



— Serving the Town Since 1890 —

The Westfield Leader

OUR 108th YEAR — ISSUE NO. 16-98

USPS 680020
Periodical — Postage Paid at Westfield, N.J.

Thursday, April 16, 1998

Published
Every Thursday

232-4407

FIFTY CENTS

CONSTRUCTION ON VACANT LOTS EXPECTED TO BEGIN BY JUNE

Contracts Signed for Woman's Club Lots Local Couple to Buy Clubhouse Building

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Contracts have been signed for the two lots adjoining 318 South Euclid Avenue, the site of the Woman's Club of Westfield clubhouse.

Speaking on behalf of the Woman's Club, attorney Robert Kraus, of the Scotch Plains law firm Leib, Kraus, Grispin & Roth, told *The Westfield Leader* that a bid has also been accepted for the Colonial Revival home which served as the clubhouse.

When asked who signed the two

contracts and who bid on the house, Mr. Kraus stated that, at this point in time, these facts remain as confidential information.

He did acknowledge, however, that the two buyers for the adjoining properties that front on Tremont Avenue were contractors and have proposed to build a new Colonial-style house on each lot.

Mr. Kraus added that these houses would be well suited to the neighborhood. As of now, the closing date for both these contracts is

Friday, May 29.

Mr. Kraus stated that there was a bid made on the Colonial Revival house from a Westfield couple, who plan to renovate and reside in it. He noted that "the Woman's Club was doing the right thing" by selling the properties, and that the money from these transactions would "find its way back to the community."

In an earlier interview with *The Leader*, Mr. Kraus concluded that construction on the adjoining lots would begin by June or July.

Before the lots were open for bids, the Woman's Club of Westfield had to go before the Westfield Planning Board and formally ask for permission to subdivide the lots.

Because many neighbors objected to dividing the property, the Planning Board and the Woman's Club compromised by approving conditions for the granting of the subdivision.

One of the conditions was that the existing home must remain a single-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

NJ Transit Slates Dedication Event Today At Newly Renovated Westfield Train Station

NJ Transit, state and local officials will join today, Thursday, April 16, to dedicate the improvements at the Westfield Train Station and the newly installed set of 18 tile murals of Westfield history, located in the new underpass serving commuters and the community. The ceremonies will start at 10:30 a.m. and the public is invited.

The murals were designed, produced and installed by Stacey Farley, a native of Westfield. She was selected by NJ Transit and Westfield community representatives after a competition among 16 artists.

She was assisted by and drew upon the archives of the Westfield Historical Society, the postcard collection of Stan and Jody Lipson, and the Town of Westfield.

The \$6 million project, which included the artwork, brings the Westfield station into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and will make train operations safer, more convenient and faster. High-level covered platforms, elevators and a new, higher, wider and more user-friendly underpass are principal improvements.

To assure that the proposed improvements would be compatible with the century-old station buildings on the north and south sides of the tracks and the best interests of the municipality, former Mayor Bud C. Boothe involved the Westfield Historical Society, the town's Architectural Review Board and the Westfield Historic Preservation Board in the planning process.

Although the buildings are owned

by the Town of Westfield, NJ Transit has the responsibility for matters related to train operations.

The submission by Ms. Farley was based upon historic scenes of Westfield, particularly those showing transportation themes.

According to Mr. Boothe, the railroad has been pivotal to the development and growth of Westfield. It has kept the same alignment for over 150 years, as part of the former Central Railroad of New Jersey line west to Plainfield, Somerville and beyond.

Although the railroad first reached the small township in 1830 from Elizabeth, it was not until the bridge was completed across Newark Bay and ferry service established from Manhattan to Jersey City that daily commuting into the city from Westfield became feasible.

The township and the number of commuters increased to the point that at the turn-of-the-century one of every eight residents (including women and children) boarded a train in Westfield every day. While this ratio no longer applies, Westfield with 5,000 daily riders is the busiest station on the Raritan Valley line (originally the Central Railroad of New Jersey) and one of the busiest in the state.

Accordingly, Ms. Farley's proposal to feature transportation and development of Westfield in her tile work is well founded in history and the traditions of the community.

Ms. Farley is a graduate of Westfield High School, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, with a major in art and the University of

Illinois with a master's degree in fine art. She has also studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Her numerous projects in tile and murals include the Peekskill train station, the Perkins Memorial Tower at Bear Mountain, the New York Throughway travel plaza at Slootsburg, the Texas Seaport Museum, the Litchfield Historical Society and various private locations.

Ms. Farley made several trips back to her home town and reviewed countless photographs and drawings with the Town Archivist and former Town Historian Ralph Jones and Dr. Stanley Lipson, author of a recent book reproducing postcards of Westfield.

Along with Linda Maggio, Director of the Westfield United Fund, and Mr. Boothe, decisions were made as to which photographs would be used.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

HISTORIC SCENES...Westfield native Stacey Farley and Dale Wong, of Ceramic Tile Design, Inc., lay in one of the 18 murals in the new Westfield Train Station pedestrian tunnel depicting Westfield's history. Ms. Farley was contracted with NJ Transit to create the scenes which align the tunnel. A formal dedication ceremony will be held today, Thursday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. to mark the completion of NJ Transit's \$6.2 million rehabilitation of the station, the largest on the Raritan Valley commuter line.

Zoning Board Delays Decision on Proposed Sign for Dealership

By RUSSELL R. WATKINS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Board of Adjustment on Monday delayed approval of a new sign for Thomas Lincoln-Mercury on South Avenue.

Board members were reluctant to approve the proposed 40-square-foot, internally illuminated sign. They opted instead to view an existing sign at a Ford dealership on River Road in

Summit, which is identical to the one proposed for the Westfield site, before making a final decision.

The proposed sign would replace a 1970s-era, 28-square-foot sign and would stand 12 feet high. Thomas Lincoln-Mercury had originally proposed a 75-square-foot sign when it first appeared before the board two months ago. The

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Westfield Town Council to Hold Hearing Tuesday Night on \$22.9 Million Budget

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Town Council, which had a rare Tuesday night off this week, is set to vote on the town's

municipal spending plan of \$22,923,211 this Tuesday night, April 21. Members of the council will vote on the budget during a special meeting at 8 p.m. prior to the council's conference session.

If approved, the municipal spending plan would increase taxes by \$52.50 on the average assessed home in town of \$175,000 in 1998 — a difference of three cents per \$100 of assessed valuation over 1997. A cent, or tax point, is equal to \$180,000 in spending in the Westfield budget.

During an hour-long closed door session last month on the night the budget was introduced on first reading, the council managed to reduce the burden on taxpayers by an additional tax point.

A total of \$11,318,088 will be raised through local property taxes to support the budget — an increase of \$552,141 over 1997. The spending plan itself is increasing by \$649,670.

The tax levy cut was accomplished by dipping further into the sale of town assets — everything from land sold the past few years to revenues from the police department's sale of bicycles and used police cruisers — for a total of \$180,000. This increased the amount used in the budget from this revenue source to \$561,000.

Although this number is about half of what was utilized in the 1997 budget, it is \$561,000 over what Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko had put down in the budget he presented to the council in January.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr., pulled his support for the budget — voting to abstain instead — stating that money from the sale of assets should not be used for operational expenses, but rather for long-term projects on the capital side

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Polling Places, Hours Told for School Board Election on Budget

Polling places for this Tuesday's Westfield Board of Education election will be open from 2 to 9 p.m., according to Town Clerk Joy C. Vreeland.

Voters will be asked to cast their ballots on the amount proposed to be raised through local property taxes in support of the budget. That amount, \$45,177,689 — if approved by voters — would increase taxes on the average assessed home in Westfield by \$122 a year. The total school budget for the 1998-1999 school year is \$52,178,496.

Running unopposed in the school board race are incumbents Ginger Hardwick and Board Vice President Danielle M. Walsh, and former board member Eileen Satkin.

Polling places are as follows:

First Ward, District Nos. 1 and 2, Roosevelt Intermediate School gymnasium; District Nos. 3, 5 and 7, Franklin Elementary School auditorium, and District Nos. 4 and 6, Westfield Memorial Library, Program Room.



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

TOWN'S TRIBUTE...Elected officials and members of the Paul Robeson Centennial Committee of Westfield stand next to the temporary street sign named in memory of performing artist and human rights activist Paul Robeson. Robeson, who resided in Westfield from 1907-1910, is being honored this month and throughout the year on the 100th anniversary of his birth. The Paul Robeson Corner sign was placed at Downer Street and Osborn Avenue, outside of Saint Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church where Robeson's father, the Reverend William Drew Robeson, was once minister.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader

HONORING HER GRANDFATHER...Susan Robeson, center, granddaughter of performing artist and human rights advocate Paul Robeson, is shown here before she spoke at an April 9 luncheon at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield in honor of her grandfather. Also pictured are Presbyterian Church Senior Minister Reverend Dr. William Ross Forbes, left, and Lloyd L. Brown, a veteran journalist and author of "The Young Paul Robeson," who also attended the luncheon.

Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Leader

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

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

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

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

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

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



William A. Burke for The Westfield Leader

THE SEARCH IS ON...Youngsters search for Easter eggs during the 63rd annual Easter Egg Hunt which was sponsored by the Lions Club of Westfield. Over 1,200 plastic eggs were hidden throughout Mindowaskin Park including



WELCOME, SPRING...Members of the Garden Club of Westfield recently completed their spring planting of pansies in the wooden planters located on the corners of Elm and East Broad Streets. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Irene Illaria, Mary Pope, Mary Pearsall, Jean Sawtelle and Ruth Paul, and back row, Jane Curtis, Rita Mahoney, Carol Mucci, Nita McHugh and Ottilie Griesemer. Not pictured are members Martie Myers and Lecia DeHaven.

