuals interested in participating in the walk, may also call Mr. Fleischman for details. And again, a big thank you to all our current sponsors which have joined us as we strive to alleviate hunger in our community.

Michelle Ehrich Co-Chairwoman, Coalition for **Hunger Awareness**

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Family Court Judge Thomas Zampino of the Superior Court of New Jersey in Essex County, after being sworn in as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for

Esther Jennis Takes Oath As Advocate for Children

Westfield resident Esther Jennis was sworn in as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) on March by Family Court Judge Thomas Zampino of the Superior Court of New Jersey in Essex County.

A CASA volunteer is a special advocate for a child in foster care, who helps to make sure abused and neglected children reach a safe and permanent home with relatives, birth parents or an adoptive family. The next volunteer training session will start on Saturday, May 2.

CASA volunteers help foster children and their families receive the services they need, and help move these cases through the child welfare system quickly, according to Execu-

tive Director Caroline Jacobus. They investigate the case, inter-

view pertinent people, make independent recommendations to the court as to what is in the child's best interest and monitor the case until the child is settled in a permanent home, Ms. Jacobus said.

After a careful screening, prospective volunteers will be trained to prepare them for their role, Ms. Jacobus explained. They receive ongoing support and supervision.

CASA volunteers may be full-time employees, retirees, homemakers or professionals. The hours are flexible and the only requirement is concern for a child's future, the Executive Director maintained.

CASA is a non-profit organization and supports its work through contributions and grants. For more information about becoming a volunteer, please call the Essex County CASA office at (973) 693-6785 or visit the CASA web site at www.casaessex.org.

Elizabeth Giameo Named to Dean's List

Elizabeth Giameo of Westfield has been named to the Dean's List at Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania for the 1997 fall semester. A sophomore, Elizabeth is majoring in finance.

Twenty-Seven Join Ranks Of CONTACT Volunteers

Twenty seven men and women from throughout Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties were commissioned as new telephone hotline volunteers for CONTACT We Care, when the non-profit agency held its Annual Meeting and Commissioning Service on March 3 in West-

The new volunteers had attended CONTACT's volunteer training class during the past year, according to spokeswoman Arlene Klemow.

'It is so inspiring for all of us involved with CONTACT We Care to witness this latest commissioning service and to have new volunteers join our ranks," said Ross Royce of Edison, Board President of the 24-hour telephone hotline service.

"These 27 compassionate men and women have taken significant steps toward helping their fellow man and making a difference in people's lives by offering the gift of listening," he added.

CONTACT We Care, established in 1975, is a free, confidential service available to anyone needing a listening ear. Volunteers are required to attend 50 hours of training in order to learn how to actively listen and deal with a broad range of human needs,

Volunteers are supervised by a licensed professional social worker, and must approach their in an open and nonjudgmental way, according to the spokeswoman.

"CONTACT volunteers are very special people," said the Reverend Dr. Darla Dee Turlington, Minister of Christian Education and Evangelism at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, as well as a CONTACT board member.

"They truly give of themselves, and offer loving acceptance and empathetic identification as they listen, hear and reflect back the caller's feelings," she continued. "CONTACT and its volunteers are

special in another way, too; in its willingness to use spiritual resources," said Reverend Turlington. "This sets CONTACT apart from many secular organizations.

"The caller's spirituality is one of many tools that a CONTACT volunteer may utilize to facilitate a caller in working through their problems,' she explained.

"The telephone workers of CON-TACT offer a safe place where troubled people who have nowhere to turn catch a glimmer of hope and start to rebuild some sense of their

Spelling Bee Winners Are Told By SP Recreation Department

The Scotch Plains Recreation Department of Parks, in conjunction with the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club, sponsored a spring spelling bee for grades 3, 4 and 5 March 14 at the Scotch Hills Country Clubhouse.

Winners in the third grade spelling bee were: first place, Cristina Boggs, a student in the J. Ackerman Coles Elementary School, and second place, Christopher Polhamus, attending McGinn.

For the fourth graders the winner was Liza Katz of Brunner Elementary School, with Sarah Halpern of McGinn Elementary School finishing second. She was first as a competitor in the third grade contest, as well as in the fourth grade fall spelling bee.

The fifth grader winner, also a repeat champion in first place, was Christine Lomiguen from St. Bartholomew's Interparochial

The second place for fifth graders was Jacqueline Macri, also a student All winners received certificates

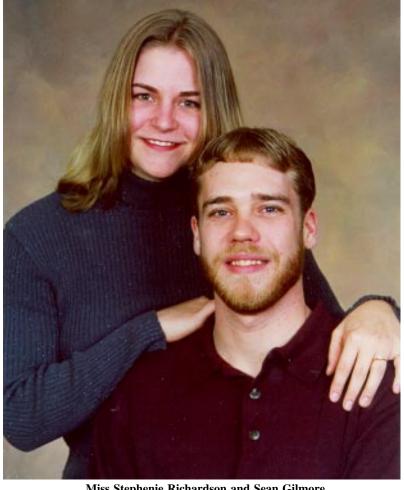
of participation and "shiny apple" awards for Burger King meals, as well as gift certificates to be redeemed at the Town Book Store in Westfield. Judges were Mandy Holanda and Regina O'Connor from the Junior Woman's Club.

Moderator was Laura Swidersky, Recreation Supervisor.

Exclusive House 3x5

J&M 3x7

Chase 3x5



Miss Stephenie Richardson and Sean Gilmore

Miss Stephenie Richardson Engaged to Sean Gilmore

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Richardson of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Stephenie

William J oseph

Dr. and Mrs. Edward W. Harmer

William weighed 10 pounds and 11 ounces, and measured 22 inches

He joins his siblings, Lauren, 3, and Ryan, 18.

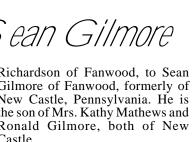
are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cardile of

The paternal grandparents are Mrs. Mary Harmer of Bayonne and the Richardson of Fanwood, to Sean Gilmore of Fanwood, formerly of New Castle, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Mrs. Kathy Mathews and Ronald Gilmore, both of New

The future bride graduated from Westfield High School and Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature and Communications. She is employed as an assistant manager by Walden Books in Bridgewater.

Her fiancé graduated from New Castle High School and Slippery Rock University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science and Business Administration Degree, with a specialization in Management and Marketing. He is employed as a manager with Café Rock in Cran-

A wedding is planned for Sep-



Janet Lyman Named Orchestra Conductor

Janet Elaine Lyman of Rahway was recently named as conductor of the Region 1 Junior Orchestra for the New Jersey Music Educators Association, following tryouts which were held on February 28.

The orchestra will perform in concert on Sunday, April 5, at Tenafly Middle School on Sunset Avenue in Tenafly at 3 p.m. For further information, please call (201) 816-7700 or (732) 381-3021.

Mrs. Lyman is a member of the faculty of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield, where she teaches violin, clarinet, and trumpet.

The Rahway resident performs with the members of the Workshop's Jazz Band, Concert Band, and String

> The ensemble's itinerary begins with a 10 a.m. concert on Wednesday, April 15, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and continues on to Haverhill, Massachusetts for a 7:30 p.m. concert at Haverhill High

Ensemble Director Dr. Brian S. Wilson will conduct the combined Hartwick College Wind Ensemble and Haverhill High School Bands at this event. The tour continues through Friday, April 17, with stops in Rockland, Scituate, Mansfield and Sudbury, Massachusetts.





Miss Debra Ann Stern and Barry Utterbaugh

Miss Debra Ann Stern To Wed B arry Utterbaugh The bride-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Westfield High School and a 1990

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Stern of Rockville, Maryland, formerly of Westfield, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Debra Ann Stern of Annapolis, Maryland, to Barry Utterbaugh of Bel Air, Maryland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland B. Utterbaugh, Jr. of Bel

The future bridegroom is a 1987 graduate of Calvert Hall College High School and a 1991 graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is

employed with HCIA as an accounts representative. The couple plan to be married in October of this year.

graduate of Syracuse University in

New York. She is employed with

Concentra Health Services as a con-

I an Christopher B orn to H enions

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Henion of Boston have announced the birth of their son, Ian Christopher Henion, on Sunday, December 21, 1997, at Massachusetts General Hospital in

Ian weighed 6 pounds and 101/2 ounces, and measured 1934 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hendrzak of Westfield.

Ian's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henion of Prospect Harbor, Maine.

Robert Anderson to Perform During Tour With Ensemble Robert Anderson of Westfield, a Hopatcong High School.

unior information science major at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, will perform with the Hartwick College Wind Ensemble during a tour of Massachusetts this spring.

The ensemble will make a special stop in Methuen, Massachusetts on Thursday, April 16, to perform with the Reverend David Gallagher, an organist, at 8 p.m. at the Methuen Memorial Organ Hall. A reception will follow the concert.

Robert, who plays trumpet in the ensemble, is the son of Nancy and Robert Anderson and is a graduate of

Genealogical Society Plans Symposium for May 2 and 9

The Genealogical Society of the West Fields has planned a symposium entitled "New Routes to Old Roots," which will be offered on two successive Saturdays, May 2 and May 9, from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

There will be two presentations each day, with a refreshment break in between those presentations.

On May 2, two aspects of "Genealogical Problem Solving" will be discussed: "Probing the Depths of Common Resources" and "An Overview of Uncommon Sources."

For May 9, "Computers and Genealogy" will feature "Computers and Data Management" and "The Internet — A New Genealogical Resource."

Pre-registration is required. Interested individuals are advised to register early because attendance may be limited by space considerations.

A donation of \$7 per person per day will be charged to defray the cost of materials provided. The registration deadline is Saturday, April

To register, a check made payable to the Genealogical Society of the West Fields should include the name, address and telephone number of those attending each day.

Please indicate "Symposium" on the lower left of the check, and mail to GSWF, care of Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street, Westfield, 07090-2116.

For further information, please call Nancy Fratt at (908) 233-7236.

Pianist Shuang Guo Set To Perform at WSO Gala

Long-time Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) supporters Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Rorden of Westfield's Rorden Realty, have underwritten concert pianist Shuang Guo's scheduled performance at this year's WSO Gala.

Ms. Guo, who has graced international stages in Europe, Asia and the Middle-East, in addition to many in North America, will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" at the event entitled "'S Wonderful!" celebrating the centennial of George Gershwin's birth.

Rorden Realty is among a number of area businesses that have offered Gala underwriting and contributions of goods and services to support the 15-year-old orchestra's major fundraising event. Westfield's own Michael Kohn Jewelers, Burton Video Services, Mojave Grille, Trader Joe's, Falcon Printing, Romance, Talbots and Theresa's Restaurant, as well as Le Rendez-vous of Kenilworth, Martin Jewelers in Cranford, and The Stagehouse of Scotch Plains are some of the WSO's Gala supporters.

The 15th annual event will be held Saturday, March 28, at The Hilton at Short Hills. It will include a cocktail reception and auction preview, dinner and dancing to Gershwin tunes, and both live and silent auctions. Jon Bramnick, a lawyer, stand-up comedian and auctioneer extraordinaire, will encourage guests in competitive bidding during the Gala's always lively live auction.

Germaine and Richard Trabert of Westfield have been named the event's honorary chairs. Germaine is a member of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and a member of The Friends of The Westfield Symphony Orchestra. Richard is Executive Director of Public Affairs for Merck & Co., Inc., which has been a major contributor to the orchestra for more than 10 years, having sponsored several opening-night concerts at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway

PNC Private Bank returns this year to join Merck in support of the WSO as a Gala Sponsor, and the new Town Bank of Westfield (in organization) has made its sponsorship debut in the community as a Private Sponsor.

Further information about the Westfield Symphony Orchestra Gala, is available by calling (888) GALA

Co-Chairs for the event are Mercedes Saval Cooper and Georgann M. Dowling. The Core Committee includes Pamela Cooper, Emma DeGiralamo, Sally Kaine Hobbs, Russell J. Minion and Bernard V. Peterson.



A GALA PERFORMANCE...Concert pianist Shuang Guo, who will perform Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" at the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's 1998 Gala, is shown here with Warren C. Rorden of Rorden Realty in Westfield, who has underwritten Ms. Guo's Saturday, March 28 performance.

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of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, William Joseph Harmer, on Tuesday, January 27, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

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William's maternal grandparents New York City.

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IN THE PLANNING...Scotch Plains resident Stephen Kendall, left, recently joined Philip Hunrath, a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Parsippany, for the chapter's sixth annual Polo Classic kickoff planning meeting at Pal's Cabin in West

Township Resident Member Of Committee for Polo Classic

Kendall and fellow members of the planning committee for the sixth annual Alzheimer's Polo Classic are currently organizing the annual fundraiser, scheduled for Sunday,

The polo match, hosted by the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will be held at the Hillsborough Country Club in

Flemington. The Polo Classic will provide an afternoon for hundreds of families, friends and Chapter supporters, tailgate picnics, antique and classic cars, hot air balloons and children's entertainment including face painting, pony rides, clowns and games, beginning at 1 p.m.

In addition, CBS-AM radio anchor Therese Crowley, this year's guest of honor, will perform "The Star Spangled Banner" as she offi-cially opens the Polo Classic at 3

Mr. Kendall has been working with the Polo Classic committee since March on such tasks as selling tickets, securing prizes and soliciting

advertising for the event's Reference Guide of Services for Alzheimer's Families.

General admission to the event is \$10 per person, and preferred fieldside parking packages may be purchased for \$125 per vehicle. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

The Polo Classic was founded in 1986 by Judith and Les Gurren in memory of Judith's mother, Ruth Hollander, who died in 1985 after struggling for several years with Alzheimer's disease.

The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the state's largest chapter, provides services, support and resources to people with Alzheimer's Disease and their caregivers residing in Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Essex, Union, Sussex, Morris Warren, and Hunterdon Counties.

For more information, please call the Chapter office at (973) 316-6676 or visit its website at http://www.alz.org/chapters/template/njersey/Welcome.html.

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selors will discuss vocational edu-

cation, other types of post-second-

ary education that may interest this

type of student, and job opportuni-

Educational Forum to Focus On SP-F Guidance Services

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, in cooperation with the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council, will sponsor an educational forum this Monday, March 30, concerning guidance services provided

The entire community, and especially parents of students in the sixth through the 12th grade, are invited to attend this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Offices at Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue in Scotch

Representatives of the district's Guidance Department will present a program describing the ways in which guidance counselors help prepare students for success in the world beyond high school.

Karen McDermott, District Supervisor of Guidance, will act as the program's moderator. She will be joined by the guidance staffs of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Park Middle School and Terrill Middle School.

These staff members will explain the services available at the middle school level, which includes the process of choosing courses at the high school.

At the high school level, the full spectrum of guidance services will be discussed. Since most graduates go on to college, staff members will discuss in detail career counseling and the intensive array of services available to high school seniors, especially the college application pro-

For those students not continuing

Woman's Club to Hold **Scholarship Luncheon** At Nordstrom April 8

Nordstrom in Menlo Park will host the Scotch Plains Woman's Club Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, April 8. The event will begin with a fashion show and coffee at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon.

A Nordstrom fashion team will demonstrate the use of accessories in women's wardrobes. All profits earned from the fashion show will benefit the club's 1998 Nursing Scholarship.

Tickets are \$20 and include door prizes. They may be obtained from Luncheon Chairwoman Terry Sidun at (908) 232-0601.

Literacy Group to Hold Event to Attract Volunteers

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 geared for potential or current students and tutors. Tutors will be able to find out what materials are available to use, or how to solve problems that they are having. Potential tutors can find out about

the program. Interested students can be assessed if they call the Literacy Volunteers office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for that day.

Miller-Cory Slates Program On Spinning and Weaving

The Miller-Cory House Museum at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield will feature spinning and weaving, along with open-hearth cooking, on Sunday, March 29, from 2 to

It is believed that the first spinning wheel evolved in India about 1,000 years ago. Introduced in Germany in the early 16th century, the treadle type of spinning wheel made it possible for the spinner to have both hands free to draw the fiber while in a sitting position.

