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## Gail S. Vernick Chosen by GOP To Run for Mayor

Gail S. Vernick, a two-term member of the Westfield Town Council, announced her candidacy for Mayor this week. Councilwoman Vernick will be the Republican Organization candidate in the June Primary Election, having



Gail S. Vernick

been unanimously nominated by the Westfield Republican Committee. As a member of the Westfield Town Council, Councilwoman Vernick has made public safety one of her top priorities. After her election in 1994, Councilwoman Vernick spearheaded the effort to bring pedestrian crossing signs to the downtown district after a First Ward mother and child were struck by a vehicle while crossing East Broad Street. After researching the issue and visiting various New Jersey municipali-

ties, Mrs. Vernick dedicated herself to efforts to avoid future pedestrian accidents.

In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Vernick said, "I have the experience and creative ideas to lead Westfield into the next millennium. Many of my initiatives, such as the Farmer's Market, pedestrian crossing signs, which will be re-installed this month, and

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## Mr. Brammick, Mrs. Lund Join '98 GOP Ticket

Westfield Town Republican Committee Chairman Robert W. Cockren has announced the GOP's slate for the 1998 election. Heading up the Republican Party ticket will be Mayoral candidate Gail S. Vernick, who currently serves as a Town Councilwoman from the First Ward. The Republican Party ticket brings three new faces to town politics together with two Town Council veterans.

Running for reelection in the Second Ward is incumbent Town Councilman James J. Gruba, who currently serves as Chairman of the council's Finance Committee.

The balance of the 1998 GOP Town Council ticket includes First Ward

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**GOP KICK-OFF...**Westfield Republican Committee Chairman Robert W. Cockren, third from left, congratulates Republican Mayoral candidate Gail S. Vernick, center, on her nomination by the committee to head the party's 1998 ticket. The balance of the Republican slate, left to right, are: Thomas Cusimano, Fourth Ward candidate; Noreen Lund, Third Ward candidate; Jon Brammick, First Ward candidate, and Second Ward Councilman James J. Gruba, seeking reelection.

## Democrats Put Together Full Ticket for Town Council Seats

The Westfield Town Democratic Committee has announced that for possibly the first time in the town's history, the party will put forward a full ticket of candidates for both the Mayoral and Town Council seats.

The Republican Party currently holds a 6-3 majority on the governing body. Democrats are hoping to gain seats in the First and Second Wards. The party last held a seat in the First Ward in 1994 when Anthony M. La Porta served.

Seeking reelection to a second term are Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and his 1996 running mates, John J. Walsh and Lawrence A. Goldman, representing the Third and Fourth Wards, respectively. The three candidates swept their opponents in a stunning victory in 1996.

They are joined this year by Carl A. Salisbury in the First Ward and Second Ward candidate Joe Stoner. Mr. Salisbury is an attorney with the firm of Killiam and Salisbury, P.C., of East Hanover. Mr. Stoner is a businessman and an engineer.

Mayor Jardim has focused on com-

muter issues including improvements to NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line as well as direct service to New York City. Also among his initiatives

during his first term, he has worked at pursuing a grant for the state's Neighborhood Preservation Pro-

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**KICKING OFF CAMPAIGN...**Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, left, and Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, right, are joined by Second Ward council candidate Joe Stoner during the official announcement of their campaign at the Westfield Train Station. Not pictured are their running-mates, Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh and First Ward candidate Carl A. Salisbury.

## Educator Recommends Consistency For Middle School Music Program

By KIM A. BROADWELL  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

There was standing room only at Tuesday night's Westfield Board of Education meeting, as concerned parents came to hear about and discuss the district's music program. Linda King, Supervisor of Fine Arts for Westfield schools, made an extensive presentation outlining some of her proposed improvements to the existing music department.

During the presentation, Ms. King said that at the middle school level, progression in terms of the number of days students received musical instruction was inconsistent. She also observed that the two middle schools have separate music programs.

Ms. King explained that students who so choose have an opportunity to start with a given instrument in the fourth grade, and have lessons once a week.

She has proposed revamping the middle school program so that by the sixth grade, students will have music twice a week until ultimately, by grade 12, they will take music

five times a week.

School district officials are currently studying the option of pull-out lessons, whereby students are taken out of a class on a rotating basis for individualized lessons, according to Ms. King.

She also talked about having some music periods as team-taught classes. This, she felt, would allow teachers more opportunity to focus on a particular group of students who may need some additional instruction.

In order to do this, Ms. King did state that additional music staff may need to be hired. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William J. Foley, added that there is no final decision on staffing, as projections for enrollment in the music programs are currently being studied.

Dr. Foley did state that if a child wanted to truly excel in music, then private lessons, outside of school, are an option. The Superintendent said he does not favor pulling children in the middle schools out of academic courses.

He conceded, however, that he

would be agreeable to students taking lessons during lunch or study periods, or in place of physical education on some days.

Dr. Foley and Ms. King are also currently reviewing a proposal to offer lessons before or after school as an alternative to altering a student's regular schedule.

Many parents who came to the meeting were very concerned about the topic of pull-out lessons. The majority of them felt that the lessons were essential to the music program.

Catherine Marchant of Dorian Road

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### Publisher's Note

Our staff at *The Westfield Leader* hopes you enjoy this special "community awareness" issue to assist all citizens with their deliberations for school board elections and the budget. Also, for Westfield residents, we have included profiles of candidates running for the Westfield Town Council and the Mayor's office. We have additionally included columns by some of your elected officials which can be found on Pages B-8 and B-9.

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Horace R. Corbin  
Publisher



**A TOUCHING MOMENT...**Members of the Westfield Fire Department pay their last respects as the fire engine bearing the coffin of their colleague, John Fiorino, passes by en route to Fairview Cemetery last Friday. Firefighter Fiorino, a lifelong Westfield resident, died suddenly at age 38 on March 30.

## Mayor Jardim Announces Bid For Second Term

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim announced this week that he will seek a second term as Mayor of the Town of Westfield.

"I have served Westfield for just over a year now, and I am proud of what we have accomplished with the Town Council's cooperation, but so much remains to be done," said Mayor Jardim. "From today until November, I am going to continue my regular meetings with the people of Westfield and will continue to work toward making this a better place to live, raise a family and do business," he stated.

Mayor Jardim lives on Walnut

Street with his wife, Karen. They are expecting their first child in May. A graduate of the University of Richmond in Virginia, he is an attorney in Newark with the law firm of Sills, Cummis, Zuckerman, Radin, Tischman, Epstein & Gross. He re-



Thomas C. Jardim

ceived his law degree and a Masters in Foreign Affairs from the American University in Washington, D.C.

During the first year of his term, Mayor Jardim said he has focused his energy on commuter issues, bringing businesses to downtown Westfield, and maintaining a stable

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## Mr. Greco Seeks Mayor's Office As Independent

Norman N. Greco has announced his intention to run for Mayor of Westfield as an Independent candidate. Mr. Greco, running as a Republican, was narrowly defeated in 1996 by current Mayor Thomas C. Jardim. He has since broken ties with the party.

A lifelong resident of Westfield,



Norman N. Greco

Mr. Greco, a local businessman, noted that he has been "very active" in local organizations. Along with serving on the Westfield Town Council from 1992 through 1997, he is a past President of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Retail Business Division of the United Fund, Charter member of the Downtown Committee and member of the Rotary Club.

When asked why he was running, Mr. Greco stated, "I believe the town needs a leader who is not tied to any party politics. I believe I can bring a totally objective and unbiased view to town issues."

"The town needs a facilitator, someone who knows the system and can get the job done. I have grown up in Westfield and I know the town inside and out. My goal as mayor will be to get Westfield back on track as a premiere residential community that provides first-class services to the town's residents at the most affordable prices possible."

Because of his 38 years in business, he said he believes that a "business-like" approach to town government is what is needed to bring us into the 21st century.

"I have a passionate commitment to the Town of Westfield," Mr. Greco added. "The town needs an independent voice who is not incumbered by any party affiliation, who can make decisions for the best interests of Westfield, not for either political party's gain. I am Westfield's independent voice who will work full-time to preserve its heritage and its legacy for future generations," the candidate stated.

Mr. Greco is accepting comments and calls at (908) 233-7782.

## School Tax Levy Goes Before Voters April 21

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Although Westfield residents will not have to decide which Board of Education candidates to vote for on Tuesday, April 21, given that this year's races are uncontested, they will be asked to cast their tallies on the school district's proposed \$45,177,689 tax levy for the 1998-1999 school budget.

Voters have passed school budgets in Westfield the past three years.

If approved, the portion of property tax bills supporting Westfield public schools would rise by 6 cents on \$100 of assessed valuation. On the average assessed home of \$174,000, this would result in an annual increase of \$104. The amount to be raised through taxes represents an increase of 2.43 percent over last year's budget, or \$1,171,751.

The total district spending plan of \$52.2 million was adopted by the

school board at its March 24 meeting. The spending plan represents an increase of 2.33 percent over last year.

In terms of the school board election, incumbents Darlelle M. Walsh and Ginger Hardwick, along with former board member Eileen Satkin, are unopposed in their quest for the three seats on the school board that are expiring this year.

Mrs. Walsh was appointed by the board as Vice President last year, replacing John M. Toriello, who did not seek reelection to his seat. The

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Ginger Hardwick



Eileen Satkin



Darlelle M. Walsh

## Town Seeks Funds to Buy Ex-Diner Site

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
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The Town Council took the first step Tuesday in obtaining the former site of the Excellent Diner on North Avenue and turning it into a park as part of Union County's new "Pocket Park" program.

Members of the council passed a resolution authorizing town officials to submit a grant application for the county program.

As part of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders \$1 million program, Westfield will submit an application for the maximum of \$100,000 allowed through the program to acquire the former diner site.

The town will match the county grant with \$100,000 — moneys which have been included as part of the capital portion of the proposed 1998 Westfield municipal budget.

The town is currently having the property appraised with the intent of purchasing the now vacant parcel.

Mary Adams of Grant Avenue supported turning the diner into a park, calling it a "wonderful" idea.

As part of the same program, the council also approved a resolution to

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cellular phones for crossing guards, have been welcomed by the community as innovative ideas having a favorable effect on the quality of life in our town."

Councilwoman Vernick also continues to work with Congressman Bob Franks on the "Senior Citizens Property Tax Stabilization Bill," that she first introduced in 1994.

Mrs. Vernick presently serves as Councilwoman for the town's First Ward. In that capacity, she chairs the council's Public Safety Committee, and is also a member of the Public Works Committee and the Building and Town Property Committee and acts as the Liaison to the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce and the Boards of Education and Health.

"My work with the Chamber of Commerce has given me great insight into the process by which our downtown is being revitalized day by day," said Councilwoman Vernick in highlighting the renaissance of our central business district as a top Mayoral priority for Westfield's future economic vitality.

Joining with Republican Chairman Robert W. Cockren, Mrs. Vernick stated that the Republic Party platform for 1998 and beyond will include continued efforts to improve public safety, maintaining Westfield as a premier residential community,

and delivering high quality municipal services in a cost-effective manner, with the focus on "customer service."

In addition, Councilwoman Vernick called for the installation of a multi-year fiscal plan designed to be more efficient, and provide financing dedicated to needed infrastructure improvements.

Mr. Cockren added, "with Gail's dedication to the town, combined with her enthusiasm and energy, she can and will lead the charge to make these goals a reality. Gail loves Westfield, has good ideas, and she gets the job done."

Mrs. Vernick is a 24-year resident of Westfield and has raised two children who attended Westfield schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade. She is married to Dr. Harris Vernick. Mrs. Vernick holds a degree in nursing and a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Human Resource Management. She was a founder and President of the Indian Forest Residents' Association, and serves as trustee on the board of the Duke University Eye Center, and the Research Review Committee of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

"I look forward to bringing my experience with leadership qualities, coupled with my determination to oversee projects to their conclusion, to the office of Mayor of Westfield," she concluded.

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property tax through sound and conservative fiscal management.

One of his first official acts was the formation of the Raritan Valley Line Commuter Commission, which continues to work with New Jersey Transit to improve service on the Raritan Valley Line.

In addition, Mayor Jardim created the Westfield Expenditure Review Commission, which has issued a report containing a number of detailed cost-saving and strategic recommendations aimed at making municipal government more efficient and effective.

The Mayor has implemented several measures designed to make municipal government more responsive and open to the Westfield citizenry.

Mayor Jardim has placed great emphasis on investment in the town's infrastructure. He has worked with the council to implement a multi-year road improvement program to repair many of Westfield's deteriorated roadways.

With the assistance of many local residents, the Mayor has created a "Neighborhood Preservation Zone" for Central Avenue and surrounding streets. The goal of the program, which would be financed with state monies, is to improve the appearance of the Central Avenue business district and renovate homes and streets in the area that have fallen into disrepair.

Mayor Jardim said he has been a strong proponent of the newly-adopted property maintenance and tree preservation ordinances, and has worked with members of the council and a local community organization to make Westfield a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly community.

Mayor Jardim is the first Democrat elected to Westfield's top post in more than 85 years, and is only the second Democratic Mayor in the town's history.

## WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

• An Edgar Road resident reported that someone entered his motor vehicle and stole his wallet while the car was parked in his driveway.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

• A three-foot-tall Easter decoration was stolen from the front lawn of a Carol Road residence.

• A black wallet belonging to a Westfield woman was found outside an Elm Street restaurant, according to police.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

• William Kley, 32, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated on North Avenue and Crossway Place, according to police. He was released after posting \$625 bail.

• Police filed a report concerning an assault which took place during an altercation between two employees at a North Avenue, West, restaurant. Neither of the people involved in the incident have been charged, authorities confirmed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

• A cellular telephone and a radar detector were taken from an unlocked 1990 Toyota on Channing Avenue. The missing merchandise is valued at approximately \$300.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

• Tara Nappi, 35, of Sea Girt was arrested at Central Avenue and Harrow Road and charged with driving while intoxicated and with refusal to take a breath test, police said. She posted \$650 bail and was released.

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gram for Central Avenue and surrounding streets.

In commenting on the Democratic ticket, Mr. Goldman, Chairman of the Westfield Town Democratic Committee, noted that, "I think it is first time the Democrats in Westfield have had a full slate (of candidates)."

Mr. Goldman said he has sought candidates who would be "assets" to the council. He said both Mr. Salisbury and Mr. Stoner fit the bill, in his regard.

He added that although he is happy to have five candidates this year, he has never been "an advocate of selecting candidates for the sake of serving as candidates."

The Democratic party ran candidates for Mayor as well as council candidates in the First and Third Wards in 1994, for Mayor and Third and Fourth Wards in 1996 and candidates in the First, Third and Fourth Wards last year.

In discussing the candidacies of Mr. Salisbury and Mr. Stoner, Councilman Goldman indicated that "both are quality individuals who I am very happy to have as both candidates and running mates."

"We are running four individual council races," Mr. Goldman emphasized; noting that although the five Democrats may work together on some campaign issues, their views may differ from each other "and that is their prerogative."

Mr. Stoner will be running for the seat currently occupied by Gail S. Vernick, the Republican candidate for Mayor. The Democrats last held a First Ward seat in 1994 when Anthony M. La Porta served on the council.

Mr. Stoner serves on the General Board of the American Baptist Churches and on the Council of the American Chemical Society. He has served as Chairman of the New Jersey Common Cause, as President of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey and as Chairman of the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA and New Jersey Council of Churches.

Mr. Stoner is a chemical engineering graduate of Georgia Tech and is active in the local area alumni association. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Masters in Business Administration.

The candidate is professionally engaged in sales of analytical instrumentation for Shimadzu Scientific In-

struments of Columbia, Maryland. His professional career has included experience as a sales manager, a quality assurance manager, and a small business owner.

He and his wife, Jane, a teacher in town, have two grown children and are active members of the First Baptist Church in Westfield.

Mr. Salisbury graduated cum laude from the University of New Hampshire and from Wake Forest University Law School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The candidate did his clerkship under Judge Reynaldo G. Ganza, United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, Virginia. At Wake Forest, he was Managing Editor of the *Wake Forest University Law Review*.

Mr. Salisbury, whose practice includes general commercial litigation and insurance law, has published several articles on environmental law.

Councilman Goldman is employed as a corporate and finance lawyer and is a Director with the Newark law firm of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione.

He currently chairs the Laws and Rules Committee which, during his first year on council, released exterior property maintenance and shade tree ordinances; both of which were approved by the council in December.

This year, the committee has approved a redraft of the ordinance for sidewalk cafés and is about to begin addressing the possible creation of a smoke-free air ordinance, an issue brought forward by Councilman Goldman. Mr. Goldman also serves on the council's Public Safety and Building and Town Property Committees.

Mr. Walsh currently chairs the council's Public Works Committee and serves as council liaison to the Westfield Recreation Commission. The candidate, who was unsuccessful in his first bid for office in 1994, practices maritime personal injury law in New York and New Jersey, representing ship, tug and barge owners mainly in lawsuits by maritime workers.

This past fall, Mr. Walsh introduced an initiative to undertake a major roads' improvement project. For this project, he recommended that the council consider a bond issue to fund the work. This proposed bond issue would be sought when the \$6.5 million Westfield Memorial Library bond is retired next year.

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submit a grant application for an additional \$17,500, which will go towards the purchase of playground equipment to be placed at the former Lincoln School property on Westfield Avenue. The town will match this amount dollar for dollar for the total cost of \$35,000.

"For \$35,000 you are going to get a nice playground," explained Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko, in recommending that the council make total grant requests of \$117,500.

Under the one-year county program, Westfield can receive a maximum of \$125,000-\$100,000 for acquisition of land to create a park and \$25,000 to purchase equipment, upgrade or renovate an existing playground.

The council last week authorized Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt to enter into negotiations with the Westfield Board of Education to lease the playground in effort to upgrade the property.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., questioned why the town did not apply for the full \$25,000 allowed through the program for the purchase of park equipment.

Mr. Gottko explained that although the town could do this, he was concerned that if the total costs were under \$50,000 — including the additional county funds and town match — the leftover county money might not be allocated for another project.

Mr. Gottko recommended instead that the governing body come back with another request for another \$7,500 for a third project. This project, also matched with town funds, must be submitted by the end of June. The Excellent Diner and Lincoln playground grant requests must be received by the end of this month.

As of last week only two of the 21 Union County municipalities had filed grant requests.

Councilman Sullivan said he would like the field area of the Lincoln property included in the grant application as well as the playground area. The school is currently under lease by the Union County Educational Services Commission as a

high school for emotionally disturbed kids.

"This project is far from the shovel going into the ground," explained Mr. Gottko.

Third Ward Councilman John J. Walsh, after hearing that the additional money could not be used for another park project, asked for a vote on the resolution.

Interms of including the field area, Mr. Walsh said it is not known at this time how much of the land will actually be leased to the town. He said it was important, though, for the town to apply for the grant since the deadline is quickly approaching.

The council also approved sidewalk café licenses for Vivian's Kitchen, the Towne House, Brick Oven, Robert Treat Deli and Bruegger's Bagels.

Robert Treat's application was approved on the condition that the establishment provide a written statement to request the use of disposable serviceware, and that the deli provides an outside trash receptacle.

Bruegger's application was amended to allow the establishment to use paper wrappings for the bagels at the outside tables. The establishment has provided a receptacle. Vivian's Kitchen's permit was granted solely for tables in front of the business.

Vivian's has indicated it will be coming back for a request to place tables in the rear. The permits cost \$100 each and come up for renewal annually.

The council also passed a resolution in which officials decided it would be "imprudent" at this time for the town to enter into a long-term contract with the Union County Utilities Authority for disposal of the community's solid waste at the county's Resource Recovery Facility, better known as the incinerator, in Rahway.

Based on the county's proposed 25-year contracts to guarantee waste flow to the incinerator, the town would have to contract with haulers for waste disposal. Currently, Westfield has about a half dozen firms which contract privately with residents.

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candidate, seeking her third term, has served as a member of the Town Relations, Board/Staff, Curriculum and Programs and Policy Committees, and as an alternate member to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Walsh has chaired the Facilities Committee the past four years, during which time the board approved committee recommendations for a five-year Long Range Facilities Plan, the construction of 12 classrooms divided between Jefferson and Wilson Elementary Schools, the renovation of the field at Roosevelt Intermediate School, and capital improvements to each of the district's nine school buildings.

Mrs. Walsh, who grew up in Forest Hills, New York, is a former elementary school teacher. The candidate and her husband, Michael, have lived in Westfield for 19 years. They have two grown children.

Ms. Hardwick, who was first elected to the board in 1995, has chaired the Curriculum, Instruction and Programs Committee the past two years.

The candidate practiced law with a Newark-based firm from 1985 through 1991, specializing in commercial litigation. She was an adjunct professor at the Seton Hall University School of Law in Newark from 1992 through 1995.

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candidate, Jon Bramnick; Third Ward candidate, Noreen Lund, and Fourth Ward candidate, Thomas Cusimano.

"I am proud to be associated with a group of talented individuals — each with unique and special abilities and all of whom are dedicated to serving the town to bring new and innovative ideas and leadership to lead Westfield into the next century," Mr. Cockren stated.

"The Republican Party is committed to a vigorous debate on the issues and the future direction of the town," he stated.

He further indicated "that the Republican ticket combines the experience of Gail Vernick and Jim Gruba, who are veteran members of the Town Council, with newcomers to town government with diverse backgrounds and experience including a former Plainfield City Council representative and practicing attorney, Jon Bramnick; a registered nurse and working mother, Noreen Lund, and a business executive and Army reserve officer in Tom Cusimano."

Mr. Bramnick, of the First Ward, is a 1975 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the Maxwell School of Political Science at Syracuse University, New York State, and received his law degree from Hofstra University School of Law on Long Island in 1978. The candidate served as a member of the Plainfield City Council from 1984 to 1991 before moving to Westfield.

He was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Plainfield Jaycees. Mr. Bramnick's children attend Westfield High School and Roosevelt Intermediate School. The candidate's wife, Patricia Brentano, is an artist.

Councilman Gruba has a long history of serving the town and community in a variety of ways, Mr. Cockren explained. He is a former President of the United Fund of Westfield and the Westfield Jaycees and Westfield Men's College Club. He is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Westfield "Y" and the Holy Trinity Pastoral Council.

He currently serves as a member of the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and is an alternate member of the Union County Utilities Authority. Councilman Gruba was employed as a Wall Street executive for many years and is now the President of a leasing company. He has lived in Westfield for over 30 years, where he and his wife, Maryanne, raised their children.

Mrs. Lund is a life-long southside resident of Westfield. She grew up familiar with business issues in town as her father owned a business in the central district. She is a graduate of the former Holy Trinity High School and a 1975 graduate of Middlesex County College with an Associate Applied Science Degree in Nursing with a Registered Nurse's License in New Jersey.

The candidate had worked for six years at Fair Oaks Psychiatric Hospital in Sum-

mit, leaving to raise her family. She currently is a substitute school nurse in the Westfield and Mountaintop school districts. She has been active in the St. Helen's Parish, the Parent-Teacher Organization of Jefferson Elementary School, Edison Intermediate School and Westfield High School.

She served on the Executive Board of the McKinley School Parent-Teacher Organization for two years. Mrs. Lund was a Cub Scout Den Leader and was appointed to the Westfield Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee for the State of the Schools.

Her husband owns a consulting business and their children attend Westfield High School, Edison and Jefferson Schools.

Mr. Cusimano is a sales engineer, currently the Senior Business Development Specialist with Handex Environmental. A 1973 graduate of United States Military Academy at West Point, Mr. Cusimano received his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Texas in San Antonio.

He has served as Recreation Officer for 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, participated in the 1980 Olympic Trial, organized the Roman Catholic Church of St. Helen's Christian Youth Organization Basketball Program where he has served as League Director since 1987.

Also, he was the Westfield Soccer Association League Director, from 1988 to 1995, and has coached youth baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball since 1987. He and his wife, Debbie, have three children, attending college, Westfield High School, and Edison Intermediate School.

Councilwoman Vernick, currently serving as Councilwoman representing the First Ward, is the first woman Republican candidate to run for the office of Mayor. Public safety has been one of her top priorities.

Mr. Cockren noted the Mayoral contender has spearheaded the effort to bring pedestrian crossing signs to the downtown business district. She initiated the Farmer's Market and the cellular phones for crossing guards program.

She continues to work with Congressman Bob Franks on the "Senior Citizens Property Tax Stabilization Bill" which she first introduced in 1994. Mrs. Vernick holds a degree in nursing and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Resource Management. She was a founder and President of the Indian Forest Residents' Association.

Councilwoman Vernick serves as Trustee on the Board of the Duke University Eye Center and the Research Review Committee of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

She is a 24-year resident of Westfield. The candidate, and her husband, Harris, a physician, have two grown children who attended Westfield public schools, Kindergarten through grade 12.



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### Five Township Residents Seek Two Seats on Board of Education; Richard R. Meade Unopposed in Reelection Bid for Fanwood Seat

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Times

The Tuesday, April 21, election ballot asks local residents to vote on the 1998-1999 Scotch Plains-Fanwood school budget and to select three representatives to the Board of

#### School Tab To Go Before The Voters

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
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The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has asked residents to approve a \$43,148,449 budget for the 1998-1999 school year when they go to the polls April 21 for the annual budget and school board election.

The proposed budget represents a 2.22 percent, or \$937,958 increase over 1997-1998. The increase falls well below the 3 percent cap on budget increases established by the State of New Jersey.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools rely heavily on local property taxes for 89.8 percent of the district budget. The state funds 7.5 percent of the budget.

It costs \$9,646 to educate one child for one year in Scotch Plains-Fanwood, according to the New Jersey School Report Card. This figure includes such costs as tuition, transportation, equipment, facilities/acquisition costs and the cost to send students out of district.

The state average per pupil expenditure is \$9,089.

Under the proposed spending plan, local taxes would rise \$1,325,335 or 3.54 percent over 1997-1998. On the average assessed home in Scotch Plains of \$115,000, the school tax increase would be 2.24 percent or \$80.50 annually.

In Fanwood, on the average home assessment of \$83,000, the school tax increase would be 4.01 percent or \$124.50 per year.

The tax increase is attributed to the absence of free balance (\$250,000 in the 1997-98 budget), a decline in miscellaneous revenues of 33.41 percent and an increase in debt service of 7.12 percent.

Debt service reflects the 1993 bond issuance for capital improvements.

The budget also includes a \$303,007 or 10.34 percent rise in unrestricted state aid, which brings that sum to \$3,233,964. Restricted state aid totals \$393,094. Other state and federal grants declined \$31,201 or 3.21 percent since last year.

The 1998-99 spending plan breaks down into the following program areas: salaries, \$28,856,613; health, \$4,354,229; tuition for out-of-district placements, \$2,281,282; state and federal aid, \$940,728; benefits \$874,910; debt service \$522,208 and other \$5,318,479.

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Education, two from Scotch Plains and one from Fanwood.

Five Scotch Plains residents are vying for three-year seats on the board, including incumbent Donald E. Sheldon, who presently serves as board President. The challengers are Jean McAllister, Lance Porter, Thomas Randazzo and Norman Ross. Scotch Plains holds seven seats on the nine-member board.

In Fanwood, Richard R. Meade is running unopposed for re-election.

Dr. Sheldon, a 30-year resident of the township, is seeking his third term on the board. He is serving his fifth year as board President. Now retired, he was employed by the school district for 23 years, first as Director of Guidance, then as Director of Special Services.

He said the strengths he brings to board service include "a background in education plus years of experience in other districts as well as Scotch Plains-Fanwood."

"There is a recognition of integrity," Dr. Sheldon added, "plus my commitment to do that which is best for all, recognizing the different views of the community."

Mrs. McAllister has lived in Scotch Plains for five years. With a professional background in investment and pension services, she holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and Economics from Boston College.

Mrs. McAllister and her husband are the parents of two young children.

"My strengths are in the skills I have gained through formal education and professional experience," said Mrs. McAllister, who is making her second run for the board.

"I am the only candidate who has attended virtually all of the board's meetings, including the regular

monthly meeting, the agenda setting meetings and all of the special meetings held regarding this year's budget," Mrs. McAllister said.

"I am a listener who is continually sensitive to the public's input..." she added, "and I feel I have a unique perspective as the only mother of pre-school aged children running for a seat."

Mr. Porter, a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has lived in the township since 1970. He and his wife have two children who attend Evergreen Elementary School.

Mr. Porter is employed as a Supervisor of Engineering at the General Motors plant in Linden.

"I have a lot of community ties," explained the candidate, whose father, the Reverend Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., is the Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

"I'm a product of the system," he added, "so I'm familiar with the system."

As a business professional with a technical background, Mr. Porter said his experience with building and facilities management would be beneficial as the district addresses the challenge of repairing and expanding its own facilities in the years ahead.

He also said the experience of having college cooperative students working with him would help "bridge the gap between academic needs and business requirements."

Mr. Randazzo and his family have lived in Scotch Plains since July, 1996.

He and his wife are the parents of two pre-school children. He is Vice President of Ambac Assurance in Manhattan where he works in municipal and asset-based financing.

"I believe my background could help the board find different, more innovative financing structures," said

Mr. Randazzo.

Having worked professionally with school districts, Mr. Randazzo would like to see the board "accelerate the exploration of what expenses you can cut now that don't affect students."

Mr. Ross, who ran unsuccessfully for a board seat in 1997, is retired from a 30-year career teaching emotionally-disturbed children at Rahway High School.

He has three grown children who were educated through the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools. Mr. Ross has taught various adult school courses across New Jersey.

He admits the local adult school "is all I think about" with respect to school board interests and resents the fact that board policy limits public comment to two minutes per person.

Mr. Meade is an in-house attorney for AT&T in Basking Ridge. He has lived in Fanwood since 1992. First appointed to the board in 1994 to complete the term of James L. Martin, following the latter's resignation, Mr. Meade was named to his first full term in 1995.

In commenting on the potency of the present board, Mr. Meade said, "As individuals, we bring different strengths to the table. As a group, we're good at bringing out the best in each other."

"Discussion and disagreements occur, but they're done in a healthy way, with respect for each other," he added, "and the decisions we come up with are generally good ones."

Mr. Porter agreed that the board members "do have the ability to work together on most issues."

However, he added, "I do think the board could use more diversity as far as career backgrounds."

"It's healthy to have different views



Lance Porter



Dr. Donald E. Sheldon

Photos not available for Thomas Randazzo, Norman Ross or Richard R. Meade

and perspectives, especially when dealing with issues where there are no clear cut solutions," said Dr. Sheldon.

Mr. Randazzo believes the board needs "better communication of programs."

"They don't publicize what they're doing as much as they should," he said.

"Don't assume people will search for information. That information should be readily available," he added.

The candidate focused on the "account deficit" in the free balance portion of the budget.

"If they're drawing down that fund," he said, referring to the board's use of free balance over the past three years, "they should tell people where it's going. If there's a plan, what is it?"

Mrs. McAllister praised the "professional diversity of board members over the past few years" and the board's "becoming more demanding of the administration and of itself in the due diligence processes required when making critical decisions."

"The one weakness that stands out in my mind is the board's public image," she added. "The majority of the population does not understand how the board operates, its charter and how laws restrict its perceived effectiveness. There have been efforts to remedy the situation, but they have been the efforts of individuals on the board and not the board as a body," she explained.



Jean McAllister

"I would like to see improvement in the relationship the board has with the teachers," said Mr. Meade. "We should help them better understand what we do, and what our goals are."

"I would like the board to develop a relationship with the teacher's association as a group that focuses more on our common concerns for children rather than those areas where our interests diverge," he said.

The incumbent would particularly like to avoid prolonged negotiations such as those which occurred in the most recent contract talks. The teachers' present contract will expire June 30, 1998. Negotiations are underway.

Most of the candidates are supportive of the proposed 1998-1999 school budget of \$43,148,449 though Mr. Ross said he "would never vote

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### Grouping by Ability, Redistricting Among Candidates' Night Issues

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Times

During the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education Candidates' Night, incumbents Dr. Donald E. Sheldon of Scotch Plains and Richard R. Meade of Fanwood (who is running unopposed), as well as Scotch Plains challengers Jean McAllister, Lance Porter and Thomas Randazzo, weathered the antics of perennial candidate Norman A. Ross to respond thoughtfully to questions regarding their credentials for board service, and their perspective on issues confronting the board.

Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Council, and held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS), the program can be viewed on Channel 34. SPFHS Junior States Association representatives timed candidates' responses.

With respect to grouping by ability, also known as leveling, candidates agreed it is a positive approach,

provided flexibility and consistency are built into the program.

Redistricting and moving the Board of Education offices out of Evergreen School were supported as options to managing class size. Mr. Porter credited the administration for placing aides in classes where the teacher is "overextended," due to the number of students.

Candidates with children in the school system said they could support redistricting even if it directly affected their own children.

When asked why the board did not pursue moving its offices from Evergreen sooner, Dr. Sheldon said, "In retrospect, we should have."

Mr. Meade said it would not have been appropriate to move the offices before now.

With respect to moving the pre-school program into Park Middle School, nearly every candidate believed the move, if made, should fit within the district's long-range fa-

cilities plan.

Senior citizen Otto Pickard supported the budget "because the value of my home is directly related to it."

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### Republicans Reveal Candidates For Township Council Vacancies

By JEANNE WHITNEY  
Specially Written for The Times

Candidates for three Scotch Plains Township Council seats must register by today, Thursday, April 9, for the Primary and General Elections which will be held Tuesdays, June 2 and November 3, respectively.

The Republican slate of candidates includes former Mayor and incumbent Councilman Robert E. Johnston, Board of Adjustment member Paulette Coronado, and local Realtor James Fawcett.

Democratic candidates — if any — for the slots went unnamed after local party leaders failed to respond to inquiries from *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood* by press time yesterday.

Independent candidates must file with the county by the end of today. Council terms are for four years. The five-member body elects a Mayor from among themselves every year under the township form of government.

Republican candidates were culled from a field of eight hopefuls by local

committee members, according to Republican Committee Chairman and former township Mayor, Gabe Spera. Those chairing the election campaign for the Republican slate are Anthony Albanese and Nancy Malool, Legislative Aide to State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine.

Mr. Spera described the Republican candidates as "fiscal conservatives" with an interest in "preserving open spaces" such as the former Scotch Plains Zoo property. The current all-Republican council has said it hoped

to purchase the 5.5 acres for a park. Long-time resident Mrs. Coronado said her first exposure to local issues was grappling with the effects of the so-called Mount Laurel decision over low-to-middle income housing quotas in 1985, as a member of the township Planning Board.

Mrs. Coronado was also a member of the state Board of Human Services from 1985 to 1990. She spent four years on the township Environmental Commission, and currently serves on

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### Fanwood Council Hears Updates On Downtown, Historic District

By SUZETTE STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

Officials heard back-to-back presentations concerning preservation of the community's economic and historic resources during the April 1 agenda session of the Fanwood Borough Council.

Jack Molenaar, Chairman of the Fanwood Downtown Revitalization Committee and Vice Chairman of the Fanwood Planning Board, updated members of the council on continuing efforts to give the borough's business district an economic boost.

Mr. Molenaar revealed that his committee, comprised of about 10 members — many of whom have business or local government backgrounds — is seeking to organize a business association in Fanwood similar to the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.

Such an organization, the committee feels, would encourage local merchants and professionals to meet more often and to work more closely in realizing goals for the business district, Mr. Molenaar said. He commented that members would also have an opportunity to be listed, by category, in a special planned brochure.

He also revealed that new benches and banners will be installed in the downtown this year, and that the FDRC

is finalizing plans regarding planters which will be placed in the area as well.

Mr. Molenaar added the FDRC also anticipates holding a "design workshop" in the summer for people to contribute their ideas for entryway

treatments to designate a particular section of the borough, such as the downtown.

He said he envisioned these treatments as being either signs or simply "architectural statements," noting

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DRUGS HURT KIDS...Brownie Troop No. 877 from Brunner Elementary School, Scotch Plains, recently had their work cut out for them. Purple ribbons were tied throughout the community to remind everyone that drugs and alcohol hurt kids.

#### Publisher's Note

Our staff at *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood* hopes you enjoy this special "community awareness" issue to assist all citizens with their deliberations for the school board elections and the budget.

We have included profiles of candidates running for the Scotch Plains Township Council and the Fanwood Borough Council. We have additionally included columns by some of your elected officials which can be found on Pages B-8 and B-9.

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Horace R. Corbin  
Publisher

### Candidates Launch Campaign for Seats On Fanwood Council

By RUSSELL R. WATKINS  
Specially Written for The Times

Issues such as tax relief, improved community services, and a rezoned downtown business district top the agendas of the four candidates who are seeking election to the Fanwood Borough Council this fall.

Two Republicans and two Democrats, who announced their candidacies this week prior to today's filing deadline for the June Primary Election, are vying for two open seats on the governing body.

These vacancies are currently held by Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz and Council President Bruce H. Walsh, both Democrats, whose seats expire at the end of this year.

Mr. Walsh, who has served three terms on the council since January of 1988, has announced that he will not seek reelection this year.

The Democratic nominees include Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz, who is seeking her second term, and Katherine Mitchell, the Fanwood Democratic Committee Chairwoman, who previously ran for the

governing body in 1993.

They will be challenged by Republicans David Trumpitt, making his second bid for a seat on the governing body, and first-time candidate Will Coronato.

The Democrats are hoping to maintain their 4-3 edge on the council in the General Elections on Tuesday, November 3. Republicans need only to gain one seat to take control of the council. Currently, Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, a Democrat, is the tie-breaking vote.

Each candidate recently submitted a personal profile and spoke with *The Times* about the issues they hope to raise before the elections.

Councilwoman Schurtz, who resides on Chetwood Terrace with her husband and three daughters, currently chairs the council's Land Use and Historic Preservation Committee. She is also a member of the Public Safety and the Education, Health and Welfare Committees.

She has additionally served as a Liaison to the Planning Board, the

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## Residents Seek Three Seats On SP-F Bd. of Education

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for the budget," and Mr. Randazzo believes it falls short of what the district really needs.

"It's unrealistic," said Mr. Randazzo, "to have a free fund of \$12,000 on a \$43 million budget. That's cutting it thin." He equated the situation to someone with a \$40,000 annual salary having \$12 at the end of the year.

"We were reasonably successful in our commitment to contain costs for educating our kids," said Dr. Sheldon in commenting on the budget. "While this is the largest (tax rate) increase in recent years, it's still very conservative. We were able to maintain existing programs, and expand and improve in several areas."

"I think the budget should pass," said Mr. Porter. "The 3 percent increase keeps pace with inflation, and the board was fiscally responsible in keeping close to last year's budget."

"I think this is the most responsible budget this district has seen," added Mrs. McAllister. "When discussing the budget, the public has to realize that approximately 88 percent of the budget is comprised of salaries, benefits and health insurance for the district's employees, all subject to contractual obligation. That leaves only 12 percent to the board's discretion."