Master Sergeant Crincoli Is Awarded Service Medal

Air Force Master Sergeant Theodore Crincoli, Jr. has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement in service to the United States.

He received this second award of the medal for managing projects that installed over 50 miles of fiber optic cable, including a new high-speed computer network.

His supervision of communications designs in military construction projects totaled over \$70 million.

Master Sergeant Crincoli is a plans flight superintendent assigned to the 437th Communications Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, North

Charleston, South Carolina.

He is the son of Theodore Crincoli, Sr. of Westfield and Joan Crincoli of Flemington.

The Master Sergeant graduated in 1976 from Westfield High School, and received associate degrees in 1988 and 1997 from the Community College of the Air Force.

Information Offered On School Election

On Tuesday, April 21, from 2 to 9 p.m. the polls will be open for the public to vote in the school election. On the ballot is the 1998-1999 school budget, as well as the names of three candidates for uncontested seats on the Board of Education.

For information on the school budget, please call the Office of School/Community Relations at (908) 789-4463, or check the Westfield web site at www.westfieldnj.com.

Residents are also invited to watch Channel 36 for an explanation of the budget by Board Finance Chairman Keith S. Hertell. This will be aired today, Thursday, April 16, at 4:40 and 8:50 p.m.; tomorrow, Friday, April 17, at 10:20 a.m.; Saturday, April 18, at 3:20 and 11:20 p.m.; Sunday, April 19, at 1:20 and 9:20 p.m.; Monday, April 20, at 5:15 and 8:15 p.m., and Tuesday, April 21, at 5:15 p.m.

Knights of Columbus To Hold Fundraiser Today Through Sunday

The Westfield Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1711, has announced it will hold its annual "Tootsie Roll" drive to benefit handicapped citizens of the area.

Volunteers, wearing yellow and red vests, will be collecting donations at various locations throughout Westfield during business hours today, Thursday, April 16, through Sunday, April 19.



STRONG IMPACT...Westfield firefighters assess the damage caused by a tree that toppled over on Raymond Street on April 5. The tree damaged a vehicle and pulled power lines down from several homes.

Contracts Have Been Signed For Woman's Club Lots

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

family residence for at least five years, in an effort to prevent a developer from bulldozing the house.

Another stipulation was that any new homes built on the property would have to "fit in" with the surrounding homes in the neighborhood.

Mr. Kraus assured the board at the March 2 meeting that the club intended to sell the house as a single-family residence to a new owner who would upgrade and preserve it.

The Woman's Club purchased the property 43 years ago from the Burr A. Towl family. The Towl family had bought the house in 1920.

Mr. Towl served as Mayor of Westfield from 1929 to 1930, when the house was called "The Little White House." Mr. Towl's son, Burr A. Towl, Jr., had also served as Mayor.

According to a press release issued by the Woman's Club, the old Colo-

rial Revival house was renovated after the club purchased the property in 1955. Local building authorities helped to convert the family home into a clubhouse.

The rooms were used to offer members and the general public a comfortable space to entertain at wedding receptions, showers, parties, recitals and events sponsored by the club.

The Woman's Club has been involved in many charitable endeavors, and has awarded scholarships to Westfield High School seniors since 1949.

According to Mr. Kraus, the Woman's Club has had a significant decline in membership in recent years. The club is said to have had approximately 600 members at one point. Now the organization has barely 100 participants, most of whom are retired.

Zoning Bd. Delays Decision On Proposed Dealership Sign

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

board rejected that proposal.

The dealership came back the following month with a proposal for a 40-square-foot sign — the smallest permitted by Ford as part of its dealership modernization campaign.

The board postponed its decision after asking owner John Lauraicella if Ford would be willing to custom make a smaller sign which would more readily comply with Westfield zoning ordinances.

Making his third appearance before the board on Monday, Mr. Lauraicella told members "unfortunately, due to the way its engineered, it (the sign) can't be chopped up anymore."

Some members were inclined to approve the 40-square-foot sign. Board member William J. Palatucci called it a "modern, clean-looking sign," although others still expressed reservations.

Mr. Lauraicella suggested that board members look at the Ford dealership sign on River Road in Summit, which is identical to the one proposed for Thomas Lincoln-Mercury. Board members agreed and will take up the matter again next month.

In other business, the board approved Eugene and Louise Dedea's request to expand their kitchen, bathroom and mud room — a small room or entryway where wet or muddy footwear and clothing can be removed.

The expansion will be built on the rear of the house which is located at 421 North Scotch Plains Avenue.

The board granted a variance because the Dedeas' rear property borders designated open space and so would pose no inconvenience to neighbors.

Lawrence and Carol Smith, of 534 First Street, also received permission to erect a first floor bedroom and bathroom. The Smiths, who have been Westfield residents for 37 years, sought the expansion after a fire devastated the rear of their house.

The board approved their request and, due to the fire damage, allowed construction to begin immediately.

Among the cases not heard but which will be carried over to the board's Monday, May 11 meeting are that of C.F.G.R., which is seeking permission to remove several existing buildings and construct a 56-unit mixed town house and apartment complex on the corner of Central Avenue and Cacciola Place. C.F.G.R. is seeking to merge five lots into one.

In addition, the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, located at 1 East Broad Street, is seeking expansion of a non-conforming use, as regulated under the town's land use ordinance, by erecting an elevator and stairs tower.

Also to be heard next month is an appeal by Needle Point Homes to erect a one-family dwelling at 525 Elm Street. Variances are needed for side yard setbacks which, in the application, are several feet under the town's requirement of 10 feet in the neighborhood.

Town Council to Hold Budget Hearing on Tuesday

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

of the budget.

Prior to the private session, Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman had threatened to pull his support for the introduction of the budget — noting he could not support the four-tax point increase.

Through the budget process, the council managed to cut \$156,000 in spending.

On the capital side of the budget, an area which has doubled over previous years, includes \$600,000 for road improvements, \$60,000 for improvements to Sycamore Field, \$12,000 for work at Memorial Park, construction of a picnic structure at Tamaques Park and new playground equipment for the Lincoln School.

The school is currently leased to the Union County Educational Services Commission as a high school for emotionally disturbed students.

The council has included \$35,000 in the spending plan for the playground project — half of which will come in a dollar-dollar match, or \$17,500, from Union County as part of its new "Pocket Park Program," as announced by Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan in January.

As part of this same program, the council has included \$200,000 for the acquisition and design of a "pocket park" at the former site of the Excellent Diner on North Avenue. The county match would be \$100,000 for the project.

The budget also includes \$7,500 for the town's continued effort to be included in the state's Neighborhood Preservation Program. The town is seeking to have a triangular section between Central Avenue and Grove Street, South and Grandview Avenues included in the program.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim voted against the introduction of the budget, indicating that he would like further cuts on the operating side of the spending plan.

The proposed school tax levy — which goes before voters Tuesday — would increase taxes by another six cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Thus, the combined increase between the municipal and school tax would be \$156 on the average home in town. Of that amount, \$122 would go to support the public schools.

In terms of the county tax, under the county's recently introduced \$282.15 million budget, the amount

local property taxes will drop by \$334,606, from \$14,711,656 in 1997 to \$14,377,050 this year.

Westfield is among 15 towns which will see their portion of the county tax drop. The overall county tax rate is .4681 this year — down from .4872 in 1997.

The budget hearing will begin at 8 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of the Westfield Municipal Building.

Polling Places, Hours Told for School Board Election on Budget

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Second Ward, District No. 1, Union County Clerk's Annex on North Avenue; District Nos. 2, 3 and 6, Washington Elementary School auditorium, and District Nos. 4 and 5, Wilson Elementary School auditorium.

Third Ward, District No. 1, Westfield Rescue Squad; District Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Edison Intermediate School gymnasium, and District Nos. 5, 6 and 7, Jefferson Elementary School, All Purpose Room.

Fourth Ward, District Nos. 1 and 2, McKinley Elementary School auditorium; District Nos. 3 and 4, Westfield High School lobby, and District No. 5, Jefferson School auditorium.

Channel 36 to Feature 'Election Night Live'

The Westfield Board of Education will televise "Election Night Live," beginning at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, on Comcast Cable TV Channel 36. Voter tallies on the 1998-1999 school budget and the three Board of Education candidates will be broadcast live.

The show will be hosted by School Superintendent Dr. William J. Foley. School Board Finance Committee Chairman Keith S. Hertell will be his guest. They will discuss the highlights of the 1998-1999 school budget.

Election results will be announced as they are received.

This is the 12th year that school election results will be broadcast live on Cable TV. The first "Election Night Live" was televised on April 2, 1987.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

• Bruce Killelea, 48, of North Arlington was arrested on Dorian Road and charged with driving with a revoked license, according to police. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Michael Bartolomeo, 18, and Jeremi Thomson, 19, both of Westfield, were charged with burglary and theft in connection with a February 24 incident in which an air compressor was stolen from a vehicle on Tamaques Way, authorities said. Both suspects were released on a summons.

• Police reported that Gregory Prunty, 23, of Westfield was arrested on Clark Street and charged with driving with a revoked license. It was his second offense, authorities said. He was released after posting \$775 bail.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

• A South Avenue automobile dealership reported the theft of a vehicle from the lot by an individual who had presented false identification as part of a lease scam.

• A vehicle on the lot of a South Avenue dealership was damaged after someone apparently attempted to remove the radio.

• The occupant of a Carleton Road apartment reported the theft of a computer and software valued at \$10,000, along with a videocassette recorder.

• A Summit Avenue resident reported that someone entered his parked vehicle

and removed a cellular telephone.

