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A PLAN OF ACTION...Ronald J. Frigerio, Chairman of the Board, Frank N. Goffreda, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Anthony DeChellis, board member, all of The Town Bank of Westfield, review construction plans for the bank at the former Plaster Palace on South Avenue.

CONTRACTS ON LOTS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY WEEKEND

Woman's Club Set to Sell Adjoining Lots; Buyer Still Sought for Clubhouse on Euclid

By MARK J. YABLONSKY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Satisfied with two separate bids by two different bidders, the Woman's Club of Westfield is planning to sell the two lots adjoining its present site at 318 South Euclid Avenue, an arrangement that will probably be completed by this weekend at the latest.

In the meantime, the tax-exempt organization will temporarily retain possession of the century-old Colonial Revival house, since a separate bid on it proved unsuccessful at the close of business on March 26.

However, Robert H. Kraus of the Scotch Plains law firm Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth, who is representing the Woman's Club, said Friday that the organization will return "to the drawing board to find a buyer."

The bidding deadline was 5 p.m. on March 26. Fifteen minutes later the bids were opened, with the group opting to accept two bids on the lots. Mr. Kraus said he could not reveal the names of the two bidders until the contracts were signed.

Formally, the club's Executive Committee is recommending to its full membership to accept the bids, and also to authorize its President, Ruby Juanita McHugh, to sign a contract of sale with the bidders. Mr. Kraus declined to release the actual selling price until Mrs. McHugh completes the transaction.

That, Mr. Kraus indicated, could occur by this weekend.

"The bid form is the contract, and the only thing the bidder had to do was put in his name, address and the price he was willing to pay," Mr. Kraus explained. One of the successful bidders is local, while the other is not, he revealed.

The clubhouse, once owned by former Mayor Burl A. Towl, was purchased by the Woman's Club from his widow, Letty M. Towl, on October 27, 1955. It is adjoined by a lot directly east, located on South Euclid, as well as an adjoining lot immediately to the north on Tremont Avenue. That lot is sized at 100 feet by 150 feet, or exactly 15,000 square feet, Mr. Kraus said.

The adjoining lot on Euclid measures 150 feet by 92 feet, or about

13,800 square feet. Because the Planning Board of Westfield approved the subdivisions by a 6-1 vote on March 2, the signing of the contracts is all that is needed now to close the deal.

Once the signing occurs, construction on the adjoining lots will likely begin by June or July, Mr. Kraus said. "My expectation is (that construction will occur at that time)," he added.

In all, the entire property occupies some 45,000 square feet, or a "mid-gen" above a full acre, the attorney noted. The bid on the house alone was deemed unsatisfactory, Mr. Kraus explained, because the prospective buyer wanted one of the adjoining lots along with it.

No official date was given as to when the house would be up for
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Town Bank Reaches Capitalization Goal; Gains FDIC Approval to Open

Ronald Frigerio, Chairman of The Town Bank of Westfield (in organization), has announced that the bank has met its capitalization goal of \$5 million.

This, coupled with recently received Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) approval, will enable the bank to open its doors in June.

The Town Bank will become Westfield's first locally owned, independent commercial bank in over 70 years. The FDIC approval ensures its ability to function as a financial institution, Mr. Frigerio explained.

The Town Bank will serve small-to-mid-size businesses and residents in Westfield and its primary market area of Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Garwood, Cranford, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield.

In making the announcement, Mr. Frigerio asserted that meeting this financial hurdle is a major step forward for community banking.

"We have believed all along that this area needs an alternative to the large, global banks who place 'branches' in our communities," said Mr. Frigerio. "While the branches offer vast financial resources, they don't offer the kind of personal service and local decision-making we will provide."

There is activity at both ends of banking's size spectrum, with large banks continuing to merge, but the number of smaller community banks increasing as well, Mr. Frigerio said. Between 1994 and 1996, the number of applications for community bank charters quadrupled to more than 200.

"Our analysis suggests that the

high premiums paid in big bank mergers can only be recouped through layoffs, a reduction in services, and higher charges for the services that remain," said Mr. Frigerio. "This may serve stockholders, but it does not serve the consumers and small businesses that are the heart of the economy. Our bank will serve those neglected as a result of all the mergers."

Town Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Frank Goffreda joined Frigerio in making the announcement.

"We are exhilarated by the local response," said Mr. Goffreda. "Over

90 percent of our investors either live or work in our trade area and, consistent with our objective of making the bank an affordable investment for as many local people as possible."

Mr. Frigerio announced that the bank has extended its capital fundraising campaign.

"The state and FDIC require us to raise \$5 million, but we are not limited to that amount," he stated. "Extending the offering will enable us to open with an even stronger financial base," he said.

Mr. Goffreda added, "We have received hundreds of inquiries about
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Veteran Firefighter Remembered For Dedication and 'Zest for Life'

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Veteran firefighter John Fiorino was remembered this week for his dedication to his duty and his family, as well as the easy rapport he always had with colleagues at the Westfield Fire Department.

The lifelong town resident, who

was a firefighter in Westfield for 15 years, died Monday at age 38 at the Grandstrand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

He had arrived in the coastal city a day earlier for a vacation. The cause of death had not been determined at press time.

Firefighter Fiorino began his ca-

reer as a volunteer fireman in Westfield in 1983. On April 1, 1986, he became employed as a firefighter for the Town of Westfield, according to Deputy Fire Chief Dennis C. Burke.

"I can speak for everyone in the department when I say he was tops as a fireman, in his zest for life and general dealing with all the men he worked with," the Deputy Chief said. "He was just fantastic."

He added that "no matter what the assignment you gave him, he would do it and do it well."

The Westfield High School graduate had received two unit citations as a member of platoons whose actions in the line of duty were deemed outstanding.

Deputy Chief Burke said Firefighter Fiorino and fellow members of his platoon were also up for a unit citation for their efforts in extricating a critically injured woman from underneath a school bus following a traffic accident on March 17.

Firefighter Fiorino was a member of the Firemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 30 of Westfield and the Exempt Firemen's Association.



John Fiorino

Westfield Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro remarked that "John was a lovable person. He was liked by everyone in the fire department. I'm going to miss that big smile he always had on his face."

The father of three coached Little League in Westfield for baseball, basketball, football and soccer. He was a
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Westfield, State Paying Tribute to Activist, Renowned Entertainer Paul Robeson

By CANDACE WALLER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Paul Robeson, social activist and renowned entertainer, spent part of his growing years from 1907-1910 in Westfield. His father, William Robeson, pastored St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on Osborne Street and constructed the church building.

The 100th birthday of Robeson, April 9, is being commemorated state-

wide during the month of April with a special series of programs slated for the upcoming week in Westfield. Activities are planned for the remainder of the year.

"The state contacted us about doing something to honor Paul Robeson," said Donnell Carr, a former Westfield councilman who is serving as Co-Chairman of the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee, along with the Reverend Leon

Randall, Minister of St. Luke Church.

"I think it's an accomplishment of our town to honor him. At one time he was the most well-known citizen of the world. He paved the way for the civil rights movement," Mr. Carr stated.

In recognition of Paul Robeson's 100th birthday, the New Jersey Historical Society contacted towns in the state where he lived requesting that they do something to honor the man

many regard as an American hero. Thus, the Paul Robeson Committee was formed.

"We feel very proud of the fact that William Robeson pastored St. Luke, and Paul attended Sunday school here," said St. Luke's present Pastor, Leon Randall. "Paul Robeson was able to accomplish so much during turbulent times."

Although many people in the over-50 age bracket have heard of Mr. Robeson, it is widely acknowledged that younger generations have less knowledge of him. St. Luke is planning a service for this Sunday, April 5, and a luncheon is scheduled next Thursday, April 9, the centennial date, with Robeson's granddaughter, Susan, on the agenda to educate others about him.

Paul Robeson was born in Princeton on April 9, 1898, the youngest of five children. His father, William, escaped slavery by running away at age 15. William Robeson used his ministry as a platform to advocate racial equality. He instilled that belief in his children.

Before Paul Robeson moved to Westfield, his mother, Maria Louisa, had died in a burning accident. The then-yearful Paul played baseball with older athletes because of his athletic promise. His first experience in an integrated school system came while living in Westfield. According to Paul Robeson Committee member Ernest Powell, Robeson attended Lincoln (now defunct) and Washington
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Council Discusses Restrictions To Proposed Smoke-Free Law

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Laws and Rules Committee of the Town Council is expected to soon begin taking up the issue of second-hand smoke and how it relates to public outdoor recreational areas such as the Westfield Memorial Pool and the various soccer fields in town.

The issue was raised earlier this year by Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, Chairman of the Laws and Rules Committee. In January, the first-term councilman said he would like the council to begin examining the adoption of a smoke-free air ordinance in Westfield.

Karen Blumenfeld, an attorney for GASP (Group Against Smoking), spoke before the council on the dangers of second-hand smoke, and on laws enacted in some towns.

Ms. Blumenfeld, noting that "kids are smoking more than ever," said laws passed at the local level which enact smoke-free policies have proven effective in setting a good example for kids not to smoke.

The push to address second-hand

smoke has been led by California, which banned smoking in bars and restaurants as of January 1 of this year. The State of Vermont has also instituted a smoking ban in restaurants.

Ms. Blumenfeld informed the council that some New Jersey communities have banned smoking at children's wading pools. She noted that it would be realistic for the Town Council to
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Two Youths Charged With Having Handgun

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Two Roselle youths were arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a handgun at Beadleston High School last Friday after police recovered a .22 caliber revolver, along with ammunition, which the pair were allegedly carrying.

Detective Sergeant John M. Parizeau of the Westfield Police Department said authorities received a 911 call from the Lamberts Mill Road school at 9:04 a.m., after school administrators were informed that a student in the building had a handgun in his possession.

The unloaded weapon was discovered by police in the book bag of a 14-year-old boy, which had been left in a classroom occupied by several students, Sergeant Parizeau said. Authorities located the youngster in the school gymnasium.

A 16-year-old student was found with six bullets for the revolver concealed in Saran Wrap in his pants pocket, Sergeant Parizeau confirmed.

Authorities believe the older teenager may have stashed the weapon in the book bag, he said. He stated that neither of the students had threatened anyone at the school, which is operated by the Union County Educational Services Commission.

An investigation revealed that the revolver had not been stolen, and authorities were still attempting to determine this week how the youths allegedly acquired it. The suspects were being held in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center in Elizabethtown.

"We have been operating special schools in Union County since 1969 and this is the first incident I can recall where students were in possession of a gun," remarked Edward M. Hartnett, Superintendent, Union County Educational Services Commission, on Wednesday. Mr. Hartnett has been Superintendent since 1980.

"We had a quick reaction (to the emergency), the (two) students were removed from the building, and its a police matter; that's where it lies right now," he added.

Beadleston High School enrolls 50 students ages 14 to 21 who are classified as emotionally disturbed. It offers special education programs with therapeutic support services.

Mr. Hartnett said that both students have been suspended pending a placement review conference with child study teams from their home district. He said the commission planned to recommend that the youths be placed in an alternative facility.

Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Leader

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Savings Time Begins
2 a.m. on Sunday, April 5



DRUG AWARENESS...Drug Awareness Week was capped off at Tamaques Elementary School in Westfield recently by an assembly which included feature speakers Officer Edward Belford, left, and Westfield Police Chief Anthony J. Scutti of the Westfield Police Department. Thanking the policemen for their visit are, from left, fifth-graders Tensae Biftu, Bailey Verdone, Amanda Dickson and Michael Conroy. Also included in the assembly were performances by Tamaques School students and a presentation by Edison Intermediate School Peer Leaders and their advisor, Student Assistance Counselor Marie Koch.



ON THE MARCH...The Westfield Fife and Drum Corps marches during the 47th annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15. Twenty-four bands participated in the event, which drew a large audience along the parade route. Westfield's Fife and Drum Corps have participated in the parade for a number of years.

Firefighter Fiorino is Recalled For Dedication, 'Zest for Life'

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communicant of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, and a member of the Italian-American Club of North Plainfield.

Acting Captain Daniel J. Kelly of the Westfield Fire Department, who had known Firefighter Fiorino since the two were students together at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield, recalled his colleague's devotion to family and the community.

"He was a very good family man," the Acting Captain said. "He excelled in sports and athletics and always enjoyed sharing his skills with his children and with youth in the community.

"The kids are going to miss him, too," Chief Battiloro observed.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim called the death of Firefighter Fiorino "a real shock," adding that "my prayers are with his wife and children."

Firefighter Fiorino is survived by his wife, Allison Tortoriello Fiorino, and his children Amy, 11, Vincent, 9, and Stephen, 7. Also surviving are his parents, Joseph and Eleanor Fiorino of Westfield, and his sisters, Patricia Petersen of Westfield and Joanne Hughes of Lincroft.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 3, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Visiting hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, April 2, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fiorino Children's Scholarship Fund, in care of the Westfield Firemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 30, 405 North Avenue, West, Westfield, 07090.

Westfield Ceremonies Begin Sunday for Paul Robeson

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Elementary Schools.

"He was an outstanding black man of that time," said Ms. Powell. "He was an advocate of equality, a noted singer and actor. He was among the first blacks to make movies and talkies (movies with sound)."

Academics was something stressed in the Robeson home. He received a scholarship to Rutgers, becoming only the third African-American to attend the school. He graduated as class valedictorian of 1919 and was inducted in the Phi Kappa Key (an academic society). While there he received three varsity letters in football, baseball and track.

Continuing his studies at Columbia University, he graduated with a law degree. He also met his future wife, Eslanda Goode, who was studying to be a chemist while at Columbia. Paul Robeson could have lived off the material comforts that his education afforded him, but instead he spoke out about injustice.

During his life, Mr. Robeson, the son of an ex-slave, knew the feelings of extreme racial discrimination first hand, since racial intolerance was more prevalent throughout the United States, historians agree. Mr. Robeson became an actor appearing in *Emperor Jones*, *All God Chillun Got Wings*, among others. He used his visibility to dispel myths at the time that hinted African-Americans were mentally incompetent.

His baritone voice, commanding appearance and dignified presence contradicted racial stereotypes, which at the time indicated that African-Americans were inferior to other groups, as many who have studied him agree.

Usually rejecting demeaning roles, Mr. Robeson, historians and admirers agree, managed to emerge as a vibrant, commanding theatrical presence. Yet, he had to use the service entrance while performing.

His unforgettable portrayal of Shakespeare's Othello on Broadway

won him further acclaim and broke some attendance records. Mr. Robeson's ideals seemed a precursor for the civil rights movement later led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In his later travels throughout Europe and Asia, Mr. Robeson found he was treated better than he was at home. He spoke 20 languages, and was treated with respect, those closest to him noticed.

This newfound feeling strengthened his resolve that racial inequality was wrong.

"My father was a slave and my people died to build this country, and I am going to stay and have a piece of it just like you," Mr. Robeson once said. "And no fascist-minded people are going to drive me away from it, is that clear?"

When the McCarthy era of the early 1950s ruined or crippled countless young lives, Mr. Robeson found himself labeled a communist, even though he was never known to have joined the party. His passport and those of his wife, Eslanda, and son, Paul, Jr., were denied. Mr. Robeson, like many others, became ostracized.

"Paul Robeson was a renaissance man," Carol La Pierre, a member of the honoring committee said. "He wasn't able to use that talent in this country (because of racial discrimination)."

Upon returning to the United States, Paul lived with his sister, Marian, in Philadelphia, Pa., where he died on January 23, 1976.

Westfield will temporarily rename the Osborne Street in memory of Mr. Robeson, the man known for his battle to overcome injustices, with dignity. Many of the ideals now taken for granted were not available to Mr. Robeson during his lifetime.

But as many now agree, because of his great strides, more Americans became able to enjoy social, economic and political freedoms.

Town Bank Gains FDIC Nod, Achieves Capitalization Goal

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participating in the offering. Now that we have exceeded our initial objective, we expect that many more people will be convinced of our concept and will want to come on board."

When the Town Bank's charter application was approved by the State Banking and Insurance Commission this past December, Commissioner Elizabeth Randall ruled that, "The public would be well served by the establishment of the proposed bank."

She added that, "Principle offices of depositories are usually better able to penetrate their markets than are branch offices."

Mr. Goffreda focused on the benefits

of local ownership, management and decision-making.

"No one can understand the needs of local homeowners and business people better than a traditional local bank," said the veteran of over 15 years of banking in Westfield. "We are going to provide the kind of individualized service that was once commonplace — you go into a bank, talk to a qualified loan officer and decisions are made. Not some distant out-of-state computer, but real people, all of whom have a stake in the community and its success."

Site plan approval for the bank's property facilities at 520 South Avenue has been granted by the Westfield Planning Board. Renovation has begun.

Town Council Discusses Proposed Smoke-Free Law

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ban smoking at the community pool itself, given that kids and adults there should also have a smoke-free environment.

The question of enforcement was raised throughout the discussion. Ms. Blumenfeld said, generally, these types of ordinances are enforced by local health officers, along with police departments.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr. proposed that more of an effort needs to be made to remove easy access by children to cigarettes. He said this can be done by passing an ordinance to require that they be sold from behind the counter.

He said the ban on cigarette machines in Westfield, passed by the council several years ago, has had a "very nominal impact" on curbing underage smoking in Westfield.

Ms. Blumenfeld said the best course of action a governing body can take to win the war against the tobacco industry is to tackle it on several battlefronts — such as easy access to cigarettes by minors, the impact on the environment and cigarette sales. Noting the council's previous action, she said vending machines are the first source of cigarette purchases among kids.

The attorney said a number of towns now require that cigarettes can only be purchased upon request. She said the passage of local laws that "change social thinking" by prohibiting smoking in public places has been proven as the best course of action for communities to lessen underage smoking.

Towns can also restrict the locations where billboard smoking advertisements can be placed, she explained. Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt noted that there are only about five places in town where these types of billboard advertisements can be placed.

Twelve communities in the state currently have laws on the books banning smoking everywhere from recreational areas, public places and restaurants.

During a discussion later in the meeting, First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, a nurse, said medical professionals she has spoken to indicate there is little danger from second-hand smoke in an outside environment, as opposed to an indoor environment.

Councilwoman Vernick called the proposed ordinance to restrict outdoor smoking "very intrusive" and portrays government as "big brother." However, she does support restricting cigarette sales to behind the counter.

She said she does not feel there is any "negative impact" from inhaling second-hand smoke when it is done outdoors "unless you are right on top of somebody."

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Councilman Goldman both disagreed with this point. The Mayor said his wife, who is eight months pregnant, faces the danger of second-hand smoke every day while waiting on the platform at the Westfield Train Station.

The Mayor, in disagreeing with the councilwoman, said that it should be the smoker who should have to move from the non-smokers — not the other way around.

Mrs. Vernick said in an outdoor setting it is easier for a non-smoker to move from a smoker than to ask that

person to move or distinguish their cigarette. Mr. Goldman said Mrs. Vernick's argument clearly favors the rights of the smoker over the non-smoker.

"This proposed ordinance restricts smoking in narrowly defined areas. If the person wants to smoke, all they have to do is walk 25 feet away from the playing ground. We're not going to prohibit smoking," he said.

Councilman Sullivan said he would like to see the town increase enforcement of laws that ban the sale of cigarettes to minors.

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Janis Fried Weinstein questioned whether an outdoor ban on cigarette smoking could be effectively enforced.

Mr. Goldman said he can't "buy" the argument that "we shouldn't do something good to protect people's health" because it would be difficult to enforce.

He said by passing such an ordinance, non-smokers will get over some of the intimidation involved in asking someone to stop smoking in a clearly marked non-smoking area.

Councilwoman Vernick said smoking is already prohibited around schools and the children's pool in town. She said the Recreation Commission did not want to alter existing laws in town regarding smoking at recreational areas with regard to the proposed ordinance. Also, the Board of Health has decided not to comment on the proposal.

Noting that the nicotine within tobacco is an addictive drug, Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh said the council should "discourage its use as much as we can." He did say that the governing body needs to be sensitive to those persons who have the habit.

He also said there should be no smoking at the town pool.

In other business, Vivian's Kitchen, the Towne House, Brick Oven, Robert Treat Delicatessen and Bruegger's Bagels have all submitted renewal applications of their sidewalk café permits.

The council decided that these establishments must submit detailed plans of the placement of the cafés, including placement of trash receptacles if disposable service ware is used.

Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko explained that if the permits are not approved this Tuesday due to the lack of this information, the permits would be delayed until the Tuesday meetings of either April 21, when the public hearing on the town budget is scheduled, or on the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 28.

The café season was to have begun on April 1, but was delayed due to the adoption of a revised code for the cafés.

The town is also continuing the process of drafting a proposed grant application for Union County's Pocket Park Program. The town is seeking to acquire the former Excellent Diner site for this purpose.

Also, the Board of Education has proposed leasing the former Lincoln School playground to the town, as opposed to deeding it over outright. This site would also be included in a grant request to the county as well.

Mr. Gottko noted that the window to enter into the county program ends on Friday, May 1.

The appraisal process on the diner site has already begun.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

• A Willow Grove Road resident reported the theft of landscaping equipment.

• Brita Scribe, 35, of Orange was arrested and charged with shoplifting at a North Avenue department store, according to police. She was released after posting bail.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

• A drill valued at approximately \$230 was reported stolen from an elevator at the senior citizens complex on Boynton Avenue.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

• A window was reported broken on a vehicle at Centennial High School on Westfield Avenue.

• Jason Dixon, 21, and Martin Stith, 20, both of Westfield, were arrested and charged with harassment at a fast food establishment on South Avenue, according to police.

Authorities said the suspects allegedly pounded and kicked the glass facade of the eatery and knocked over a trash receptacle in an effort to gain admittance. They were each released on a summons.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

• A Cumberland Street resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

• A bicycle was reported stolen from North Scotch Plains Avenue.

• A Newark man reported that he was assaulted by a fellow employee during a disagreement over food service at a Westfield club, according to police. No charges have been filed in connection with the incident, authorities said.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

• An unidentified woman was dis-

covered lying unconscious with an abrasion over one eye in an elevator at the north side train station, according to police.

She was transported by the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad and paramedics to Overlook Hospital in Summit. It was unknown whether the woman had been assaulted or was injured accidentally.

• A resident of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania reported that the passenger door keyhole on her vehicle was punched out while the vehicle was parked on Longfellow Avenue. Police reported that entry to the vehicle was not gained.

• Police reported that a picnic table was damaged at McKinley Elementary School on First Avenue.

• The owner of a firm on North Avenue, West, reported that someone damaged a sign belonging to his company in an attempt to remove it.

• A Fourth Avenue resident reported that his wallet was stolen from his jacket while the garment was stored on an overhead shelf aboard a NJ Transit bus.

• A Cranford resident told police that someone stole his cellular telephone while he was at Gumbert Park.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

• A Westfield resident reported that his vehicle was damaged while it was parked at the south side train station.

• Patricia Wysock, 31, of Westfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting at a North Avenue department store, and with possession of a hypodermic needle and a syringe, authorities said.

A further investigation revealed that Wysock was wanted on contempt of court warrants from Millburn and South Plainfield, according to police. She was being held in lieu of bail.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, MARCH 23

• Seven hundred block of Standish Avenue — odor investigation.

• One hundred block of Virginia Street — lock out.

• One hundred block of East Broad Street — gas odor investigation.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

• Five hundred block of Baker Avenue — system malfunction.

• Three hundred block of Clark Street — alarm activation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

• Two hundred block of Kimball Avenue — alarm activation.

• Five hundred block of Central Avenue — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• One hundred block of East Broad Street — smoke condition.

• Five hundred block of Hillcrest Avenue — lock out.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

• Eight hundred block of Grandview Avenue — water evacuation.

• Eleven hundred block of Ripley Avenue — lock out.

• Three hundred block of Woods End

Road — service call.

• Five hundred block of North Chestnut Street — wires down.

• Three hundred block of Harrison Avenue — automobile accident.

• Two hundred block of South Avenue, East — brush fire.

• One hundred block of Harrison Avenue — smoke odor investigation.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

• Central Avenue and South Avenue, East — automobile accident.

• One hundred block of Unami Drive — wires down.

• Eight hundred block of Fairacres Avenue — smoke scare.

• Three hundred block of East Broad Street — refuse fire.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

• Two hundred block of Elm Street — odor investigation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

• Three hundred block of Clark Street — assist police.

• Three hundred block of Benson Place — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Seven hundred block of Scotch Plains Avenue — structure fire.

Woman's Club Set to Sell Clubhouse's Adjoining Lots

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another bidding process.

The Woman's Club, known for its many contributions to the community, including the awarding of scholarships to graduating seniors at Westfield High School since 1949, has been sharply criticized by many community residents, who have indicated the selling process has been conducted and consummated too quickly.