Barbara Flexner of West Orange will explain how to use a spinning wheel for producing finished threads.

Not all households in New Jersey during the 18th and 19th centuries owned a loom. Threading the loom was tedious. Some prepared the threads for local or itinerant weavers.

Many of New Jersey's early families brought weaving patterns known as drafts from England and other parts of Europe, and later developed new patterns in America. Among the woven items listed on Joseph Cory's 1802 inventory were three tablecloths, one set of curtains, seven sheets and five pillow cases.

Members of the museum's cooking committee will prepare seasonal foods over the open-hearth, using authentic Colonial-era recipes and methods.

Visitors will be able to enjoy taste treats as prepared by the cooks while learning about Colonial-era cooking techniques.

The museum gift shop offers many early-American reproductions, games, books, and educational items.

Costumed docents will answer questions about life in early America while guiding visitors through the restored historical farmhouse built in 1740.

On Sunday, April 5, the museum will feature early American hat boxes with Eileen O'Shea of Summit, as well as open-hearth cooking.

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

For further information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum office. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students six years of age and older. Children under age six will be admitted free.



DR. SEUSS DAY...Students at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield recently celebrated the March 2 birthday of popular children's author Dr. Seuss. Pictured, left to right, are: Claire Macdonald, Julienne Niemiera, Patrina Caruana, and Colin Sullivan, with "The Cat in the Hat" (Darlene



SCOUT VISIT...Members of Cub Scout Pack No. 673 from Jefferson Elementary School recently toured the Union County Police headquarters in Westfield. The scouts, all third graders, were able to see a holding cell, the armory, lie detector and communications equipment, and police vehicles during their visit. Pictured with tour leader Captain Daniel Vaniska of the Union County Police, clockwise from bottom left, are Bear Den No. 5 scouts Matt Bogen, Luke Hammond, Kevin O'Rourke, Brian Bayne and Mat Leonard.

String Fest '98 to Raise Funds

For School Orchestra Program The Roosevelt Intermediate School Orchestra of Westfield will present

String Fest '98 on Friday, April 3. Produced by Nancy Petrucalli, String Fest '98 is a fundraiser for the Roosevelt orchestra and string pro-

Those attending will enjoy an evening of pop music presented by fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade musicians in a coffeehouse setting. While music is played, waiters and waitresses will be serving desserts.

The evening will include fundraising efforts to supplement the Roosevelt music program such as a Chinese Auction and a door prize. Many musical items will also be avail-

able for purchase.
String Fest '98 will be held at the Roosevelt School gymnasium with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and music beginning at 7:30pm. Admission:

Old Guard Previews Events For Thursdays During April

The Old Guard of Westfield, organized in 1933, meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. at the YMCA, which is located at 220 Clark Street in West-

The Old Guard provides activities, special programs and fellowship for retired and semi-retired men who wish to continue living an active lifestyle, according to spokesman Don Finter.

Weekly meetings feature guest speakers, films and other programs. There are also regular group activities such as golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, shuffleboard and a chorus group which performs regularly at charity functions, as well

as public gatherings and formal concerts.

The Thursday programs for next month are as follow:

April 2 — Public Safety, featuring First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. April 9 — Founders Day Lunch at

The Westwood, from noon to 4 p.m.

April 16 — Side by Siders of

Cranford, a choral group.

April 23 – Alzheimer's with Frederick Brand.

April 30 — Macular Degeneration Diabetic Retinopathy with Dr. Marvin F. Kraushar.

For more information, please call Mr. Finter at (908) 233-1407.

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Mabel G. Young, Longtime Volunteer; **Inspiration for Good Neighbor Award**

Mabel G. Young, 86, of Winter Park, Florida, formerly of Mountainside, died on Thursday, March 19, at Winter Park Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, she had lived in Mountainside for 45 years before moving to Winter Park in 1982.

Mrs. Young had been a teacher in the Mountainside public school system for many years, and was also active in many civic associations while

Florence De Rubeis, 77

Florence F. Pirro De Rubeis, 77, of Westfield died on Wednesday, March 18, in the Harborside Healthcare-Woods Edge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Bridgewater.

Born in Clairton, Pennsylvania, she had lived in Westfield since 1966.

Mrs. De Rubeis was a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Westfield. She was predeceased by her first husband, Ernest Pirro, in 1985 and by her second husband, Joseph De Rubeis,

Surviving are a son, Samuel Pirro of New York City; a daughter, Rosemary Murtagh of North Brunswick; a stepson, Settimo De Rubeis of Westfield; three stepdaughters, Lucy Giuliani of Garwood, Cecelia Masci of Farmingdale and Connie De Giorgio of Cranford, and a sister, Eva De Maio of Clairton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Saturday, March 21, in the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial took place in Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Donations in Mrs. De Rubeis's name may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 299 Cherry Hill Road, Suite 305, Parsippany, 07054.

living in the borough.

She was a member and Past President of the Women's Club, a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Mountainside, a lifetime member and officer of the Parent-Teacher Association, and a member and Past President of the Mountainside chapter of the American Association of University

She was also a member of the Senior Citizens Club Mountainside, a member of the Mountainside Music Association, a member and officer of the Mountainside Teachers Association and a member of the Republican Club of Mountainside.

Mrs. Young also worked with Mobile Meals and served as a library vol-

In 1982, the Borough Council of Mountainside recognized her many years of volunteer service to the community by establishing the Mabel G. Young Good Neighbor Award. It is awarded annually to individuals for their contributions to the community.

Mrs. Young was a member of the Winter Park Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a son, Richard Young of Plainfield; a daughter, Virginia Leiz of Westfield, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 24, at the Winter Park Presbyterian Church, 400 South Lakemont Avenue, Winter Park, 32792.

A second memorial service will be held this Saturday, March 28, at 11 a.m. in the Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church on the corner of Deer Path and Meeting House Lane.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Carev Hand Cox-Parker Funeral Home in Winter Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Winter Park Presbyterian Church at the church ad-

Lindsey Conover, 18, College Student; Freshman Was Formerly of Westfield

Lindsey Brett Conover, 18, of Basking Ridge died on Sunday, March 22, in Lee Memorial Hospital in Fulton, New York from injuries she sustained in an automobile accident while returning to

Miss Conover was born in Summit and had lived in Westfield before moving to Basking Ridge four years ago.

She was a 1997 graduate of Ridge High in Basking Ridge and was a freshman at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

She was a communicant of Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her father, John L. Conover, 3rd and stepmother Lynn Conover of Basking Ridge, and her mother, Betty Jane Conover-Shonts and stepfather Dean L. Shonts of Morris Township; a brother, John L. Conover, 4th, of Basking Ridge, and her grandfather, William J. Pawelec of Summit.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 27, at 1 p.m. in the Basing Ridge Presbyterian Church, One East Oak Street. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions made be made to Tomorrow's Children Fund. 30 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack, 07061 or Make A Wish Foundation of New Jersey, 1034 Salem Road, Union,

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Gallaway & Crane Funeral Home, 101 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge

Visitation is today, Thursday, March 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. March 26, 1998

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— Obituaries

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Albert "Churchill" Ross, 72, Mason; **Served With Fire and Rescue Units**

shire, Coleen DeJesso and Lisa Burns.

both of Lopatcong, Cindy Squashic

of Charlotte, North Carolina, and

Lori Ashburner of South Berwick,

Maine; a brother, Theodore Ross of

Baltimore; 10 grandchildren, and two

Funeral services were held on Sat-

Arrangements were under the di-

Memorial contributions may be

made to the Lopatcong Township Emergency Squad, 1301 Belvidere

Helen L. Tynan, 84

Thursday, March 19, at Harborside

Healthcare-Woods Edge Rehabilitation

Born and raised in Dunellen, she had

Mrs. Tynan graduated from Bound

Her husband, Edmund B. Tynan, died

Surviving are a daughter, Karen L.

Vance of Hillsborough; a sister, Vir-

ginia B. Collins of Mountainside, and

Funeral services were held on Satur-

day, March 21, at the Mundy Funeral

Elvira Tartaglia, 57

Plains, died on Saturday, March 21,

Elvira Tartaglia, 57, of Scotch

Born in Newark, she had lived in

A Mass was offered yesterday,

Funeral arrangements were

Wednesday, March 25, in St. Helen's

Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

handled by the Dooley Colonial Fu-

neral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue,

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Brook High School and received a post-

graduate certificate from the school.

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moving to Bridgewater 11 years ago.

and Nursing Center in Bridgewater.

Helen L. Brokaw Tynan, 84, died on

Road, Phillipsburg, 08865.

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urday, March 21, at the Wesley United

Methodist Church in Phillipsburg.

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Plains five years ago.

Albert W. "Churchill" Ross, 72, of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, died on Wednesday, March 18, at Easton Hospital in Pennsylvania.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived in Effort, Pennsylvania, Scotch Plains and Phillipsburg before moving to Nazareth two years ago.

Mr. Ross had been a backhoe operator for Elizabethtown Gas Company, working out of New Village for 33 years before retiring in 1990.

He was a United States Army veteran and served in Europe during World War II.

Mr. Ross was a member of Phillipsburg Lodge No. 51, Free and Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite Valley of Allentown and Scotch Plains Field Club. He was a former member of the Scotch Plains Fire Company and Rescue Squad and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts in Scotch Plains.

His grandson, Kenneth C. Kelly, died in 1996.

Surviving are five daughters, Linda McNally of Rochester, New Hamp-

Emil J. Lewczak

Emil J. Lewczak of Roselle died on Thursday, March 19, in the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network in Westfield.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Roselle 34 years ago.

Mr. Lewczak had been a dairy manager with Pathmark Supermarkets in Clark and Linden before retiring in 1988. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Gloria Lewczak; three daughters, Linda Tucker, Rose Mathisen and Nancy Erickson; a sister, Lottie Mezak; two brothers, Henry Lewczak and Fred Lewczak, and two grand-

Private funeral services were arranged under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.

Westfield. Herman W. Greene, 90, Underwriter;

Drummer-Singer Had Own Orchestra

Herman W. Greene, 90, of Scotch Plains, died on Thursday, March 19, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Greene had lived in Chatham Township for 14 years before moving to Scotch Plains 14 years ago.

Mr. Greene had worked in the insurance industry for more than 50 years, starting as a secretary with the Schlesinger-Heller Insurance Company in Newark, which later merged with Gustav Jay Ltd. in Orange.

Mr. Greene subsequently became an underwriter for Benisch & Company in Orange for 17 years before retiring in 1982.

A drummer and a singer, he had his own orchestra, the Hy Greene Orchestra. Mr. Greene and his orthe Clinton Manor, Steiner Caterers, the Robert Treat Hotel and the Newark Athletic Club. He was a member of the World

chestra played at the Essex House,

Jewish Congress of New York, a charter member of Channel 13 of Newark, and a board member of American Federation of Musicians Union Local No. 16 of Morristown.

Surviving are a son, Alan Greene; two brothers, Joel Greene and Monroe Greene; a grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, March 22, in Menorah Cemetery in Clifton. Arrangements were handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

Anthony DeCristofaro, 56, Veteran; Was Former Owner of Duke's Deli

Anthony P. DeCristofaro, 56, of Matawan died on Tuesday, March 24,

Born in Scotch Plains, he had lived in Westfield and Manahawkin prior to moving to Matawan eight years ago.

Mr. DeCristofaro was the owner of Main Street Subs & Deli in Matawan, and formerly owned Duke's Deli in Westfield. He was in the food service business for 30 years.

He was a United States Army vet-

Surviving are his wife, Ilona Hoptay DeCristofaro; two sons, Anthony "TJ" DeCristofaro and Jesse Craig DeCristofaro, both of Matawan; a daughter, Devon Ashley DeCristofaro

Sylvia Youngman, 76

Sylvia Youngman, 76, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, March 18. Born in Newark she had lived in

Union before moving to Scotch Plains. Mrs. Youngman had been a bookkeeper with Venet Advertising in Union for 10 years before retiring 11 years ago.

Surviving is her husband, David Youngman.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, March 22, at Beth David Memorial Park in Kenilworth.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in

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of Matawan; his parents, Anthony L. and Angeline Chuffo DeCristofaro of Scotch Plains; a brother, Louis DeCristofaro of Scotch Plains, and a sister, Shirley Hayeck of Fanwood.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Day Funeral Home, Inc. of Keyport. Visitation will be today, Thursday, March 26, and tomorrow, Friday, March 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Keyport. Interment will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Keyport.

Nancy Nichols, 49, College Graduate; Assistant Director of Music at Church

died on Thursday, March 19, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Syracuse, New York, she had lived there and in Cincinnati, Ohio, before moving to Fanwood 18 years

Music at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, where she was a parishioner and a member of the choir.

mont College in Montpelier, Vermont. Surviving are her husband, Michael Nichols; two daughters, Christina M. Nichols and Abigail A.

Syracuse, and a brother, Edwin D. Ryan of Syracuse. A memorial service will be held this

Saturday, March 28, at 3 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 Martine Avenue, South, in Fanwood. There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Organ Fund of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the church address.

Emma Obrock, 86, Won Dance Title; **Member of Local Hearing Society**

Emma Rose Obrock, 86, of Westfield died on Wednesday, March 18, at home.

Born in Bayonne, she had lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield 30 years ago.

Mrs. Obrock had been the executive secretary to the vice president of the National Lead Company in New York City for 10 years before leaving the firm many years ago. She was a member of the Woman's

Club of Westfield and the Hearing Society of Westfield, and was a former member of the Echo Lake Country Club, also in Westfield. She was also a founding member

of the Cerebral Palsy League of New Jersey, located in Union. Mrs. Obrock won a national cham-

pionship in waltz and tango dancing at the Harvest Moon Ball held in Madison Square Garden in New York

She was predeceased by her son, Raymond Obrock, in 1950.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond Obrock; a son, Frederick Obrock of Scotch Plains, and two sisters, Margaret Mager of Clark and Mary Clark of Edison.

Private services were conducted on Saturday, March 21, by Monsignor John O'Connor from St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood

and the Reverend George Freyberger from the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Gray Memorial Funeral Home, 12 Springfield Avenue, Cranford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hearing Society of Westfield, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, 07090.

Christine Staskiewicz

Christine Staskiewicz, 86, of Mountainside died on Sunday, March 22, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Pennsylvania, she had lived in Irvington before moving to Mountainside 42 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Edward Stacy; three sisters, Mary Sobeck, Ann Stesney and Rose Stankiewicz; two brothers, Paul Cebrick and Andrew Cebrick; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, March 25, in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside, following the funeral from the McCracken Funeral Home in Union.

Ralph Jackson, Jr., 50, Iron Worker; Air Force Veteran of Vietnam War

Ralph E. Jackson, Jr., 50, of Bernards Township died on Monday, March 16, in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City. Born in Plainfield, he had lived in

Scotch Plains and Warren before moving to Bernards Township in

He was an iron worker for the Ironworkers Union Local No. 11 of Bloomfield for 24 years.

He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Mr. Jackson was a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood American

Legion Post No. 209 and the National Street Rod Association. He was predeceased by his father,

Ralph E. Jackson, Sr., in 1968. Surviving are a son, Joseph Jackson; a daughter, Annmarie Jackson; his mother, Grace McManus Jackson; two sisters, Linda Jackson and Mrs. Sandy Freund, and a grandday, March 20, in the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Funeral services were held on Fri-

Gertrude Hoff, 91

Gertrude P. Hoff, 91, of Whiting died on Monday, March 16, in Hamilton Place at Keswick Pines in Whiting

Born in Newark, Miss Hoff had lived in Westfield before moving to Whiting last year.

She had been employed for 42 years with Prudential Insurance Company in Newark before retiring as a supervising clerk in 1969.