If elected, the candidates list different priorities on their respective "To Do" lists.

"Our immediate priority is to deal with space limits at the elementary level," said Dr. Sheldon. "We will continue to review and revise the curriculum to see that it's aligned with the state core curriculum."

He added, "We should continue to emphasize professional development for staff to better utilize the curriculum and technology advancements."

"We need to continue on the good progress that's been made," said Mr. Meade, "on defining the curriculum and establishing curriculum guides. The new assessment materials (recently approved

by the board) offer an opportunity to gain a more thorough understanding of what's working well in terms of delivering the curriculum and where areas of improvement lie."

He complimented Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. John R. Crews, saying "They've done a lot to lead us in the right direction in this effort."

Mr. Porter identified three priorities: "building and facilities; the cohesiveness of the board; and the major attrition of teachers."

"Re-staffing to maintain the standard of excellence in the district is of paramount importance," he said.

Mrs. McAllister wants to see financial data gathered to support the district's options regarding facilities management and enrollment projections.

"Clearly we need to know the cost of any change before we make the best possible decision on the nature of that change," she said.

A participant in the Language Arts/Social Studies Curriculum Review Committee, Mrs. McAllister would also "dedicate myself to learning all there is to learn about the other content areas and the options available that affect curriculum design and materials."

Mr. Ross would demand a "total investigation of the adult school program." He suggested the board "cut or enhance the adult school as part of its effort to manage their portion of the budget better."

In addition, he would encourage attendance at meetings, elicit participation from senior citizens and students, and support "open discourse."

"I would make sure the district has a firm financial plan for the next five years," said Mr. Randazzo, "then let everyone know what that plan would be. There is no putting off a decision regarding cutting expenses, raising revenues or financing capital improvements."



Katherine Mitchell



David Trumpp



Karen M. Schurtz



Will Coronato

## Candidates Launch Their Campaign for Council Seats

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Fire Commission and the town's senior citizens.

Mrs. Schurtz, who has lived in Fanwood for 14 years, holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from LaSalle University in Philadelphia and a Master of Arts Degree in Student Personnel Services from Kean University in Union.

She teaches religion part time at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains and is a member of the Campus Ministry team. The candidate is also a Eucharistic Minister at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

As the municipal representative to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee, Mrs. Schurtz has worked with local senior citizens and tried to raise public awareness on substance abuse.

The councilwoman noted that, as a member of the Borough Council, "you can't just wait for something to break down," before seeking a solution. A self-described "proactive" councilwoman, Mrs. Schurtz said she would like the council to discover more creative ways of accessing money at the state and county levels.

This, she pointed out, would reduce the local tax burden for community services.

Mrs. Schurtz would also like to attract more businesses to the downtown area by reforming the borough's zoning ordinance and amending the community's Master Plan. She also seeks to have the borough's Carriage House listed on the Register of Historic Places, thereby protecting the prominent downtown landmark.

Ms. Mitchell, a resident of Fanwood since 1954, currently lives on North Avenue. She is a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey in Woodbridge.

The candidate also serves as the Treasurer of the Fanwood Memorial Library Board of Trustees. A founding member of the Fanwood Recycling Association, she has served as President, Vice President, and Secretary of the organization.

She also served on the Fanwood Environmental Commission from 1987 to 1995, and on the Earth Day Committee from 1991 to 1995.

Ms. Mitchell is active with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, where she is a Eucharistic Minister and serves as Social Concerns Coordinator, overseeing the parish's blood drive, homeless program and Thanksgiv-

ing Food Program, among other events. She is also a member of the Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults Team.

Efforts by *The Times* to contact the candidate by press deadline proved unsuccessful.

Mr. Coronato, a Fanwood resident since 1992, lives on Cray Terrace with his wife and two sons. A civil trial attorney with McDonough, Korn, Eichorn & Boyle in Springfield, Mr. Coronato is a member of the New Jersey and Union County Bar Associations.

He graduated magna cum laude in 1987 from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and received his law degree from the same school in 1990.

Born in Brooklyn, but raised in Clark and Scotch Plains, Mr. Coronato has worked for former Governor Thomas H. Kean, former Congressman Matthew P. Rinaldo and current State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco.

The candidate said that, if elected, he wants to concentrate primarily on tax relief and borough services. "Taxes are too high — especially when you consider the services we receive, or rather, do not receive," he explained.

Mr. Coronato said he is also seeking elected office out of a sense of civic responsibility.

"I have been fortunate to live in a town like Fanwood and I want to give something back," he said.

Mr. Trumpp is again seeking a position on the Borough Council, after being narrowly defeated in his first effort last year. The candidate, who lives on Arlene Court, was born and raised in Fanwood and is the son of former Mayor Theodore "Ted" Trumpp.

He is currently employed with the Marketing, Customer and Patron Service of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, a position he has held for three years.

Mr. Trump previously worked seven years with the United Way of Union County as Information and Referral Liaison. He is a 1986 graduate of Alfred University in Alfred, New York, and is in the market for his first home in Fanwood.

The candidate was out of town and could be reached for comment by *The Times*. However, former Mayor Trumpp, who is Fanwood Republican Municipal Chairman, said his son remains "shocked" at the high level of taxes residents must pay and would like to bring tax relief to residents, especially to young families and young couples.



SPREADING HOPE...Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains recently participated in the Daffodils for Hope Day, a nationwide fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Students were given the opportunity to buy a single flower or a pot of miniature Tete-A-Tete daffodils in remembrance of a friend or family member who died of cancer. Their names were also put on a scroll in the school lobby. Student Council officers who organized this project, pictured left to right, are: Jannell Andes, President; Regina Filus, Kathryn Rooney and Heather Vogel. The high school raised nearly \$500 through this spring's fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

## FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**  
 • Michele Craig, 25, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and with refusal to take a breath test after being stopped for a motor vehicle violation on Terrill Road, according to police. She was released on her own recognition.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**  
 • An employee of a Terrill Road service station reported that a motorist left the station without paying for \$17 worth of gasoline.

• John Pritchard, 49, of Plainfield was charged at the Fanwood Train Station with failure to pay his train fare, authorities said. He was issued a summons and released.

• Rahtesh Vance, 21, of Plainfield was charged with supplying false information to police following a motor vehicle stop at South Avenue and Terrill Road, according to authorities. He was released on his own recognition.

• A tire was reported stolen off of a vehicle at the south side train station, police said.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**  
 • A Farley Avenue resident reported the attempted theft of a 1991 Ford which was parked in front of the house during the night.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**  
 • A 1987 Oldsmobile was reported stolen from the north side train station, according to police.

## SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**  
 • A Front Street apartment was burglarized sometime during the day, during which a videocassette recorder was reported taken. Entry was gained by forcing open the front door, police said.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
 • An armed robbery took place at a Route No. 22 gas station, according to police. The attendant told authorities two men entered the station on foot and that one produced a small handgun and demanded money. An unknown amount of cash was taken.

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the Architectural Review Committee. Mr. Fawcett was a founder of the annual Freddie Spencer Memorial Bicycle Race that raises money for the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. He serves on the Historic Preservation Committee and has lived in the township since 1981. He works with a local realtor in Westfield.

"We're fortunate that we can talk

### Architect Kevin Mason Named to Commission

Architect Kevin Mason was recently appointed by Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly to the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission for a four-year term.

The commission was established to help the borough identify historic resources and to advise all Fanwood agencies, property owners and citizens' groups regarding the techniques of historic preservation.

Mr. Mason, a local resident and a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, holds both undergraduate and graduate degrees in architecture from Columbia University. After working with firms in New York City, he established his local practice in 1991.

He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, AIA New Jersey and the National Historic Trust, and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registrations Boards.

He also holds licenses from both New York and New Jersey.

about quality of life issues in Scotch Plains," he said, citing property values, education and other key topics.

"I hope to take what's good about the town and make it better, and what's not so good and improve it," Mr. Fawcett said.

Councilman Johnston is a retired oil company manager who served as township Mayor in 1995, when he won a council seat after being appointed to finish out a year of former Councilman George Brown's term.

In addition, he spent 17 years on the Planning Board, some of that serving as Chairman, according to Mr. Spera.

### Erratum

A story which appeared in the April 2 edition of *The Times* incorrectly identified Victoria Manduca as a member of the testing committee which created the tests for grades 1 and 2 in Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools.

Mrs. Manduca was a member of the assessment committee which explored alternative standardized tests to replace the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in the district.

It should also be noted that the board eliminated standardized testing in grade 2 in favor of a district-developed test. We regret the error.

## Fanwood Council Hears Update On Downtown, Historic District

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that rumble strips in the roadway could even be used to remind pedestrians to slow down as they enter the business district.

Other concepts supported by the FDRC are sidewalk cafes; a campaign to encourage merchants to maintain both the front and back areas of their businesses, and a partnership with the school district whereby students could create murals on blank walls in the downtown as an art project, according to Mr. Molenaar.

The second presentation to the council was made by Linda Sargent, Chairwoman of Fanwood's Historic Preservation Commission, who discussed a report the commission had recently received regarding the borough's historic resources.

The report was compiled by Nancy L. Zerbe, a professional architectural historian from Metuchen, who conducted a survey, funded by the borough, of 350 acres which had been known in the late 1800s as "Fanwood Park" before the area was designated as a borough in 1895.

Ms. Zerbe has identified a section of this acreage as a potential historic district and has recommended to the Historic Preservation Commission that the area be nominated for inclusion on state and national registers of historic districts, according to the commission chairwoman.

Mrs. Sargent said the proposed district involves "about eight or 10 streets" including sections of North and Martine Avenues, as well as others north of the Fanwood Train Station extending almost to the Scotch Plains border. She acknowledged that boundaries of the district would have to be established as part of the nomination process.

Placement on the state and national registers, the commission chairwoman explained, would not restrict private homeowners from making alterations to their homes.

It would, however, compel government agencies to review plans for road renovations or other projects before proceeding with the work, in order to evaluate the potential impact the work might have on historic resources in the community, Mrs. Sargent said.

She revealed that a key component in having the proposed historic district listed on state and national registers is a program of community education.

Toward that end, the commission is working with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district's Social Studies Supervisor on a plan to re-ignite interest in local history by incorporating it into the social studies curriculum.

Mrs. Sargent said the Historic

Preservation Commission is also discussing a proposed Internet web site with Fanwood Memorial Library Director Dan Weiss, which would feature photographs, documents and other memorabilia spotlighting Fanwood's history.

The commission received a Union County Educational Award for Historic Preservation for having sponsored a 1995 walking tour of Fanwood's historic area.

## School Tab To Go Before The Voters

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Other Expenses include: transportation, \$1,120,400; instructional supplies, \$1,726,210; non-instructional supplies \$645,520; maintenance, \$1,680,463; and capital outlay, \$145,886.

Board members emphasize they control approximately 10 percent or \$4,198,079 of the budget. Seventy-nine percent of the overall budget constitutes contractual obligations associated with salaries, benefits and health.

While maintaining existing instructional and extra-curricular programs, the proposed budget allows for several instructional improvements.

These include: \$50,000 for the English/Language Arts Cyclical Review; continuation of the cyclical review process in eight other subject areas; five new teaching positions; a second Pervasive Developmental Disorder class; two middle school distance learning labs; distance learning capabilities at Evergreen and Brunner Elementary Schools; and blueprints for the technological infrastructure at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Terrill and Park Middle Schools.

For 1998-99, the administration was charged with creating a spending plan based on the actual expenditures of prior years rather than budgeted amounts. The board believes the proposed budget more accurately reflects line by line spending, and includes guidelines for a higher degree of accountability.

Seventy-five percent of the district's 4,302 students come from Scotch Plains, while the remaining 25 percent reside in Fanwood. District schools actually serve 4,234 students. The balance of 68 children attend school out-of-district or receive bedside instruction. These figures reflect the district's official enrollment as of October 15, 1997.

## Ability, Redistricting Among Issues on Candidates' Night

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He expressed concerns about the possible "dumbing down" of a district like Scotch Plains-Fanwood under state spending guidelines for education.

All candidates agreed interaction between the board and the youth of the community was important. Mr. Randazzo suggested use of the Internet as a possible vehicle.

Frances Gonzalez asked if teachers should instruct students in general history or black history during February, traditionally designated as Black History Month. Candidates Meade, Sheldon, McAllister and

Porter concurred that black history would be better incorporated into the regular curriculum all year long.

Mr. Ross's comments focused on the salary of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye, the community adult school program, his lack of support for the budget, and the two-minute time limit on comments at board meetings.

Other questions addressed board shortcomings, standardized testing, promoting a melting pot in the schools, incumbents' proposals to reduce overcrowding and hiring minority teachers.

### Library Announces Health Screenings, Guest Speaker Visits

The Healthy Avenues van will be parked in front of the Fanwood Memorial Library, at North Avenue and Tillotson Road, on Wednesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for free blood pressure screenings and on-the-spot cholesterol screenings for a \$10 fee.

That evening at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs program room, the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will sponsor a program on cruciverbalism (crossword puzzles).

Richard Hughes, whose own puzzles have appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Star Ledger*, will discuss the art of constructing and solving crossword puzzles, as well as the history of American crossword puzzles.

Participants will receive handouts of sample grids to try their hand at their own puzzle making, and some of the best puzzles of other constructors.

On Thursday, April 23, Edwin Aaron, who was the proprietor of the Fanwood Pharmacy from 1947 to 1996, will visit the library from 7 to 8 p.m.

He will discuss "Pharmacy Past and Present," including medications and their side effects and interactions, and afterwards will conduct a question-and-answer period.

Previously, he had taught chemistry and served as University Tutor at the Rutgers University College of Pharmacy, and also served as Director of Pharmacy at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside for five years.

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# Bob Franks Launches Campaign For Fourth Term in U.S. Congress

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Huddled in a small room in the rear of the Kenilworth Diner last Thursday afternoon, Congressman Bob Franks, of Berkeley Heights, officially kicked off his reelection bid in Union County for a fourth term to the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Franks also held campaign kick-offs at the Golden Corner Diner in Bound Brook and the Edison Family Restaurant.

The three-term Congressman is likely to face first-term Democratic Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly in November. Today is the last day to file petitions for the Tuesday, June 6 Primary.

The Seventh Congressional District encompasses communities in three counties - Middlesex, Somerset and Union. The latter includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside. Both Mr. Franks and Mrs. Connelly reside in Union County.

"The past few years have been a time of remarkable change in Washington when I came to Congress six years ago, I could only dream of the day when the federal budget was in balance, when welfare reform was a reality, when our nation's economy was thriving and when families could finally gain a measure of tax relief."

"We've now begun to reach those goals. But make no mistake about it. There's still much more that needs to be done," Congressman Franks stated.

Among the Congressman's goals if reelected are the replacement of the current Internal Revenue Service tax code, improving transportation options for residents of Central New Jersey, working for tough new laws to keep children safe from predators - including on the Internet and preserving the long-term financial stability of Social Security.

Mr. Franks said the current system of over 475 different tax forms and 280 instruction sheets on how to fill out the complex tax forms caters to the over 67,000 lobbyists who are vowing to fight to keep the system intact.

He said the system is "riddled with loopholes that are designed to benefit only the wealthy and the powerful at the expense of hardworking families." "Most Americans are so afraid of making a mistake that they now go through the expense of hiring a tax accountant," he said.

Congressman Franks emphasized that taxpayers "must stand up for change by demanding a simpler, fairer and more honest tax system."

The Congressman, 46, standing

with his wife, Fran, and daughter, Kelly Amanda, also vowed to continue his efforts as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children, to "continue leading the fight for tough new laws against those sick individuals who prey on our children whether it's on the Internet or at the playground."

"We need to make our schools and neighborhoods safe for our kids to learn and play. And we cannot tolerate any violence in our schools," Mr. Franks told his supporters.

Also on the Congressman's list of objectives if elected to a fourth term is the preservation of the Social Security system for future generations. Noting that the Baby Boomers - the largest generation in the history of America - will soon begin to retire, he said the system could collapse in the early part of the 21st century.

Although the system is currently "financially sound in the short-term," Mr. Franks said if nothing is done to keep Social Security afloat, the system's trust fund "will begin to collapse under the strain of so many retirees" within 14 years. He said Congress needs to act quickly to secure "long-term soundness" for Social Security not just for today's retirees but for the nation's youngest workers.

"The first step (to preserve Social Security) is to stop spending money from the Social Security Trust Fund to pay for other programs," he said.

The Congressman is New Jersey's only member of the House Budget Committee. He said, in this regard, that he has fought hard "to end deficit spending in Washington," noting that when the current federal fiscal year ends on Thursday, October 1, "the federal budget will be balanced for the first time in 30 years". He further noted that Congress will end the year with a budget surplus.

Getting back to taxes, he said the average American family spends more in taxes - federal, state and local property taxes - than they do on clothing, food and shelter combined. "Ladies and gentlemen, that is simply not acceptable," Congressman Franks stated.

He explained that in 1997, Congress took the first step to ease the tax burden on working families by including a \$500 tax credit for raising a child in addition to what he described as "a host of new tax breaks" to help parents pay for their children's college education.

He said he made saving the Medicare system, which was "teetering on bankruptcy," a priority while in Congress. During his tenure in Congress

Mr. Franks has also witnessed the reform of the Welfare system which now "promotes work, personal responsibility and the value of family." He noted that last year the Welfare rolls "dropped by an astounding 25 percent."

Another area the Congressman has vowed to continue to push for are federal transportation funds for New Jersey. Mr. Franks, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, chairs the Subcommittee on Railroads.

In addition to repairing highways and bridges in one of the busiest traffic congestion states in the nation, Congressman Franks said new mass transit alternatives to single-passenger automobiles are also needed to reduce the burden on the state's infrastructure.

In this regard, he said this is being accomplished by several projects such as the restoration of passenger rail service on the West Trenton line and such as adding a new stop at Townley Station in Union Township on the NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line.

Congressman Franks, a Berkeley Heights resident, was first elected to Congress in 1992. He replaced long-time Congressman Matthew P. Rinaldo who retired.

Mr. Franks previously served from 1979 through 1992 as Assemblyman in the 22nd State Legislative District, a four-county area which includes communities in Essex County along with the three counties in his current Congressional District.

He was Republican State Chairman in 1988 and 1989, and from 1990 to 1992.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
RUNNING FOR A FOURTH TERM...Congressman Bob Franks, of Berkeley Heights, holds his four-month old daughter, Kelly Amanda, prior to launching his reelection campaign last Thursday. Congressman Franks announced his drive for a fourth term in the United States House of Representatives during a stop at the Kenilworth Diner. His wife, Fran, is at right.

# School Board to Minimize Relocation Of Pre-School Handicapped Classes

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Times

Board of Education members and parents seemed satisfied with the board's decision Tuesday to keep relocation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood Pre-School Handicapped (PSH) classes to a minimum for the coming school year.

Following weeks of discussion with parents, staff and administration, and revised recommendations from Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol B. Choye, the board ultimately voted to move just one class for the 1998-1999 school year.

The existing Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) class will move out of Coles Elementary School into McGinn Elementary.

The PDD class at McGinn will consist of older pre-schoolers who are likely to be mainstreamed into Kindergarten and first grade in their home schools for 1999-2000.

The remaining pre-school classes will remain at Brunner Elementary (one Title One class, mornings and afternoons; three PSH classes, six sections, mornings and afternoons), and at School One (one Title One class, mornings and afternoons, and one PDD class).

No pre-school classes will be housed in Park Middle School as originally proposed by Dr. Choye.

Emphasizing that the move provides a "one-year solution" only, Dr. Choye said the district would step up formation of an Enrollment and Facilities Task Force to May, rather than waiting until the fall.

In other business, seniors Allison

Zatorski and Brian Spitzer from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) shared their senior portfolios.

Guidance Supervisor Karen McDermott explained the portfolios contain a personal statement of goals, a résumé and representation of achievements. These are used by students during college and job interviews.

Though the program was launched in senior English classes this year, the junior class at SPFHS will begin drafting their portfolios later this spring.

"My portfolio offered a coherent way to present everything about myself," said Alison, who will attend the University of Michigan in September. "I think it will be especially helpful for juniors going into senior year."

"Interviewers were very impressed with the portfolio," added Brian, who plans to attend Boston College.

Parents questioned the board's recent decision to eliminate second-grade standardized testing in favor of administering a district-generated

test. Lisa McNally of Scotch Plains said, "The first-grade district test (implemented last year) didn't tell me anything I didn't already know. Could the second grade test tell us where our child ranks in comparison to other students in the district?"

"I want a standardized test," said Miriam Silverman of Fanwood. "I'd like to know how kids are ranking on a nationwide basis."

Ms. Silverman also questioned the class time missed by a second-grade teacher at Brunner School who helped prepare the district test. Board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon promised a public response to the inquiry.

Fanwood resident Gerry Vadas repeated his demand for answers regarding an October 1997 incident during which his four-year-old son was "missing for almost two hours" after being picked up by a Vogel School Bus from the Brunner PSH program.

"Five months later we are still trying to get some answers," he stated in a letter.



RECREATING THE OLD WEST...Fourth graders in Karen Kashlak's class at Washington Elementary School dressed in costumes of famous people in history from the Old West. Pictured, left to right, are: top row, Jenna Vandervort, Jennie Scollon, Emma Laird; front row, Diana Goodman, Kristina Fietkiewicz, Katherine Itz and Emily Cleaves.

## Laura Van Wyk Makes University Dean's List

Laura Van Wyk of Westfield was recently named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1997 semester at American University in Washington, D.C.

Individuals named to the Dean's List must attain a grade point average of 3.55 out of 4.0. A sophomore, Laura is majoring in International Studies.

## Colleen Spotts Inducted Into Phi Zeta Kappa

Colleen Spotts of Scotch Plains has been inducted into Phi Zeta Kappa, the junior honor society at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham-Madison Campus.

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# Environmental Study Sought for Proposed Drug Fair Pharmacy

By **KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL**  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment met last Thursday to discuss a memorandum, dated March 13, from the Township of Scotch Plains Environmental Commission concerning an application by the Filippatos, owners of the Park Place Restaurant, who are seeking a use variance.

Mr. and Mrs. George Filippatos are seeking approval to expand their restaurant by 6,480 feet and to add another 12,200 square feet for retail space for a Drug Fair pharmacy. The property, at 1900 Raritan Road, is located in an R-1 zone, which is designated as residential.

According to the memorandum, the commission requests that an Environmental Impact Statement be produced for this site prior to any approvals of the proposed project. The commission is concerned about increased activity and polluting conditions at the Ashbrook Swamp Reservation Wetlands, which lie directly adjacent to the development.

The commission stated that these wetlands are vital for many animals raising their young, needed for controlling floods and are natural water purification systems. It concluded that this site is better suited within its current residential zoning.

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

If granted, the retail space will be used as a Drug Fair, according to testimony given at the board's March 5 meeting. Currently, Drug Fair operates stores in neighboring communities such as Cranford, Plainfield, Westfield and Rahway.

Board Attorney, Anthony Rinaldo, suggested that a copy of the memorandum be sent to the applicant. The board concluded that the issues raised in the memorandum could be addressed at the next public hearing on the application, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., by which time the applicants and their attorney will have had a chance to read the document.

In other business, Sokol Bajrami, the owner of Speedy Car Wash at 2574 Plainfield Avenue, was denied an application to put a 25-foot by 61-foot canopy in front of his business.

This canopy, already modified from its original design, was proposed to improve Mr. Bajrami's business by shielding employees from harsh weather conditions and protecting cars from water spots in the summer and freezing water in the winter.

Board member Timothy Livolsi, among others, voted against the application because of the size of the canopy. Mr. Livolsi also said he felt that the car wash business is a high turnover business, and that new owners might not appreciate such a big canopy.

In another application, Thomas Straniero of 1749 Ramapo Way had his temporary operating permit renewed to enable him to operate his landscaping business out of his home. This permit must be applied for annually.

David and Tracey Liberman of 1941 Stony Brook Circle were granted a certificate of occupancy to put a mobile home on their premises while extensive renovations are done to their home. This certificate will be valid from Wednesday, April 15, through Thursday, October 1.

Donald Wussler of 396 Parkview Drive was granted a variance to put a six-foot by 18.3-foot front porch on his property. The porch will have a roof but will not be enclosed.

Ross and Karen Cerini of 2351 Longfellow Avenue were granted a variance to put a nine-foot by nine-foot deck behind their house. This deck will be low to the ground and will resemble a patio, according to the applicants.

Finally, Stephen and Jennifer Pantagis of 1824 Mountain Avenue were informed that they need to attend the board's next meeting on April 23. This is because some of their neighbors were not given a full 10 days notice of their proposed variance for a six-foot fence, board members confirmed.

Under current law, neighbors within 200 feet of an applicant's property must receive written notice a full 10 days prior to the public hearing. Mr. Rinaldo explained five of the Pantagis' neighbors did not have the required 10 days of notice.

Therefore, Mr. Pantagis needs to notify those neighbors again, as well as resubmit notice to the official legal newspapers for the township, in order to apply for his variance.



**SIX DECADES OF ROTARIANS...**Members of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club marked the group's 60th anniversary with a dinner at the Westwood on March 25. Guests of honor were eight members with more than 25 years of Rotary service. Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. Carlo Pallini, Pete Peterson, Joseph Y. Qutub, Hank Friedrichs, Club President Lori DeMilt, Chester A. Ring, Fred Chemidlin, and Dr. Khagan Chatterjee. Not pictured is Dr. Robert Scalera who was traveling. Fanwood Councilman Joel Whitaker presented a resolution by the Mayor and Council of Fanwood honoring the club's civic contributions. Scotch Plains Police Chief Thomas O'Brien presented a resolution by the Scotch Plains Township Committee recognizing the Rotary Club's accomplishments. Ms. De Milt, of Scotchwood Florists, is President of the Club, and Carol Wood of Taylor & Love/Century 21 Realtors, is Vice President. Any business people interested in joining may contact these officers or any member. The club meets every Wednesday, at noon, at the Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

## Upcoming Trips Announced For Summer and Autumn

In conjunction with the Recreation Departments of Mountainside and New Providence, the Scotch Plains Department of Parks has announced the dates for three upcoming trips.

The first is a two-day visit to Tanglewood and Saratoga, which will depart on Saturday, July 11, and return on Sunday, July 12. Included is a guided tour, dinner buffet and a performance of the New York City Ballet at the Saratoga Performing Art Center.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra will also be in concert. A \$50 deposit per person is required, and accommodations may be made for single, double, triple or quad.

"Magnificent Maine" departs on Thursday, August 20, and returns on

Sunday, August 23. Hotel accommodations, dinners (including a lobster feast), sightseeing and L.L. Bean shopping will be highlights of the trip. A \$100 per person deposit is required and again, rates are quoted for single, double, triple or quad.

In October, the Southern Cavalcade is scheduled with sightseeing in Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston, the Luray Caverns and Stone Mountain, as well as a dinner cruise.

The trip departs on Sunday, October 11, and returns on Sunday, October 18. A \$100 per person deposit is required, and rates are based on the number of occupants to a room.

All tours will have deluxe motorcoach transportation and chaperoning. For further information, please call (908) 322-6700.

# Township Planning Board Recommends Cul de Sac For Hidden Acre Project

By **CANDACE WALLER**  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains Planning Board recommended during its Monday night meeting that a cul de sac be constructed, versus a through road, on property located on Rahway Road.

Termed the Hidden Acre Project, it calls for the 9.73 acres of land to be subdivided into nine lots conforming to the 40,000 square feet per one acre, as required in the "R-1" residential zone.

"I get the sense from the board that it is unanimously in favor of the cul de sac," said board Chairman George Tomkin. "The input from the audience is also in favor of this."

Attorney Robert Krauss said his client, Anthony Marconi, would rework the plans to include the cul de sac. Don Guarriello, engineer for the Marconi application, said he would draw the plans whichever way the Planning Board wanted, and had a rough outline of what a cul de sac would look like on hand for the meeting.

"I prefer the street over the cul de sac, because the street totally complies with the guidelines and the board cannot refuse the application," Mr. Guarriello said. "If they want the cul de sac, it may create variances."

Approximately 60 people came to the meeting in support of having a cul de sac, mainly due to traffic concerns in an area that has five cul de sacs already. Several

people stated that a through street would increase commuter traffic and bring about safety concerns for children walking to school on a road without sidewalks.

Glen Kanarek, of Greensview Lane, was happy that the roads between Greensview and Rahway Road would not be connected.

"I respect the applicants' right to develop property," Mr. Kanarek said. "Connecting the two streets would not be prudent. It would establish a shortcut for commuters. Our children walking and waiting for the school bus would not be safe."

Some citizens were also concerned about water drainage. New laws state that developers cannot increase water runoff. Mr. Guarriello said that the plans would decrease water by 60 percent.

Scotch Plains Building Inspector Robert LaCosta indicated an insurance bond has been posted by the developer that would allow the township to cover problems caused by construction.

Paul Ferriero, representing the township's Engineering Department, recommended that the off-site detention on Greensview be used as drainage in place of having an on-site center.

"The above ground water retention is easier to maintain. The application should give us additional information. I strongly recommend the off-site detention," Mr. Ferriero said.

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## Time of Community Individualism Versus the Role of Regionalism

New Jersey citizens must staunchly believe in local government. Otherwise, why would this small state have more municipal governments, of more different forms, and more school districts than any other state in the country? Is it because regionalism has failed us at times? Or, is it because there are just certain things we want our way that are unique for our neighborhoods?

In western Union County, some difficulties with regionalism have occurred. As example, Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, Springfield, Kenilworth, Garwood and Clark have discontinued their regional school district agreement. Mountainside and Berkeley Heights are staying together at the high-performing Governor Livingston High School. Springfield finds itself on its own at Jonathan Dayton High School. Clark and Garwood share Arthur L. Johnson High School. Kenilworth sought independence and has reopened David Brearley High School. In this identity struggle, these communities must sort out the impact on their property taxes. Clark residents, for one, face a sizable property tax increase. The long-term effects for the other communities will only become known with time.

There are successful examples of community individualism. Westfield, Summit and Scotch Plains/Fanwood residents seem more satisfied with the organization and performance of their school systems. Westfield has a very high performing system — one of the highest in the state. Scotch Plains/Fanwood is excellent and seems on the rise. Summit is good, too. In Westfield, regional busing of elementary school children just wouldn't be acceptable. Westfielders want their children walking to their neighborhood schools. Wealth is not the sole predictor of community school system success. Although Summit has an edge with the highest median income in the county, the community seems to be slightly under-achieving in its school system compared to its potential. Garwood, with more modest family incomes, does very well in school test scores.

Ironically, success at the local level has its price. As communities prosper, state aid is reduced and the local property tax burden rises. Coupled with this, successful communities pay more income and sales taxes to the state. To many, this seems counterproductive to the spirit of free enterprise and individual initiative. New Jersey Supreme Court rulings seem to be a contributing cause of this when they override the

legislature and dictate the course to the executive branch. In this instance, there's concern that the court system is extending beyond its envisioned constitutional authority.

Cooperation by communities on a regional basis has success stories too. Summit, Westfield, Springfield and others have a collective purchasing organization for procuring municipal insurance. This has saved hundreds of thousand of dollars. Joint efforts by police, fire and rescue squads are other great examples. There seems to be more opportunities for common good. One creative possibility heard recently was a proposal for joint promotion of downtown business and social events between Cranford, Westfield and Scotch Plains. As a regional draw in this concept, people could shuttle at no charge on the train system to attend various events throughout the "Tri-Towns."

So, there is a case for "regionalism" in certain circumstances, with our spirited population base of up to 200,000 people out of the half million in the county. Perhaps this works best as a starting point where each community can maintain its individualism without outside dictums, such as from courts or from institutionalized bureaucracy. Then, communities may find more satisfying ways to work together and to join with county and state efforts.

Each can keep its personal flavor with the recognition that we all need each other.

As the year 2000 approaches, time isn't standing still in the accelerating dynamics of our communities in Union County. And time isn't the computer clock that comes to mind. It's not "will the trains keep running, the lights stay on and our bank accounts balance upon that midnight transition?" because most of us must defer dealing with this challenge to the skill of our technicians.

Instead, we should focus on preparing for that moment, seeking imaginative or thoughtful ways to share with our friends, not to become lost in the crowd.

At this instant, we enjoy a respite from the forces of this tumultuous century. But for our region in Union County, people are energized in enhancing their communities and investing in their vision for life today and for tomorrow. And often, it's the seemingly little things that mean the most; smiling to a stranger on the street, letting that car in ahead of you in a traffic jam, or truly considering a different point of view.

### Scams Can be Avoided By Using Local People With Good References

It just goes to show that bad news sells. Because every spring, there is a news bulletin on home improvement scams, as reported in your March 26 edition, that puts the homeowner at odds with local reputable trades people. In every occupation there are bad apples, and home improvement is no exception.

With the amount of work being done in this town, it is not unusual that some "rif raf," do work in this town. In your own words, the out-of-state builders are, "up six fold." But the solution is quite easily remedied — by supporting and using experienced local trades people with qualifying references — problem solved.

Peter Davidson  
Westfield

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### Fiorino Family Thanks Westfield Community For Loving Tribute

We would like to thank publicly all the firemen, family, friends and community who paid such a wonderful tribute to our son and husband, John Fiorino, who passed away on March 30, and to so many people who waited in long lines at the Dooley Funeral Home.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We could not be more proud of John.

Joseph and Eleanor Fiorino  
Allison Fiorino and Children  
Westfield

did not count.

It is a shame that we increasingly see, in all levels of society, a demeaning of, or lack of sensitivity to, public opinion.

There will be another meeting on this matter before the board on Thursday, April 23, at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, at 7:30 p.m. The public will be given the opportunity to give their input.

Since the majority of the residents of the south side of Scotch Plains are opposed to a Drug Fair in our residential neighborhood, let us show all the participants in this matter how potent public opinion can be.

If you feel strongly about this, your presence at this meeting could have a profound influence on its outcome.

Marc Friedenberg  
Scotch Plains

## Letters to the Editor

### Town Voters Need to Use Civic Duty And Vote for Westfield School Budget

I urge the citizens of Westfield to exercise their civic duty on Tuesday, April 21, and vote in the annual School Board and Budget election. This year we have an uncontested election and hope that this does not lull the voter into thinking there is no urgency. On the contrary, a vote in favor of the school budget is vital if we are to maintain the standards of excellence in education our town so prides itself on.

Please vote "yes" for the school budget on April 21.

Anyone out of town or likely not to make it home in time to reach the polls should consider applying for an absentee ballot from the County Election Board. Registered voters may obtain absentee ballot application forms at the Town Clerk's office. Mailed applications must be received by the Union County Election Board by April 14.

Applications in person at the Union County Election Board may be made up until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 20.

Susan Yates  
Westfield

### Residents Attendance at Zoning Bd. Meeting Could Influence Outcome

At the March 5 meeting of the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment, a first phase of a presentation was made in order to try to gain permission for the Park Place Restaurant to construct a 12,000-square-foot building for a Drug Fair in a residential neighborhood.

The attorney representing the Park Place Restaurant was obviously surprised and flustered by the size of the turnout of the south side residents opposed to this plan. Rather than first starting with his presentation, he addressed the crowd, telling them that Letters to the Editor and public opinion did not count in matters like this. He said that the only thing that counted would be his presentation to the board and their reaction to it.

Clearly he thought that the matter was restricted and that public opinion

## POPCORN™ The Newton Boys: A Regular Bunch of Bank Robbers

By Michael S. Goldberger

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Opening scene: Texas, 1919 - Two brothers horse around the corral, literally. As dirt poor as they are handsome, they nevertheless delight in their open air freedom and the joyously macho rite of horse breaking. A third, older man, obviously away for a long time, nonchalantly sidles up and joins in this bucolic celebration of brotherhood.

Older brother: How was the war little brother?

Younger brother: It was O.K. How was jail?

Older brother: Glad to be out.

That's as good as the dialogue gets in director Richard Linklater's would-be splashing account of the real-life bank robbers for whom this film is named. What's worse, you'll have to wait for the closing credits to completely appreciate the romantic magnitude of the tale he tries to tell.

Then, finally, you are treated to the movie's most fascinating five minutes — live footage achieving a sense of historical poignancy otherwise elusive in *The Newton Boys*. The filmmaker never does settle on the right stance between fact and fiction.

Supposedly the most successful bank robbers in American history, these Prohibition-period purloiners aren't painted in the typical, desperado tones of the era. Their claim to fame? They never "kilt no one." Think of it as *Bonnie and Clyde* light.

At first blush, the attention to realism would seem like a novel plus. But ordinariness can be a dramatic liability if you don't have something interesting to say about it. Warmly portraying his workmanlike roustabouts as just plain old folk, director Linklater (who co-wrote the script with Claude Stanush and Clark Lee Walker, based on Mr. Stanush's book) seems unable to get beyond his subjects' plainness. Audiences will not share his curious awe.

Yet there is nothing ordinary about their physical appearance. Here, realism takes a back seat to the box office realities of Hollywood. Hence, we are left to surmise that the bandits looked like Matthew McConaughey (Willis), Ethan Hawke (Jess), Skeet Ulrich (Joe), and Vincent D'Onofrio (Dock). Betcha one would have looked like Leonardo DiCaprio if they could have afforded him.

Dressed to the nines once they start making their high-powered withdrawals from Texas through the Midwest, the boys grin, preen and romp like suddenly successful musicians in a rockumentary. Ah, what camaraderie in splitting up the take. The brothers that steal together stay together. And oh, the fast cars. Like a cream-yellow 1919 Studebaker convertible. But time out. They do have their petty differences, just like Ringo and John did in *Hard Day's Night*, or sisters Jan and Marsha in *The Brady Bunch Movie*. The film also proves that even shallow people have moments of introspection. For instance, little Joe is really "agin" stealing.

And some even have secret ambitions. Like McConaughey's Willis. The ring-leader, he rationalizes it's insurance companies who are the country's real predators. Why, robbing banks merely relieves those corrupt giants of their ill-gotten gains. And it just may be a way for Willis to attain his idea of honest respectability — affording him the oil well he presumptuously feels he deserves.

Since they are neither heroes nor anti-heroes in the classical sense, it is difficult conjuring any real sympathy for these men. Willis, justifying his criminality, launches into whining diatribes about his dirt poor roots. As if society owes him that oil well. In short, the brat is a bit off.

But Linklater fails to pursue this clinical case of covetousness. Brothers Jess and Dock aren't quite so complicated, so you don't feel that bad when the director just dismisses them as well-dressed drunks along for the ride. Other potential subplots suffer. Like the hardly explored affaire de coeur between McConaughey's

character and an attractive cigar stand girl, Louise Brown (portrayed with hardly any verve by Julianna Margulies).