One town resident, in a recent letter to *The Westfield Leader*, suggested that the Woman's Club should at least "designate the site as historic," since many worry that once the five-year, single-family limitations on the house expire, there is no guarantee the house won't be razed or altered.

"The whole theory on what they did was to give as many people a reasonable opportunity (as possible) to step up to the plate and buy the property," Mr. Kraus argued.

"They showed it for eight consecutive Thursdays. Stuff was sent out in the mail. So anybody and everybody had an opportunity to make a bid. But they didn't."

When asked if the club could have sold only the house and kept the two parcels, Mr. Kraus responded affirmatively, but said the club could not sell the parcels and keep only the house.

Could the organization keep title to the house and just lease it out?

"That is something they could do," Mr. Kraus replied. "I don't think they will; I don't think they want to go into the business of being a landlord. There comes a time in life when it's time to sell and move on."

"There is nothing that says they can't sell," the club's attorney added. "The Town of Westfield will benefit from the good things they will do with the money."

When asked if the organization will remain in Westfield, Mr. Kraus said, "yes."

Another resident has noted that one of the reasons he had selected Westfield in which to reside was because of structures such as the one the Woman's Club is selling; however, developing the two adjoining lots could have an adverse effect on property values.

"I think he's 100 percent wrong," Mr. Kraus replied. "I guarantee you that the property value of the surrounding properties will not be affected one iota. No way. The houses

that sell on these properties will sell for some staggering prices that will knock your socks off. So how is somebody's property value going to go down?"

The organization, largely through its attorney, has said its membership has been reduced by some 80 percent since the time it first took control of the house, and that many or all of its remaining members are retired.

"When I was growing up, my mother was a member in the club in the town where we lived," Mr. Kraus concluded. "It'll make a nice house for a family."

The group, the attorney repeated, will "definitely" remain in town, very likely "finding someplace else to meet, not necessarily to lease or buy."

Erratum

A story which appeared in the March 26 edition gave an incorrect date for a craft show sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association and the Student Leadership Conference.

The show will be held this Saturday, April 4, at the high school on Westfield Road, from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. We regret the error.

Westfield Students Receive Honors At University of Michigan

Six residents of Westfield were among some 5,732 University of Michigan students on the Ann Arbor campus who were recognized at the university's annual Honors Convocation on March 22.

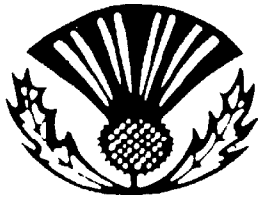
Karen Marie Ancharski, Scott David Gersch, Neal Sharma and Michael Jay Weisslitz are all enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts at the university.

Jesse David Blumberg is attending the School of Music and Jeffrey L. Williams is a student at the College of Engineering.

These students each received Class Honors, which recognizes an undergraduate academic record equal to at least half "A's" and half "B's" for two terms (one term for new students).

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FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE... Borough Council President Bruce H. Walsh, center, reads a resolution honoring the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad on its 50th year of service, as members of the squad look on. In background, pictured left to right, are: Captain Jeffrey Downing, President William Crosby, Ruth Wegmann, Sue Davis, Patti Kever and Robert Kruthers. Also present that evening, but not pictured, are squad volunteers Eric Breidenstein, Steve Siegal and John Granelli.

Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad Marks 50th Anniversary of Its Charter: 1948-1998

By RUSSELL R. WATKINS
Specially Written for The Times

Every day for 50 years the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad has stood ready to help its friends and neighbors in an emergency.

And although most of the faces have changed since the all-volunteer squad was founded in 1948, the squad's 36 active members still maintain the same level of commitment to their community.

On March 12, the Borough Council honored these dedicated public servants with three resolutions. The first recognized the entire squad for 50 years of dedicated service, while the second and third resolutions hon-

ored squad members Earl Phillips and Ruth Wegmann for their "outstanding dedication and commitment" to the squad and the community.

Council President Bruce H. Walsh praised members for their "professionalism and dedication."

The Fanwood Rescue Squad began operations in 1939 with a single LaSalle ambulance and operated out of the old Fire Hall as a part of the Fanwood Volunteer Fire Company. It was chartered as an independent volunteer force on January 29, 1948. In April of that same year, 30 charter members, including Earl Phillips, elected officers and adopted a Constitution.

John Yarnell was the first President and William Matthews was the first Captain. Then, as now, most of the male members of the squad also served as volunteer fireman.

Over the next 50 years the squad racked up an impressive record of service. It answered its first call for assistance on May 7, 1948, and its 100th in 1949.

In 1977 it relocated to its current 123 Watson Avenue address, which was built with the efforts of squad members. To date the volunteers have answered almost 18,450 calls, 500 alone in 1997. Squad member Susan Davis noted this record is "not bad for a one square mile town."

SUNRISE SEEKING TO BUILD ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY ON SITE

Township Continues Efforts To Obtain Former Zoo Land And Convert It Into a Park

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Despite the Scotch Plains Township Council's February offer to Warren developer Mitchell Berlant to purchase the former Scotch Plains Zoo property, "it was sold anyway," said Township Mayor Joan Papen.

The newest owners, Sunrise Assisted Living of Fairfax, Virginia, want to put a 76-unit senior citizen residence on the site at the corner of Terrill and Raritan Roads.

The township wants to create a park on the site, and preserve the "Frazee House" (c. 1720-1740),

which was designated a historic site by the township's Historic Review Commission. According to local history, the British army visited the house during the Revolutionary War.

The township took legal steps to acquire the property on March 24 by introducing an ordinance to condemn the property for public purposes. Council members also authorized the engineering firm of Killam Associates to conduct a Phase I environmental study of the site.

In seeking to acquire the former zoo property, township officials are acting on a recommendation made by the Ad Hoc Recreation Needs Study Committee chaired by Lucille Masciale.

The committee reported the township has 11 neighborhood parks totaling approximately 90 acres, well below the National Recreation and Parks standard of 10 acres per 1,000 residents. Based on this standard, Scotch Plains should have about 200 acres of park land for its population of 21,160, based on 1990 census figures.

In a letter to Mayor Papen and the council, Mrs. Masciale said, "If acquired by the township, it (the zoo property) could readily be adapted in the near term for walking and/or jogging trails as recommended by the Master Plan, and it is possible that in the future, consideration could be given to re-establishing a petting zoo for the education and enjoyment of children and adults alike."

For over 40 years, the property was the site of a recreational zoo facility.

Mrs. Papen said the zoo's longtime owners, the Terry's, were "very happy" to hear what the township is trying to do.

Sunrise has offered to give the township approximately two of the 5.87 acres to use as a park.

"The portion Sunrise wants to give us is in a flood area," said Mayor Papen. "It's the lowest portion of the lot."

If the township did not have its own plans for the property, what would the Mayor think of a senior citizen residence there?

"It's not a good location," she replied. "It's surrounded by roads, and there will be people in and out, lots of employees as well as visiting friends and relatives."

The committee backed up Mayor Papen's concerns about location. In her letter, Mrs. Masciale said, "The steep grades in a portion of the site, wetlands, floodplain, stream and pond all pose serious constraints to conventional development, but all may be preserved and protected if part of the township's park and open space system."

If its proposal is accepted, Sunrise officials said they would be willing to renovate the Frazee House, and help fund a petting zoo on the property it offered to donate to the township. The facility would also mean a new property tax rate for Scotch Plains.

Despite the fact that Sunrise al-

ready operates an assisted-living residence in Westfield, Vice President of Development Joe McElwee said the demand is high for such facilities.

"Northern New Jersey has one of the highest concentrations of elderly people and children of the elderly," he explained. "Within a five-mile radius of Scotch Plains, there are approximately 15,000 caregivers age 45 to 64 who have household

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Events on Tap For Earth Day In Fanwood

The Fanwood Clean Community Committee, headed by Public Works Director Raymond Manfra, is inviting the public to take part in the celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 18, and the annual community cleanup.

Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the south side train station and will be divided into groups, each of which will be assigned to clean up a specific area. The work should be completed before noon.

T-shirts, work gloves and trash bags will be furnished to all participants, according to committee member Peter Sayles. This program is made possible through funding from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Local merchants who have pledged to provide beverages and/or snacks include The Corner Store, Lenny's Bakery, A Taste of Touch, Rice Inn and Bagelmerica. "We're glad to be a part of the community and happy to support the volunteers' efforts," commented Eric Sinka of A Taste of Touch.

In accordance with the theme "Think Globally...Act Locally," all business owners will again be asked to pledge their cooperation in keeping their properties clean, said Mr. Sayles.

In the afternoon, members of the public are invited to continue celebrating Earth Day by taking a walk through the Fanwood Nature Center, which is marking its 25th anniversary this year.

The trail begins about 150 feet up the gravel driveway of the center, located on Cray Terrace.

Nature Center Groundskeeper and Environmental Commission Chairman Dean Talcott will be available between 2 and 3 p.m. to discuss any questions or suggestions regarding the center.

This project is being organized by the Fanwood Clean Community Committee in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, and is funded by the Clean Communities Grant which the borough obtained from the state.

Volunteers are asked to notify Mr. Manfra in advance by calling (908) 322-7404, but any walk-ins will be welcomed.

State Paying Tribute to Entertainer Paul Robeson

By CANDACE WALLER
Specially Written for The Times

Paul Robeson, social activist and renowned entertainer, spent part of his growing years from 1907-1910 in Westfield. His father, William Robeson, pastored St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on Osborne Street and constructed the church building.

The 100th birthday of Robeson, April 9, is being commemorated state-wide during the month of April with a special series of programs slated for the upcoming week in Westfield. Activities are planned for the remainder of the year.

"The state contacted us about doing something to honor Paul Robeson," said Donnell Carr, a former Westfield councilman who is serving as Co-Chairman of the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee, along with the Reverend Leon Randall, Minister of St. Luke Church.

"I think it's an accomplishment of our town to honor him. At one time he was the most well-known citizen

of the world. He paved the way for the civil rights movement," Mr. Carr stated.

In recognition of Paul Robeson's 100th birthday, the New Jersey Historical Society contacted towns in the state where he lived requesting that they do something to honor the man many regard as an American hero. Thus, the Paul Robeson Committee was formed.

"We feel very proud of the fact that William Robeson pastored St. Luke, and Paul attended Sunday school here," said St. Luke's present Pastor, Leon Randall. "Paul Robeson was able to accomplish so much during turbulent times."

Although many people in the over-50 age bracket have heard of Mr. Robeson, it is widely acknowledged that younger generations have less knowledge of him. St. Luke is planning a service for this Sunday, April 5, and a luncheon is scheduled next Thursday, April 9, the centennial date, with Robeson's granddaughter, Su-

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PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO PLAN PRESENTED TO BOARD

Proposal for Pre-School Relocation to Park School Continues to Generate Questions and Opposition

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Some questions were answered, but more remain about the proposed relocation of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Pre-School program into Park Middle School, following the March 26 meeting of the Board of Education.

While parents came to the meeting anticipating a vote on the pre-school issue, Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon made it clear from the start that it was still "too soon" to make a decision.

During the meeting, parents presented the board with a letter containing 296 signatures opposing the

relocation recommendation presented by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye and Director of Special Services Eleanor McClymont. A separate 300-signature petition protesting the move was delivered March 9.

Parents asked the board to "think long-term" when making their decision and reiterated their conviction that converting the board offices behind Evergreen Elementary School into classrooms is a better alternative.

Dr. Choye announced that cost projections to convert the office space would not be available until early May. Parents and certain board members have asked the administration to

substantiate a \$500,000 figure set forth as the cost to convert.

Under the modified relocation proposal, the Pre-School Handicapped (PSH) program, for example, would be divided between the Early Childhood Center (ECC) at Park and School One, rather than concentrated at Park.

A PSH class, with one morning and one afternoon session, would be placed next door to the current Title I program in School One. The program would also be expanded from five half-days to six.

In addition, a prior recommendation to shorten the five-day PSH program to four days was withdrawn.

Two handicapped accessible doors

with ramps would be created for pre-school students entering and leaving the center.

The classrooms designated as the ECC would each contain a sink, water faucet and toilet to alleviate the need for children to use hallway bathroom facilities. This would minimize unplanned interaction between pre-school and middle school children.

Planned interaction might include a service club of middle school youngsters meeting with the pre-school children to read, play games and tell stories.

Dr. Choye noted that she and Mrs. McClymont visited Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, which has successfully housed the district's pre-school handicapped program for 11 years.

As set forth in the original proposal, the Title I pre-school program would move from Brunner Elementary School into the ECC, freeing up space for Brunner to accept the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) class from Coles Elementary School. The administration hopes to add a second PDD class in September.

In considering alternatives to free up classroom space, the district has the option of eliminating the Title I program, which is not required by law, while maintaining the current size of the PDD and PSH classes. Elimination of Title I would save \$100,000 that could be applied to remedial or basic skills programs.

If the district elects not to add a PSH or PDD class, students in need of these programs would be placed out of district.

Within the district, a half-day PSH class for six children costs \$42,264. Out-of-district placement would cost \$214,938.

In addition, it costs \$101,190 to provide a PDD class for five children within the district. To educate these children out-of-district, the cost would be \$278,000, including transportation.

While Dr. Choye respectfully acknowledged the pre-school parents' "different perspective" in focusing on the needs of their own young children, she asked parents to remember that their pre-schoolers will soon be primary grade students who need a place in an elementary school.

"I'm concerned about all the children," she said.

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Fanwood Planning Board Requests Modifications To Proposed Café Law

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Planning Board met last Wednesday to discuss an ordinance that, if adopted by the Borough Council, will bring sidewalk cafés to the borough.

The ordinance is part of an effort to revitalize and attract business to the downtown area and is scheduled for a second reading and public hearing before the council at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 9.

The proposed ordinance would place some restrictions on any business wanting to implement an outdoor café. Chairs and tables will not

be permitted in front of doorways although they may be situated to the right or left of them.

Sidewalks must also have a minimum six-foot clearance for pedestrians. Because of this, the Planning Board agreed to ask that the cafés be called outdoor as opposed to sidewalk. This will enable restaurants to utilize the space in back of their property as well as the front.

Also, the board asked that the hours that restaurants can operate the cafés be changed to 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. In addition, the board felt that changing the application fee for restaurant owners from \$100 to \$50 was more "user friendly" for the borough.

Planning Board Chairman Gregory Cummings, noted that these changes were more "reasonable" for the Fanwood restaurants as well as patrons.

In other business, the board granted an application for a variance to John Antunucci of 59 Locust Avenue to install a 16- by 30-foot deck in his backyard. The variance had to be granted because the property did not have the additional 25 feet after the deck that is required by the borough.

Because John Sumislaski, of 203 Farley Avenue, did not give a full 10

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Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Times

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPRING AHEAD! Daylight Savings Time Begins 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 5





ARTISTS WIN AWARDS...Scotch Plains resident Charles Ayala, right, and Matt Holland of Cranford display the awards they won at the 19th Annual Juried Art Competition for high school students held at the du Cret School of Art in Plainfield. Charles won honorable mention and Matt won second place in the Computer Art category. The students are both enrolled in the Commercial Art program taught by Linda Dobransky at Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains.

Charles Ayala Wins Award In Juried Art Competition

Charles Ayala of Scotch Plains was among the winners at the 19th Annual Juried Art Competition for high school students held recently at the du Cret School of Art in Plainfield. Charles won honorable mention in the Computer Art category with his entry entitled "Well Full of Hell."

Frank Falotico, Director of the du Cret School of Art, presented the students with their awards.

Charles is enrolled in the Commercial Art program taught by Linda Dobransky at Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains.

Fanwood Planning Board Requests Café Law Changes

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days of notice when he served his neighbors with his proposal, his request for a deck in the back of his house could not be heard.

According to the board's attorney Robert T. Mega, the board has no jurisdiction over a notice that is not served a full 10 days prior to a public hearing. The date of the public hearing cannot be counted as the tenth day. Mr. Mega, also stated that Mr. Sumislaski must give another full 10 days notice to his neighbors as well as re-submit the notice to the newspapers to apply for a variance.

In other business, Marcia Ann Spector of 5 Crest Lane applied for a variance to put an addition on her front yard. The borough requires that a resident must have 35 feet after the addition and Ms. Spector has 32.8 feet.

According to Richard A. Marsden, Borough Engineer, the new structure will overhang the back of the existing dwelling by one foot; and will overhang the front of the house by two feet. This, Mr. Marsden explains, will create an additional 101 square feet of space that needs drainage.

Mr. Marsden states "although the percentage increase in impervious

cover is small, it will not improve an already aggravating stormwater runoff condition that exists along the back yards of the homes from 3 Crest Lane to 11 Crest Lane.

"It is my recommendation that all roof gutters and leaders be directed away from the back yards and into a front yard seepage pit that will have an overflow drain through the curb and into the gutter of the road," the engineer explained.

Speaking about the concern over the additional impervious coverage, Joe Rosco, of 3 Crest Lane, concluded that he didn't have a problem with the addition to his next door neighbor's house as long as Mr. Marsden's stipulations were adhered to.

The board approved the variance with the addition of Mr. Marsden's recommendations.

In other business, the board reviewed the final site plan that was approved in February to the LaGrand Square Partnership. This development will consist of a four-duplex unit on slightly less than three quarters of an acre of land at the corner of LaGrand Avenue and Third Street.

Fanwood Rescue Squad Marks 50th Anniversary of Charter

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not volunteer their time with the squad.

Many, she said, are "put off by the requirements" particularly the 120 hours of specialized training which must be attended in person. However, Ms. Davis noted that the training is not impossible, and can be worked into one's schedule. In fact, she also noted that a typical Rescue Squad member already volunteers their time to another organization.

These commitments can have their rewards. During her 35 years with the squad Ms. Wegmann, affectionately known as the "First Lady" of the Fanwood Rescue Squad, has answered over 2,160 calls, attended 314 meetings and 123 training drills. She has given over 4,600 hours of service to the Fanwood community.

Ms. Wegmann proudly recalls receiving the governors award in 1971 for her efforts in saving a baby who had been thrown from the car in an accident at Terrill Road and Midway Avenue. Although the mother was killed, thanks to Ms. Wegmann and two other squad members' efforts, the baby's life was saved.

Ms. Wegmann commented that such incidents give one an appreciation of life. She recalls that once after she had responded to a call in which a child was hit and killed, she later came across a woman bitterly complaining about her son. With the accident, still fresh in her mind, Ms. Wegmann recalls being so angry that "what I said wasn't even coherent."

Such dramatic incidents are not everyday fare for the members of the Rescue Squad. The organization responds to anyone who calls with a 911 emergency. Ms. Davis estimates that 80 percent of these calls concern medical emergencies such as heart attacks and diabetes attacks.

Members are authorized to give basic life support assistance, and in some cases advanced life support for trauma victims. When not on a call, members perform various tasks.

According to Ms. Davis the squad does not "farm out" any of their maintenance or administrative duties. They wash their own rigs and stuff their own envelopes for their annual fundraiser, which is held every May. No tax dollars go to support the squad. Ms. Davis noted with pride that every time the squad responds to a call it costs only \$70, compared with an average of \$400 a call for communities with a paid Rescue Squad.

For the most part, squad members are pleased with their place in the community. Ms. Wegmann has noticed that, "Fanwood is very concerned about its Rescue Squad."

She also noted some members of the community have, upon the death of a family member, donated money to the Rescue Squad in lieu of flow-

ers. Such donations have allowed the squad to buy several pieces of new equipment in recent years.

Ms. Davis likewise praises the "nice working relationship" the squad has with the borough's police and fire departments.

Also honored at Thursday's ceremony was Mr. Phillips, a lifelong Fanwood resident, former Fanwood police officer, and, of course, a founding member of the Rescue Squad.

During his 50 years with the Rescue Squad, Earl has answered 1,050 calls, attended 280 meetings, and 106 training drills. He has given an estimated 2,400 hours of service to the community. Currently the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, as well as the squad's regular driver, Earl received the honor of "Badge 1" and was recognized as an "extremely loyal and dedicated member."

Because the squad's badge numbers are based on seniority, Earl's "Badge 1" gives him a place of honor on the squad and serves as a visible reminder of all he has shown to the squad, and that the squad has shown to the community.

Like most of the squad, Earl is quiet and unassuming. Ms. Davis described the Rescue Squad as providing a service similar to insurance.

"You don't think about it until you need it," she said.

Council Effort Continues To Buy Zoo

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incomes of \$75,000 plus."

He said Sunrise profiles above average income areas with above average housing values.

"Scotch Plains is off the charts," added Mr. McElwee. "It's a good, good town." Rates at Westfield's Sunrise facility start at \$59 per day for a semi-private room and go up to \$150 per day for a suite. Residents receive three meals a day, linen service, housekeeping, transportation, and all utilities. They also receive assistance with personal care such as bathing and grooming.

Staff members can also monitor administration of medication according to state standards.

"We offer a residential product that's perfect for that particular site," said Mr. McElwee. "The golf course view, the pond view along a heavily-traveled road. It's a good transition use and of great benefit to the town."

Mayor Papen commended the efforts of the Recreation Needs Study Committee.

"We've got an awful lot of legitimate reasons why we need this space in our town," she said.

State Paying Tribute to Entertainer Paul Robeson

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san, on the agenda to educate others about him.

Paul Robeson was born in Princeton on April 9, 1898, the youngest of five children. His father, William, escaped slavery by running away at age 15. William Robeson used his ministry as a platform to advocate racial equality. He instilled that belief in his children.

Before Paul Robeson moved to Westfield, his mother, Maria Louisa, had died in a burning accident. The then-youthful Paul played baseball with older athletes because of his athletic promise. His first experience in an integrated school system came while living in Westfield. According to Paul Robeson Committee member Ernest Powell, Robeson attended Lincoln (now defunct) and Washington Elementary Schools.

"He was an outstanding black man of that time," said Ms. Powell. "He was an advocate of equality, a noted singer and actor. He was among the first blacks to make movies and talkies (movies with sound)."

Academics was something stressed in the Robeson home. He received a scholarship to Rutgers, becoming only the third African-American to attend the school. He graduated as class valedictorian of 1919 and was inducted in the Phi Kappa Key (an academic society). While there he received three varsity letters in football, baseball and track.

Continuing his studies at Columbia University, he graduated with a law degree. He also met his future wife, Eslanda Goode, who was studying to be a chemist while at Columbia. Paul Robeson could have lived off the material comforts that his education afforded him, but instead he spoke out about injustice.

During his life, Mr. Robeson, the son of an ex-slave, knew the feelings of extreme racial discrimination first hand, since racial intolerance was more prevalent throughout the United States, historians agree. Mr. Robeson became an actor appearing in *Emperor Jones*, *All God Chillun Got Wings*, among others. He used his visibility to dispel myths at the time that hinted African-Americans were mentally incompetent.

His baritone voice, commanding appearance and dignified presence contradicted racial stereotypes,

which at the time indicated that African-Americans were inferior to other groups, as many who have studied him agree.

Usually rejecting demeaning roles, Mr. Robeson, historians and admirers agree, managed to emerge as a vibrant, commanding theatrical presence. Yet, he had to use the service entrance while performing.

His unforgettable portrayal of Shakespeare's Othello on Broadway won him further acclaim and broke some attendance records. Mr. Robeson's ideals seemed a precursor for the civil rights movement later led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In his later travels throughout Europe and Asia, Mr. Robeson found he was treated better than he was at home. He spoke 20 languages, and was treated with respect, those closest to him noticed.

This newfound feeling strengthened his resolve that racial inequality was wrong.

"My father was a slave and my people died to build this country, and I am going to stay and have a piece of it just like you," Mr. Robeson once said. "And no fascist-minded people are going to drive me away from it, is that clear?"

When the McCarthy era of the early 1950s ruined or crippled countless young lives, Mr. Robeson found himself labeled a communist, even though he was never known to have joined the party. His passport and those of his wife, Eslanda, and son, Paul, Jr., were denied. Mr. Robeson, like many others, became ostracized.

"Paul Robeson was a renaissance man," Carol La Pierre, a member of the honoring committee said. "He wasn't able to use that talent in this country (because of racial discrimination)."

Upon returning to the United States, Paul lived with his sister, Marian, in Philadelphia, Pa., where he died on January 23, 1976.

Westfield will temporarily rename the Osborne Street in memory of Mr. Robeson, the man known for his battle to overcome injustices, with dignity. Many of the ideals now taken for granted were not available to Mr. Robeson during his lifetime.

But as many now agree, because of his great strides, more Americans became able to enjoy social, economic and political freedoms.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, MARCH 23

• A resident of Spruce Mill Lane reported the theft of a purse from the residence, sometime around noon, police said. The victim reported that the house was left unattended for a short period of time.