• A woman reported that her jacket containing her wallet was stolen from the Prospect Street firm where she is employed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

• A Hazel Avenue resident reported that someone threw eggs at her home and on her 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

• A cellular telephone was reported stolen from a vehicle which was parked on East Broad Street.

• Police reported that a stereo, videocassette recorder, speakers and some luggage were stolen from a third-floor apartment on Rahway Avenue. The total value of the stolen items was \$1,500.

• A cellular telephone was reported stolen from a vehicle on Lawrence Avenue.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

• A Windsor Avenue resident reported that all four tires on her vehicle were punctured with a sharp object while the car was parked in front of her house.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

• Alejandro Meza, 23, of Plainfield was arrested on South Avenue and charged with being an unlicensed driver, according to police. He was being held on \$225 bail.

• Police reported that a windshield was smashed on a vehicle which was parked in an alleyway on Elm Street.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, APRIL 6

• Eleven hundred block of South Avenue, West — system malfunction.

• Eleven hundred block of South Avenue, West — unintentional alarm.

• One hundred block of South Chestnut Street — power line down.

• Seven hundred block of North Avenue, West — gas odor investigation.

• Four hundred block of North Avenue, West — spill in roadway.

• Five hundred block of North Chestnut Street — power line down.

• One hundred block of Elmer Street — water evacuation.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

• Two hundred block of East Dudley Avenue — automobile accident.

• Five hundred block of East Broad Street — unintentional alarm.

• Three hundred block of North Avenue, West — emergency medical call.

• Five hundred block of North Avenue, East — power line down.

• One hundred block of Summit Court — propane tank leaking.

• Seven hundred block of Shackamaxon Drive — carbon monoxide detector activation.

• Seven hundred block of St. Marks Avenue — carbon monoxide detector activation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

• Fourteen hundred block of Central Avenue — good intent call.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

• Seven hundred block of Prospect Street — spill in roadway.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

• Five hundred block of Alden Avenue — structure fire.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

• Eight hundred block of Dorian Road — electrical hazard.

• Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — unintentional alarm.

• Eight hundred block of South Avenue, West — unintentional alarm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

• Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — system malfunction.

• Two hundred block of East Broad Street — system malfunction.

• Eleven hundred block of Boynton Avenue — system malfunction.

Two Spring Concerts Are Scheduled at WHS

Two concerts are scheduled at Westfield High School (WHS) in the upcoming weeks. On Wednesday, April 22, there will be a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium, in which the Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chorale and Madrigal Singers will perform.

Featured soloists include Peter Yu and Andy Bhasin in "Concerto for Two Violins" by Bach. The Chorale will join with the orchestra in "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The orchestra will be playing the third and fourth movement of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5" and other works.

On Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the WHS auditorium, the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will perform. Featured works will include the First and Second Suites by Holst, along with Cajun folk songs and other selections.

The public is invited to attend these free performances.

Boy Scout Troop No. 77 Welcomes New Scouts

Scoutmaster Bruce Mellen and Boy Scout Troop No. 77 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield inducted 15 new members at a Court of Honor held recently at the church.

Most of the new Scouts were Webelos Scouts from the Cub packs at Franklin, Jefferson and McKinley Schools who had visited the troop while completing their arrow of light requirements, and they have already started to enjoy the troop's busy spring camping and activities program.

In the induction ceremony, the new scouts subscribed to the scout oath and law and were given scout insignia and the troop's own neckerchief as part of their scout uniforms.

The new scouts include Rahul Bhasin, Daniel Cohen, Jeffrey Cornell, Marc Dowling, Jeffrey Dresley, Michael Fantini, Brendan Grandstrand, Jeremy Krell, Matthew Kukis, David Rimkus, Matthew Risburg, Greg

Ryan, Jr., Max Thomas, John Velasco, and Thomas White.

The Court of Honor also recognized advancement to Tenderfoot Scout by Bob Greifeld and to Second Class Scout by Daniel Rea.

Addressing the scouts and scout parents, Scoutmaster Mellen described the troop's plans for camping this spring, including participation in the Watchung Council's "JAMBO '98" Scout Show in North Branch Park in May, and the troop's plans for summer camp at Sabattus Adventure Camp in the Adirondacks.

Several of the new scouts' fathers will be helping with troop operations, with James Thomas and Greg Ryan, Sr., joining the troop leadership as assistant scoutmasters, and Kevin Dresley serving on the Troop Committee as Scout Advancement Chairman.



RECENTLY INDUCTED...Fifteen new Boy Scouts were inducted into Troop No. 77 in a Court of Honor held recently at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield. In this picture, the new Scouts have received their Troop No. 77 neckerchief as the final part of their induction ceremony. Scouts on the right are Troop Guides Joseph Kukis and John Carpenter.

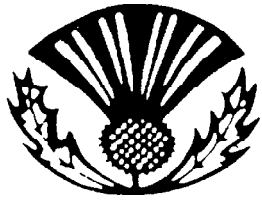
Ryan St. Clair Among 20 Winners At Rutgers' Annual Poetry Contest

Westfield High School senior Ryan St. Clair was among the top 20 winners in the ninth annual Rutgers University-Newark Campus New Jersey High School Poetry Contest.

Young poets, hailing from 127 public and private high schools from across the state, submitted more than 2,500 poems, for a chance at becoming one of the top prize-winners. A panel of three faculty members, headed by Dr. Louie Crew, representing the Rutgers-Newark English Department, selected 20 finalists among 417 aspiring entrants.

Ryan was Rutgers' guest at a reception held on April 15 where he read his poem. The 20 winners also will receive a prize of \$100 and have their poems published in a chapbook, "News From Poems 9."

The poetry contest was sponsored by the Rutgers University Newark Campus Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.



SCOTCH PLAINS

THE TIMES

of



FANWOOD

Scotch Plains – Fanwood

OUR 39th YEAR – ISSUE NO. 16-98

USPS 485200
Periodical – Postage Paid at Scotch Plains, N.J.

Thursday, April 16, 1998

Published
Every Thursday

232-4407

FIFTY CENTS



TOP HATS AND PRETTY DRESSES...Students at Westminster Preschool display their Easter finery following an Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Following the hunt, children and parents enjoyed a "Bunny Brunch" inside. Westminster Preschool is sponsored by the church.

POCKET PARK WITH GAZEBO PLANNED FOR WATSON ROAD

Borough Council Adopts Budget for '98; Gives Nod to Sidewalk Café Ordinance

By SUZETTE STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

The Fanwood Borough Council adopted its 1998 municipal budget on second reading last Thursday, which at \$5,528,420 represents an approximate 2 percent increase over last year's spending plan.

Officials amended their original budget, introduced during a special meeting on March 4, to include \$7,500 which was transferred from surplus to cover an additional expenditure.

According to Finance Committee Chairman William E. Populus, Jr., the supplementary funds will pay for the services of professional planner Richard Preiss, who will review the borough's updated Master Plan and zoning ordinance. He emphasized that the Master Plan is integral to a community's eligibility for certain grants.

This year's budget represents an increase of roughly three tax points on an average home assessed at \$83,000, and with a market value of between \$190,000 and \$210,000.

Residents can expect the municipal portion of their tax bills to go up by \$25 for the year, or about \$2 a month, Councilman Populus said.

Officials also adopted several ordinances on second reading during the regular meeting of the governing body. The first of these was a bond ordinance appropriating \$485,000 and authorizing issuance of \$460,750 in bonds for general improvements to the community.

Following this was an ordinance appropriating \$28,300 from capital surplus to cover the cost of slurry seal work and renovations to the Carriage House on Watson Road and to Fanwood Police Headquarters.

A 1998 salary ordinance, which addresses wages and compensation for members of the Fanwood Police Department, was also adopted.

Council members adopted on second reading an ordinance permitting local restaurants to operate sidewalk cafés during the warm weather months.

Another ordinance was introduced later in the meeting amending the café ordinance. It would allow the cafés to remain open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., and reduces the fee

from \$100 to \$50. Approval of applications for cafés is expected to begin next month.

A discussion of whether restaurants will be allowed to set up cafés on the side or at the rear of their buildings is expected to take place during the council's next agenda session on Wednesday, May 6.

Under other business, Councilman Populus, who represents Fanwood to the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority (PARSA), reported that the authority has already videotaped 4,000 feet of sewer pipes in Fanwood to determine where infrastructure repairs need to be done.

PARSA performs this service free for its members, Councilman Populus revealed. He said the cost on the open market is \$3 per foot of pipeline, adding that the borough has already saved \$12,000 in this capacity through its membership in the sewerage authority.

"Anywhere we can save money we're trying to do that," concurred Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly.

Officials confirmed that plans are underway for the creation of a vest pocket park, with a gazebo as its centerpiece, on Watson Road. Councilman Populus said the site will be a "passive park" with landscaping but with no recreational equipment.

He reported that the borough has been approved by the Union County Division of Policy and Planning for \$25,000 for development of the park through a matching grant program.

In addition, six students from Union County College have twice visited the site to prepare rough sketches for the layout of the proposed park, Councilman Populus explained. They are expected to present these drawings to the council within a short period of time. The students are doing this free of charge as a project for school.

The councilman said officials are also looking into the possibility that students from the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains would construct the gazebo, with the anticipation that materials and footings for the structure would be provided by the municipality.

The governing body approved a change to its By Laws, whereby members of the public will have one op-

portunity to speak for five minutes during each part of the meeting which is open for public comment.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Future Business Leaders Are Top New Jersey Chapter Once Again

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Outstanding performance from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) at regional and state-level competitions is a habit that is hard to break.

For the fifth consecutive year, the local division of FBLA was recently named "New Jersey Outstanding Chapter" at the State Conference where nearly 1,500 students competed for FBLA honors.