Miss Hoff was a member of the Missionary Society and the Bible classes, both at the Whiting Bible Church in Whiting.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 22, in the Anderson Campbell Funeral Home in Whiting.

Betty Roberts Atkins, 47, Manager; Worked at St. Barnabas for 18 Years

Betty Roberts Atkins, 47, of Westfield, died on Saturday, March 21, at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in East Orange, she had lived in Cranford for 22 years before moving to Westfield in 1983.

Frank Slaughter, Jr., 75

Frank Slaughter Jr., 75, of Summit, died on Thursday, March 19, at work at the Barker Bus Service Garage in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Charlottesville, Virginia, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Summit 13 years ago.

Mr. Slaughter was a mechanic at the

garage for 30 years. He was a United States Navy veteran

of World War II. Mr. Slaughter was a member of the 800 Club Bowling League of Clark. Surviving are two sons, Keith Slaugh-

ter, Sr. of Scotch Plains and Craig Slaughter of Summit; a daughter, Stephanie Slaughter of Summit; a brother, Louis Slaughter of Pennsylvania; three sisters, Margaret "Tillie" Williams and Dorothy "Peaches" Slaughter, both of Fanwood, and Rosalie Graves of Scotch Plains, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Mon-Home in Plainfield.

day, March 23, at the Judkins Colonial

Nancy Ryan Nichols, 49, of Fanwood

She was the Assistant Director of

Mrs. Nichols was a graduate of Ver-

Nichols, both of Fanwood; her parents, Edwin W. and Marie O. Ryan of

Arrangements were under the direction of the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood.

She was employed by St. Barnabas Medical Center as medical staff man-

ager for 18 years. She was a 1968 graduate of Cranford High School, and graduated from Becker College in Worcester, Massa-

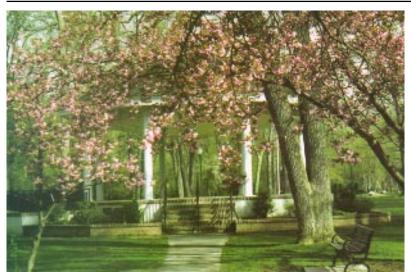
chusetts in 1970. Mrs. Atkins was predeceased by her parents, Leroy Herbert and Lucretia

Duckworth Roberts. Surviving are a son, Jonathan David Atkins of Westfield; three sisters, VirginiaMcCracken of Derby, Kansas, Judy Markham of Westerville, Ohio and Nancy Page of Westfield.

A memorial service was held at St. Barnabas Medical Center.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, in Westfield.

Memorial Funeral Home 4x3



A KEEPSAKER...Postcards of Mindowaskin Park in the center of Westfield are now for sale by The Friends of Mindowaskin Park as a fund-raiser to continue their work in the preservation and restoration of the town's centerpiece park. The packet of postcards show eight views of the park in all seasons and sell for \$5. They may be purchased at the following locations in town: Blindworks, 844 South Avenue; the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue; Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, 9 Elm Street; Rorden Realty, 44 Elm Street; The Town Book Store, 255 East Broad Street; and Williams Nursery, 524 Springfield Avenue. Friends' Postcard Chairwoman Karyn Tate welcomes any inquiries about the project. She can reached by calling (908) 654-9671.

Jumble Store Will Welcome Spring With Sale on April 4

to 3 p.m.

The Jumble Store will welcome the start of spring with its annual "Ready, Set, Spring" sale which will take place on Saturday, April 4.

Great gifts and clothing for Easter, Passover and the spring season will be featured in a festive setting.

"We have a variety of decorative household items, including picture frames, crystal pieces, baskets and holiday ceramic ware, all at reasonable prices," said Fran Moum, sale coordinator.

"The boutique will also feature toys and holiday clothing, as well as many traditional household items. All items are either new or in almost-new condition," she added.

The boutique will take place upstairs at the Jumble Store, located at 110 Walnut Avenue in Cranford, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will also be served

The Jumble Store is owned and operated by the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield. All proceeds benefit the league's community service projects and local charities.

The Jumble Store is open on week-days (except Wednesday) from 9:30 a.m.

Scholarships Offered For CADC Workshops

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County is offering scholarships for those students who want to attend certified alcohol and drug counselor (CADC) work-

The scholarships are limited and will be awarded on a "first come-first serve"

For further information and registration, please call (908) 233-8810.

to 3:30 p.m., as well as 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, and on Saturday from 10 a.m.

Donations are always accepted and boutique consignment will be accepted through Friday, April 3. Anyone seeking more information should call (908) 276-0222 during store hours.

Auxiliary Seeks Items For Giant Garage Sale

Small appliances, furniture, jewelry, boutique items, sporting goods, games, kitchenware, garden tools, antiques, linens, toys and children's clothing (sizes infant to 14) are among the donations being sought by the Westfield Day Care Auxiliary for its 30th annual Gigantic Garage Sale.

The auxiliary asks that small appliances be in working order and that all items be in salable condition. The event is staged each year as a fundraiser for the Westfield Day Care Center Scholarship Fund.

Auxiliary members are ready to collect articles for this year's sale, set for Saturday, May 16. Items for the sale may be dropped off at the Westfield Memorial Pool from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, throughout the month of April, weather permitting

Anyone desiring the pickup of items or information on dropping off items may call (908) 317-0015, the Westfield Day Care Center Garage Sale hotline.

Miller-Cory Deed Subject For 'Wednesday Luncheon'

Westfield Town Historian, Dr. Homer J. Hall, will discuss "Notes on the Miller-Cory Deed" on Wednesday, April 1, at the "First Wednesday Luncheon" of the Westfield Historical Society.

This deed has been a puzzle since it was first discovered 25 years ago, Mr. Hall said.

"Extensive research has revealed that its obvious internal errors and contradictions reflect the general state of confusion in Westfield at the end of the Revolutionary War," Mr. Hall explained

When work on the Miller-Cory House was being organized in 1972, no records were available as to exactly who had built it, or when and how it came to be transferred from the Miller family to the Corys.

When the deed of purchase was discovered by happy accident it gave only the date of 1784, the seller as Jesse Miller, representing the heirs of Samuel Miller, attested by Sabra (X) Miller as the widow, Joseph Cory as the purchaser, and a description of the property.

This was good new information, but attempts to check it out ran into one blind alley after another. The property is described as "thirty acres, more or less" but it measures out as 70+ acres. It has 11 sides with only one square right angle, and two different blaze trees at one corner.

"We do know Joseph Cory was a double cousin. But Jesse is not mentioned in published records of the family, and no stones in the cemetery or dates of birth, marriage or death have yet been found for either Jesse or Sabra or Samuel," Mr. Hall observed.

Probable explanations for most of this confusion can now be traced. This deed marked the end of an era, he explained, noting that the property involved was part of the first West Fields Lot No. 55 which was settled in 1727 by William Miller.

He died in 1782, leaving his oldest son Samuel as executor, but Samuel himself was so ill he only survived by two weeks. The 1784 deed covers only a remainder left after allowing for all past transfers. Most of the peculiarities noted in property lines can now be traced to changes in compass angles, and resulting open or latent disagreements between neighbors.

Dr. Hall first became concerned with Miller-Cory 50 years ago, in Cranford. He and his wife, Carrell, discovered that her ancestor, John Cory, had built one of the oldest houses in town about 1735. Family records identified it as being "in that part of Westfield now Cranford." The old

Cory house in Westfield, now known as Miller-Cory, was also said to be the oldest house in Westfield, but they were two different houses.

Untangling Cory family history led Dr. Hall to become a Trustee and later President of the Cranford Historical Society, and after this, in 1970, a charter member of the Union County Cultural and Heritage Board. In this capacity, at the time Miller-Cory was being organized, he was able to help Betty Pate of Westfield get official approval for processing a batch of unidentified old deeds she had located in Union County records.

When the Miller-Cory deed turned up there by surprise, Dr. Hall arranged official permission for it to be turned over through Pate to Miller-Cory and the Westfield Historical Society, for permanent safe-keeping. Since moving to Westfield nine years ago, he has become a Trustee here of the Historical Society and is currently on the Miller-Cory Board of Governors.

The luncheon on April 1 will be held as usual at noon at B. G. Fields, located on Springfield Avenue. Members of the Historical Society will be called individually. Others may attend by calling Ed or Mary Orlando at (908) 233 2930.



EAGER FOR LOVE...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Sunday, March 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PetsMart store at 1022 Route No. 22, East, at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Among the dogs and cats available for adoption will be Jonathan, an energetic, one-year-old terrier mix. Jonathan was an abused stray who almost died due to abuse. and is now awaiting a new home. He is medium-sized, neutered and current with his vaccinations. To adopt or for information, please call (908) 688-1073. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887.



PRETTY PICTURE...Debbie Kurylak, right, Manager of Wellington Art Gallery in Westfield, presents a limited edition print entitled "Sweet Bounty" by Lena Liu to Gail Kender, center, and Mary Poon from the Tamaques School Parent Teacher Organization as a donation to the organization's Fashion Show and Dinner to be held on Friday, April 3, at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside. For further information and tickets, please call Tamaques School at (908) 789-4580.

Tamaques PTO to Present Fashion Show and Dinner

The Tamaques Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has announced that its first Spring Fashion Show and Dinner will be held on Friday, April 3, at L'Affaire Restaurant on Route No. 22 in Mountainside.

The event, featuring the theme "Cruise Into Spring," will start with a cocktail hour at 7 p.m. during which all guests may purchase raffle tickets and preview an array of prizes which will be raffled off later in a Chinese Auction.

Dinner will include a fruit cup, salad, choice of entree (Chicken Piccata or Grilled Norwegian Salmon). The Chinese Auction will commence while dinner is being served.

The hour-long fashion show, which will start shortly after dinner, will feature spring and summer apparel for both men and women modeled by Tamaques School faculty. The evening will conclude with

the announcements of the four Grand Prize winners and the winner of the 50/50 cash raffles. All proceeds will be used to benefit the children of Tamaques School.

For tickets and additional information, please call Tamaques School at (908) 789-4580 and leave a message for Gail Kender or Mary Poon.

Tickets are \$30 each, and checks may be made payable to Tamaques School PTO. Individuals are asked to mail their checks, with their name, address, daytime telephone number and the number of tickets desired, to Tamaques School, 641 Willow Grove Road, Westfield, 07090, Attention: Fashion Show Chairpersons. Tickets will be mailed.



ON TOUR...Visitors Pat Paraboshi, Lydia Cutrone and Alice Huether tour Park Middle School in Scotch Plains lead by seventh grade students Monique Lemus and Steven Moore (not pictured).

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Week in Sports



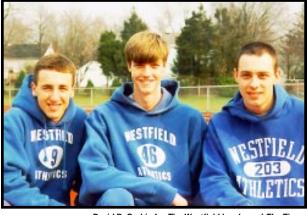
are: James Canterbury, Adam Bowser, back; Karl Jennings,



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*MAJOR RAIDER FORCE...Pictured, left to right, in front,
PART OF THE RAIDER FORCE...Pictured, left to right, in front; are Andrea Maggi, Karen Haight, back; Jaimie Langevin, Kate Vanderheyden



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*BLUE DEVIL FEARSOME FOURSOME...Pictured, left BLUE DEVIL TRIUMVIRATE...Responsibilities rest in to right, are: Sage Stefiuk, Abigail Bercovicz, Mary the capable hands of seniors Dave Citrin, left, Dave Geissler, Korfmacher and Katie Egan.



BOYS MUST COPE WITH LOSS OF ELMUCCIO, SANDERS

Devil Girls Track Team May Be More Powerful This Year

Known for its perennial dominance in the distance relay events, the Westfield High School girls track team will most likely maintain that tradition and may even add more depth in the sprints and short-distance-relay events. The Blue Devil boys track team, however, have quite a challenge in matching the success of last year's magnificent distance runners.

Gone from the Blue Devil girls is Suzy Kozub, who was excellent in the 800meter and distance relay events; however; returning are Sage Stefiuk, Megan Shutts and Lindsay Totams, who teamed

with Kozub to record the third fastest time in the state last year in the 4x800meter relay at 9:29.3.

Also returning are Katie Egan and Heather Dennis, who combined with Kozub and Shutts to place second in the Union County Tournament last year in the 4x400-meter run and Laura Brucia, who excelled in the 3,200-meter events. Shutts and Stefiuk also qualified individually for the State Group 4 Championships. Senior Mary Korfmacher will be sharing the responsibilities as team captain with Stefiuk, Egan and Abie Bercovicz.

Gone is Kelly Burns who placed first last year in the state sectional tournament in the javelin and nailed first in the javelin in the Blue Devil Classic with a toss of 115 feet, six inches, which happened to be the second-best toss in Westfield High School history. Returning is Allison Checchio who qualified for the Group 3 Tournament and propelled the javelin to her personal-best throw of 96 feet in that meet.

The Blue Devil girls will be more experienced in the middle distance and sprinting events with the return of junior Nikki Hester and seniors Becky Hamilton and Korfmacher. Newcomer freshman Alexis Anzelone will dazzle opponents in the distance events and may solidify

ended with a 14-11 record.

Sophomores Mike Grabel at 142 and

Mike Natale at 137 both placed fourth in

the District 12 Tournament. Grabel fin-

ished at 14-14 and Natale turned in a 13-

14 record. Rounding out the Raider varsity regulars was A. J. Romeo, who expe-

rienced plenty of action at 127 and 132

the Union County Tournament, qualified

for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3

State Tournament, then exploded into

recognition by placing a strong second in

The Raiders have enjoyed having a strong and sizable junior varsity (JV)

squad this season. Several of those

JV's will break into the varsity lineup

next year and will add fortification to

the District 12 Tournament.

the varsity.

As a team, the Raiders placed fifth in

RAIDERS WILL RETURN A STRONG TEAM NEXT YEAR

Raider Wrestlers Complete Memorable, 10-7, Season

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Boasting eight Region 3 qualifiers, the most in recent Scotch Plains-Fanwood history, the Raiders completed a memorable and very successful 10-7 wrestling season. Five of the eight Region 3 qualifiers will be returning next year to make up a strong nucleus of the Raider program.

Seniors Luke Cerchio at 145, Chris Stiglitz at 160, Eric Viscardi at 171, Tony Zardecki at 189 and Frank Thorne at 215 have wrestled their final bouts as Raiders. In addition, this season, the Raiders have celebrated the 40th year of their high school wrestling program.

Cerchio came on very strong toward the end of the season, finishing second in the Union County Tournament, placing second in District 12 at 147-pounds and ending with a 20-10 record. In the Regionals, Cerchio won his first bout handily but was edged, 3-2, in his

Zardecki also caught fire in the final three weeks of the season, finishing with a 17-12 record, taking fourth in the Union County Tournament, placing second in the districts and qualifying for the regionals. A few weeks after taking fourth in the Union County Tournament, Thorne qualified for the regionals and finished with an impressive 20-8 record.

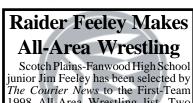
Junior Tony Melendez, who placed first in the Union County Tournament, seized the 12th District's 127-pound title and placed second in the Region 3 Tournament. Melendez compiled a 24-7 record this season and will be a major candidate to make a trip to Atlantic City next year.

Junior Jim Feeley showed his best determination of the season when he won the District 12 title at heavyweight to qualify for the Region 3 Tournament. Feeley finished with a 19-10 record.

Josh Ricca, a junior, showed steady improvement throughout the season and placed second in the District 12 Tournament at 154 pounds. Ricca went on to win his first bout at the regionals before losing to Todd DeWitt of Johnson (Clark). Ricca compiled an 18-11 record.

Sophomore David Loewinger, wrestling at 103, placed second in the District 12 Tournament to qualify for the Region 3 Tournament. Loewinger ended with an 18-11 record. Sophomore Mike Loewinger placed fourth in the District 12 Tournament at 114, and finished with a 13-15 record.