In the olden days, everything was sepi, or so the purposely subdued light in *The Newton Boys* would lead you to believe. But despite some obvious tricks and limited angles, production designer Catherine Hardwicke's artful take on the 20s, just as they start to roar, helps evoke mood and place in a movie that offers mediocre acting, uncertain plotting, and inconsistent direction.

Curious about the daring protagonist? Then read Mr. Stanush's book.

Otherwise, avoid being robbed by *The Newton Boys* and wait until the video is available. It won't be long. You can bank on it.

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*The Newton Boys, rated PG-13, is a Twentieth Century Fox release directed by Richard Linklater and stars Matthew McConaughey, Ethan Hawke and Julianna Margulies. Running time: 121 minutes.*



### FOOL

The court fool had a very "long run." In fact, there is historical evidence that fools provided comic relief in the homes of affluent ancient Romans. Even William the Conqueror (1027-1087) is known to have had a fool in his entourage.

The word fool comes via the French word fol, "foolish person," from the Latin word follis, meaning "bellows." A bellows or windbag was often tied to the fool's wand and was quickly deflated by him at appropriate opportunities to create a sound, politely referred to here, as the "raspberries" or "Bronx Cheer." This same word provided us with these related words: "folly," "follies," and "foolery."

While the word fool is still used in the sense of "to amuse," it also defines "one who is deficient in judgment and sense of understanding." The old court fool had plenty of incentive to amuse his lords and ladies. Failure to do so might shorten his career, if not his life. Perhaps that is why present day comedians say they "died" when the audience does not respond enthusiastically to their jokes.

## Reaching Middle Age Can be Discouraging

By Louis H. Clark

There are lots of ways you can tell when you're reaching middle age, with all of them being discouraging. Here are a mere seven of them.

• Your knees crack when you're bending down to fix something. They also creak when you're getting up.

• At the office you used to run up two flights of stairs to Accounting when they questioned your expense account and you arrived, breathing easily. Now you take the elevator.

• When you take a female buyer out to lunch you feel free to order a salad and drink tonic without vodka or gin. When you take out a man you drink only tonic without vodka or gin. Your usual two Rob Roys make you sleepy all afternoon.

• You used to get up at dawn so that you'd get to the links early. After a light lunch you'd come home and mow the lawn. Your son now mows the lawn to "earn his allowance" and you find that your matches with your golfing partners have been pushed back to two o'clock.

• Those poker and bridge games which

used to break up around 2 a.m. are now breaking up at 11:30 p.m. instead. You all have big meetings tomorrow morning.

• Your wife has insisted that you get a fully yearly medical examination. So now at the Ides of March, you, who never used to go to a doctor except when pulled by six Clydesdale horses, find yourself being pulled, pushed, X-rayed in a tunnel called a Cat Scan and being stuck with needles and in general being tortured in the name of your health.

• You are now asked to sit on the board of charitable committees. "After all," they say "you've lived in town for God knows how many years and everyone knows you're honest." In other words they figure you are not agile enough to steal.

The crowning indignity of all — young girls stop you on the street to ask you for directions. They begin by saying, "Sir..."

None of the above applies to women. I have no idea how they know they are approaching middle age, and, I'm not going to ask.

## Letters to the Editor

### Decision to Put Farmer's Market At South Ave. Lot Irks Commuter

As one of the several hundred Westfield commuters who has been waiting for a parking permit at the Westfield Train Station's South Avenue lot, I am writing to express my dismay at the decision by our town's leaders, in particular First Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, to locate this year's Farmer's Market in the South Avenue lot.

I have been on the permit waiting list for two-and-a-half years, since the day I closed on my house. When I called the town clerk's office this week to ask about my chances for a spot any time soon, I was told that there is a four-year backlog on the requests for parking. Permits are only now being offered to people who signed up in October 1994. The clerk told me my wait for parking would be at least another year.

If spots in the lot are so scarce, how can the town government allow nearly two dozen parking spaces to be occupied by the Farmer's Market every Thursday from June through October?

If the answer is (as it was two years ago when the market made its debut) that the

lot isn't as full in the summer due to people's vacations, then the town should issue summer-only permits for those waiting on the list. Regardless, the summer logic doesn't hold, since the lot fills up again after Labor Day.

I fear, however, that the answer is that Westfield's leaders aren't particularly concerned with the needs of the town's commuters or don't truly understand the difficulties and daily rigors involved in commuting between Westfield and the city. (Sadly, even NJ Transit executives don't know the horrors of the Manhattan commute, but that's another issue.)

Instead of further restricting parking for Westfield's commuters, town leaders should be doing whatever they can to assist commuters with the Westfield-based difficulties of the commute: the lack of station parking, the lack of safe pedestrian crosswalks from the places where some of us do manage to park (the Watterson Street and Lord & Taylor lots), the lack of a local taxi service (something the town's senior citizens and population-at-large also needs).

Last year, the Farmer's Market was located in a corner of the North Avenue lot, behind the firehouse. As far as commuters were concerned, that spot was just fine. It didn't impact upon commuter parking, and those lucky enough to get home from work before 7 p.m. could even pick up a few items upon getting off the train.

I hope that Councilwoman Vernick, the Town Council and the council Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee reconsider the decision to locate the Farmer's Market in the South Avenue lot.

And I hope that these town officials will soon follow the lead of Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger and become truly active and interested in helping to understand and solve the problems faced by Westfield's commuters. If they don't, I hope that Westfield's more than 1,400 commuters speak up with their voices and their votes.

Melissa Stanton  
Westfield

### Students and Staff Present Festive Day For Visiting Seniors at High School

Editor's Note: A copy of this letter was sent to Dr. Terry Riegel, Principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

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We want you to know how much we enjoyed Senior Citizen Day at the high school last Thursday (March 19). From the moment we entered to be greeted by the smiling faces of our young guides, we were taken through a day of fun, friendship, entertainment and great food.

The music by the trio and music teacher was professional in caliber. The games were great fun, the roses that were awarded were beautiful, and even bingo was enjoyable. (I forgot to mention the coffee and pastries when we arrived.)

From the library, we were led to the auditorium to enjoy a wonderful act taken from *Crazy For You*. From the "pit band" to the actors on stage, all were excellent. Scott, the triple threat lead, was great, as were all the rest of the cast. They were

marvelous.

We came back to the library to enjoy a really tasty lunch, which we finished (no doggie bags here).

It would be difficult to mention the names of all those who made this day possible: From you, to the teacher in charge of the day, to the teachers directing the musical, to those in the cafeteria, and, of course, to all those wonderful, talented, courteous and beautiful young men and women.

Special thanks to those who led the festivities in the library, to the musicians, to the actors, singers, and dancers, and to those who fed us and made us feel so much at home.

You can be proud of these young people who showed such loving concern for all of us "Golden Agers." Thanks again for a memorable day we won't soon forget.

Janette Rotella, President  
Scotch Plains Golden Agers

### Community's Support Provides Comfort To Firefighter's Family

This past week we suffered the devastating loss of our brother, John Fiorino. The response and support of the neighbors, friends, Police Department, Rescue Squad and community was extraordinary.

We especially want to thank Fire Chief Paul A. Battiloro, Jr. Acting Captain Daniel J. Kelly and each and every one on the Fire Department. John was so proud to be a part of this group of caring people. It was a tremendous comfort to see how many were sorrowed at his death.

The Lord Jesus has given us his comfort and strength to accept his will in our lives.

Patti Petersen  
Joanne Hughes  
Westfield

*Letters to the Editor*

**Community Thanked for Generosity During Dollars for Students Campaign**

The 31st annual Dollars for Students Drive was conducted over the weekend of March 28 and 29 by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation. We would like to express our appreciation to the local students who participated in our drive, and also to the generous citizens of Fanwood and Scotch Plains who made their efforts a successful venture.

The moneys collected will be presented as scholarships to graduating high school students at the annual awards night, to be held at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Thursday, May 21, and to college students on Friday, June 12, at our awards reception at All Saints Episcopal Church.

This year we have received 107 applications for assistance, which is our highest number ever. Twenty-four of these come from college students.

We look forward to announcing our own Dollars for Students recipients, as well as those students who will be receiving monies from the 17 additional funds that we maintain, and from the 20 pass-through funds which we administer. This year, we will be administering in excess of \$71,000.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to all of our neighbors who so willingly continue to show the young people of Scotch Plains and Fanwood that they value them and their effort to continue their education.

**Scouts Thank Vicki's For Much Hospitality During Cookie Sale**

The Girl Scouts in Troop No. 68 want to say thanks to Vicki's Diner for their gracious hospitality during our recent cookie booth sale. On a cold day, with sleet and rain outside, Vicki and her staff welcomed us inside, offered us hot chocolate and encouragement throughout the morning. They even set an example to others by being our first customers. As a result, we sold more boxes at this booth sale than any in previous years.

Vicki, thanks so much for making our sale a success!

Victoria Wicks  
Cookie Coordinator  
Girl Scout Troop No. 68

If you were not at home when our students stopped by, or if you did not receive a request through the mail but would like to support our efforts, please send your contribution in care of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Scholarship Foundation, P. O. Box 123, Fanwood, 07023.

Ellie Kramps  
President  
Scotch Plains-Fanwood  
Scholarship Foundation

**Don't Express Anger By Defeating Budget**

On behalf of the Presidents' Committee of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council, I would like to urge voters to remember that a vote against the school budget hurts all of our children.

If your child has received an unfair grade, if there is a school policy you don't like, or if a change has been proposed that you object to, by all means express your opinion, but don't do it with a "no" vote. A defeat for the school budget can result in program cuts and less opportunity for all students. Please, don't take your anger into the voting booth.

Vote with a clear head, keeping in mind that our most precious resource is at stake: the future of our community's children.

Mary O'Connor  
Corresponding Secretary  
Presidents' Committee  
Scotch Plains-Fanwood  
PTA Council

**Alexander J. Schmidt Named to Dean's List At St. Bonaventure**

Alexander J. Schmidt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Schmidt, Jr. of Westfield, has been named to the St. Bonaventure University, Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25 or better, out of a possible 4.0, during the 1997 fall semester.

He is a sophomore majoring in education.

St. Bonaventure University is located in St. Bonaventure, New York.

**School Budget Forum Scheduled for Monday**

An open forum on the proposed 1998-1999 Scotch Plains-Fanwood school budget will be held this Monday, April 13, at 8 p.m. at the Community House, located at the Fanwood Train Station's north side parking lot.

The event is being sponsored by the Fanwood Republican Club, and the program is open to the general public.

Further information about this program may be obtained by calling Pat Lindsey at (908) 322-8801.

**Workshop Scheduled On Combating Abuse and Addiction**

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County (NCADD) is conducting a workshop entitled "Sexual Abuse, Addiction and Recovery" on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NCADD offices at 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield.

The presenter, Alberta Montano-DiFabio, has conducted sexual abuse and addiction workshops in both the United States and Europe. She maintains a private practice in Fanwood and is part of the staff for the Union County Rape Crisis Center.

Scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis, and pre registration is required. For further information and registration, please call (908) 233-8810.

**Judge Dismisses Complaint; County GOP Head to Select Clark Candidates**

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL  
Specially Written for The Leader and The Times

Union County Superior Court Assignment Judge Edward W. Beglin, Jr. dismissed a complaint Monday by Nelson Kornstein, the Republican Municipal Chairman of Clark, against Frank X. McDermott of Westfield, and the Regular Republican Organization of Union County.

The complaint had sought to block the county party from holding a screening process to select candidates for the Clark governing body to run under the county GOP line. Mr. Kornstein, whose term as Clark GOP Chairman expires in June, had designated Clark candidates to run on the county line.

The court hearing was rescheduled from Friday after the plaintiff was taken to Rahway Hospital complaining of chest pains. Judge Beglin reported that he spoke with Mr. Kornstein's physician to assure his capability to appear at Monday's hearing.

Judge Beglin asked Mr. Kornstein if he felt he could physically participate in the afternoon's proceedings. After answering affirmatively to the Judge, Mr. Kornstein apologized if he seemed groggy, as he had received a shot of morphine during his hospital stay.

Mr. Kornstein had filed a civil action against Mr. McDermott, Chairman of the Regular Republican Organization of Union County, claiming that it was unlawful to allow Mr. McDermott to overrule the Republican candidates that he (Mr. Kornstein) and his committee had selected last month to run the regular GOP line in the Tuesday, June 2, primary.

Additionally, Mr. Kornstein claimed that Mr. McDermott had no right to hold his own hearing to pick candidates for the primary election.

Mr. Kornstein was the only one out of the 21 Union County GOP Chairmen who did not receive an authorization letter from Mr. McDermott allowing candidates to run on the regular party line.

According to Frank Meese, Secretary of the GOP County Committee, after hearing many complaints by Clark Republicans, Mr. McDermott decided to take action by withholding the authorization of Mr. Kornstein to put candidates on the party line.

"If the municipal chair is not functioning in a manner that is termed fair, then the county chair can take over the responsibility," stated Mr. Meese.

Clark Councilman Ernest Spies reported that last year he wanted to run for the Clark Township Council but was not allowed to take part in the screening process conducted in the township. Mr. Spies won his seat on the council by running off the party line in the primary.

This was also true for Sal Bonaccorso, who had to run off the line for his council seat. Five seats on the seven-member governing body are held by Republicans, with four of them due to expire this year.

Judge Beglin ordered that the

county Republican Party had a right to govern itself by whatever internal mechanism it had in place. He ruled that he found no wrongdoing by Mr. McDermott and the Regular Republican Organization of Union County.

He also stated that Mr. McDermott's actions were a valid use of his position, and that he properly utilized his power as county GOP Chairman. He concluded that the court does not get into the legal process in which a political party elects its officers. He stated that "this is the internal affairs of that political party."

When asked about the court's dismissal, Mr. McDermott responded that "this is a matter of politics where the legislature and the courts have decided that the First Amendment of the United States Constitution grants freedom and association, thereby allowing the political parties to develop their candidates for primary election."

After court, Mr. Kornstein commented that he felt Mr. McDermott's actions "were illegal," and that the ruling "destroys the whole political system." He added that "this ruling will have repercussions within the entire county."

A meeting was held last night for Republican Clark council candidates to be selected for the primary election. The candidates will be placed on the June 2 primary election ballot.

**Maria's  
2x3**

**Calderone  
2x2**

**Elm Tree  
2x5**

**Labon  
2x5**

**Raggini  
2 x 5 1/2**

**Marc Media  
3x3**

**J&M  
3x7**

**Gleek & Rust  
3x4**



## William Clotworthy, Author, Woman's Club Guest Speaker

William G. Clotworthy, author and historian, will be the guest speaker at the Monday, April 13, 1:15 p.m. general meeting of the Woman's Club of Westfield, to be held at their clubhouse, located 318 South Euclid Avenue.

He will discuss his 1995 published book "Homes and Libraries of the Presidents," which concentrates on those places open to public visitation. They range from Colonial Mount Vernon and Monticello to the log cabin birthplace of Abraham Lincoln and the small-town homes of Ronald Reagan and William McKinley.

It is an interpretive guide book to 88 presidential homes, libraries, and

museums, a club spokeswoman said. A fourth-generation resident of Westfield, who now resides in Westport, Connecticut, Mr. Clotworthy began his career as a page for the NBC network and went on to become a commercial producer and



William Clotworthy

program supervisor. He later worked for an advertising agency in New York City.

In 1979 he returned to the NBC network as censor on "Saturday Night Live" until his retirement in 1991.

Mr. Clotworthy has completed a companion piece to "Homes and Libraries of the Presidents," which is a monumental directory of every extant place in America associated with presidents — including birthplaces, homes, battlefields, colleges, monuments, statues, and burial sites.

Quests are invited to attend this meeting. For further information about the program, the Woman's Club and its other activities, please call the clubhouse at (908) 233-7160.

Members of the Literature Department will hostess the tea which follows the program.



**BIG BUNNY...**The Easter Bunny is pictured with Westfield youngsters, Colin Barner, left, and Luke Peiffer during last year's egg hunt sponsored by the town's Lions Club. This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 11, at 1 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park.

## Lions Club to Sponsor Egg Hunt Saturday

The Lions Club of Westfield will hold its 63rd annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 11, at 1 p.m. in Mindowaskin Park on East Broad Street.

Under the direction of Lions Club President Jeffery Broadwell, more than 1,200 plastic eggs will be hidden in the area around the gazebo.

Immediately after the hunt, plastic bags containing gourmet jellybeans will be distributed to the children. From noon to 12:45 p.m., and after the hunt, the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures with the children.

For a \$3 donation to Lions' chari-

ties, the recipient will get a framed Polaroid photograph. The hunt is for Westfield children 7 years of age and under, with an area set aside for the toddlers.

The Lions Club of Westfield is dedicated to sight conservation and helping the blind. The organization may be contacted at P.O. Box 572, Westfield, 07091.

The club would appreciate hearing from anyone who has photographs or a good story from the early years of the hunt, which started in 1936, according to spokesman Michael Gordeuk.

## Jean McAllister Continues Campaign for Board Seat

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education candidate Jean McAllister continued her campaigning at the Board of Education "Candidate's Night" last Thursday, April 2, at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The points she stressed during the evening were varied, and included her reasons for running for the board as well as issues currently of interest to the district.

"My reasons for running this year are largely unchanged from last year. I have to find out for myself, for the sake of every child, whether or not we are providing the best education possible for the money we're spending," she stated.

Mrs. McAllister reflected that the education she received through college has been the single most important factor in her personal and career achievements to date.

Key issues for Mrs. McAllister include the current classroom overcrowding, which she said exists in select schools throughout the district. "This threatens to effect every school given housing development in Scotch Plains," she said.

"This issue was recently highlighted due to an anticipated Pre-School relocation. There will be critical decisions made in the near term in order to accommodate the increasing enrollment the district will be seeing. The public should provide its input, because options are limited and none of the solutions will please everyone," Mrs. McAllister continued.

"The board must seek the buy-in of the taxpayers and parents if it is to address this issue effectively," the candidate said.

Additionally, she stated that the Curriculum Review Process, currently underway, is an "enormous effort" with which parents need to keep abreast and provide input to.

Mrs. McAllister has maintained her interest in the Board of Education by attending nearly every meeting for the past year, including the special meetings held on the district's budget process.

"I am back running for a seat this year smarter about what the job entails, and I still want to do it," she explained.

In highlighting her qualifications, Mrs. McAllister stated, "My experience with financial matters will be an obvious asset to the board as it looks to keep tax impacts at a minimum while maintaining quality programs."

Mrs. McAllister ended her speaking portion of the evening with a

discussion on her own personal vested interest in the school system, her two children.

"My children will be graduating in the classes of 2012 and 2015. So, I will be caring about how well our schools are doing for a very long time," she concluded in her final press release for the campaign.

## People for Animals To Sponsor Tricky Tray

People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a "Tricky Tray" (formerly known as a Chinese Auction) on Friday, April 17, at Farcher's Grove, located at 1135 Springfield Road in Union.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be a wide selection of prizes including a color television, watches, electrical appliances, toys, decorative items, handmade craft items, and baskets of goodies. However, more prizes are needed, said People for Animals spokeswoman Dawne Wood Luetscher.

Cake and coffee will be served. For information, tickets, or to donate prizes, please call (908) 688-5280 or (908) 688-1073.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the People for Animals pet rescue and adoption program. This program provides food, shelter, veterinary services, and tender loving care for many homeless cats and dogs. A donation of \$4 for admission is requested.

## Easter Egg Party Set For This Saturday

The Fanwood Recreation Department will sponsor its annual Easter Egg Party this Saturday, April 11, at the Fanwood Firehouse beginning at 10 a.m.

A Family Egg Hunt will be held, and children will have an opportunity to draw eggs for prizes. The age categories for this event will be 4 and 5 year olds, 6 and 7 year olds, 8 and 9 year olds, and 10 and 11 year olds.

There will also be face painting for 4 and 5 year olds, egg decorating, and an Easter Bunny drawing contest. Prizes will be awarded for prettiest, most original and most decorative.

All drawing entries must be completed at home and turned in by 9:45 a.m.

### Fanwood to Celebrate Memorial Day Carnival Seeks Crafters, Volunteers

The Fanwood Memorial Day carnival is expected to be even bigger than last year's family-fun day, according to Fanwood Recreation Commission.

The festivities will be on Monday, May 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at LaGrand Park in Fanwood.

Volunteers are needed, and they should contact Linda at (908) 889-4935.

"Reactions from last year's volunteers ranged from working the rides and games for the kids last year was exhilarating, to a good time was had by all, to well worth the time contributed," said Laurie Feinberg of the Recreation Commission.

All crafters are welcome to participate. Reserved space cost \$25, and an additional space is being sold for \$15. Crafters wishing further information and a dealers agreement should contact Ms. Feinberg at (908) 322-4962.

**Spring Fling**  
2x6 1/2

**Village Curtains**  
2x5

**Image Maker**  
2x5

**Greenbaum**  
2x7

**The Willows**  
2x7

**Chippery**  
2x6

# Uncontested Mountainside Candidates Set Sites on Passage of School Budget

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

On Tuesday, April 21, when Mountainside residents go to the polls, they'll have two basic things to vote on: a slate of three unchallenged Board of Education members seeking reelection, and a school budget of \$8,696,740.

Incumbent board members Richard H. Kress, board President Patricia L. Taeschler and Vice President Sally Rivieccio all have indicated that since there is an uncontested election this spring, they will worry instead about getting the budget approved by borough residents.

And with Mountainside facing its first full year apart from the now-defunct Union County Regional High School district, all three feel the com-



Patricia L. Taeschler

I'm delighted to be working with — and with de-regionalization, I'm interested in working with that," Mrs. Rivieccio, who has a sophomore daughter attending Governor Livingston and a sophomore daughter attending Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania, added.

"In the long run, of course there's going to be savings," the Vice President commented when asked about the old regional system's elimination. "Had we stayed regional, we would have watched those numbers go through the roof. In the long run, I feel we're going to save money."

"We are at a point now where we have a new administrative leader, and we're in the process of doing our strategic planning, and I'm looking forward to that," replied Mrs. Taeschler when asked why she was seeking a third term of three years on the board.

Mrs. Taeschler, a resident of Sunny Slope Drive, was first elected to the

board in 1992. She is originally from North Bergen.

"We're really right in the midst of many exciting things," she added.

Mr. Kress, a Ridge Drive resident, and a criminal attorney who practices in Clark, is completing his third full term on the board, having first been elected in 1989. He served as board Vice President in 1995.

"I've enjoyed being a member of the Board of Education," Mr. Kress responded when asked why he was seeking a fourth term. "We've accomplished a lot in the last term, particularly with the (regional) dissolution, and now I think this board has to take the steps necessary to take the curriculum into the next century."

Mr. Kress said he supports the district's proposed budget "100 percent," and added that a large tax portion of the \$268,505 increase over last year's spending plan is coming from unappropriated funds, including some "liquid assets" left over from the end of regionalization.

Actually, Mrs. Taeschler said, the budgeting last year, in anticipation of the regional breakup, resulted in more being set aside than was necessary, leaving, in essence, a surplus this year.

Therefore, Mr. Kress said, "The tax burden is only going to increase by about \$39,000."

As of now, the district feels any tax increase would be under a tax point at the most, and "actually, we're hoping there won't be any increase due to the (tax) ratables," Mrs. Taeschler, a trained nurse, said.

Mrs. Rivieccio, much like Mr. Kress, issued warm words for Dr. Schaller.

"Oh, absolutely," the Vice President agreed. "Under the leadership of Dr. Schaller, there's just no stopping us. He's just motivated the whole staff, and we're really looking forward to



Richard H. Kress

ing year can be instrumental in guiding district students toward the 21st century.

"I would say it's a very exciting time," commented Mrs. Rivieccio in regard to the post-regionalization era, which technically began on or about July 1, 1997.

"The changes are all positive, and the community is very happy with the change," she added.

With the district now sending its high school-aged students to Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, the Mountainside school board representative to Union County's western-most district is Mrs. Rivieccio, who was first elected to the Mountainside school board in 1995.

Presently, Mountainside pays \$12,500 to Governor Livingston, now also autonomous from regional control, for high school tuition costs, Chief School Administrator Dr. Gerard A. Schaller said earlier.

A new contract between the two neighboring communities is expected to be agreed upon sometime during the upcoming 1998-99 school year.

In the meantime, Dr. Schaller has been with the district formally since November 10, 1997, and his job title basically encompasses that of Schools Superintendent and Principal of the Deerfield Elementary School on Central Avenue.

All three candidates speak highly of him, and feel the district is in prime position to complete its independence from the old regionalization plan. Since school boards operate on a fiscal calendar, and not a yearly one, the passage of this year's budget will mark the first spending plan for Mountainside — on a Kindergarten through grade 12 district — completely on its own.

"We have new administration that

## Westfield Symphony

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## Ken Mason

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## Family Invest

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# Dinner Menu

### SOUP OF THE DAY

Cup: \$1.75 Bowl: \$2.50

### APPETIZERS

- Maryland Style Lump Crab Cakes with Red Pepper Chili Mayo..... \$6.95
- Jumbo Coconut Shrimp with Sweet & Sour Sauce..... \$7.95
- Oriental Duck & Vegetable Strudel with Honey Vinaigrette..... \$7.95
- Grilled Portabella Mushrooms over Field Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette.... \$6.95
- Quesadillas of the Day served with Sour Cream, Guacamole & Salsa..... \$6.95

### SALADS

- J&M's Famous Caesar Salad served with Pecarino Romano and Homemade Croutons...\$3.95
- Mixed Baby Greens with Roquefort Cheese, Apples & Walnuts..... \$4.95
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad with Pecorino Romano and Homemade Croutons..... \$6.95
- Fresh Mozzarella, Roasted Peppers, Tomato & Basil Drizzled with Olive Oil..... \$7.95

### FROM THE GRILL

- B.L.T. .... \$4.25 • Grilled Cheese..... \$3.50
- Grilled Cheese & Tomato..... \$3.75
- Herb Marinated Chicken Cutlet Sandwich..... \$4.25
- Cajun Style Chicken Cutlet Sandwich..... \$4.25

### REUBENS

- Made with Russian Dressing & Sauerkraut on Rye Bread, served open or closed
- Smoked Turkey & Swiss \* Corned Beef & Swiss \* Pastrami & Swiss..... \$4.95

### PHILLY CHEESE STEAKS

- Steak, American Cheese, Sautéed Peppers & Onions..... \$5.95
- Steak, Swiss Cheese, Sautéed Onions & Mushrooms..... \$5.95
- Steak, Cheddar Cheese, Bacon & Onion..... \$6.95

### HAMBURGERS (8 OZ.)

- Hamburger..... \$2.95 • Blue Cheese..... \$3.95
- Cheeseburger..... \$3.50 • Bacon Cheddar..... \$4.50
- Cheddar..... \$3.95
- Deluxe (lettuce, onions & fries)..... \$4.95 with cheese..... \$5.50
- Create Your Own Burger with lettuce & tomatoes..... \$2.95 with fries..... \$4.50
- Extras: Pickles, Fried Mushrooms, Salsa, Bacon, Hot Peppers, Cheese, Fried Onions..... .50¢ ea.

### SIDES

- Deli Salads (pasta, potato, coleslaw)..... \$1.75
- French Fries or Cheese Fries..... \$1.75 • Onion Rings..... \$2.50
- Curly Fries..... \$2.00

### KIDS MEALS

Includes fries & fountain soda — \$3.00

- Hot Dogs \ Hamburgers \ Chicken Fingers \ Grilled Cheese
- Peanut Butter & Jelly \ Bologna & Cheese

### HOAGIES

	1/2 (7" Club)	Whole (14" Roll)
Store-Roast Beef	\$5.25	\$9.95
Store-Roast Turkey	\$5.25	\$9.95
Tuna Salad	\$5.25	\$9.95
Virginia Ham & Cheese	\$5.25	\$9.95
Italian (Ham, Salami & Provolone)	\$5.00	\$9.25
Chicken Salad-Reg. or Honey Mustard	\$5.25	\$9.95
Turkey, Roast Beef, Ham & Swiss	\$5.25	\$9.95
J & M Combo: Any 2 Meats & 1 Cheese	\$5.25	\$9.95

(Prepared with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, oil, vinegar & spices)

### SLOPPY JOE

Triple Decker on Rye with Coleslaw & Homemade Russian Dressing..... \$4.95

- Choose from: Roast Beef & Swiss • Turkey & Swiss • Ham & Swiss
- Corned Beef, Pastrami & Swiss • Smoked Turkey, Virginia Ham & Swiss

### TRIPLE DECKER CLUB SANDWICH

Toasted Bread (White, Wheat or Rye), Lettuce, Tomato & Bacon..... \$5.95

- Choose from: Roast Beef • Turkey • Ham & Swiss • Tuna • Grilled Chicken

### SPECIALTY SANDWICHES

- Herb Grilled Chicken, Eggplant Copanata & Arugula on Focaccia Bread..... \$6.95
- Grilled Vegetables, Fresh Mozzarella & Romaine with Balsamic Vinegar on Focaccia Bread..... \$5.95
- Grilled London Broil, Cucumber, Roasted Peppers, Tomatoes with Fresh Horseradish Sauce on a Croissant..... \$6.95
- Cajun Chicken, Roasted Peppers, Cheddar Cheese & Arugula on Sourdough Bread..... \$6.95
- Sesame Chicken Salad on Pita with Oranges & Melted Havarti..... \$5.95
- Roasted Peppers, Herb Goat Cheese & Olive Tapenade on French Bread..... \$6.95
- Fresh Roasted Turkey, Fresh Blue Cheese & Chutney on Pecan Raisin Bread..... \$6.95
- Hot Roast Beef French Dip with Melted Mozzarella on French Bread..... \$5.95
- Prosciutto Ham, Herbed Tomato and Melted Fontina Cheese on Focaccia Bread..... \$7.95
- Grilled Portabella Mushroom, Roasted Peppers, Fresh Mozzarella, Romaine & Balsamic Vinegar on Focaccia..... \$6.95

### PASTA

- Farfalle and Seafood Medley with a Fresh Herb Cream Sauce..... \$10.95
- Fettuccine with Duck, Roasted Peppers, Tomato, Roasted Eggplant & Thyme with Marsala Wine and Cream..... \$10.95
- Rigatoni with Plum Tomato, Prosciutto, Roasted Garlic and Basil..... \$9.95

### ENTREES

- Midwestern Pork Loin Stuffed with Wild Mushroom, Served with Marsala Wine Sauce..... \$14.95
- Roasted 1/2 Pekin Duck with Seasonal Sauce..... \$13.95
- Sauteed Chicken Breast, with Roasted Peppers, Artichokes & Mushrooms with a Balsamic Buerre Blanc..... \$13.95
- 16 OZ. Nature Loin Veal Chop Grilled and Stuffed with Fresh Mozzarella & Sun-Dried Tomatoes..... \$23.95
- 12 OZ. Prime Aged N.Y. Strip Steak, in a Merlot Wine Sauce with Fresh Sautéed Onions & Mushrooms..... \$19.95
- 8 OZ. Petite Filet Mignon Steak in a Merlot Wine Sauce with Fresh Sautéed Onions & Mushrooms..... \$17.95
- Grilled New England Swordfish with Arugula and Eggplant Caponata..... \$15.95
- Grilled Yellow Fin Tuna with Grilled Vegetables..... \$16.95
- Herb Potato Crusted North Atlantic Salmon Filet..... \$14.95
- Twin Double Thick Spring Loin Lamb Chops..... \$18.95

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## Calvary Lutheran Announces Holy Week, Easter Services

The solemn season of Lent draws to a close this week and the celebration of Easter begins in worship services at Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford. The public is invited to all services.

The Reverend George W. Freyberger will lead worship and preach at all services. Music will be under the direction of Jaye S. Newbold, Associate in Ministry.

Maundy Thursday services of Holy Communion with individual absolution will be offered at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. tonight, Thursday, April 9.

At the evening service the Calvary Choir and the Bell Choir will present seasonal music. Julia Ten Broeck of

Cranford will accompany on flute, and Katie Mertens and Dan Vaupel, both of Cranford, will be vocal soloists.

The Maundy Thursday evening service will include the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

On April 10 the solemnity of Good Friday will be observed with a service of prayer and meditation with Tenebrae at 8 p.m.

Seasonal music, presented by the Calvary Choir, will include "Behold the Lamb of God," from Handel's *Messiah*; "To Mark Thy Reign," based on a tune by Thomas Tallis; and the spiritual "Bitter Was the Night" with a solo by Dale Juntilla of Westfield, bass.

The observance of Easter begins this Sunday, April 12, as the Paschal candle is lit at 8:15 a.m. and carried into the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the Easter season.

Festival services of Holy Communion will be held at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Both services will include special music presented by the Calvary Choir and the Bell Choir, including "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*.

Additionally, at the 11 a.m. service the Children's Choir will sing, accompanied by flute and cello. John Helmke of Cranford will be the trumpet soloist.

Calvary Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving the Cranford and Westfield area and surrounding communities for 69 years.

### Hadassah Plans Visit To Jewish Museum

The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a trip to Manhattan to tour the Museum of Jewish Heritage and for lunch at the French Culinary Institute on Tuesday, May 12.

The museum, located on the Battery Park City waterfront, is organized in three broad sections, including "Jewish Life a Century Ago," "The War Against the Jews," and "Jewish Survival."

A three-course gourmet lunch will follow at the French Culinary Institute. The cost is \$65 and covers transportation, the museum tour and lunch.

For further information, please call Mildred at (908) 757-6992, Jeanne at (908) 232-3308, or Rose at (908) 668-0829. All are invited to participate.



**A SUPER BOWL OF PENNIES...**Fifth-grade religious education students at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield recently collected pennies to donate to St. Joe's House of the York Street Project. The pennies were counted by scouts and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes to purchase linens. Kathy Dulan, Director of Religious Education, is pictured accepting a contribution from student Tommy Del Duca.

## First United Methodist Tells of Easter Services

The First United Methodist Church of Westfield has announced its Easter week services. On April 9, a Maundy Thursday Symbolic Meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meaning of Holy Thursday will be remembered and reenacted. From the quiet, simple supper worshippers will gather for the 8 p.m. service with readings and music in keeping with the Last Supper.

On Good Friday, April 10, from noon until 3 p.m. a Vigil will be

held in the Sanctuary. There will be readings from the Passion every half hour.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, there will be worship services at 9 and 11 a.m. A Continental breakfast will be served at 9:45 a.m.

The church is located at 1 East Broad Street. For more information, please contact the church office at (908) 233-4211.

## Gospel Series on Bob Dylan's Works Subject for Dr. Hagg

The three-part lecture series, entitled "Bob Dylan's Gospel Review," will be presented at Mountainside Chapel in Mountainside on Friday evenings, May 1, 8 and 15.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. with class hours from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Dr. Gregory Hagg will explore the scriptural and spiritual premises from which a large volume of Bob

Dylan's writings over the last four decades are derived. Dr. Hagg will provide a systematic study developing the Biblical foundations that influenced Mr. Dylan's works and comments in such areas as theology, christology, pneumatology, angelology, demonology and eschatology.

Dr. Hagg has a doctorate in Hebrew and Judaic studies from New York University. He also received a Masters of Theology Degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He resides in Mountainside with his wife, Linda, where he is the Senior Minister at the Mountainside Chapel and a Professor at Zarepath Bible Institute.

The Mountainside Chapel is located off of Route No. 22, West behind the Manor Care nursing home. It can be reached by making a right on Central Avenue and, in approximately 100 feet, another right onto Spruce Drive. The church is on left side.

Classes are free and open to the public but attendees must pre-register by calling (908) 233-2355.



**PRESIDENTIAL WORK...**Students from Antonette Carpinteri's first-grade class at Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield celebrated the birthdays of two famous presidents recently with a special class project. Each student visited the library and wrote a report about George Washington or Abraham Lincoln. An array of projects were also displayed by the children.

### UC Torah Center 2x5

### Calvary Lutheran 2x5

### Torah Center in Town To Offer Crash Course In Hebrew Reading

The Union County Torah Center in Westfield will offer a Hebrew Reading Crash Course beginning on Monday, April 20, and continuing for four consecutive Mondays, ending on May 18.

All classes will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. at the center, 418 Central Avenue in Westfield. There is a \$36 fee for the course. For more information, please call (908) 789-5252.

### St. Pauls 3x9 1/2

## St. Paul's Slates Services For Holy Week in Town

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield will begin its Holy Week schedule of services starting with a Holy Eucharist service at 9:30 a.m., today, Maundy Thursday, April 9.

At 7:30 p.m., a Choral Eucharist with foot washing and stripping of the Altar will take place.

On Good Friday, April 10, from noon to 3 p.m., a Good Friday Liturgy will be held.

On Holy Saturday, Easter Eve, there will be a Holy Eucharist Service and Baptism at 7:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, there will be three Holy Eucharist Services — 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. The Children's Choir will sing at the

9 a.m. service, and the Parish Choir will sing during the 11:15 a.m. service.

### Presbyterian Church Offering Two Services For Easter Sunday

The Presbyterian Church in Westfield will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday, April 12, with worship services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Dr. William Ross Forbes, Senior Pastor, will preach at both services. Child care will be provided for Cribbery through age 3 during both services.

A Easter coffee fellowship will be held at 10 a.m. in the Westminster Hall.

### All Saints Church Sets Easter Week Schedule

All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, has announced its schedule of services leading up to the celebration of Easter on Sunday, April 12.

On Maundy Thursday, April 9, the Holy Eucharist service will be held at 9 a.m. and the Choral Eucharist service will be held at 8 p.m.

The Good Friday Liturgy will be held at 1 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. on April 10.

The Holy Eucharist service will be held on Easter Sunday at 8 a.m. and the Choral Eucharist service at 10 a.m.

### Young Single Catholics To Host Gathering

The Young Single Catholic Adults Club, a non-profit organization, will be sponsoring a wine and cheese social on Sunday, April 26, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Singles between the ages of 25 and 45 are welcome to attend. Admission is \$5 inclusive of food and beverages. For further information please call (732) 827-0093 or (732) 382-2754.

### DEAR COACH

## Good 'Coaching' Helps Simone Find Her True Life's Callings

By James Colvin - Personal & Business Coach



Dear Coach  
Simone, a social worker in the city, began coaching last summer, feeling totally overwhelmed by the backlog of work that had accumulated over several years.

She was in danger of losing her job and wanted help in focusing on the task at hand. Since coaching is designed to solve a problem or block that has emerged over the past several months, I soon referred her to therapy to deal with underlying issues behind her difficulty. At the same time we both worked to help keep her focused and, more significantly, to keep raising the prospect of finding work that was more suited to her wonderfully creative and free side.

This is the most recent month:

Week 1

Simone: "I have mixed news. I have been asked to leave my job by June. It has been hanging over my head for ages." She expressed some relief that she now had to do something different and had already looked into office space she could rent to do a private therapy practice. My input was to also look for a part-time position for steady income, and to see this as an opportunity for creativity.