Several of the SPFHS students who took top state awards will go on to compete in July at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. There, they hope to place among the top 10 chapters in the country. Five thousand students from across the United States are expected to attend the national conference.

In addition to learning and refining resume, interview, speech writing and public speaking skills, FBLA members enjoy partnerships with businesses where students have opportunities to "job shadow" mentors for a day.

Chapter advisor Fran DeSalvo said SPFHS students work with Chubb and Son Inc. and local Rotary members as part of their FBLA experience.

She said FBLA is open to students in grades 9 through 12 who are interested in the field of business.

"FBLA offers students opportunities for competition, travel and leadership," Ms. DeSalvo explained.

Most of the chapter's 50 members have signed up for the club through their business courses at SPFHS. FBLA meets two times per month, and "everyone is involved," she said.

"We expect full involvement from the entire team," continued Ms. DeSalvo. "That's why they're outstanding. This is one of the best

groups I've ever had."

David Gewirtz, President of both the local and state chapters of FBLA, swept the top three awards in the state competition.

"FBLA helps you get ready for life in the business world," said David, who was named "Mr. Future Business Leader" of New Jersey. It helps develop leadership capabilities.

"One of FBLA's goals is to help students become aggressive and competent," added Joe Franzone, who was elected Community Service Vice President of the state chapter for 1998-1999.

At the state conference, local chapter members Chris Hughes and Dave Frank placed first among students who designed and maintain a website outlining the high school's FBLA activities. The website includes news and events, project information and a

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

ASSISTED LIVING FIRM SEEKING TO DEVELOP SITE

Scotch Plains Council Votes To Condemn Zoo Property But Action Faces Challenge

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council voted unanimously Tuesday to seize ownership of the former Scotch Plains Zoo property for a public park from the reported current owner of the property, Sunrise Development, Inc., by claiming a right of "eminent domain."

Then, the council passed a \$570,000 bond ordinance in order to pay "a fair market price," as required by law, to Sunrise Assisted Living, for the 5.87 acres at Raritan and Terrill Roads.

Sunrise Development Vice President for the New Jersey area, Joseph F. McElwee, said Sunrise asked the township's Board of Adjustment last month for a use-variance for the former zoo lot in order to build a 56,000-square-foot assisted-living facility for the elderly on three acres of the site.

The lot is zoned "R-1" for residential, single-family housing.

The variance request has not yet come before the Board of Adjustment, according to board member Paulette Coronado.

Realtor James Kraft, working alongside Sunrise Development, but whose exact role in the deal is unclear, said outside the meeting after the vote, "We will challenge this decision (by the council)."

Mr. Kraft claimed this action, which blocks Sunrise, violates Federal housing laws and the civil rights of the "frail elderly and disabled."

Attorney for Sunrise Robert Podvey said the purchase price of the entire zoo lot was \$850,000, and that Sunrise had spent at least \$60,000 addressing "environmental problems" at the site.

Attorney for the council, Jeffrey Lehrer, said Tuesday he notified potential developers "eight or nine months ago" of the township's interest in the former zoo site, and that he warned developers that they "proceeded at their own risk" in pursuing

the property.

Mr. McElwee pleaded before the council during a public hearing on the action prior to the council vote, to allow Sunrise to move forward with the project.

"We'd be willing to do anything to get into this town," he said.

Mr. Podvey said the group has 67 similar facilities in 13 states around the country. The company is based in Fairfax, Virginia.

Sunrise offered to donate two acres of the zoo site to the township, restore the site's historic "Frazee House" for an estimated \$200,000, and create a new petting zoo if allowed to develop the property.

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

Local planner Susan Kimball said the zoo site has "serious environmental constraints to conventional development," since nearly one-third of the lot is "a flood plain hazard."

Terrill Road resident Gladys Essex encouraged the council to allow Sunrise to develop the lot.

"You talk about parks for the children. You have to consider the older people in Scotch Plains. Thirty years ago when I bought my house, I paid \$850 in taxes. Now I pay \$4,800.

"I don't want my taxes to go up to pay for this," she added, saying the Sunrise development "may stabilize taxes."

Mrs. Essex also claimed the former owners of the zoo offered the township the same property at "half the price" years ago.

Councilman Robert E. Johnston

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12

Deadlines Told For Submittals To The Times

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

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

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

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

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

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

Democrats Launch Campaign For Township Council Seats

Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley and Geri Morgan Samuel have filed petitions to run as Democratic candidates for the three seats expiring on the Scotch Plains Township Council this year.

The threesome, who filed their petitions last Thursday with Township Clerk Barbara Riepe, will challenge Republican incumbent Robert E. Johnston and his running-mates Paulette Coronado, a member of the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment, and local Realtor James Fawcett.

The Democratic trio was described this week by David Littman, President of the Scotch Plains Democratic Club, as "an outstanding slate of council candidates, presenting to the voters new hope and vision for addressing local government issues."

He added that, "Donatelli, Bromley and Samuel offer the citizens of our community new perspectives, and a unique blend of high quality credentials never before offered to Scotch

Plains voters in a single slate of three candidates."

Mr. Donatelli, a life-long Scotch Plains resident, is recently retired as Superintendent of Maintenance and Engineering at the John E. Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights, after nearly 25 years of service in Union County government.

Prior to working at the hospital, he was a principal in a two-generation family general contracting business specializing in residential and commercial projects in the Scotch Plains area.

Additionally he served in the United States Army in the special weapons project under the Atomic Energy Commission.

A father of seven and grandfather of eight, he has authored a number of children's books.

Mr. Donatelli is a member of the Scotch Plains American Legion Post No. 209, the Elks, the Moose, and the Scotch Plains Democratic Club. He

attends St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

A graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, he attended Florida Southern College.

On becoming a council candidate, Mr. Donatelli stated, "My love for Scotch Plains has prompted me to become a candidate. Being recently retired, I can apply my unique experience in plant maintenance, operations and engineering on a full-time basis.

"My only interests will be to make Scotch Plains a better, more affordable community in which to live and raise a family," he added.

Mr. Bromley, a Scotch Plains resident for nearly five years, is an attorney with a private practice in New York and New Jersey. He specializes in labor and employment litigation.

Prior to entering his private legal practice, he served in the role of special litigation counsel as an As-

CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



LOCAL WOMAN HONORED...Kathy Marvel, an Assistant Vice President and Manager in the Information Technology Division of Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, was named Business Person of the Year by the Future Business Leaders of America at the group's 1997-1998 State Leadership Conference on March 12. Chubb has sponsored the Scotch Plains-Fanwood chapter of the organization since 1994. Presenting the award is David Gewirtz, the President of the New Jersey chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America.



FBLA RECOGNIZED...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) took fourth place in the Partnership with Business competition at the New Jersey 1997-1998 FBLA State Leadership Conference achievement awards on March 13. Pictured, left to right, are: Kathy Marvel of Chubb Group of Insurance Companies Information Technology Women's Council, which sponsors the school's FBLA group, Lindsay Freeman and Chris Hughes. Also receiving the award is David Frank. The chapter received additional awards, including "Mr. FBLA," won by David Gewirtz. Fran DeSalvo, one of the school's business teachers, is the adviser for the group.



AND THEY'RE OFF...Youngsters search for hidden Easter eggs during the Fanwood Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Party which was held

William A. Burke for The Times

Fanwood PBA to Hold Spring Classic Car Show

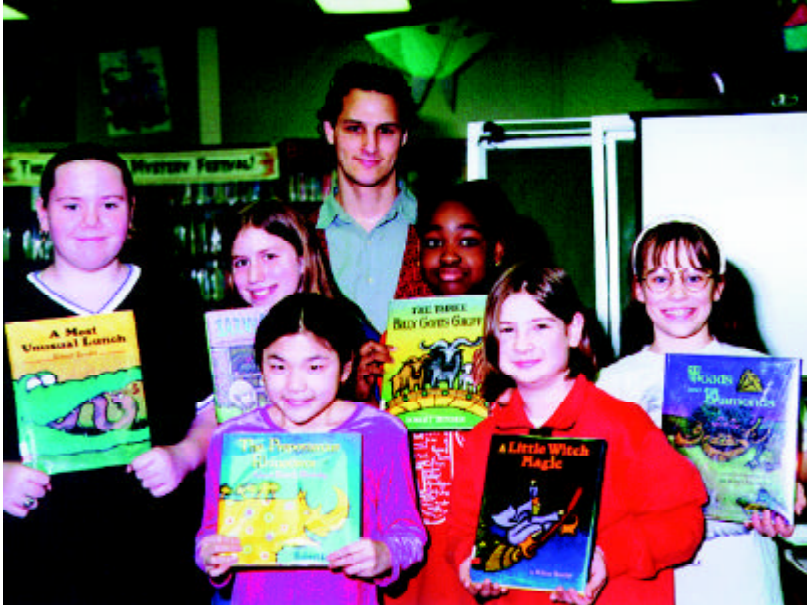
The Fanwood Policemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 123 has announced that "Spring Classic '98," the second annual antique and collector car show, will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fanwood Community House located in the northside railroad lot.

The grounds include a paved lot and restroom facilities. Car entrants are \$10 per car pre-registered, and \$12 the day of show. There is no spectator fee.

For entrance information, please call (908) 322-5000 and ask for Fanwood Police Sergeant Tom Jedic or simply write to Fanwood PBA, Spring Classic '98, at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, 07023.

Persons who would like to enter cars are asked to include the car make, year and model, as well as their name, address and phone number and the registration fee.

Checks should be made payable to Fanwood PBA Local No. 123. Each entrant will receive a commemorative dash plaque and a chance at a sponsor's trophy.



A FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE...Children's book author and illustrator Robert Bender spent an entire school day working with the students at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains. He demonstrated how he makes drawings for his books and explained the process of publishing a book. Pictured with Mr. Bender, left to right, are: front row, Emily Fox and April Gano; back row, Jamie Shirk, Valerie Baratucci, Stephanie Shomade and Amy Drewes.

Writer/Illustrator Spends Day With Kids at School One

Robert Bender, a writer and illustrator of children's books, recently spent an entire day working with the students at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains.

His visit was made possible by a grant awarded to the school by the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Terene LaBrecque, the school's media specialist, had written the successful grant proposal to bring a guest author to the school.

Mr. Bender demonstrated how he draws his whimsical illustrations and worked with students individually as they made their own drawings. He also talked about the process of publishing a book and showed the proof sheets from one

of his books. The students seemed to be inspired by his talent, enthusiasm and sense of humor.

Some of the books he has written and illustrated are: "A Little Witch Magic," "The Preposterous Rhinoceros," "The A to Z Beastly Jam-boree," and "A Most Unusual Lunch."

Future Business Leaders Are Top New Jersey Chapter

calendar of programs. "It's a way for other schools to look us up, and our own students to check out what's going on," they explained.

One of the projects the FBLA students coordinated this year was a bowl-a-thon to raise money for their chapter charity, the March of Dimes. The event raised \$2,000.

Student Lindsay Freeman listed "leadership skills, hard work, public speaking and lots of teamwork" among the highlights of her experience with FBLA.

"There's a little noise when it's time to practice, but they see how it pays off," said Ms. DeSalvo, smiling.

Westfield Art Asso
2x4

Lions
2x4

Council Adopts Budget; Gives Nod to Sidewalk Café

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

On another matter, Councilman Joel Whitaker compared the tax impact of the proposed Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district budget for 1998-1999 on residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

He noted that the school tax on an average home in Scotch Plains would rise about 2 percent, while Fanwood residents would see a 4 percent increase. The councilman argued that a more equitable system for school tax assessment was needed.

Mayor Connelly agreed, but pointed out that Fanwood has fewer rates than Scotch Plains, which is reflected in the disparity between school tax increases for the two municipalities.

Rounding out the meeting were resolutions and proclamations presented by the governing body. Resolutions were presented to Corporal James J. Pasko on his retirement April 2 from the Fanwood Police Department after 25 years, and to Mike Dantuono, Past Grand Knight of the Father John S. Nelligan Council No. 5730 of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights were recognized for their annual fund drive to benefit mentally retarded and developmentally disabled citizens, which will be held tomorrow through Sunday, April 17, 18 and 19.

Proclamations were issued in honor of Board of Education Staff Appreciation Week, May 3 to 8; Clean

Community Day on Saturday, April 18, the Greater Plainfield Area Chapter of the American Red Cross; National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7, and One Call Week, May 3 through May 9.

One Call Week spotlights the Underground Facilities Protection Act, responsible for the New Jersey One Call Law, which safeguards the public against irresponsible excavation or digging.

Council President Bruce H. Walsh called on area residents to attend a special forum at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield on Wednesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Union County Committee Against Hate.

Mr. Walsh explained that the purpose of the forum, which will be preceded by a film, *The Shadow of Hate*, at 7 p.m., is to make people more aware of discrimination in society based on race, religion, ethnic origin and sexual orientation.

Mayor Connelly administered the oath of office to new Fanwood Police Officer David S. Carson. Police Chief Robert Carbo and a half dozen fellow officers were on hand that night to welcome Officer Carson to the force.

It was also announced that Frank Salvador had joined the Fanwood Department of Public Works, effective March 16, after having been selected from among 20 applicants for the position.



RETURN OF THE MAD SCIENTIST...The Parent-Teacher Association at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently held Super Science Saturday. On this day, students participated in science experiments, took a journey to Mars via Star Lab, assisted a police officer in finding clues at a burglary crime scene, explored a human brain, made mouth sparks with Wintergreen Life Savers and experienced the magic of high school physics. Pictured, left to right, are: Science Project Coordinator Dr. Patrick Griffin, Super Science Saturday T-shirt design contest winner Meghan Dhaliwal, her mom and sister, Kiran and Madlyne Dhaliwal, and Event Coordinator Marie Hagerty.

Polling Places Told For BOE Election

Election polls for this Tuesday's Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and budget elections will be open from 2 to 9 p.m.

Scotch Plains voters will be asked to select two board members among a field of five candidates. Incumbent and board President Dr. Donald E. Sheldon is joined by challengers Jean McAllister, Lance Porter, Thomas Randazzo and Norman Ross. Incumbent Richard R. Meade is unopposed in his bid to the Fanwood seat which expires this year.

Voters will also decide the fate of the proposed \$43,148,449 school tax levy.

Polling places in Scotch Plains are as follows:

District Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Park Middle School.

District 4 and 5, Scotch Plains Library.

District Nos., 6, 7 and 8, Evergreen Elementary School.

District No. 9, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

District No. 10, Brunner Elementary School.

District No. 11, St. John The Baptist Church.

District Nos. 12 and 13, McGinn Elementary School.

District Nos. 14 and 15, Union Catholic High School.

District Nos. 17 and 18, Terrill Middle School.

District Nos. 16 and 21, Union County Vocational-Technical Schools.

District Nos. 19 and 20, Coles Elementary School.

Polling places in Fanwood are:

District Nos. 1 and 2, Borough Hall.

District No. 3, Children's Specialized Hospital.

District Nos. 4 and 5, Terrill Road Baptist Church.

District Nos. 6 and 7, Fanwood Borough Library.

SCOTCHPLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

• The theft of a pocketbook from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School was reported. The incident occurred during school hours.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

• A vending machine at a business on Route No. 22 was broken into and cash was removed.

• A vehicle in the 2000 block of Westfield Avenue was damaged due to criminal mischief. Police said the paint on the vehicle had been scratched.

PSE&G to Upgrade Outdated Street Lamps Throughout Township

The Township of Scotch Plains has announced that PSE&G will soon be upgrading all the obsolete incandescent street lamps throughout the township.

There are over 500 of these street light fixtures in the township which do not provide adequate lighting, according to the Scotch Plains Department of Public Works.

Many of these fixtures are over 40 years old and are no longer being maintained by PSE&G, the department revealed.

The program will begin this spring and residents will be notified when their area will be started.

PSE&G is implementing this program in other municipalities as well as Scotch Plains, at a minimum additional cost to the taxpayers, the Department of Public Works stated.

Township officials believe this upgrading program will produce positive results in terms of safety and controlling repair costs.

Individuals who have questions or who need additional information about the project may call the Department of Public Works at (908) 322-6700, Extension No. 243.

Democrats Launch Campaign For Township Council Seats

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

sistant Attorney General in New York, a Public Defender and later as an Assistant Attorney in Colorado.

He had also been a member and later a principal in the New Jersey law firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro, and Murphy. The candidate and his wife, Linda, are members of the Coles Elementary School Parent Teacher Association. They have one child who attends Coles School.

The Bromleys reside in one of Scotch Plains' older historic residences located on Terrill Road. They have nearly completely restored it since moving to Scotch Plains. The candidate is a Den Father of a Coles School Cub Pack, serving as a member of SCRAM (Southside Citizens Resisting Area Mall), and as a member of the Scotch Plains Democratic Club.

Additionally, he serves as a hockey coach at the Inman Sports Center. He also is a member of the New Jersey and American Bar Associations and the American Trial Lawyers Association. He attends the Westfield Methodist Church.

Mr. Bromley earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University and is a graduate of the Denver Law School.

On declaring his candidacy, Mr. Bromley noted, "Scotch Plains is at a critical cross-roads in its development. As a person actively involved in preserving the character of Scotch Plains and committed to making certain that the affairs of the local government are managed on a firm financial footing, I am prepared to devote as much personal and professional time as is necessary to see that those goals remain among the priorities of the Scotch Plains Township Council."

Mrs. Samuel and her husband, Richard, have two sons. A former legal assistant, the candidate now devotes her time to a host of charitable endeavors as a full-time volunteer for various area organizations and humane causes.

Among these are her service as a former board member of the Jewish

Community Center of Scotch Plains, the Board of Directors of the New Jersey intergenerational orchestra, executive board member of Temple Israel of Scotch Plains and the Anti-defamation League, and President of the YM/YMHA of Union.

A graduate of Westfield High School, the candidate is a member of the Scotch Plains Democratic Club and previously served as a member of the Democratic municipal and county committees. She attends the Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains.

The candidate earned her degree from Kean University of New Jersey in Union, majoring in political science. Upon filing her council petition, the candidate stated that, "The quality of life in Scotch Plains is an important issue. As a full-time volunteer, I learned the necessary leadership skills to help motivate people to improve the quality of life for themselves and others."

"As a mother and coordinator of minor and major volunteer projects, I know how to stretch budget dollars to attain maximum value for each dollar spent," she added.

Scotch Plains Democratic Chairman, Dr. Walter E. Boright, concluded, "There has never been such a unique blend of energy and talent among the three Scotch Plains council candidates. Two of the candidates, Mr. Donatelli and Mrs. Samuel, can literally devote (themselves) full time to the affairs of Scotch Plains. "The other, Mr. Bromley, is self-employed, thereby making him immediately accessible to the needs of the community. Moreover, their unrivaled blend of experiences in plant management, operations and engineering; the law and grass roots involving in the protection of Scotch Plains zoning and historic home preservation, and selfless dedication to volunteerism and altruistic causes are unprecedented among and three council members."

"(If elected) they will make outstanding additions to Scotch Plains government," said Mr. Boright.