• A realtor reported that some time during the weekend, someone had put a garden hose in the mailslot of an Arrowwood Drive home, causing extensive water damage.

• A resident of Short Hill Lane reported that someone had smashed out a vehicle window and had taken a wallet. The theft occurred during the night, police believe.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

• Shunnell M. Reid, 22, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with giving false

information to an officer pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Route No. 22.

• William F. Rosado, 18, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with resisting arrest by fleeing from an automobile pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Route No. 22.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

• A resident of Morse Avenue reported the theft of an 18-speed mountain bike from the residence during the evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

• A resident of Bartle Avenue reported that some time during the early morning hours, someone had broken the door handle to his vehicle.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

• An East Second Street antique dealer reported the theft of a model car some time over the previous two days.

• A patron of an amusement facility on Route No. 22 reported that someone had broken into her vehicle and removed a pop-up radio and several personal items.

• A resident of Willow Avenue reported finding pry marks on a window and a ladder propped alongside of it.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

• Janet S. Frieri, 26, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with shoplifting at a convenience store on Westfield Avenue.

• Miguel Ramirez, 54, of North Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected cocaine pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Route No. 22.

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Questions Remain Regarding Move of Pre-School Program

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Parents again asked "what benefit" is derived from opening up space at Brunner when the space problem is most urgent at Coles. Coles would gain one classroom (in addition to the two modular classrooms being installed) if the PDD class is relocated.

Mr. Russo and fellow board member Albert J. Syvertsen agreed that an elementary school setting is the better place for a pre-school program.

"This recommendation has changed repeatedly in accordance with parents' concerns," said Board Vice President Jessica D. Simpson. "Every legitimate concern has been addressed, and the suggestion that it puts kids at risk is bogus."

"Finding space on the north side," said board member Richard H. Meade, "doesn't address the space issue on the south side. Since more children attend school on the south side than we have space for, we either build, or do some significant redistricting."

"The modified relocation plan is an improvement, not a long-term solution," he added. "I suggest we tread water for a year, and look at significant redistricting for a year from September."

He also favored putting art and music classes on carts to free up needed space.

"Don't kid yourself," responded board member Morris H. Gillet to parents' applause at Mr. Meade's classes-on-carts' suggestion. He emphasized the disservice done to children when music and art are not considered an important part of their education.

A prepared statement from board member Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. also met with applause from the audience.

He began, "I am not making this statement lightly nor is it my intent to compromise the effectiveness of this Board of Education or Administration..."

"I cannot support this proposal," he continued, "because I have a distinct lack of confidence in the administration's ability to manage the environment into which these children, our district's most fragile and vulnerable, will be placed. ...In the last four years, two years prior to my being elected and the last 23 months that I have served on this board, I have had many occasions to examine the management practices of this administration and Board of Education."

"...I have not spoken to, or heard from, one member of the public or staff, outside of administrators, who feel this is the right or best thing to do for our children. I have heard from staff members who have children in the district who feel very strongly against this proposal, but will not come forward because they are concerned about their jobs."

"...I am not satisfied that the other options available to the district have been honestly and diligently researched. The prime example of this is moving the Administrative offices out of their current location....," he stated.

Board member August Ruggiero criticized Mr. Saridaki for not doing the superintendent the courtesy of forewarning her of his intent to deliver such a statement.

While Mr. Russo spoke of his "confidence in the administration and the

diligence put in this (pre-school) proposal and other work" during his brief tenure on the board, he called for "real figures" regarding the creation of classrooms out of the board offices.

"I want to make sure we have complete information," he said, "so the proposal I support will be closest to the best possible situation for all students."

Discussion on the pre-school relocation proposal will resume April 7 at the board's agenda meeting.

In other business, the board authorized changes to the district's standardized testing program. The Stanford Achievement Test will replace the Iowa Test of Basic Skills as the district's standardized test for grades 3, 5, 6 and 7 beginning in the 1998-1999 school year.

The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test will replace the CogAT as the district ability test for grades 2 and 5, beginning in 1998-1999.

To avoid double testing periods, the board eliminated a national standardized test in grade 4 as the state-mandated Elementary School Proficiency Assessment will be introduced this spring. Mr. Russo, Mr. Saridaki and Mr. Syvertsen opposed the motion.

The board also approved the administration of the Grade 2 district's developed test instrument beginning this spring, despite opposing votes from Mr. Russo and Mr. Saridaki and Mr. Syvertsen.

Mr. Saridaki sided with parent Victoria Manduca of Fanwood who called the district-developed test a "meaningless base for parental information." Mrs. Manduca was part of the district testing committee that developed the local test for first and second graders.

In response to criticism that standards set by the district-developed test were not high enough, Mr. Ruggiero said, "We can only make adjustments to higher standards once we have experience with the test. It's not perfect, but I can support it. We should look at it on a year-to-year basis."

Board members also approved the following grant applications: to Miles Hodson Vernon Foundation for \$40,000 from fourth grade teacher Eloise Schundler to establish a technology-enhanced or prototype classroom; and to the Christie McAuliffe Foundation for \$40,000 from seventh grade teacher Joyce Snyder to help students integrate mathematics and personal finances in a mock program entitled "Purchase An Automobile."

The board also recognized the following retirements: Linda Buonpane, 23 years, classroom aide, Park and McGinn Schools; Irene Clarke, 23 years, lunch/general aide, Terrill; Vito Cupoli, 37 years, teaching staff, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS); Peter Hoskey, 31 years, teaching staff, the former Shackamaxon Elementary School and SPFHS; and Lillian Brenda Jackson, 23 years, teaching staff at McGinn, Coles, Terrill and Shackamaxon Schools.

Also recognized were: Roberta Kieffer, 28 years, teaching staff, Evergreen; Elaine Kolker, 30 years, Brunner School; and Anna Osborne, 12 years, bookkeeper, Business Department.

ATTENTION Scotch Plains & Fanwood Residents

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Democratic Slate Set For Freeholder Board

The Union County Democratic Organization unanimously named Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich and three incumbent Freeholders, Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, Lewis Mingo, Jr. and Mary P. Ruotolo as its county ticket in the 1998 elections, it was announced this week by Charlotte DeFilippo, Union County Democratic Chairwoman.

"This is the team that will continue strong leadership for the people of Union County," said Ms. DeFilippo. "I was very pleased to see the overwhelming support our candidates received from the 21 Democratic Municipal Chairmen. We are proud that our Democratic Party can offer the residents of Union County candidates of this caliber. Each of these individuals are bright, intelligent, hard working and have a clear vision for Union County's future."

The Democratic Party also endorsed Maryanne S. Connolly, the Mayor of Fanwood, who was selected to run against Bob Franks for the Seventh District Congressional seat.

Sheriff Froehlich, an Elizabeth resident, has served as Union County Sheriff since 1978. He has been a law enforcement professional for nearly 40 years. Prior to his election as Sheriff, he served 19 years in the Elizabeth Police Department, attaining the rank of Lieutenant.

"I feel fortunate to be running for reelection with this team. I have good working relationships with Dan Sullivan as Freeholder Chairman and I have been very impressed by the hard work Freeholders Mingo and Ruotolo have done during their time on the board."

Freeholder Sullivan, a life-long Elizabeth resident, has been a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders since 1993. He is a Data Processing Manager at AT&T. A former member of the Elizabeth Board of Education, he has served as President and Vice President and as Finance Committee Chairman of the board.

As Chairman, he has initiated the county's Access 2000 program, which is working to bring computers to every classroom in Union County by the end of the year 2000. Crime prevention, open space development and a renewed dedication to the arts in Union County are among his 1998 priorities.

"Our Freeholder slate brings deep

community involvement, strong qualifications and great talent to County Government," said Ms. DeFilippo. "Union County voters can see that they are building a stronger economy in Union County, assisting our schools and municipalities and providing first-class services to all residents of Union County."

"As Chairman, I am directing the Board of Freeholders to focus on investing in better education, opportunities and leadership in the 21st century," said Freeholder Chairman Sullivan. "I am eager to bring Union County's story of growth, stability and fiscal responsibility to voters."

Freeholder Mingo, a Plainfield resident, is a retired NYNEX executive named to the Freeholder board this year. Freeholder Mingo served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and has been involved in Plainfield civic activities for many years, particularly in the area of youth services and recreation.

He is a founding member of the Plainfield Area Youth Development Tennis Association and has been active in the organization for more than 16 years. He also served on Plainfield's Planning Board and Economic Development Council.

"It is a great honor to serve the people of Union County, and I plan to do all I can to respond to the needs and concerns of the county residents," said Freeholder Mingo. "During the coming year, I intend to focus on improving services and facilities for the county's youth and senior citizens."

Freeholder Ruotolo, who lives in Westfield, also was named to the Freeholder board early this year. A strong advocate for education, she has served as an Executive Board member of the Westfield Parent-Teacher Organization, and was active in fundraising and publicity for school activities. She is also very active in scouting.

Her late husband, Andrew K. Ruotolo, Jr., served as Union County Prosecutor from 1991 until his death in 1995 at the age of 42.

"I am proud to be part of a team which is working to improve educational opportunities, bring more and better jobs to Union County and improve our quality of life," said Freeholder Ruotolo. "As Freeholders, we are working hard to promote the energy, talent and possibilities of Union County."



TAKING THE OATH... Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla of Westfield, center, holds the bible, while June S. Fischer of Scotch Plains, left, takes the oath of office for her latest term on the county's election board. The oath of office for Ms. Fischer was administered by Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi of Union, right. Ms. Fischer has served on the board since she was named to fill the unexpired term of the late Catherine Lehr as an Election Board Commissioner in July, 1987. After the term was completed, she served her own term as Election Board Commissioner as well as Commissioner of Registration/Secretary of the board. Additionally, she served as Chairwoman of the board for four years and has recently begun her fifth time in that capacity.

Breast Cancer Awareness Highlighted by WHS March

More than 300 students and staff members from Westfield High School, along with members of the community, participated March 26 in a march for breast cancer awareness.

Sponsored by the Women's Studies Group at WHS as part of the celebration of Women's History Month, the "March for Life" was organized to honor those women and men who have fought or are still battling breast cancer.

With the support of many local businesses and the Westfield Police Department, which provided safety and traffic assistance, the march departed from WHS and proceeded along Summit Avenue, through the downtown along Broad Street, and across Mindowaskin Park before looping back to the high school.

During the pre-march registration, English teacher and football coach Ronald Barner played the bagpipes while students sold commemorative T-shirts with the logo for the march, and accepted donations for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

High school librarian Julie Walsh, who organized the march and co-advises Women's Studies along with English Department Chairwoman Paula Roy, thanked everyone who made the event "an overwhelming success" by helping to raise almost \$1,600 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

"The march reflected the generosity of spirit that is typical of our students and of what we see daily at Westfield High School," stated Principal Robert G. Petix.



WALK FOR LIFE... A multitude of Westfield High School students and teachers along with many concerned citizens march across North Avenue and Broad Street en route to Mindowaskin Park in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness. The March began at the high school and had a special appearance of high school teacher Ron Barner, in traditional garb, playing the bag pipes.

GOP Picks Candidates For County Positions

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

Members of the Republican Committee of Union County gathered this past Saturday morning, March 28, to begin the process of trying to gain back the party's representation on the currently all-Democratic Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

When the votes were tallied after the three-hour convention, George B. Gore from Plainfield, Juan "John" C. Fernandez of New Providence and Andy MacDonald of Fanwood stood victorious.

They were chosen from among four candidates for the Freeholder slate. Albert D. Dill, Jr., a Summit councilman described by Republican Committee Chairman Frank X. McDermott as a "very promising candidate," was not selected this year by the party.

The seats of Mary Ruotolo of Westfield, Lewis Mingo of Plainfield and board Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan of Elizabeth expire this year. All have been backed by the Union County Democratic Committee, along with seven-term incumbent Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich.

Union County Sheriff's Lieutenant Esther Guzman-Malcolm was selected to run against Sheriff Froehlich on the Republican ticket.

Mrs. Ruotolo, the widow of the late Union County Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo, replaced former Freeholder Carol I. Cohen of Westfield in January upon her resignation to become County Counsel.

Freeholder Mingo took the seat of Walter D. McNeil, who resigned in December to become City Administrator in Plainfield.

The past few years the Democratic slate endorsed by its county committee has withheld challenges from candidate slates from Elizabeth and Union in the June primary.

The Republicans have not won a Freeholder race since 1994. During the course of the past three elections, Republicans lost all five seats they had held on the board.

With the exception of Mr. MacDonald, a former councilman in Fanwood, this year's Republican Freeholder ticket has no previous elective experience. Mr. MacDonald said he is running for a number of reasons, among them being an attempt to gain a two-party representation on the board in 1999.

He also said he wants "to look out for the interest of the taxpayer."

"That is extremely important; after all, it is the hard work of the taxpayers that make the functions of government possible," Mr. MacDonald explained.

Noting the diversity of the county, he said the government must be able

to deal with urban issues impacting cities like the county seat of Elizabeth, while also addressing suburban concerns in communities such as Scotch Plains and Summit.

"What holds everything together is taxes," Mr. MacDonald said. "I think our taxes are entirely too high." While not making a promise to significantly cut taxes, he did pledge that he would "do everything I can to see to it that taxpayers will be having a lessening burden than is currently the case."

Mr. MacDonald has been employed for 25 years in the computer industry, and is currently working as an area Sales Manager for Computer City in Springfield.

Mr. Gore, a Business Manager at AT&T and a former Chairman of the Union County Improvement Authority, said he believes that "there is a need to come up with a different direction in terms of how the Freeholders have responded economically to the cities."

He said the county needs to do more to help cities like Plainfield and "turn them to a more solid commercial economic base."

"They (the county) take a lot of tax money, but I don't (think) a lot of services come back to the community," he said. "To me it's a question of taxes and revenue sharing."

He also cited a need for more "clean" industry and environmental-problem free businesses, plus improvement for the county's roads and infrastructure.

Mr. Fernandez, who serves with a legal counsel firm for the Union County Improvement Authority, said there is "no checks" on the actions taken by the current board, since it represents only one party.

"My concern is that we have to be bringing government back to the people, and that promises be kept in the campaign," he said.

Mr. Fernandez asserted that Democrats broke a promise last year to voters that (all of) the Freeholders would stay on the board, referring to the resignations of Ms. Cohen and Mr. McNeil.

An attorney in Roseland, the 34-year-old candidate was born in Elizabeth and served as Assistant County Counsel for Union County from 1994 to 1997 under former County Counsel and Freeholder James F. Keefe.

The candidate said the Republican slate is going "to focus in on each and every municipality — not giving one away," and noted that he feels the GOP's chances of regaining seats on the board are "excellent."

Mr. Gore also emphasized the need for Republicans "to work hard" at the community level to get the GOP fall ticket's message out to the voters.

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Westfield Curriculum Changes Focusing Intermediate Math

Last week, the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, a comprehensive international study of education, placed United States 12th graders among the lowest of the 21 developed countries who took part in the study.

The study showed great weakness nationwide in math beginning in the intermediate grades. The United States Department of Education has recommended steps that local schools should take to remedy these weaknesses, such as raising standards, ensuring that more students study algebra by the eighth grade and geometry by ninth grade, improving teacher training, and encouraging more high school students to take demanding math and science courses such as physics and calculus, said Ginger Hardwick, Chairwoman of the Westfield Board of Education's Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Committee, and a candidate for re-election.

Westfield public schools began to move in this direction long before the study was released, she said. Last year, the Board of Education approved broad changes to the intermediate school math curriculum. Under the new curriculum, pre-algebra skills receive far more emphasis in the sixth grade. In the past, most students waited until ninth grade to begin study of algebra, with honors students beginning in eighth grade.

Under the revised curriculum, almost all of our students are taking algebra as a two-year course during the seventh and eighth grade. Completing Algebra by eighth grade will give these students the option to take more advanced mathematics in the high school.

The changes to the math curriculum are just one example of the ongoing effort to identify ways that our curricula can be improved, Ms. Hardwick said, noting that *The New York Times* on March 19 carried a front-page story about a report from the National Research Council about the teaching of reading.

That report suggests that rather than argue about the merits of phon-

ics and whole language, reading is best taught by melding the strengths of each approach.

"As Chairman of the board's Curriculum Committee, I was very pleased to see this report, because the board is at this moment reviewing proposed changes to the elementary language arts curriculum, which will combine teaching of phonics with a literature-based curriculum.

"With board approval, the new reading curriculum will be in place next year," Hardwick added.

The achievement of Westfield students reflects the district's emphasis on improving curriculum and raising standards — not to mention the hard work of students, teachers and parents in meeting those standards, Hardwick said.

"Roosevelt School's scores on the Early Warning Test were the highest in the county last year, and Edison's scores showed the largest improvement in the county," the curriculum chairwoman said.

"Our SATs continue to rise, and our students are accepted into the most competitive colleges. These impressive results do not happen by accident. The Board of Education has been able to move forward with teacher training, investment in technology and more challenging textbooks, and limiting class size in the face of increasing enrollment because the voters of Westfield have supported our budgets for the past three years," said Ms. Hardwick.

"The administration and board have worked hard to present a lean budget that allows us to continue to seek improvement in the already-excellent Westfield schools. We take these decisions very seriously, knowing that the education we provide today will affect the opportunities of Westfield students for years to come, and that high quality schools are an essential part of every resident's property value," she explained.

Residents are invited to call Ms. Hardwick at (908) 232-1229 or any other board member if they have questions about the budget.

Darielle Walsh Puts Support Behind Town School Budget

Endorsing the proposed 1998-1999 school budget, Darielle Walsh, Vice President of the Westfield Board of Education and an incumbent candidate in the Tuesday, April 21, annual school election, said that the proposed school budget "focuses on our most important asset — our children — and also strikes a balance between fiscal constraint and educational excellence."

The \$52,016,848 budget represents a decrease in per pupil spending despite a projected increase of more than 2 percent in enrollment. Stressing that expenditures in the \$52 million budget impact students at every level — elementary, intermediate and high school, Mrs. Walsh said, "The budget maintains the excellence expected by the community and includes some improvements and enhancements in a fiscally responsible manner."

Mrs. Walsh, in her sixth year of board service, pointed out that the cost to local property taxpayers is an increase of 2.3 percent and the school tax increase is 2.4 percent, or just under six cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

"This is the fourth consecutive year that the tax increase to support the school budget will be less than the rate of inflation," she stated.

Mrs. Walsh noted that local property taxes provide the most support for the school budget in Westfield where only 5.8 percent comes from state aid.

"I recognize and applaud the efforts of the board to control spending in the face of fiscal challenges: maintaining and improving both academic and enrichment programs in a time of decreasing funding and increasing state mandates," said Mrs. Walsh.

"Despite increases in enrollment, a substantial commitment to technology, and the need to provide capital improvements and maintenance for aging facilities, the school budget increase has been kept to 2.3 percent," she said. "Every item in the budget was subject to close scrutiny for efficiency and effectiveness."

The budget includes \$546,137 for technology, and \$1,682,318 for necessary maintenance and capital improvements. Much of the capital work in the nine schools is directed at supporting the district technology initiatives.

"I would like to publicly express my appreciation to the Finance Committee for its work in developing the budget," Mrs. Walsh stated. "I believe that the administration and Board of Education listened carefully to the concerns of the citizens of Westfield and responded with a reasonable school budget."

"I strongly urge every citizen to learn about the proposed school budget by attending board meetings, and by voting to support the school budget in the annual school election on April 21," the candidate concluded.

Caregivers' Group To Meet on April 6

A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

The group's next meeting will be held this Monday, April 6.

These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

Mrs. McAllister Stresses Community Involvement In Her Bid for SP-F Board

Jean McAllister, a Scotch Plains resident of five years, is embarking on her second campaign for a seat on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

"My reasons for running this year are largely unchanged from last year," explained Mrs. McAllister. "I need to know first hand that the education every child receives is the best he or she can get for the dollars we're spending. This encompasses a broad spectrum of programs and services; and I have dedicated the last year to learning all I can about the district's operations."

In addition to attending nearly every Board of Education meeting, including every special meeting on the Budget, Mrs. McAllister is a member of one of the school district's Cyclical Review Committees.

Enhanced communication between the board and the community continues to be an important goal for the candidate.

"Input from parents, taxpayers and students is extremely important, especially when the board is contemplating a major change in programs, curriculum or facilities," she explained.

"Everyone benefits from broader discussion with the community, as long as it is timed in such a way that it can impact critical decisions," the candidate explained.

Mrs. McAllister discussed her professional career in investments and

banking, noting their direct benefit to the mix of talents on the board.

"I know that my work with general finance and investments, specifically cash management, can be an enormous asset to the board," she stated. In conclusion, Mrs. McAllister noted her "unique perspective" as the only mother of two pre-school-aged children running in this election.

"Before the end of this next term, there will be no parent of pre-school or elementary school-aged children. To me, that creates a significant gap in parental oversight on the board. I want to be the board member who insures that the preschool and elementary levels are getting their fair share of attention," the candidate said in her weekly campaign press release.

SP-F School Budget Hot Line Established

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has set up a telephone hot line for any local resident who has questions about the proposed 1998-1999 school budget or the Tuesday, April 21, school election.

The Budget Information Hot Line number is (908) 889-9665. Any comments and questions that are recorded will be answered promptly.

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Why is Town Woman's Club Conducting Business Like So Many Other Players of '90s?

Regardless of the position any of us take on the issue, the Woman's Club of Westfield's decision to sell its "home" at 318 South Euclid Avenue is a sign of the times. We don't mean that the time is right to sell at the highest profit.

We mean that today's society seems to defer to the seduction of profit above the values and grace of our forefathers. Society seems to accept the cloak of legal posturing to ordain what is right or wrong. Society seems resigned or distracted. Is society now weakened?

The 1990s, unlike the 1950s, seems far removed from that which some of us remember. It's not that in 1956, for example, that gasoline was less than 30 cents per gallon. Remember, the median family income was only \$4,783. In the 1950s, father went to work and mother usually stayed at home and raised the family.

If mother had extra time, she joined an organization like, say, the Woman's Club. She put her talents and determination to work for the public good. Her clubs accomplished quite a bit across the country, and certainly here in Westfield. They fostered growth in libraries, education, first aid and rescue squads, to name just a few examples.

Now, in an era when \$25,000 a year isn't enough to procure a mortgage on a home, both spouses usually work. Correspondingly, memberships in women's clubs have fallen significantly. And so, the Woman's Club of Westfield must sell its home dating back to 1955. The club says it simply cannot afford to hold onto the property. None of us like to see this, but we understand their plight. No one can dispute that these difficulties aren't becoming more commonplace in today's changing times.

We can't understand why this situation has just recently been made known. Nor, why matters are presented as being too late to do anything about it other than to sell the house and subdivide the property. Why is it that a well-respected organization such as the Woman's Club, which has

enjoyed tax-exempt status all these years and has done so much for the community, now seems to be conducting business like too many players of the 1990s? Is this what the members really want to do? Who's advising them, and who's calling the shots?

This swift action for sale of the property has left little time for other community organizations to present alternatives. Presumably, alternatives more in line with the heritage of the club home could be found. This past Thursday, the Women's Club received two separate bids by developers to construct houses at the subdivided lots (now 310 South Euclid and 435 Tremont Avenue). Construction could begin by June or July, the Woman's Club attorney said.

Municipal Land Use Law in New Jersey is complex - maybe too complex. We don't disagree with the Woman's Club's right to sell property. Nor does anyone feel that the club is acting outside of the framework of the law. But from a virtuous standpoint, we feel the Woman's Club of Westfield has allowed itself to be compromised just a bit. Sure, it's the way of competing in the 1990s for optimum material gain. But, the gift of the club to society from the past goes far beyond material matters. They nurtured society through promoting the importance of values. But, what are we learning now?

Sure, we enjoy many things in the 1990s that we didn't have in the 1950s. Polio is defeated and our children aren't hiding under school desks in response to nuclear attack air raid drills. We live longer and have seen the dark side of the moon. But, all that was made possible by society's unrelenting spirit and beliefs. We withstood the attacks from outside; but, we can't withstand the attacks from within.

Yes, the property will be developed after much discussion and outpour. We'll get used to it. But, where will the next attack come from? We're sure it will be perfectly legal and within the rights of the entity. Are you prepared?

Letters to the Editor

Town Parent-Teacher Task Force Offers Support for School Budget

We encourage citizens of Westfield to vote in favor of the 1998-99 School Budget on Tuesday, April 21. This budget presents both prudent fiscal and educational policy for our schools.