Week 2:

Simone reported she had investigated

several additional office and work possibilities. She declared, "I feel proud. I'm going to make this work."

Coach: "So what has shifted?" (A change always listened for in coaching.)

Simone: "My self care; I'm connecting with myself." She added, "I opened a fortune cookie last week saying 'Your past successes are going to be overshadowed by future success.'"

I was moved and inspired when she continued, "Even in the gloomiest times I have applied your constant input that I am O.K... You know, the burdened self is not the real, vibrant me."

Week 3:

Simone: "I don't know... feeling a little resistant... Want to define more clearly how to secure the next step."

Coach: "Tell me more."  
Simone: "Probably not taking care of self as well."

Coach: "How can you become comfortable doing that?"

Simone: "It is happening." Then she reported several other steps she had taken.

Coach: "Sounds like you are in action."

Simone: "Yes, I haven't lost momentum."

Week 4:

Simone reported that she is leasing an office for one day a week and has an opportunity to use another one for an evening free of charge. "I wouldn't usually do this." She also said she bought a book by Suze Orman on financial independence. Came up with personal saying, "I am powerful, beautiful and worthy... I have enough time, energy, love and money to satisfy all my needs."

Coach: "Sounds like a love-based belief rather than fear-based. That is the key to making money and having love. Say it until it becomes effortless."

Simone has made tremendous progress in our time together, but still needs much encouragement week to week. The key is for her to take excellent care of herself. This gives her the energy and encouragement to do what is in line with her gifts and creative abilities.

Live and work right from her heart, basing decisions on her gifts and creative abilities.

To ask a question or respond to column: phone (908) 233-8698 or e-mail jcolvin99@aol.com

### West Presep Day School 1x6

## AIDS Benefit Committee Raises \$60,000 at Auction

Ron Oberdick, President of the AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey, announced that over \$60,000 was raised at the committee's 10th annual auction on March 7 at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield.

"We are gratified that a record number of people turned out this year to support our effort," Mr. Oberdick remarked.

Jon Bramnick of Westfield, voted the "Funniest Lawyer in New Jersey," served as auctioneer once again this year.

Among the things which the committee auctioned off were a silver-plated chafing dish, a day of sailing

out of Newport Harbor on an America's Cup 12 meter sailing vessel for 16 guests, and a Tex-Mex barbecue.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward fulfilling the committee's mission of disbursing funds to individuals and agencies throughout New Jersey that provide education and/or physical relief to people who live with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones.

The committee is made up entirely of volunteers. For information about next year's auction, or on how individuals may assist the committee's efforts, please call Helen Walton at (908) 766-7279.



COMING TO ST. BART'S...The cast of *Nunsense* are shown here. The performance is slated for St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains on Sunday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m.

## Belles of St. Mary's to Perform Nunsense at St. Bart's Church

"The Belles of St. Mary's," a group of "nuns" from St. Mary's Parish in Bayonne, will perform the television musical, "Nunsense," on Sunday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m., at St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

The musical will feature Aggie Gillespie as "Sister Superior." Although there will be no charge for the performance, the "Belles" will accept donations for the Sisters of St. Joseph Villa of Flourtown, Pennsylvania.

## St. Bart's School Presents Biannual Science Fair

St. Bartholomew Interparochial School in Scotch Plains held its biannual Science Fair on March 10, during which the works of many students from Kindergarten through eighth grade were displayed.

Awards were given in grades 4 through 8. First place awards were presented to Ashley Meyn, grade 4, "What Is the Effect of Overcrowding on Plants?"; Matthew Boyle, grade 5, "Does Weather Affect Transpiration?"; and Joseph Wilkinson, grade 6, "What Influences Hydroelectric Power Generation?"

Other award winners were Anthony D'Errico, grade 7, "The Effect of Water on Solid Substances and their Conductivity"; Daniel Lynch, grade 8, "Peripheral Vision," and Rachel Stefanoski, grade 8, "What Liquid Is the Best Plant Supplement?"

The judges consisted of scientists in the fields of biology, chemistry, computer technology and engineering from various companies. Father John Lester, Parochial Vicar, was the Avocation Scientist.

Other winning subjects included the effects of pollution on germination; measuring conductors; the effects on fabrics using different clean-

ers; what kind of insulation works best for keeping warm; which brand of batteries lasts longest in a flashlight; the effects of drainage on plant growth, and how plants grow in different soils.

Students in Kindergarten through grade 3 also participated in various experiments and projects in their classrooms throughout the week.

The Science Fair was held in the gymnasium and was attended by many families and friends, according to Mary Handsman, spokeswoman for the St. Bartholomew's School Home School Association.

### Jason Gillet Earns Dean's List Status

Jason Gillet of Scotch Plains has been named to the Dean's List for the winter quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

A fourth-year student in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, Jason is studying film and video.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris H. Gillet and a 1994 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS...St. Bartholomew Interparochial School in Scotch Plains recently announced the winners, in grades 4 through 8, of its biannual science fair. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Joseph Wilkinson, Patrick Kennedy, Kevin Rotondo, Michael Perinelli, Carolyn Avis, Corinne Tighe, Tiffany Sprague, Daniel Lynch, Jessica Binkiewicz, Brian Schiller, Anthony D'Errico, Rachael Stefanoski and Matthew Boyle; front row, Cassandra Searls, Ashley Meyn, Brinda Sen Gupta and Katharine Berka. Not pictured are Thomas Ritter, Cowles Stewart and Mark Vyzas.

## St. Helen's Raffle to Benefit 'Sister Pat's' Camp for Kids

"Sister Pat's Kids Cancer Camp," now in its 14th year, will again be sponsored by St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield with the support of the Marist Brothers at the Mid-Hudson Valley Camp in Esopus, New York and Babies Hospital, Columbus Presbyterian Medical Center, in New York.

This free, week-long camp program is designed especially for children afflicted with cancer and other life-threatening blood disorders. These children, between the ages of 5 and 15, are welcomed without regard to race or religious affiliations.

The youngsters enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, sports, arts and crafts, drama and biking, as well as special events such as "Casino Nite," featuring games of chance and card games; "Carnival Nite" at the local county fair, disco dancing with a disc jockey, and a campfire with s'mores, stories and songs.

There is also "Game Show Nite," with the campers and staff as participants; "Cruise on the Hudson River," and "Scavenger Hunt." The campers additionally go to local farms to pick corn and go horseback riding. Older campers go shopping at an area mall and to Friendly's for lunch.

In order to fund the camp, a 50/50 raffle is organized annually. This year,

1,200 tickets will be sold at \$35 each. This is an increase of 200 tickets over the past years, in order to cover the increasing cost of running the camp.

Providing all tickets are sold, the Grand Prize will be \$14,000, with five consolation prizes of \$1,400 each. The remaining \$21,000 will go toward the camp costs, which were \$23,500 in 1997, according to St. Helen's spokeswoman Bernadine Liebrich.

Drawing of the winning tickets will be held on Sunday, April 19, after the 10:45 a.m. Mass at the St. Helen's Parish Center.

"Sister Pat's Kids Cancer Camp" is located on 200 acres at the Marist Brothers Retreat Center, approximately 90 miles north of New York City, in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains.

It was founded in 1985 by Sister Patricia Daly, herself afflicted with cancer, who was for many years the Director of Religious Education for elementary school children at St. Helen's and Leo Forrest, who is the Director of the Camp.

For information about purchasing tickets or possibly donating to camp costs, please call Peggy and Dennis Cogan at (732) 382-7515, or Carol and Jerry Barton at (908) 233-7525.



TO HELP THOSE IN NEED...John DeMarco of Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Westfield, right, who founded the AIDS Benefit Committee of New Jersey (ABCNJ) in 1986, examines an auction item with Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield at the 10th annual ABCNJ auction which was held recently at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. The auction raised more than \$60,000 to support care of New Jerseyans living with AIDS.

## Mitzvah Day '98 Planned By Temple for April 26

Performing a good deed — or mitzvot, in Hebrew — is an integral part of Jewish practice. On Sunday, April 26, members of Temple Emanu-El of Westfield will have the opportunity to perform charitable acts at Mitzvah Day '98, which is dedicated to community service benefiting dozens of local organizations and charities.

Mitzvah Day was initiated in 1996 by Rabbi Charles Kroloff and Cantor Martha Novick of Temple Emanu-El as a way to involve congregation members of all ages in a day of service to their community. Over 500 temple members participate in this annual event at some 30 sites in Union County.

The various projects include construction, repairs, painting, landscaping, planting, trail restoration, visitation, recreation, food preparation, and administration.

Among the organizations and charities which will be receiving assistance on Mitzvah Day '98 are the Westfield Day Care Center, Westfield Neighborhood Council, Association for Rehabilitation with Kindness (ARK), Union County Parks and Recreation, New Jersey Geriatric Center, the Ashbrook and Genesis nursing centers, Union County Adult Retarded Citizens (ARC), Runnells Specialized Hospital, St. Joseph's Social Service Center, and the Interfaith Council for the Homeless.

Many additional volunteers will be sorting and packing boxes of food at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.

Congregation members are also invited to donate food, toiletries and clothing as part of Mitzvah Day '98. These donated items will go to such agencies as St. Joseph's Center, the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center and the Salvation Army, among others.

Dozens of volunteers are working on the committee to involve as many congregation members as possible in Mitzvah Day '98 projects. Congregation members are encouraged to choose a Mitzvah project in which the entire family can participate together.

Mitzvah Day '98 will kick off with a short morning service, speeches, and songs at Temple Emanu-El. After registration, volunteers will head off to their respective sites around the county. The day will conclude at 5 p.m. with a pizza dinner back at the temple.

The hope of the organizers is that involvement in Mitzvah Day projects will be the start of a commitment to doing good deeds that will continue throughout the year.

For more information, please call the Mitzvah Day '98 hot line at the temple at (908) 232-6770, Extension No. 146.

The course will allow participants to experience the midrashic process through text study. No prior knowledge is required. Please call the temple office to register at (908) 232-6770.

### Temple Plans Program On Midrash Process

Rabbi Arnold Gluck will discuss the process of Midrash at Temple Emanu-El on Thursday evenings, April 23 and 30, and May 7, at 8 p.m.

Midrash is described as "a dynamic process of engaging the sacred writings to draw forth meaning," according to a statement by the temple.

The course will allow participants to experience the midrashic process through text study. No prior knowledge is required. Please call the temple office to register at (908) 232-6770.

### First Baptist Among Sites for Spring Fling

The First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, will act as one of the host sites for Westfield's annual Spring Fling, from noon to 6 p.m., on Sunday, April 19.

Church members will host a hospitality tent with cold beverages on the front lawn of the church, and restroom facilities will be open inside the church. Tours of the church, including the sanctuary in the round, will be available.



LET'S GET WET...Getting ready to do some water activities at Sister Pat's Kids Cancer Camp, pictured left to right, are: front row, Rebecca, a camper; Camp Program Director Anne Wischusen, and campers Kimberly and Sharleen. Behind them is Tara Handerman, a camp counselor and lifeguard. The annual 50/50 raffle organized by St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield helps pay the cost of having youngsters afflicted with cancer and other blood disorders attend camp free. Raffle tickets are now available at St. Helen's Church.

### Literacy Volunteers Schedule Training For Prospective Tutors

The Literacy Volunteers of American, Union County Affiliate, has announced its spring schedule for the training of tutors, organization spokesman Bonnie Anderson said.

A Basic Literacy Workshop will be offered at the Hillside Library, located at JFK Plaza, with classes running Saturdays, April 18 and 25; Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 30, and June 6, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Registration is scheduled for next Thursday, April 16, at 6 p.m.

There is a workshop fee of \$15 to cover supplies. For additional information or to register for the above workshops, please call (908) 925-7755.

### Senior Social Club To Meet on Monday In Holy Trinity School

The regular meeting of the Senior Social Club of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield will be held on Monday, April 13, in the cafeteria of the church's elementary school.

Entertainment will be provided by the "Merry Men" of the Westfield Old Guard. Refreshments will be served.

On Tuesday, April 21, a day trip to Mount Haven Lodge in Pocono, Pennsylvania has been planned. The occasion is an Italian festival.

### First Baptist 1x4

**Temple Emanuel**  
2x3

**Willow Grove Church**  
2x3

**Fanwood Presp**  
2x4

**Reedeemer Lutheran**  
2x4

**Westfield Presp**  
2x4

## Carolyn Dooley, 91, Funeral Director; Was Active in Holy Trinity Church

Carolyn M. Daubert Dooley, 91, of Westfield died on Monday, April 6, at Villa Maria in North Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, she had lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield in 1929.

A licensed funeral director since 1950, she had worked with the Dooley Funeral Service in Westfield and Cranford from 1933 until retiring in 1982.

She was a 1949 graduate of the McAllister School of Embalming in New York City, and a winner of the McAllister Memorial Award for scholarship.

Mrs. Dooley was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America Court Trinity No. 337, the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church Rosary Altar Society, and the Holy Trinity Senior Citizens Club, all of Westfield.

She was a communicant of Holy Trinity Church.

Her husband, Charles E. Dooley, died in 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Enderlein of Burlington; three sons, Dr. Charles E. Dooley, Jr. of Mountainside, Joseph F. Dooley of Scotch Plains and Vincent A. Dooley of Rocky River, Ohio; 22 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday, April 7, at the Holy Trinity Church. Interment will take place at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, April 9, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial donations may be made to Villa Maria, 641 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, 07060.

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## Russell D. Kreie, 85, Lodge Member; Was Retired Advertising Manager

Russell D. Kreie, 85, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, April 2, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Cranford, he had lived in Scotch Plains since 1944. He also maintained a home in Beach Haven.

Mr. Kreie was a graduate of the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts.

He had been an Advertising Manager for Magnus Chemical Company (later Economic Labs) in Garwood before retiring in 1968. Mr. Kreie, who started with the firm in 1934 in the advertising department, became

## Ward W. Randall, 79

Ward W. Randall, 79, of the Crestwood Village section of Whiting, died on Saturday, April 4, in the Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born in White Hall, Illinois, Mr. Randall had lived in Westfield for 34 years before moving to Crestwood Village in 1994.

In 1931, Mr. Randall was a national spelling champion at age 12 while attending the White Hall School in White Hall.

He had been employed by Swift and Company in New York City as a sales manager for 48 years, retiring in 1986.

Mr. Randall attended the Whiting Bible Church in Whiting.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel A. Nettles Randall; a son, Barry A. Randall of Omaha, Nebraska; a daughter, Lynn E. Randall of Cedar Grove; a sister, Mildred Thiesen of Wisconsin, and three grandsons.

The funeral service was held at the Whiting Bible Church yesterday, Wednesday, April 8. Interment took place at Whiting Memorial Park in Whiting.

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## Dooley 2x5

## Gray's 2x5

# — Obituaries —

## Beverley Meserve, 82, Scout Leader Former Scotch Plains Librarian

Beverley K. Meserve, 82, of Scotch Plains died on Thursday, April 2, at Lake Forest Hospital in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Born in Johnstown, New York, Mrs. Meserve had been a Scotch Plains resident for 50 years.

She had been a librarian at the Scotch Plains Public Library prior to retiring in 1983.

Mrs. Meserve was a member of the Scotch Plains Woman's Club and the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. She was active in the Scotch Plains Parent-Teacher Association, and was a Den Mother and a Girl Scout leader.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald R. Meserve, in 1964.

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Harmer of Waukegan, Illinois; a son, Donald R. Meserve of Pluckemin;

two brothers, Richard King of Loudenville, New York and Edward King of Ormond Beach, Florida, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 7, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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## John D. Brown, 82

John D. Brown, 82, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, March 31, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was a native of Lincolnton, Georgia.

Mr. Brown had worked for Elizabethtown Gas Company in Elizabeth prior to retiring in 1978.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah Brown; three daughters, Martha Fowler, Annice Brown and Cynda Fashion; two sons, Eugene Brown and Johnnie MacBrown; 19 grandchildren, and 38 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 5, at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Scotch Plains.

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## Joseph A. Pulkonik, 82

Joseph A. Pulkonik, 82, of Westfield died on Sunday, April 5, in the Westfield Center, Genesis ElderCare Network.

Born in Elizabeth, he had moved to Westfield in 1996.

Mr. Pulkonik had been a machinist for the Diehl Manufacturing Company in Finnerde for 35 years before retiring in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Kenneth J. Pulkonik, and a sister, Helen Parker.

A Funeral Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, April 8, in St. Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church in Elizabeth, following the funeral from the Leonard Home for Funerals in Elizabeth.

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## Harry G. Jacobs, 71, Navy Veteran; Was Insurance Executive for 46 Years

Harry G. Jacobs, 71, of Westfield died on Sunday, April 5, at home.

Born in Irvington, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Westfield 34 years ago.

Mr. Jacobs had been Vice President of the John Couch Insurance Agency in Westfield for 46 years prior to retiring in 1992.

He had served in the United States Navy during World War II, in the Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Antietam*.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mountainside Memorial Post No. 10136, and the *USS Antietam* Association.

## Dr. William Simonds, Navy Veteran; Formerly Practiced in Scotch Plains

Dr. William Robert Simonds, 77, of Pottersville died on Tuesday, March 31, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in Plainfield, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Pottersville in 1969.

He had been a physician in private practice in Pluckemin for 24 years, retiring six years ago. Prior to that, he had maintained a practice in Scotch Plains.

Dr. Simonds graduated from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New

Hampshire in 1942 and from New York Medical College in 1945.

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

Surviving are his wife, Joy Rydill Simonds; two daughters, Carol Apblett of Long Valley and Lynn Hasbrouck of Point Pleasant; a son, Gary Simonds of Danville, Pennsylvania, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 4, at the Pottersville Reformed Church.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home in Peapack.

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**ENGELFRIED, HENRY** - 98, of Lakewood, New Jersey on 4/3/1998. Beloved husband of Eleanore (nee Meyer) Engelfried. Loving father of Nancy Plum Tuthill of Mountainside, New Jersey and Carol Smith of Grants Pass, Oregon. Brother of Dorothy Danford of Florida. Grandfather of Dawna Renee, John Plum, Jr., David Plum, Pam Brave, Jerry Plum, Jeff Plum and the late Jeff Nickerson. A Masonic Memorial Service will be performed by his brethren from the Harmony Lodge No. 18 F & A.M. Saturday 4/11/98. A gathering will take place from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. with the service beginning at 2 p.m. being held at the D'Elia Funeral Home, Rt 70 & Vermont Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey.

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## Henry Engelfried, 98, Scout Master; Had Worked for Western Electric

Henry Oscar Engelfried, 98, of Lakewood, formerly of Westfield, died on Friday, April 3, at Leisure Park Health Care Center in Lakewood.

Born in Green Point, Brooklyn in 1899, he had lived in Westfield for 25 years before moving to Leisure Village West in Manchester in 1973. He briefly relocated to Pocono, Pennsylvania before moving to Leisure Park last summer.

He graduated from the University of Michigan with degrees in industrial engineering and mechanical engineering.

Mr. Engelfried had worked for more than 30 years at Western Electric. He spent much of that time at the Kearney facility, working in time standards and job evaluation. He retired as a Department Chief at Broadway, New York City, in 1964.

He subsequently did consulting work for Wright Associates, a time-management, cost-accounting firm.

In Teaneck, at age 12, Mr. Engelfried joined the Boy Scouts of America, two years after it was formed. For several years, he served as Scout Master at the First Congregational Church in Westfield, where he was a member.

His final position was Council Commissioner of the Watchung Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor in Boy Scouting, in 1957.

Seventy-five years ago, Mr. Engelfried was admitted to the Masons in Danvers, Massachusetts. While living in New Jersey, he attained the level of 32nd Degree Mason. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Trenton, and the Square Club at Leisure Village West.

At the time of his death, Mr. Engelfried's Mason affiliation was with Harmony Lodge No. 18 Free and Accepted Masons in Toms River.

For 34 years, he sang with the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. He began singing with the Westfield Colonial Chorus in 1961. Mr. Engelfried was honored as Barbershopper of the Year, Westfield Chapter, in 1971 and again in 1980, while singing with the Oceanaires in Toms River, where he had served as an officer and in many other capacities.

He was a long-time member and past Director of the Old Guard of Westfield, and was presented with the Devoted Service Award in 1971.

While living at Leisure Village West, he founded the Fishing Club and was one of the originators of the Garden Club.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Jeff Nickerson, in 1996.

Surviving are his wife of more than 70 years, Eleanor Meyer Engelfried; two daughters, Carol E. Smith of Oregon and Nancy E. Plum Tuthill of Mountainside; a sister, Dorothy Danford of Florida; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A Masonic memorial service will be performed by members of Harmony Lodge No. 18 of Free and Accepted Masons this Saturday, April 11, at the D'Elia Funeral Home in Lakewood. A gathering will be held there from 1 to 2 p.m., with the service scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the D'Elia Funeral Home in Lakewood.

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## Anthony Mallozzi, 95, Owned Firm, Active in Police Reserves During War

Anthony Mallozzi, 95, of Mountainside died on Wednesday, April 1, in the Manor Care Health Services in Mountainside.

Born in Italy, he came to the United States in 1920. He had lived in Garwood before moving to Mountainside.

Mr. Mallozzi had been the owner for many years of Mallozzi Builders, a construction company in Mountainside, before retiring.

During World War II he was active in the Garwood Police Reserves.

Surviving are his wife of 73 years, Jennie Mallozzi; a son, Joseph A. Mallozzi; a daughter, Joan Fischer; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday, April 4, in Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Mountain Avenue, in Westfield.

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## Dr. John Solimine, 78, Oral Surgeon; Was Adjunct Professor at University

Dr. John L. Solimine 78, of Westfield died on Monday, April 6, in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Newark, he moved to Westfield 40 years ago.

Dr. Solimine had been an oral surgeon with a private practice in Perth Amboy before retiring 10 years ago. Previously, he had a private general dentistry practice in Newark.

He was on the medical staff of Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division, JFK Medical Center in Edison, and Rahway Hospital.

Dr. Solimine was also an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a 1940 graduate of George Washington University and a 1944 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Dental School.

Dr. Solimine served in the United States Army during both World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was a Past President of UNICO and a member of the Boys' Club of New York.

He additionally was a member of the Columbia Civic Club, Newark and the Colonia Country Club.

## George L. Tarver, 62

George Lloyd Tarver, 62, of Plainfield died on Monday, April 6, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Cranford, he moved to Plainfield 15 years ago.

He was a self-employed handyman in the Union County area for many years.

Surviving are three sons, George Tarver, Jr. of California, Mark Tarver of Albany, Georgia, and Antoine Tarver of Plainfield; three daughters, Tina Tarver of Albany, Georgia, Desire Dawn Tarver and Tami G. Tarver, both of Plainfield; his mother, Mammie Tarver of Cranford; two brothers, Eric Tarver of Cranford and Harold Tarver of Oceanside, California; a sister, Nancy Morse of Westfield, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, April 8, at the G.G. Woody Funeral Home in Roselle.

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## Ruth M. Morris, 83

Ruth M. Morris, 83, of Ashford, Connecticut, died Saturday, April 4, in Windham Hospital in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Mountainside and Whiting before moving to Ashford in 1996.

She was an administrative assistant for the Central Scientific Company in Mountainside for many years prior to retiring in 1973.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Morris; a daughter, Eileen M. Metzger; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

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## Edith M. Forner, 73

Edith M. Forner, 73, of Readington, died Tuesday, April 7, at Warren Hospital in Phillipsburg.

Born in Mountainside, she had lived in Readington since 1939.

She was a telephone operator at New Jersey Telephone Company in Whitehouse, and a former member of United Methodist Church also in Whitehouse.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Forner; a son, Kenneth Stadnik of Stanton; two daughters, Luba "Cookie" Christopher of Neshanic Station and Janice Forner of Readington; four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at Holcome-Fischer Funeral Home in Flemington. Visitation is from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, April 9, at the funeral home.

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## Memorial Funeral Home 4x3

## Students Turn In Box Tops To Earn Funds for School

Throughout the school year, the students of Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield have been eating General Mills cereals, snacks and yogurt in an effort to turn package box tops into cash as part of a nationwide program called "Big G Box Tops for Education."

The program was created by General Mills to help Kindergarten through grade 6 public, private, parochial and military schools raise money to purchase items that are not covered by shrinking school budgets, according to Program Coordinator Linda Kearney.

General Mills Corporation pays 15 cents for every participating cereal box top, and 10 cents for every participating snack and Yoplait Yogurt multi-pack products box top turned in by the schools each month.

As a result of the efforts of students and their families, Redeemer Lutheran School has raised \$430 for computer equipment, including a scanner.

"This being our second year participating in this program, we have collected four times the amount of box tops than last year," Mrs. Kearney said.

"Each class participates in a contest to see who will collect the most box tops for their class. This year was a close one, with only one box top separating Kindergarten and third grade," she added.

The third graders moved into first place with 351 box tops, for which they were treated to a Kentucky Fried Chicken lunch. The Kindergarten class will receive a cake for their second place win of 350 box tops, she said.



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS...** Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, center, is shown signing a proclamation recognizing the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce on 50 years of service. Chamber members pictured, left to right, are: Debbie Schmidt, Executive Director; Stan Baum, Chairman; Scott Beresford, Treasurer; Gail S. Vernick, Chamber Liaison, and Darryl Walker, Vice Chairman.

## Mayor Designates April 27 As 'Chamber Charter Day'

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim issued a proclamation on April 7 recognizing the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce on 50 years of outstanding service to the Westfield business community and designating Monday, April 27, as "Chamber of Commerce Charter Day" in Westfield. He also wished the Chamber continued success in its future endeavors.

The public is invited to share in the Chamber's celebration by participating in several festive events. First, there will be a 1948 Quiz about Westfield. GERALYN Keating from Westfield Tire worked with Ralph Jones from the Westfield Historical Society to create the quiz, which can be found in this issue of *The Westfield Leader*.

To participate, send in the correct answers to the Chamber office, 111 Quimby Street, by Friday, April 24. Three winners will be announced at

the public party on Monday evening, April 27.

"Chamber Charter Day" will also feature a party, which begins at 5:30 p.m. with a 1948 style dinner at the Windmill Restaurant.

Included will be a hot dog or hamburger, fries, and a small drink. Everyone will move next door to the Rialto Theatre at 7 p.m., where cake and coffee will be served, followed by a special showing of the 1948 film *Treasure of the Sierra Madre* starring Humphrey Bogart.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Copies of the quiz and tickets for the dinner/movie are available at the Chamber office, Rorden Realty, *The Westfield Leader*, the Windmill Restaurant, Scott Shoes, and other Westfield businesses. Please call the Chamber office at (908) 233-3021 for further information.

## Writer-in-Residence Wraps Visit at Franklin School

Rosemary McLaughlin has wrapped up her visit as a Writer-in-Residence for the fourth-grade students at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield.

A theater arts graduate from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, Ms. McLaughlin teaches theater at Drew University in Madison.

Her poetry has been published in two recent anthologies: "Written With a Spoon" and "The XY Files."

Ms. McLaughlin's visit was made possible by a grant from the Westfield Education Foundation and the Arts Council of the Morris Area.

In addition to her work session on March 17 with the fourth graders, she has been assisting students with producing an anthology.

According to Franklin School Principal Margaret Dolan, the fourth-grade staff will be extending skills taught by Ms. McLaughlin, and students will be encouraged to rewrite and illustrate their work.

Follow-up activities such as sending

and/or reading poems to a senior citizens group will be planned.

Ms. McLaughlin's residency at Franklin School concluded with a presentation to the entire staff yesterday.

## Hypertension Clinic Set For Monday, April 13

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly hypertension (High Blood Pressure) screening clinic on Monday, April 13.

The clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room from 10 a.m. to noon, and is free of charge. The intent of the clinic is to identify new cases of high blood pressure. Those persons who are over 30 and smoke or are overweight or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

## Westfield's Fourth Annual Festifall Set for April 19th

Westfield's fourth Annual "Spring-Fling Street Fair" set for Sunday, April 19.

Thousands jam the streets each year for the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event. The fair offers free admission and features more than 300 exhibitors with a full array of high quality crafts, art and music.

A special Kid's Expo is planned along East Broad Street near Prospect Street. That area will feature fun activities for parents to enjoy with their children. Nearly 30 food vendors will be featured.

Traffic along Elm, Quimby, Prospect and East Broad Streets in the downtown will be detoured from noon to 6 p.m.

A stage area is planned with entertainment that includes two jazz bands, world class electric violinist, Caryn Lin, and children's storyteller, Kathryn Weidener of Raritan. The entertainment, coordinated by disc jockey and singer, Bob Mele, will begin at noon. The stage will be located at the corner of Elm and East Broad Streets. Musical and clowning entertainers will stroll throughout Downtown Westfield during the day.

Tim Janis of Kinnebunk, Maine, will perform light flute music and Irish music at his booth area. The New Jersey Earth Science Association will have free specimens of rocks and minerals. Children will have the opportunity to enjoy pony rides and a petting zoo which will be located in the parking area of PNC Bank at North Avenue and East Broad Street.

A Moonwalk, temporary tattoos, face painting, making sand art and spinart creations are other family activities.

In addition to the fine crafts exhibition, many local merchants and community organizations plan to participate. More than 20 food concessions will tempt hungry street fair-goers with selections such as London Broil, butterfly fries, bloomin' onions and assorted gourmet vegetable dishes.

Barbeque chicken, herb smothered, grilled tomato sandwiches and Caesar salad are other festival delights that will be included. International flavors will include Mexican fajitas, Greek foods, calzone, Italian sausage and Polish pierogies. Local restaurants Cosimos Pizza and Ferraro's are planning Festival menus.

Lighter fare will include ice cream, zeppoles, cotton candy and Pennsylvania Dutch funnel cakes.

Several local merchants will be offering special sales during this event. Some of the original crafts for sale include designer and hand-painted clothing, toys, hand-thrown pottery, a variety of jewelry, bonsai, porcelain dolls and puppets,

handmade furniture, Teddy Bears, and one-of-a-kind decorative pieces for the home.

Also featured will be Sea Dragon Herbery, of Cape May, who grows and sells their own flowers for decorating and pot pourri; unusual jewelry designs created from coins from around the world by Edward Stoney of Keyport; Westfield crafter Ellen Greenberg, who paints on frames, clothes poles, and other children's accessories.

Several artists will display and sell their original watercolors, oil paintings and photography. Connecticut photographer Duncan Hall will bring his matted prints of English gardens and other travel memories. Watercolor artists, Phyllis Newman of Flemington, and Steve Zazenski from New Hope, Pennsylvania, are planning to exhibit.

Livingston artist, A. Goldfarb will display and sell his lithographs. Wood carver Patricia Cobb of Pennsylvania will be selling wooden Santa and other shaming figures.

Westfield antique dealer, Mary Lou's Memorabilia on Elm Street will show vintage accessories and collectibles while Book Value of South Avenue brings used and vintage books to sell at the event.

Some other Westfield businesses who plan to be at the fair include The Leader Store, Affiliated Travel, Prudential Securities, Nirvana, Classic Thyme, Scott Shoes, Rorden Realty, New Norris Chevrolet, Cellular Signal Plus, The Westfield Leader, Dave Rossi Photography, Creative Memories, Celtic Imports, Paul Nazzaro Music Studio, Massagesmith, Sunrise of Westfield, Prudential NJ Realty, RL Micro Systems, Castle Bootery and Westfield Website.

The street fair attracts more than 30 local non-profit and service organizations. These groups use the event for community visibility and important fundraising activities. The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts on East Broad Street will present musical entertainment and demonstrations throughout the day.

"Admission and parking are free and we're inviting everyone to come downtown to enjoy a terrific family fun day," commented Debbie Schmidt of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the event's sponsor. Spring Fling hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Elm, East Broad, Quimby and Prospect Streets.

For more information contact the event's promoter, The Advertising Alliance, at (908) 996-3036 or the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce at (908) 233-3021. The raindate for the event will be Sunday, April 26.

## Westfield Area Chamber Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The year is 1948. Harry S. Truman is President, new television programs include "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "Candid Camera," a favorite song on radio is "Buttons and Bows" and The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) is founded.

The WACC is celebrating its 50th anniversary on Monday, April 27, with a 1948-style dinner followed by a special screening of the 1948 Humphrey Bogart classic "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" at The Rialto Theater. Everyone is invited to come out and join the celebration. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. Combination tickets for this movie and dinner are available in advance for \$8 at the WACC "Spring Fling" booth, the WACC office and various WACC member businesses. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$10 each, subject to availability.

The WACC also invites you to test your knowledge of 1948 Westfield trivia by completing the quiz below. Three winners will be drawn from all correct entries at the Windmill Restaurant on April 27, and prizes will be awarded.

Mail or hand deliver your completed quiz to the WACC offices at 111 Quimby Street, Westfield; or fax it to (908) 654-8183; or return it to the WACC "Spring Fling" booth on April 19. Your completed quiz must be received by 3 p.m. Friday, April 24.

1. Who was mayor of Westfield in 1948?



2. The Westfield High School football team of 1948 won nine games and lost one. Name the team that defeated Westfield.



3. In November 1948, Westfield voters approved a bond issue to finance the building of a new high school. Where was the high school located in 1948?

4. Who was the superintendent of Westfield schools in 1948?

5. What was the name of the semi-pro baseball team representing Westfield in 1948, and where did they play?



6. Charles Clark, Westfield's town clerk since 1913, was replaced in 1948 by the woman who preceded today's town clerk, Joy Vreeland. Who was that woman?



7. What were the names of the three commercial banks of Westfield in 1948?

8. The housing shortage was probably America's and Westfield's major controversial problem in 1948. Where was the town's first garden apartment complex built?



9. In 1948, Westfielders' social doings appeared in a *Westfield Leader* "gossip column" named ... ?

10. Name four of the five 1948 ice-skating ponds within the town limits.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Monday, April 27, 1998, for "THE IMPROVEMENT OF BRIGHTWOOD AVENUE, PROSPECT STREET AND QUIMBY STREET IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY."

The work under this Proposal includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract Drawings and described in the Contract Specifications, and Proposals shall be in accordance with such Drawings and Specifications and the terms proposed in the Contract. The work consists primarily of approximately, 12,298 square yards of milling, 12,298 square yards of bituminous concrete surface course (1-1/2" thick), 200 lineal feet of granite block curb, 63 square yards of 4" thick concrete walk and other related items. The successful bidder shall start construction ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract is given, and shall complete all work within sixty (60) working days after the start of work.

This Proposal shall also include an alternate bid for curb replacement on Brightwood Avenue between Prospect Street and Woodmere Drive/Clark Street. The work consists primarily of the removal of existing concrete curb and concrete shelf and the construction 1,521 lineal feet of new Granite Block Curb, 423 square yards of bituminous concrete stabilized base (4" thick), 68 square yards of 6" thick concrete, 47 square yards of 4" thick concrete and 90 square yards of bituminous concrete aprons and drives.

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$20,000.00. Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract, by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement, Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in and explained in the contract documents.

Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 supplement to the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action) and must pay workmen the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town Engineer.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured at the office of the Town Engineer, Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. The Mayor and Council reserves the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Town, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Kenneth B. Marsh  
Town Engineer

## Reporters Sought

Reporters sought to cover local, evening meetings and community news. Some writing experience preferred. Submit qualifications and clips (if available) to P.O. Box 250, Westfield, NJ 07091 or e-mail to [press@goleader.com](mailto:press@goleader.com) or call (908) 232-4407.

## James Colvin

2x2

## John's Meat

3x7

## Richard Roberts

2x4

## Martin Jewlers

2x8

## Summer Workshop Seeks Students for 'Studio One'

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is inviting all young, aspiring actors and actresses in grades 6 through 9, to participate in the "Studio One" class at the Westfield Summer Workshop.

Each summer for the past 25 years, "Studio One" has showcased the talents and efforts of its participants through the rehearsal, production, and performance of a dramatic play. Participants in this class will become familiar with all aspects of theatrical production, from casting to set design and stage crew.

All students attending will participate in dual roles as both a member of the stage crew and a cast member — decorating and painting the set, operating lights and sound effects, and memorizing lines for their parts.

As part of the Westfield Summer Workshop, classes will be held daily Monday through Friday, June 29 through July 31.

This year's play — a spooky comical story — was written by Samuel French and is entitled *The Creature Creeps*. It is a full-length two-act

play with an intermission and will be performed on the afternoons and evenings of July 29 and 30.

Set in the unusual parlor of a decrepit old castle belonging to mad scientist Baron Von Blitzen, *The Creature Creeps* features a series of uncanny events and hilarious misunderstandings complete with eerie music, a moving chandelier, and an occupied coffin.

Polly Nelson, Studio One instructor and director, said this year's play is somewhat of a departure from the norm. Ms. Nelson has been directing the casts of "Studio One" for the past six years, and has led productions of *Charlotte's Web*, *The Wind in the Willows*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Although there are no auditions for parts in *The Creature Creeps*, Ms. Nelson and her Assistant Director, Chris Hilfman, will assign roles after students spend a week studying and practicing acting techniques. There are enough parts in this year's play to cast 24 students.

Registration for the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts' 27th annual Westfield Summer Workshop Program, which includes the "Studio One" class and many other courses in the areas of music, drama, dance, fine arts, and creative writing, is already underway. All classes will be held at Edison Intermediate School, located at 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. All New Jersey students from pre-school to ninth grade are eligible to attend.

For more information on the Westfield Summer Workshop or any of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts' course offerings, please call (908) 789-9696.

### Nature Club Reveals Meeting for April 16, Upcoming Field Trips

The Summit Nature Club will meet next Thursday, April 16, at 7:45 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watching Reservation, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, in Mountainside.

The speaker for the program will be Patti Murray, a professional photographer/photo-naturalist.

The program, entitled "Seabirds-Seychelles and Midway," will include a slide presentation of these two little-visited islands.

The club will have two field trips in April. The first, to the Sandy Hook National Recreation Area, begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 18.

The second trip, "Birds and History Along the Old Morris Canal" starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, at the A&P parking lot in Budd Lake.

Participants will travel on their own to each of the trip locations.



WELCOME TO THE CLUB...Westfield Rotary Club Past President Grant M. Buttermore, left, welcomes Esli Badenhorst, center, into the club at a recent regular meeting. Club President Dr. D. Michael Hart is pictured at right.

## Esli Badenhorst Inducted Into Westfield Rotary Club

Esli Badenhorst was recently inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Westfield by Past President Grant M. Buttermore.

Rotarian Badenhorst was born in South Africa and graduated from the University of South Africa with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

After serving seven years in the army, he moved to the private sector to pursue a career in corporate computing.

In 1986, Mr. Badenhorst emigrated to the United States. He lives in Westfield with his wife, Karen, and two

children, Adam, 7, and Rachel, 4.