Scotch Plains Council Votes To Condemn Zoo Property

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

said that the council's action on the property did not necessarily "close the door" on considering other proposals for the site.

Mr. McElwee claimed the property and park could cost Scotch Plains taxpayers as much as \$1 million after purchase and improvements. Council members denied the claim.

Township officials said they hoped to receive county and other funding for the zoo lot purchase. Councilman Martin Marks said he was looking to eliminate any costs to taxpayers for the proposed park.

For example, a Union County Pocket Park grant can total as much as \$100,000 under a Monday, June 1 deadline for this year.

Former township Mayor and local Republican Party Chairman Gabe Spera told the council during the public hearing, "We need park space. We all want to do for old people, but we need park space for our kids."

A recent study by an ad hoc council committee discovered that the township is deficient in park space by 110 acres, based on 1990 census figures, according to National Parks and Recreation standards.

Mr. Spera also expressed outrage

timidation" of the council.

"I wouldn't give them a damn dime for the property," he concluded.

Under entirely separate business during its regular meeting, the council agreed to a United States Department of Agriculture plan to rid a wooded area near Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club of roosting flocks of birds.

Arrowood Drive and Wood Road residents said the droppings and dead birds were unsightly and unhealthy.

The council accepted a \$162,060 bid from Great Northern for this year's recycling program.

Councilman William F. McClintock, Jr., reminded residents to vote next Tuesday, April 21, in the school board elections. Scotch Plains has five candidates running for two seats in the race.

Visit
The Times
On Our Web site.
www.goleader.com

Authors Present Workshops For Park Seventh Graders

Author/actress Sharon Dennis Wyeth presented two workshops for Park Middle School seventh graders on March 20, during which she discussed how she persistently researched primary documents acknowledging the existence of slaves who worked in a mill along the Hudson River in New York State during the 1750s.

Many of these historical figures eventually became characters in her historical fiction novel, "Once on This River."

Ms. Wyeth did a dramatic reading of her favorite chapter, followed by a question-and-answer session.

This workshop was the second in a series. Children's writer Kathryn Balch of Fanwood visited seventh-grade students in February and did a story reading. Students wrote her letters following her presentation, and she responded with a letter in which she answered their personal writing questions.

Both authors discussed their writing styles with the students, while emphasizing the rigors and values of revision. Students have been encouraged to apply what they have learned to their own writing assignments, according to spokeswoman Gail B. Williams.



AUTHOR! AUTHOR!...Seventh-grade students at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains were recently treated to a visit from author/actress Sharon Dennis Wyeth. Pictured, left to right, are: Leslie Argueta, Ms. Wyeth, Ben Lucy, and Nicholas...

Union County Freeholder Board Unveils 1998 Budget; Overall Tax Rate Reduced for Second Straight Year

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last week introduced a county budget which for the second consecutive year reduces the overall county tax rate.

The Freeholder Finance Committee, chaired by Linda d. Stender of Fanwood, slashed the spending plan presented to them by County Manager Michael J. Lapolla by \$1.5 million.

The overall tax levy was reduced from .48725 cents in 1997 per \$100 of assessed valuation to .47585 cents this year. This equals a 1 percent decline in the county tax rate. The Executive Budget had contained a flat tax levy over 1997.

According to figures released by the county's Public Information Department, the total amount to be raised through local property taxes is down \$334,606 — from \$14,711,656 to \$14,377,050 — in Westfield, and \$211,501 in Scotch Plains — from \$8,738,691 to \$8,527,460.

The amount to be raised in taxes, however, will rise in Mountainside — from \$3,849,955 to \$4,120,405 — a difference of \$270,450. In Fanwood, a total of \$2,422,879 will be collected to support the county, an increase of \$79,504 over 1997.

Freeholder Stender described the county spending plan as "our vision statement for the year."

She said the board's goals were to maintain essential services while furthering the county's efforts on economic development — something the Democratically-controlled board has made a priority since the creation of a county Economic Development Department last year.

This year's budget funds an Economic Development Office "with an emphasis on attracting new businesses, new jobs and new tax dollars," according to a press release issued by the board.

Freeholder Stender noted that this year's \$150.24 million tax levy is the lowest since 1994, when the figure was \$148.13 million under a Republican controlled board.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan of Elizabeth noted that the spending plan does not fund any additional employee positions over 1997.

"That needs to be said, that needs to be known," he stated.

He said the reduction in the tax levy is "a marvelous accomplishment," noting that many municipalities and school boards are, themselves, struggling with their own budgets in an effort to keep property taxes under control.

Thus, he said the county's effort the past two years has helped make the burden of taxes on towns in Union County "a little easier for them."

The Freeholder Chairman explained that taxes to support county government will be going down in 15 of the county's 21 municipalities.

Mr. Lapolla, a resident of Westfield, noted that the budget hearings conducted by the Finance Committee were a "fair process." He acknowledged the efforts of department heads, noting that they gave him and the Freeholder board "the tools to get the job done."

"I think this budget is extremely fair to county government," he added, prior to the 9-0 vote by the board to introduce the 1998 spending plan.

He said the \$1.5 million was cut from the operating side of the budget in spending plans of the individual departments. In addition, due to a favorable economy, additional revenues were added into the budget, thus lessening the tax impact.

The county also saved money through early retirements by employees, under a package Mr. Lapolla described as a "revenue booster" for the county, reiterating the theme of "doing more with less."

Other initiatives covered in the \$282.15 million budget include Geographic Information Systems, or GIS, a system used to analyze and manage geographic spatial data. This technology will be used in a number of applications, including business site development, development of transportation systems and wetlands and parkland conservancy.

The GIS program includes funding this year of \$825,500.

The county also has launched an education initiative this year called "Access 2000," a program which provides matching county funds for the purchase of one computer for each one provided by the public schools county-wide.

The budget includes a matching grant program for an initiative called "Project Pocket Park." The program includes matching funds of up to \$100,000 for land acquisition. Another \$25,000 is available for the purchase of playground equipment and the upgrade of an existing playground.

The county budget includes \$3 million for the acquisition of land for parks and another \$1 million for the purchase of playground equipment.

An additional "Union Arts" program offers individual grants of up to \$5,000 to artists, theater groups and preservationists.

After hearing the brief presentation of the budget by Freeholder Stender, Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari called the \$1.5 million cut from the Executive Budget submitted in January by Mr. Lapolla as an "extraordinary reduction."

He said county department heads have learned to "do a good job with

what they have" and "they have to do more with less" in the years ahead.

He said the county has been able to achieve tax levy decreases while maintaining services "by making government work smarter."

Freeholder Chester Holmes of Rahway, elected to the board this past November, said that despite the "substantial decrease" in the budget he was happy with the spending plan, noting that it contains "a very, very good level of services in the county" this year.

Freeholder Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth took one shot at Republicans who controlled the board from 1992 through 1996, noting that the GOP raised county taxes each of the five years they had the majority.

He said the budget process by the Democrats "shows we can really put our shoulder to the wheel" in an effort to cut spending while maintaining the current level of services.

In describing her experience as a "crash course" in county financing, Freeholder Ruotolo, of Westfield, who joined the board in late January, said she was "most impressed" by the "effort and the dedication of everyone involved in the process."

In effort to balance the budget, a total of \$21.4 million in surplus funds was utilized, up from last year when \$19.8 million was placed in the budget to offset appropriations and keep taxes down.

As part of the six-year capital plan, the 1998 budget includes \$5 million for the purchase of land and design and architecture fees for a new juvenile detention facility for the county. Another \$3 million has been budgeted for the rehabilitation of the existing Oak Ridge Golf Course clubhouse building in Clark. The building is now listed as an historic landmark.

In the area of Parks and Recreation, the budget includes \$150,000 this year, with projections for \$350,000 in 1999, and \$500,000 for the expansion of the Visitor Center at the Trailside Nature and Science Center and Park Commission Headquarters in Warinanco Park, with a total six-year estimate of \$1 million.

Another \$400,000 has been included for the design and construction of a running track facility building in Warinanco Park.

In other business, the board authorized a one-year contract with Robert A. Roe Associates, Inc., of Wayne. The former Congressman will provide services to the county and the Elizabeth Development Company at \$10,000 per month for a total of \$120,000. The amount will be equally split between the county the development company.

A Freeholder resolution approving the contract noted that the ser-

vices of an expert on economic development such as Mr. Roe are necessary in "identifying funding sources and prioritizing infrastructure and transportation projects" in the county.

Mr. Roe has also been retained to help "promote and support the individual and combined efforts" of the county and the development company for economic development in Union County and Elizabeth.

A Congressman from 1969 through 1992, Mr. Roe chaired the Public Works and Transportation Committee. Prior to his days in Congress, he served in New Jersey Governor Richard J. Hughes' Cabinet as Commissioner of Conservation and Economic Development.

The board also authorized an agreement with NJ Transit in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to conduct a study for a transit link in the Newark International Airport/Port Elizabeth/Midtown Elizabeth to the Plainfield Corridor.

The county has been granted \$300,000 in FTA funds and, according to the resolution, is required to provide a minimum of 20 percent in matching funds for the project.

UCUA to Sponsor Classes On Backyard Composting

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) will sponsor five backyard composting classes this spring that will be taught by Union County Rutgers Cooperative Extension Center Master Gardeners.

"Yard waste is not accepted at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility," added Dr. Joseph A. Spatola, UCUA Executive Director. "Turning grass clippings and other yard waste material into compost returns nitrogen, a valuable nutrient for plants, to the soil," he advised.

The \$10 registration fee for the class includes a free composting bin and the handbook, "Backyard Composting: Your Complete Guide to Recycling Yard Clippings."