It would decrease per pupil spending and per pupil administrative costs for the third consecutive year and transportation costs, while at the same time increasing teacher training and employee benefits contributions.

While these advancements are being made, we continue to see that the quality of education is the first priority. Our students' achievements, as measured in part by the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), Early Warning Test and other test scores, has risen.

This budget would put more dollars into the classrooms where they are needed. It would add necessary teaching and support positions, result in new computers in grades five through eight for math skills, effect completion of cable installation at Westfield High School to facilitate networking, result in new textbooks in specific subjects at all levels and implement a new reading

program at the elementary schools.

The proposed budget would also guard our facilities from deterioration, ensure safety and move our technology plan forward.

We continue to experience a growth in enrollment, yet the proposed budget is lean. Its 2.3 percent increase matches anticipated enrollment growth. We therefore urge residents to vote in favor of the proposed 1998-1999 Westfield School Budget.

Look for your sample ballot for your voting location. If you have any questions regarding the proposed budget or your voting location, please call the Westfield Board of Education at (908) 789-4402.

Christine Foley, Carrie Mumford
 Co-Chairwomen, Westfield Parent-Teacher Council Budget Task Force

Development of Rahway Road Land Creates 'Cut-Through' on Side Streets

I want to caution residents about harmless looking Legal Notices that appear in this paper and other newspapers. These notices, if gone unnoticed and unchallenged, may set into motion significant changes to our community that could alter its safety and serenity.

Like most residents, I have not memorized my block number or my lot number, nor would I think that a major subdivision innocently named "Hidden Acres" would be a threat to the health and well-being of my family and neighbors. Unfortunately, town Planning Boards feel it is sufficient to do only what is legally required of them.

Since not all of us read these Legal Notices, allow me to offer an interpretive statement of the Legal Notice referencing the subdivision application known as Hidden Acres, 1711 Rahway Road, Block 14401, Lot 17.

Development of this subdivision, as planned some 25 years ago, will enable

Time Has Come to Put Referendum Before Voters on Parking Deck

I am writing to enlist your support and that of your readers for an idea I recently brought before the Mayor and Town Council of Westfield. I believe the time has come to put a referendum before the people on whether or not to build a parking deck in our downtown.

I have recommended that the Mayor and Council work with the public and downtown interests to draft a referendum for this November's general election.

Westfield has debated the issue to build or not build a parking deck for the last 40 years. We have had numerous studies to research and render an opinion on a parking deck. Some have been done by volunteers, and some have been paid for by tax dollars. Our town has spent \$21,500 dollars on a study and yet we still have not reached a decision.

In 1986 the Mayor and Council appropriated \$1,000,000 for a parking deck. However, in 1990 it changed gears and withdrew this money to fund the renovations to the municipal building.

I know that good arguments can be made on both sides of the parking deck issue, but I truly believe that it has been studied to the point that no new or useful information can be

developed for any positive purpose. The time for a referendum has come, and that time is now.

Our downtown is taken for granted by many, but the reality of the issue is that downtowns are disappearing. Shopping malls and strip malls have taken a terrible toll on many towns in our area.

Westfield has a great asset and must be protected. Parking is always a leading concern anytime surveys are conducted. It is time to act, not continue to perform endless studies and surveys that act as a pacification for the concerns of the town.

The Mayor and Council have until August to develop a referendum question that can appear on the November ballot. Let the voters and taxpayers have their say on this issue. This will be good for our town.

I am certain that groups will form that are both pro and con for building a parking deck. Letters to the editor will be written. Candidates for local office will be asked their opinion and will be held accountable. This is the exercise of democracy in action. The topic will be moved from the study phase to the decision stage.

I will continue to talk to our governing body, the downtown interests and public to move this idea of a referendum to a reality for this November's referendum.

POPCORN™ Primary Colors: Shades of Political Reality

By Michael S. Goldberger

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



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 You won't need a scorecard to figure out who's who in *Primary Colors*, a glibly instructive primer on contemporary political reality based on the book of the same title by Anonymous, a.k.a. reporter Joe Klein. Adapted by Elaine May from that much-relished campaign trail tome and directed by Mike Nichols, the largely convivial film delights in parading its hardly disguised zoo of political animals.

For instance, there's baby boomer Jack Stanton (John Travolta), the liberal governor of an unconsidered Southern state running for the Democratic Presidential nomination; his blond, power-savvy wife, Susan, portrayed by Emma Thompson; and Billy Bob Thornton as Richard Jemmons, the primary hopeful's s'componesounding, axiom spouting, Svengali of spin. Recognize anyone?

One can't help but judge this film from two perspectives, BM and AM: that is, before and after Monica. Prior to the recent allegations of sordid misdoing emanating from Foggy Bottom, *Primary Colors* might have played like a slightly too-close-for-comfort, yet still hypothetical, parody. But that was way back when we were young and innocent.

Alas, we are now jaundice-eyed and weary veterans of the Washington Sex Scandals of 1998. And in this light, the movie comports rather philosophically — part apology, part reminder on the hardball facts of life in the big city. Sympathetic, not so much to the jowled would-be President as to the confounded electorate who must suffer the woolly wiles of Mt. Olympus, the film achieves a friendly manner in its divulgences. Think of it as the Political Primary ride at Disneyworld: entertaining and eye opening, but no more profound than is commercially palatable.

Voracious with numerous appetites, in New Hampshire one night Governor Jack Stanton sits imbibing in a lonely doughnut shop with its minimum wage waiter, talking self-reliance and football. In this affecting, Hopperesque moment, Jack is a man of the people to an audience of one.

One who will carry to the grave his favorable impression of the regular Joe who would be President, no matter what dirty laundry the competition may flaunt to hang him. And there's the rub.

Some real, some imagined, when it comes to soiled laundry, Jack has it by the hamper load. For starters, his wife's hairdresser alleges an affair. And let us not forget the 17-year-old daughter of Jack's favorite down-south barbecue purveyor, suddenly in a family way.

Insofar as Libby Holden (Kathy Bates) is concerned, it doesn't much matter if the accusations are true or false. Practice has proven each must be mercilessly quashed with equal might. A can-do campaign operative with ties to Jack and Susan's first initiatives in the early '70s, the perfect meld of idealism and pragmatism humorously brings to mind the sort of gonzo girl crusader novelist John Irving is so fond of penning.

Since Miss Bates puts in the movie's best performance, it's only fitting her salty character serves at the moral crux of the tale. When the Stanton campaign must decide whether or not to use some terribly damaging evidence against a well-intentioned opponent (Larry Hagman in a very good suit), tough Libby shows her true mettle by lobbying for the fairy tale version.

My Fantasies Are Strictly About Legal Matters

By Louis H. Clark

I have my fantasies, too. Let me hasten to add for the benefit of everyone who is friendly with my wife that my fantasies are strictly about legal matters. It's not that I don't have experience of court procedure. I used to follow Judge Wapner faithfully. I also followed Perry Mason, especially when

Unfortunately inert in these proceedings is Adrian Lester as Henry Burton, campaign prodigy and prestigious grandson of a black civil rights legend.

Wanting to believe in something, the strategist is drawn to the Stanton team. But here's the \$64 question: Is Governor Jack what he says, or just the most charismatic politician of his time? Pose a familiar quandary? In any case, Lester's proficient babe in the woods is barely interesting as the adopted outsider.

Attention, professors of political science, sociology and film! Here's an assignment for your classes: Compare *Primary Colors* to its genre superior, *The Last Hurrah* (1958), the astute recount of an old style mayor (Spencer Tracy) of a big city running for reelection. Have political realities really changed in America? Analyzing both films, have we come to expect a higher or lower personal morality of our elected officials and, if so, what should be the role of the media toward that end?

And finally, for extra credit, consider the following: Some of the fictional characters in *Primary Colors* contend Americans would be better off with a privately befooled President who has a strong sense of egalitarianism than with a personally moral chief executive who supports a conservative agenda. Could this happen in real life?

Primary Colors, rated R, is a Universal Pictures release directed by Mike Nichols and stars John Travolta, Emma Thompson, Billy Bob Thornton and Kathy Bates. Running time: 140 minutes.

HUNG UP!! Compromising, Listening Can Soften Power Struggles

By Milt Faith, Executive Director
 Youth and Family Counseling Service

A tense wife writes:

My 13-year old daughter is creating a great deal of stress between my husband and the rest of my family. She wants to bleach her auburn hair blonde, pierce her navel, and wear black lipstick.

After seeing a therapist, "Rosie" and the family agreed that she would modify some of her wishes: her hair would be a light-colored blonde, she would pierce her ears (double holes) and would use lighter shades of lipstick. In turn, we would be supportive of her in many ways and attempt to have dinner together and talk about our days' activities, Rosie's friends, etc.

One problem: my husband thinks we are giving in and Rosie will learn to manipulate us more. I do not agree. Do you?

Answer:

I congratulate you on your abilities to deal with some sensitive issues in a sympathetic and sensitive way. Teen-age years are such difficult ones and if a family is able to talk and compromise, I compliment you. I do

not know whether Rosie really enjoys appearing differently, or whether she feels she fits into a specific group which then accepts her, or whether or not she is testing you out.

However, it is important that you all have the wisdom and motivation to sit down and modify your patterns of behavior. I think this experience of sharing and modifying feelings will have a domino effect and extend to discussions in other areas. Compromises, giving in a bit, "listening" to the person, often softens the belief that all issues are control issues and power struggles.

A frustrated mother writes:

I have been married for 15 years to a very fine man; my daughter, his stepdaughter, whom he helped raise, is getting married this summer. "Renee" is planning the wedding with her fiancé and although she shares everything with me, and we agree with all wedding decisions, we have one major disagreement. We have agreed to ask you what you would suggest.

Renee wants to have her natural (biological) father escort her down the aisle. She would then like to have her stepfather and me join "Richard," her father, at the altar during the ceremony.

Bob, her stepfather has been very good to her through the years and I feel he will be rejected if he is not included in the ceremony. Doesn't she owe him this honor? I know she loves her father but he did leave me years ago because we were always arguing. Please comment.

Answer:

First, please separate the issues of the divorce with the present happy situation. Renee should not be caught up in the hostile divorce which occurred many years ago. A wedding is one of the most beautiful moments in a person's life. One has many options on how to structure it. I feel Renee's feelings must be considered as the priority in terms of making choices.

She seems comfortable in wanting to include her biological father, but she is also including both you and her stepfather. All of you will be part of the most joyous and binding moment of any wedding, the actual ceremony and related blessings. Renee seems to be making an effort to include all the persons she cares for, and I would strongly encourage you and Bob to feel positively and take part in the planning, rehearsal process, etc. Good luck to all of you.

A young parent writes:

Much is said about communication; how the person says something, body language, looks, tone of voice, and so on. What do you feel makes for the best kind of communication between two people, particularly between parent and child?

Answer:

All of the above are extremely important, but the most important ingredient in the communication process is the ability to listen. Do not judge, advise, or criticize. Listen to your child, be understanding, be sensitive. Most frequently, the child will know you have been there for him/her, listened to the upset feelings, and feel totally "understood and comfortable" and then will go on to the next exciting experience in life.

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 Letter to the Editor

POLICY ON LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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

SP/FCAAN Opposes 260-Degree Procedure, + Backs Ocean Routing

Scotch Plains/Fanwood Citizens Against Aircraft Noise (SP/FCAAN) has consistently opposed moving aircraft noise from one community to another. The Federal Aviation Administration's 260 degree departure procedure appears to do just that.

This test is opposed by the Clark, Fanwood, and Westfield councils, and the Union County Freeholder Board.

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.

Rick Sprock, President
 SP/FCAAN, Inc.

Timothy R. Deegan
 Scotch Plains

Brian Ribbecke
 Colonia

Larry Goldman Launches Council Relection Campaign

Westfield Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, who represents the town's Fourth Ward, has announced that he will seek a second term on the Town Council.

"I believe that I have made a positive contribution to Westfield town government during my tenure on the council thus far, and hope to have the continued opportunity to serve the community," Mr. Goldman said in announcing his reelection bid.

Mr. Goldman was first elected in November, 1996 together with Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Councilman John J. Walsh, who represents the Third Ward.

Since joining the Town Council in January, 1997, Mr. Goldman has served as Chairman of the council's Laws and Rules Committee. Under his leadership, the committee proposed and the full council adopted, an exterior property maintenance code, a shade tree ordinance and an ordinance regulating the location of cellular communication towers within the Town of Westfield.

Last month, the Laws and Rules Committee completed a revision of the ordinance providing for sidewalk cafés in Westfield.

"I am proud of the committee's accomplishments during the past year. However, we have some very important work ahead of us during the remainder of 1998, most importantly, completion of the revision of Westfield's land use law. We will also begin examination of an ordinance to address the unsightly proliferation of newspaper and other publication vending machines in downtown Westfield," Mr. Goldman stated.

Mr. Goldman has also advocated that the council adopt some form of smoke free air ordinance to protect non-smokers from the effects of second-hand smoke.

In addition to his service on the Laws and Rules Committee, Councilman Goldman serves on the Town Council's Public Safety and Building and Town Property Committees.

He also holds the position of Acting Mayor and was appointed by his colleagues on the council to serve as its voting representative on the Board of Trustees of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, which oversees the downtown Westfield special improvement district.

"I first ran for the Town Council two years ago because of my belief that Westfield government needed a greater exchange of ideas. I believe that the efforts of the new Mayor, Tom Jardim, and the new council members, Jack Walsh and I, to chart Westfield on a new course, have begun to bear fruit.

"In our first campaign, we were strong advocates of the necessity to begin the rebuilding of Westfield's infrastructure. The full council has signed on to a multi-year improvement program and this year's capital budget plan gets that process underway. The residents of our community will soon begin to see the tangible results of enhanced road repaving, playing field renovations and capital improvements in downtown Westfield," Mr. Goldman said.

Professionally, Mr. Goldman is a corporate and finance lawyer and a Director of the law firm Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione, in Newark. He serves as a Subcommittee Chairman of the Small Business Committee of the American Bar Association and is the editor of "The New Jersey Limited Liability Company Forms and Practice Manual," a reference book used by lawyers throughout the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Goldman was a founding Trustee of the Education Fund of Westfield, Inc. He has also coached in the Westfield soccer and baseball programs. Since 1991, he has served as Chairman of the Westfield Democratic Committee.

He and his wife, Cindy, have two children, Bethany, an eighth grader at Edison Intermediate School and Andrew, a third grader at Tamaques School.



TRAIN LINE CHAT... Shirley Dilibero, Congressman Bob Franks, center, and Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim discuss improvements to train lines along the Raritan Valley Coalition during a meeting held March 16. Congressman Franks and other representatives of counties and municipalities along the line attended the meeting, held within the Municipal Building complex on East Broad Street.

Letter to the Editor

SP-F School Board Should Reinstate Second Grade Standardized Testing

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education approved, by a 6-3 vote, a motion to eliminate standardized testing for second grade students.

The first-time parents will get an accurate comparison of their child's performance will now be third grade. The State of New Jersey has posited that standardized tests are a waste of money. We have implemented a math curriculum so new that no national figures are available about its impact on educational performance.

We still have a lot of well-meaning but rabid Whole Language proponents who are neglecting to teach our children to read properly — despite all of the evidence as to its failure. The state fourth grade test is totally new and unproven (aside from the fact that our "standards" have been ranked the lowest in the nation). This is the worst possible time to eliminate standardized testing at this most critical juncture of a student's education.

Just like phonics and rote memorization of math facts, standardized tests are out of fashion in education circles.

However, all three have stood the test of time for effectiveness and accuracy.

Parents need this information early enough to secure outside intervention/enrichment programs for their children — before it's too late. A local test, no matter how well designed, does not give us this information. As always, I am willing to share supporting documentation of any and all comments contained in this letter.

Mr. Meade spoke about problems with the district-wide local test, administered last year, and yet he oddly approved its extension into second grade along with the elimination of the standardized test. The other five votes were expected — this crew would support our superintendent in any motion because they apparently don't take the time to independently research the issues.

None of the six have children young enough to be affected, but I urge them to please think deeply about the ramifications on the children of this community and support a motion to re-institute standardized testing in second grade.

Victoria C. Manduca
Fanwood

Mountainside Republicans Name Council Candidates

The Mountainside Republican Club sponsored the first convention for the selection of candidates for the Borough Council on March 18.

After the group adopted the rules for the convention, Bill Van Blarcom, the Republican Chairman of the borough, introduced Dona Osieja, Second Vice President, who nominated incumbent Councilman Werner Schon for a sixth term.

Mr. Schon is a graduate of Upsala College and is President of Astro Molding Inc., as well as a partner in several other companies.

In his acceptance speech, he noted that he was part of a team that had renovated the municipal complex, which includes the Rescue Squad, pool, Borough Hall and Police Department, and had also been instrumental in getting the third turnaround on the westbound lane of Route No. 22 opened.

During his 15 years on the council, he has served on almost every committee. Councilman Schon cited the very low tax rate which Mountainside maintains, stating "I give you a word of caution — we cannot become complacent, we cannot take things for granted.

"There will be competition and we will combat the unwarranted accusations by those critical of the Republican Party. I pledge to you that I will make every effort to be sure we are elected in November," he added.

The Republican Chairman then introduced Dr. Marilyn Hart, Corresponding Secretary, who nominated Glenn Mortimer for the seat being vacated by Councilman David M. Hart, who is not running for reelection.

Mr. Mortimer, who has lived in Mountainside for 33 years, graduated from the Mountainside schools and from Drew University with a bachelor's degree in economics. He is a project manager for IBM.

The nominee emphasized his fond

memories of growing up in the borough, the sense of community it fostered, and his desire to serve the people of Mountainside with a positive contribution.

He stated that "Mountainside is an efficiently governed town. Our taxes are low and our property values high when compared to neighboring towns. In a large part this is due to the dedicated people who serve our municipal government. The current members of the town government have indeed set a high standard."

Mayor Robert F. Viglianti spoke briefly, welcoming the candidates and pointing out that Mountainside now has the lowest effective tax rate in Union County.

The two candidates were unanimously endorsed by the group, and their names will appear on the primary ballot.

Mrs. Osieja and Dr. Hart announced that the Mountainside Republican Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, October 23, at Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights, at which Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco will be honored on his unprecedented fourth election as President of the New Jersey State Senate.

Republican Club Sponsoring Forum With BOE Candidates

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school board candidates will be having an open forum on Monday, April 13, at 8 p.m. The forum will be held at the Community House, located at the Fanwood train station's north side parking lot.

The forum, which is being sponsored by the Fanwood Republican Club, is open to the general public.

For more information about this program, please call Pat Lindsey at (908) 322-8801.



Miss Kellie Kiefer and Michael Pushko

*Miss Kellie Kiefer
To Wed Michael Pushko*

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kiefer of Union have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kellie Kiefer, to Michael Pushko. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pushko of Westfield.

A Union High School alumna, Miss Kiefer graduated from Trenton State College and the Widener University School of Law in Delaware. She is

employed by the law office of Edwin C. Eastwood, Jr. in North Bergen.

Mr. Pushko, an alumnus of Westfield High School, graduated from James Madison University and the University of Mississippi School of Law. He is employed by the law firm of Hehl & Hehl, P.C. in Union.

A wedding is planned for October of this year.

AARP to Mark Anniversary With Luncheon on April 6

The next meeting of the Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons will be a special luncheon commemorating the 10th anniversary of the chapter's receipt of its charter in March of 1988.

The catered affair will be held on Monday, April 6, at noon at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, at the corner of East Broad Street. Attendance is for members only who have made advanced reservations.

Guided by the chapter's Community Services Committee, volunteers serve area residents through various projects, according to Chapter President Jean H. Richardson.

These services include delivering meals to shut-ins; collecting food items and money donations for the Food Pantry; saving Campbell Soup labels for educational purposes and Scott product bar codes for the Ronald McDonald House; knitting shrugs, hats and gloves for patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital, and working with St. Joseph's Social Center, area nursing homes and the Seamen's Institute of New Jersey and

New York.

They also sew bibs for the Union County Day Care Training program, and sponsor special programs such as "Get Out the Vote," "55-Alive" driving courses, and "Tax Aide," which are conducted by AARP trained volunteers.

Through its monthly meetings, the Program Committee provides guest speakers who disseminate information on taxes, Medicare, Social Security, automobile insurance, crime prevention, elder law, wills and probate, consumer affairs, health and legislative topics.

The Trips and Tours Committee offers opportunities for members to travel inside and outside the United States at affordable prices, according to Mrs. Richardson. She emphasized that the organization never makes a profit on these trips, nor permits the tour committee members to accept free trips.

Membership in the local chapter is open to individuals 50 years and older, who hold a national AARP membership. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield,



AARP MILESTONE...Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, center, presents a proclamation to Jean H. Richardson, President of Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), congratulating and commending the chapter on its 10th anniversary. Joining them, pictured left to right, are: George Vavoulis, chapter founder and former Director; Owen McWilliams, Director and former President, and Robert Krowicki, New Jersey State AARP Community Coordinator and former President of the chapter.



HATS OFF!...Hats off to the Park Middle School eighth grade English class in Scotch Plains as it gathered to go over to School One Elementary and read to the elementary students in honor of "read on" day. Following those examples, Gail Williams' seventh grade also read to the School One students.

'Vietnam Memories' Opens At High School Tomorrow

"Vietnam Memories: Stories Left at The Wall," an award-winning traveling museum exhibit, will be displayed at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Westfield Road in Scotch Plains this month.

There will be an opening ceremony in the high school auditorium tomorrow, Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The viewing of the display will follow from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The exhibit will also be open on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday, April 6, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The display features more than 200 items, including photographs and letters, selected from the warehouse collection of more than 54,000 mementos which have been left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. since its dedication in 1982.

Currently traveling to museums, middle schools, high schools and colleges throughout the tri-state area, the exhibit was created through a partnership among Jersey City State College's New Jersey Youth Corps and AmeriCorps Program, the Jersey Explorer Children's Museum in East Orange and the National Park Service.

JCSC Corps members at the Children's Museum developed a curriculum, constructed 24 museum-quality display cases, selected, reproduced and mounted dozens of photo-

graphs and letters, produced a soundtrack, and wrote a 60-minute play, "Letters from Vietnam," which incorporated actual letters left at the memorial.

They also produced a 16-minute slide presentation and designed the traveling exhibit.

The program is open to the general public. For additional information, please call Ted Wurster at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School at (908) 889-8600.

*Trabert-Heinbokel
Family Welcomes
Son, Liam Joseph*

Renee M. Trabert and William E. Heinbokel, Jr. of Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Liam Joseph Heinbokel, on Tuesday, March 3, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Liam weighed 9 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 20½ inches in length at birth.

He joins his sister, Maura Mae, 2. Liam's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trabert of Westfield.

His paternal grandmother is Mrs. Anne Heinbokel, also of Westfield.

Little Treasurers

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Abbott

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Lancaster

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Paine Webber

2x 5 1/2

Mike K

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Village Curtains

2x5

Greenbaum

2x7

Freeholders OK Ordinance To Fund Voter Machines

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

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted an ordinance last Thursday which authorizes the county, through a bond ordinance, to acquire electronic voting machines and an electronic recording system.

The ordinance paves the way for the county to take advantage of its triple "Aaa" rating by appropriating the sum of \$2,850,000 to pay the cost of, and make a down payment for, the equipment.

County Manager Michael J. Lapolla explained that the county has a commitment from the vendor of the equipment to go out and train Board of Election workers and, later on, senior citizens.

The machines, which are barrier-free, are currently in use in Ocean County, which has a large senior population. The new voting machines are expected to be in place for the school board elections in 1999.

Freeholder Linda d. Stender said she supports the acquisition due to the fact the machines will now "make

the ability to vote barrier-free," and noted that the current, aging machines are not accessible to persons with disabilities.

Freeholder Lewis Mingo said an additional benefit will provide voting information in the voting machines in Spanish so that the county's Hispanic population would be better informed during the voting process, thus increasing the number of voters.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan called the Freeholders' action a "a worthwhile endeavor." He said the current machines "are well beyond their years."

The current machines weigh about 900 pounds, compared to the new electronic equipment which weighs about 200 pounds per machine.

Freeholder Sullivan said the electronic tallies will now enable election results to be released within an hour of the time election polls close.

"I just think it's a move to bring us up to speed here in the county and we are going to accomplish that, and I'm sure we are going to roll them out in the proper manner and have them be effective here in the county," he explained.

In other business, the board introduced an ordinance which will limit Freeholder appointments to various boards to a specific date when they are to expire.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, Chairman of the Policies Committee, said the committee felt that appointments should expire and not simply "roll-over."

The board appointed John Swindlehurst of Fanwood as a member of the Union County Environmental Health Advisory Board for a term commencing immediately and terminating on December 31, 1999.