Junior Charlie Tripet qualified for the Region 3 Tournament by placing third in



junior Jim Feeley has been selected by *The Courier News* to the First-Team 1998 All-Area Wrestling list. Two Westfield High School wrestlers and four additional Raiders were selected either as First-Team All-Union/ Middlesex or as Honorable Mentions Feeley won the District 12 Heavy

weight Title, completed his season with a 20-11 record and recorded a :06 pin against a Cranford High School opponent. Feeley also qualified for the Region 3 Tournament and won his first round before losing to New Jersey State Heavyweight Champion Antonio Garay from Rahway High School.

Raider senior Frank Thorne at 215 and junior Tony Melendez at 125 were named to the All-Union/Middlesex list. Blue Devil senior Mike Baly at 160 and Onur Tezucar at 145 were also named to the All-Union/Middlesex list. Raider seniors Luke Cerchio at 145 and Tony Zardecki at 189 were named as Honorable Mentions.

BOYS WILL MISS POLE VAULTERS, SHOT PUTTERS

Raider Tracksters Will Return **Speedy Boy and Girl Runners**

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Competitors were terrorized by the awesome strength of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' track team last year when the boys combined their blazing speed on the track with their powerful record-setting field squad. The Raider girls were very impressive in the sprint and short distance events. Many of the speedsters on the boys' and girls' team remain, but many of the magnificent fieldmen have graduated.

Gone are the gifted triumvirate of Chris LaCosta, Pat Dempsey and Peter Kane, all of whom soared to incredible heights in the pole-vaulting events. Each were capable of catapulting more than 12 feet, 6 inches and LaCosta even cleared the highest altitude in the state last year at 14 feet, 7 inches. Also gone are shot putter Tom Stein, who heaved the 12-pound shot more than 50 feet on many occasions; and Brian Sincavage, who whirled the discus to great lengths, taking first in the event for the majority of the meets. Stein was also very strong in the javelin.

Leading the Raider runners is senior James Canterbury, who has turned in exceptional performances in the distance events, especially the 1,600-meter run. Last year, Canterbury reached deep and crossed the finish line in 4:21.78 to place fifth in the 1,600-meters at the Group 3 Championships. That time was six seconds better than his previous personal best.

Senior Karl Jennings will be a major factor in the sprint events, the long jump and in the high jump. In the Group 3 Championships, Jennings just missed qualifying for the Meet of Champions in the 110-meter high hurdles, turning in a time of :14.9, just :00.03 behind the sixth-placed qualifier.

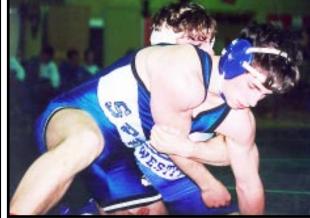
Adam Bowser, a senior, who glided over 21 feet consistently in the long jump, will also be strong in the high jump and some sprinting events. Junior Blair Woodward will offer additional punch in the long jump, the high jump and some

Sophomore Dan Loomis will be strong in some field events, especially in the shot put where he was recently selected to the All-Union/Middlesex Boys Winter Track by The Courier News.

The Raider girls will miss the services of distance runner Meghan Langevin, who qualified to compete in the Group 3 State Tournament in the 1,600-meter run. Another position the Raiders must fill will be that of Melissa Hicks, who **CONTINUED ON PAGE 14**



grinds Jason Crutchfield of Rahway to the mats in a dual back, grabs Raider Mike Grabel's arm and ankle to prevent



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*APPLYING TOP PRESSURE...Blue Devil Mike Baly, top,
STOPPING THE STANDUP...Blue Devil Nick Friedman,

TODD, KIVETZ, FRIEDMAN, BALY END WHS CAREER

Blue Devil Wrestlers Finish Mat Season With 5-8 Record

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Four fine wrestlers will surely be missed next year as Dan Todd, Jeff Kivetz, Nick Friedman and Mike Baly have wrestled their last bouts for the Westfield High School wrestling team. The Blue Devils, in a rebuilding year, finished with a 5-8 regular season record.

Todd, wrestling at 125, wrapped up his senior year with a 13-13 record and finished his varsity career with an even 40-40 record. Of those 40 victories, 26 came via pins. Todd placed second in the Blue Devil Classic three times, third in the rigorous Wallkill Valley Tournament once and sixth in the Union County Tournament once, while placing third and fourth in the District 11 Tournament once each. Todd, also academically inclined, has been accepted to West Point

Kivetz, at 130, 'krashed' his way to a 16-14 season and ended with a 37-27 varsity record, while collecting 15 pins. Kivetz took a second and a fourth in the Wallkill Valley Tournament, placed fourth at the Blue Devil Classic on two occasions, grabbed a second and a third in the District 11 Tournament and took a fourth and a fifth in the Union County Tournament. Kivetz will be attending New York University in the fall.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times MENTALLY PREPARING... Westfield High School Volleyball Head Coach Bev Torok, second from left, concentrates as she observes the Union Catholic girls warm up just before the Union County finals.

OFFENSIVE STRATEGY IS THE KEY

Devils Intend to Defend Conference in Volleyball

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Matching or even improving the accomplishments of last year's team would be quite a challenge for this year's Westfield High School girls' volleyball team.

Last year, the Blue Devil girls amassed an 18-3 record, captured the Union County Championship for the second consecutive year and placed second in the tough Dayton Tournament; however, the biggest achievements came when they won the Watchung Conference title for the first time and finished as the third-ranked

Having lost only to Cranford, Eliza-

beth and East Brunswick High Schools, the Blue Devils elevated their self-esteem even higher by defeating Cranford on two later occasions. First, the Blue Devils tamed the Cougars, 15-9 and 15-11, then later aced them in three games, 3-15, 15-13, 15-9, in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament.

Two superb players, Meghan Sheehy and Lauren McGovern were lost to graduation; however, several talented Devil girls have returned. Sheehy, the team captain last year, was multitalented and was especially very strong on defense.

"Meghan (Sheehy) was strong on de-**CONTINUED ON PAGE 14**

At 140, Friedman rock-and-rolled his way to a 17-10 record this season and completed his varsity career with 33 wins and 17 losses. Friedman acquired 15 career pins, placed first in the Wallkill Valley Tournament in 1996, took a second and a third in the Blue Devil Classic and placed fifth in the Union County Tournament in 1997. This season, the powerful Friedman exploded to first place at the District 11 Championships by crushing Tom Petrusko of Rahway, avenging two earlier season losses to Petrusko. Friedman will be wrestling the books at Syracuse University this fall.

Baly had an outstanding high school wrestling career, amassing an incredible 91-29 record. Of those victories, 33 were pins. This season Baly finished 25-4. Baly won the Wallkill Valley tournament in 1996 and 1997, and took a second in 1995 and fourth in 1994. Baly also won the Blue Devil Classic in 1996 and 1997, and placed second in 1995 and fourth in 1994. In the Districts, Baly won the title in 1996 and placed second in 1995, 1997 and 1998. Baly took third in Region 3 in 1997 and 1998 and placed in the top 16 in the state at 162 in 1997. Baly has been accepted to attend Harvard

University this fall. Another very sparkling seasonal per-formance was turned in by junior Onur Tezucar, who compiled an outstanding 27-5 record at the 147-pound class while placing first in the districts, the regions and the super regions. Tezucar blazed his way to a fifth-place finish at the New Jersey State Championships in Atlantic

City on March 13-14. Sophomore Mike Kivetz always provided excitement while wrestling at 152. Kivetz put score keepers to the test as he got involved in many very high-scoring bouts while inventing several interesting maneuvers to score points. Kivetz also placed third in the District 11 Tournament and qualified for the Region 3

Championships.
Freshman Mike Sawicki at 103 and sophomores Dan Sawicki at 112, Francisco Vasques at 135, Brian Williams at 215 and Nick Clark at heavyweight made up the remainder of the regular varsity squad. Freshmen Jim Villane at 119 and Ricky Roig at 103, sophomores Tom Hanscom at 145, Sean Joffe at 125, Greg Giresi at 171 and Joey Sanders at 215 and junior Matt Castaldo at 140 also saw varsity action this season.

Baly, who was quite a takedown artist led the Blue Devils with 104 takedowns followed by Friedman with 40, Tezucar with 33 and Jeff Kivetz with 30. Tezucar chalked up the most near-fall points with 123, followed by Todd with 62, Friedman with 58 and Baly with 56.

With the loss of the four fine seniors, the Blue Devils will be looking to increase their numbers and to continue to rebuild the wrestling program.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times SETTING UP THE GUILLOTINE...Raider Tony Melendez, top, begins to sever relationships with Tom Erhardt of Governor Livingston.

TENNIS CAMP

- 1 to 5 Week Programs Beginning June 29th
- Ages 5-15 Beginners through Advanced
- Morning Late Afternoon 9am-3:30pm Full Day
- Transportation For Westfield Workshop Students to Tennis Camp at 12:30pm
- 🕥 Indoor Facilities Guarantee Play Rain or Shine

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Elmuccio, Ryan Stefiuk and Mike Krug,

who dominated in the distance relays

the individual middle distance events

and in the individual distance events, the

Blue Devils will be good, but they will

have a difficult time equaling the impres-

swift-footed Jason Sanders who excelled

in the sprints and the 110-meter high

hurdles. Last year Sanders qualified for

the Group 4 Championships in the 110-

Gone to graduation in the field events

is high-flying Steve Kapuscinski who

soared to greater heights in the pole

vault; however, senior Dave Citrin, who

has cleared heights over 12 feet will be a

dominant factor in that event this season.

Sophomore Josh Ray will provide depth

in the pole vault. Last year, Ray cleared

The Blue Devils must fill the shoes of

sive times turned in by the trio.

meter hurdles.



A MASS OF RARING RAIDERS...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' and girls' track team rest on the bleachers prior to practice on March 20. Last year, both squads had excellent seasons and both squads also anticipate another fine season this spring.

Raider Tracksters Will Return **Speedy Boy and Girl Runners**

was strong in the hurdles and middle distance events.

Returning are Shawna Morgan, Stephanie Quinn, Jaimie Langevin, Karen Haight, Andrea Maggi, Jeanette Tourjee Kate Vanderheyden and Stacy Bushinger Morgan, one of the best sprinters and

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. Aritcles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CONTRACTOR: Killiam Associates, 27 Bleeker Street, P. O. Box 1008, Millburn, New Jersey 07041

NATURE OF SERVICE: To perform a preliminary environmental asse 1451 Raritan Road.

DURATION: Until completion of service. AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$4,000.
THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT

OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK. Barbara Riepe

Township Clerk 1 T – 3/26/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81

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 24, 1998 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING GAMES OF CHANCE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14 AND JUNE 28, 1998 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

The purpose of the ordinance: To allow a raffle on Sunday, June 14 and June 28, 1998 for any charitable organization as long as they take the appropriate steps as provided by law to secure a license for same. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday,

April 14, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same

BARBARA RIEPE TOWNSHIP CLERK 1 T – 3/26/98, The Times Fee: \$30.60

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18510-96.
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS F/K/A/

COUNTRYWIDE FUNDING CORP. PLAINTIFF vs. EDILBERTO SANCHEZ AND NOEMI SANCHEZ H/W AND OF-FICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER 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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH 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 \$110,630.15. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as 330 First Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206: Tax Lot No. 479 in Block No. 5.

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 32 feet wide by 108 feet long.

Nearest Cross street: Beginning at a point in the westerly line of First Avenue, distant southerly 39.24 feet from the intersection of the westerly line of First Avenue with the southerly line of Lt. Glenn Samorski Drive.

There is due approximately the sum of \$113,593.16 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

RALPH FROEHLICH

JOSEPH A. GOLDBECK, JR., Attorney Sentry Office Plaza, Suite 420 216 Haddon Avenue Westmont, New Jersey 08108 CH-753658 (WL) 4 T - 3/19, 3/26, 4/2 & 4/9/98 Fee: \$179.52

long jumpers in the state, placed third in the girls' Group 3, long jump event with a leap of 16 feet, 8 inches, and third in the 100-meter dash, being timed at :12.41. Morgan's efforts earned her a berth in

the Meet of Champions. Quinn and Bushinger will add strength to sprint and sprint-relay events, while Langevin will enhance the Raiders' efficiency in the hurdles and middle distance events. Haight, Maggi and Tourjee will add depth to the distance events and Vanderheyden will compete in the field events.

This season Raider boys will have a hefty challenge to match the success that the Raider boys enjoyed last year. The Raider girls appear to be on the verge of matching or even surpassing the success of last year's squad.

Gewirtz Selected All-Union/Middlesex

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys basketball senior guard Dave Gewirtz has been selected to The Courier News' All-Union/Middlesex boys basketball list.

Junior Maurice Boatwright of the Westfield High School boys basketball team and Quentin Jordan of Union Catholic High School have been named as Honorable Mentions.

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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn

RALPH FROEHLICH POLLACK & ZUCKERMAN, Attorneys

530 Boulevard P.O. Box 223 Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033-0223

CH-75650 (WL) 4 T - 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 & 4/2/98

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fee: \$161.16

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 execu-

tion to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 AV-ENUE, 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

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, Fee: \$171.36 3/26 & 4/2/98

Jennings is Named First Team All-Area

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School winter track senior Karl Jennings has recently been selected to the All-Area Boys Winter Track Team by The Courier News. Jennings and sophomore teammate Dan Loomis, along with Westfield High School distance ace unior Gordon Kaslusky have been seected to the All-Union/Middlesez list

Jennings made the All-Area and All-Union/Middlesex lists in both the 55 meter hurdles and in the high jump Jennings won the Union County 55 meter hurdles with a fantastic time of 07.5 (hand time) and combined with teammate Blair Woodward to grab first place in the Union County Relay high ump with a height of 12 feet, six nches. In addition, Jennings teamed with Adam Bowser, Dan Harrison and Woodward to seize first in the 55 meter hurdles at the Union County Relays. Jennings went on to place fifth in the 55-meter high hurdles at the Meet of Champions with a time of 07.91 (automatic time).

Loomis made the All-Union/ Middlesex list for his efforts in the shot put, and Kaslusky was named twice for his excellence in the 3,200 and 1,600 meter events

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that ordinances as follows were passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a neeting thereof held March 24, 1998. Joy C. Vreeland

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1703 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

SECTION 15 OF THE APPEN-DIX OF THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE DESIGNATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS TO ADD THERE TO A CERTAIN PROPERTY AS AN HIS-TORIC LANDMARK.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1704 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD CHAPTER 13, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" BY AMENDING CERTAIN **PROVISIONS** THEREOF.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1705 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT DATED AU-GUST 8, 1951 AND REVISED JANUARY 11, 1995 BY WHICH THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEW-ERAGE AUTHORITY WAS ESTABLISHED.

1 T – 3/26/98, The Leader Fee: \$31.11

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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 nore 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

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 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

and I am just trying to learn all of their names, but we should be fine. I hope that we could defend the conference, at least." Having been asked about the team depth in the long jump, Carpenter said, "I would like to have five. We usually have five.

Blue Devil Girls Track Team May

Be Even More Powerful This Year

the girls' distance-relay foursomes. And

Diana Shineman may also contribute

strength in some of the field events.

Senior Karen Spector will be out for the season due to recent surgery.
"I think that would be what we want;

to win the Watchung Conference Title,

which we will be defending," expressed

As to her assessment of this season's

team thus far, Blue Devil girls Head Coach Nancy Carpenter stated, "I didn't

have any high jumpers last year, so the

goal is, with 86 girls on the team, to fill

some of the gaps. The distance teams are

fairly covered and the sprinters and the shuttle hurdles should be OK. We did

lose one girl on the shuttle hurdle team,

Karen Spector who is having surgery. She was an integral part of that team,"

"We may use Nikki Hester, Becky

Hamilton, Diana Shineman, and there

are a couple of new girls we would like to

develop," suggested Carpenter as to the

For '98 Tennis Season

sion is now accepting membership for

the 1998 tennis season which will com-

mence on Saturday, May 23, and con-

tinue through Sunday, September 6.