The classes will be held today, Thursday, April 16, at Rutgers Cooperative Extension Center, 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield; Wednesday, May 6, at the Linden Seventh Ward Recreation Center, 2907 Tremely Point Road in Linden, and Thursday, May 21, at the Springfield Municipal Building in the main meeting room, 100 Mountain Avenue.

Classes will also be held on Tuesday, May 26, at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, and Tuesday, June 2, at the Elizabeth Racquetball Club, 23 Fernwood Terrace in Eliza-

County Immunization Center Ready for Awareness Program

With National Infant Immunization Awareness Week set to start this Sunday, April 19, and continue through Saturday, April 25, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is reminding residents of the availability of the county's Division of Social Services/Runnells Specialized Hospital Immunization Center, located at 342 Westminster Avenue in Elizabeth.

"Our children need to be protected from diseases such as mumps and measles that can be potentially fatal, even though they are often not thought of as such," said Freeholder Deborah P. Scanlon, Freeholder Liaison to the Runnells Hospital Board of Managers.

"Childhood diseases can be prevented by getting the proper vaccinations, and any child who lives in Union County can get immunized at our center, free of charge. No appointment is necessary; parents or guardians should bring records of previous immunizations if available," said Freeholder Scanlon.

The Immunization Center is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30

p.m., according to Runnells' Kay Young, a Registered Nurse, who started working at the center last December.

"Approximately 1,500 vaccines have been administered to more than 550 clients during the last four months — just since December of last year," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan.

"While applicants for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) with a child under 5 years of age are automatically referred to the center for evaluation, the service is also available to any child from Union County who is in need of immunizations," he explained.

There are 10 potentially fatal diseases that children should be immunized against, according to a Runnells spokesman. These are measles, mumps, rubella (German measles), chickenpox, polio, hepatitis B, tetanus (lockjaw), diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and influenza type b.

According to the Federal Center for Disease Control (CDC), almost 30 percent of children under the age of 3 do not receive proper immunization. The 1996 New Jersey rate for children under two who are immunized for polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps and rubella was 78 percent, and 87 percent for hepatitis B.

The vaccines for the Union County Immunization Center are funded through the New Jersey Department of Health from the Federal Immunization Program of the CDC, United States Department of Health.



DEDICATED VOLUNTEER...Ernie Winter, 96, an active dedicated board member of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross for the past 35 years, was honored by the chapter at its 80th Anniversary Gala Dinner held at Plainfield Country Club on March 21. He also received a resolution from the chapter honoring his dedication to volunteerism for the past 35 years. Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. John Tabachnick, Chapter Chairman; Mr. Winter, with his award; George Gatesy, 80th Anniversary Chairman, and Dennis Kinsella, Board Advisor.

Mountainside Borough Council Set To Hold Hearing Tuesday on Budget

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a public hearing this Tuesday, April 21, at 8 p.m. on the 1998 municipal budget which, according to Mountainside Mayor Robert F. Viglianti, is down 38 tax points from last year. This translates into a reduction of between \$350 to \$500 per household.

The new spending plan totals \$7,168,981, a reduction of \$204,631 over last year's budget. According to Mayor Viglianti, the municipal tax rate is 81 cents per every \$100 of assessed value, or about \$810 for a housed assessed at \$100,000.

In a recent article which appeared in *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood*, the Mayor stated that the tax cut is partly due to a 3 percent cut in the 1998 (regional) Board of Health contract with Westfield, and a sizable decrease by municipalities this year in the Public Employees Retirement Pension Plans.

This budget hearing scheduled for this Tuesday will be part of the council's regular meeting. Mayor Viglianti stated that the borough's auditors, Suplee and Clooney, will be present at that meeting to answer questions from the public. The borough's Chief Financial Officer, Michelle Swisher, will also be present.

After the budget receives the council's final endorsement, it will be sent to Trenton for review before taking effect.

In other business, a Trust Fund for the services of the Public Defender was established and will be included in the 1998 budget. This state-mandated trust will only be used for compensation to the newly-appointed Public Defender, who is former Councilman Bart A. Barre. He is the borough's first ever Public Defender.

In other business, it was announced that Michael Disko, Borough Engineer, has obtained two grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for the paving work on New Providence Road, totaling \$194,000.

Mayor Viglianti stated that this was good for Mountainside, as the bid for work on this road came in at \$201,848.

"I would like to commend Mr. Disko for his efforts," stated Mayor Viglianti. "Because of this grant, it will only cost the borough \$8,000 to resurface New Providence Road."

Mr. Disko noted that the awarding of this money was subject to the

approval of the bid by the NJDOT.

Also, bids were obtained and granted for work done on the existing lighting and for shingle replacement at the Mountainside Public Library; general work for the new Community Room at Borough Hall, and updated tennis court lights.

The bid was awarded to Dependable Electric for improved lighting at the library, including installation of high efficiency fluorescent bulbs and ballasts on existing fixtures; a timer to control night lights, and the replacement of 52 new lights in the reading areas.

The update, Mr. Disko concluded, "will bring an electrical savings that will be an excellent payback for the project."

S. J. Carney Roofing Company will replace and stain cedar shingles at the Mountainside Library. The company's bid was accepted by the council. It was noted that this same company had previously put a new roof on the fire house.

The bid for the Community Room was accepted and includes partitions, electrical, plumbing and general construction work. The council approved Ward and O'Donnell Inc. to do the

work needed, and to install a sliding glass door to improve the natural lighting of the room and provide visibility of youth at recreational activities.

Finally, approval for Dependable Electric to remove inoperative lights at the Deerfield Elementary School was granted. Also, 12 new lights will be installed.

Before adjournment, the council discussed a possible change in fire works companies for the upcoming Fourth of July festivities. The Fire Department, as well as others, felt that last year's show was disappointing.

The Mountainside Fire Department is recommending that the borough switch from Garden State Fireworks Company to Bay Fireworks.

According to Mayor Viglianti, the change would be acceptable as long as Bay Fireworks has a certificate of insurance which clearly states that no volunteers are involved in any capacity in the handling of fireworks. "All handling of fireworks," stated the Mayor, "is to be done solely by the employees of Bay (Fireworks)."

The \$10,000 cost of last year's show was split between the fire department and the council.

WHS Teacher and Students Are Cited for Excellence

A teacher and six students at Westfield High School (WHS) have been selected for recognition through the ninth annual Tandy Technology Scholars program.

The awards program honors teachers and graduating seniors at all accredited high schools throughout the United States.

The academic top 2 percent of graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements. There are no cash awards in this category.

WHS seniors receiving these certificates include Colleen Donovan, Meghan Hely, Alice Kelman, Nishant Mehta, Susan Wilson and George S. Wu.

Nishant and George will also receive certificates recognizing them as Tandy Technology Scholars. They were nominated by their school for being outstanding seniors in mathematics, science or computer science.

Teacher Frances P. Trees was named the winner of a Teacher Tandy Prize, for which she will receive a certificate and a \$2,500 award. She

was nominated by WHS as an outstanding teacher in mathematics, science or computer science.

The Tandy Technology Scholars Program is funded by Tandy Corporation and administered by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

Tandy Prize recipients were selected by a panel of educators and approved by the National Advisory Council.

Local Students Make

Dean's List at Providence

Providence College in Rhode Island recently announced the names of students who achieved Dean's List status for the fall 1997 semester. To achieve Dean's List status, a student must attain a 3.250 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a "C."

The students named to the Dean's List are Scotch Plains residents Kevin Dougherty, majoring in management; Thomas Klock, undeclared major, and Kathryn Gurske, majoring in English.

Mr. Festa Launches Bid For Township Council

Frank J. Festa, Jr. has announced his campaign, under the New Jersey Conservative Party ticket, for the Scotch Plains Township Council in the general election which will be held Tuesday, November 3.

In announcing his campaign, Mr. Festa said, "Scotch Plains municipal taxes have increased 39 percent over the past seven years. Why?"

Mr. Festa, who has run the past two years for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the state Assembly, is the owner of Grand Sanitation Service, a private garbage collection firm.

He will challenge a full slated of candidates on the Republican and Democratic tickets for the three seats on the council up this year.

Republicans hold a 5-0 majority on the governing body.

Curriculum One of Main Interests of Mrs. McAllister

Jean McAllister, of Scotch Plains, this week continued to speak with the community regarding her candidacy for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

Among her main interests is ensuring an overall curriculum that is academically challenging, while providing a well-rounded program of enrichment programs.

"We must provide an education that will be an asset for every child. 'Academically challenging' is not about getting the most out of every child, its about giving the most to every child," said Mrs. McAllister.

She discussed how the education of every student is intertwined with numerous issues.

"My priorities are basic and mirror nearly every parent's, but they are less 'simple' than they appear. The responsibilities of the board and the administration involve functions that parents rarely hear about, or would care to know about. Being a member of the Board of Education is much like being on the Board of Directors at a corporate concern.

"Real business acumen is invaluable. It is not just about textbooks and chalkboards," the candidate stated.

Mrs. McAllister said she feels there are issues the district will be facing that will affect every family in town, whether or not they have children in the schools.

"School capacity must be addressed over the course of the next year, the analysis will demand finance and budget talent which I can

Carl A. Salisbury Launches Bid for Westfield Council

Carl A. Salisbury, a resident of Westfield's First Ward, has announced that he will seek election to the Town Council.

In a statement announcing his candidacy, Mr. Salisbury said, "I have watched with interest during the past two years as Mayor (Thomas A.) Jardim proceeded to keep many of the promises he made to Westfield in 1996.

"At the same time, there have been worthwhile projects that the Mayor could not complete because he did not have the help of a sufficient number of Council members who shared his vision.