It was announced that the county will hold a "Recall Round-Up Day" on Thursday, April 16. Director of Public Safety Harold Gibson described the program as an "effort by our consumer affairs agency to go around and collect items that were recalled by their manufacturers that have slipped through the cracks and got into people's homes and garages and other places that could pose a danger to those individuals and their families."

Among the items are cribs, small baby seats, etc.

Freeholder Donald Goncalves, Chairman of the board's Economic Committee, noted that Congress has submitted a transportation appropriation bill which, if approved into law, would provide some \$30 million for Union County's light rail project.

A Task Force was created through the efforts of county officials to lobby the initiative on behalf of the county.

School Administrator Reflects Upon Budget

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

Dr. Gerard A. Schaller is indeed a busy man these days. As the Mountainside school district's first Chief School Administrator, he is essentially doing the job of both the superintendent of schools and principal of Deerfield School on Central Avenue.

In between these dual roles, he also took time to speak briefly with *The Westfield Leader* last Friday concerning the district's proposed 1998-1999 budget.

Passed unanimously by the Board of Education on March 24, the \$8,696,740 package is an increase of \$268,505 over the current 1997-1998 tab of \$8,428,235. It now goes to the public, which will either approve or reject it on Tuesday, April 21.

"I feel very positive about it," said Dr. Schaller, who began his first full day of work in his new position on November 10, 1997. "I think we've addressed not only the educational needs, but the facilities as well."

"And we have developed a strategic plan, which tells us where we are, and where we want to be in the upcoming years."

Dr. Schaller, the former Assistant Schools Superintendent for the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional school district, explained most of the increase will go toward instruction. That's because, Dr. Schaller discussed further, the district is adding another class for both the first and second grades, which means at least one new full-time teacher will be needed come September.

Also, the district wants to hire part-time instructors for both computer resources and learning disabilities; officially, the district refers to these teachers as "50 percent" positions.

Other money is targeted toward the revamping of the Deerfield athletic field, which would include drainage, fencing and walkway improvements; also, some renovation work, including a plan to "skin" the infield, is listed.

Board of Education Vice-President Sally Rivieccio, one of three incumbents who is unchallenged in her bid for reelection, has mentioned that post-Union County Regional High School control has opened an "exciting" time and opportunity for Mountainside.

Dr. Schaller concurred, noting that under terms worked out when the old regional district was in the process of disbanding late last spring,

Mountainside pays only \$12,500 to Governor Livingston High School of Berkeley Heights, the location district students now attend.

Years earlier, most Mountainside students had attended the then-Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, another of the four schools that now is financed by a local school board.

Sometime during the 1998-1999 school year, Dr. Schaller said, a new contract will be worked out with the Berkeley Heights school board for Mountainside's high school tuition costs.

The total increase of the new district budget is itself "within cap," or no more than 3 percent higher than last year's spending plan, the administrator noted.

"(We want) to be as cost effective as you possibly can be," Dr. Schaller stated. "But I think if you're open to the public, then hopefully you will experience success and get the budget passed. I'm a firm believer that the benefits outweigh the costs. And I'll fight for it if I have to."

Dr. Schaller also expanded further on his district's new "strategic plan," which is better known as a five-year cycle.

Usually begun before the previous five-year plan has concluded, strategic plans are essentially designed to be cyclical in nature, in case any adjustments arise along the way.

Indeed, much like a defensive coordinator in football who must often make adjustments to contain an opposing offense's top player, a school district must also be self-analytical in order to make adjustments by the third or fourth year of a strategic plan, Dr. Schaller agreed.

As of last week, Mountainside's student enrollment figure was at 568, slightly up from the start of school back in September, the chief administrator noted. If that figure were not to change before September of this year, then Mountainside's new cost-per-pupil sum would be \$15,311.61.

Based on the current enrollment figure that usually changes several times throughout any school year, the previous cost-per-pupil amount was \$14,838.44.

That, district officials agree, is largely because Mountainside remains a relatively small district; the Deerfield School, which has had two additions built since the oldest wing's 1950 opening, remains the district's lone operating public school, as it has for many years.



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*
THIRD GENERATION EAGLE SCOUT...George Gross, second from left and co-chairman of the West Fields Chapter's Court of Honor Committee, presents Eagle Scout Matthew Widdows a special certificate and a medal for being the chapter's nominee for a college scholarship. Widdows won the state competition and will represent New Jersey in the national competition. Matthew's grandfather Donald Widdows, right, and father Philip, left, have also been Eagle Scouts.

Matthew Widdows Honored As Scholarship Candidate

It was a "three-generation celebration" in the Widdows family March 25, as grandfather Donald, father Philip and other relatives watched grandson Matthew, an Eagle Scout with Troop No. 75 in Cranford, take the first step on the road to a \$5,000 college scholarship offered annually by the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.)

The occasion, the annual meeting of the West Fields Chapter of the S.A.R., was held at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, and it gave the local organization the opportunity to recognize Matthew as having been their nominee to the state competition.

George Gross, Co-Chairman of the chapter's Court of Honor Committee, presented Matthew with a special cer-

tificate and medal. He also announced that the young man was the winner at the state level and would represent New Jersey in the national competition.

Mr. Gross said Matthew's Eagle Scout Service Project involved promoting organ donor awareness and the need for advanced planning for the distribution of those organs, and that he made presentations on Channel 9 and cable Channel 35.

Matthew Widdows will be recognized again on Saturday, April 18, at the New Jersey Society's annual meeting in Jamesburg.

His grandfather is a long-time member of S.A.R. and a Past President of the local chapter. Matthew's father is Assistant Scout Master with Troop No. 75.

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Woodplay 3x4

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Sister Catherine Carroll Named Outstanding Teacher



Sister Catherine Carroll

Sister Catherine Carroll has been named Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, and was also selected as an Outstanding Educator for 1998 at the Archdiocesan level.

The Teacher Recognition Program, now in its seventh year, is sponsored by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.

According to Sister Percylee Hart, UCHS Principal, "Sister Catherine is a dedicated, positive support and witness to our Catholic school philosophy. She contributes to the aca-

demical growth of our school and has outstanding rapport with faculty and students alike."

Sister Catherine's career in education spans 39 years, the last 13 at UCHS. She is currently Chairwoman of the Religion Department, teaches religion to freshman students, and is the freshman guidance counselor as well as the coordinator of the Campus Ministry.

Recognized for her achievements as a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine catechist, she received a Years of Service Award as a Director of Religious Education at Christ the King Parish in Hillside.

She was also honored as Elementary Principal of the Year and was the first woman to serve as Spiritual Director for the Archdiocese of Newark's Search and Crossroads Program.

Sister Catherine is presently showing the religion department faculty how to adapt traditional classroom methods of instruction to include the use of computers with the Internet, the electronic library and more.

Sister Catherine will be honored by the archdiocese at the annual Teacher Recognition Dinner to be held in May at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel. Alumni of UCHS and her previous students are invited to write to her, according to UCHS spokeswoman Bernadine Liebrich.



YOUTH SERVING WESTFIELD...Youth members of the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad include, from left, Chris Owens, Robyn Feldman, Christine Weber, Lauren Pass and Michael Mottley. Six additional members were unavailable for the photo.

Teacher Award Nominations Extended Through April 20

The Optimist Club of Westfield has extended its deadline for receipt of nominations for the Intermediate School Outstanding Teacher Award to Monday, April 20. Two intermediate school teachers — one from Edison and one from Roosevelt Intermediate Schools — will be chosen to receive the award at an Optimist Club dinner on May 13.

Nominations should specify ways in which the teacher has demonstrated outstanding teaching, interest in children and continued pursuit of professional growth. The nominee must be a full-time teacher in the Westfield Public Schools for a minimum of five years.

Students, parents and staff are encouraged to submit nomination letters to: Dr. James Fleming, President, Optimist Club of Westfield, Outstanding Teacher Award Committee, 245 Tuttle Parkway, Westfield, 07090.

According to Dr. William J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools, "The Outstanding Teacher Award gives deserving credit to our intermediate school teachers who are dedicated to providing an educationally stimulating and supporting environment during the critical stage of adolescence."

Westfield Rescue Squad Reaches Out to Community

The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, including its younger members, is asking the residents and businesses of Westfield to continue supporting the rescue squad through contributions to the 1998 Fund Drive.

This financial support enables the rescue squad to continue its tradition of quality emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of Westfield, as it has done for the past 48 years, said squad spokesman Richard Jackson.

In addition to the fund drive, residents are encouraged to donate the valuable resource of manpower and time.

The youth from the local area have demonstrated a commitment to help the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, Mr. Jackson said. There are currently 11 rescue squad members that, in addition to their high school studies, have undertaken the challenge and subsequent reward of becoming emergency medical technicians or dispatchers.

"These young adults exemplify the value of volunteering and continue to show the residents of Westfield that an individual can truly make a difference," Mr. Jackson added.

These volunteers have varied reasons for joining the squad, but there seems to be the desire to continue the pursuit of medical knowledge throughout their career, Mr. Jackson continued.

David Koye, a senior from Westfield High School, said that his experience on the rescue squad has acted as a springboard to seek a possible career in the medical field.

David continued, "There is a special feeling of accomplishment when you realize that you are able to act responsibly in the event of an emergency."

When asked what he would say to others who may wish to join, David conveyed that, "the encounters are not as scary as they might seem. It is well worth the time and effort to experience the sense of a job well done."

Another young member of the squad is Michael Warren. Michael attends Pingry School and became an EMT at the beginning of the year, Mr. Jackson said. Michael's interest in emergency medicine began when he was a lifeguard. Rather than using his medical training as a career step, he is more interested in serving others.

"Being on the rescue squad is exciting and rewarding because it allows you to use hands-on experience while interacting with people in need," Michael said.

In addition, he referred to the resident status of the squad by stating, "the Westfield Rescue Squad continues to have faster response times to emergencies because the members pull their duty shifts from the building, rather

than responding from home."

This is a unique feature of the Westfield squad, Mr. Jackson noted, and requires the constant commitment of volunteers to answer the call for help.

Robyn Feldman, another senior from Westfield High School, feels that the rescue squad offers a meaningful way to occupy any free time that could be used to help those in need.

"Many of my friends have a hard time believing that one person can contribute so much, but everyone has the desire to help and the rescue squad provides a wonderful way to give to the community," Robyn said.

The young lady has also expressed a desire to continue her education in the medical sciences and feels that her experience on the rescue squad will undoubtedly help her achieve any goal, Mr. Jackson added.

The squad has also developed a close working relationship with the high school. These efforts include the teaching of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to various students that have demonstrated a desire to learn this life-saving technique, responding to emergencies at various sporting events throughout the year and a continued effort to recruit students as volunteers.

Several active members began serving as volunteers during their high school years, and have proven that the volunteer's commitment continues well into the future.

The squad is an all-volunteer organization serving the 6.29-square-mile community, Mr. Jackson said.

The rescue squad is now conducting its annual fund drive. Tax deductible contributions can be made to: The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Waterson Street, Westfield, 07090.

To learn more about volunteering with the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, please call (908) 233-2501.

Marita Eriksson, Bonnie Baldasare Awarded Ribbons

Marita Eriksson of Westfield was recently awarded second place and third place ribbons for her entries in the Floral Arrangement Division of the State FFA Floral Design Contest and Horticulture Exposition at Quakerbridge Mall in Lawrenceville.

Marita is a student enrolled in the horticulture program taught by Bonnie Baldasare at Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains. Ms. Baldasare, also of Westfield, took home a first place ribbon for her entry in the Floral Arrangement, Advisors Only Division.

SP-FHS Students Named National Merit Scholars

Two seniors at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School have been named finalists in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship competition.

Douglas S. Bishop, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bishop of Scotch Plains, and Molly R. Johnson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson of Fanwood, have met all the requirements to qualify as finalists from among the 15,000 semifinalists named earlier in this school year. Doug and Molly will now be considered to receive one of the 7,400 Merit Scholarships to be awarded nationally.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is a privately financed, not-

for-profit corporation. Scholarships awarded through the Merit Program are supported by some 600 independent sponsor organizations and institutions that share the program's goals of broadening educational opportunities for scholastically able young men and women and encouraging the pursuit of excellence at all academic levels.

Those chosen to receive the title Merit Scholar will be those finalists judged to have the greatest potential for success in rigorous college studies, based on the evaluations of professionals in admission and selection who consider candidates' academic abilities, skills, and accomplishments.

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THANKS FOR THE EFFORT...Union County Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, center, presents a resolution to Marion Connolly, center, and the Second Westfield Senior Citizens Housing group. Pictured, left to right, are: Matilda Reitman; Elizabeth Fraga, Housing Manager Thelma Smith (in back), Bette Kenely, Ivy Reznak (in back), Evelyn Badge, Madeline Keller (in back), Ms. Connolly, Freeholder Scanlon, Runnells Hospital Volunteer Services Director Patricia Scott (in back), Westfield Senior Housing Executive Director Ruth Smith, Virginia Guerriero, Carmella Boguski and Wanda Hvizdak.

Westfield Seniors Donate Decorations to Runnells

Green and white silk floral arrangements graced the tables this St. Patrick's Day at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County in Berkeley Heights, due to the efforts of a group of residents from the Second Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Complex on Boynton Avenue.

The 24 dining room table centerpieces are part of an ongoing volunteer effort by the group, which started making silk flower arrangements in 1997 for Runnells. This past year, they made and donated special pieces for Easter, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and for Valentine's Day, according to tenant Marion Connolly, organizer of the group.

Ms. Connolly has been a volunteer at Runnells for a number of years. When she moved to Second Senior Citizen Housing she asked Runnells' Volunteer Services if she could do something special, and they suggested centerpieces, county spokespeople Margaret Salisbury and Dennis Panchyshyn said.

Ms. Connolly sought assistance in making the arrangements at one of the tenants' meetings in her building. Fifteen residents offered to help, and Ms. Connolly taught them how to arrange the flowers. Now the arrangements have become fixtures at Runnells.

Financing for the projects comes from their budget for activities, and funds collected by tenants in a "Coins for Charity" jar they keep on the main floor, the county added.

Union County Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Liaison to the Runnells Hospital Board of Managers, said, "It was a pleasure meeting the group and talking to them about their vol-

unteer work for Runnells. They feel that by making these floral arrangements, they do something enjoyable and benefit others. We thank them for their thoughtfulness and beautiful handiwork."

Volunteers at Runnells perform a variety of tasks each day, such as assisting with activities that include table and card games, bingo, arts and crafts, plant therapy and weekly coffee socials; acting as friendly visitors to residents who have no family or friendship contacts; giving residents manicures; accompanying residents on weekly swimming trips, assisting with religious services held in the facility that include playing the organ and assisting with bible study; escorting residents and patients to and from therapy, or the on-site beauty salon; and general office work.

Help is also welcome from anyone able to assist on the units with escorting/transporting residents, marking personal laundry, shopping for residents, and with making menu selections.

There are opportunities to help every day of the week, including weekends, both day and night. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer is encouraged to call (908) 771-5848.

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County operates under the authority of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The facility offers Subacute Care, the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, Long-Term Care, including a unit devoted to those in the final stages of an illness, and Cornerstone psychiatric care.

For further information on Runnells, please call (908) 771-5700.

SP-F Future Business Leaders Cited NJ Outstanding Chapter

For a fifth consecutive year, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School was named "New Jersey Outstanding Chapter" at the recent State Conference.

Members of the local chapter were also recognized in several competition categories for the group's efforts throughout the year and for individual accomplishments.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior David Gewirtz, President of both the local and state chapters, was the first FBLA member on record to sweep the top three state awards.

David was named "Mr. Future Business Leader," was named the recipient of the FBLA Scholarship, and received first place honors in the "Who's Who in FBLA" category.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter won first place honors as a "Go for the Gold Chapter in New Jersey," placed first in "Local Recruitment of (new) FBLA Chapters," and was recognized as the first place chapter in New Jersey in raising money for their chapter charity, the March of Dimes.

The chapter also received fourth place state honors for their "Partnership with Business" project and fifth place honors for their "American Enterprise Day" project.

Chapter members Chris Hughes and Dave Frank received the top

"Chapter FBLA Web site Award" for the web page they designed and maintain. Mike Bostwick received third place honors in the "Impromptu Speaking" category and Lindsay Freeman placed sixth in both the "Ms. Future Business Leader" and "Gold Member" categories.

Chris Hughes placed sixth in the "Gold Officer" category and David Lies captured seventh place in "Economics."

Two professional people who work very closely with the local organization also received top honors. Dr. Terry K. Riegel, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Principal, received the first place "Local Professional Award" and Kathy Marvel, Coordinator of the Chubb and Son Inc. business partnership with the local chapter, placed first as "Businessperson of the Year."

In addition to all the local chapter's competitive successes, two chapter members were also elected to state offices for 1998-1999.

Joe Franzone was elected Community Service Vice President and Richard J. (R.J.) Milligan will serve as North-Central Region Vice President.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter Advisor Fran DeSalvo said of her students, "I don't know how they do this year after year. They just work incredibly hard and it shows. This year's group has certainly set



a 'gold standard' for the students who will follow them."

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER...Members of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter proudly display the awards banner and some of the plaques they won at the recent FBLA State Conference. Representatives of Scotch Plains-Fanwood's "New Jersey Outstanding Chapter" of the year, left to right, are: front row, Mike Bostwick, third place, impromptu speaking; R. J. Milligan, state North-Central Vice President-elect, and David Frank, first place Web site; back row, Joe Franzone, state Community Service Vice President-elect; David Gewirtz, first place honors in "Mr. FBLA," "Who's Who in FBLA," and FBLA Scholarship, and Chris Hughes, first place Web site and sixth place "Gold Officer."



WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN...Michael La Place, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, was the featured speaker at the March meeting of the College Woman's Club of Westfield. Following a lively talk on recent retail activity and streetscape improvements downtown, Mr. La Place presented Margo Atwell, CWC President, with a donation to the club's scholarship fund. The April meeting will feature a talk by wine expert Phil Reilly of Peterson's Wines Unlimited. For membership information, please call Mary Ellen O'Boyle at 233-1031 or 233-5347.

'World of Wine' to be Discussed at Club Meeting

New developments in the world of wine will be the featured program of the College Woman's Club meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 8 p.m. in the members' lounge of the First Methodist Church, 1 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

Phil Reilly, owner of Peterson's Wines Unlimited in Westfield, will discuss emerging trends among California and European wineries, including popular new varietals and exceptional wine values. Mr. Reilly is a consultant on wine lists to many restaurants and has traveled extensively to the major wine producing regions, including Tuscany and Piedmont in Italy, the south of France, California, Australia and Spain. He is currently completing graduate course work at the University of California at Davis, the world center for wine education.

During the business portion of the meeting, the proposed slate of officers and budget for 1998-1999 will be presented. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by the club's Cuisine Group II.

At the club's March meeting, members heard Michael La Place, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation, discuss the revitalization

program for the central business district. Mr. La Place described recent retail activity downtown and outlined plans for new signage and streetscape improvements.

Founded in 1917, The College Woman's Club awards scholarships to deserving young women from Westfield and provides numerous enrichment opportunities for its members. Programs are open to all members and their guests. Women wishing to join the club now will receive half price off on annual membership dues and will be invited to the annual Scholarship Dinner on Tuesday, May 12. For membership information, please contact Mary Ellen O'Boyle at 233-1031 or 233-5347.

Janet Julia Stadelmeier Earns Master's Degree From Montclair State

Janet Julia Stadelmeier of Westfield is among 628 students who completed their bachelor's or master's degree requirements at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair in January.

She was awarded a Master of Arts Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the school.

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WESTFIELD REMEMBERS PAUL ROBESON...Lenore Scurry and Vivian Cook of the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee stand with Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, and the signed proclamation proclaiming the week of April 5 through 11, the centennial year of Paul Robeson's birth, as Paul Robeson Week.

Retired Bishop to be Speaker At Robeson Service Sunday



Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard

Retired Bishop J. Clinton Hoggard will be the principal speaker this Sunday, April 5, at the Paul Robeson Centennial Service at St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Westfield.

The service will open a week of activities in Westfield marking the 100th anniversary of Robeson's birth. Bishop Hoggard's association with the Robeson family goes back many years, and the clergyman delivered the eulogy at Robeson's funeral in 1976 in New York City.

Coincidentally, the bishop's father, the Reverend J. M. Hoggard, officiated at the funeral of Robeson's father, William, in 1918 in Somerville.

William Robeson was Pastor of St. Luke Church from 1907 to 1910, and young Paul helped his father build the church and sang at services there. From

1912 to 1914, Bishop Hoggard's father was Pastor of the same church.

The Centennial Service will start at 4 p.m., following the 3:30 p.m. dedication of a street marker outside St. Luke's Church, permanently designating the intersection of Downer Street and Osborn Avenue as "Paul Robeson Corner."

Two other persons with direct links to Robeson will participate in the Westfield celebration.

Lloyd L. Brown, a longtime friend and biographer of Robeson, will speak on "The Young Paul Robeson in Westfield" at the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street, on Wednesday, April 8, at 8 p.m.

He will also sign copies of his biography of the performing artist and human rights activist, entitled "The Young Paul Robeson: On My Journey Now." This event is open to the public.

On Thursday, April 9, the date of Robeson's birth, a luncheon will be held at noon in the Assembly Hall of the The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue. Robeson's granddaughter, Susan, will speak at the luncheon of her recollections of her grandfather.

Ms. Robeson, a documentary film maker and an Emmy Award winning television producer, is currently Artist-in-Residence at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. She will autograph posters especially created for the occasion.

Tickets to the luncheon cost \$10 and are available from The Town Book Store, Westfield Community Center, and Music Staff, all in Westfield.

Jazz Quartet Brings Calvary Concert Series to A Close

Positive Rhythmic Force, a quartet of young accomplished musicians dedicated to performing music from the jazz tradition and beyond, will bring their swinging group sound to the last of this season's Calvary Concerts on Friday, April 3.

The concert will be presented at Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford, at 8 p.m.

Trumpeter Jason Berg, pianist Noah Baerman, bassist Ben Tedoff and drummer Sunny Jain draw upon a wide variety of music. Their repertoire includes original compositions by each band member, as well as personalized interpretations of jazz standards by such artists as Duke Ellington, Cole Porter and Thelonius Monk.

Individually the members of Positive Rhythmic Force have recorded and performed extensively throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Their credentials include performances with such jazz artists such as

Kenny Barron, Ray Drummond, Ted Dunbar, Earl May, Jackie McLean and James Spaulding.

They also have received many honors, including awards from *Downbeat* magazine and the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

In 1996 they released their widely praised debut compact disc, "Positive Rhythmic Force," and they have just released their second compact disc, "The Question Is" on the boffo! label.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors, students with identification and children. Tickets may be purchased by calling Calvary Lutheran Church at (908) 276-2418. Tickets will be sold at the door on a space available basis.

This performance brings to a successful close the first season of the Calvary Concert Series, a musical offering to the community of quality performances at affordable prices.

For information about next year's concert series, please call Calvary Lutheran Church at (908) 889-5329.



A NIGHT OF JAZZ...Positive Rhythmic Force will perform at this season's Calvary Concerts on Friday, April 3. The concert will be presented at Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford at 8 p.m.

Kerry Stubbs to Perform At Paul Robeson Luncheon



Kerry Stubbs

Kerry Stubbs has been invited to perform at the Paul Robeson luncheon which will be held on Thursday, April 9, at noon in The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Mr. Stubbs, a professional tenor vocalist, will sing several selections without accompaniment.

He is expected to perform "Old Man River" by Jerome Kern, and the Negro spirituals "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" and "Balm and Gilead."

Mr. Stubbs, a native of Jamaica, West Indies, holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Voice Performance from Westminster Choir College. He has been performing professionally for the past 20 years.

He has been a soloist at the New York Philharmonic as well as a performer in Off-Broadway productions and on public television, and currently teaches voice at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

Mr. Stubbs will again perform at the Westfield Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 25, at 9:15 a.m., when he will sing "God Bless America."

Temple Emanu-El Sets Passover Services

Temple Emanu-El of Westfield is inviting the community to join the congregation as it celebrates Passover with several special services.

On Shabbat morning, Saturday, April 11, at 10 a.m., a worship will be held using the additional Pesach liturgy and Torah reading. Seven congregational members will be chanting Torah, responding to Rabbi Eric Yoffie's call for "Reform Jewish Literacy," a temple spokesman explained.

At 5:45 p.m., the same day, the Second Night Family Seder, where the congregation will learn the meaning of communal freedom, will be held. On Friday, April 17, at 10 a.m., the community is invited to join in a celebration for the last day of Passover when the Yizkor will be read.