Membership is required to play on any

Westfield residents only at the Tamaques

all membership holders. Rates are as follow:

adult (age 18 and over), \$25; junior (ages

13 to 17), \$7; 12 and under, senior citi-

\$50; junior, \$14; 12 and under and senior

For more information or to have a

brochure mailed, please call the Westfield Recreation Office at (908) 789-4080.

U.C. Sr. League Needs

More Softball Players

The Union County Senior Softbal

Anyone who will be 50 or 60 and

over during 1998 is asked to contact

League Chairman Tony Muccia at

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ANNE-CAMERON

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI,

Surrogate of the County of Union, made on

the 20th day of March, A.D., 1998, upon the

application of the undersigned, as Executor

of the estate of said deceased, notice is

hereby given to the creditors of said de-

ceased to exhibit to the subscriber under

oath or affirmation their claims and demands

against the estate of said deceased within

six months from the date of said order, or

they will be forever barred from prosecuting

or recovering the same against the sub-

1 T — 3/26/98, The Leader Fee: \$19.89

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY,

DOCKET NO. F-14670-93.

conclusion of the sales.

of New Jersey.

and costs.

beth, New Jersey.

DEFENDANT.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY,

LUSITANIA FEDERAL CREDITUNION,

PLAINTIFF vs. ROGERIO M. MENDES AND FLORIA M. MENDES, H/W/ ET ALS,

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execu-

tion to me directed I shall expose for sale by

public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union

County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street,

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

The judgment amount is \$156,595.00.
The property to be sold is located in the

Commonly known as 43 Erie Street, Eliza-

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.

by 100 feet by 17.50 feet by 100.00 feet.

125.00 feet from Merritt Avenue.

the Union County Sheriff's Office.

DURKIN & DURKIN, Attorneys

1120 Bloomfield Avenue

P.O. Box 1289

CH-753643 (WL)

4 T - 3/12, 3/19,

3/26 & 4/2/98

Dimensions: (approximately) 17.50 feet

Nearest Cross Street: (approximately)

There is due approximately the sum of

There is a full legal description on file in

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn

West Caldwell, New Jersey 07007-9452

RALPH FROEHLICH

SHERIFF

Fee: \$173.40

\$160,704.40 together with lawful interest

City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State

Dawn Cameron Coletta

Westfield, New Jersey 07091

Executor

P.O. Box 2759

League is looking for additional players

to add to its 50 and 60 year-old leagues

citizens, \$10, and guest fees, \$5.

Use of the courts is restricted to

Use of courts at Memorial Park is open to

The fees for residents are: family, \$35;

For non-residents: family, \$70; adult,

town court during this period.

Park and Elm Street courts.

zens and guest fees, \$5.

(908) 272-3140.

COLETTA, Deceased.

scriber.

The Westfield Recreation Commis-

reorganization of the hurdle squad.

added Carpenter.

Stefiuk about the team's goals.

When asked of her general feeling as

to the strength of her team, Carpenter

expressed, "Its early, we have 86 girls

Presently we only have two jumpers with Nikki (Hester) and Becky (Hamilton)."

Distance Runners Coach Jennifer Buccino added some incite about Anzelone. "Alexus did well in the two mile event in indoor track. Possibly, we could work her into the one mile. We didn't utilize her too much in the relays. We did use her to anchor on a few occasions," concluded Buccino.

"We are going to have a good year. I would like to reach some heights that we are due to get," claimed Carpenter. The coach, when also asked, As compared to last year, do you believe the potential to have a better year is there? Carpenter answered softly. "Yes!"

With the graduation of standouts Matt



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* WARMING UP...Members of the Blue Devil girls track team do their warm up

setting their sights on a season of fine laps to start practice at Gary Kehler Stadium. improvement. Membership Underway

Blue Devils Intend to Defend Conference Volleyball Title

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fense. This year; however, we have a more offensive team and will come with a more offensive strategy," said Blue Devil Volleyball Head Coach Bev Torok. This year, the Blue Devils have the luxury of having several talented girls who can

function well as outside servers.
Senior Suzanne Vinegra, who was the team leader in kills last year with the remarkable amount of 113, will be part of the offensive muscle. In the Union County semifinal game with the Cougars last year, Vinegra executed 17 kills. Vinegra exhibits strength as an outside server and as a middle blocker.

Senior Margaret Kostro, who provided a team-leading 14 assists in the victory over Cranford in the county semifinals, will also play a major offensive role as an

outside server. Senior Heather Simpson, the leading Blue Devil in assists with 156, will also contribute her talents this season as an outside server.

Anzelone, Ralph Rapuanu and Mark

Matthews will add strength in the dis-

Plenty of opposing coaches and com-

petitors will be studying the fine per-

formances, which will be turned in by

the Blue Devil girls this season. In the

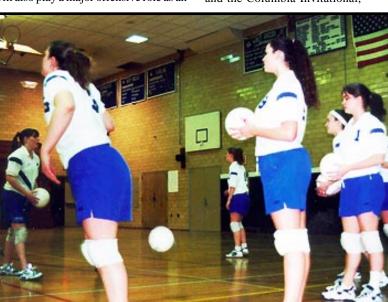
meantime, the Blue Devil boys will be

tance and middle-distance relays.

Senior Megan Devitt, who had four blocks in the Union County Championship match against Union Catholic, was the leading blocker on the team with 10. Devitt has strength as a middle blocker and as an outside server.

The Blue Devils will also enjoy the services of Kate Brahm who has talent as an outside server. In addition, senior Amy Coccaro will add depth to

"We want to shoot even higher this ear," expressed Torok. "We want to defend our Union County Title and our Watchung Conference Title. We also want to win the Bulldog Invitational and the Columbia Invitational,'



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Time PRE-GAME WARM-UP...Members of the Westfield High School girls volleyball team wait their turns to practice setups prior to one of their home games. The Blue Devils had one of their most successful seasons, finishing with an 18-3 record, capturing the Union County Championship and winning their first ever Watchung Conference title. In addition, the Blue Devil girls finished as the

No. 3 ranked girls' volleyball team in the state. **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, DEFEN-

DANT. 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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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

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:

bid available in cash or certified check at the

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, ÉLIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206 There is due approximately the sum of

and costs. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn

\$122,703.08 together with lawful interest

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF FRANK J. MARTONE, Attorney 4 Brighton Road

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY,

DOCKET NO. F-14411-94. SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND UR-DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON, D.C., PLAINTIFF vs. ALBERTO MORANTE & ADELA MORANTE, H/W ROBERT AND GLADYS VILLEGAS; ET ALS, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION,

DATED DECEMBER 5, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES. By virtue of the above-stated writ of execu-

tion to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH 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 \$83,405.22.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, commonly known as 622 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Tax Lot No. 647, Block No. 12, Dimensions of lots (approximately): 25 feet by 145 feet. Nearest cross street: Fairmount Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$85,694.86 together with lawful interest and 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 EICHENBAUM, KANTROWITZ, LEFF &

GULKO, Attorneys 140 Sylvan Avenue P.O. Box 1660 Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632-

Clifton, New Jersey 07012 CH-752924 (WL) 4 T - 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26/98

this sale.

Fee: \$163.20

CH-753656 (WL) 4 T - 3/19, 3/26, 4/2 & 4/9/98

Fee: \$171.36

The MC Dynamo under-15 girls soccer team swept to victory in the Chesterfield Spring Invitational Soccer Tournament in Richmond, Virginia, on

The featured area players were Renee Zidonik of Fanwood, Gwyneth Lederman of Westfield and Jessica Ballweg of

The Dynamos dominated four Elite-

Level teams from Virginia, North Caro-

lina and Massachusetts by scores of 2-0,

March 14 and 15.

5-0, 6-0 and 4-0.

Metuchen.

MC Dynamo Girls Sweep

Invitational Soccer Tourney



Eric Connolly



Matt DeNichilo

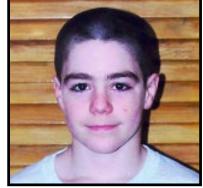


Derek Francavilla



Lucas Francavilla





SP-F PAL Raiders Will Send Six Matmen to State Finals

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Police Athletic League Raiders had six of their wrestlers qualify for the New Jersey State Wrestling Championships in Lakewood on March 28 and 29.

Each of the wrestlers had to first compete in one of eight state qualifier tournaments, held across the state, and then place in one of the top three spots in their weight class. Competition has been fierce and the Scotch Plains-

SP Masters League **Basketball Results:**

March 17: International Realty 42, Scotch Plains 41

Merrill Lynch 54, Warren Warriors 44

Merrill Lynch 57, Scotch Plains 51

International Realty 47, The Express 42

Masters Basketball:

(All players over 40)

<u>TEAM</u>	W-L	Percentage
Merrill Lynch	5-0	1.000
Cummin Motors	3-1	.750
Internatliona Realty	3-2	.600
Scotch Plains	2-2	.500
Warren Warriors	0-4	.000
The Express	0-4	.000
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Merrill Lynch took a pair of close games in Masters Basketball action for players over 40 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. First, Merrill Lynch squeaked past winless Warren by 10 points in a game that stayed close throughout.

Warren's running style brought them to within six on a number of occasions; however, the winners were never able to pull away until the end, with a succession of Tod McDougald jump shots. The Warren effort was led by Mark Ruderman.

In Merrill's second contest of the week, against perennial rival Scotch Plains, the victors again finished with a close margin. This time, the first half belonged to Merrill, which held a 15point lead; however, the second half played out with a furious challenge by Scotch Plains.

Charles Turner and Lenny Braunstein's shooting off the fast break made the game close. Merrill was led by Steve Solop and Pete Tierney.

International Realty had a productive week, moving into third place with a pair of close games. The first, an overtime win against Scotch Plains, was paced by a strong effort from 6foot, 8-inch Brian Hill, who registered five blocks of Scotch Plains layups. Hill hit a pair of crucial foul shots at the end, off a wild backboard pass that he controlled to perfection.

Also big for International were Don Herder and Rick Ramentol, with outside shooting, and Joe Greenaway's floor play.

The Express took International to the limit with a vastly improved team game led by Charley O'Donnell, Joe Rabadeau and Darryl Hall, hitting consistently to keep the game close

International prevailed at the end by five points. Randy Fisher and Rick Gelmetti also had big games.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a Public Hearing on MON-DAY, April 6, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey to consider the Major Subdivision application of Anthony Marconi, known as Hidden Acres 1711 Rahway Road, Block No. 14401, Lot No. 17, which proposes to subdivide into 9 conforming lots.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board offices during regular business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound. etc.)

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours

Barbara Horev Secretary to the Planning Board 1 T – 3/27/98, The Times

Fanwood matmen were able to rise to

dents at the Terrill Middle School on Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. Two of the wrestlers, Eric Connolly and Derek Francavilla from Scotch Plains, have been placed in the junior division.

Matt Loomis, Matt DeNichilo, Pat Intermediate Division.

the demands. Five of the six qualifiers are all stu-

Romeo and Lucas Francavilla, all from Scotch Plains, have been placed in the

Association's under-11 team, the Sabers, opened their season with a tough 3-2 loss to the Rahway Renegades on

in the first few minutes, but were then contained for the rest of the first half by the Saber backline of Terence Charles, Bill Schoenbach, Ryan Aspell, Sean Smith, Adam Greenwald



CLEAN GYMNASTICS SWEEP...Three area boys have swept the first three places in the All-Around at the New Jersey State Gymnastics Championships in Clifton. Eric Brandman of Westfield, center, stands with second-place finisher Joe Levine, left, of Maplewood and third place finisher Michael Diaz of Westfield. Brandman won every event in the 8-9 age group.

Wildcats Spoil Jazz Season Opener, 2-0

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz girls inter-city soccer team began their the spring soccer season on March 16.

With temperatures in the low 40s, it was a sure sign that spring still had not arrived and neither did the Jazz's scoring touch as they were shutout 2-0 by the Somerset Wildcats.

The Wildcats scored two quick early goals and dominated the first half.

The Jazz showed some spark in the second half when Lauren Hercel took a clearing pass from Gaby Falco and flew up the right wing. Hercel's crossing pass was headed right for Shannon Hauser in front of the Somerset goal but the Wildcat goalkeeper intercepted the pass.

The Jazz kept the game close with some fine goaltending by Bitsy Kipping. On one play Kipping got some help from a friendly goal post that deflected a hard Wildcat shot and teammate Katie Van Haasteren,

who cleared away the dangerous rebound. Jessica McGarry also played some solid defense but the Jazz never did warm up as the score stayed frozen at 2-0 when the final whistle sounded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday. April 6, 1998 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Board Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m. to hear and consider the following application: STEVE NEEDLE (APPLICANT)/

THOMAS JACKSON (OWNER) PRELIMINARY MINOR SUBDÍ VISION APPROVAL OF 1310 PROSPECT STREET, BLOCK titled "Proposed Subdivision for Steven Needle...", drawn by Vincentsen Associates, L.L.P., dated March 9, 1998 and consisting of one sheet (S-1). Applicant seeks to subdivide one existing lot into two lots. Applicant needs a variance from the following:

New C.40:55D-70(C) variances for proposed lot B.

Section 1003(d)(2) of the Land Use Ordinance. Lot does not front on a dedicated public street.

Plans and application are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue, West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1 T – 3/26/98, The Leader Fee: \$29.58

Boyle, Brandman Win

State Gymnastics Title Eric Brandman of Westfield cap tured first place in every event at the New Jersey State Gymnastics Champi onships held in Clifton to become the 1998 State Champion in the 8-9 ago group. Brandman ran away with firs place in the All Around. Michael Diaz of Westfield placed third in the

same age category.

Mark Boyle of Westfield, became the 1998 New Jersey State Ring and High Bar Champion in the 10 1 age group. In addition to his two wins, he went on to place in every event. Boyle took second place in the All Around.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY,

DOCKET NO. F-14725-97.
FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION, AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF vs. SARAH DUNNING, HIS WIFE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower 2), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAYTHE 22ND 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 \$67,912.75. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JER-

STREET & STREET NO.: 86 Division Street.

TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO.: 7, DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 25 FEET x 100

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 74 feet from the intersection of Martin Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$69,800.43 together with lawful interest and

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., Attorney 737 Stokes Road P.O. Box 1088 Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962 CH-753679 (WL)

Fee: \$165.24

varsity standouts for Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Kent Place School in Summit and Union Catholic High

School in Scotch Plains, respectively. The M. C. Dynamo team, coached by former Kearney High School All-State and University of Virginia All-American Mike O'Neil, is based in Morris County; however, it draws top players from throughout northern and central New Jersey.

They will compete this spring and summer in the New Jersey State-Cup and in elite invitational tournaments around



HOOP NIGHT AT EVERGREEN...A new tradition was started this year at Evergreen Elementary School in Scotch Plains as "Hoop Night '98" kicked off. Pictured, left to right, are: Tom Baylock, Physical Education Teacher and Assistant Coach of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Boys Varsity Basketball team, Jeff Baines, with his daughter, Colleen, and Michael Fragna with his father, Attilio Fragna. Teams of students and parents competed, with the winners receiving a certificate and team photo, now on display in the school display case.

Renegade Booters Slash SP-F Soccer Sabers, 3-2

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer

The Renegades opened the scoring

and Matt Colon. Goalkeeper Bill Albizati did a great job to capture many Renegade shots on goal.

Sabers Sean McNelis, Andrew Silber, Matt Rien, Casey Hoynes-O'Connor, Steve Gaetano, Jeff Bell, Patrick Schiazza, Robert Lasher' and Greg Leischner moved the ball well against the wind, but shot after shot did not find the net. The Renegades were able to push another one over the line for a 2-0 lead at the half.