He is a Vice President of Product Strategy at Logic Works, a software company based in Princeton, and a board member of the New Jersey Technology Council, which assists New Jersey companies in developing strategies for corporate computing.

Mrs. Badenhorst is also a computer professional, and is employed as a Director of Financial Systems at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

## Spring Assembly to Feature Talk by Veteran Lifeguard

The Spring Assembly of the Westfield History Societies will feature Michael Fowler, a veteran lifeguard, author, photographer and local historian, at its meeting on Wednesday, April 22, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Elm Street in Westfield.

Mr. Fowler, who is a Professor of Marketing at Brookdale Community College, is also Lifeguard Supervisor for the Monmouth County Park System. He will present a slide and lecture program entitled "Lifesavers of the Jersey Shore." His discussion will include lighthouse history in New Jersey.

The Spring Assembly annually brings together the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Genealogical Society of the West Fields, which is this year's host organization, the Westfield Historical Society, the Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Jane Gross of Westfield will present a piano musicale at 7:45 p.m. Refresh-

ments will conclude the evening. Parking is not allowed behind the video store adjacent to the church, but is available in the town lot accessible from Elm Street or from Mountain Avenue.

### Lecture Planned at 'Y' On Cancer Prevention

The American Cancer Society will conduct a cancer prevention lecture on Wednesday, April 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street.

Planned topics for discussion include nutrition, smoking cessation, exercise and lifestyle assessments. The program, which is free and open to the public, is being held in observance of April as Cancer Prevention Month.

To register, please call the Westfield "Y" at (908) 233-2700. For information, please call Extension No. 257.

## Magnet High School Dedicated As Mr. Mancuso Is Honored

The Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology in Scotch Plains was dedicated on March 31. Charles S. Mancuso, President of the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, was honored at the event. A plaque bearing his name will be displayed in the foyer of the building.

Mr. Mancuso, Vice-President of Statewide Savings Bank, has served on the Vocational-Technical school board for 30 years. A joint Senate resolution sponsored by Senators Donald T. DiFrancesco and Raymond J. Lesniak was presented by both senators to Mr. Mancuso.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan presented Mr. Mancuso with a resolution from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Also presenting a resolution was Victor

Richel, Chief Executive Officer of Statewide, and President of the Union County College Board of Trustees.

The Union County Magnet High School opened its doors to its initial class of 65 freshmen on September 3, 1997. This class represents 16 Union County school districts.

The curriculum focus of the Magnet High School is on engineering and design technology emphasizing the integration of academics and technical training.

An articulation agreement with Union County College enables students to earn college credits while still in high school and leads to an associate degree.

The Union County Magnet High School is housed in an existing building on the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus.

### Parade Committee Sets Meeting for Monday

The Westfield Memorial Day Parade Committee will meet this Monday, April 13, at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3, located at 1003 North Avenue. All parade participants are invited to attend.

Representatives of marching bands, military organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church groups, fraternal organizations, memorial organizations, civic organizations or any organization who supports and honors the military veterans of United States are invited to participate.

For further information, please call Ed Renfree, Parade Chairman, at (908) 241-2286.



NEEDS A HOME...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PetsMart store at 1022 Route No. 22, East at West End Avenue in North Plainfield. Many dogs and cats will be available for adoption. Among these pets will be Randy, described as a lovable German Shepherd mix. Randy is a 1-1/2-year-old tan with black, medium-sized, neutered male who is current with his vaccinations. Randy is considered to be a very friendly and energetic dog who was found wandering the streets either lost or abandoned. To adopt him or for information, please call (908) 688-1073. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$35 to \$55 and include rabies and distemper vaccinations.

### Raritan Valley Line To Meet Tonight

The Raritan Valley Line Commuter Commission (RVLCC) will be holding its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, April 9, at 7:45 p.m. in the Administrator's Conference Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

The RVLCC was formed to identify and address problems with the train commute along the Raritan Valley Line. Any interested commuter is invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

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Miss Norma De Dios Escalante and Stephen F. DeFelice

Miss Norma D. Escalante To Wed Stephen D. Felice

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos De Dios of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Norma Olivia De Dios Escalante of Paterson, to Stephen F. DeFelice of Palisades Park.

Her fiancé graduated from Westfield High School in 1984 and attended Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania and the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The bride-to-be graduated in 1989 from the University of San Luis Potosi in Mexico with a degree in biological chemistry.

The couple plan to be married in June.

Genealogical Society to Meet Today at W. Memorial Library

While no two ancestries are alike, the problems of others and their solutions often lead an individual to a successful search for his or her own ancestry.

So says Professor August J. Molnar, who will address the Genealogical Society of the West Fields (GWF) on Hungarian-American Ancestry today, Thursday, April 9, at 1 p.m. in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library.

Lions Club to Present Benefit Flea Market

The Scotch Plains Lions Club will hold a flea market at the Fanwood Train Station on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Lions will have a food stand and cake sale as part of the event. More than 100 vendors are expected to participate.

Profits will go to the club's Sight Conservation and Community Betterment Funds.

For further information, please call Norman Bendel at (908) 322-1663.

Additional details about the meeting may be obtained by calling (908) 232-6419.

Abbot Tile advertisement featuring 'Elegance, Quality, Service' and 'The most exclusive extensive selection of domestic and imported marble, ceramic, tumbled marble, and hand painted tiles.'

Dudick & Son advertisement for kitchen and bathroom remodeling, located at 40 North Avenue • Garwood.

Lancaster, Ltd. advertisement for Easter gifts, featuring a 'Hop Into Spring' theme and a 'Hallmark' bunny.



MR. AND MRS. HANS W. HOENIG (She is the former Miss Linda E. Gordon)

Miss Linda E. Gordon Weds Hans W. Hoenig

Miss Linda Elizabeth Gordon of Marco Island, Florida, the daughter of Mrs. Hilda Gordon of Westfield and Lynn Gordon of Ossining, New York, was married on Friday, February 13, to Hans W. Hoenig, also of Marco Island.

The bride graduated from Westfield High School in 1981 and from Boston University in 1985. She spent five years in Berlin, Germany as a television producer.

The evening ceremony took place at the Cupids Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The bridegroom, a graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, is employed as a real estate investor.

The couple plan to be married in June.

Following a wedding trip to Disney World, the couple reside in Marco Island.

Jaruzelskis Welcome Alison Esther

Barratt and Jennifer Jaruzelski of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Alison Esther Jaruzelski, on Tuesday, March 17, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She joins her sister, Katharine, 4. Alison's maternal grandparents are Dean and Esther Carlson of Westfield.

The paternal grandparents are John Jaruzelski of Westfield and the late Katharine Jaruzelski.

Valley Furniture Shop advertisement for a 'Special Henkel-Harris 1/2 Price Bedroom Sale' featuring various furniture items like beds, dressers, and chests.



Mr. and Mrs. Alexander A. Bentley

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley Celebrate 45 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander A. Bentley of Westfield celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on April 4. They were feted during a party at their daughter's home in Glendale, Arizona.

The couple are active members of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, where they are involved in the Chapter 13 group.

The couple was married in the Kilburn Memorial Presbyterian Church in Vailsburg, and have resided in Westfield for 33 years.

They were surprised with a memory anniversary book compiled by their daughters, and filled with narratives and photographs from their many friends and family members.

Mr. Bentley, an avid golfer, is retired from Public Service Electric and Gas Company of Newark, where he was a Senior Field Supervisor.

The Bentleys spend winters in Peoria, Arizona. They have three daughters, Sheila Bower and Brenda Kuhnenn, both of Glendale, and Debra Genabith of Watchung, and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Bentley, formerly Miss Carole Scharff, was employed as a Quality Assurance Supervisor at Union Hospital in Union. She retired from the hospital several years ago, but still works on call.

She occasionally plays in bridge tournaments, and volunteers at a local soup kitchen.

Detective Sergeant John M. and Mrs. Laura A. Parizeau of Scotch Plains have announced the birth of their son, Tyler John Parizeau, on Sunday, February 1, at 10:53 p.m. at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Tyler weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and measured 19 inches in length at birth.

Eric Shea Achieves Dean's List Honors

Eric Shea, the son of Eric and Denise Shea of Scotch Plains, recently received Dean's List honors at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia.

He is a junior political science major at Lynchburg, as well as a 1995 graduate of St. Joseph's High School.

He joins his brother, David, 7. Tyler's maternal grandparents are Richard and Ellen Siegel of Westfield.

His paternal grandparents are Philip and Gail Parizeau of Scotch Plains.

Professional Stress Management advertisement featuring Marianne D. Hove, Dipl.S.M., and offering a complimentary initial consultation.

Dave Rossi PERLOURS advertisement for children's clothing, located at 131 Quinby Street, Westfield.

beautiful things advertisement for contemporary crafts and unique gifts, celebrating Easter & Passover with 10% OFF.



# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

## The Raiders and Rain Drench Rahway Boys, Girls in Track

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Wet weather was not the only thing which dampened the Indians' hopes as the Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys' and girls' track teams poured it on and drenched the Rahway High School boys' and girls' track teams in Scotch Plains on April 1.

It was no joke to the Indians when the Raider boys won, 84-6, and the Raider girls won, 61-19.

The Raider boys seized first, second and third in every contested event except

the 1,600-meters, in which they yielded their only second place finish to the Indians. Senior Karl Jennings left the rest of the runners in his muddy tracks by capturing first in the 200-meter dash, the 110-meter hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles.

Jennings recorded times of :23.9 in the 200, :15.9 in the 110-hurdles and :56.8 in the 400-hurdles.

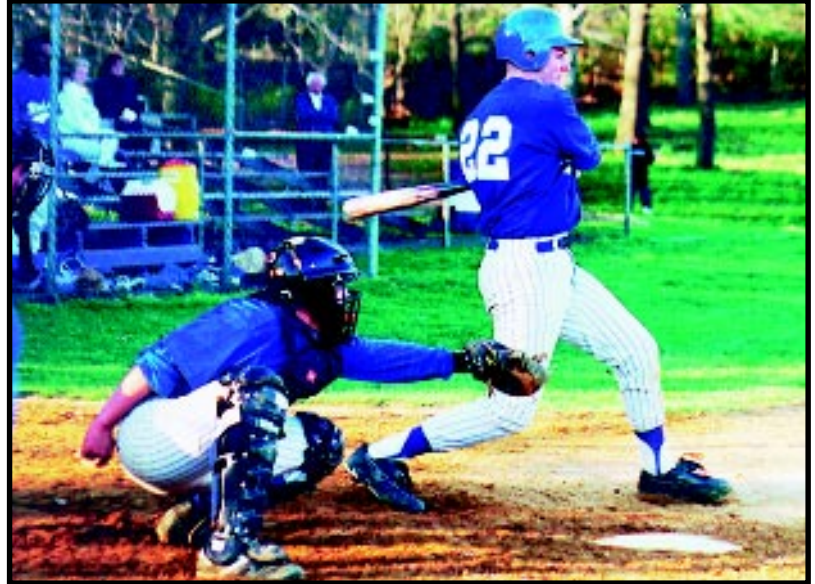
Although twisting his knee, senior Adam Bowser ran away with first in the 400-meter event with a time of :54.8 and senior Lau' renn McDaniel blazed through the

raindrops to place first in the 100-meters at :11.5. Bowser also placed second in the 400-hurdles with a time of 1:00.8.

Senior James Canterbury was home alone in the 800-meters, crossing the line in 2:12, well ahead of the nearest competitor. Canterbury also placed second in the 400-meter run with a time of :55.4.

The Raider girls swept the first three places in four events and grabbed the first two places in two additional events.

Senior Kate Vanderheyden further split raindrops when she tossed the javelin 76 feet, taking first in the event; and Karen Haight weathered her way to a first-place finish in the grueling 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:49. Jamie Langevin slopped through the puddles faster than any of the competitors in the 800-meter and Kari Whitley made a big splash when she heaved the shot 28 feet, 9 inches into the soggy ground for another Raider first place.



SLASHING A SINGLE...Raider senior Dave Gewirtz slashes a single to center against the Union Catholic High School baseball team. Scotch Plains-Fanwood shutout the Vikings, 16-0, on April 2.

## Raider Boys Obliterate Vikings in Five Innings

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior Dave Gewirtz fanned nine Vikings and walked none en route to a two-hit, 16-0, shutout of the Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains on April 2. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood hitters banged out a merry-go-round of runs in only four innings.

No one could foresee the explosion of runs which would eventually take place as the first inning slid by silently with neither team scoring. Gewirtz struck out three Vikings and Raider senior Doug

Bishop managed to slap a single in the bottom of the first.

In the second inning, Gewirtz allowed the last hit the Vikings would get as he recorded another strikeout and faced only three batters. In the bottom of the second, the Raider offense came alive. Catcher Jim Buccola singled, then reached second on a wild pitch. Joe Franzone drew a walk, then Luke Cerchio bopped a single as Buccola scored. Ryan Hahner walked, then Delmar Patterson slashed a single to drive in Franzone and Cerchio. Bishop



THE SCORE...Raider Diana Mendez scores against the Vikings.



THE PITCH...Viking Liz Majchrzak fires the ball to a Raider batter.

## Five-Run Fourth Boosts Raiders Past Viking Girls

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls' softball team got off on the right foot by defeating the Union Catholic High School girls, 8-4, in Scotch Plains on April 2. Raider junior Diana Mendez held the hottest bat of the day.

Mendez, who went 4 for 4, collected her first hit and came around to score the first Raider run in the first inning. In the bottom of the third, Mendez doubled to move pinch runner Christine McPartlan to third. Later, McPartlan scored and Mendez zoomed home from second to put the Raiders ahead 3-0.

For the first three innings, Raider pitcher Jill Mazzagetti was untouchable, but the Viking girls tagged her for four runs in the top of the fourth inning to take a 4-3 lead. Viking Liz Majchrzak led the attack with an RBI double.

added singles. Reganthal had two RBI, Jen Stewart, Romeo, Wendy Underwood and Lorenz had one RBI apiece.

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THE WINDUP...Raider Jill Mazzagetti whips the softball toward the Union Catholic batter en route to an 8-4 victory in Scotch Plains on April 2.

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BOYS' LACROSSE TRI-CAPTAINS...Seniors Kevin Mansfield, left, Mike Baly, center, and Steve Abeles share the responsibility of guiding the Westfield High School boys' lacrosse team this season.



READY TO PASS...Blue Devil Mike Baly prepares to pass during a scrimmage game with Columbia.

## Blue Devil Boy Laxers Offer Strength, Size, Skill, Seniors

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Although sustaining several injuries throughout the season, the Westfield High School boys' lacrosse team persevered and wound up as the ninth-ranked public school team in New Jersey last year. The Blue Devils battled to a 10-10 record in the tough Pitt Division. This season, the Blue Devil boys have a good blend of size, strength and speed.

Team Captain Drew Stotler, who graduated, led the Blue Devils in scoring

with 65 points last year, netting 37 and assisting with 28. Stotler was named second team All-League and All-State as a midfielder.

Also gone are Mark Juellis and Bryan Graye. Juellis scored 19 goals and added three assists as defenseman. Midfielder, Bryan Graye inflicted damage on opposing goalies by flicking in 30 goals and contributing 11 assists for a total of 41 points.

Returning to add muscle and effective offense to the squad this season are seniors Mike Baly and Bryan Gates. Last year, Baly had 41 total points, firing in 26 goals and adding 15 assists. Baly has been voted as one of the Blue Devils' Tri-Captains. Gates, who spent much time on the disabled list last year, is back and will add an immense amount of offense.

Senior attacker and Tri-Captain Kevin Mansfield, who scored eight goals and setup 16 assists, will add quickness and timely passes from the right side. Senior Scott Mann, who hit 12 nets and had 11 assists, returns to add a serious first strike. Steve Kassakian, a midfielder, scored eight goals and had seven assists last year and will add offensive depth this year.

"We definitely want to improve on last year and do the best we can. We need to stay together as a team to be as successful as we should be," suggested Mansfield.

Returning to do the high pressure chore of defending the goal will be senior team Tri-Captain Steve Abeles who had 233 saves for the Blue Devils last year. Abeles will add needed expe



DIVING SAFELY BACK TO FIRST...Blue Devil Phil Orsini, right, successfully dives back to first base in the first inning against the Cranford baseball team. See story and more pictures on page B-3.

## Devil Diamond Boys Will Show Several New Faces

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Winning the big game has been the reputation that the Westfield High School baseball team has earned. For the past four years, the Blue Devils have snatched the Union County Baseball Championship. Last year, the Blue Devils were seeded way back in the seventh position but surged past Rahway and second-seeded Elizabeth to meet and beat Summit, 7-1, in the finals. This year, the Blue Devils must defend their county title with several new faces.

Last year, the Blue Devils finished with a respectable 16-10-1 record and put up some impressive individual statistics. Two players who graduated, Bob Meyer and Marcus Mattielli, finished the season with respective batting averages of .431 and .405.

With the loss of center fielder Mattielli, catcher Bill Hedden, second baseman Meyer, first baseman Bill Sweeney and third baseman John Castellano, the Blue Devils must look to their reserves to fill in the starting lineup this season. Seniors Phil Orsini, Greg Freisen, Bob Baykowski and Matt Williams are some of the familiar faces that will be returning.

Orsini, who played left field, displayed deceptive power and speed by drilling four triples and blasting two home runs last year. Orsini also hit the crushing home run which broke the Summit Highlanders' backs and sent them toppling from their high perch in the county finals. In addition, Orsini has made several saving catches.

Freisen, as designated hitter, hit .296, had 16 hits and scored eight runs for the Blue Devils. This year, Freisen will pitch and occupy the vacant first base position. Senior Baykowski will display his defensive skills at shortstop and will add to the Blue Devil pitching lineup. Last year, in the Union County Championship game, Baykowski poked a single and ripped a

double to drive in two insurance runs. Baykowski crossed the plate 28 times, stole 11 bases and batted .373.

Last year, Williams was the pitching ace. Whenever there was a crucial game, Williams was called upon to take command. In nearly every situation, Williams performed wonderfully, finishing with an amazing 7-1 record while striking out 57 batters in only 60 innings and walking only 27. Williams was called upon in the Union County championship game and successfully held the Highlanders to only one run.

Potentially filling in the remainder of the starting lineup could be Dave Koye behind the plate, Don Sealey in left field, Lamont Turner on second, Jason Merritt in right field and Brian Flynn as designated hitter.



FINAL HURDLE...Blue Devil Alexis Anzelone wins the 100-hurdles against Cranford on April 1. See additional picture on page B-4.

## Cranford Softballers Stop Blue Devil Girls' Rally, 6-5

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

A four-run burst in the third inning gave the Cranford High School girls' softball team just enough cushion to hold off a middle-inning rally by the Westfield High School girls, allowing the Cougars to squeak by with a 6-5 victory in Cranford on April 3.

Cougar Lyndsey Pfeifer singled in two runs, Kelly Murphy drilled a triple to bring in Pfeifer, then Robyn Schweitzer hit into a fielder's choice to bring home Murphy with the fourth run of the fateful inning. At that point, the

Cougars led 6-1.

Blue Devil pitcher Shannon Wagner, after yielding all six runs in the first three innings, got tough and silenced the Cougars' roars for the remainder of the game. Wagner did brighten her team's chances offensively by slapping three singles and scoring one run.

In the top of the fourth, the Blue Devils crept closer with two runs. Catcher Sue Phillips ripped a double to center, then was temporarily replaced by pinch-hitter Kristen Leonardis. Missy Franz stepped to the plate and wailed a triple to deep



MAKING THE CONNECTION...Blue Devil Colleen Ryan connects with the softball in the fourth inning of the game with the Cranford High School girls on April 3 in Cranford. The Cougars held on to defeat the Westfield girls, 6-5.

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DOUBLE TROUBLE...Blue Devil Peter Lau serves the ball and teammate Tom O'Connell gets set during their first doubles match against Old Bridge on April 3. Westfield defeated Old Bridge, 4-1.

## Blue Devil Netmen Must Make Huge Lineup Shift

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Much was accomplished by the Westfield High School boys' tennis team last year. The Blue Devils swept first in all five positions at the Union County Tournament, held at Hub Stine Field in Plainfield and finished the season with a 22-6 record.

The Blue Devils won their conference and senior first singles player Dan Matro was one of the highest ranked players in the state.

Many of the players from that marvelous team have graduated and the Blue Devils have been faced with a major revamping of their lineup. Gone to graduation are Matro, Chris Camuto at second singles and Jon DiGiovanni and Graig Cameron at first doubles. Returning starters are Dan Aquila, Adam Kendler and Peter Lau.

Also returning for the Blue Devils are Jeff Diamond and Sam Fleder, who experienced much varsity action last year.

Aquila, who played second singles last year, will be playing first singles this spring. Lau, who teamed with Kendler last year to grab first place in the Union County Tournament at second doubles, will team with Tom O'Connell to compete at first doubles.

Aquila, who has been battling a nagging back injury, said, "I went through physical therapy and had been working hard to improve my condition. I get out here on the court and the constant pounding aggravates the situation, but I will be all right."

Although most of the positions are still up for grabs, it appears that Diamond will play second singles and Fleder will play third singles. Kendler may team with Jeremy Chilnick for the second doubles position.

With reference to the second doubles situation, Blue Devil boys' tennis Head Coach George Kapner mentioned, "Right

now the second doubles position is way up in the air and we have yet to determine the outcome."

The Blue Devils hosted Old Bridge on April 2 and defeated them, 4-1.

### WESTFIELD 4. OLD BRIDGE 1

**Singles:**  
1st - Dave Wayreich (OB) d. Dan Aquila (W), 6-3, 6-2

2nd - Jeff Diamond (W) d. Matt Silverberg (OB), 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-2)

3rd - Sam Fleder (W) d. Justin Gelbman (OB), 6-4, 7-6 (7-2)

**Doubles:**  
1st - Peter Lau and Tom O'Connell (W) d. Rahul Patel and Richard Kennedy (OB), 6-1, 6-1

2nd - Adam Kendler and Jeremy Chilnick (W) d. Cameron Evans and Alan Chang (OB), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3



FUTURE LEGENDS OF GOLF...Blue Devils Ronnie Kashlak, left, Doug Brandley, center, and Rob McCullam pause before the beginning of their golf match with Cranford on March 31 at Echo Lake Golf Course in Westfield.

## Devil Golfers Return Several of Their Aces

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Team Co-Captains senior Rob McCullam and junior Ron Kashlak will lead the Westfield High School golf team back into action this spring with the intentions of matching, or even bettering, the achievements of last year's team.

The Blue Devils completed a 13-2-1 season, losing only to Cranford and South Plainfield High Schools, and placed 14th in the state.

The Blue Devils again will have to cope with rivals Cranford and Union which finished first and second, respectively, in the Watchung Conference Tournament. In addition, Westfield must prevent having history repeat itself in the Union County Tournament when Cranford squeezed by the Blue Devils last year, 340-346.

Gone, due to graduation, are Brian Houston, Rob Jessup and Rick Martinelli, who turned in season averages of 44.7, 44.3 and 44.6, respectively. Also returning with Kashlak and McCullam are senior Doug Brandley and sophomore Brian Mann.

Kashlak led the team last year with an

average of 40.1 and also recorded the lowest 18-hole round for the Blue Devils last year when he shot a seven-over-par 79 in regulation during the Union County Tournament, which he lost in sudden-death. Kashlak also placed third in the State District golf tournament, shooting an 82.

"We always have a good match against Cranford. They are our biggest rival; however, I would have to say Union is definitely the team that we are always in the best competition with. My stiffest competition would be Jerry Chen (Union). This is our third year of playing against each other and he is always tough," expressed Kashlak when asked about who would be the Blue Devils' stiffest competition.

Brandley had the second-lowest average last year when he shot a sizzling one-under par 35 at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield against Bishop Ahr. McCullam averaged 46.8 and Mann averaged 45.8 last year.

The Blue Devil golfers successfully opened their season against the Union High School team on April 2.

**Westfield (1-0) 174, Union (0-1) 184** (Surburban CC, Par 36)

**Westfield:** Ron Kashlak 44, Brent Brannick 40, Brian Mann 46, Ron McCullam 44.

**Union:** Jerry Chen 38, Ron Dempsey 45, Chris Bonner 47, John Kroppa 54.

### Area High School Golf Results:

APRIL 3:

**New Providence (3-0) 155, Middlesex (0-1) 189** (Oakridge, par 35)

**New Providence:** Tom Doyle 37, Kevin MacFee 38, Rich Sachsel 38, Dan Ingrassia 42

**Middlesex:** Pat Farley 44, Brad Ferrara 45, Mike Howpesch 47, Steve Lamason 53

**Dayton (1-0) 175, Manville (0-3) 190** (Spooky Brook, par 35)

**Dayton:** Chris DeCocco 42, Josh Millman 42, Rich Bickel 43, Mike Sharpe 48, Keval Turakhia 49

**Manville:** John Jansen 40, Brian Galumbus 47, Brian Hargrove 50, John Shubiak 53, Kurt Tenisci 54

### Smith, Coxson Named All-Public Swim List

Westfield High School swimmers Brooke Smith and Jesse Coxson have been selected to the 1998 All-State, All-Public Girls' Swimming List by *The Star Ledger*.

Smith was named to the third team All-State List for her efforts in the 100-meter backstroke. Her achievements placed her on the Second Team All-Public List.

Coxson was named to the Second Team All-Public List for her accomplishments in the 200-meter freestyle event.

As a team, the Westfield High School girls finished as the fourth-ranked girls' swimming team in New Jersey.

## The Raiders and Rain Drench Rahway Boys, Girls in Track

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:15.9, 2. Dave Larkin (SPF) :20.1, 3. Mike Franzone (SPF) :20.1

**400-hurdles:** — 1. Jennings (SPF) :56.8, 2. Bowser (SPF) 1:00.8, 3. Franzone (SPF) 1:10.4

**High Jump:** — 1. Not Contested

**Long Jump:** — 1. Not Contested

**Pole Vault:** — 1. Nick LaCosta (SPF) 10 feet, 2. Marc Ricca (SPF) 9 feet, 3. Steve Cole (SPF) 8 feet, 6 inches

**Discus:** — 1. Not Contested

**Javelin:** — 1. Scott Paterson (SPF) 111 feet, 2. Matt Granda (SPF) 103 feet, 3. Paul Valenzano (SPF)

**Shot Put:** — 1. Dan Loomis (SPF) 40 feet, 8 inches, 2. Paterson (SPF), 3. Jim Feeley (SPF)

**4x400-meter:** — 1. Not Contested

### GIRLS' RESULTS:

**100-meters:** — 1. Johnson (R) :13.7, 2. & 3. Rahway

**200-meters:** — 1. Johnson (R) :29, 2. Rahway, 3. Quinn (SPF) :29.6

**400-meters:** — 1. Stephanie Quinn (SPF) 1:08.5, 2. Alison Wilks (SPF) 1:13.5, 3. Cristin Curry (SPF) 1:13.7

**800-meters:** — 1. Jamie Langevin (SPF) 2:44, 2. Sandra Franco (SPF) 2:48, 3. Jaimee Hills (SPF) 3:00

**1,600-meters:** — 1. Karen Haight (SPF) 5:49, 2. Erin Kelly (SPF) 5:50, 3. Franco (SPF) 6:10

**3,200-meters:** — 1. Dana Esposito (SPF) and Andrea Maggi (SPF) No time available

**100-hurdles:** — 1. Erin Brandt (SPF) :20, 2. Christina Hillman :20.2

**400-hurdles:** — 1. Brandt (SPF) 1:14, 2. Alyssa Sams (SPF) 1:16, 3. Rahway

**High Jump:** — 1. Not Contested

**Long Jump:** — 1. Not Contested

**Pole Vault:** — 1. Not Contested

**Discus:** — 1. Not Contested

**Javelin:** — 1. Kate Vanderheyden (SPF) 76 feet, 2. Kate Feighner (SPF), 3. Sue LaMastra (SPF)

**Shot Put:** — 1. Kari Whitley (SPF) 28 feet, 9 inches, 2. Feighner (SPF), 3. LaMastra (SPF)

**4x400-meter:** — 1. Not contested.

**Burstein, Russ Selected All-Public Swimming**

Westfield High School junior Seth Burstein and junior Dave Russ of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School have been selected to *The Star Ledger's* 1998 All-State, All-Public Boys' Swimming List.

Burstein, who nearly dominated the Union County scene in the 200-Individual Medley was named Third Team All-Public in the event. Russ was named Third Team All-Public for his efforts in the 50-freestyle.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times  
PACKLEADER...Raider James Canterbury wins the 800-meter run during meet with Rahway on April 1.

### Karl Jennings Named All-Group 3, 3rd Team

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School senior Karl Jennings has been named to the Third Team All-Group 3 Winter Track List for his high-flying achievements in the high jump. Jennings has soared over the 6 feet, 6 inch barrier this season and combined with teammate Blair Woodward to total 12 feet, 6 inches to grab first place in the Union County Relays.



Sage Stefiuk

### Sage Stefiuk Named All-Group, 3rd Team

Westfield High School senior Sage Stefiuk has been selected to the Third Team All-Group 1997-98 Girls' Winter Track and Field List for her efforts in the 1,600-meter event.

Stefiuk has qualified for the Meet of Champions in the 1,600-meters and the two-mile events. Stefiuk has been a member of every girls' distance medley relay team, which the Blue Devils sent to the Penn Relays, while she has been in high school.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times  
WICKED RETURN...Blue Devil second singles player Jeff Diamond successfully whacks a serve from Matt Silverberg of Old Bridge. Diamond defeated Silverberg at Tamaques Park in Westfield on April 3.

### Raider 200-MR Make 1998 Girls' All-State Swimming List

Four Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girl swimmers have been selected by *The Star Ledger* to the 1998 All-State List.

Dana Berkowitz, Sarah Milligan, Jessica Zentmeyer and Ann Espinoza were named to the Second Team for their achievements in the 200-Medley Relay event. The foursome set a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School record when they turned in the second best time in the state this year, timed at 1:51.18.

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**FOUL TIP...** Raider sophomore Dave Herrmann tips a foul ball during the game against the Vikings.

## Raider Boys Obliterate Vikings in Five Innings

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 sacrificed to right to drive in the fourth run of the inning.

Gewirtz was still on fire in the third inning as he added two more 'K's to his pile and brought the Raider offense quickly back to the plate. This inning surely sank the Vikings as the Raiders walked around the bases to shuffle home nine runs. Gewirtz drew a walk. Franzone singled, Cerchio walked and Hahner was hit by a pitch.

Delmar Patterson did it again with a two-run single, Bishop walked, then Adam Baumwoll crushed a triple toward the center field wall to bring home the remaining runners. In his second at bat of the inning,

Gewirtz hopped a single to center, Dave Herrmann reached on an error, then Gewirtz and Herrmann scored when Buccola reached on an error. When all the dust had cleared, the Raider defense took to the field with a commanding 13-0 lead.

The Viking bats remained hollow in the top of the fourth as Gewirtz notched two more strikeouts. When the Raiders stepped to the plate, three more runs were produced via two walks, one error, one hit-by-pitch and a fielder's choice.

After Gewirtz added two more strikeouts in a scoreless top-half of the fifth, the game was conceded.

Union Catholic	000	00x	x	0
Scotch Plains-Fanwood	049	3xx	x	16

## Area High School Varsity Boys' Baseball Results:

### New Providence 3, Brearley 0

Pioneer junior Kim Coleman fired a complete two-hit shutout as he fanned 10 Bears and walked only three in New Providence. Junior Billy Lzykowski poked three hits and senior John Guinta slashed an RBI single for the Pioneers.

Brearley (0-1)	000	000	0	00
New Prov. (1-0)	001	002	x	03

### Ridge 10, Governor Livingston 4

Senior Joey Stout thumped a two-run home run in the sixth inning to cap an 11-hit attack as Ridge defeated the Highlanders in Berkeley Heights. Robbie Howarth had a two-run double and Rochel Fowler added another double for Ridge. Brian Schmidt nailed a double for the Highlanders.

Ridge (2-0)	030	052	0	10
Gov. Liv. (0-2)	000	030	1	04

### APRIL 4:

#### Cranford 12, Union Catholic 2

The Cougar bats did their thing once again by using the long ball to drudge the Vikings, 12-2, in Cranford. Bill Harnett smashed a two-run triple in the first inning and Cougar teammate Matt Porter drilled a two-RBI double in the third.

Guy Varady hit an RBI single and Ed Gowerek added the other RBI for the Vikings. Ryan McKenna also got a hit for the Vikings. Cranford improved to 2-0 and Union Catholic fell to 0-2.

#### Governor Livingston 10, Hanover Park 6

The Highlanders got revenge for their loss to Hanover Park in the North 2, Group 2 finals last year, defeating them 10-6 in Millburn. Mark Cantagallo sizzled, going 4-for-5 with a triple and three singles. Senior Jeff Smith slashed a two-run single in the top of the fourth.

Derek Whritnour got the win for the Highlanders with the support of a 13-hit attack. Governor Livingston improved to 1-2 while Hanover Park dropped to 0-3.

Gov. Livingston	123	310	0	10
Hanover Park	300	300	0	06



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times  
**MERRY-GO-ROUND...** Joe Franzone trots home to score one of the many runs that the Raiders scored against the Vikings.

## Scotch Plains-Fanwood Spring Sports Schedule:

Varsity Boys Baseball Head Coach: Brian Homm			
4/11	Sat	Westfield	H 10:00 AM
4/13	Mon	Rahway	H 11:00 AM
4/15	Wed	Union Catholic	A 4:00 PM
4/17	Fri	Cranford	H 11:00 AM
4/20	Mon	Shabazz	H 4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Westfield	A 4:00 PM
4/23	Thur	Summit	A 4:00 PM
4/27	Mon	Roselle Catholic	H 4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Kearny	H 4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	Linden	A 4:00 PM
5/8	Fri	Plainfield	H 4:00 PM
5/11	Mon	Union	A 4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	East Side	H 4:00 PM
5/15	Fri	Irvington	A 4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	Elizabeth	A 4:00 PM

Varsity Golf Head Coach: Steve Ciccotelli			
4/9	Thur	St. Joe's	H 4:00 PM
4/13	Mon	Linden	A 4:00 PM
4/14	Tues	St. Peters	H 4:00 PM
4/21	Tues	Westfield	H 4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Shabazz	H 4:00 PM
4/23	Thur	Cranford	H 4:00 PM
4/24	Fri	East Side	H 4:00 PM
4/27	Mon	Watchung Conf.	A TBA
4/29	Wed	St. Benedict's	H 4:00 PM
4/30	Thur	Union	A 4:00 PM
5/1	Fri	Union Catholic	H 4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	East Side	H 4:00 PM
5/5	Tues	Linden	H 4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	St. Peters	H 4:00 PM
5/7	Thur	Union County	TBA 9:00 AM
5/11	Mon	State Match	A 4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Hunterdon Cen.	H 4:00 PM
5/14	Thur	Union	H 4:00 PM
5/15	Fri	Shabazz	H 4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	St. Joe's	H 4:00 PM

Varsity Girls Softball Head Coach: Frank Butz			
4/11	Sat	Westfield	A 11:00 AM
4/13	Mon	Rahway	A 11:00 AM
4/15	Wed	Union Catholic	H 4:00 PM
4/17	Fri	Cranford	A 4:00 PM
4/20	Mon	Shabazz	A 4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Westfield	H 4:00 PM
4/25	Sat	Piscataway	A 11:00 AM
4/27	Mon	Holy Family	A 4:00 PM
5/1	Fri	Bayonne	H 4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Kearny	A 4:00 PM
5/5	Tues	Colonial	H 4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	Linden	H 4:00 PM
5/8	Fri	Plainfield	A 4:00 PM
5/11	Mon	Union	H 4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	East Side	A 4:00 PM
5/15	Fri	Irvington	H 4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	Elizabeth	H 4:00 PM

Varsity Volleyball Head Coach: Michele Zarro			
4/20	Mon	Union Catholic	A 4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Cranford	H 4:00 PM
4/24	Fri	Shabazz	H 4:00 PM
4/28	Tues	Rahway	H 4:00 PM
4/30	Thur	Shabazz	A 4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Westfield	H 4:00 PM
5/5	Tues	Union	A 7:00 PM
5/6	Wed	Elizabeth	A 4:00 PM
5/8	Fri	East Side	A 4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Plainfield	A 4:00 PM
5/15	Fri	Union	A 4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	East Side	H 4:00 PM
5/20	Wed	Irvington	A 4:00 PM

Varsity Track Head Coach: Eric Rosemeier, Jim O'Connor			
4/14	Tues	Cranford	H 4:00 PM
4/21	Tues	Shabazz	H 4:00 PM
5/5	Tues	Westfield	H 4:00 PM
5/12	Tues	East Side	A 4:00 PM



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**HEADING HOME...** Blue Devil Dave Geissler clears the final hurdle in the 110-hurdles against Cranford on April 1.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times  
**SETTING UP FOR THE KILL...** Blue Devil senior No. 13, sets the ball up for a kill during a varsity volleyball game with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls in Westfield on April 1.

## Devil 'V'ballers Smash Raider Girls, 15-9, 15-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls' volleyball team began their trek toward another big season by dominating the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School team, 15-9, 15-0, in Westfield on April 1.

Just before the start of the match, the Raiders found themselves at an even bigger disadvantage when junior setter E. J. Lee injured her thumb in warm ups and sophomore Jennifer Miller had to fill the position for the first time.

Presenting their awesome offensive ammunition, the Blue Devils had nine aces among four servers. Seniors Suzanne

Vinegra fired four of the bullets in the attack as she chalked up five kills and Megan Devitt had three aces while Margaret Kostro and Amy Coccaro had one ace apiece. Heather Simpson did an excellent job setting up eight assists.

Vinegra was also quite effective on the attack as she crushed two kills each and senior Kelly Langton contributed one kill.

The Blue Devils were quite accurate with their serves as they had 37 of 40 land in bounds. Of 26 attack shots, 21 were in bounds. Westfield upped its record to 1-0 while Scotch Plains-Fanwood slipped to 0-1.

## Raider Trackmen Seize Second at Kearny Relay

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' track team seized second place at the Kearny Relays on April 4 with a total of 58 points. Toms River South won the relays with 69 points. The Raiders placed first in three events.

Adam Bowser, Blair Woodward and Karl Jennings combined to win the Team Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 3:02.9. Jennings and Woodward teamed to win the Team High Jump with a total of 12 feet, 2 inches and Bowser and Woodward teamed to win the Team Long Jump with a combined distance of 39 feet, 4 inches.

The Raiders placed second behind St. Benedict's Prep in the Sprint Medley Relay with a time of 3:45.3 and second behind Morristown in the Team Discus event with a distance of 233 feet, 3 inches.