Please call the temple office at (908) 232-6700 for further information and to make reservations for the Family Seder.

Reconstructionism To be Topic Tonight At Temple Emanu-El

What is a Reconstructionist Jew? The Reconstructionist branch of contemporary Judaism will be discussed tonight, Thursday, April 2, at 8 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

Founded by Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan more than 70 years ago, Reconstructionism has profoundly influenced Reform and Conservative Judaism, according to the temple office.

Rabbi Les Bronstein, spiritual leader of a Reconstructionist synagogue, will be the guest speaker. To register, please call the temple office at (908) 232-6770. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street.

Local Ministerium Receives Message of Encouragement

A message of education and encouragement was delivered to the Westfield Ministerium on March 18 at the First Baptist Church in Westfield by the entire staff of the Counseling Centers for Human Development based in Cranford.

Titled Today's Counseling Needs, the seven therapists shared information on depression, anxiety and panic disorders, when children need pro-

fessional help, working with couples, spiritual aspects-of therapy, medication and hospitalization. Each of the therapists has training beyond a master's degree and are well experienced.

Anyone desiring to contact the center can call the Director, Dr. J. Vernon Whittenburg, at (908) 276-0590. The center is non-profit and fees are set on a sliding scale.



VALUABLE MESSAGE...Pictured at the Westfield Ministerium meeting March 18 at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, left to right, are: Dr. Paul Syracuse, consulting psychiatrist; Susan B. Bottorff, Ronald Peterson, Carol Spelman and Grace Doctorow.

Willow Grove Announces Services for Easter Week

The Reverend Kenneth Hetzel, Pastor, has announced a series of special worship services that will be held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains in observance of the Easter season.

The Palm Sunday service on April 5 will begin with a procession of Sunday school children leading the choir down the aisle, waving palm

fronds and laying cloths along the route, to symbolize the victorious entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

The theme of the Holy Week services, which will be held each evening of the week, will be how different people perceived Christ during his final week leading up to Easter.

Each weeknight service will be held in the church sanctuary at 8 p.m. and will last about an hour.

During the Holy Thursday service on April 9, Communion will be served, followed by prayers for healing and anointing with oil for those who request it.

On April 10, the Good Friday service will feature the Chancel Choir's presentation of Gabriel Faure's "Requiem," led by Director of Music Rick Kopituk.

The celebration of Easter will take place on Sunday, April 12, and a series of messages with the Easter theme will continue through Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

All are invited to visit Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, located at 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, across the street from the Southside Firehouse.

For further information or to speak with Reverend Hetzel, please call the church office at (908) 232-5678.

First Baptist Announces Services for Holy Week

The First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street, will hold several services for Holy Week, April 9 through 12.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. on April 9, celebrating the Last Supper. For Good Friday, April 10, a service of music and meditation will be held from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, the 10:30 a.m. worship service will feature special music and preaching.

Fanwood Presbyterian Sets Prayer Services

Members of the community are invited to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church for brief prayer services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6, 7 and 8, at 7 a.m.

These services will be held in the chancel area of the sanctuary and may be accessed by either the front or parking lot entrance of the church, which is located on the corner of Martine and La Grande Avenues.

For further information, please call the church office at (908) 889-8891.



SPRING HAS DEFINITELY SPRUNG...First and second graders from Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield recently enjoyed some spring weather as they lifted a parachute during their gym class.

St. Helen's Church Reveals Services for Easter Week

St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield has announced its schedule of Holy Week services leading up to the celebration of Easter.

The schedule of events will begin with a re-enactment of the Passion of Our Lord by parish teens and the distribution of palms at all masses on Saturday, April 4, and Palm Sunday, April 5.

On Holy Thursday, April 9, the church will offer a liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 8 p.m. Private adoration will take place afterwards from 9 p.m. to midnight. On Good Friday, April 10, the liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord will begin at 3 p.m.

Contemporary Stations of the Cross, a re-enactment performed by parish teens, will take place at 8 p.m. A solemn Easter Vigil will take place on Holy Saturday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. Also scheduled are the Easter Liturgy and Sacraments of Initiation for Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults candidates and catechumens.

Easter Sunday services will begin with a Sunrise Mass starting at 6:15 a.m. in the parking lot of St. Helen's Church. Other masses will be held at 8 a.m., a Children's Mass at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

All services will take place in both the church and the Parish Center except for the 8 a.m. mass, which will only be held in the church.

Because of severe overcrowding, only parents with small children are requested to attend the 9:15 a.m. Children's Liturgy. Adults may go to services in the Parish Center. There will be no 6:30 p.m. liturgy on Easter.

The church will also hold Confir-



SYMBOL OF FAITH...A large wooden cross with a crown of thorns and a royal purple drape symbolizing sorrow and repentance was recently erected before St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield in observance of the six-week Lenten season. Lenten Prayer breakfasts are held at 6 a.m. on Wednesdays for men and on Thursdays for women. All parishioners are invited to participate in these and the other scheduled services. For more information, please call (908) 232-1214.

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Reverend Thomas Francis Grogan, 57, Assistant Pastor at St. Bartholomew's

The Reverend Thomas Francis Grogan, 57, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, March 29, in St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Born in Newark, Father Grogan was ordained on May 25, 1968.

He was Assistant Pastor at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Previously, Father Grogan had served at St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in Jersey City, Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church in New Providence, Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in

South Orange, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Rutherford, and St. James Roman Catholic Church in Springfield.

Surviving are his parents, Thomas F. Grogan, Sr. and Helen B. Grogan; two brothers, Peter L. Grogan and Paul D. Grogan, and a sister, Veronica Ann Hegedus.

A Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 3, in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains. Arrangements are being handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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John Tracey, Jr., 76, Board Member; Former Directory Vice President

John J. Tracey, Jr., 76, of Monmouth Beach died on Friday, March 27, at home.

Born in Belmont, Massachusetts, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Monmouth Beach in 1976.

He was a 1943 graduate of Boston University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism.

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

Mr. Tracey had worked for the National Telephone Directory in Union, now located in Somerset, for 35 years prior to retiring as its Executive Vice President in 1982.

He was a member of the Monmouth Beach Planning Board and the Deal Golf and Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Audrey Tracey; a son, J. Stephen Tracey; a sister, Helen

Louise Montagna, 89

Louise Paoello Montagna, 89, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, March 28, at home.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Scotch Plains since 1936.

Mrs. Montagna had worked in the administrative division of the Union Center National Bank in Union for 15 years prior to retiring in 1974.

She was a member of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Senior Citizens, where she was a past recipient of the Senior of the Year Award. She also was a volunteer for the Scotch Plains Thrift Shop.

Her husband, Thomas Montagna, Sr., died in 1955.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Montagna, Jr.; three daughters, Joyce Covine, Shirley Biegler and Marlene Lawatsch; a sister, Christine Viscardi; 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, April 1, in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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Winifred I. Watson, 72

Winifred I. Watson, 72, of Scotch Plains died on Monday, March 23, at home.

Born in New York City, she had lived in The Bronx before moving to Scotch Plains 28 years ago.

She had been an administrative assistant at Voorhees Community College in Brooklyn for 20 years, retiring in 1991.

Mrs. Watson was a former member of the Holy Ghost Pentecostal Tabernacle in New York City and a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Springfield.

Surviving are her husband, Earl H. Watson; three daughters, Paula D. Watson, Michele C. Watson and Cheryl E. Watson, all of Scotch Plains; a brother, Ralph King of Cambria Heights, New York; two sisters, Sylvia Donnelly of East Orange and Marilyn Samuels of Staten Island, New York, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 27, at the Antioch Baptist Church. Arrangements were handled by the Judkins Colonial Home in Plainfield.

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Austin, and five grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, March 31, at the Church of the Precious Blood in Monmouth Beach.

Arrangements were handled by the John E. Day Funeral Home in Red Bank.

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Katherine Perry, 30

Katherine Perry, 30, of Bremerton, Washington, died on Sunday, March 22, at home.

Born in Perth Amboy, she had lived in Fanwood, in Troy, Michigan, and in Mendham before moving to Bremerton in 1992.

Miss Perry was a special education teacher with the Bremerton school district since 1992.

She was a 1990 graduate of Stroudsburg University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Special Education.

Miss Perry was a volunteer with Paws, a cat adoption service in Bremerton.

Surviving are her parents, Janet and Leland Perry; two brothers, Scott Perry and Todd Perry, and her grandmothers, Doris Perry and Meta Pekau.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, in the Grace Lutheran Church, 65 East Main Street, in Mendham.

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Mary Tendermorne, 81

Mary Tendermorne, 81, of Fanwood died on Thursday, March 26, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Maplewood before moving to Fanwood last year.

Miss Tendermorne had worked part time as a clerk in the Maplewood Tax Assessor's Office for several years.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, March 31, in Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in South Orange.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the McCracken Funeral Home in Union.

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Richard Reinhardt, Sr.

Richard George Reinhardt, Sr., 62, died on Wednesday, March 25, in the Sierra Medical Center in El Paso, Texas.

Born in Garwood, he had lived in Westfield and Neptune before moving to El Paso in 1992.

Mr. Reinhardt was a plant manager for Antec, formerly KepTel of Tinton Falls, in El Paso for 12 years.

He was a member of the Society of Plastics Engineers and the Vista Hills Country Club of El Paso.

Mr. Reinhardt had served in the United States Marine Corps during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Antoinette Reinhardt; two sons, Anton Reinhardt and Richard Reinhardt, Jr.; four daughters, Diane Reinhardt, Debbie Knoeller, Sharon Loyd and Carolyn Natkie; three brothers, David Reinhardt, Kenneth Reinhardt and Robin Reinhardt; three sisters, Shirley Wansaw, Judy Funk and Kathy McGee, and eight grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, March 31, at St. Elizabeth's Church in Avon. Arrangements were handled by the Ely Funeral Home in Neptune.

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— Obituaries —

John Fiorino, 38, Local Firefighter; Coached Little League in Westfield

John Fiorino, 38, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Monday, March 30, at the Grandstrand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

He had been a volunteer firefighter in Westfield from 1983 to 1986, and was employed as a firefighter for the Town of Westfield since 1986.

Firefighter Fiorino was a member of the Firemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 30 of Westfield and the Exempt Firemen's Association.

He was a communicant of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and a member of the Italian-American Club of North Plainfield.

He coached Little League in Westfield for baseball, basketball, football and soccer.

Surviving are his wife, Allison Tortoriello Fiorino; two sons, Vincent

Fiorino and Stephen Fiorino; a daughter, Amy Fiorino; his parents, Joseph and Eleanor Fiorino of Westfield, and two sisters, Patricia Petersen of Westfield and Joanne Hughes of Lincroft.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 3, at Holy Trinity Church. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, April 2, at the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the Fiorino Children's Scholarship Fund, care of Westfield Firemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 30, 405 North Avenue, West, Westfield, 07090.

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Nicholas Kosovan, 69, Army Veteran; Weldon Retiree Served as Volunteer

Nicholas Kosovan, 69, of Palm Bay, Florida, died on Thursday, March 26, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, Florida.

Born in Manville, he had lived in Scotch Plains and Fanwood for many years before retiring to Palm Bay in 1990.

Mr. Kosovan had been a quarry operator at Weldon Concrete in Watchung for more than 10 years before retiring in 1990.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

In Palm Bay, he was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Kosovan was predeceased by his first wife, Jeanne Hartman Kosovan, in

Louis M. Pisane, 88

Louis M. Pisane, 88, of Lakehurst died on Sunday, March 29, at Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Florida.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Bound Brook for 35 years before moving to Lakehurst 14 years ago.

He was a tinsmith at American Cyanamid in Bridgewater.

Mr. Pisane was a former member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Bound Brook.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Bridgit Argullo Pisane; two sons, Louis D. Pisane of Scotch Plains and Randolph Pisane of Westfield; a sister, Christine Pannone of St. Petersburg, Florida, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, April 2, at the Conroy Funeral Home in Bound Brook, followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church in Bound Brook.

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Edward Selert, 64

Edward Selert, 64, of Westfield died on Monday, March 23, at home.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Linden before moving to Westfield.

Mr. Selert had been a sprinkler fitter with Local No. 696 of Newark for 43 years before retiring in 1992.

He served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1953 through 1957.

Mr. Selert coached Little League baseball and football teams in Westfield.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Frances Selert; three sons, John Selert, Scott Selert and Carl Selert; three brothers, Arnold Selert, William Selert and Richard Selert; a sister, Lorraine Bennett, and six grandchildren.

Private funeral services were arranged by the Leonard-Lee Funeral Home in Linden.

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Frederick Bremmer, 70, Was Butcher; Had Been Police Officer in Fanwood

Frederick K. Bremmer, 70, of Manasquan died on Sunday, March 22, at home.

Born in Plainfield, he moved to Manasquan in 1964.

Mr. Bremmer had been a butcher for Shop-Rite Foodarama for 30 years at various locations, prior to retiring in 1989.

He had been a police officer in Fanwood from 1952 to 1959.

Mr. Bremmer was a member of the organizational committee and a charter member of the Fanwood Policeman's Benevolent Association No. 123.

He was also a member of the

Fanwood Fire Department for 14 years, the Fanwood Rescue Squad and the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union Local No. 464A in Little Falls.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Rodgers Bremmer; four sons, Elliot Bremmer of Glendola, Glenn Bremmer of Point Pleasant Borough, Hugh Bremmer and Frederick Bremmer, Jr., both of Manasquan; three daughters, Nancy Bremmer of Lakewood, Mary Lou Brown of Jackson and Marcia Britton of Beachwood, and 11 grandchildren.

Private funeral services were arranged by the Neary-Quinn Funeral Home in Manasquan.

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Rudolph F. Sarich, 77, Bell Specialist; Decorated World War II Veteran

Rudolph F. Sarich, 77, of Berkeley Township died on Thursday, March 26, in the Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in Hoboken, he had lived in Mountainside before moving to Berkeley Township in 1989.

Mr. Sarich had been a communications specialist for 36 years with New Jersey Bell in Newark before retiring in 1984.

He received a Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle East Ser-

vice Medal and the American Campaign Medal in World War II.

Mr. Sarich was a member of the Elks Lodge in Toms River.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Sarich; two sons, David A. Sarich and Robert Galiano; two daughters, Nancy Varmette and Patti Ann McDaniel; a brother, Christian Sarych, and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by the Quinn-Hopping Funeral home of Toms River.

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Lillian V. Rushford Shouffler, 85, Inducted Into Bowling Hall of Fame

Lillian V. Rushford Shouffler, 85, of Westfield died on Monday, March 30, at Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook.

Born in Burton, West Virginia, she had lived in Charleston, West Virginia, before moving to Westfield in 1951. She had lived in Westfield for 46 years before moving into Greenbrook Manor last year.

Mrs. Shouffler was a former member of the Union County Bowling Association and was inducted into the Union County Bowling Hall of Fame.

She was predeceased by her husband,

Howard B. Shouffler, in 1989; a daughter, Joanne E. Cuccaro, in 1992; a brother, John Rushford, and two sisters, Wilma Cain and Lucille Zetty.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy J. DiDario of North Plainfield; a son, Howard E. Shouffler of Branchburg; a brother, William Rushford of Morgantown, West Virginia; a sister, Dorothy Teets; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, April 2, at the Werson Funeral Home in Linden.

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Catherine V. Brandauer, 80, Retiree; Crossing Guard Won Optimist Award

Catherine V. Brandauer, 80, of Scotch Plains died on Saturday, March 28, in the Villa Maria in North Plainfield.

Born in Staten Island, she had moved to Scotch Plains many years ago.

Mrs. Brandauer had been a crossing guard for the Scotch Plains Police Department for 32 years prior to retiring several months ago. She had received the Law and Enforcement Award from the Optimist Club Inter-

national in 1993.

She was a member of the Corner Stone Club of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Surviving are a son, Frank J. Brandauer; a sister, Gladys Connell, and two grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, in St. Helen's Church in Westfield, following the funeral from the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS



Abby Coxson



Jesse Coxson



Brooke Smith



Heidi Schoenemann



Steve Berkowitz



Ian Doebber



Dave Russ



Jeff Wagner



Dana Berkowitz



Ann Espinoza



Sarah Milligan



Jessica Zentmeyer



Seth Burstein



Jay Pollack



Erik Larson



Cliff Haldeman

Blue Devils, Raiders Dominate All-Area Girls' Swimming List

Four Westfield High School and four Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls, along with one Union Catholic High School girl have been selected to *The Courier News'* 1998 First Team All-Area girls' Swimming List. Also, one additional Raider and one additional Blue Devil have been named either as All-Union/Middlesex or as an Honorable Mention.

Senior Heidi Schoenemann, junior Brooke Smith and sophomores Abby and Jesse Coxson were selected for their outstanding accomplishments in the 200-free relay event for the Blue Devils. Seniors Sarah Milligan and Jessica Zentmeyer, sophomore Ann Espinoza and freshman Dana Berkowitz have been selected for their outstanding accomplishments in the 200-medley relay for the Raiders. Lisa Dolansky of Union Catholic High School was named for her efforts in the 100-yard backstroke.

Schoenemann, as part of the 200-yard freestyle team, helped break a Westfield High School record in the event when the foursome turned in a combined time of 1:42.81 at the Public A state final. Schoenemann was also part of the winning 200-medley relay team, also at the Public A final, which recorded a time of 1:55.39.

Abby Coxson, as part of the foursome, swam the third leg in the 200-yard freestyle relay which broke the record at the Union County Champion-

ships (UCT). Among her many victories in several events, Coxson won the 200-yard freestyle at the counties, and placed second in the 500-yard freestyle at the UCT last year. Coxson was named either All-Area, All-Union/Middlesex or Honorable Mention in every event in which she had competed.

Jesse Coxson, like her twin sister shared the same recognition by *The Courier News*. Coxson swam the anchor leg of the winning 200-yard freestyle relay at the UCT and took first in the 500-yard freestyle at the same meet. Coxson was part of the 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle relays which seized first at the Public A finals.

As well as sharing the fame of the 200-yard freestyle relay, Smith took first in the 200-yard individual medley and in the 200-yard medley and freestyle relays at the state finals. Smith touched for seventh in the 100-yard butterfly and eighth in the breaststroke at the Meet of Champions. Smith also was named first team All-Area in the 100-yard butterfly.

Milligan and her three teammates combined to break the record in the 200-yard medley relay at the Union County Championships. Milligan also placed second in the 100-yard backstroke at the UCT. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School records were set by the foursome in the 200-yard medley relay and by Milligan in the 100-yard

backstroke this year.

Zentmeyer swam the breaststroke leg for the school and county record-breaking 200-yard medley relay team. Zentmeyer's effort helped push the relay team to a second-place showing at the Meet of Champions.

Espinoza swam the butterfly leg of the school record-breaking 200-yard medley relay at the Meet of Champions (MoC). Also at the MoC, Espinoza set a Raider record in the 100-yard butterfly. In the UCT, Espinoza captured first in the butterfly, the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle.

In addition to being part of the record-setting 200-yard medley relay team, Berkowitz placed third in the 200-yard individual medley and second in the 100-yard freestyle at the UCT. Berkowitz touched fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle at the Pirate Invitational.

Dolansky won the 100-yard backstroke and finished second in the 200-yard individual medley at the UCT. Dolansky took fourth in the 100-yard backstroke and ninth in the 100-yard butterfly at the Meet of Champions. Dolansky broke the Viking record in the 100-yard backstroke and in the 200-yard individual medley.

Raider Melissa Caniff was selected All-Union/Middlesex in the 400-yard freestyle relay and Blue Devil Ashley Saul was named Honorable Mention in the 200-yard medley relay.

Raiders and Blue Devils Rule All-Area Boys' Swimming List

Dogged effort and discipline eventually yields rewards, and several members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Westfield High School boys' swimming team recently received some of the rewards by being named to *The Courier News'* 1998 First Team All-Area Boys' Swimming List. Several additional Raiders and Blue Devils were named either as All-Union/Middlesex or as Honorable Mentions.

Raiders Steven Berkowitz, David Russ, Jeff Wagner and Ian Doebber and the Blue Devils' Seth Burstein and Jay Pollack were selected to the All-Area list, while Raiders Chris Karelus and Charlie Rowe and Blue Devils' Cliff Haldeman and Erik Larson were named to the All-Union/Middlesex lists. In addition, the Raiders' Chris Smith and Chris Swenson and Westfield's Coley Lechner and Rob Myers have been named as Honorable Mentions.

Russ, a junior, appeared on the top list as a member of the 200-medley relay team and individually for his feats in the 50-yard freestyle. Russ virtually owned the events at the Union County Championships as he aced the 100-yard and the 50-yard freestyle events, and was a member of the winning 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle events.

Russ set Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School records in the 100-yard freestyle, the 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relays.

Doebber, a senior, swam the freestyle leg of the 200-yard medley relay team for which he was selected All-Area. Doebber touched first in the 100-yard backstroke and in the 400-yard freestyle relay at the Union County Championships. Doebber also placed second in the 100-yard backstroke at the Pirate Invitational.

Berkowitz, a sophomore, was also named All-Area for his role on the Raiders' 200-yard medley relay team. The foursome of Berkowitz, Russ, Wagner and Doebber aced the 200-yard medley relay at the county championship and set the school record in the same event.

Wagner, a junior named All-Area for his role on the Raiders' 200-yard medley relay, swam the butterfly portion of the event. Individually, Wagner

placed second in the 200-yard individual medley and in the 100-yard butterfly at the Union County Championships. Wagner created a tidal wave when he out-touched Burstein in the 100-yard butterfly to assist the Raiders in defeating the Blue Devils in the state sectionals. Wagner holds the Raider school record in the 100-yard butterfly.

Burstein, a junior, was selected twice on the All-Area list for his achieve-

ments in the 100-yard butterfly and in the 100-yard freestyle. Burstein's excellence in the 100-yard butterfly, the 200-yard individual medley and on the third leg of the 200-yard freestyle relay earned the Blue Devils first place in all three events and helped the Blue Devils capture their 42nd Union County Title. Burstein placed third at the Pirate Invitational in the 100-yard butterfly.

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Raider Pitching Will Be Major Focus This Year

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Offense with power was the name of the game last year for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team as they blended the long ball with a high team batting average. Although several of those impressive hitters have graduated, several have remained and several new talented hitters have come up through the ranks; however, the primary focus may be on developing the pitching depth.

With a total of 20 home runs and a team batting average of .379 last year, the Raiders had nothing to worry about offensively. The defense had an .863 fielding average and the Raiders finished the season with a 14-7-1 record.

Gone from the starting lineup are Kyle Atkins, John Luciano and Mike Pudlak. Atkins hit with power but was especially adroit with the glove as he led the team with a .955 fielding average. Luciano struck fear into opposing pitchers as he thumped eight home runs, stole 14 bases and finished with a steaming .438 batting average. Pudlak was the Raiders' king with the 'stick' as he led the team with an incredible .483 batting average. Pudlak was also great

with the glove, finishing second on the team with a .953 fielding average.

Returning are, shortstop and pitcher Dave Gewirtz, left fielder and pitcher Adam Baumwoll, second baseman Doug Bishop, outfielders Delmar and Donald Patterson and catcher Jim Buccola.

Aside from being the Raiders' ace pitcher, Gewirtz hit two home runs and batted .405. Baumwoll belted three homers and batted a sizzling .448. Bishop batted .357. Delmar Patterson blasted two home runs, stole eight bases and batted .444 and Buccola ripped one homer and batted .353 last year.

Luke Cerchio and Matt McCarthy, who were instrumental in the success of the junior varsity (JV) squad last year, will help solidify the pitching staff. Joe Franzone, a junior, will be playing first, but may get some pitching time as will junior outfielder Tony Melendez. Joe Ascolese will most likely be used for middle relief and as a backup catcher.

Ryan Hahner, who caught for the jun-

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Blue Devil Softball Team Will Execute a Fresh Approach

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Offensive clout and effective pitching powered the Westfield High School girls softball team to a fine 17-8 record last season which qualified them for the state sectionals. Although some of their power hitters have graduated, the Blue Devils have several returning players. However, the offensive philosophy will take on a new look. On the mound, the Blue Devil girls will be blessed with the return of their ace pitcher.

Last year, the Blue Devil girls put up some big numbers, amassing 224 hits and finishing with a .324 team batting average. The Blue Devils were not the type of team to wait for the walk as only 46 were taken.

Gone are center fielder Rachel Brendler, left fielder Lindsay Greenwald, right fielder Becca Brendler, designated hitter Linda Hoesly, Mie Asakawa and third baseman Kate Tracy. Returning are senior pitcher Shannon Wagner, junior catcher Susan Phillips, senior shortstop Colleen Ryan and junior second baseman Liz McKeon.