McNelis got things off to a great start in the second half with a score to pull the Sabers to within one. The Renegades restored the margin with a ball just out of the grasp of keeper Rien. The Sabers dominated much of the remainder of the

Schiazza scored the second goal for the Sabers, as they played constantly in the Renegade end of the field. Despite a number of last-minute shots on goal, however, the final whistle blew with the Renegades shaving the Sabers, 3-2.

The Sabers traveled to Washington, DC, on March 21 and 22 to participate in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Soccer Tournament and competed against some of the top under-11 teams

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ELEANOR BUDDE. De-Pursuant to the order of ANN P CONTI

Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 20th day of March, A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of said deceased notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the sub-

Eleanor McGovern Administrator Buttermore, Mullen, Jeremiah & Phillips,

Attorneys 445 East Broad Street P.O. Box 2189 Westfield New Jersey 07091

1 T - 3/26/98, The Leader

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY,

DOCKET NO. F-14618-97. GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES,

INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ALFREDO PACHECO AND PAULETTE J. PACHECO, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, DEFEN-

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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower 2), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND 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 \$153,651.53.

The property to be sold is located in the TOWN of WESTFIELD, New Jersey 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1489 CENTRAL AVENUE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090. a/k/a 101 ROGER AVENUE. Tax Lot No. 6 in Block No. 5717 f/k/a 551

Dimensions of Lot: approximately 90.00 feet wide by 120.52 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: Central Avenue.

Situate at a point on the northerly sideline of Roger Avenue distance approximately 24.48 feet easterly from its intersection with the easterly sideline of Central Avenue. There is due approximately the sum of \$157,701.82 together with lawful interest

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn

and costs.

Suite 201

7 Century Drive

4 T - 3/26, 4/2,

4/9 & 4/16/98

Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 CH-753670 (WL)

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD,

Fee: \$179.52



SOCCER TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS...The MC Dynamo under-15 girls soccer team swept its way to the championships of the Chesterfield spring Invitational Soccer Tournament in Richmond, Virginia on March 14-15.

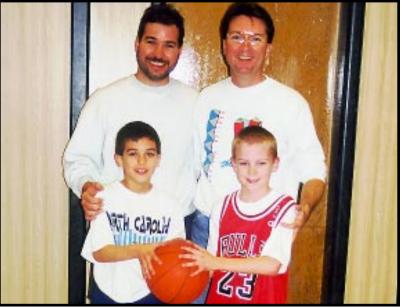
Evergreen School Holds First Ever Hoop Night

Thanks to Tom Baylock, Physical Education Teacher and Assistant Coach of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Boys Varsity Basketball team, a new tradition began at Evergreen Elementary School when they held their first annual 'Hoop Night."

Sixteen teams consisting of two fourthgrade students and their parents/guardians entered the basketball tournament. Five members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Varsity team: Ben Martinez, Doug Bishop, Steve Simms, Richard Brown and Dave Herrmann, were

Media Specialist Kathy Herrmann unveiled the newest sports books available in the Media Center. The new books were about various sports and famous sports figures along with the Hall of Fame series, which will surely interest the sports minded student.

The goal of the family evening was to encourage students to be competitive, healthy and life-long learners. The winners of the tournament were rewarded with certificates and a team photo which will be on display in the school.



THE FAB FOUR CHAMPS...The Fab Four were recently crowned winners of the first annual Evergreen "Hoop Night '98." Pictured, left to right, are: Anthony Baliatico with his father, Mike Baliatico, and Brian Halpin with his father, Jim Halpin. Following their undefeated run the winners were challenged by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Boys Varsity Basketball team (who had to play with only their left hand) and won in dramatic fashion with a rim rocker at the buzzer. The evening turned out to be a memorable one for everyone.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12363-95. CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAIN-TIFF vs. ESTELUS PIERRE AND CLAIRAMENE 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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 LO-CATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE

TAX LOT NO. ACCT No. 921 IN BLOCK NO. WARD 12.

DIMENSIONS OF LOT (APPROXI-MATELY): 35 X 125. NEAREST CROSS STREET: LINDEN

PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1147-1149 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, ELIZA-BETH, NEW JERSEY.

There is due approximately the sum of \$182,976.04 together with lawful interest

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn

RALPH FROEHLICH

HUBSCHMAN & ROMAN, Attorneys 318 Bergen Boulevard Palisades Park, New Jersey 07650 CH-753639 (WL)

4 T - 3/5, 3/12. Fee: \$167.28

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on APRIL 23, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zon-

ing Board of Adjustment will hold a special meeting for the public hearing of the follow-George and Eleni Filippatos for permission to add 6,480 square feet to the existing restaurant, a nonconforming use in the R-1 Zone, and to add 12,200 square feet of retail space to the property located at 1900 Raritan Road (Block No.

13901, Lot No. 9), Scotch Plains. The proposed retail space is prohibited in the R-1 Zone pursuant to Section 23-3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance thereby requiring a Use Variance. Said expansion of the existing restaurant use requires a Use Variance from Section 23-6.1.a.3 whereby no non-conforming use may be expanded.

If the above Use Variances are granted, an application for Site Plan Approval will be filed. All interested persons may be present and

heard.

The file pertaining to this application is in the office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains, and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Linda M. Lies Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Township of Scotch Plains 1 T — 3/26/98, The Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY.

CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15821-96. SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND UR-BAN DEVELOPMENT OF WASHING-

TON, D.C., PLAINTIFF vs. CLARENCE W. TURNAGE; DOMESTIC FINANCE CORPORATION ET ALS; DEFENDANT.
CIVILACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION. DATED JANUARY 15, 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 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH 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 \$34,032.53. Address: 439 Franklin Street.

Municipality: City of Elizabeth Tax Lot Number: 422. Block No. 3. Approximate Dimensions: 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: Thirteenth Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$35,072.50 together with lawful interest and 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 HARRIS & KLEIN. Attornevs

177 Valley Street South Orange, New Jersey 07079 CH-753660 (WL)

Fee: \$155.04

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

4 T - 3/19, 3/26,

4/2 & 4/9/98

INVITATION TO BID Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield New Jersey, on Monday, April 20th, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time at the Municipal

Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield New Jersey for the following: Police Vehicle Repair and Servicing
Proposals must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for the repair of Police Vehicles", bearing the Name and Address of the bidder, addressed to the

Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street,

Westfield, New Jersey, and must be in the

office of the Purchasing Agent on or before the hour named. Bids must be accompanied by a proposal guarantee in the form of certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in an amount of 10% of the total bid, payable to the Town of Westfield. Each proposal must also be accompanied by a Surety company certification stating that the said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required perfor-

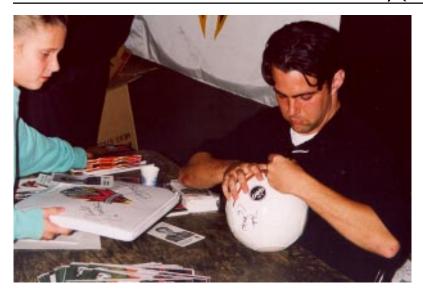
mance bond in the full amount of the con-Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 pl 1975 supplement for the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action). Bidders Statement of Ownership, as required by Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977, must also be submitted with all bids.

Specifications and proposal forms may be examined and procured at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids, also waive any informality if it is deemed advisable so to do Marianne K. Horta

Purchasing Agent 1 T — 3/26/98, The Leader Fee: \$40.29





STAR PLAYER...Metrostars soccer star Kerry Zavagrin signs an autograph for a young soccer player during a free clinic hosted recently by the Westfield Recreation Commission and the Westfield Soccer Association. The clinic featured Zavagrin and fellow Metrostars player Mike Sorber. More than 300 participants enjoyed an evening of instruction, free souvenirs and autographs.

Mr. DeAlessandro Honored By Insurance Publication

honored by the Business Insurance

Publication as one of the 30 people

who have contributed in a major way

to the insurance industry. The publi-

cation is marking its 30th anniversary

Mr. DeAlessandro is President

and Chief Executive Officer of

Rutgers Casualty Insurance Com-

pany, the Kentucky National In-

surance Company, Holly Hill Ltd.

and DeAlessandro & Associates,

Locally, he serves as a Committee-

man on the Westfield Town Republi-

can Committee and as a member of

the Board of Directors of the Town

Mr. DeAlessandro is also a former

member of the Westfield Planning

March Planned Today

To Promote Awareness

Of Breast Cancer

The Women's Studies Club of West-

field High School will sponsor a march

for breast cancer awareness today,

Thursday, March 26, beginning at 3:15

Women's History Month, will depart

Westfield High School and proceed up

Broad Street and through Mindowaskin

Park before returning to the high school.

will be held today beginning at 2:30

nation will benefit the Breast Cancer

Research Foundation. Commemora-

tive T-shirts with a logo depicting the

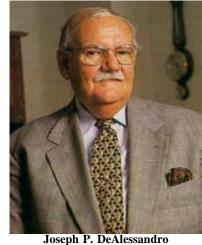
p.m. at Westfield High School. Proceeds from the \$5 suggested do-

event will be sold at the march.

On-site registration for the march

The march, part of the celebration of

Bank of Westfield.



Joseph P. DeAlessandro, a 20-year

resident of Westfield, was recently

Literacy Volunteers To Hold Library Day

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will be holding a Literacy Library Day at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue. this Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This program 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

Potential tutors can find out about the program. Interested students may be assessed by calling the Literacy Volunteers of America office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for that day.

New Excursion Activities The Senior Citizens Council of Union.

The Mestfield Lender and THE TIMES of Scotch Plains - Fanwood

Senior Council Announces

Union County has announced the formation of its "New" Cultural and Historical Excursion Club, based on requests from members and the public that the council's fund-raising program be expanded, according to a spokesman.

The planned activities include off-Broadway, New York City and regional theater outings; concerts, operas, the New Jersey Arts Center, museums, antique shows, art and antique galleries, flower shows, special cultural and craft events, tours to historical sites, planetariums and other events throughout the tri-state area.

Membership is now open for this new club. As a non-profit organization, the club will set up a "Member's Savings Account" for each new member. The initial fee for set up and vearly dues will be \$25 per person, with a \$100 savings account, for prepurchase of tickets.

This \$100 must be maintained and is 80 percent refundable if an individual decides to cancel membership. All pre-purchased tickets are nonrefundable. Each member will receive a membership card and a special newsletter three times a year.

Excursions will be priced to include tickets and transportation by Deluxe Motor Coach. Meals will be arranged by popular request at extra cost. All trips will leave from the parking lot, across from the Boys and Girls Club on Jeanette Avenue in

Pick up of groups of 10 or more people may be arranged. Senior clubs throughout the county are invited to take advantage of this program.

No age limit has been set for the club; however, limitations will be set based upon walking capability. Many trips to museums, historical sites, galleries and other places discourage people (regardless of age) from signing up for one of these excursions, according to the Senior Citizens Council.

The council welcomes suggestions or recommendations which prospective members may care to make regarding trips or tours.

Any ideas or preferences should be submitted in writing to Audrey Hoffmann at the Senior Council, 2165 Morris Avenue, Union, 07083

On Sunday, May 17, there will be a meeting of the "Over 55 Travel Club" at the F. E. Biertuempfel Senior Center, 2155 Morris Avenue in Union, from 2 to 4 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the "New" Cultural and Historical Club is invited to

Refreshments and door prizes are included in the program, and for non-members there is a fee of \$3. Please send a check to 2165 Morris Avenue to make reservations. For further information, please call (908) 964-7555 if you have questions.



SALUTE TO YOUTH...The Optimist Club of Scotch Plains-Fanwood recently saluted the youth of these communities through its "Youth Appreciation" program, during which several students received awards. Pictured, left to right, are: Chuck Cancella, Co-Chairman; award recipients Adam Bowser of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School; David Baumwoll of Terrill Middle School; Wendy Underwood, of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Ariel Knight of St. Bartholomew Interparochial School, and Norma Paige, Co-Chairwoman. Not pictured is award recipient Rajarski Mukherji of Park Middle School.

Junior League Sponsoring Forum on Internet Safety

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield will sponsor a Town Meeting with Congressman Bob Franks to

discuss Internet safety and children on Tuesday, April 7, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public, free of charge, at the Cranford Library, located on Walnut Avenue.

Congressman Franks is sponsoring legislation to protect children from sexual predators on the Internet and to stop the unrestricted sale of personal information about children by commercial list vendors.

The Town Meeting is open to parents, children, teachers and anyone else interested in discussing this topic with Congressman Franks.

"The public needs to become educated about the Internet. It can be a great source of information for anyone who uses it. However, parents need to know what types of safeguards are necessary to use if their children access the Internet," says Victoria Sweeney, President of the Junior League. "We look forward having Congressman Franks share his views about legislation he is sponsoring.'

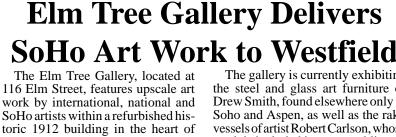
The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) is celebrating 75 years of volunteerism in the community this year.

It is an organization of women command to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Registration Starts Today Toddler Time Stories

Registration will begin this Thursday, March 26, at the Westfield Memorial Library for Toddler Time Stories on Thursday, April 9, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Children must be 2 1/2 years old, be registered in person and be Westfield Memorial Library members.

Toddler Time is a one-session introduction for youngsters and accompanying adults to storytime, special collections and other services of the library. The 30-minute program consists of audience participation in finger games, songs and very simple stories.



'RESIST DRUGS AND ALCHOL'...Scotch Plains Police Detective Dennis

Murphy talks with sixth-grade students at Park Middle School during one of the education sessions of the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

program. The 16-week DARE program, taught by Sergeant Steven Freedman and Detective Murphy, covers topics such as identification, risk factors, peer

pressure, the gateway drugs, self-esteem and refusal skills. There are four basic

refusal techniques that are taught. Students role play to show how one would

effectively refuse or resist if confronted with an uncomfortable scenario. After

classes, an officer has lunch with the students in the cafeteria to provide an

informal atmosphere where students can ask questions and comment. The program culminates with a graduation program planned in May.

Westfield's downtown. Gallery owner Robin Parness has restored the building's high ceilings with authentic medallions and moldings reminiscent of turn-of-the-century decor.

"It's unusual to find, really anywhere, such an exceptional selection of tasteful art crossing several mediums," remarked Nadine Smith of Arcanum Hall, a Westfield fashion photographer.

'Robin has a discerning eye for assembling a refined composite of art, including canvas, glass, mixed media, serigraphs and contemporary

craft," she added.
"It's been a treat for me to shoot models against the elegant backdrop of the gallery, and my New York clients are falling in love with The Elm Tree," Ms. Smith commented.

The gallery is currently exhibiting the steel and glass art furniture of Drew Smith, found elsewhere only in Soho and Aspen, as well as the raku vessels of artist Robert Carlson, whose work is included in many public and private collections.

Also on display are the mixed media constructions of Swiss-trained Rochelle Weissman-Stefanovic, whose work has been shown in Zurich, Acapulco and Palm Beach.

Visitors to the gallery are discovering works of art which are usually found in the pricey galleries of Soho and Aspen, but at "non-Soho/Aspen" prices, according to Ms. Parness.

She revealed that the gallery has become a venue for collectors and art enthusiasts, as well as a source for corporate buyers. Many art students have also found an opportunity there to experience a broader cultural perspective, Ms. Parness said.

For further information, please call (908) 233-6544.



ON THE CUTTING EDGE...Cosmopolitan Soho art has come to Westfield, courtesy of The Elm Tree Gallery in Westfield, located at 116 Elm Street.

Roy W. Smith Set to Retire From Union County College

Roy W. Smith of Elizabeth, Union County College's Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors, and former Vice President for Institutional Advancement, will retire effective Wednesday, July 1, after 41 years of distinguished service to the college community.

For 16 months during 1989 and 1990, Mr. Smith had served as Acting Union County College President.