In the Distance Medley Relay, the Raiders placed third with a time of 11:13.8. Lakewood won the event with a

time of 11:06.3. The Raiders took third in the Team Shot Put event with a combined heave of 87 feet, 11.5 inches. Morristown won the event with a total toss of 89 feet, 10.5 inches.

The Raider girls placed sixth in the Mile Relay with a time of 4:29.4 and sixth in the Team Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 3:52.9.



Bev Torok

## Bev Torok Selected Swim Coach of Year

Westfield High School Girls' Swimming Head Coach Bev Torok has been selected as the Star Ledger's 1998 Girls Swimming Coach of the Year.

Torok guided the Blue Devil girls to the Public A state final. During that meet, the Blue Devil girls recorded 28 personal-best times despite being edged by Cherry Hill East, 87.5-82.5.

This year, the Blue Devil girls finished as the fourth-ranked girls' high school team in New Jersey.

### DEADLINE INFO.

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**OUT NUMBER 2...** Blue Devil second baseman Lamont Turner fires the ball to first baseman Greg Freisen, No. 31, during the first inning of the baseball game with the tough Cranford High School team on April 3 in Westfield.

## Blue Devils Recover After Loss to Mighty Cranford

By STEVE ABELES  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

After suffering an 8-1 opening day blow out to Cranford on April 3, the Westfield High School varsity baseball team has been making great strides in the right direction. On April 5, the Blue Devils surged past Malcolm X Shabazz in a 21-0 and 12-0 double header romp. The Blue Devils suffered the first loss of the season to county rival Cranford. The Blue Devils threatened in the bottom of the first inning when left-handed Phil Orsini sliced a single to left in the first inning, then stole second. Lamont Turner walked, putting runners on first and second with only one out; however, a pop out to first and a ground out prevented any scoring.

The Blue Devils surrendered a two run homer to junior shortstop Rob Seager in the bottom of the fourth inning which put them behind 5-0.

Senior Co-Captain Bobby Baykowski scored the lone run of the game for the Devils when he blasted a home run to deep left field at the top of the fifth inning. The game was halted in the sixth inning due to darkness.

Senior catcher Brian Weingart added to the Cougar attack, smashing a triple, crushing a home run and drawing two walks. Kevin Feeley tossed a five-hitter,

striking out six and walking two. Blue Devil pitcher Matt Williams was tagged for 10 hits. Williams walked five and struck out two.

Head Coach Bob Brewster, "The loss to Cranford was only one out of the 25 games in the season and whether we win or lose we can't rest the whole season on it. [The team] realizes one game doesn't make the season."

Senior pitcher Greg Freisen pitched a stellar five-inning perfect game, striking out 11 Shabazz batters in the first game of the double-header. Senior catcher Dave Koye also aided Westfield's offensive onslaught with four R.B.I. Jay Merritt went 3-for-3 and Freisen thumped a triple, drilled a double and slashed a single to contribute to the Blue Devils' 18-hit attack.

During the second game, senior Greg Theil and junior Brandon Doerr combined to pitch a three hitter as the Blue Devils cruised to a 12-0 win. Senior third baseman Christian Fagin and junior Luke Mistretta each ripped home runs. Orsini bashed a double and slapped a single to drive in two runs and Turner connected for a triple. Doerr and Matt Rosenhouse each added a double.

Senior Captain Baykowski said, "It felt really good to get back on track after losing to Cranford. Against Shabazz we played exceptionally well as a team and a lot of players stepped up and played great."

(Halted in 6 Due to Darkness)

Cranford	012	221	x	08
Westfield	000	100	x	01
Shabazz	00	0	00	00
Westfield	63	(11)	1x	21
Shabazz	000	00	00	00
Westfield	281	1x		12

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### Men's 30+ League Basketball Results:

Park Middle School Gym hosted the playoff game in the Scotch Plains 30 & Over Basketball League. Campbell Construction defeated C&C, 70-65 and Swan Motel beat Team Five, 70-65.

Tom Ruby hit two consecutive three-pointers that broke open a hot game enabling Swan Motel to avenge its only loss of the season which was to Team Five. John Krotulis tied Ruby for scoring honors with 16 points while Chris Robertshaw and Jamie Robertson each scored 10 for the Team Five team.

"Boo" Royster (also famous as a coach for the Bullets in the Recreation Department's Pee Wee League) scored a game-high 23 points leading Soups Troops to a convincing victory over C&C. James Capers scored 14 points in a losing cause.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times  
**THE PITCH...** Matt Williams delivers the pitch against a Cougar batter.

#### Varsity Girls Softball

Head Coach: Maggie McFadden

4/11	Sat	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	H	11:00 AM
4/13	Mon	Bayonne	A	4:00 PM
4/15	Wed	Cranford	H	11:00 AM
4/17	Fri	Rahway	H	11:00 AM
4/18	Sat	Delaware Valley	H	11:00 AM
4/20	Mon	Union Catholic	A	4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	A	4:00 PM
4/23	Columbia	A	4:00 PM	
4/25	Sat	Bridgewater	H	10:30 AM
4/27	Mon	A. L. Johnson	A	4:00 PM
4/28	Tues	JFK Iselin	A	4:00 PM
5/1	Fri	Colonia	H	4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Union	A	4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	East Side	H	4:00 PM
5/8	Fri	Irvington	A	4:00 PM
5/11	Mon	Elizabeth	H	4:00 PM
5/12	Tues	Immaculata	H	4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Kearny	A	4:00 PM
5/15	Fri	Linden	H	4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	Plainfield	H	4:00 PM
5/20	Wed	Gov. Livingston	H	4:00 PM

#### Varsity Volleyball

Head Coach: Bev Torok

4/17	Fri	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
4/20	Mon	Cranford	A	4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Rahway	A	4:00 PM
4/24	Fri	Union Catholic	H	4:00 PM
4/27	Mon	Elizabeth	H	4:00 PM
4/29	Wed	Brearely	H	4:00 PM
5/1	Fri	Union Catholic	A	4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	A	4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	Plainfield	A	4:00 PM
5/8	Fri	Union	H	4:00 PM
5/11	Mon	East Side	A	4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Irvington	H	4:00 PM
5/15	Fri	Elizabeth	H	4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	East Side	A	4:00 PM

#### Varsity Boys Baseball

Head Coach: Bob Brewster

4/11	Sat	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	A	10:00 AM
4/14	Tues	Caldwell	A	4:00 PM
4/15	Wed	Cranford	A	11:00 AM
4/17	Fri	Rahway	A	11:00 AM
4/18	Sat	Hillsborough	H	10:00 AM
4/20	Mon	Union Catholic	H	4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	H	4:00 PM
4/25	Sat	Bridgewater	H	10:30 AM
4/27	Mon	North Bergen	A	4:30 PM
4/29	Wed	Hunterdon Cen.	A	4:15 PM
5/1	Fri	Piscataway	H	4:00 PM
5/2	Sat	Livingston	H	2:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Union/Plainfield	H	4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	East Side	H	4:00 PM
5/8	Fri	Irvington	H	4:00 PM
5/11	Mon	Elizabeth	A	4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Kearny	H	4:00 PM
5/15	Fri	Linden	A	4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	Plainfield	A	4:00 PM
5/20	Wed	Gov. Livingston	A	4:00 PM
5/26	Watchung Hills	A	4:00 PM	

#### Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Head Coach: Eric Hinds

4/15	Wed	Oak Knoll	A	4:00 PM
4/18	Sat	Princeton	H	11:00 AM
4/20	Mon	Kent Place	H	4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Rutgers Prep	H	4:00 PM
4/27	Mon	Jefferson JV	A	4:00 PM
4/29	Wed	Bridgewater	H	4:00 PM
5/1	Fri	Ridge	A	4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Jefferson JV	H	4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	Pingry	H	4:00 PM
5/9	Sat	Stuart Cntry Day	H	12:00 PM
5/11	Mon	Bridgewater	A	4:00 PM

#### Boys Varsity Track

Head Coach: John Martin

4/18	Sat	Blue Devil Inv'tl	H	9:00 AM
4/21	Tues	Union Catholic	H	4:00 PM
4/28	Tues	Rahway	H	4:00 PM
4/30	Thur	County Relays	A	TBA
5/6	Tues	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	A	4:00 PM
5/12	Tues	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	E. Coast Relays	A	TBA

#### Varsity Golf

Head Coach: Joe Soviero

4/9	Thur	Franklin	H	4:00 PM
4/13	Mon	St. Peter's Prep	H	4:00 PM
4/14	Tues	Elizabeth	A	4:00 PM
4/21	Tues	ScPI-F/Summit	A	4:00 PM
4/23	Thur	Union Catholic	H	4:00 PM
4/27	Mon	Watchung Hills	H	4:00 PM
4/28	Tues	Kenilworth	H	4:00 PM
4/30	Thur	Cranford	A	4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	Watchung Conf.	TBA	All Day
5/5	Tues	South Plainfield	H	4:00 PM
5/7	Thur	Union County	TBA	9:00 AM
5/11	Mon	State Match	A	4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Summit	A	4:00 PM
5/14	Thur	St. Joseph's	H	4:00 PM
5/19	Tues	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
5/21	Thur	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
5/26	Tues	Union	H	4:00 PM

#### Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Head Coach: Gerry Benaquista

4/11	Sat	Summit	A	1:00 PM
4/15	Wed	Ridgewood	H	4:00 PM
4/18	Sat	Delbarton	H	11:00 AM
4/20	Mon	North Hunterdon	H	4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Fairlawn	A	4:00 PM
4/25	Sat	Clifton	A	10:00 AM
4/27	Mon	Hillsborough	H	4:00 PM
4/29	Wed	Montclair	H	4:00 PM
5/1	Fri	Mendham	H	4:00 PM
5/4	Mon	St. Joseph's	A	4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	Mountain Lakes	A	4:00 PM
5/11	Mon	A. L. Johnson	A	4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Montville	H	4:00 PM
5/16	Sat	Bridgewater	A	11:00 AM
5/20	Wed	Pingry	A	4:00 PM

#### Varsity Boys Tennis

Head Coach: George Kapner

4/9	Thur	Union Catholic	A	4:00 PM
4/13	Mon	Cranford	A	4:00 PM
4/14	Tues	Bayonne	A	4:00 PM
4/15	Wed	Oratory	H	4:00 PM
4/17	Fri	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
4/20	Mon	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	H	4:00 PM
4/22	Wed	Rahway	H	4:00 PM
4/23	Thur	Pingry	A	4:00 PM
4/27	Mon	Union Catholic	H	4:00 PM
4/29	Wed	Cranford	H	4:00 PM
4/30	Thur	Counties	TBA	TBA
5/1	Fri	Counties	TBA	TBA
5/4	Mon	Elizabeth	H	4:00 PM
5/6	Wed	Irvington	A	4:00 PM
5/11	Mon	East Side	H	4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	Union	A	4:00 PM
5/18	Fri	Kearny	A	4:00 PM
5/18	Mon	Plainfield	A	4:00 PM
5/20	Wed	Linden	H	4:00 PM

#### Girls Varsity Track

Head Coach: Nancy Carpenter

4/18	Sat	Blue Devil Inv'tl	H	9:00 AM
4/21	Tues	Union Catholic	H	4:00 PM
4/28	Tues	Rahway	H	4:00 PM
4/30	Thur	Spring Relays	A	TBA
5/6	Tues	Scotch Plains-Fnwd	A	4:00 PM
5/12	Tues	Shabazz	H	4:00 PM
5/13	Wed	County Meet	A	TBA

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

**DEFENDING THE GOAL...** Blue Devils Matt Krug, No. 21, and goalie Steve Abeles successfully repel a shot on goal by the Columbia High School attackers.

## Blue Devil Boy Laxers Offer Strength, Size, Skill, Seniors

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rience to that position. "I definitely want to make it further in the state tournament than we did last year. We want to beat a lot of the teams that we did not beat last year. A lot of people seem to be working to their ability," stated Abeles. "We have a lot of size and muscle with Hickey, Gates and Baly. It's always good to have some size in lacrosse. Baly is just outstanding this year. We are going to look to him when we need a goal," concluded Abeles.

"What we are gaining this year is a large group of experienced seniors. I believe we have 12 or 13 seniors," stated Blue Devil Lacrosse Head Coach Gerry Benaquista. The whole starting attack is seniors; Mann, Mansfield and Gates.

"The starting midfielders, Andrew Cambria, Kassasian and Baly, are all seniors," mentioned Benaquista. Even

though we lost a good defender in Juelis, I believe we also will gain with Abeles having one more year of experience. He will make up the difference in defense," added Benaquista.

"But we still have Matt Krug who I think will be one of the best defensemen in the state. We also will move Dan Todd and Brendan Hickey out there," commented Benaquista. "We have a little beef with Hickey and a little speed. I like my defense quick, but defensemen need the size too," explained Benaquista.

When asked what else he would be looking for in his team, Benaquista implied, "I need some of the younger guys to step in and add depth to the midfield line."

The Blue Devils scrimmaged Columbia High School on March 28 at Tamaques School and came up with quite a pleasing performance.

## Area High School Varsity Girls' Softball Results:

APRIL 3:  
Governor Livingston 8, Ridge 1

Gina Piccarillo drove in two runs, scored one and singled, and teammates Ellen Findlay scored two runs while Jenny Calabrese doubled in two runs to help the Highlanders girls' softball team crush Ridge, 8-1, in Bernards.

Highlander pitcher Gina Turturiello was fantastic as she struck out seven and walked none en route to her team's second win of the season against no defeats. Ridge sagged to 0-2.

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New Providence 25, Brearely 19

There was no pitchers' duel in this game as the Pioneer girls out-slugged the Bears, 25-19, in Kenilworth. Pioneer Sharra Hill went 6-for-6 with two home runs and three RBI and Julia Eagan crushed a grand slam, ripped a double, slashed a single and drove in five runs.

Melissa Jeans tripled, singled and scored two runs for Brearely which fell to 0-2. New Providence evened to 1-1.

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Brearely	408	0	5	19

APRIL 4:  
Cranford 13, Union Catholic 2

The Vikings jumped to a 2-0 lead by

the end of the first inning; however, afterwards, the rest of the offense came from the Cougar bats as they mounted a 14-hit assault in Scotch Plains.

Lori Polito thumped a three-run double to spark a seven-run third inning for the Cougars. Samantha Marano tossed a two-hitter, silencing the Viking bats after the first inning. Joanne DeVito added two doubles while Lauren Salvaggio and Debbie Noble had one double each.

Cranford upped its record to 2-0 as Union Catholic slid to 0-2.

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Union Catholic	200	000	0	02

Governor Livingston 6, Watchung Hills 5

Vicki Guida burned Watchung Hills, going 4-for-4 with an RBI triple. The Highlanders jumped in front with three runs in the first inning and stayed ahead throughout the game. Jenny Calabrese ripped a double to add to the Highlanders' 12-hit attack in Warren.

Sophomore pitcher Gina Turturiello picked up her third win, striking out two and walking only two as the Highlanders boosted their record to 3-0. Watchung Hills fell to 1-1.

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ON THE ATTACK...Blue Devils Joceyn Puschel, No. 29, and Meghan Corbett, No. 16, successfully repel an attack from the Hopewell Valley girls' lacrosse attackers. Westfield defeated Hopewell Valley, 13-3, on April 3.

## Blue Devil Girl Laxers Split; Lose to Blair, Beat Hopewell

By MEGHAN CORBETT  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School varsity girls' lacrosse team opened its season last week with a loss and a win to give them a .500 record. The Blue Devils traveled to Blairstown and Hopewell. They lost a close, 15-10, game to Blair Academy on April 1, then came out victorious against Hopewell Valley Central on April 3 by a score of 13-3.

Against Blair Academy, sophomore goalie Libby Schundler stepped up to play for the varsity team and made 19 saves. Senior Tri-Captain Kit Simons played in goal against Hopewell. She made nine saves and only allowed three goals.

Senior defender Amelia Hanley said, "Kit did a fantastic job in goal. Hopewell's attack had some great shots, but she stopped them. I feel very confident with Kit playing behind me."

Hanley continued, "In general, the defense of the entire team was what helped us win our game against Hopewell. When the attack lost possession, they recovered the ball more than sixty percent of the time. Our defense did a good job of stopping any breakaways or runs Hopewell tried."

In both games seniors Meg Corbett, Pam Lygate and Hanley solidly held the defensive line together. Corbett, Lygate and senior defender Jessica Brewster each tallied one goal against Hopewell. Senior Tri-Captain Kelly Korecky said, "The defense did not give up in both games; they enabled the team to stay in the game against Blair. When Libby filled in at goal against Blair, she really became a key factor in keeping the game close. She did an outstanding job and made some amazing saves."

At midfield, defense wings sophomore Aubrey McGovern and senior Jessica Humphreys controlled the transition. Attack wings sophomores Julia Gates and

Leigh Kendrick and senior Joscelyn Puschel started the attack's runs. Gates tallied two goals in the game against Blair, helping to shorten their lead over the Blue Devils.

Senior Tri-Captain Meghan Hely notched two goals against Blair and one against Hopewell Valley. Her fluid, skillful play combined with the tenacious play of Korecky and sophomores Marina Powell and Kristin Salmond pulled Westfield ahead of Hopewell and drew the Devils closer to Blair. Against Hopewell, Salmond scored a hat trick, Korecky and senior Megan Clarke each had two goals, and Puschel scored once.

Hely said, "Both games gave us the experience of playing against two different levels of lacrosse. For us to come close to Blair, shows how much we have improved since last season and gives me a great insight as to how good we could be by the end of this season." Hely added, "Our work is cut out for us, in that we have had a chance to see some of our defensive and offensive weaknesses, mainly in transitional play. Our team shows great potential and talent, we just need to learn how to connect and play together, as a whole."

## 'Fearless' Bostwick Will Lead Raider Netmen

By DAVID B. CORBIN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Finishing with a 17-3 record last year, the 1998 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' tennis team have quite a challenge ahead of them to match or surpass that achievement. The Raiders have lost several starters, but returning this season will be their ace first singles player senior Mike Bostwick. In addition, two more Raiders, who have experienced varsity action last year, are returning.

Gone are second singles player Jared Duvoisin, John Phillips at third singles and Rex Lee and Jim Ray who spent most of last year at first doubles. Returning with Bostwick will be junior Dave Hassan and sophomore Chris Schlegel who spent most of last year at second doubles.

Duvoisin had a marvelous season, finishing at 18-5, and compiled a 56-15 career varsity record. Phillips had an equally fantastic season, finishing with a 20-3 record and being selected as a Raider Most Valuable Player. Ray finished at 15-5 and Lee had a 13-7 record.

Last year, Bostwick had a 17-7 record, placed fourth in the county tournament and was voted as a Raider Most Valuable Player. Bostwick will most likely remain at first singles and will be a

major contender to seize the Union County Title. With the graduation of Blue Devil Dan Matro, who won the title last year, the road to the championship will be much easier.

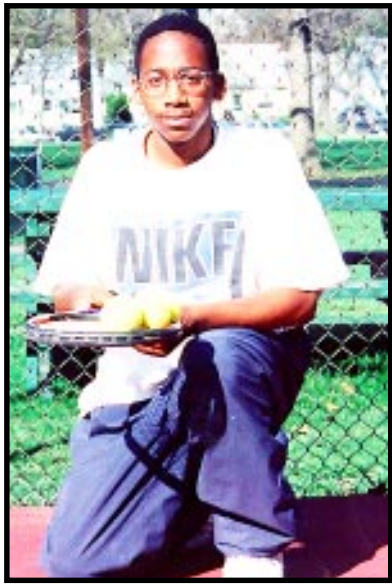
Hassan finished with a 12-7 record last year, placed seventh in the county tournament at first doubles with Lee and will fill the second singles position. Schlegel, who finished with an impressive 12-2 record last year, will fill the third singles slot.

Raider Boys' Tennis Head Coach Dave Blackman will be using a senior, two sophomores and two freshmen to fill in the slots at first and second doubles. Presently Coach Blackman plans to start sophomores Shawn Lefkowitz and Paul Sweedlund at first doubles. Freshmen John Corbin and Doug Gillie may rotate with senior Ian Doeberber at the second doubles position.

"We lost five starters and will have a very young team this season," stated Blackman. "Our difference is that they are such a young team, but they play very well in practice. My concern is, that because they are very young, will they be able to transfer their ability and intensity to the game situations."

When asked about his feelings of Bostwick's chances this year, Coach Blackman pointed out, "Mike is playing very well this year and has taken his game to another level. He will be very tough. He is definitely one of the top players in the county."

Coach Blackman, in his 12th year as Raider boys' tennis Head Coach, has amassed a 203-44 career record and will be seeking to improve upon that great record.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times  
FIRST SINGLES...Senior Mike Bostwick may be the man to beat at the Union County Tennis Tournament.

### Area High School Tennis Results:

April 3:  
Westfield 5, Shabazz 0  
1st Singles - Josh Warren (W) d. Julius Robinson, 6-0, 6-0  
2nd Singles - Chris Benson (W) d. Keyon Lassiter, 6-0, 6-0  
3rd Singles - Sam Fleder (W) won by default  
1st Doubles - Tom O'Connell and Peter Lau (W) won by default  
2nd Doubles - Jeremy Chilknick and Adam Kendler (W) won by default

New Providence 5, Johnson 0  
1st Singles - Todd Kraft (NP) d. Paul Sersen, 6-0, 6-1  
2nd Singles - Steven Edwards (NP) d. Paul Silva, 7-5, 6-1  
3rd Singles - Ted Niedzelski (NP) d. Ron Wesloski, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1  
1st Doubles - Tom Sparano and Alberto Abrio (NP) d. Mark Turner and Nirau Patel, 6-0, 6-1  
2nd Doubles - Jason Shao and Brian Jones (NP) d. Jason Wollenberg and Joe Signorella, 6-1, 6-2

Union Catholic 5, Rahway 0  
1st Singles: Ken Soriano (UC) d. Jay Baluyot, 6-1, 6-2.  
2nd Singles: Tom Werner (UC) d. Jose Bedoya, 6-3, 6-1  
3rd Singles: Jimmy DiCarlo (UC) d. Jonathan Ferrell, 6-4, 7-5  
1st Doubles: Martin Flemming and J. T. Wilkinson (UC) d. Jason Reverendo and Michael Coroso, 6-0, 6-2  
2nd Doubles: Bill Cuartas and Luke Partyka (UC) d. Francesco Ventura and Jim Lenkovicz, 6-4, 6-4



OUT AT FIRST...Blue Devil first baseman Stephanie Flynn catches the softball to record the third out of the inning against the Cougars. The Cranford High School girls won 6-5 in Cranford.

## Cranford Softballers Stop Blue Devil Girls' Rally, 6-5

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left-center to bring home Leonardis. Francz scored the second run of the inning on a fielder's choice.

Again, the Blue Devil offense struck viciously in the top of the fourth, scoring two runs to narrow the Cougars' lead to only one run. Stephanie Flynn started the rally by slashing a single to right-center. Wagner laid down a bunt and reached first safely as Flynn flew to second.

With Colleen Ryan at the plate, the Blue Devils successfully pulled a double steal, putting runners in scoring position.

Then, Ryan tapped a grounder to the pitcher who threw her out at first as Flynn sailed home for the first run of the inning. With Wagner on third, Phillips dug in at the plate and slashed a single to center to bring home Wagner for the next run. The Cougar defense tightened up and stopped any further scoring.

In the remaining two innings, both teams' defenses held and the Cougars breathed easily after the last Blue Devil was called out.

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### DEADLINE INFO.

**Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS**



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SCHOLAR ATHLETE AND SPONSOR...Westfield High School senior Mike Baly, left, stands with Glenn Kehler outside Kehler's Athletic Balance. Baly was the Westfield Leader's Scholar athlete for the month of February. The Mattress Factory in Garwood, The Leader Store, Taylor and Love Century 21, Hershey's Giant Subs and Kehler's Athletic Balance are the Sponsors of the Scholar Athlete of the Month. A plaque with Baly's name and picture will be placed at Kehler's Athletic Balance for approximately three weeks.

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## Girls' Youth Lacrosse Notes Rapid Growth in Westfield

Founded just three years ago in 1995, the girls' division of the Westfield Lacrosse Club has grown exponentially with almost 150 girls participating this season. The club is open to all 3rd through 8th grade girls who want to learn the sport. No experience is necessary and residency in Westfield is not required.

Each team meets to practice and/or play two days per week. "The girls are taught the fundamentals and stickwork of girls' lacrosse as well as enjoying the experience of being on a team and learning sportsmanship," said club Director and founder Lois Hely. "Lacrosse is a beautiful game that flows. It requires different skills than other

sports yet incorporates other games' concepts and strategies. We want to offer the girls of Westfield a challenging and rewarding sports experience with lacrosse."

The 3rd and 4th grade program is instructional, with two games played at the end of the season. The 5th and 6th grades as well as each of the 7th and 8th grades will field traveling teams with games against other youth leagues in Chatham, Millburn, Madison, Mountain Lakes, Summit and Ridgewood.

The girls' home field is behind Edison Intermediate School. The program's growth has meant a need for more coaches, and the club would like to recognize the following volunteers for their valued coaching: Lynn Evans, Mary Ann Werner and Tom Buttrick for the 3rd and 4th graders; Marianne Flood, Marga Reynolds and Barbara Cole-Kelly for the 5th and 6th graders; Amy Stone and Ellie Molloy for the 7th graders; and Barbara Lang and Jennifer Higgins for the 8th graders.

### Willoughby Team Wins FOMBL Championship

In a stunning victory, the Willoughby squad led by Ron Shovlin and Jeff Lehmann defeated defending champs Hunter in the Fanwood Old Men's Basketball League. Willoughby ended a dazzling 17-0 season by defeating Hunter 55-47 to seal the Championship. After losing to Willoughby four times this year, Paul Ewing said, "We ran into a buzz saw tonight."

Willoughby was led by Lehman with 35 points, Mike Ewing with 10 points and Shovlin's monstrous 17 rebounds.

The game was close throughout the contest but the major turning point arrived when Hunter's leading scorer, Todd Kylish, got hit in the head and had to leave the game. Willoughby took advantage of this situation and went on a 10-0 run composed of a three-point shooting barrage.

Willoughby's team captains Mike Ewing and Tom Kelly had this to say this after the victory, "It's all real when it is concrete and steel."

The Fanwood Old Men's Basketball League would like to thank Tom Smith, the referees, and Kelly and all those who helped out this season

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the Planning Board meeting of the Township of Scotch Plains held on April 6, 1998, the applications of William and Jennifer Clancy, 1018 Leland Avenue, Block No. 15403, Lot No. 5 for a Minor Subdivision of one lot into two lots and K. Hovnanian at Scotch Plains II/Woodland Estates, Woodland Avenue, Block No. 15801, Lot Nos. 4, 5, 9, 10 for a Major Subdivision for 22 lots in Scotch Plains were memorialized by the Board. The file pertaining to these applications is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev

Secretary to the Planning Board  
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**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER...Blue Devil Brian Gates, right, receives the trophy from Bob Roguso, President of the Westfield Booster Association, for being chosen as the recipient of the Most Valuable Senior Award for hockey. The Most Improved Award went to Chad Puchel, the Blue Devil Award went to Brendan Hickey and the Ben Arnold Spirit Award went to Erik Schoenberg. Food at the hockey diner was catered by Hershey's Giant Subs and Deli.**

## Mountainside Baseball Sets April 25 Fundraiser

Mountainside Youth Baseball will hold its second Dinner/Silent Auction/Sports Memorabilia Auction on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 4 p.m. at Deerfield School on Central Avenue in Mountainside.

This year's dinner will be hosted by the Outback Steakhouse, located in Echo Plaza in Springfield. Ed Young, proprietor of the Outback Steakhouse, will donate steak sandwiches (\$3), chicken sandwiches (\$3), and caesar salad (\$2) for the event.

Dinner reservations are requested. Reservation forms are available at the Mountainside Recreation Office in Bor-

ough Hall or by contacting Sue Moss at 354 Rolling Rock Road, Mountainside, 07092, or calling (908) 789-1933 after 4 p.m.

After dinner, at 6 p.m., the silent auction will commence with Russ Salzberg of WWOR/WFAN as the guest auctioneer. Sporting event tickets, a television, bicycle, stereo, videocassette recorder, a "Princess Di" beanie baby, dinners and sports memorabilia will be auctioned off.

All proceeds will be used to support Mountainside Youth Baseball.

Those who purchased dinners prior to the event will receive free admission to the auction. A limited amount of tickets will be sold at the door.

## S P-F Jazz Soccer Neutralizes Cranford Lightning Girls, 7-1

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz inter-city girls' soccer teams thundered to a 7-1 victory over the Cranford Lightning in Cranford on April 5.

The Jazz stormed to a quick 1-0 lead when Shannon Hauser and Loni Kaye pressured the Lightning deep in Cranford territory. A Cranford throw-in was then stolen by Allie Hambleton who passed the ball to the middle where Lauren Mains scored from point blank range.

Goal number two was scored when Katie Van Haasteren made a steal and set up Bitsy Kipping for a scoring blast from just inside the 18-yard line. The Lightning came back with a score on a breakaway, but the Jazz struck back immediately when Gaby Falco streaked up the left side, crossed the ball to the right wing where Lauren Hercul sent a thunderbolt into the Cranford net.

The Jazz extended their lead with a cloudburst of four unanswered goals in the second half. Maddie Wasser showed some nifty ball handling as she took a pass from Hallie Mintz and sprinted through the Lightning defense for a breakaway goal. Two minutes later Wasser scored again on a fine set-up by Kipping.

Later the Jazz scored a goal on a play right out of the soccer text book. Briana Falco stopped a Cranford rush and sent a long clearing pass up to the left wing where Mains picked up the ball and dribbled past two defenders. Mains then crossed the ball to Hauser who sent a scorching shot into the left corner of the goal. The final goal was scored on a pool shot by Mains that was deflected in by Hambleton.

This was the first victory of the Spring season for the Jazz.

## Galloping Hill Reopens Following Winter Closure

After being closed for redevelopment over the winter months, nine of the 27 holes at Union County's Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth were reopened on April 4.

On announcing the course's re-opening, County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan discussed the \$4,765,350 redevelopment project.

"Our renovation efforts are proceeding according to schedule. By closing the entire course for winter, the grass on the Phase I renovation was allowed to mature, resulting in improved turf conditions this spring," he observed.

"Phase II of the project should be ready to open around mid-June, with overall construction being finished in mid-1999," Mr. Sullivan continued.

"I know the construction has disrupted

play for many people but I am also sure they will be very pleased with the finished project," he added.

Galloping Hill's Pitch and Putt course also reopened for the season on April 4. "This par three experience is perfect for practice sessions and beginning golfers," noted County Manager Michael Lapolla. "Beginning May 22, the lights on this course are turned on, so the opportunity for play is extended."

Galloping Hill Golf Course, a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, turns 70 this year. For information on the course, its reconstruction, automated tee time reservation system or pitch and putt, please call the clubhouse at (908) 686-1556.

### Local Duo Compete

#### With JMU Gymnasts

Westfield natives Dawn Vierschilling and Lisa Dec, both students at James Madison University (JMU) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, have been members of the JMU women's gymnastics team, which capped its 1998 season with a third place finish out of eight teams at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships on March 21.

Vierschilling, helped the Dukes compile a season-high team total of 189.525 at the ECACs with strong marks in the floor exercise, balance beam, and uneven bars. The senior co-captain posted numbers of 9.525 on beam, 9.05 on bars, and her 9.55 score on floor established a new career-high. Vierschilling, who ranks fifth on the JMU career list on the balance beam, earned All-ECAC honors last season after tying for third individually on that apparatus at the 1997 ECAC Championships.

Dec, a junior on the JMU squad, tied for eighth place on the balance beam with a 9.40 at the Virginia State Championships on March 15. An outstanding student, Dec earned a 3.5625 grade point average for the fall semester and was named to the ECAC All-Academic team for the second straight year.

The Dukes finished behind Pennsylvania and William and Mary at the ECAC meet and set season-high team totals in the uneven bars, balance beam, and floor exercise competitions.

## U-11 Sabers Slash Tewksbury, 2-1

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Sabers scored an impressive 2-1 victory over a talented Tewksbury team. The Saber defense held Tewksbury scoreless until the final minutes of the match.

Terrance Charles was a power on the backline as he stopped many of the Tewksbury charges. Charles was aided by Bill Schoenbach, Jeff Bell, Ryan Aspell, and Greg Leischner. The goal keeping tandem of Bill Albizati and Matt Rien only had a few tough saves. Matt Colon, Steve Gaetano, Robert Lasher, and Sean Smith patrolled the midfield feeding the Saber front line and stopping the Tewksbury offense.

Match stars up front have gone to Andrew Silber, Sean McNelis, Adam Greenwald, and Patrick Schiazza. The Sabers netted a goal in each half. The first was set up by a Colon corner kick neatly tucked into the net by Silber. The second came at the end of some tough, aggressive play by Schoenbach who crashed the goal mouth and banged the winner off the goalie.

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## Fanwood Plans Activities To Celebrate Earth Day

The Fanwood Clean Community Committee has announced the slate of afternoon Earth Day activities which will follow the organization's annual cleanup.

Volunteers will assemble at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, at the south parking lot of the Fanwood train station, and will be divided into groups, each assigned to clean a specific area. The work should be completed before noon.

Earth Day T-shirts, gloves and trash bags will be furnished to all participants, and refreshments will be provided at the completion of the cleanup.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Fanwood Nature Center, walking tours of the facility will be available. Dean Talcott, the center groundskeeper and Environmental

Commission Chairman, will give a talk at 2 p.m.

With the goal of "Think Globally...Act Locally," all residents and business owners will again be asked to pledge their cooperation in keeping their properties clean.

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

Volunteers are asked to notify DPW Director Raymond Manfra in advance by calling (908) 322-7404, but any walk-ins will be welcomed, according to committee member and spokesman Peter Sayles.



Fusca Creativity Award was a special honor recently for the Brainstormers team from Wilson Elementary School in Westfield. The recipients, left to right, are: bottom row, Aaron Eisenberg, Elizabeth Kline, Lauren McCurdy, Andrew Patel-Schneider, Ian Schwartz, Willy Schwartz, and Max Suri. The Blanks team members participating in the Odyssey of the Mind competition are Wilson students, top row, Emily Chertoff, Christopher Engel, Annie Greenberg, Skyler Hookano, Garrett Keating, Drew Ritter and Nina Subhas.

## Westfield Teams Score High In 'Odyssey of the Mind'

Six teams of Westfield elementary school problem-solvers participated in the Odyssey of the Mind's North Jersey Regional Competition held recently in Hackensack High School. Two of the six teams, ranging from second to fifth graders, returned for the state finals held on April 4 in Ewing.

Two groups of students from Franklin Elementary School moved on to the statewide competition, including the first place winners in the regional competition, the Marvelous Mentors.

These students, who competed against 20 other teams faced with writing and performing a television commercial about a nutritious food product, include fifth graders Matt Delaney, Barrett Newell, Elissa Niemiera, Martin Paul and Adam Subhas, and fourth grader Amanda Gross. They then went on to win the state finals in Ewing, the first Westfield team ever to do so.

Their coaches, who are prohibited from making suggestions or constructing any of the presentation materials, were Matthew and Joanie Niemiera.

First-time Odyssey of the Mind coaches Lee Cohn and Paul Faustine, returned to the state finals with their fifth-place team of creative thinkers, who invented a "pageant wagon" and exhibited the life of a "hard coated candy."

The team was comprised of students from third through fifth grade, including Seth Applebaum, Jesse Cohn, Bryan Knapp, Michelle Molawski, Courtney Pogue, Alison Rodino, and Vincent Tomasso.

Two other teams represented Franklin School at the Northern Regional competition. They included fourth and fifth graders John Aleksandravicius, Hannah Cataldo, Abigail Lewis, Michael Lombard, Calle Messerole, Jeff Shuttis and Nikki Zubizarreta. Their "Create and Animate" performance, about a music box ballerina who comes to life, was coached by Leslie Lewis and Rosemary Lombard.

"Camouflaged Creation" was composed of third through fifth graders Casey Brown, Sarah Klass, Perri Koll, Julia Nelson, Lauren Sinningberg and Nicky Valle-Vasquez. They designed and built a balsa wood structure that was camouflaged during their performance and then tested by supporting weights. The team was coached by

Louise and Eugene Vallee-Vasquez.

Younger teams represented Wilson School at the Odyssey of the Mind regional competition. Despite their age, the Brainstormers won the coveted Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award for "demonstrating creativity at an outstanding level in the spirit of the Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving activities."

This is Odyssey of the Mind's highest award, and was presented to the Brainstormers for developing a solution to restrictions placed upon them in the size of their staging area.

To solve this problem, some of the students wore a "wall costume" that became part of the set background. The Brainstormers included third graders Aaron Eisenberg, Elizabeth Kline, Lauren McCurdy, Andrew Patel-Schneider, Ian Schwartz and Willy Schwartz, and second grader Max Suri. They were coached by Sandy Pate-Schneider and Susan Schwartz.

Also representing Wilson School were The Blanks, coached by Carroll Keating and Jill Kurtzer. The third grade contingency includes Christopher Engel, Annie Greenberg, Skyler Hookano, Garrett Keating, Drew Ritter, and Nina Subhas. Second grader Emily Chertoff also participated.

All of the Westfield teams spent months after school and on weekends developing creative thinking and teamwork to solve divergent problems. The problems were designed by Odyssey of the Mind, which also sets guidelines for the work and competition.

Their mission statement reflects the belief that creativity is a valuable skill that should be nurtured in every individual. It is a non-profit organization which of the top 100 from the regional to international level.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-13916-97.

PNC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF vs. GEORGE HAYDEN, JR. AND LUZ M. HAYDEN, HIS WIFE; BEAL BANK, S.S.B.; ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF MAY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$114,252.80. 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: 327 EAST JERSEY STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.

Tax Lot No. 207 in Block No. 3 A/K/A TAX LOT ACCOUNT NO. 207 BLOCK WARD NO. 3 A/K/A TAX ACCOUNT NO. 3-207.

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 25.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the NORTHEASTERLY side of EAST JERSEY STREET, 325.00 feet from the NORTHWESTERLY side of THIRD STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$117,310.96 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys  
406 - J Lippincott Drive  
Marlton, New Jersey 08053  
CH-753704 (WL)

4/1 - 4/9, 4/16, 4/23 & 4/30/98 Fee: \$179.52



CLEAN COMMUNITY...Members of the Fanwood Clean Community Committee, pictured left to right, are: front row, Pamela Sayles, Dean Talcott and Ruth Samuelson; back row, Peter Sayles, Bob McCarthy, Linda Talcott, Raymond Manfra and Gregory Cummings. The committee is gearing up for the borough's annual Earth Day celebration and cleanup to be held on Saturday, April 18.