Rachel and Becca Brendler both hit three home runs and batted .405 and .302, respectively. Greenwald was effective as a backup pitcher and also drove 20 Blue Devils across the plate. Hoesly thumped two home runs and crossed the plate 12 times. Tracy rarely struck out

and also crossed the plate 12 times. Once on base, Asakawa owned the base pads as she could move from first to home in a flash. Asakawa batted a cool .333 and crossed home plate 15 times.

Wagner sizzled everywhere. As a pitcher, Wagner successfully fired the ball past 102 batters for a call of third strike, recorded a 2.44 earned-run-average and finished with a 15-8 record. As a hitter, Wagner blazed with a team-leading .455 batting average, led the team with 35 hits, scored 32 runs and ripped seven triples. Wagner will remain as the Blue Devils' ace pitcher.

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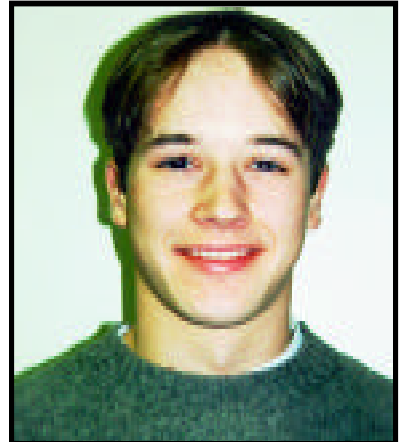


David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
ABOUT TO CONNECT...Blue Devil softball player Shannon Wagner swings and is about to connect during a scrimmage game with Roselle Park on March 27. Wagner was the Blue Devils' best hitter last year with a .455 average.

Kashlak Gets Named All-Public 2nd Team

Westfield High School junior Ronnie Kashlak has been selected to the Second Team All-Public Schools Hockey List for the 1997-98 season. For nearly the entire hockey season, Kashlak topped the scoring charts and finished as the state's second-highest scorer with 95 total points, netting 64 goals and setting up 31 assists.

The Blue Devil varsity hockey team finished 10th on the Public School list this season.



Ronnie Kashlak

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UC's McDonald Makes All-Area Basketball
Union Catholic High School senior forward Devin McDonald has been named to *The Courier News'* 1998 First Team All-Area Girls Basketball List.

McDonald, who averaged 12.3 points per game and 10.4 rebounds per game, scored in double figures in 17 contests. McDonald led the Viking girls to a 51-39 victory over Oak Knoll in the Union County Finals, hitting 18 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. In addition, McDonald sank 17 points in a 51-44 win over powerful Paramus Catholic.

Katie Santo and Kathryn Rooney of Union Catholic, Liz McKeon, Vicki Nusse and Suzanne Vinegra of Westfield and Nikki McCoy of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School were named as Honorable Mentions.



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ALL SET...Raider Doug Bishop is all set to hit a pitch from Breary pitcher Ron Veit during the scrimmage game.

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SETTING UP THE SCORE...Blue Devil Kevin Mansfield controls the ball and prepares to flick the ball to Bryan Gates who would later score against Columbia High School in a scrimmage game on March 28.



Bryan Gates

ScP Masters League Basketball Results:

Table with columns: Team, W/L, Pct. Rows include Merrill Lynch, Cumming Motors, Int'l Realty, Scotch Plains, Warren Warriors, The Express.

March 24: Warren Warriors 39, The Express 24. Cumming Motors 63, Scotch Plains 51

March 26: Merrill Lynch 63, Cumming Motors 48. International Realty 50, Warren Warriors 17

In a showdown of top teams in Masters Basketball action, Merrill Lynch outfought the revamped Cumming Motors squad, shooting a higher percentage and corraling more rebounds.

Earlier, Cumming's defeated Scotch Plains behind three distinct runs. The first was provided by Smith in the paint, the second by Jake Higgins with a barrage of jump shots and the third capped by an amazing run by Jayson which included several long three-pointers.

Warren bested The Express in a battle of cellar-dwellers, outunning and outshooting the losers. Steve Burger's shooting and Al Kroboth's rebounding paced the winning effort.

Suburban Women's Tennis League Sign Up Announced

Anyone interested in playing on the Westfield Women's Tennis Team for this summer's Suburban Women's Tennis League during June and July, please call Shelly Nichols at 232-0897.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14725-97. FIRST BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF vs. SARAH DUNNING, HIS WIFE, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

Blue Devil Gates Skates With Hockey All-Stars

Last week's fifth annual High School Ice Hockey All-Star game for seniors provided spectators with a chance to see some of the state's best hockey players go up against each other in an action-packed match of skills.

A crowd of 400 at Mennen Arena in Morris Township watched as players, selected by the New Jersey Coaches Association, showcased their talent on March 25.

Westfield High School's Bryan Gates played defense for the National Team which succumbed to the American Team 11-7. The Nationals trailed by only one by the beginning of the third period at 6-5, but goals by Al Karl of Roxbury, Kevin Fitzpatrick of St. Peter's Prep and game MVP Nick Ianniello of Brick, put the Americans ahead 9-5.

"I felt privileged to play with the best seniors in the state," said Gates. "The hockey was very fast-paced and exciting. It was fun to play with and against players I'd met over the years through hockey and lacrosse," added Gates.

Gates is heading to Colby College in the fall and will play lacrosse.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
THE WINDUP...Senior Blue Devil pitcher Greg Freisen gets ready to fire the ball past the Hilltopper batter during a scrimmage with Summit on March 27.



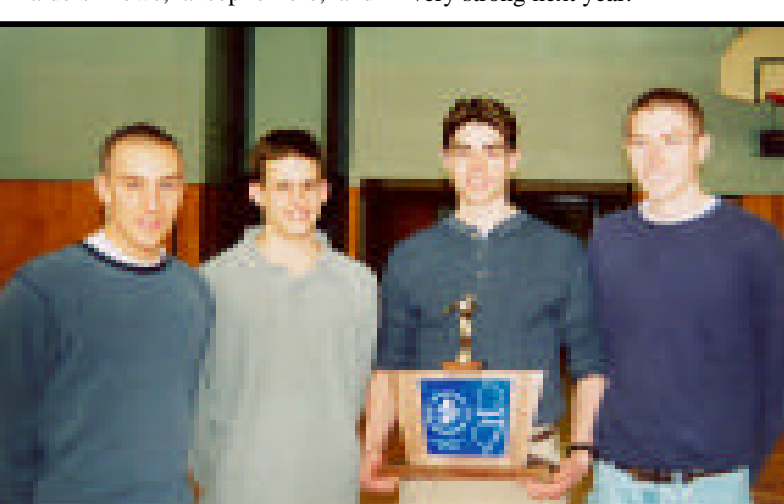
David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
SCOPING IT UP...Blue Devil Bob Baykowski scoops up the ball at shortstop and throws the runner out at second during a scrimmage with Summit on March 27.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE COUNTY OF UNION NOTICE TO BIDDERS THE WESTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER ASSOCIATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS/FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY ARE REQUESTED.

Raiders and Blue Devils Rule All-Area Boys Swimming List

Continued from page 13 Pollack, a junior, was selected All-Area for his efforts in the grueling 500-yard freestyle event. Pollack touched second in the 200-yard and the 500-yard freestyle at the Union County Tournament. At the North 1-2 Group A semifinals against Vernon, Pollack caused undulations by winning the 200-yard and the 500-yard freestyle events, and by anchoring the winning 400-yard freestyle team.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
NORTH A SWIMMING CHAMPS...From the left, Jeff Wagner, Steve Berkowitz, Ian Doebber and Dave Russ proudly display the trophy which the Raiders have received for winning the North A Boys Swimming Championship.

Union Catholic High School Spring Sports Schedule:

Schedule for Varsity Boys Baseball, Varsity Girls Softball, and Varsity Boys Tennis. Columns include date, time, location, and opponent.

Schedule for Varsity Golf and Varsity Volleyball. Columns include date, time, location, and opponent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MR. DRAYTON, HUSBAND OF SADIE DRAYTON

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 OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER ET AL, DEFENDANT.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
POWERFUL SERVE...Senior Blue Devil Dan Aquila delivers a powerful serve during tennis practice at Tamaques Park. Aquila was to start at first singles in the Blue Devils' opener against Millburn High School on April 1.

Schwartz Grabs Five Medals at Swim Meet

Dave Schwartz, Westfield High School graduate and co-captain of the Harvard swim team, placed in five events at Eastern Seaboard Swim Championships held at West Point. The meet involved 10 teams, including the entire Ivy League.

Individually, Schwartz placed first in his specialty, the 200 breaststroke, second in the 100 breaststroke, and eighth in the 400 individual medley, an event he rarely swims.

Eight members of the Harvard Team, will be competing at the NCAA Swim Championships at Auburn. Schwartz and one other New Jersey native will be among the eight representing Harvard.

During his swimming career at Harvard, Schwartz broke several records, two at Harvard in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke, one at Cornell and one at Princeton. Schwartz swam for his high school team and was a state champion in the breaststroke.

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 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1451 RARITAN ROAD, LOCATED IN BLOCK NO. 14802, LOT NO. 1 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

The purpose of the ordinance: THIS ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1451 RARITAN ROAD (LOT NO. 1, BLOCK NO. 14802).

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 without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE Township Clerk 1 T - 4/2/98, The Times Fee: \$36.21

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD, SCHOOL DISTRICT UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed bids will be received by the Board of Education of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, 07076, Union County, New Jersey, for the following to be received at the prevailing time(s):

ATHLETIC SUPPLIES BID THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1998 AT 2:30 P.M.

and will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. If bid exceeds \$20,000.00, bidder must be prequalified by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Building and Construction, prior to date that bids are received.

Bids must be made on the proposal forms in the manner designated, enclosed in a separate sealed envelope with the name and address of bidder and work bid upon noted on the outside, and must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond drawn to the order of the Board of Education for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, but in no case in excess of \$20,000.00, and must be delivered to the Secretary of the Board of Education, or the Board's designated representative at the above place on or before the hour named. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for bids mailed or misdirected in delivery.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or waive informality in the bidding if it is in the interest of the Board of Education to do so.

Bidding shall be in conformance with the applicable requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., pertaining to the "Public School Contracts Law."

All bidders are placed on notice that they are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 127.

Specifications and full information may be obtained upon request at the Business Office of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 07076.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY Matthew A. Clarke, Secretary 1 T - 4/2/98, The Times Fee: \$56.61

POSTERS

The Westfield Leader and The Times have the capabilities of making large color posters (24x18 and smaller) of sports photos or any photos you may wish to be reproduced. Prices are reasonable. Call David Corbin at (908) 232-4407 or e-mail Dave for information at dave@goleader.com.

Westfield Tennis Asso. Offers Tennis Lessons

Sign ups for WTA tennis lessons for the 1998 spring and summer season are underway. Lessons are available for Adults, Junior "A" (entering grades 6 to 12 as of September 1998), and Junior "B" (entering grades 3, 4, and 5 as of September 1998). Applications are available at the Department of Recreation in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, or the Westfield Memorial Library, 550 East Broad Street. Send applications to: WTA, P.O. Box 125, Westfield, 07091.

All lessons are taught at the Memorial Park tennis courts, across from the municipal pool. In order to play on town courts the Westfield Recreation Department mandates that all lesson participants hold a current tennis permit. Permits are also available from the Westfield Recreation Commission. Please send your applications in early.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, March 24, 1998, an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ENTITLED "TRAFFIC".

was duly passed on second and final reading. TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS Barbara Riepe Township Clerk 1 T - 4/2/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81

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 costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF 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 Fee: \$161.16

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15821-96.

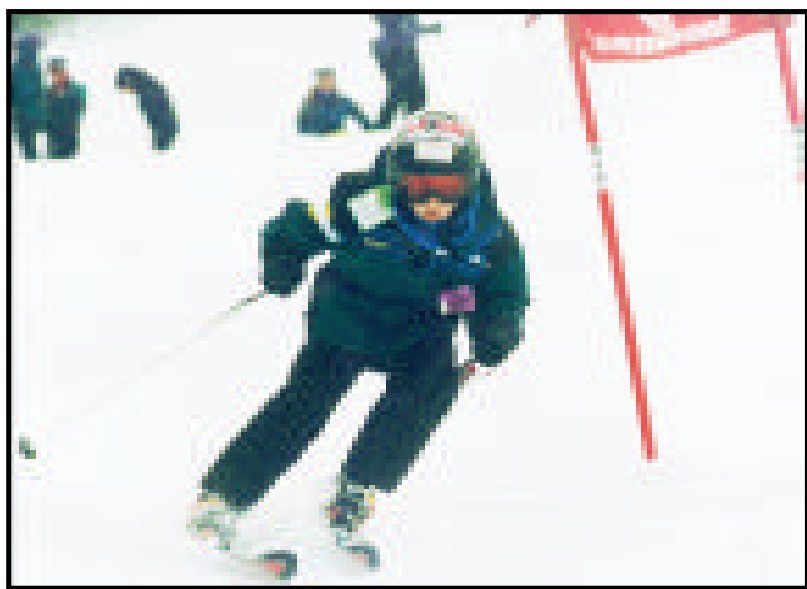
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF WASHINGTON, D.C., PLAINTIFF vs. CLARENCE W. TURNAGE; DOMESTIC FINANCE CORPORATION ET ALS; DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 15, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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 costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF HARRIS & KLEIN, Attorneys 177 Valley Street South Orange, New Jersey 07079 CH-753660 (WL) 4 T - 3/19, 3/26, 4/2 & 4/9/98 Fee: \$155.04



SKIING DOWN THE SLOPES...Casey Brown, a third grader at Franklin Elementary in Westfield, flies down the slopes. Brown has been invited to ski with the United States Ski Team.

Casey Brown Will Ski With US Ski Team

Casey Brown, a third grade student at Franklin Elementary School, has been invited to ski with the United States Ski Team at a developmental race camp for young skiers. Casey has been skiing since the age of three with his parents.

Last year, Brown and his family began competing in the NASTAR slalom competitions that over 100 ski resorts participate in nationwide.

This year, Brown qualified for the US Ski Team ski camp by obtaining several gold medal times for his age category, ages 7 to 9. This special camp will be held at four regional locations nationwide. Brown will be attending the camp at Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vermont.

He hopes this will be the beginning of an exciting racing career. Brown's sister, Tierney, age five, is also a gold medal NASTAR skier and hopes to follow in her brother's ski tracks.

Dynamite Blasts SPF Jazz, 4-1

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz girls' under-10 intercity soccer team traveled to Thomas Edison Park on March 29 to meet the Edison Dynamite. The dynamite exploded to an early 2-0 lead but the Jazz fought back and closed to within one goal at halftime.

Lauren Hercul sparked the Jazz attack with a swift rush up the right side and a dazzling shot from just outside the right post to cut the Edison lead to 2-1. Bitsy Kipping made a leaping save to snuff out one Dynamite attack and keep the game close.

In the second half Gaby Falco made a sparkling rush up the left side and Shannon Hauser made a similar rush up the right side, but both were disconnected by the tightly wired Edison defense. Two late goals by Edison put the game out of reach for the Jazz, who played a spirited game and look to pick up a win in their next contest scheduled at Cranford on April 5.

Power Aerobics Class Underway in Westfield

The Westfield Recreation Commission has announced that its Power Aerobics Class is being offered from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays through June 10.

The instructor for this high intensity aerobic and toning workout is Debbie Weiss.

The cost is \$30 per person for this 10-week program, which is being held in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street.

For more information, please call (908) 789-4080.

Tennis Membership ID Cards Now on Sale

The Westfield Recreation Commission is now selling tennis membership identification cards for the 1998 season.

Use of the courts is restricted to Westfield residents only at Tamaques Park and the Elm Street courts. The courts at Memorial Park are open to all membership holders.

For more information, please call the Recreation Office at (908) 789-4080.

SP-F Golden Eagles Snag Montgomery and Rahway

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls' Golden Eagles (Intercity U-11) squad remained undefeated for the spring season by besting two opponents at home this past weekend.

On Saturday, March 28, the Eagles took the field against a tough squad from Montgomery and won, 3-2.

Montgomery scored first, but Taylor Montagna soon tied the score when she fielded a rebound from a shot by Jenna Balestriere—which hit the goal post—and slid the ball past the goalie's hands. Minutes later, Kelly Rigano put the Eagles ahead to stay when she fielded a kick by the Montgomery keeper and pounded it right back into the goal.

Montgomery tied the game just before the end of the first half.

The two squads played a defensive battle for most of the second half. Shannon Hassett and Jeanette Franzone looked strong for the Eagles in midfield and Jennifer Villas and Erin O'Connor anchored the defense. In the waning minutes of the game, Rigano intercepted a Montgomery pass, brought the ball down the field and fed to Balestriere, who sent the winning shot into the far corner of the goal.

On March 29, the Eagles scored within minutes of the opening kick-off in their game against Rahway, en route to a 5-1 win. Elizabeth Elko brought the ball downfield and sent a centering pass to Balestriere, who sent a high, fast kick into the upper corner of the net, well beyond the keeper's reach.

Rahway tied the game up early in the second quarter and the teams battled toward a halftime tie. The Eagles found their scoring instinct in the second half and took advantage of every opportunity. First, Rigano took a shot on goal which rebounded off the post and was fielded by Elko. Elko passed the ball to Kristen Zyla, who booted a shot under the goalie's outstretched hands, putting the Eagles ahead to stay, 2-1.

Minutes later, Baker moved the ball

towards the goal and sent a slick pass to Rigano, who scored the third Eagles' goal.

The last two Eagles' goals were both scored by Karen Gassler, showing offensive abilities after playing keeper in the first half. Gassler had an unassisted goal when she intercepted a Rahway throw-in and drilled home a shot into the goal.

Minutes later, Gassler took a pass from Montagna and sent a high kick under the cross bar for the Eagles' final tally. Lauren Perrotta, Carly Wells and Stephanie Splendorio prevented Rahway from mounting any offensive drives in the second half. Gassler and Elise DeVries shared the keeper duties in both games.

SP Basketball 30+ Playoff Results

(As of March 25):

- C & C 85, Thunder 48
- Swan Motel 72, Paperchase 42
- Team Five 71, Sneaker Mania 44
- Campbell Construction 82, Shootin' & Lootin 77

FINAL STANDINGS: (As of March 25)

TEAM	W	L
Swan Motel	13	1
Campbell	11	3
C & C	9	5
Team Five	8	6
Sneaker Mania	6	8
Thunder	5	9
Shootin' & Lootin	4	10
Paperchase	1	13

Semi-Finals for the league have been scheduled for April 1. The finals are scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 8.

If there are basketball players in the area interested in playing or possibly entering a team for the 1998-99 season, call (908) 298-0751.

Madison Gymnasts Defeat FSP Gymnasts, 94.15-91.15

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains "B" Division Gymnastic Team competed against the Madison Area gymnasts on March 22. Although the Fanwood-Scotch Plains (FSP) gymnasts competed in a good meet, the Madison gymnasts defeated them 94.15 to 91.15.

Many of the FSP gymnasts earned top awards. In the 12 year old age group, Jessica Guerriero took third place in the All Around, as well as on the Balance Beam and the Floor Exercise. Kathryn Brucia took fourth in the All Around and also earned third place on Uneven Bars.

In the 13 and over age group, Chrissy Perrotta earned first place in the All Around category with a personal best meet. Perrotta also received first on Balance Beam, second on the Vault, and third on Uneven Bars and Floor Exercise. The second place All Around title went to Rachael Eannucci.

Eannucci earned first on Vault with a personal best as well as second on Balance Beam and Floor Exercise. Diana Filo received the third place All Around award. Filo's performances earned her a first on the Floor Exercise and a third on Balance Beam.

Also representing the Fanwood-Scotch Plains "B" Division gymnasts were Stephanie Faber and Tiffany Kane.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-12753-97.
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIE C. NORMAN, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 17, 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 29TH 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 \$165,098.12. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth. COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
STREET & STREET NO.: 10 Country Club Lane.
TAX BLOCK NO. AND LOT NO.: BLOCK NO. W11, LOT NO. A156C.
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 52 FEET X 108.01 FEET.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 221.65 feet from the northeasterly side of North Broad Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$169,428.98 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., Attorney
737 Stokes Road
P.O. Box 1088
Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962
CH-753681 (WL)
4 T - 4/2, 4/9,
4/16 & 4/23/98 Fee: \$165.24

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3773-97.
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MR. AND MRS. WILSON A. COLLANTES, JOSE O. HERNANDEZ, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 2, 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 29TH 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 \$178,703.36.
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: 28 SOUTH FIFTH STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.
TAX LOT NO.: 1177, BLOCK NO.: 5.
Dimensions of the Lot are (approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Situated on the SOUTHERLY side of SOUTH FIFTH STREET, distant 325.42 feet from the WESTERLY side of FIRST AVENUE.
There is due approximately the sum of \$183,384.07 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
PETILLO & STERN, Attorneys
Suite 300
1170 Route 2E East
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807-2926
CH-753687 (WL)
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4/16 & 4/23/98 Fee: \$171.36

SPORTS DEADLINE

Please refer to the deadline box on Page One for sports deadlines. Deadlines will be ADHERED to with NO EXCEPTIONS. Articles will be accepted by e-mail at: sports@goleader.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey, in the Board of Education Office, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, at 11:00 A.M. (Prevaling Time) on April 14, 1998 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

"CORNICES AND GUTTER RENOVATIONS AT WILSON SCHOOL BB-117"

Plans and Specifications will be available on Friday, April 3, 1998.

Plans, Specifications, form of bid, contract and bond for the proposed work and other Contract Documents thereto, as prepared by M. Disko Associates, are on file in their offices at 493 Lehigh Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, and in the offices of the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and may be examined at the office of M. Disko Associates during business hours.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for Fifty (\$50.00) (dollars), payable to M. DISKO ASSOCIATES, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.

Proposal forms (as contained in the Specifications) provide for the awarding of all the work to the lowest qualified bidder under a single contract.

The guaranty accompanying the bid shall be given in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid and may be given at the option of the bidder by a Certified Check, or Bid Bond from a reputable insurance company.

All bidders must be prequalified in accordance with Chapter 105, Laws of 1962, as amended by Chapter 188, Laws of 1968 as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.

Labor in connection with the project shall be paid not less than wages as listed in Prevailing Wage Rate Determination, pursuant to Chapter 150 of the New Jersey Laws of 1963, or the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determinations, whichever are higher for each class of labor.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1975, C. 127. (NJAC 17:27).

Bids may be held by the Board of Education for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in its judgment the public interest will be served by so doing.

By order of the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey.

Robert Rader Board Secretary
1 T - 4/2/98, The Leader Fee: \$57.63



BUNDLES OF MEDALS...Jessica Caravello, left, Ashley Flood, center, and Lauren Caravello display all the medals that they have won at the gymnastics competition.

Three Westfield Girls Make Regional Gymnastics Meet

The United States Amateur Gymnastics Level 9 New Jersey State Championships was held in Edison on March 29. Jessica Caravello, Lauren Caravello and Ashley Flood, from Westfield, and members of La Gymnastique competitive team were Regional qualifiers for Region 7. Their team captured the first place championship title for Level 9.

The Region 7 meet, comprised of teams from six states, will take place in Pennsylvania on April 26-27. Lauren Caravello, an eighth grader at Edison School in Westfield, placed third in the state in the all-around for the Junior B Division with a score of 36.175. Lauren won a second place medal for her floor routine with a score of 9.225, a fourth place for her beam routine with a

score of 9.15, a fifth place for her bar routine with a score of 8.95 and eighth place on vault with a score of 8.85.

Jessica Caravello, Lauren's twin sister, captured two medals in the Junior B Division. She took sixth place for her floor routine with a score of 9.2 and fifth place for her beam routine with a score of 9.0. Jessica's all-around score was 34.7.

Ashley Flood, a seventh grade student at the Roosevelt School, placed eighth for her floor routine with a score of 8.95 and placed 10th for her beam routine with a score of 8.35 in the Junior A Division. Ashley's all-around score was 34.225 which placed her as a regional qualifier. Gymnasts needed a score of 34.0 or greater to qualify for the regional meet.

Three Dates Set for Disposal Of Household Special Waste

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) will sponsor three Spring 1998 Household Special Waste Days, one in Cranford, a second in Springfield and the third in Union.

UCUA Chairman James J. Kennedy announced that the first event will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cranford Municipal Swimming Pool on Centennial Avenue.