He joined the college staff in 1957 as Director of Public Relations, and was appointed as the college's first Vice President in 1967 with the title of Vice President for College Rela-

He held the titles of Vice President for Administrative Services and Public Affairs; Vice President for Planning, Development and Public Affairs, and Vice President for Development and Institutional Advance-

Mr. Smith was elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the former Union College in 1968, and held that post through 1982. Following the merger of Union College with the former Union County Technical Institute in Scotch Plains, he was elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors — positions he still holds.

During the 41 years that Mr. Smith spent at the college, he played a

prominent role in the growth and expansion of the former Union Junior College from an 800-student, single-purpose independent institution in Cranford into a 28,000-student, public comprehensive community college with campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains.

Upon completing his term as Acting President, the college's Board of Trustees and Board of Governors in 1990 voted to name the theater in the Campus Center in Cranford in his

A graduate of Rutgers University, Mr. Smith has authored several books including "The Remaking of a College: Union County College, 1982-"Tomorrow's Community College" and "The Best of Both Worlds: A History of the Cooperative Nursing Program, 1971-1996.

Mr. Smith is currently writing a history of Amateur Astronomers, Inc., for the observance of the organization's 50th anniversary next year.

Junior Musical Club Lists New Members

The officers of the Junior Musical Club of Westfield, including Marina Yu, Carissa Meyer, Sarah Mullen, Kathleen Zawrotniak, Genevieve Manion, Tanya Tran and Kathryn Chern, have announced the names of new members who were admitted to the club as a result of auditions which were held March 4.

The six new members are Beth Satkin of Westfield, Nahyum Cho of Edison, Meredith Hoffman-Thomson and Katie Meola of Cranford, and Sheena Sikat and Katie Spadora of Union.

The club held its annual March Ensemble Concert last Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, in which participants performed vocal and instrumental pieces of an ensemble na-

The seniors of the Junior Musical Club will also perform in the senior recital in May. This event, like the Ensemble Concert, is open to the public and will take place at the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street.



— Directory to Houses of Morship —

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

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH 539 Trinity Place, Westfield (908) 232-4250

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

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

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

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

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) 233-4211 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

WOODSIDE CHAPEL

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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RC CHURCH 1571 South Martine Avenue, Westfield (908) 889-2100

> 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

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

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 erend Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.

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

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 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 TEMPLE EMANU-EL East Broad Street, Westfield

Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff TERRILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH 1340 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains (908) 322-7151

(908) 232-6770

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

5 Morse Avenue, Fanwood (908) 889-2375



WORSHIP THROUGH DANCE...Members of Grace Dance Consort, including Karen Berry, Sandra St. Laurent and Anne Coppola, display some of their movements. The women and other members of the Consort will dance "The Kyrie" this Sunday, March 29, during the 10 a.m. worship service at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street, in Westfield. The public is invited

Grace Dance Consort to Take Part In Service at First Congregational

The Grace Dance Consort will dance Hass' "The Kyrie" this Sunday, March 29, during the 10 a.m. worship service at the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street in Westfield, as a part of the church's month-long Festival of the

Established in 1984 by Judith Burwell, founder and Director of the National Ballet of Honduras, the Consort is dedicated to promoting dance as a means of worship and utilizes poetry, theater and original

Elizabeth Mlynarczyk Named to Dean's List

Elizabeth Ann Mlynarczyk, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Peter J. Mlynarczyk of Westfield, has been named to the Dean's List at the College of Arts and Sciences at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

To qualify for the Arts and Sciences Dean's List, students must receive grades equivalent to a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

The Consort's repertory includes dances for specific times in the church year, Bible stories and dance of faith, worship and celebration.

The public is invited to attend the worship service. The sanctuary is accessible to those who are dis-

All Saints' Choir Plans Requiem Performance During Sunday Service

The All Saints' Episcopal Church choir will sing the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, in the original Latin, this Sunday, March 29, at the 10 a.m. service.

Vocal soloists for the program will be Carol Buttke and David Witherspoon, under the direction of Dr. Charles Stein, organist and Choir Director. The choir will be joined by harpist Karen Stern.

All Saints' Episcopal Church is located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For further information, please call (908) 322-



The **Westfield Lender** and THE TIMES of Scotch Plains - Fanwood

AST MINUTE TOUCHES...Steve Merrill, "a "hands-on" stage construction director," is hard a work preparing the stage for the Oratorio Singers upcoming production of St. John Passion.

Oratorio Singers to Stage St. John Passion on Sunday

The Oratorio Singers will present J. S. Bach's St. John Passion this Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m. at The First United Methodist Church in

Work on the production starting in January when the Oratorio Singers began rehearsals. The group's budget runs between \$15,000 and \$20,000 and the group receives no funding from any other organiza-

It is the responsibility of the singers to raise all of this money. One soprano is a graphic artist and she designs a logo. From this logo, sweatshirts, tee-shirts, and tote bags result. They serve as advertisements for the program as well as gifts.

Each singer is required to sell a minimum of two tickets. The "house" sells out each year.

Tickets can also be purchased through several local merchants and are also available through the First United Methodist Church office.

Trent Johnson, the Music Director of the Oratorio Singers, is the Director of Music at First United Methodist. The Oratorio Singers rehearses in church's choir room.

The platform set up as the stage for the show safely holds 75 singers, the orchestra and the soloists. Working as teams, singers wield hammers and drills until the job is done. The task of setting up stage and preparing for the show is done over two days and mostly at night. Afterwards, the stage is taken down.

The group arranges to have the floors polished so that all evidence of stage building is totally erased, a spokesman for the singer said.

Reverend James Brix Planning Fourth Holy Lands Trip in '99

The Reverend James Brix is no stranger to the land called "holy" by Jews, Muslims and Christians alike. He is currently planning his fourth trip there.

'Israel is easily the single most fascinating and spiritual place in the world," he said. "Partly this is due to the special sites — the Jordan River which still flows much the same as when John the Baptist preached repentance there, the Sea of Galilee whose mist flies in our faces just as it did in the faces of Jesus and his disciples, and the Western Wall which Jesus passed on his way into the

First Baptist Youth To Present Cabaret On Sunday at Church

The youth choir and youth group from the First Baptist Church of Westfield will present a cabaret of songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein this Sunday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m.

This program will be accompanied by a luncheon provided by the Youth Choir/Group parents. Tickets, which cost \$3 each and \$10 per family of four or more, are required.

For ticket information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2278. The church is located at 170 Elm Street.

Rosary Altar Society To Accept Nominations Following April 6 Mass

The monthly meeting of St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will be held on Monday, April 6, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Nominations will be accepted for the election of officers for the 1998-1999 year. Plans will be finalized for the spaghetti dinner to be held on Friday evening, April 24. For ticket information, please call (908) 322-5409 or (908) 889-2152.

Temple. I can't help feeling moved by seeing these special places.'

"There is so much to see, like Galilee in the north with its rich valleys and towering mountains; like Mount Carmel where the prophet Elijah had a showdown with the prophets of Baal, the locally-worshipped deity. There are Nazareth, Capernaum and the archaeological dig at Belt Shean, where the bodies of King Saul and his son Jonathan were put on display by the Philistines.

The most memorable moment of Reverend Brix' last trip in January, 1997, was that of visiting the Rabbi's Tunnel which runs underground along Jerusalem's Western (Wailing) Wall.

"We actually got to see undamaged sections of city streets from 2,000 years ago before the Romans tore down the magnificent temple which once stood on the Hat hill now known as the Temple Mount," he said.

Today the Muslim structures, the dome of the Rock and the Aksa Mosque, stand on the mount.

One of the places which Brix always encourages people to visit is called the Temple Institute in Jerusalem. There, Israelis who have a vision for building a third Temple, work to prepare the necessary elements for reinstituting animal sacrifice.

The tour which Dr. Brix will lead begins February 15 and ends February 14, 1999. The cost, if reservations are made by Friday, May 1, is \$1,498 plus taxes and tips. Optional extensions are available to Petra, the ancient rock-walled city in modern Jordan, and to Mount Sinai in Egypt. For information, please call Agape Ministries at (908) 322-5465.

Dr. Brix is a resident of Scotch Plains and serves as Pastor of Georges Road Baptist Church in North Brunswick. He is also Director of Outpatient Services for Advent Clinics, which provide mental health services in Hawthorne and Summit.

The Choice Set to Be Staged **At Evangel Starting April 3**

A young man and woman in love weigh their religious and cultural differences, pulled in different directions by family and friends, all amidst the backdrop of a land in political unrest. The newest romance novel? A mini-series coming to television this spring? No, this is the story *The* Choice, a dramatic musical for Easter to be presented by Tom Curtain Productions on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, and Thursday and Friday, April 9 and 10, at the Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. All performances will take place at 7:30 p.m.

The story is about Marcus, a Roman Centurion who is loyal to the throne of Caesar as he enforces laws amongst Jewish subjects. However, his life becomes complicated when he falls for the charms of a beautiful young Jewish girl named

Hannah. Hannah is a follower of the controversial teacher, Jesus, and this becomes a major issue in the relationship which develops between she and Marcus. Their love for one another, the political climate and influences of friends, families and co-workers are all factors in The Choice.

Since it's inception in 1992, Tom Curtain Productions has reached out and played to over 25,000 people. All of its productions are professionally staged, with a cast and crew of 75 or over, and all performances are free of charge, according Musical Director Bob Olsen, a Westfield resident who has been involved in every aspect of the production, and emphasizes that this is a professional production.

"We do this as a ministry to our community and a reminder of the importance of the season. Though it takes place within an historical setting, the issues at heart of The Choice are ones as relevant to society today as they were then," he explained. With writing and orchestrations

by Robert and Cindy Sterling, The Choice is a well-balanced marriage between music and drama. Colorful characters and memorable songs are brought to life by talented actors and a large chorus. Principal actors Tom McKenna of Hillsbourgh, as Marcus, and Dave Dalessandro of Scotch Plains each reprise their roles from the 1993 performance and are joined by Luci Paiva of Scotch Plains, as Hannah; Dave Shirk, of Scotch Plains, known for his talent as a computer animator, helms the group as it's creative director.

For more information, please call (908) 322-9300.

Community Presbyterian Featuring Haydn's Creation

The Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside has announced the inaugural event of its 1998 music series featuring Haydn's "The Creation," Sunday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m. at the church, located at 1459 Deer Path.

"This is our kick-off event in what we plan as a fresh, new and ambitious music program throughout the year to be enjoyed by the entire community," according to church conductor Eric Jorgenson. "It's a way to extend our outreach and increase our contribution through the wonder of music.

Haydn's oratorio for chorus, orchestra and soloists will be presented by the Mountainside Chorale and Chamber Players and the Chancel Choir. Among the featured soloists will be Gregg Lauterbach, baritone; Judith Moen, soprano, and Dan Montez, tenor.

Mr. Lauterbach has performed in over 50 major operatic and musical theatre roles. He has sung with the L'Opera Français in New York, Lupo Opera, Opera Carolina, Regina Opera, Iowa Theatre Works and Opera Columbus. His performances have taken him across the United States.

Ms. Moen has been featured by numerous opera companies here and in Europe. She has just released her first solo album and has sung featured roles in the most popular operatic presentations. She was a soloist in Bach's B-Minor Mass and the Christmas Oratorio. Her recitals have spanned the country.

Mr. Montez has sung with the San Francisco opera, Sacramento opera, and throughout Europe. He is the founder of the Taconic opera in Westchester, New York.

Mr. Jorgenson, who also serves as Choir Director of the Mountainside Community Church and conductor of the upcoming event, is new to this area but hardly new to music.

He holds a Masters Degree in Cello Performance from West Virginia University and a Master's in voice and opera performance from Temple University in Philadelphia.

He recently conducted the premier of Paul Knopf's opera, Signals, in New York and La Boheme with Operesque, classical concerts. He conducted The Creation last year in Ambler, Pennsylvania.

Members of the chorale, chamber players and choir are mainstays of

Jane's Fashions to Hold Sale at St. Bart's School

The Home School Association of St. Bartholomew's Inter-parochial School, Scotch Plains, has announced that Jane's Fashions will be selling spring and summer clothing to the public at 30 to 70 percent below retail this Saturday

March 28. The sale will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the lower level at the school, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Full-Day Kindergarten Coming to Nursery School

Calvary Nursery School and Child Care, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford, has announced that the school will offer a full-day Kindergarten program from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning in September.

The program also offers day care available to students before and after school from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

As with Calvary's nursery classes, the Kindergarten program will offer a developmentally appropriate Christian education in a nurturing environment that fosters social, emotional, spiritual and physical growth.

Class size will be small with a low student-teacher ratio, a school spokeswoman said. The class will be staffed by both a teacher and an aide.

Available spaces in the program are limited, and parents are requested to register promptly. One month's tuition and all fees must be paid in order for registration to be complete. Registration will be accepted in the order received.

Calvary Nursery School and Child Care is in its fifth year of operation at the Calvary Lutheran Church. The program is offered as a ministry of the church and a service to the com-

For further information about the new Kindergarten program, please call (908) 272-3962.

the Presbyterian church music program, some of whom have been singing and performing there for over 30

years. Haydn's *The Creation* is the first in a new concert series which will include both choral concerts and chamber music recitals. The other pro-

grams will be announced later. General admission is \$15 with students admitted for \$10. Tickets are available at the church office. For more information, please call (908) 232-9490.

Community Invited To 'Buy a Musician,' 'Adopt a Choirster'

When the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside announced its new music season, it described an innovative way to support the program financially.

Music fans can "buy a musician," or "adopt a choirster," by signing up at different levels of support. The funds will help pay for a variety of professional instrumentalists including violin, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and percussion instru-

Singers include sopranos, altos, tenors and bass. The planned seasonal performances can cost between \$4,000 and \$6,000 at this professional level. No church funds will go toward this program, said the church's Choir Director Eric Jorgenson.

For complete information, please call Mr. Jorgenson at (908) 232-9490, or Warren Fristensky at (908) 654-

First Baptist Slates **Day-Long Program During Holy Week**

The First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street, has announced a special day-long program from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Good Friday, April 10.

"What's So Good about Good Friday?" explains to children pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade the traditional Christian understanding of Jesus' final days on earth.

Children will have the opportunity to enjoy music, graded classes, lunch,

crafts and games. The \$5 cost covers lunch and materials. The program is open to the public. To register, please call the church office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday at (908) 233-

Fleur de Lis to Perform **At Mid-Day Musicale**

Fleur de Lis, a baroque chamber music group, will be performing on this season's final Mid-Day Musicale at noon this Wednesday. April 1

These free, half-hour concerts are presented by the First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, and are followed by an optional soup and sandwich luncheon in the church social hall for \$4.50.

Fleur de Lis was formed several years ago by a group of young women who were graduate students at Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts. The group features Susanne Frühhaber, soprano; Jill Crawford, baroque flute; Elizabeth Thompson, cello, and Natassia Xsavier, harpsichord.

All are performers with various groups in the metropolitan area, and have performed across the United

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

Interfaith Singles List April Meeting Dates

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

available. The group will meet at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in Westfield, on Sundays, April 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 9 to 10:30

A pot luck supper with a movie is also scheduled from 4:30 to 10 p.m. on April 19. For further information, please call (908) 233-2278.

Hadassa



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ANNIVERSARY SHOW...Geralyn Lichtenstein of Westfield is pictured with veteran artist Will Barnet, who created a limited edition serigraph to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of Westfield Hadassah and its first art show. This year's Fine Art and Crafts Show will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. The show and sale will be open to the public on Sunday, March 29, from noon to 9 p.m. Works including oils, watercolors, graphics, charcoals and sculpture, along with fine crafts and jewelry, will be featured. General admission is \$3, \$1.50 for senior citizens and free to students. For more information, please call (908) 233-6531.

Home Emergencies To be April 15 Topic of Lunch and Learn

The Westfield "Y" will present the second lecture of its spring series of Lunch and Learns for the Sixty and Better Set on Wednesday, April 15. The topic for this month is "Handling Home Emergencies."