STATE COMPETITION WINNERS...Receiving first place at the Odyssey of the Mind state-wide competition, which recognizes creativity in problem solving, are Westfield's Franklin Elementary School students. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row, Matt Delaney, Adam Subhas, Barrett Newell, Elissa Niemera, Martin Paul and Amanda Gross. Achieving fifth place at the regionals and also competing for state recognition are, top row, Seth Applebaum, Vincent Tomasso, Bryan Knapp, Jesse Cohn, Michelle Molawski, Alison Rodino and Courtney Pogue.

### 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 ALS, 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

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1170 Route 2E East  
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807-2926  
CH-753687 (WL)

4 T - 4/2, 4/9, 4/16 & 4/23/98 Fee: \$171.36

### 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

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MEETING OF SCIENTISTS...Parkinson's Disease research neurologist, Dr. Lawrence Golbe, left, meets with Merck drug researcher Dr. Frederick Bollinger during a recent meeting of the Parkinson Support Group in Westfield.

## Parkinson Support Group To Hear From Scientists

At the March 9 meeting of the Parkinson Support Group in Westfield two scientists met for the first time.

Dr. Frederick Bollinger, a retired research chemist for Merck & Company, was a co-developer of Sinemet, a widely used drug to treat Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Bollinger is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Westfield and is an advisor to the support group. Dr. Lawrence Golbe is a Professor of Neurology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School which is part of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at New Brunswick.

Dr. Golbe is presently involved with research studies of new Parkinson drugs and with studies of the genetics

of the disease. His work has led to the discovery of the first known Parkinson gene. Both of these researchers discussed their work at the meeting.

The next meeting of the support group will be on Monday, April 13, at the Presbyterian Church at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will include a peer discussion amongst the Parkinson sufferers and their caregivers, which will enable them to talk about anything that may help them to better cope with daily living. The meetings are open to the public.

For additional information and directions to the church, please call the church office at (908) 233-0301.



PRESSURE TEST...Representatives from the Mountainside Twig receive a demonstration of the blood pressure machine, which they recently donated to the Children's Specialized Hospital, located on New Providence Road, for the ambulatory care center. The machine, which monitors blood pressure and also oxygen levels in a patient's blood stream, was purchased by the Twig upon completion of a \$10,000 pledge to the hospital. Prospective members may contact Twig, President, Marie Scofield at (908) 654-0257 or Sally Reisner at (908) 654-4338. Pictured, left to right, are: Nancy Salvati, Karen Crisafi; Maria Scofield, current President; Diane Appleby, Karen Temple and Diana Aklan, Past President.



CREATIVE KIDS...Create and Animate team members who participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition, from Franklin Elementary School, pictured, left to right, are: bottom row, Sarah Klass, Perri Koll, Julia Nelson, Lauren Sinningberg and Nicky Valle-Vasquez, and top row, John Aleksandravicius, Hannah Cataldo, Abigail Lewis, Michael Lombard, Calle Messerole, Jeff Shuttis and Nikki Zubizarreta. Not pictured is Casey Brown.

## Chamber 2x6

## Barrett & Crane 3x4

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# Columns From Those Who Serve You

## Congress Needs to Take Action and Scrap Tax Code

By CONGRESSMAN BOB FRANKS  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Everywhere I travel in our state, people are expressing anger and frustration with the current system of taxing Americans — and for good reason. Just look at the facts:

- The tax code is impossibly complex. With 475 different Internal Revenue Service (IRS) forms to choose from, it takes the average family more than 12 hours to fill out their tax return. Taxpayers are so afraid of making a mistake on their tax returns that 60 percent now hire a professional to do the job.
- The tax code is full of loopholes written to benefit powerful special interests at the expense of hard-working families. There's an army of lobbyists — more than 67,000 strong — working every day in Washington to preserve and expand the tax loopholes won by the special interests.
- Congressional hearings have exposed a tax collection agency that harasses and intimidates taxpayers. Working-class families are prime targets of the IRS because they figure you can't afford to fight back.
- It's costing you a fortune to enforce the tax code. American taxpayers and businesses spend \$300 billion a year just to comply with the current system.

I recently sent a survey on the tax system to my constituents. The response has been so overwhelming that we still haven't finished tallying all the results. But the preliminary numbers leave no doubt — taxpayers are demanding a new, simpler and fairer tax system.

In Washington, a movement is growing to scrap the current tax code. I am one of 127 House members on both sides of the political aisle who have joined in co-sponsoring legislation that would abolish the current tax code by December 31, 2001.

Congress would then have more than three years to engage in a national debate over tax reform and reach a consensus on implementing a new system that's simple, fair and honest.

While scrapping the tax code may be popular in New Jersey and in communities across America, in Washington the special interests are prepared to mount an all-out campaign to preserve the current system with all its loopholes.

If tax reform is to become a reality, taxpayers across the country must stand up and demand change.

Here in New Jersey, we have an opportunity to lead a national movement to "Scrap the Tax." Three state legislators are spearheading a

"Scrap the Tax" ballot initiative. State Senator Norm Robertson and Assemblymen Steve Corodemus and George Geist are sponsoring legislation that would place the question of abolishing the tax code before New Jersey voters this November.

The support of New Jersey voters would go a long way toward driving the issue through Congress. It can give members of Congress the resolve to stand up to the special interests, abolish the current tax system and develop a new way to finance the essential services of the federal government.

With the support of taxpayers across our state and our nation, we can force Washington to scrap the tax code and develop a new system that's simple, fair and honest.

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*Congressman Bob Franks, of Berkeley Heights, was elected to Congress in 1992 and reelected in 1994 and 1996 and is seeking a fourth term. The Seventh Congressional District includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Mountainside. He served seven terms in the State Assembly.*



## Moving Toward Millennium Brings Host of Challenges

By SENATOR DONALD T. DIFRANCESCO  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The year 2000 is quickly approaching and with it comes a host of new challenges for New Jersey's leaders.

To succeed in the new millennium, it is necessary to tap into the strength of our diverse population

enabling New Jersey to flourish economically, socially and culturally. Of course, all that we do in the years ahead we do for our youngest citizens.

Our children will need the best education we can provide to ensure their success, and the 208th Legislature is committed to do what is right for our schoolchildren and their teachers. The Senate is in the process of fine tuning the state budget for 1999, which will reflect an increase in state aid to our schools.

The latest school funding figures reflect an increase of over \$19.5 million in state aid for Union County



schools. Education prepares children for opportunities that will expand as New Jersey continues to successfully secure its position as a world-class economic leader.

That success depends on many factors, including the foresight and fortitude of state leadership to build a transportation system that moves us into the next century.

New Jersey has more railroad and highway mileage in proportion to its size than any other state. This vast network impacts how we move people and products, as well as our economy, employment, quality of life and environment.

Local interest in the development of light rail lines and grassroots advocacy for more direct train service should not be ignored. Development of mass transit has long been known as New Jersey's best avenue toward reducing traffic, lowering air emissions and strengthening regional hubs.

Tuning up our transportation system may involve costly projects, including expansion of the Hudson River tunnel. Ironically, these price tags will pale against the losses we face economically and environmentally if we fail to come to terms with our aging transit system.

I have asked the Senate Transportation Committee to review "Access to Region's Core" report and to conduct the hearings and research necessary to give legislative life to these proposals. The livelihood of New Jersey's commuters depends on a transportation system that works.

At the same time that we must find a way to keep our state moving, we must also find a way to slow it down. The insatiable need for development of the state's open spaces has seriously threatened the preservation of our natural resources and the availability of recreation and conservation land.

Initiating innovative incentive programs urging local governments to address the so-called "quiet crisis" of encroaching sprawl is at the top of the Senate's priority list.

We must build on past initiatives such as the purchase of Sterling Forest and the protection of more than 800,000 acres of parks, historic sites and public use areas through the Green Acres program.

The year 2000 provides the Legislature with a unique vantage point to discuss, evaluate and even direct the role state government must play as we face the issues of the 21st century.

I propose we do so under the auspices of a Senate Study Committee on the New Millennium, which will take a look at the impact of the year 2000. It's essential to be prepared for the potential technical problems which may arise, as well as issues such as population growth.

I have also called on my Senate colleagues to join me in working together as one house on the issues we know matter to all New Jerseyans, including relief for motorists and taxpayers.

The bipartisan spirit which pervaded the charity care and auto insurance reform debate is an ideal environment for the Legislature to begin its venture into the year 2000, and beyond.

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*Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco is serving his fourth term as State Senate President. A resident of Scotch Plains, he represents the 22nd Legislative District which includes Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.*

## County Government Learning To Do More With Less in '90s

By DANIEL P. SULLIVAN  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Living in the 1990s, most of our residents have learned how to do more with less. The cost of living has consistently risen for us all, while salaries too often grow at a slower pace.

As Freeholders, it is our responsibility to ensure that Union County government runs efficiently and effectively.

County government, with a Democratic majority leading the way on the Freeholder Board, has learned how to do more with less over the past two years. It is important that public servants understand that our residents work very hard for their money.

The Freeholder Board, elected to serve by the people of Union County, sets the budget that determines how much our families pay in taxes.

As Chairman, I am delighted to announce that the Freeholder board will be delivering a tax decrease to the residents of Union County for the second consecutive year. We scrutinized every line in the budget, every dollar we spend. We accepted and met the challenge of providing Union County residents with the best programs and services available at the lowest possible cost.

Our commitment to the residents of Union County extends beyond fiscal responsibility. It includes the creation of innovative programs designed to prepare residents for tomorrow while improving their quality of life today.

To equip our children for the future, we have initiated the Union County Access 2000 program, which will put a computer, Internet access and state-of-the-art software in every public school classroom by the end of the year 2000. This \$3 million program is an investment that will prepare our children to compete effectively in the ever-growing global marketplace.

In Union County, we have nearly 500,000 people living in 100 square miles. Open space is precious and our parks and playgrounds need help to meet the demands of our residents. Our budget calls for a \$1 million matching-grant program called "Project Pocket Park." Municipalities can apply for up to \$25,000 per project to build, upgrade or replace a

playground or recreation facility. To date, nearly three-quarters of our municipalities have inquired into the program.

Union County residents expressed their desire to see the arts receive a higher priority at the county level.

Our answer was to initiate the \$100,000 H E A R T Grant Program, where local artists, painters, theater groups and anyone involved in the arts may apply for matching-grants up to \$5,000. Our county's cultural assets contribute to a better quality of life for all our residents.

Making our streets safer is a priority the Freeholder board takes very seriously. Working with Union County Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich, we've initiated a pilot program we're calling "Municipal Prisoner Transport." Municipalities have limited resources and need to keep their cars and police officers patrolling the streets.

Moving a prisoner to the Union County Jail can take many hours, especially from towns like Scotch Plains and Westfield, located in the western part of the county.

The Municipal Prisoner Transport program designates Sheriff's officers to move prisoners from our municipalities to the Union County Jail. This enables municipal police officers to stay on their beats and provide the protection and service our residents need.

As you can see, doing more with less is a very high priority for your Freeholder board. You have my promise as Chairman that we will continue our efforts to make Union County a great place to live and raise a family.

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*An Elizabeth resident, Daniel P. Sullivan is Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for 1998. He has served as a Freeholder since 1995.*



## This Year's Budget Doubles Capital Improvement Funds

By WESTFIELD MAYOR THOMAS C. JARDIM  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Over the past year, I have spoken to thousands of residents during my Mayor's walks in our neighborhoods, at public events and at community meetings.

We have made a great deal of progress in Town Hall, but much still needs to be done.

Recently, the Town Council introduced its 1998 budget. This budget was the result of about two months of hard work by all of the members of council. Members of the public should know that the hard work has paid off, at least as it relates to our capital improvement program and other items for this coming year and for the longer term.

We have put together a capital program this year that is nearly double capital programs of the past. Some of the improvements for the coming year and beyond include:

- \$600,000 in funds for paving and other road improvements, and a commitment to fix Westfield's crumbling roads over a multi-year period.
- Over \$100,000 to improve our parks and fields.
- \$25,000 for improved downtown lighting.



• \$100,000 for the acquisition and renovation of the former site of the Excellent Diner into a "Pocket Park."

• \$7,500 to begin improvements to the "Central Avenue Corridor" as part of the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

• \$25,000 to be spent towards solving the downtown and commuter parking problems.

All in all, it's a capital program that demonstrates in many tangible ways our commitment to investing in our town and to accomplishing important quality of life initiatives.

Although I am pleased with the capital program we have developed, I cannot support other areas of the 1998 budget. I believe there are areas in the operating budget of the town which can be cut without any decrease in service.

I also believe strongly that the citizens of Westfield cannot afford property tax increases every year. This is especially true for senior citizens living on a fixed income and young families squeezed by a rising cost of living.

By setting priorities and opposing tax increases, my goal is to deliver the services you expect in a fiscally responsible manner. We can accomplish both of these goals this year without a tax increase.

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*Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim was elected in 1996 as Westfield's first Democratic Mayor in 85 years. He is seeking a second, two-year term.*

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

— Henry Ford

The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.

— Benjamin Franklin

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Westfield School District, Union County, New Jersey, at the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the following supplies, equipment or services:

**BID FOR: B9-101**  
**PRINTED FORMS FOR THE WESTFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR TO 1998-1999 SCHOOL YEAR**

**BIDDUE:**  
**APRIL 23, 1998 at 10:30 AM**

The bids will be received at the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, on the date and at the time indicated, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be in strict compliance with specifications. Bids must be made on the proposal forms in the manner designed. Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the sealed envelope, with the name of the bidder, the bidder's address and the name of the supplies, equipment, or services for which the bid is submitted. It is understood and agreed that proposals may be delivered before the time or at the place specified for opening. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for bids mailed or misdirected in delivery.

The Board of Education of the Town of Westfield, in Union County, New Jersey, reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids for the whole or any part and waive any informalities in the interest of the Board of Education. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

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".

Bidders are required to comply with requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127, (NJAC 17:27).

By order of the Town of Westfield Board of Education, Union County, New Jersey.  
Dr. Robert C. Rader  
Board Secretary

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey, in the Board of Education Office, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090, at 10:30 AM (Prevailing Time) on April 21, 1998 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

**BID NO. B8-121**  
**ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR FIELD HOUSE AT GARY KEHLER STADIUM**

Plans and Specifications will be available on April 13, 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 Forty (\$40.00) 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 P.L. 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 C. Rader  
Board Secretary

1 T - 4/9/98, The Leader Fee: \$59.16

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY**  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey, in the Board of Education Office, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090, at 10:30 AM (Prevailing Time) on April 24, 1998 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

**BID FOR: B8-120**  
**PAVING AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Plans and Specifications will be available on April 13, 1998.

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Robert C. Rader  
Board Secretary

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## 'Scammers' Invade Privacy With Unwanted Cyber Mail

By ASSEMBLYMAN RICHARD H. BAGGER  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

No "Honeymooners" episode could ever be complete without the great Ralph Kramden declaring to his wife, Alice, "This is my castle and in my castle, I am the king." In case the long-suffering Alice missed the point, Ralph would repeat, "The king, Alice." Kramden, of course, rested his claim on Sir Edward Coke's observation that "A man's house is his castle, as well as for his defense against injury and violence as for his taxpayer."

Fortunately for Kramden and Coke, neither lasted into the Internet age. Today, cyber junk mailers zip unwanted e-mail into your homes and threaten your peace and repose. If our homes are our castles, then walls have been scaled and the defenses breached.

The cyber experts refer to this invasion of your repose as "Spamming," a term coined from an old Monty Python routine. In the Python spam skit, voices in the background would chant "spam, spam, spam, spam," louder and louder, until the chant drowned out the conversation. While Monty Python was meant to be humorous, there is nothing funny about an e-mail box jammed with spam.

Survey.Net, a public survey site, recently asked users if spamming was bothering them. More than 1,800

jumped at the chance to be heard. Nine out of 10 said they get at least one piece of spam per week, and almost half said that dealing with spamming problems costs them "significant time and money." Seven out of 10 said spamming is annoying or highly annoying.

If a telemarketer is bothering you, it is relatively easy to fight back. Under federal laws, a telemarketer must stop calling you. If he fails to stop, you have the right to take him to court. You can also tell a direct mail house to take you off its mailing lists.

But it isn't so easy with spammers. Some e-mailers are hiding their identities to hinder you if you try to complain about them. Deirdre Mulligan, of the Washington-based Center for Democracy and Technology, a non-profit public interest group, was quoted in a recent newspaper article as saying, "You feel as if there's no way for you to win this

on your own." Some of our neighbors feel so beset by the problem that they recently formed a group to fight the problem called the Coalition Against Unwanted Commercial E-mail. That it has signed up 7,000 members in less than seven months is testimony to two inescapable facts: First, tracking down spammers is beyond the technical capacity of the vast majority of people and second, people want to be left alone.

None of this should come as a surprise. Our mail boxes have been crammed full of useless junk mail for years. Telemarketers interrupt families during the dinner hour, bombarding us with pitches for things we do not need. And now spammers cross the electronic moats around our homes to launch their electronic arrows from web sites far and near.

This desire to remain undisturbed in our homes is certainly reasonable. During the past two years, my colleagues and I in the Legislature have fought to reinforce the bulwarks of New Jerseyans' family privacy. During the last session, we voted to ban telemarketers from using computer-generated automatic dialers to call your homes and tie up the family phone lines. And now I am prepared to introduce a bill to ban the spamming of New Jersey's personal computers.

My proposal is straightforward. The bill says that spammers must identify who they are and that a spammer who disguises his or her identity violates the state's consumer protection laws. The bill says that spammers who send their junk e-mail into New Jersey must provide a contact person for New Jerseyans to reach out to, and if a New Jerseyan asks that the spamming stop, they must stop doing so. Failure to adhere to these requests would be a violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act.

The great United States Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once observed, "Privacy is the right to be alone — the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized man." No man or woman is the king or queen of his or her castle if he or she cannot control that most basic right, the right to be left alone. Spamming threatens this basic right. My bill simply seeks to restore to our families this protection, to return to them the right of repose and to make them again, the kings and queens of their castles.

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*Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, of Westfield, was first elected to the Assembly in 1991, the same year he served as Westfield Mayor. He was reelected in 1993, 1995 and 1997.*



**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.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 20, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$110,630.15. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as 330 First Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206; Tax Lot No. 479 in Block No. 5. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 32 feet wide by 108 feet long.

Nearest Cross street: Beginning at a point in the westerly line of First Avenue, distant southerly 39.24 feet from the intersection of the westerly line of First Avenue with the southerly line of Lt. Glenn Samorski Drive.

There is due approximately the sum of \$113,593.16 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH  
SHERIFF

JOSEPH A. GOLDBECK, JR., Attorney

Sentry Office Plaza, Suite 420  
216 Haddon Avenue  
Westmont, New Jersey 08108  
CH-753658 (WL)  
4 T - 3/19, 3/26,  
4/2 & 4/9/98  
Fee: \$179.52



# Columns From Those Who Serve You

## Excellence in Education Guides Students' Lives

By DR. WILLIAM J. FOLEY  
Westfield Superintendent of Schools  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

"If you do not know where you want to go, it does not matter what road you take." This ancient Chinese proverb holds special significance for school systems, entangled as they are with so much conflicting advice.



Some politicians are especially enamored with educational solutions to all of society's problems while they stridently criticize the performance of our students. Uniforms, vouchers, single-sex schools and state-sponsored pre-school education are just a few of the answers proposed in recent news accounts.

Some criticism, like reactions to the performance of United States 12th graders in math and science on the latest international assessment, is justified. Other issues, like the tragedy in Jonesboro, Arkansas, have no answers.

Last December, 35 Westfield citizens and educators gathered at Lucent Technologies for a weekend retreat to discuss what we wanted for Westfield students and how to get there. Part of the answer came in a mission statement that the committee unanimously approved to submit for community and board review.

"The mission of the Westfield School District, a system built on successful cooperation among family, school and community, is to prepare all students to achieve excellence and to become responsible citizens through rigorous educational programs which respect individual differences and diversity."

Parents send the schools children eager and ready to learn, while the larger community provides the financial resources and volunteer efforts that make the schools successful. Excellence is not simply about grades and college entrance, although these are important. Excellence is a value that should guide every aspect of the lives of children, whether it is on the athletic field, on the stage or in the workplace.

Concomitant with excellence is respect for differences, because both college, the workplace, and indeed the world in which they live, demands it.

As I reflect on our first efforts to set direction for the district for the next five years, I also find much that we can celebrate. Continued community support helps make the Westfield schools succeed. In addition to traditionally supporting the school budget, I find Westfield residents eager to help in so many ways. During the year, 170 volunteers representing all segments of the community have been active in the strategic planning process; more than 50 parents gave up their Saturday to wire schools during NetDay; and hundreds more are involved in volunteer efforts in individual schools.

In addition, the new families that have moved to Westfield in the past few years have revitalized our town. They bring enormous personal commitment to improve the quality of life in Westfield and the academic performance of our schools.

Our test scores are up at all levels as senior staff join with the many new teachers to raise the bar for all our students. The intermediate math program was upgraded, making algebra accessible to more students, and our elementary reading program is being totally rewritten. Technology is beginning to have an impact on our curriculum in language arts at the elementary level, in social studies in the intermediate schools, and in pilot programs at the high school.

Research available to our students has been dramatically increased as a result of computerizing our school libraries.

I emphasize these positive changes because I see a solid foundation to build upon as we improve our schools. Westfield public schools do not require radical transformation, but rather constant retooling, and reassessment. I am concerned about the results of the Third International Math Science Study and the poor showing of American students.

If the conclusions are accurate, even our advanced students are not performing at a level similar to their peers in Europe. We need to review these results and strengthen our programs. We need more flexibility in our regular education programs, and limit special education to students who truly need it.

While the increase in special education students is a district-wide problem, African-American parents are justified in their concern that their children disproportionately end up in resource centers.

How do we improve? The strategic planning committee and the seven action plan committees currently in place are one way to uncover problems and look for solutions. Your elected Board of Education members serve on various committees throughout the year, making recommendations and also welcoming public input.

With the needs raised by parents and teachers, come opportunities to improve. New ideas, however, remain in file cabinets unless the community commits itself to a budget. A school budget is more than a financial document; it is a statement of educational values. Teaching positions have been added to our 1998-1999 budget because we believe class size is important.

If we are to reduce our dependence on special education, then we need to provide classroom teachers, especially at the elementary level, with support for students who need help. This year's budget provides two teacher support positions for that purpose. Teacher training, continues to be part of our improvement plan, especially in regard to technology.

Placing more computers into the classrooms will become a reality next year when 95 computers are added to the fifth grades and 50 math workstations are installed in sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade classrooms. Last year's budget and this year's have committed well over \$1 million dollars to put the technology plan into action.

As I witness many of our plans become reality, I recognize that the dialogue begun this year will prompt further ideas for improvement. The strategic planning process is at the very least a superintendent's advisory committee, in which some of the best minds among our staff and community give me good ideas.

Not every recommendation is feasible, some ideas will not work, but I will listen to every suggestion. I look forward to sorting through the many proposals and developing a five-year plan for approval by the Board of Education. I will work with the board to find resources to make the plan a reality and to translate our mission into student outcomes.

I am confident that this cooperative effort of assessing the quality of Westfield education will provide us with the direction and the vision to prepare our children for the future. The mission statement makes it clear that public schools not only serve the public, they create the public.

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Dr. William J. Foley, of Westfield, has been Superintendent of Schools in Westfield since 1996.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**1998 TOWN OF WESTFIELD DOWNTOWN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION RESOLUTION**  
March 24, 1998  
Finance Committee  
Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget of the Town of Westfield Special Improvement District, County of Union, for the year 1998:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget for the year 1998, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the THE WESTFIELD LEADER in the issue of April 9, 1998;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Town of Westfield does hereby approve the following as the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget for the year 1998:  
Recorded Vote: Ayes Mayor Jardim, Council members Vernick, Gruba, Sullivan, Goldman, McDermott, Albano, Walsh and Weinstein  
Nay 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 0

Notice is hereby given that the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget was approved by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, on March 24, 1998. A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Westfield Municipal Building on April 21, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the year 1998 may be presented by Downtown Special Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons.

DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD CORPORATION SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 1998 BUDGET	
REVENUES	ANTICIPATED 1998
<b>GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>265,500.00</b>
Amount to be raised by Special Improvement District Tax	\$265,500.00
Total General Revenue	\$265,500.00
APPROPRIATIONS	
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	APPROPRIATIONS 1998
Operating	\$75,000.00
Salaries and Wages	\$190,500.00
Other Expenses	\$265,500.00
Total General Appropriations	\$265,500.00
1 T - 4/9/98, The Leader	Fee: \$79.56

## Countless People Responsible For Borough's First 100 Years

By MOUNTAINSIDE MAYOR ROBERT F. VIGLIANTI  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

When I was first approached by the Mountainside Historical Preservation Committee to pen this article, I sat down and began wondering about how I could possibly remember all the thousands of caring residents who have given so much to our community for the past 100 years. Well, I can't.

So, to those I don't mention, I can assure you it is not at all intentional.

Where do you start? Obviously, when we discuss Mountainside history, we should start with its first chief executive, Mayor Joseph W. Cory.

This name I know from our history. I've been told, fact or fiction, that the main reason Mountainside broke away from Westfield in 1895 was that around that time Westfield refused to erect street lights down Mountain Avenue; and so, the proud residents of "The Mountain Side" decided to form their own community. I guess if



Westfield had put in these lights, Mountainside may not exist today.

Current mayors of Mountainside I have known include Al Hartung, Joe Komich, Fred Wilhelms, Tom Ricciardi and Bruce Geiger.

Speaking of volunteers, I firmly believe that one, if not the main reason, for Mountainside's success has been the tremendous amount and quality of men and women we have had over the years giving so much of themselves for their community.

There is no dollar amount one could pay to a person who is serving out of love and dedication, and not for a paycheck.

In my short time, 28 years as a Mountainside resident, I have seen hundreds of residents who have served so willingly without pay. First to come to mind is John E. Keuler, a founding member of the Rescue Squad and a long-time member of the Mountainside Fire Department.

In the sense of being dollar rich, John was a poor man simply because he was always willing to give to others for free. Even in his work as an electrician, many said John didn't charge if he felt his customer was having hard times.

He also lost income because of the hours, days, and weeks he volunteered as a Rescue Squad member or a fire fighter, but in the end John was rich.

Before I leave the Rescue Squad, several ladies must be mentioned, who were the "day time squad" for many, many years: Mary Steiner, Helen Hay, and later Sandy Levine. Ruth Keuler, John's wife, not only served as a loyal member but was an instructor.

Since the squad's founding, there have been hundreds of dedicated members. These four stand out in my mind the most since they served so well when I was Captain of the squad.

Today, we still have Kit Carson, a native Mountainside resident and teacher in Deerfield Elementary School, and Bill Van Blarcom, the squad's long-time Treasurer and past council member, plus many residents and non residents who give of their time and talents to provide us with emergency care.

The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department will always be known by the statewide slogan they started, by Ron Huter, "Look for two ways out." Then there was Doc Porter, Bob But-

ler, Joe Hershey, Bob Wyckoff, Alan Hambacker, Ed Colline, and Bruce Geiger, and many others who served as Chief. I can't leave this department without also mentioning Bob Farley and Jay Kelk, both of whom have served as chief and are still active today.

There is a group of residents who have never "moved on." We are most fortunate for generations of the Honeckers, Maxwells, Brahms, Bilwises, Pfeifers, McGuire/Harts, Roeders/Debbies, Heckels, Webers, etc.

There exists a small group of residents whose pride for Mountainside will live on in our history. Jean Hershey's book on Mountainside; Harry Devlin's drawing of the Hetfield House; the Bass family's "Firefighter" monument; the Rescue Squad building dedicated to John Keuler and streets named for the Heckels, Blazos, Miarnis, Dunns, Ackermans, Mary Allen, and Coles are all part of our heritage and pride of our community.

One could not forget Emily and Elmer Hoffarth. Both worked for Mountainside, Emily, one of the nicest ladies I have ever met, was a major driving force in the history of our library. Her portrait adorns its lobby today in recognition and appreciation of her efforts and love of our community. Elmer was a long, long-time Borough Clerk and Elmer ran a tight ship.

Another borough employee, part-time, was Fern Hyde. Fern was the main thrust behind the saving, moving, and renovating of the Hetfield House.

The support and work of the late Mabel Young, was so appreciated by Mountainside residents that they created the Mabel Young Award to be given each year to Mountainside residents who display, through their actions, their true love and dedication to our community. How much more of an honor could be bestowed on an individual than to have an award named after her?

To bestow... what a wonderful thought. Many years ago several residents got together to create what later became simply "The Bestowers." This organization throughout the years has donated thousands of dollars and food to the needy.

Another of the more obvious reflections of Mountainside's community pride is seen in our section of Route No. 22. When compared to neighboring communities you can see that governing bodies of the past had pride in our development; thus, we have green grass and trees while others have asphalt. This was not only good planning but pride in one's community.

Look at our industrial area. All are campus-like settings and not the norm generally seen throughout north and central New Jersey.

In conclusion, Mountainside pride may have started in 1895 with the founding of our community, but it has grown each and every year. It has grown through our emergency services, and from our Historical Preservation in its constant work on the Hetfield House to the upgrading of "Children's County Home." And, of course, we're proud of the renowned Children's Specialized Hospital on New Providence Road.

Mountainside has truly grown into one of the finest residential communities in all of Union County and Central New Jersey.

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Robert F. Vigilanti is now serving his 10th year as Mountainside Mayor. This column was written for the Borough's Centennial in 1995.

### 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.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower 2), 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
The judgment amount is \$67,912.75.  
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth.  
COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.  
STREET & STREET NO.: 86 Division Street.  
TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK NO.: 7, LOT NO. 175.  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 25 FEET x 100 FEET.  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 74 feet from the intersection of Martin Street.  
There is due approximately the sum of \$69,800.43 together with lawful interest and 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-753679 (WL)  
4 T - 3/26, 4/2, 4/9 & 4/16/98  
Fee: \$165.24

## Mandates Relief Acts Provide Means to Control Local Taxes

By ASSEMBLYMAN ALAN M. AUGUSTINE  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Controlling property taxes is one of the major concerns in all municipalities. In her State of the State address earlier this year, Governor Christine Todd Whitman put forth initiatives to give taxpayers a voice in property taxes.

She also recently created the Property Tax Commission which is charged with studying and proposing solutions to the problem of spiraling taxes. While it may take time to realize the fruits of these efforts, the Mandates Relief Acts have become a series of small, but significant, steps designed to enable community officials to cut their administrative costs and operate more efficiently, so they can control or even reduce local taxes.



Through the Mandates Relief Acts, burdensome state mandates have been repealed or modified. The first Mandates Relief Act was passed in 1995; the second in 1996. They helped local governments streamline their operation in dozens of ways from simplifying street sign installation to allowing the consolidation of planning and zoning boards.

Based on suggestions from local governing officials, the Mandates Relief Act of 1998, will also enable municipalities to eliminate or modify almost 40 mandates.

The most changes proposed in the 1998 Mandates Relief Act concern local finance and budget requirements. Municipalities would be allowed to pay bills under \$150 without having to do excessive paper work. Instead of printing bond ordinances in full, they could save money by advertising them in summary.

And they would be permitted to budget transfers when services are changed from the government to contracted services or from contracted services to the government unit. In all, 11 different mandates in this area would be changed. Among the record keeping reforms

the Act would establish is the creation of a Police Paperwork Reduction Task Force. COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) reforms would also be enacted. Municipalities would be permitted to apply for a waiver of the 25 percent senior housing cap found in COAH, and it would be able to satisfy its low and moderate income housing requirement by purchasing private homes at mortgage value.

Promoting shared services, the Act would reward municipalities and fire districts for consolidating by giving \$1 million to the municipality over 10 years and \$100,000 to a fire district over five years. Cap exemptions would be given to both the receiving and sending municipality entering into a new shared service.

In addition, early buy outs would be allowed for employees who are subject to reduction through shared services or municipal consolidation.

In other cost saving measures, the Act would enable municipalities and counties greater flexibility with Civil Service by allowing pilot projects, and would let counties give employees 50 percent of the savings from health benefits that are not taken. It would give municipalities greater flexibility, too, in returning small portions of publicly owned land back to the tax rolls.

Early last month, the Mandates Relief Act of 1998 was released from the Assembly Local Government and Housing Committee. Currently, it is awaiting review by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The Mandates Relief Act may not receive the fanfare other major legislation does, however, it is providing the small steps that can make a significant difference for municipalities. It is providing municipalities with the means to contain costs, increase efficiency, and provide their constituents with property tax relief.

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Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, of Scotch Plains, has been in the State Assembly since 1992, was elected to a full term in 1993, and was reelected in 1995 and 1997. He also is a former Scotch Plains Mayor and Township Councilman and Union County Freeholder.

## Students Excel on All Fronts In Challenging Environment

By DR. CAROL B. CHOYE  
Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

In much of what you read and hear these days in discussions of American schools and education, there are oft repeated phrases like "preparing students for the 21st century" and keep-



ing pace with the expected "knowledge explosion," "emerging global economy," and "the revolution in technology" of the future.

The only problem is, for the children who are our students today, the future is now!

In the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public schools, we must help our 4,300

students to strive towards excellence, to work hard, to think critically and creatively, to be disciplined every day in order to achieve their full potential. For all of them, the future is today...it's everyday!

I am immensely proud of what's happening in our classrooms, on our playing fields and in our extracurricular activities right now. I see teachers challenging themselves to initiate exciting projects for their students. I see the professional staff actively engaged in planning staff development programs that will keep our teachers energized and up-to-date in their approaches to instruction.

Student achievement continues at a high level. We're proud of our National Merit and National Achievement Program scholars as well as our 18 Bloustein Scholars. Our seniors have been accepted at some of America's finest universities and colleges. Test scores are up! And students have excelled in academic competitions, winning national recognition in contests such as the ThinkQuest Internet contest and the Knowledge Master Open computer quiz bowl for middle school youngsters. Our Science League teams are performing among the top 10 to 12 schools in the state competition.

Our musical groups have been outstanding, involving nearly 30 percent of the student body. Sports teams have captured conference, sectional, and state championships this year. DECA has continued its winning ways and will be sending a large local contingent into national competition. Our Future Business Leaders of America chapter, under President David Gewirtz, who is also serving as state President, has been named the most outstanding chapter in the state for the fifth consecutive year!

In order to continue to provide our students with the kinds of tools and choices that they need every day, the Board of Education and administration must work diligently. They must respond to problems as they arise, focus our finances on instruction and plan carefully for our growing enrollments. All this, so that the quality of our programs and student experiences will continue to be outstanding.

In my roll as "capacity builder," I must try to move every person in this school system to achieve to their highest potential. Teachers must be capacity builders for their students. Parents and community members must be our full partners. Together, we must make the most of every day that we have our students with us. They cannot wait until the 21st century!

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Dr. Choye has been Superintendent of Schools since April of 1993.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD**  
Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing granted approval to The LaGrande Square Partnership for final site plan on the property located at 181 LaGrande Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block No. 60 Lot No. 23.  
Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at the Borough Hall during normal business hours.  
Mr. Robert Rau  
The LaGrande Square Partnership  
P.O. Box 4348  
Fanwood, New Jersey 07059  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$14.79

### 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 FROEHLICH 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

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14411-94.  
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OF WASHINGTON, D.C., PLAINTIFF vs. ALBERTO MORANTE & ADELA MORANTE, H/W ROBERT AND GLADYS VILLEGAS; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 5, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of 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 \$83,405.22.  
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, commonly known as 622 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey, Tax Lot No. 647, Block No. 12. Dimensions of lots (approximately): 25 feet by 145 feet. Nearest cross street: Fairmount Avenue.  
There is due approximately the sum of \$85,694.86 together with lawful interest and 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  
EICHENBAUM, KANTROWITZ, LEFF & GULKO, Attorneys  
140 Sylvan Avenue  
P.O. Box 1660  
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632-0660  
CH-753656 (WL)  
4 T - 3/19, 3/26, 4/2 & 4/9/98  
Fee: \$171.36

# Gardening Workshop Offered By Trailside Nature & Science

From attracting butterflies to home gardens, to keeping deer out, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced a variety of workshops for adults at Trailside Nature and Science Center, during the months of April and May.

"Spring is coming, and Trailside is the place to learn more about gardening and nature," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "Many people know the outstanding children's programs we offer at Trailside. Now adults can expand

their horizons by taking a class with our knowledgeable staff."

Butterfly Gardening is easy and rewarding. All you need is a sunny spot and a garden plan that includes nectar plants for adults and food plants for caterpillars. This workshop is offered on Tuesday, April 14, from 1 to 2 p.m. and the fee is \$10.

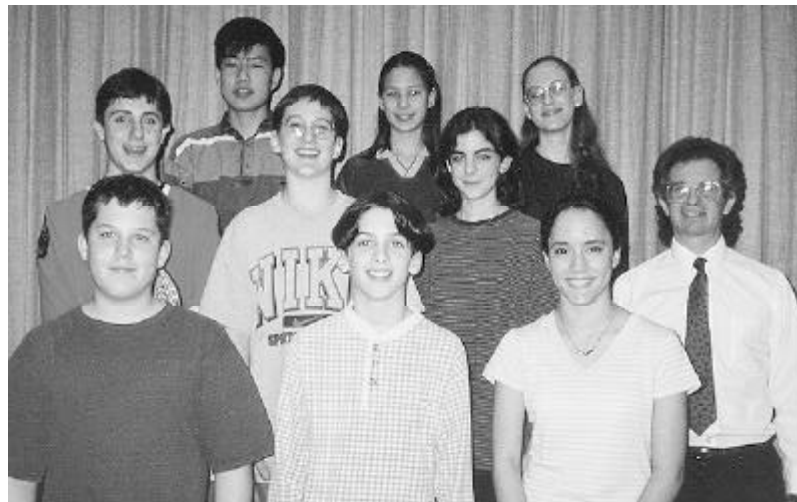
Live plant material and slides will be used to acquaint participants with the woody and herbaceous plant that deer relish and those they dislike during "Gardening in Deer County" on Wednesday, April 29, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. or 7:30 to 9 p.m. Participants will learn how to protect landscape plants with commercial sprays, mechanical barriers and homemade deterrents.

The workshop fee of \$15 includes a copy of "Gardening in Deer County" by Karen Jescavage-Bernard.

"Don't compost those weeds that are taking over your garden - eat them," county spokespeople are saying. Find out which weeds are edible and how best to prepare them. Sample some edible wild plants during "Eat Your Weeds," which will be presented on Thursday, May 14, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at a fee of \$15.

Pre-registration is required for all programs. Please call (908) 789-3670 to check for openings and other information.

Trailside, a facility of Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.