The second event will be held at the Springfield Municipal Swimming Pool on Morrison Road on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The final event will be held at the Department of Public Works Yard on Swanstrom Place in Union on Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no cost to participate; however, pre-registration with the 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 solids, 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 will sponsor a separate Latex Paint Collection Day that will be held at the Westfield Municipal Swimming 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 only to Union County residents, and no painting 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, according to Dr. Joseph A. Spatola, Executive Director.

Sierra Club Meeting To Feature Address By NJDOT Advocate

The Loantaka Group of the New Jersey Sierra Club, which includes members in Union, Morris and Essex Counties, will meet on Wednesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street (Route No. 124), in Chatham.

The guest speaker will be William Feldman, who is the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle/pedestrian advocate. Mr. Feldman will discuss the bicycle and pedestrian programs of the NJDOT.

There is no charge and the public is invited to attend. For more information, please call (908) 771-9676 or (973) 895-2143 after 5 p.m.

University of Illinois Names Local Students To Dean's List for Fall

Scotch Plains residents Joseph Thomas Loomis and Barbara Lee Marcchetta were among 5,477 students named to the Dean's lists for the 1997 fall semester by the 10 colleges and two other academic units at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Champaign, Illinois.

Joseph is majoring in Commerce and Business Administration, while Barbara is majoring in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Dean's List eligibility is limited to the top 20 percent of a student's college class or curriculum. The minimum number of hours of course work required is determined by each college or unit.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing granted approval to Mr. and Mrs. Keith English for the erection of a fence on the property at 243 Belvidere Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block No. 110 Lot No. 30.

Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith English
243 Belvidere Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
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Charles E. Brown Is Elected President of S.A.R. Chapter

Charles E. Brown of Westfield was elected President of the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.) during the group's annual dinner meeting recently at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. He is the 50th President of the chapter since its inception in 1921.

Also elected and installed by Kendall Peterson, President of the New Jersey Society of the S.A.R., were Vice Presidents Christopher A. Beck, Forrest Blanding and Kenneth D. Hendrix, Secretary George A. Lewis, and Treasurer William O. VanBlarcom.

The others elected and installed were Assistant Treasurer Robert A. Cushman, Registrar George P. Gross, Chaplain John F. Akerly, Assistant

Kenneth P. Hoover, Historian Don R. Clark, and Color Guard Captain John Lawson.

Named as Trustees were Stephen M. Clarke, Harry C. Jester, F. Clayton Kynes, Harrison Lindabury, and Robert P. Vivian, immediate Past President.

Mr. Brown, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Rutgers University, is a New Jersey certified public accountant. Before retiring, he was employed in financial management at Radio Corporation of America.

He currently serves as Vice President of the Westfield Historical Society. A member of the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, he is Past President of the Westfield Old Guard.



HOP INTO SPRING... Junior League members, pictured left to right, Jenny Gullickson of Westfield, Liz Robertson of Fanwood, and Jackie Hartnett of Cranford, are pictured holding some of the spring holiday items available for sale at the league's "Ready, Set, Spring" Boutique to be held at the Jumble Store, located at 110 Walnut Avenue in Cranford, on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For additional information, please call (908) 276-0222.

Westfield Musical Club To Hold Program April 8

Following a short meeting, the Musical Club of Westfield will hold its April Program on Wednesday, April 8, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield.

Marie Mercier, organist, will begin the program playing selections by Louis Nicolas Vierambault and Louis Vierne. Pianist Edith Ander-

son will play Chopin. Susan Beene will sing four songs by Handel, Gustav Holst, Samuel Barber and Roger Quilter.

Miss Beene will be accompanied by Mary Beth McFall. Barbara Krause, accompanied by Marie Mercier, will sing Easter selections by Martin Shaw and also "Pie Jesu" by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The public is invited.



PREPARING FOR PROGRAM... Barbara Krause, standing, mezzo-soprano, and Marie Mercier, organist, prepare for the Wednesday, April 8, program of the Musical Club of Westfield which will be held at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church.

Porgy & Bess to Kick Off WSO's Salute to Gershwin

As the inaugural event to salute the centennial of George Gershwin's birth, and as the finale to the 1997-1998 season, the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) will present *Porgy & Bess* in concert on Saturday, April 18.

Featured soloists will be Richard Hobson as Porgy; Marilyn Moore-Brown as Bess; Roberta Gumbel as Clara; Patrick Blackwell as Crown/Jake, and Sharon A. Simms as Serina.

George Gershwin wrote *Porgy & Bess*, during 1934-1935, based on DuBose Heyward's novel "Porgy," about life among the African-American inhabitants of "Catfish Row" in Charleston, South Carolina. Heyward wrote the libretto and co-wrote the lyrics with Ira Gershwin.

The WSO's performance of *Porgy & Bess* will begin at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Maestro David Wroe will also share additional information on Gershwin and the WSO's upcoming centennial events during the Classical Conversation at 7 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$25; \$22 for senior citizens, and \$15 for students. They are available by calling the WSO office at (908) 232-9400 or by visiting local ticket outlets throughout Westfield and surrounding towns.

They may also be obtained from the symphony office at 224 East Broad Street, second floor. Please call the office for more information or visit the WSO website at www.westfieldnj.com/wso.

UCVTS to Host Open House On April 8 in Scotch Plains

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) in Scotch Plains will host its annual open house at 1776 Raritan Road from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8.

All sections of UCVTS will be available so visitors can get a first-hand look at the occupational and skills training which are offered.

There will be demonstrations of the latest technology in each instructional area. Students in Commercial Art will spotlight digital photography, while the Machine Technology program will have an EDM machine in action.

Other highlights are scheduled to include a classic car display, demonstrations and samples at the Bake Shop, blood pressure screening in Allied Health, and basic manicures in Cosmetology.

Visitors will also be asked to look for clues in a simulated crime scene in the Law Enforcement program. The Culinary Arts students will offer samples of gour-

met specialties. In addition, the Horticulture Program will be selling plants and flowers, and the Tech World Supermarket will be selling groceries at super special prices.

All visitors will receive tickets for a free raffle. The items being raffled off include an Adirondak chair with a foot rest, a picnic table with attached benches, a basket of groceries, a basket of beauty and cosmetology products, a flat of bedding plants and an oil change and lube.

Also offered will be dinner for two at the Garden State Restaurant in the Newark Airport Hilton, a \$20 gift certificate to the Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains, and a custom decorated half-sheet cake.

The event is open to the public. Instructors as well as trade professionals will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information, please call the Day Admissions Office at (908) 889-2999 or visit the UCVTS web site at www.ucvts.tec.nj.us.



NEWEST ROTARIANS... Three new members were inducted into the Rotary Club of Westfield at last week's regular meeting. Past President Byron Miller officiated. These latest additions to the club's strength are shown with two sponsors. Picture, left to right, are: new Rotarian Raymond Kostyack, his sponsor Rotarian Mark Swingle; new Rotarian Ken Stringer, sponsored by Rotarian Marshal Palmer (not pictured), and Rotarian Roger Love who sponsored new Rotarian Margaret Miller.

Newest Rotarians Welcomed Into Westfield-Based Chapter

Rotary Club members recently welcomed the addition of three new members who joined over 1.2 million business and professional men and women in 28,500 clubs in 158 countries worldwide.

New Rotarian Raymond Kostyack is an investment executive with Paine Webber. He is involved in fundraising for charitable organizations including the Elizabeth Coalition for the

Homeless.

Rotarian Ken Stringer is a retired certified public accountant. He was a partner at Deloitte & Touche and has served on the boards of Overlook Hospital and The United Fund in Westfield. He has memberships in the Old Guard, Westfield Symphony Orchestra and the Echo Lake Country Club.

Rotarian Margaret Miller is Executive Director of the Washington Rock Girl Scouts Council where she is responsible for the programs for girls.

Seminar to Focus On Women's Health

The Scotch Plains Public Library is offering a free herbal seminar on Tuesday, April 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

The seminar will be on "Women and Their Health." Attendees will learn about estrogen, premenstrual syndrome, progesterone, osteoporosis, thyroid problems and menopause, among other topics, and a more natural approach to dealing with these conditions through the use of herbs and nutrients.

Herbalist Susan Kemp will be the guest speaker for the program, and the public is invited to attend. For directions, please call the library at (908) 322-5007.

ABC Quilt Project Saturday in Westfield

The Sixth Annual Holy Trinity Family Lenten ABC (At-Risk Baby Crib) Quilt Project will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., this Saturday, April 4, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Parish Center, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield.

This event is a one-day Family Lenten Project designed for volunteers to assemble crib quilts for babies born with the HIV/AIDS virus, fetal-alcohol syndrome, drug addictions, and "boarder babies" abandoned in hospitals. The event is coordinated through the guidelines of ABC Quilts, a national, non-profit organization.

"Last year at our fifth annual event, 200 volunteers came and we made 230 quilts in one day. We hope to make at least as many this year, because the need is so great," said Helen Bozonelis, Chairwoman of the event.

All quilts will be distributed to area hospitals and transitional homes in Newark, Elizabeth and Plainfield.

All materials are provided free, but volunteers can bring in baby items as a donation.

Eight steps are followed in making the quilts. Volunteers do not sew the quilts, they will assemble them while a team of machine-sewers stitches them.

Ms. Bozonelis noted that volunteers are needed to cut, measure, iron, fill, pin, and tie the quilts. A pre-school table is set for youngsters to color-in their fabric squares.

Volunteers are invited to come for an hour or stay for the day. Volunteers should bring a pair of scissors and lunch.

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Past Popularity of Hat Boxes To be Topic at Miller-Cory

Decorative band boxes and open-hearth cooking to be featured at the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, this Sunday, April 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. The last tour of the historic farmhouse will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Eileen O'Shea of Summit will demonstrate how hat boxes are made and will have a variety of boxes on display for visitors to view.

From 1820 to about 1850, hat boxes in all shapes were very popular as day suitcases, shopping bags, and glove and jewelry holders, among other uses. Made of pasteboard and hand sewn, not glued, hat boxes were covered with pretty decorative papers such as wallpapers and prints of mythical characters.

Often lined with newspaper, which was thought to repel moths, hat boxes held clothing finery and were carried by ladies traveling by stagecoach or canal boat to the city. Hat boxes were very popular and often times were decorated with commemorative papers printed specifically for the boxes and in honor of an historical event.

Hat boxes fell out of favor with the arrival of the steamship, due to their fragility, and were replaced by the more durable trunk.

Members of the museum's cooking committee will prepare foods, using authentic period recipes, over the open hearth in the Frazee building. Visitors may take tours of the farmhouse given by volunteer docents in period dress.

The gift shop has many Colonial-era items including cookbooks, crafts and educational items. Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults, and 50 cents for students age 6 and over. Children under 6 years of age will be admitted free.

The museum will be closed on Sunday, April 12, for Easter. It will reopen on Sunday, April 19, with a stenciling demonstration by Dorothy Weiss. For information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

Love is not a matter of counting the years, it's making the years count.

— William Smith



HATS OF THE PAST...Bonnie Pisane, left, Darlene Palombo and Connie Klock model a collection of interesting old hats, which will be on display this Sunday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the circa 1760 Osborn Cannonball House Museum, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains. Hats from a period of about 150 years, including men and women's fedora fashions and even some military head pieces of the past will be displayed.

Illustrator Robert Blake To Visit Storytime on Elm

Author/illustrator Robert Blake will visit Storytime on Elm in Westfield this coming Tuesday, April 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. He will present a program and autograph his books at 35 Elm Street.

"I hope my books lend readers a feeling and emotion, a new point of view, and a new way to look at something they might not have experienced otherwise," said Mr. Blake, a state resident who works in his studio, which is a renovated barn on his property.

The author will read from his highly acclaimed book, "Akiak: A Hale From the Iditarod," (Putnam, '97). The story tells of the race through 1,151 miles of Alaskan terrain from Anchorage to Nome. It fo-

cuses on Akiak, the 10-year old lead dog who has never won and must win now.

Dramatically illustrated with majestic snow scapes, this is an unforgettable tale of a dog who will not give up, explained Elaine Zack of Storytime.

Other books available for signing by Mr. Blake include "Spray," set in the waters of Martha's Vineyard; and warm and gentle story entitled "The Perfect Spot."

Tuesday's program begins at 4 p.m., with time for book signings and conversation with the author.

In order to register, please call the store at (908) 232-1343, or sign up at Storytime.

Author of 'After the Blue' To Visit Town Book Store

New Jersey author Russell Like will be available to discuss his new book "After the Blue" this Saturday, April 4, from noon to 2 p.m. at The Town Book Store, 255 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

"After the Blue" takes place about a century in the future, when the extraterrestrial Grumbaggians, who had accidentally destroyed human civilization, try to restore it in an effort to make amends.

The aliens use books and video-

tapes which they find on Earth to guide their efforts, but they are, after all, alien, and they frequently misconstrue the things they see and read.

"After the Blue" is not conventional science fiction, but rather "a whimsical satire of contemporary society," according to Town Book Store owner Grace V. Roth.

For more information, please call The Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535.

Introducing Area to Fine Cuisine, Culture of India Was Goal Behind Raagini

A passion for introducing others to the wonders of fine Indian cuisine, music and culture spurred Dr. Harmesh Mittal, to open the doors of Raagini in Springfield in 1994.

"After 20 years in America," said Dr. Mittal, a cardiologist, "we were looking to give back, to give something healthy and enjoyable to others that we enjoyed ourselves."

"We" is Dr. Mittal and his wife, Asha, an internist.

Originally responsible for decorating the interior of the restaurant prior to its opening, Mrs. Mittal now keeps tabs on menu innovations and the maintenance of quality standards in the day-to-day operation of Raagini.

Dr. Mittal chose the name "Raagini" because of the different things the word means to different people. To some, Raagini means symphony or "Raaga," the centuries-old classical Indian music that delights

Raagini's patrons.

To others, Raagini means "a most gracious woman with poise, elegance, power, valor, and kindness in the form of a beautiful princess." This feminine image fit neatly into the restaurant's opening on Mother's Day four years ago.

Dr. Mittal has seen to it that Raagini blends these interpretations into an enticing meld of atmosphere, attentive service and fine Indian cuisine.

This amalgam is intended to transport patrons beyond the frenetic pace of the Route No. 22 corridor outside to the mystique of Royal India. It took about a year to transform the building into the showplace it is now.

Trips to India yielded authentic Indian silver, decorations and serving pieces, while the uniforms worn by the wait staff were custom made.

According to Dr. Mittal, the dream embodied by Raagini was a dozen years in the making.

"I've always had a passion for this," he explained. "My pleasure comes from other people's enjoyment of my creation."

He likened his experience to a parent's nurturing of a growing child.

Dr. Mittal calls his Master Chef and Partner K. Bakshi "very seasoned" in the fine art of preparing Indian cuisine. Mr. Bakshi received much of his training within the hotels of the Taj group in India.

Tandoor preparations from northern India account for nearly half the menu selections. The chef cooks these delicacies in an open clay oven, fired with hot charcoal. Raagini's freshly-baked breads are cooked on the side of the oven.

A traditional marinade for the cooked meats on the menu includes yogurt and "lots of spices." These are cumin, ginger, coriander, red pepper, onion, tomato, garlic and a special combination of ground spices.

Under the direction of General Manager Navin Shetty, Raagini cultivates a knowledgeable wait staff.

Looking ahead, partners Dr. Mittal and K. Bakshi are planning to write a book about Indian cooking that shares Mr. Bakshi's personal recipes. One day, they hope to open a culinary school in New Jersey. There, both professional and amateur chefs would have an opportunity to hone their skills under Mr. Bakshi's expert tutelage.

Within the walls of his own school, the Master Chef would be able to devote more time to researching and developing skills in a kitchen custom-designed to his tastes and needs.

Dr. Mittal envisions taking his dream a step further.

"There should be another restaurant (perhaps many more) that, on the interior and exterior, would offer a historical perspective on India through its cuisine and ambiance," he said.

"The diversity of India would allow each restaurant to be independent, with its own individual personality," he added. "I like to create something unique."

"We all have a lot more in common than we think," he said. "We all share thoughts of joy regardless of our roots and origins."

Dr. Mittal believes wholeheartedly in Raagini's ability to spread that joy.

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Art Class Registration On Tap for Saturday

The Fanwood Recreation Commission will again sponsor art classes for the study of drawing, painting and sculpture during an eight-week course.

Instructor Barbara Prestridge is a local artist and a New Jersey certified art teacher. All classes will be held at LaGrande Park.

Monday classes, held from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., are for youngsters age 6 to 9, and will begin on April 6.

Wednesday classes running from 3:45 to 5 p.m. are for 10 to 14 year olds and will begin on April 8.

Registration for these classes will be held at LaGrande Park this Saturday, April 4, at 9 a.m. for Fanwood residents, and at 9:30 a.m. for non-residents. The fees are \$35 for Fanwood residents and \$50 for non-residents.

Program for Parents To Deal With Stress Of High School Years

A parent program will be held this Monday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Westfield Road.

The program will focus on the stress experienced by parents and students as the youngsters move through high school, and skills for coping.

Participants will learn how to deal with stress related to the transition to high school during the freshman year, through the planning of post-secondary school goals, and finally moving on.

Karen McDermott, District Supervisor of Guidance, will discuss the meaning of stress and how parents can help students. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Eardly Petersen Introduces Fully Computerized System

The Eardly T. Petersen Co., 224 Elmer Street in Westfield, has announced that the company is now fully computerized.

"We have been on computer for our accounting needs and have had certain computerized inventory abilities for about 10 years," remarked Keith Petersen, spokesman for the company.

"But we are now fully computerized from A to Z. We now have a sophisticated, networked system that handles every item in inventory, and all purchasing, sales and repair work," he continued.

"This is a state-of-the-art system," said Mr. Petersen, "that will enable us to keep detailed customer records of every single transaction for a year, and enable basic tracking of repairs and customer purchases indefinitely after that. For example, we can enter a serial number of a product and find exactly when it was purchased."

"We have EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) abilities with many of our major manufacturers," Mr. Petersen continued. "Parts ordering and warranty reports can now all be filed electronically with Briggs and Stratton, Honda and others."

"This greatly streamlines these procedures. We are also able to access complete parts lookup screens via CDROM on linked computers for most of our Outdoor Power Equipment manufacturers," he added.

"In this way, we can pull up complete

schematics and immediately identify specific OPE (outdoor power equipment) parts either for repair jobs or for over-the-counter parts supply."

"This system has been a long time coming," said Mr. Petersen. "We identified a need for this type of system about five years ago, and had delayed until we found the right system. It then took us almost a year to implement this current system, and we are extremely pleased to now be able to offer the conveniences of this type of computerization to our customers," he noted.

"We have a sophisticated system such as is used by the banking industry and other major corporations, and we feel we have further structured our business to satisfy our customers' needs well into the future," Mr. Petersen said.

The Eardly T. Petersen Co. is a 42-year-old family-run business offering sales and service in floor care equipment (vacuums and carpet cleaners), janitorial supplies and equipment, sewing machines, outdoor power equipment (lawnmowers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, line trimmers, etc.), and air and water purification equipment.

The company may be reached at (908) 232-5723, and may be visited at their web site address of www.westfieldnj.com/etpetersen or e-mailed at etpetersen@westfieldnj.com.



ON THE RIGHT TRACK... Philip Brown, President of the Y's Men's Club, presents a \$10,000 check to Westfield Board of Education Vice President and Facilities Chairwoman Darielle M. Walsh at the Westfield Board of Education's public meeting on March 24. This first installment represents a total pledge of \$20,000 for a walking/fitness trail surrounding Roosevelt Intermediate School's field. The track, which is now complete aside from minor adjustments, is available for public use after school hours.

Burgdorff Associates Attend International Conference

Seven representatives from the Westfield Office of Burgdorff ERA attended the ERA International Business Conference at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas from March 2 to 5.

According to Jean Massard, Vice President and Manager of the Westfield Office, "This conference celebrated the vast achievements of ERA agents and offices from 17 countries."

"We had the unique opportunity to share knowledge with industry experts and colleagues from around the world. It was an exciting event for me and six associates from Westfield: Lois Berger, Camie Delaney, Bruce Elliott, Kathy Klausner, Mary Ellen O'Boyle and Gina Suriano-Barber," added Ms. Massard.

"ERA reported that the active real estate market continues to be a strong factor in the nation's overall economic upswing," she concluded.

In total, 105 Burgdorff ERA Associ-

ates attended the International Business Conference with their office managers and members of the executive staff.

Founded in 1958 and celebrating its 40th anniversary in 1998, Burgdorff ERA has more than 600 Sales Associates and 30 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.



SALES ASSOCIATE HONORED... Susan Massa was recently honored by Jean Massard, Vice President of Burgdorff ERA's Westfield Office, as salesperson of the month for February. She was recognized for having the highest units and a dollar volume over 2.5 million. Ms. Massa is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Distinguished Sales Club, which includes those who have achieved outstanding performance in real estate sales for over 10 years.

WSO Friends Offers Hands-On Course to Learn Faux Painting

A hands on course in faux painting is being offered by the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, April 4.

Joan Jardine, a West Orange artist, will teach the class in which participants will learn how to do ragging on and off, striae, painting and colorwashing with an emphasis on professional tricks and techniques to create beautiful-glazed finishes.

The course is being held in an artist's loft in Westfield and is limited to 25 people. It is being given as a "prelude" to the annual house tour sponsored by the Friends as its primary fund-raising event. This year's house tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 2.

There was a faux painting demonstration during last year's tour and the overwhelming response to the demonstration led to the idea of organizing a class this spring. Ms. Jardine has over 20 years experience and she has been commissioned to work throughout the New York metropolitan area, including Manhattan, Greenwich, Connecticut, and Westchester, as well as New Jersey.

The faux painting class will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All participants are being asked to bring a bag lunch and a natural bristle paint brush, which most people have at home. There is a \$60

charge for participants and proceeds from the class will be donated to the symphony.

Please make checks payable to Friends of the WSO, 913 Coolidge Street Westfield, 07090 or call Debbie Walker at (908) 789-2791 for more information about how to sign up for the class.

Realtors Association To Hold Blood Drive

The Greater Union County Association of Realtors will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, April 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The mobile blood vans will be parked at 44 Elm Street, Westfield, outside of Rorden Realty, and also in the parking lot of Mangels & Company, 367 Chestnut Street in Union, near Five Points.

The drive is being held in conjunction with the Blood Center of New Jersey and is a semi-annual event coordinated by the Realtor Community Service Committee of the Greater Union County Association of Realtors.

All donors will be given a free cholesterol check.

Reservations may be made by calling Doris Kopil at (908) 233-0065. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

Recent Home Sales

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, \$220,000.

Residence at 392 Park View Drive to Marie T. Moore from Donald W. Bishop, \$152,000.

Residence at 1400 Raritan Road to Nikolaos P. Souris and Eileen S. Souris from Orlando Santiago, \$281,000.

WESTFIELD

J. W. and S. M. Fox to Dietmar and Michela Dresp, 11 Fair Hill Road, \$387,500.

Eastgate Square Ltd. Partnership to Richard E. and Crystal H. Brinkmann, 1163 Lawrence Avenue, \$717,000.

S. A. and P. Muscarera to Phyllis and Morris Jr. Cohen, 950 Minisink Way, \$960,000.

A. L. and A. W. Keiser to Howard and Joni S. Gralla, 506 Highland Avenue, \$500,000.

J. J. and C. L. Tracey to Jeff and Amy Kaufman, 614 Raymond Street, \$400,000.

L. B. Rothbort to Marc Lebovitz and Lana Sperling, 531 Topping Hill Road, \$273,500.

B. Howlett to Sally VanWhy, 585 Trinity Place, \$190,000.

A. and S. Acquaviva to Donald B. Fraser, Jr., 245 Myrtle Avenue \$133,000.

Sadie Mae Wiley Estate to Phillip J. Marchitto and Jennifer M. Kosakowski, 925 Irving Avenue, \$196,000.

D. P. Santangelo to Luis F. Barraza and Laura A. Sesely, 927 Ripley Avenue, \$215,000.

Child Care Programs

At 'Y' Hold Dinner

To Celebrate Spring

The Westfield "Y's" School Age Child Care Programs held their second family dinner, to celebrate the first day of spring.

Approximately 100 people attended the event at the "Y." Among local businesses who donated items to be used as door prizes were Storytime on Elm. All prizes were to promote family togetherness, said Stacy Dixon, Director of School Age Child Care.

"The children in the School Age Programs worked hard to decorate and cook the dinner for their families, making the evening a great success," said Ms. Dixon.

ATTENTION Scotch Plains & Fanwood Residents

**The Times now has a drop-off box for releases located at:
Nuts n' Plenty
407 Park Avenue
Scotch Plains**

When dropping off releases, please make sure they are typed, double spaced, upper & lower case and have a contact name and telephone number.

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