Membership in the "Y" is not required to participate in this series. Attendees are asked to bring a bag lunch and a dessert to share with about four people, and the "Y" will provide the beverages.

All Lunch and Learns begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street, in Westfield. Please call (908) 233-2700 to reserve a spot.

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Hadassah to Mark 40th Year With Art and Crafts Show

The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah has commissioned artist Will Barnet of New York to help celebrate its 40th Annual Fine Art and Crafts Show this Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29.

The show will feature a "gallery" environment at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. Fine crafts, including pottery, glass, Judaica, painted furniture and jewelry will be showcased, along with sculpture, and framed and unframed art from well known artists.

New Jersey and New York galleries, along with some individual artists, have been invited to set up their own "mini galleries" and display their best works.

Visitors will have an opportunity to stroll through the exhibit and stop by each gallery, according to spokeswoman Karen Rose.

Each gallery will have experts on hand to answer questions and provide further information about the artists and individual pieces.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of Westfield Hadassah and the first art show, Mr. Barnet has created a serigraph for show

Mr. Barnet's work is exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art and the Guggenheim Museum, among others. He was also commissioned to create the graphic for Westfield Hadassah's 20th anniversary show.

The Fine Art and Crafts Show serves as the primary means of fulfilling the Westfield chapter's commitment to Hadassah's projects, and over the years has helped medical researchers and physicians to achieve significant breakthroughs in health care, the spokeswoman said.

This year's event will debut with a preview champagne reception for patrons on March 28. It will be open to the public on March 29, from noon to

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for senior citizens, with students admitted free of charge. Lunch and snacks will be available.

For additional information about the show and the limited edition graphic, please call (908) 233-6531.

Garden Club to Hear Talk by Mr. Talcott The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Garden the Fanwood Clean Comm

Club has announced that Dean Talcott, Chairman of the Fanwood Environmental Commission and Nature Center groundskeeper, will present a program on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will highlight the impact of the Fanwood Wildflower Project, the Nature Center care, and the planting of 1.5 acres of wildflowers in the PSE&G Company property adjacent to the Nature Center.

Mr. Talcott has worked with the Fanwood Environmental Commission since 1994 and became Chairman in 1996. He has been the Nature Center groundskeeper since 1995.

He has additionally been involved with

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ARTHUR L. HARDING,

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI. Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 20th day of March, A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Administrators of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the sub-

> Barbara Dunn and Alan Dickson Administrators

Nichols, Thomson, Peek & Phelan,

Attorneys 210 Orchard Street Westfield, New Jersey 07091 1 T — 3/26/98, The Leader Fee: \$22.44 the Fanwood Clean Communities Committee and the Fanwood Holiday Decorating Committee.

The program will be presented at the Community Meeting Room at the Fanwood train station, on the corner of North and Martine Avenues. For further information, please call Lee Licwinko at (908) 232-4731.

Membership in the Garden Club is open to everyone. Please call Shirley Farkas at (908) 889-6208 for membership information.

Membership Underway For '98 Tennis Season

The Westfield Recreation Commission is now accepting membership for the 1998 tennis season which will commence on Saturday, May 23, and continue through Sunday, September 6. Membership is required to play on any town court during this period.

Use of the courts is restricted to Westfield residents only at the Tamaques Park and Elm Street courts.

Use of courts at Memorial Park is open to all membership holders. Rates are as follow:

The fees for residents are: family, \$35; adult (age 18 and over), \$25; junior (ages 13 to 17), \$7; 12 and under, senior citizens and guest fees, \$5.

For non-residents: family, \$70; adult, \$50; junior, \$14; 12 and under and senior citizens, \$10, and guest fees, \$5.

For more information or to have a brochure mailed, please call the Westfield Recreation Office at (908) 789-



SWEETHEART SCOUTS...Daisy and Brownie troops from McKinley Elementary School in Westfield recently made valentines as part of the "Valentines For Vets" project supported by the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council. Pictured, left to right, are: Cait Greene, Elizabeth Penczak, Eve Pomerantz, and Alexi



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J. and C. N. Brendel, to Terrance J. and Karen T. Rooney, 720 Forest Avenue, \$375,000

B. I. Panock and C. J. Oberdforf, to Juergen E. and Carol N. Brendel, 560 Lawrence Avenue, \$467,000.

D. Weiss and R. Dunlap, to Robert F. and Jane W. Summers, 610 Raymond Street, \$356,000. R. F. and J. W. Summers, to Kim

Catullo, 616 Kimball Avenue, \$220,000. S. and S. R. Benigni, to Kevin and Leslie Stock, 208 Baker Avenue,

Estate of Martha Feakes, First Union National Bank, to LACMEJ L.L.C., c/o Scott I. Schneider of Loeb & Loeb, 260

Prospect Street, \$239,000. T. and M. Horton, to Oscar O. and Mary H. Camacho, 736 West Broad

Street, \$190,000. S. and S. O'Brien, to Ronald L.

Rasmussen, 414 Westfield Avenue, Vestal Development Company, to Lois K. Shapiro, Trustee Pocomo Realty Trust

II, 251 North Avenue, West, \$1,850,000. M. H. Winch, to Daniel J. Weiss and Rosemary Dunlap, 736 Harding Street,

C. H. and M. Bergman, to Dennis J. and Helen A. Lysaght, 11 Marlin Court, A. S. Long, to Richard Lewis, Jr. and

Deborah Charles Dreher, 635 Fairfield Circle, \$250,000. W. E. Elcome, Jr. and R. M. Elcome,

to Christopher J. and Margaret Leahy, 521 Shackamaxon Drive, \$290,000. J. Villa, to Michael P. and Fran H.

Bonadies, 4 Stoneleigh Park, \$665,000. A. M. and L. J. Czar, to Associates Relocation Management Co., Inc., 780 Norman Place, \$424,000.

Association Relocation Management Co., to Jon and Debra Skolnick, 780 Norman Place, \$424,000.

L. and C. Calabro, to Michael Mahoney, 237 Maryland Street (land), \$110,000.

FANWOOD

Residence at 343 LaGrande Avenue to Haydee Rolon from Michael J. DiStefano, \$146,000.

SCOTCH PLAINS

Residence at 40 Jacobs Lane to Michael Mietlicki and Mary A. Mietlicki from

Gleneagle Acres, \$309,000. Residence at 2235 Coles Avenue to Michael J. Hosmer, 3rd and Kim M. Hosmer from Jeffrey A. Harten,

Residence at 392 Park View Drive to Marie T. Moore from Donald W. Bishop,

Residence at 1400 Raritan Road to

Nikolaos P. Souris and Eileen S. Souris from Orlando Santiago, \$281,000.

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

— Mahatma Gandhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday

April 13, 1998 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals for variance from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance: John Colasanti, 246 Maryland Street

seeking permission to add a swimming pool (above ground) contrary to the requirements of Section 1003 (c) (1) (ll) (3) and (e) (1) (jj) (1) of the Land Use Ordinance, Maximum building coverage with deck and above ground pool violation of 24.6%. Ordinance requires 22%. Minimum swimming pool setback from right sideline of 10 feet. Ordinance requires 15 feet. Robert and Kay Bohrod, 29 Carol Road

seeking permission to erect a deck in sideyard contrary to the requirements of Section 1003 (c) (1) (II) (1) of the Land Use Ordinance. Proposed deck location in sideyard violation. Ordinance requires deck in rear yard. Stephen and Anne M. Dyer, 540 Dudley

Court seeking permission to erect a 77 square foot kitchen addition contrary to the requirements of Section 1013 E.4. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum rear yard setback violation of 28 feet Ordinance requires 35 feet.

Judy Gordon Mentlik, 520 Mountain Avenue seeking permission to erect a garage (detached) contrary to the requirements of Section 1013 E.9. and 1003 (e) (1) (II) (3) of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum Building Coverage violation of 21.7%. Ordinance requires 20%. Maximum building coverage including a deck violation of 23.4%. Ordinance requires 22%.

5. Eugene and Louis Dedea, 421 North Scotch Plains Avenue seeking permission to erect a building addition contrary to the requirements of Section 1014 E.3. and E.4. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum side yard violation of 9.65 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet. Minimum rear yard violation of +- 21 feet. Ordinance requires 35 feet.

Lawrence and Carol Smith, 534 First Street seeking permission to erect a bedroom addition contrary to the requirements of Section 1014 E.4. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum rearyard violation of +- 22 feet. Ordinance re-

auires 35 feet. 7. Needle Point Homes, 525 Elm Street seeking permission to erect a one family dwelling contrary to the requirements of Section 1012 E.3. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum side yard setbacks (two) violation of 5.33 feet and 5.96 feet.

Ordinance requires 10 feet. Douglas Brownstone, 418 Sanford Avenue seeking permission to erect a backyard deck contrary to the requirements of Section 1003 (e) (1) (II) (2) of the Land Use Ordinance, Minimum rear vard for deck violation of +- 18.4 feet. Ordinance equires 25 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matrisciano, 246 Virginia Street seeking permission to erect/retain deck contrary to the requirements of Section 1014 E.3. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum interior side yards (2) violation of 9.38 feet and 6.12 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet.

10. William and Fina Leong, 705 Carleton Road seeking permission to convert existing garage to interior space; construct building addition and detached garage contrary to the requirements of Section 1013 E.9. of the Land Use Ordinance. Maximum building coverage violation of 21.99%. Ordinance requires

11. C.F.G.R., L.L.C., Central Avenue Lot Nos. 20 through 24, Block No. 3205 a/k/ a 515, 517, 521, 523, 527, 531 Central Avenue seeking permission to remove several existing buildings and construct a 56 unit mixed town house and apartment complex, on the corner of Central Avenue and Cacciola Place, on presently 5 lots, numbers 20 through 24 inclusive, which will presumably be merged into 1 lot.

12. First United Methodist Church of Westfield, One East Broad Street seeking expansion of a non-conforming use by erecting an addition of elevator/stairs tower. Section 407(d)(4)(2) of the Land Use Ordinance.

13. Robert and Kristine Riley, 225 Elizabeth Avenue seeking permission to erect a two story addition contrary to the reguirements of Section 1013 E.3. of the Land Use Ordinance. Minimum interior sideyard violation of 5.2 feet. Ordinance requires 10 feet

Documentation of the above is on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 595 North Avenue, West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Colleen Mayer, Secretary Board of Adjustment 1 T - 3/26/98, The Leader



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THROUGH THE MILLENNIUM...Students Daniel McGrory, Stephen Caprario, Katherine Meylor and Ryan Ragoza are shown here with some of the scenery for Wilson Elementary School in Westfield's grand finale of this year's Spring Reading Program, "Reading Through the Millennium." In an evening performance on March 27, Wilson School Principal Andrew Perry, as well as teachers and staff, will assume the roles of heroes and villains from history, from Genghis Khan to Amelia Earhart. Westfield Assistant School Superintendent Dr. David Rock will be special guest reader. The show is the culmination of this year's Spring Reading Program. Since the program began on February 28, a giant timeline has charted their progress as Wilson families read together from history, biography and historical fiction, toward a goal of 365,250 minutes of reading - one minute for each day of the millennium.

Taylor & Love Office Earns Awards for Achievements

Out of a possible 5,000 offices na-

'The Quality Service Pinnacle

tionwide, over 1,500 offices were

Award recognizes C21 Taylor & Love

for its dedication to customer satis-

faction and quality service, upon

which the Century 21 system has built its current worldwide reputa-

tion as an industry leader," stated

Robert T. Moles, President for C21

Taylor & Love has won the award five years in a row since its inception,

'Client service is essential to our business and its success," said Roger

Love, broker/owner of C21 Taylor & Love. "This award depicts the qual-

ity of service that we strive for with

Recognized for exemplary sales

performance, Century 21 Taylor &

Love, Inc. has also been named the

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Award. This is one of the highest forms of recognition awarded to top

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hard work, superb training and com-

mitment to meeting the special needs of every customer," Mr. Love stated.

"I am looking forward to our contin-

"This honor is a direct result of

Real Estate Corporation.

according to Mr. Moles.

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honored with this distinction.

Century 21 Real Estate Corporation has honored C21 Taylor & Love of Westfield with its Quality Service

Pinnacle Award. The Quality Service Pinnacle Award is in recognition of C21 offices which offer "exceptional achievement in customer satisfaction," according to a Century 21 spokesman.

The award is based on accumulative quantified results from C21 Quality Service Surveys received from previous clients at the conclusion of

Cleanup Day Set For Sunday, May 9 **In Scotch Plains**

The eighth annual Scotch Plains Public Lands Clean Up Day, slated for Saturday, May 9, will feature neighborhood, family, service, school, athletic and social groups joining together as they pick up litter throughout the township.

Following litter removal, participants will be treated to lunch and entertainment at Union Catholic Regional High School. Detailed information on the day's events as well as safety information will be sent out after registration is received.

Questions or requests for registration forms may be directed to the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 322-6700, Extension No. 243 or, after working hours, call (908) 233-8745

Registration to Begin For Pre-School, Magic **Story Time Programs**

The Westfield Memorial Library has announced registration dates for Pre-School Story Time and Magic Carpet Story Time.

Magic Carpet Story Time registration will begin Thursday, April 9, for children in Kindergarten through third grade. The sessions will meet Thursday afternoons, April 23 through May 21, from 3:45 to 4:30

Registration for the 3-year-old Story Time will begin Monday, April 6. The sessions will meet Thursdays, April 23 through May 21, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., or Mondays, April 20 through May 18, from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

The 4-year-old Story Time registration will begin Monday, April 6. The sessions will meet Tuesday mornings, April 21 through May 19, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. or Wednesday afternoons, April 22 through May 20 from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Children must have reached their third or fourth birthday by the first story session.

To participate in all story hours, children must be registered in person and a Westfield Memorial Library card for each child must be presented at this time.

Burgdorff ERA Urges MLS Over Exclusive Listings

If an individual is selling a home, and he or she agrees to list the home on an exclusive basis, they are limiting the pool of potential buyers, according to Jean Shellenberger Massard, Vice President and Manager of Burgdorff ERA's Westfield Office.

"When Realtors offer to reduce their commission in exchange for an exclusive listing, it sounds highly seductive," Ms. Massard stated. "Seductive, yes, but productive, no. Not if the home sellers want the best price and the best terms for their home,"

Judy Reeves, President of Burgdorff ERA, pointed out that, by comparison, using the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) can create a competitive bidding situation and an opportunity for the sellers to command a higher price and better terms which can be of significant value when it comes time to move.

Since exclusive listings circumvent the MLS, they limit prospective buyers, which sellers need to sell their homes quickly, reported Robert Ferguson, former President of the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

Local real estate boards require every homeowner who agrees to an exclusive listing to sign a special form called a Waiver of Broker Co-

In signing it, the sellers affirm that

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even though the advantages of multiple listing have been explained to them, they are still opting for exclusive listing, according to representatives of the Burgdorff ERA office.

Burgdorff salespeople, mindful of the advantages of multiple listing, urge sellers to spurn the signing of the waiver. They argue that if an offer comes through an exclusive listing, the sellers can't be sure it's the best

Founded in 1958, Burgdorff ERA has more than 600 sales associates, 32 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania, and is the largest franchised brokerage firm of ERA Franchise Systems, Inc.



PARK PARTNERSHIP...Roger Ellis, right, a local resident and concerned baseball parent, has initiated a public/private partnership with the Town of Westfield to improve the ball fields at Gumbert Park. The project, which is being done at no cost to the taxpayers, will include regrading and sodding the infields, correcting drainage problems and rebuilding pitcher mounds. The manpower and materials for the project are being donated by a variety of sources who were contacted by Mr. Ellis. The work is expected to be completed in the next few weeks in time for spring use. Pictured with Mr. Ellis is Glenn S. Burrell, Director of Westfield Recreation, and Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein.

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