**OUTSTANDING MUSICIANS...**Nine students from Park Middle School in Scotch Plains have been selected for Central Jersey Intermediate Region II Band, Orchestra, and Chorus based on auditions held in January. The regional music group is made up of outstanding student musicians from Mercer, Union, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, and Hunterdon Counties. Seventy-three middle schools participated in this year's audition process and, for the fifth consecutive year, Park Middle School had the highest number of musicians selected from any school in the region. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Nicholas Sette, band French horn; Patrick Carroll, orchestra French horn, and Jennifer McLoughlin, voice; center row, Chris Delaney, first chair band baritone saxophone; Matthew Deegan, first chair band tenor saxophone; Julianne Buro, band flute; Park music teacher Jon Bencivenga; and, back row, John Park, band tuba; Alison Golinski, orchestra bassoon and Jillian DeMair, band alto saxophone.

# Parenting Pathways to Hold Consignment Clothing Sale

Parenting Pathways will be conducting its annual Spring and Summer Consignment Clothing Sale. Items available for sale will be good condition used children's clothing (sizes newborn through 14), maternity clothes, toys, books, games, baby and nursery equipment.

The sale will be held at the All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, in Scotch Plains. Sale dates will be Thursday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and on Friday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

On Friday, there will be a half price

sale, during which all yellow tagged items will be available for half price. The sale is open to the public and all are invited.

This sale allows families to get good quality clothing for their children at a fraction of what it would cost new, according to Parenting Pathways spokeswoman Mickey Howard-Melber.

Income from this sale is used to help cover the operating costs of discussion groups and workshops so Parenting Pathways can provide them to the public at little or no costs.

For further information, or if one has any questions, please call (908) 889-5954, or (908) 756-7521.

Parenting Pathways is a Fanwood-based, nonprofit organization established to provide support and education to all parents, the spokeswoman said.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD**  
Notice is hereby given that on April 22, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of John C. Sumislaski for a bulk variance to erect a deck and from requirements of Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provisions of subparagraph 93-9A(4)(b) (rear yard depth) and for variances on the existing house 93-9A(1)(f) (side yard setback); 93-9A(4)(c) (street side yard setback); 93-9A(1)(h) (front yard depth) on the property at 203 Farley Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 26 Lot No. 7 on the Fanwood Tax Map.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey. Mr. John C. Sumislaski 203 Farley Avenue Fanwood, New Jersey 07023  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$27.03

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will conduct a special meeting on **Monday, April 13, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains for discussion of the cross-acceptance of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan. No action will be taken.

Linda M. Lies Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Township of Scotch Plains  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81

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**Lot 1.01:**  
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**Lots 1.02 and 1.03:**  
**Section 23.4.2a - Averaging Front Setbacks**

All Interested parties may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person that might require special needs should be in touch with the Board offices during regular business hours so that their needs may be addressed (visually or hearing impaired, wheelchair bound, etc.)  
Barbara Horev Secretary to the Planning Board  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$48.96

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1207-92.  
LUSITANIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, PLAINTIFF vs. AMITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION, RAYMOND M. MASTAPETER, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 23, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on **WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF MAY 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 \$168,667.51. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as 247 Ripley Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Being also known as Lot No. 602 in Block No. 1 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.

Dimensions: (approximately) 81.6 feet x 39.07 feet x 70.6 feet x 37.5 feet.

Nearest Cross Street: (approximately) 562.5 feet from Second Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$173,650.24 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  
DURKIN & DURKIN, Attorneys  
1120 Bloomfield Avenue  
P.O. Box 1289  
West Caldwell, New Jersey 07007-9452  
CH-753207 (WL)  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$169.83

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on April 2, 1998, the following decisions of the Board were memorialized.

Renewed a Temporary Operating Permit with conditions for **Jerome Hines** to retain a second kitchen at the premises located at **3 Karen Court (Block No. 14502, Lot No. 22)**, Scotch Plains.

Renewed a temporary operating permit with conditions for **William Esposito** to continue to operate an office at the premises located at **2219 Evergreen Avenue (Block No. 3201, Lot No. 65)**, Scotch Plains.

Granted a Temporary Operating Permit with conditions to **Oscar Garrido** to permit the parking of a livery vehicle at the property located at **1550 Front Street (Block No. 201, Lot No. 5)**, Scotch Plains.

Linda M. Lies Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Township of Scotch Plains  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$28.05

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Barbara Horev Secretary to the Planning Board  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$48.96

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-00120-97.  
FERNANDO CUNHA AND ANA MARIA CUNHA, H/W, AND JOAO AMARO AND ILDA AMARO, H/W, PLAINTIFF vs. ANSELMA CORONA, NANCY GASTON, JACKSON WILLIAMS, LUZ ROJAS AND BRENDA GEE, DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 5, 1997 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on **WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF MAY 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 \$239,238.64. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as 853 Magnolia Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201.

Tax Lot ACCT No. 1208 in Block WARD No. 8.

Dimensions of Lot are (Approximately) 25.00 feet wide by 101.29 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the NORTHEASTERLY side of MAGNOLIA STREET, 350.53 feet from the SOUTH-EASTERLY side of HENRY STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$52,208.08 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF  
FRIERI AND CONROY, Attorneys  
777 Walnut Avenue  
Cranford, New Jersey 07016  
CH-753698 (WL)  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$169.32

# Alison A. Hooper to Exhibit Sculpture and Photography

Sculpture and photography by Alison A. Hooper, a former Westfield resident, is being featured at the Westfield Art Gallery for the month of April.

The Gallery, located at 152 East Broad Street, is a division of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

Ms. Hooper, who now lives in Cranford, utilizes everything from antique children's toys to the mountains of Arizona as inspiration for her art work.

A graduate of Westfield High School, she holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of Arts Degree from Kean College in Union.

She recently won a Best in Show Award in the Berkeley Heights Art Show and a Second Place Award in the annual Photography Show at the Long Beach Island Studio and Gallery.

Ms. Hooper is active in the Westfield Art Association and the Westfield Coalition for the Arts. She is the art teacher for the John P. Faber School in Dunellen.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with additional hours on selected Sundays or by appointment.

A reception for this one-woman show will be held this Sunday, April 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



"RECYCLED"...This photograph is one of the works by Alison A. Hooper, formerly of Westfield, which will be on exhibit this month at the Westfield Art Gallery, 152 East Broad Street. The Gallery is a division of The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

# Fanwood Assessment Comm. Ready to Start Focus Groups

Thanks to a group of community-minded citizens who informed the Fanwood Assessment Committee what they thought are the most important issues facing Fanwood were, the committee has announced it is ready to move on to focus groups.

The issues that may be discussed by these groups include the downtown, communication, long-range planning, shared services, volunteerism, the infrastructure and transportation. There will be seven to nine participants in each focus group. A group will meet if enough people volunteer for a topic. Not only do we need at least seven for a group, but we can't have more than nine.

The Committee is now looking for potential group members. David Pickering, Committee Chairman, has announced that the group discussions will focus on these three questions:

- Why is this an issue?
- What kinds of challenges does it create for the community?
- And what might be preferred in its place?

The question-and answer-period will be followed by brainstorming creative suggestions to get to that an "ideal" situation, a spokesman for the group said.

Those persons interested in being considered for membership in a group are asked to send their name, phone number and topic of interest to the committee in care of Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, 07023 by Wednesday, April 22.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that on April 22, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of Jeffrey Wass for use variances to erect a fence and from requirements of Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provisions of subparagraph 93-14C(1) (less than 50% solid) and 93-14C(2) (b) (rear yard setback) on the property at 7 Westfield Road, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 76 Lot No. 2 on the Fanwood Tax Map.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Mr. Jeffrey Wass 7 Westfield Road Fanwood, New Jersey 07023  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$24.48

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Barbara Horev Secretary to the Planning Board  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$48.96

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15729-97.  
FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ANA DASILVA A/K/A/ ANA L. DASILVA; ALCEU DASILVA; SEARS ROEBUCK & CO., DEFENDANT.  
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on **WEDNESDAY THE 6TH DAY OF MAY 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 \$50,747.25. 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: 853 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201.

Tax Lot ACCT No. 1208 in Block WARD No. 8.

Dimensions of Lot are (Approximately) 25.00 feet wide by 101.29 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the NORTHEASTERLY side of MAGNOLIA STREET, 350.53 feet from the SOUTH-EASTERLY side of HENRY STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$52,208.08 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF  
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys  
406 - J Lippincott Drive  
Marlton, New Jersey 08053  
CH-753698 (WL)  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$169.32

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14618-97.  
GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ALFREDO PACHECO AND PAULETTE J. PACHECO, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, 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, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on **WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL A.D., 1998** at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$153,651.53. The property to be sold is located in the TOWN OF WESTFIELD, New Jersey 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 1489 CENTRAL AVENUE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090. a/k/a 101 ROGER AVENUE.

Tax Lot No. 6 in Block No. 5717 k/a 551. Dimensions of Lot: approximately 90.00 feet wide by 120.52 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Central Avenue. Situate at a point on the northerly side-line of Roger Avenue distance approximately 24.48 feet easterly from its intersection with the easterly side-line of Central Avenue.

There is due approximately the sum of \$157,701.82 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF  
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, Attorneys  
Suite 201  
7 Century Drive  
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054  
CH-753670 (WL)  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$48.96

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Barbara Horev Secretary to the Planning Board  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$48.96

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15729-97.  
FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ANA DASILVA A/K/A/ ANA L. DASILVA; ALCEU DASILVA; SEARS ROEBUCK & CO., DEFENDANT.  
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RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF  
SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys  
406 - J Lippincott Drive  
Marlton, New Jersey 08053  
CH-753698 (WL)  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Times Fee: \$169.32

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CIVIL ACTION, WRIT



**LAND OF TEDDY BEARS...**Representatives from Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield recently came to the Wesley Hall Nursery School in Westfield to demonstrate their visiting Teddy Bear Clinic to the 3 Day Teddy Bears and the 5 Day Elephants classes. Pictured, left to right, are: Kelly Yingling, Mrs. Yingling and Jennifer Yingling.

## Women for Women to Hold Educational Workshops

Three Community Education Workshops will be presented by Women for Women of Union County, Inc. this spring.

"Getting Organized" will be presented by Elaine Bloom at the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Bloom, a professional organizer, will teach participants how to organize their own lives.

"Encouraging Our Daughters in Math and Sciences" will be presented by Tena Wright on Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. This workshop, aimed at parents of daughters in middle school, will be held at Women for Women's offices at 511 North Avenue in Garwood.

On Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m., LoAnn Mayer will discuss how people can change their lives by letting go of the past and eliminating the victim mentality. Ms. Mayer, a certified Louise Hay teacher, will present the "Healing Your Life Workshop" during the annual pot luck supper at Women for Women's offices.

Women for Women, a private non-profit organization, is also offering community support groups beginning this week.

Groups include Building Self-Esteem; A Course in Miracles; Coping

### AARP Plans '55 Alive' Driver Course for May

A 55 Alive Driver Refresher course sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6, at Mountainside Borough Hall.

Upon completion of the two-day course, graduates will receive a 5 percent discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance premium for three years.

They will also receive a two point reduction from their motor vehicle record, if applicable.

Membership in the AARP is not required to participate in the program. The cost is \$8.

### Honor Society Chapter Seeks Book Donations For Upcoming Sale

Union County College's Iota Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, is seeking book donations for its biannual Book Sale which is planned for April.

Professor A. H. Roholt-Moen, faculty adviser, asks for donations of paperbacks and hard covers, including novels and textbooks; the latter published after 1985. Proceeds of the Book Sale will benefit the PTK Scholarship Fund.

Those interested in further information should call Professor Roholt-Moen at (908) 709-7574.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF MARY VIRGINIA RILEY, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 3rd day of April, A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Robert W. Allen  
Executor

Nichols, Thomson, Peek & Phelan,  
Attorneys  
210 Orchard Street  
Westfield, New Jersey 07091  
1 T - 4/9/98, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES W. ANDERSON, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 3rd day of April, A.D., 1998, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executors of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Charlotte A. Abell and Corestates  
bank  
Executors

Nichols, Thomson, Peek & Phelan,  
Attorneys  
210 Orchard Street  
Westfield, New Jersey 07091

## Course Roster Announced For UCC Summer Sessions

Union County College (UCC) will offer students a choice of courses in 33 disciplines during its Summer Sessions, with the option to enroll in courses over 13 time frames ranging from three weeks to 12 weeks — the largest number of sub-sessions ever offered during the summer at the community college.

The college's first Summer Session begins on Monday, May 11. However, students may enroll in courses that start and end at various points throughout the summer. Courses are offered during daytime and evening hours.

At its main campus in Cranford, the college will offer students a choice of courses in accounting, biology, business, chemistry, communications, computer information systems, criminal justice, economics, English, fine arts, French, geology, and German.

Courses will also be available in government, history, mathematics, nursing, office administration, philosophy, physical education, physics, practical nursing, psychology, sociology, and Spanish.

Many of these courses will also be

available at UCC's Elizabeth campus, as well as electromechanical technology and mechanical engineering technology.

The Plainfield campus will offer courses in American Sign Language/Deaf Studies, biology, human services, physical therapist assistant, and respiratory therapy. Students may also mix and match courses with campuses, according to spokeswoman Georgia Hartnett.

Additionally, UCC will offer credit courses in oceanography through the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium in Sandy Hook and Cape May; in nursing in cooperation with the Elizabeth General Medical Center School of Nursing, and in radiography at pre-assigned clinical sites.

Registration for Summer Sessions is ongoing at the Cranford, Elizabeth, and Plainfield campuses. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

For further information, please call the college's Admissions hot line at (908) 709-7500.

## Local Residents are Installed As Power Squadron Officers

The Watchung Power Squadron installed Victor Silvestrini of Belleville as its 42nd Commander on March 27, along with Harold Oslick of Westfield as the Executive Officer and Robert E. Fox, Jr. of Scotch Plains as the Educational Officer.

Also installed were Cranford residents Kevin Redden as the Adminis-

trative Officer and Glenn C. Milden as the Treasurer, as well as Theodore O. Wallace of Winfield as the Secretary.

The Change of Watch ceremony followed a dinner dance at The Atrium in West Orange, and was presided over by District Commander Allen I. Miller of Mantoloking, who dismissed the incumbent officers and administered the oath of office to the new officers.

Watchung Power Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, a national boating organization, which is dedicated to educating its members and the public on boating safety and boat handling skills.

Additionally, members perform public services in the field of boating. They conduct waterway surveys that are used to update nautical charts printed by the government.

These charts are critical to the safe operation of recreational boats and commercial and military ships, according to the organization. Squadron members perform these surveys without remuneration.



**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT...**Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 968 completed requirements for badges at Camp Lou Henry Hoover during "Dabbler Weekend" in November. Pictured, left to right, are: Co-leader Linda Graham, Jessica Graham, Mariel Rosen, Rachel Smith and Lori Smith.

## Delbarton Slates Auditions For Goldblatt Scholarships

Registration is now open for the 16th annual Sophie and Norman Goldblatt Music Scholarship Competition, which is held in conjunction with Delbarton School in Morristown.

Auditions will be held in Old Main at Delbarton on Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year the competition is for string players up to 18 years of age, with a letter of recommendation from their music teacher and who live or attend school anywhere in New Jersey.

A maximum of four prizes of up to \$1,000 will be awarded at the discretion

of the judges. All winners will perform in recital at Delbarton on Sunday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main.

To date, more than \$40,000 has been awarded to talented young musicians, according to Margaret Lowery Walsh, Director of External Relations for Delbarton.

All winners must use their prize money to further their musical education. Three veteran musicians from the metropolitan area will serve as judges.

For further information, please call the Reverend Germain Fritz at Delbarton School, (973) 538-3231, Extension No. 3076.

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### African Violet Society To Meet on April 16

The Union County Chapter of the African Violet Society will meet on Thursday, April 16, at 1 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue.

The program is entitled "Getting Ready For Show," and anyone interested is invited to attend.

**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.

**Craig Long Awarded Second Prize for Art In Show at du Cret**

Craig Long, a senior at Westfield High School, recently was awarded second prize in the pastel category in the 19th annual du Cret School of Art High School Student Art Show.

Craig plans to attend college in the fall and pursue a major in art education.



**PASTA DELIGHT...**The second-grade den from McKinley Elementary School's Pack No. 176 prepared eight pans of lasagna to share with children at the Westfield Community Center. Pictured in the kitchen of the center, left to right, are: John Falzon, Tahj Graham, Nicole Blackman and Joseph Pomerantz.

**Performance Studios Offers Classes for Rome Festival**

The spring session of the American Performance Studios (APS) will again include classes in preparation for the 1998 Rome Festival, Italy, announced APS Musical Director Jeanette F. Maraffi and Director Molly Barber.

The collaboration between the Studios and the Rome Festival in 1997 was "very successful," they said, with seven singers from Westfield and Mountainside participating in performances of Humperdinck's *Hansel und Gretel* in Rome. Participants in the 1997 festival enjoyed rehearsing and

performing alongside musicians and dancers from seven European countries, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

The young performers were treated to two weeks of immersion into the Italian culture, with visits to historical sites being a daily part of their schedule in Rome. A special treat was the opportunity for an audience with Pope John Paul at the Vatican.

The 1998 Rome Festival season will include performances of the Italian opera *Elixir of Love* by Donizetti. Singers and dancers ages 12 and 20 are eligible to participate in the festival in Rome during July of 1998.

Auditions will be held beginning March 30. Classes in Vocal Technique and Acting Technique are being offered by American Performance Studios in Westfield for students 6 through adult.

Private instruction in piano and voice is also offered.

For further information, please write to American Performance Studios, P.O. Box 885, Westfield, 07090, or call (908) 233-7214.

**Westfield's Coldwell Banker Office Earns Distinction as Top Sales Office**

Coldwell Banker's Westfield office has earned the distinction as the No. One office in the company's Northeast region and second in the entire country at the residential brokerage firm's 1998 International Business Conference honoring outstanding performance in real estate sales.

The Westfield office recorded over \$300 million in sales last year.

Marilyn Kelly, Manager of the Westfield office, accepted the award at a formal banquet at Coldwell Banker's International Business Conference in Orlando, Florida.

"Every real estate agent would agree that Westfield is one of the state's most competitive markets," said Coldwell Banker Regional Vice President Pat Bell.

"Marilyn's own success has attracted the best talent in the business. Just working in her office has become a privilege," she said.

In fact, Ms. Kelly's team boasts five elite agents who achieved Gold Level rankings from the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) for recording more than \$10 million in sales in 1997.

According to NJAR, no other office of any brokerage firm in the Westfield area has even one such agent. Fifteen agents in the office achieved NJAR's silver level status for selling a total of more than \$5 million, and a total of 37 earned membership in the NJAR Million Dollar Club.

"These awards are a reflection of the dedication of our agents," says Ms. Kelly. "They know the market, they listen to their clients and then they deliver as expected."

Ms. Kelly adds, "The agents' rankings and the top ranking of our office are high honors for everyone associated with the Westfield office. I am grateful for all of the agents' efforts and to Coldwell Banker's commitment to its people."



**Hye-Young Choi**

Ms. Kelly has announced the induction of Hye-Young Choi into the NJAR Million Dollar Club, Gold Level, for the 11th consecutive year. Ms. Choi is the top-selling agent on the Board of Realtors. The award was presented at L'Affaire in Mountainside, during NJAR's annual banquet honoring outstanding achievement.

NJAR's prestigious Gold Level designation is awarded to Realtors with sales in excess of \$10 million annually. Ms. Choi is the only real estate agent among the Westfield Board of Realtors who has earned the honor consecutively since 1987. The 14-year veteran sales agent recorded more than \$20 million in sales last year and over \$170 million during her career.

Ms. Choi attributed her success to focusing on Westfield and its immediate surrounding areas, including Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Cranford.

A perennial award-winner from Coldwell Banker, the NJAR and the Board of Realtors, Ms. Choi annually ranks among the top three sales associates of Coldwell Banker's 5,000 agents in the metropolitan New York region.

Her commitment to excellence began long before her career in real estate. An acclaimed actress, Ms. Choi performed more than 2,000 international presentations of *The King and I* with Yul Brenner and is also a former professor of music.

A total of five Coldwell Banker Westfield office real estate agents were recipients of this year's NJAR Million Dollar Club Gold Level award, setting a 1997 record for all real estate brokerage firms in Union County. The Westfield office of Coldwell Banker has been the number one sales office every year since 1985, setting new standards of excellence throughout the industry.

Lucille Roll, a 25-year veteran real estate agent and long-time Union County resident, was also inducted into the NJAR Million Dollar Club at the Gold Level.

Ms. Roll, who now resides in Mountainside, lived in Westfield for 22 years. She credited her success to her ability to accommodate the specific needs of families.

"I'll sell homes for my friends who are retiring and then the next thing I know, their children come to town and call me about buying a house," commented Ms. Roll. "There is a big circle of people in the Westfield area who know each other and I'm honored that so many have selected me to help them through such an important decision in their lives."

Ms. Roll also caters to international clients and corporate transferees who are relocating to the area.

Reva Berger, was inducted into the Gold Level of the NJAR Million

Dollar Club. The award was presented to her at the recent NJAR banquet.

The state's prestigious Gold Level designation is awarded to agents with sales in excess of \$10 million annually. This year's ceremony marked the fifth time Ms. Berger has been honored with Gold Level status. It is the highest honor given by the association.

Ms. Berger has also been a frequent recipient of the NJAR Million Dollar Club Silver Level.

"Learning about my clients' preferences, their special needs along with careful listening are all part of the formula for my success in real estate," Ms. Berger said.

The 21-year real estate veteran is familiar with the market area including Westfield, Scotch Plains, Watchung, Warren, Basking Ridge, Bernardsville, Summit and surrounding areas. She is a member of Coldwell Banker's International President's Circle Elite, a honor awarded to less than 1 percent of Coldwell Banker's sales associates.

Ruth Tate, a 30-year veteran real estate agent, was inducted into the Gold Level of NJAR Million Dollar Club.

Ms. Tate was ranked as Coldwell Banker's leading real estate agent in the greater New York area, encompassing New Jersey, Connecticut and New York, from 1986 through 1992. Continuing her success into 1998, Ms. Tate was also named by Coldwell Banker as the number one associate in Union County for January.



**Ruth Tate**

"I've been selling real estate for three decades, but I recognize that it's still necessary to stay on top of things in order to be successful," commented Ms. Tate.

Ms. Tate is also a member of the Elite Corps of the Big Apple, a referral network of Coldwell Banker's leading industry experts that helps people from all over the country move into Connecticut, Westchester County, Rockland County, New Jersey and other areas in metropolitan New York.

Mary McEnerney, a 22-year veteran real estate agent and long-time Westfield resident, was inducted into the NJAR Million Dollar Club, Gold Level. The award was recently presented at the Board of Realtors annual banquet.

NJAR's prestigious Gold Level designation is awarded to agents with sales in excess of \$10 million annually. Ms. McEnerney, who has marketed over \$120 million in homes in the Westfield area, has been a member of NJAR's Million Dollar Club since 1977.

Ms. McEnerney, who has lived in Westfield for 21 years, attributed her success to uncompromising service, a passion for real estate, a photographic home memory and a commitment to a planned schedule.

"I will move mountains to get things done on time," she noted. "When clients don't have to worry about delays, they're much more relaxed during what can be a highly emotional experience."

Ms. McEnerney's two daughters attended the Westfield school system through their high school years.



**Reva Berger**

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**Greater Watchung Club To Hold Monthly Meeting At Scotch Plains Library**

The Greater Watchung Nature Club will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room in the basement of the Scotch Plains Public Library on Bartle Avenue off of Park Avenue.

The program will be the annual Globetrotters given by Herman Bieber. This program will cover their trip to New England this past September.

On Saturday, April 18, the club will sponsor a trip to the Great Swamp, led by Andy Lamy. Club members will meet at the south side of the Fanwood Train Station at 7 a.m.

On Sunday, April 26, the first of the Walker Walks will meet at the "The Birches" parking lot at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside at 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. These walks are an opportunity for birders of all levels of birding from beginners to expert. Coffee and donuts will be served at the meeting.

**Free Seminars On Tap  
For Estate Planning**

Merrill Lynch will sponsor free Estate Planning seminars on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

The sessions are designed to give attendees a better understanding of estate planning concepts and strategies that apply to their situations, Merrill Lynch Assistant Vice President Gaither Shaw said.

Also to be discussed is the importance of financial planning and the information needed to write a plan, Mr. Shaw said.

Featured speakers, including attorney Tom Phelan of Nichols, Thomson, Peek and Phelan in Westfield, and Mr. Shaw, will speak and also answer questions.

To make a reservation or for more information, please call Mr. Shaw at (908) 789-4305 or (800) 685-7991.



**BRUSHING UP...** Westfield Brownie Troop No. 345 of Franklin Elementary School recently visited Dr. Stuart Neiss, a pediatric dentist, in Westfield to learn about good pediatric oral health. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Kristin Modeski, Tara Zierler and Theresa Ryan; second row, Ariel Burns, Bridget Ryan and Alexandra Gockel; third row, Elizabeth Rich, Dara Silverman, Dr. Neiss and Kathryn Abruzzo, and back row, Jessie Goldstein and Marie Murphy.

**Champion Sales Associate  
Offers Marketing Expertise**

"The key to successfully selling homes in today's market is pricing them correctly," revealed New Jersey Realty's Westfield Sales Associate of the Year, Marge Cuccaro. "Homes priced correctly sell in less time and for a higher dollar value," she added.

Appropriate pricing, together with an effective marketing plan custom-tailored to the property itself, have been the hallmarks of Ms. Cuccaro's successful real estate career, a spokeswoman said.

"An effective marketing plan includes advertising, target marketing, and top exposure through the multiple listing service," Ms. Cuccaro explained.

While the industry average is about 63 percent, a full 97 percent of Ms. Cuccaro's listings sold last year, the spokeswoman added.

In addition to being named Sales Associate of the Year, Ms. Cuccaro is a 1997 New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Club member at the Silver Level, and was recently made a member of NJAR's Distinguished Sales Club for her lifetime achievement.

She is also a Prudential President's Circle Award winner for being within the top 4 percent of Prudential's agents in the United States and Canada. Within her own company, she has been named to Prudential New Jersey Realty's Round Table (a council comprised of the top 25 Sales Associates).

Ms. Cuccaro may be reached at Prudential New Jersey Realty's office at 153 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, (908) 232-5664.



**HER 15TH YEAR...** Roz Alexander is celebrating her 15th successful year in real estate. She has been a member of New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club throughout most of her career, a member of the Presidents Club of Coldwell Banker Realtors, and a multi-million dollar Top Producer. She is a marketing specialist and realtor consultant for homeowners. She has successfully handled over 400 transactions in her career.

**Marc Nienburg Awarded Degree from Salisbury St.**

Marc Gordon Nienburg of Westfield was among 511 students to be graduated from Salisbury State University in Salisbury, Maryland. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History.

Salisbury State University enrolls some 6,000 students in 29 undergraduate and seven graduate programs, where they have an opportunity to pursue liberal arts and professional degrees.



**AWARD-WINNING REALTOR...** Marge Cuccaro, center, the 1997 New Jersey Realty Sales Associate of the Year, is congratulated by William O. Keleher, Jr. of Prudential New Jersey Realty, and also by Bernadette Houston, Manager of Prudential New Jersey Realty's Westfield office.

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## 'Passport for Education' Is Ticket to Dance-Party

"Passport to Education," a major Westfield Dance-Party Benefit, will take place on Friday, May 8, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

All net proceeds raised during this community-wide event will benefit technology in the Westfield Public Schools.

Passport tickets are now available from all nine Westfield Public School Parent-Teacher Associations and Parent-Teacher Organizations, the Westfield "Y," Rorden's, and the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts.

Admission to the fund-raiser is

\$50 per person and will be limited to 900 adults only. The party will take place in the Westfield National Guard Armory Building, located across the street from Westfield High School.

"Passport" ticket holders will enjoy a deluxe hot and cold buffet dinner, dancing to the music and shows from three terrific bands, a disc jockey, plus a light show. The benefit is being sponsored by COMCAST@Home and The Education Fund of Westfield. "Passport to Education" tickets are also available by mail or by calling 654-4100.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

**PASSPORTS, PLEASE...** Promoting the Saturday, May 8, "Passport to Education" fund-raiser to benefit technology in the Westfield public schools, left to right, are: Chris Molloy, Elena Schatz and Denise Shea, all members of the "Passport to Education" Dance-Party Benefit Committee; Darielle Walsh, representing The Education Fund of Westfield, and Debbie and Darryl Walker, members of the Dance-Party Committee.

## Alzheimer Support Group Set to Meet Next Thursday

The Caregiver/Alzheimer Support Group of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold its next meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, in the Family Conference Room of the facility, located at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

This professional support, education and information group for caregivers and family members is held the third Thursday of each month. It is open to the community free of charge, and is facilitated by Kathleen Balascio, a Runnells Specialized Hospital licensed social worker.

The support group shares information on the disease, research up-

dates, practical care techniques and a list of community resources. Participants also have an opportunity to discuss the frustrations which individuals feel in caring for those stricken with Alzheimer's disease.

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

For further information on this wheelchair accessible program, please call (908) 771-5835. Additional meetings will be held on Thursdays, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17.

## Mountainside Villa Included On Symphony Friends' Tour

A villa in Mountainside will be showcased on this year's "Tour of Notable Homes" organized by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra Friends (WSO).

The lavish villa, decorated with many antique English pieces, is one of five area homes that will be open to the public on Saturday, May 2. The annual event is the major fundraiser for the Friends, which every year donates all proceeds to the symphony.

Emma DeGiralamo, Chairwoman of the house tour, said this year's tour "offers something for everybody and every taste. The houses are all different styles, different decors and different character."

Two of the homes are central-hall Colonials located in Westfield. In addition to the villa in Mountainside, Emily Risko, Secretary of the Friends, has offered her Cape Cod, also located in Mountainside.

Mrs. DeGiralamo said visitors will get "one decorating idea after another" walking through this home. The very talented Mrs. Risko has sponge painted her walls, hand-painted rugs and worked on furniture to give it a distressed look.

The fifth house is located in Scotch Plains and will offer visitors a chance to see the antique collections of the owners, Marie and John Leppert.

For a second year, the Friends is also offering demonstrations during the tour. Patricia Bollinger, an accomplished Westfield artist and member of the Friends, will be painting a landscape on the lawn of the

Mountainside villa.

The homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$18 or on the day of the tour for \$20. The tickets are available at Baron's Drug Store, Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors, Lancaster Ltd., Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, Rorden Realty and Weichert Realtors, all in Westfield.

Tickets can be purchased at Patterson's Interiors in Mountainside, at the Cranford Book Store in Cranford and at Burgdorf Era Realtors and Irma's Hallmark, both in Fanwood.

For further information, please call the symphony at (908) 232-9400.

### Auxiliary to Present Spring Rummage Sale On Saturday, April 18

The Martin Wallberg American Legion Auxiliary of Westfield will hold its Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 18, at the post home, 1003 North Avenue in Westfield, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Clothing and household items will be featured. All proceeds will go towards the Wish List at the Lyons Veterans Administration Hospital for much needed items not in the hospital's budget, according to Auxiliary President Mary E. Blanes.



**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION...** Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, center, presents a proclamation to chorus members of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., honoring the group on its 50th anniversary. Pictured, left to right, are: Harold Snell of Scotch Plains, Dick Bodmer of Westfield, Mayor Jardim, George Ryan of Westfield, and Frank Dundon of Scotch Plains.

## Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Honored With Proclamation

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim recently signed and presented the town's official proclamation naming April as Barbershop Harmony Month in Westfield to chorus members of the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.)

The national organization is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires affiliate was formed 50 years ago in Westfield and is celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

In the proclamation, the Mayor commended the unit as being "dedicated to the enjoyment of the people of North America through building and encouraging close harmony groups and the encouragement of harmony among all people of the world."

The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. was founded in 1948 and includes over 90 members, from students to retired citizens, according to spokesman Charles Spozdzial.

Besides singing for enjoyment, the Jerseyaires perform community services and help raise funds for the

Society's national service project, Heartspring, in Wichita, Kansas, a life skills learning center that deals with afflictions that inhibit normal speech in children and adults.

The Jerseyaires rehearse every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Hall, 170 Elm Street in Westfield. For more information, please call (908) 233-7188, or (908) 925-2629.

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

### Fanwood Post Office Plans Extended Hours For April 15 Mailings

The Fanwood Post Office will be open on Wednesday, April 15, for business until 9 p.m. to help residents mail their tax returns on time.

Refreshments and forms will be available in the lobby for customers, according to Fanwood Postmaster John Alvarez.



*When good men die, their goodness does not perish. — Euripides*

## Volunteer Guild to Present Sale to Benefit Runnells

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will hold its monthly product sale today, Thursday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the facility, located at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights.

The sale will feature luggage, bags, briefcases and ties by T&D Accessories.

"The public is invited to shop at discounted prices from numerous vendors throughout the year," said Union County Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Liaison to the Runnells

Hospital Board of Managers.

"Part of each sale goes back to the Volunteer Guild to directly benefit our residents. The Guild has purchased televisions, video cassette recorders and bingo prizes for the residents, and they hold the annual picnic and holiday party/gift distribution in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Clubs," Ms. Scanlon said.

The Guild is looking for volunteers who wish to contribute a few hours. Interested individuals may call the Runnells Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5848.

## School-to-Work Program Prepares Students for Jobs

Union County Vocational-Technical Schools offers high school students a variety of school-to-work experiences to help them prepare for a chosen career.

The School-to-Work Program, under the direction of Dr. Deborah Rockafellow, contains three required elements: classroom learning, work-based learning, and connecting activities.

The work-based activities can be in the form of shadowing, where the student observes activities in the work place, or as an internship, where the student actually works in their chosen career.

The student gets a preview of what a particular business or industry is like, and this helps reduce turnover for the employer, according to UCVTS spokeswoman Paula Boss.

The employer in turn has an opportunity to influence the curriculum development to meet industry needs. This helps to ensure properly trained and qualified employees, the spokeswoman added.

Employer partners at UCVTS include The Hilton at Short Hills, Honeywell Controls, Howell Electric Motors, Longo Industries, Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, the Newark Airport Hilton, the Plainfield Police Department and

ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc.

For information regarding enrollment or becoming an employer partner, please call Dr. Rockafellow at (908) 889-2985 or visit the UCVTS web site at www.ucvts.tec.nj.us.

### 'Y' Announces Trip To Dogwood Festival

On Monday, May 11, the Westfield "Y" will host a trip to the Dogwood Festival in Fairfield, Connecticut for the Sixty-and-Better Set.

The festival is a major spring event in New England, according to "Y" spokeswoman Karen F. Simon. Highlights include a guided tour, plant and flower tents, and crafts. Lunch at the Silvermine Tavern, in Norwalk, Connecticut is included.

The cost of the trip is \$55 per person and includes transportation from and to the Westfield "Y," lunch and all entry fees. Reservations may be made at the Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street, in Westfield. No refunds will be given unless an individual's place can be sold.

For more information, please contact Ms. Simon at (908) 233-2700.

## Five WHS Students Selected For All State Orchestra

Five Westfield High School (WHS) students now share the distinction of having been selected to perform in the New Jersey All State Orchestra.

The regional finalists were chosen for the state orchestra following auditions at Howell Township High School on March 31.

The students included 11th graders Yair Ghitza, who plays the trombone, and Beth Satkin, string player, along with 9th graders Christina Yang, Allen Yu, and Peter Yu, also string players.

Beth also ranked first in the state for receiving the highest score among bass players, marking the second year that she has achieved all-state status.

Allen, who was named second cellist overall and his brother, Peter, who placed 12th overall, will be playing first violin in the orchestra. Sung Bin Lee, a sophomore at

WHS, was named as an alternate violin player.

Westfield High School Instrumental Music Teacher Raymond Wojcik commented, "This is an extraordinary achievement. Eleven students made Region II Orchestra, and now five have gone on to All-State. The students' achievements represent the high level of performance achieved by the entire Westfield High School Music Department."

The students will perform at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, following a Friday, November 13, concert in Atlantic City.

They have also been invited to perform with the All State Orchestra at Rutgers' home football games on Saturdays, October 3 and 24.



**HITTING A HIGH NOTE...**The five Westfield High School students selected to perform in the New Jersey All State Orchestra, pictured left to right, are: top row, 11th graders Yair Ghitza and Beth Satkin, and front row, 9th graders Peter Yu, Christina Yang and Allen Yu.

## Beth Satkin Is Accepted Into National Orchestra

Beth Satkin, a junior at Westfield High School and a student at the Manhattan School of Music, was recently accepted into the National All-Girls Orchestra in Washington, D.C.

She was one of 40 young women selected out of more than 650 applicants from all over the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. The orchestra will perform an all-Vivaldi program at the Kennedy Center in Washington on Sunday, May 17.

Beth was recently awarded the principal chair in the 1998 New Jersey All-State Orchestra, which will

perform at the Atlantic City Convention Center and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in November.

The student has additionally been accepted into the Tanglewood Institute, in Lenox, Massachusetts, where she will perform with the Young Artists Orchestra and attend the Double Bass Workshop this summer.



Beth Satkin

While at Tanglewood, Beth will study with Todd Seeber, principal bassist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Beth is a double bass student of Linda McKnight at the Manhattan School of Music, where she is associate principal bassist of the Manhattan School of Music Philharmonic.

She was recently awarded the Manhattan School of Music Parents Association Scholarship.

## Glee Club Announces Dates For Annual Spring Concerts

The Westfield Glee Club will present its 73rd Season Spring Concerts on Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street in Westfield, and on Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street in Cranford.

Director Thomas Booth said the program will feature a music mix, with sections called "From Soup to Nuts," "Sea Chanties," "Folk Songs of the West," "Cross Cultural" and "Broadway and Pop Rock."

In addition to the piano accompaniment by George Lachenauer, a student string bass player will accompany the Glee singers on the Civil

War song "Goober Peas."

Tickets for either concert are available at The Music Staff, 102 Quimby Street in Westfield, and at the door for a donation of \$10 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 for adults.

For further information, please call Dale Juntilla at (908) 232-0673.

### Jeffrey Williams Makes University Dean's List

Jeffrey L. Williams of Westfield was included on the Dean's Honor List at the University of Michigan College of Engineering for the Fall 1997 term.



**HAPPY CAMPERS...**Members of Daisy Girl Scout Troop No. 890 of McKinley Elementary School in Westfield spent a weekend during December at a "Mom and Me" camping trip to Camp Lou Henry Hoover. Pictured, left to right, are: Joan Penczak and daughter Elizabeth; Karen Callahan and daughter Heather; Troop Leader Linda Graham and daughter Brittany; Treasurer Linda Isaman and daughter Tyler, and Co-Leader Mary Liebau and daughter Amanda. The troop is part of the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council.

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