"I don't believe I have much of a right to be vocal about these things unless I am also willing to do something about it. So, I am doing something about it."

Mr. Salisbury and his wife, Casey Chandler, have lived in town since 1992.

"This is a great time to live in Westfield," said Mr. Salisbury. "The downtown is attracting new business and national retailers are expressing their confidence in our prosperity by opening up shops here.

"We can use the momentum that this creates to make further improvements to our infrastructure and quality of life, if we have the common sense and vision to do so," the candidate continued.

Mr. Salisbury is a founding partner of Killian & Salisbury, a law firm in East Hanover. He is a volunteer mediator for the Westfield Municipal Court and has written and lectured extensively on his areas of practice and has been interviewed on NBC, CNN and Comcast Cable Television to discuss privacy and information technology, one of his areas of specialty.

He and his wife live on Hanford Place. They have a daughter, Jill, and a son, Cameron, both 5.

Local Students Make Honor Roll at Oak Knoll

Several area residents recently achieved first honors or were named to the honor roll for the second trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Students earning first honors receive no grade lower than an "A." Students on the honor roll receive no grade lower than "B."

Oak Knoll School is a Catholic independent school. The school is coeducational from Kindergarten through grade 6 and for young women only in grades 7 through 12.

The students, listed by town, are:

- Mountainside — First Honors — Nicole Kress, 10th grade. Honor Roll — Cynthia Fisher, 10th grade.
- Westfield — First Honors — Larissa Curlik, seventh grade; Sara Pankratz, eighth grade, and Tracy Evans, 10th grade. Honor Roll — Maire Abraham, 11th grade.

The Westfield Leader

The Official Newspaper of the Town of Westfield and the County of Union

— Established 1890 —
Member of the New Jersey Press Association • Member of the National Newspaper Association •
Periodicals—Postage Paid at Westfield, New Jersey

THE TIMES

Official Newspaper of the Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood

— Established 1959 —
Periodicals—Postage Paid at Scotch Plains, New Jersey

**POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the offices of the newspapers at
P. O. Box 250, Westfield, New Jersey 07091**

THE LEADER
P.O. Box 250
50 Elm Street, Westfield, N.J. 07091
(908) 232-4407 • Fax: (908) 232-0473
E-mail: press@goleader.com

THE TIMES
P. O. Box 368
Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076
(908) 232-4407 • Fax: (908) 232-0473
E-mail: press@goleader.com

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY WATCHUNG COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Horace R. Corbin
PUBLISHER

Gail S. Corbin
GENERAL MANAGER

Paul J. Peyton
MANAGING EDITOR

Suzette F. Stalker
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Joanna B. Marsh
MARKETING DIRECTOR

Karen M. Hinds
OFFICE MANAGER

David B. Corbin
SPORTS

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
THE WESTFIELD LEADER & THE TIMES
One-year subscription in county \$20
One-year subscription out-of-county \$24
One-year college (September to May) \$16

Contested Council Races on Tap in '98 At Both Municipal and County Levels

Last Thursday was a busy day at the local Town Halls and at the County Clerk's Office, where prospective candidates running for elective offices at the county and federal levels, and at the municipal level in the communities covered by *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood*, filed their nominating petitions for the Primary and General Elections.

By virtue of the large number of candidates filing petitions in the local and county races, voters in Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, will need to keep abreast of the races come Labor Day.

A number of issues are expected to be discussed over the course of the next six months. Taxes — Federal, county and municipal, the issue of "open space," garbage incinerators, maintenance — or lack of in some cases — for our parks and recreational facilities, infrastructure improvements (roads and parks), etc., will receive attention.

The most interesting race this year appears to be in Westfield, where first-term Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, the first Democrat elected to the post in 85 years, will face challenges from both the Republican nominee, First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, and the GOP challenger he narrowly defeated in 1996, Norman N. Greco. Mr. Greco is running this time around as an Independent candidate. This year also represents something new in the political arena — full slates of candidates for both parties. Democrats picked up two council seats in 1996 in addition to the Mayor's office but lost a seat last year.

By virtue of Mrs. Vernick's candidacy, her council seat will be up for grabs. Republican Jon Brammick will challenge Democrat Carl A. Salisbury. In the Second Ward, veteran Councilman James J. Gruba will face a challenge from Democrat Joe Stoner, while incumbent Councilmen John J. Walsh and Lawrence A. Goldman face challenges by Republicans Noreen Lund and Thomas Cusimano, in the Third and Fourth Wards, respectively. Republicans hold a 6-3 edge on the governing body.

In Scotch Plains, a mayor will be seen on the Township Council as Mayor Joan Papen and Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt, both veterans on the governing body, will not seek reelection this year. In their place, the local Republican Committee has endorsed the candidacies of Paulette Coronado, a member of the Board of Adjustment, and local Realtor James Fawcett. They will join Councilman Robert E. Johnston on the GOP ticket.

The Democrats in Scotch Plains are waging a challenge to gain some representation on the currently all Republican council. Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley and Geri Morgan Samuel announced their candidacies this week. Ms. Samuel last ran for office in the Assembly race in 1995.

With 10,118 voters casting ballots in 1996, Democrat Barbara Schwartz lost her bid for a seat on the Township Council by 302 tallies, with running mate Kenneth M. Lipstein just 75 votes behind.

Also running in November this year is New Jersey Conservative Party candidate Frank J. Festa, Jr. Mr. Festa ran for the Freeholder board and for

the Assembly the past two years.

In Fanwood, the Democrats are seeking, once again, to maintain their slim 4-3 majority. The seats of incumbent Councilwoman Karen M. Schurtz and Council President Bruce H. Walsh both expire this year. While Councilwoman Schurtz has announced her reelection bid, Mr. Walsh has opted not to seek another term. Katherine Mitchell, the Fanwood Democratic Committee Chairwoman, has opted to run in his place on her party's ticket.

Republicans David Trumpp, who ran unsuccessfully for a council seat last year, will be joined this year by first-time candidate Wilfred Coronato. Republicans only need to gain one seat in November to gain the majority.

Meanwhile, in Mountainside, Democrats are seeking to gain a seat on the Borough Council — something their party has never experienced in the over 100-year history of the borough. The local Republican Club last month endorsed as its candidates longtime incumbent Councilman Werner Schon and newcomer Glenn Mortimer. Mr. Mortimer is running in place of Councilman David M. Hart, who has decided not to seek reelection. They will face Democrats Michael Krasner and Steven Brociner on Election Day.

At the county level, the Democratic Party is looking to continue to hold a 9-0 majority. Republicans, who held the majority from 1992 through 1997, have put up Juan Fernandez of New Providence, former Fanwood Councilman Andrew J. MacDonald and George Gore of Plainfield to try and gain some seats on the board.

Running for the Democrats are freshmen Freeholders Mary Ruotolo of Westfield and Lewis Mingo of Plainfield. They join veteran Freeholder Daniel P. Sullivan, currently board Chairman, on the Democratic ticket. The three will face challengers Robert Griffith, Stan Moskal and Raphael Fajardo, all of Elizabeth, in the Tuesday, June 2, Primary Election.

This year is also the second and last mid-term Congressional elections during the administration of President Bill Clinton. Locally, in the Seventh District, three-term Republican Bob Franks of Berkeley Heights is being challenged by Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly. The district covers parts of four counties.

Although Republicans have held the district for decades, Democrats are seeking to put together an all out effort — something that has not taken place during recent memory.

Although the traditional campaign kickoff begins in the fall, we expect candidates to begin to feel out the electorate early on — especially in Westfield. It is important that candidates stick to the issues and run positive, informative campaigns, and stay away from unnecessary personal attacks. Also, Freeholders as well as local candidates need to get out and meet the voters. This can be done by coming out to events such as this Sunday's Spring Fling street festival or the annual FestiFall celebration, both in Westfield; Scotch Plains Day, and Fanny Wood Day in Fanwood.

We wish all candidates the best of luck. Happy Campaigning!

Fanwood Council Needs To Adopt School Tax Relief Equalization Plan

During the April 9 Borough Council meeting, Fanwood Councilman Joel Whitaker stated how the adoption of a school tax equalization program will provide tax relief for Fanwood citizens concerning the school tax proportion of his or hers borough tax bill.

I cannot recall any of incumbent Democrat Councilman William Populus and his running mate's campaign literature outlining this creative tax reduction initiative. How do I know you might ask? I recall this as a Fanwood Republican proposal.

It was clearly outlined on our 1997 Fanwood Republican Council candidate campaign literature when I was Joel Whitaker's running mate.

I strongly support the Council on adoption of this Republican initiative for the benefit of Fanwood taxpayers. Also, I urge the Mayor and Council to let Fanwood Republican Councilman Whitaker have this "homework assignment" since he already has done the basic research.

Dave Trumpp
Fanwood

Maura Berger
Scotch Plains

POPCORN™ Lost In Space Where It Won't Be Missed

By Michael S. Goldberger

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



1 & 1/2 popcorns
Zap! Zing! Crunch! Kaboom! And then add some #@\$%^&*?<>{. That's what *Lost In Space* sounds like. Now imagine a few thousand flashbulbs going off at the same time and it'll give you an idea of what this retro-kitsch nonsense, ever-so-loosely based on the space adventure TV series, looks like. It's one big special effects convention, all crammed into one film.

In short, adolescents who have been raised to withstand all manner of assault on the senses might relish this hyperkinetic flotsam and jetsam. It's a reaffirmation of their generation's threshold for audio-visual cacophony. Older patrons of the arts might feel as if they've been catapulted into the inner realm of a video game. Or maybe chained to a pinball machine in a penny arcade during an electrical storm.

But despair not if you crave desperate attempts at filmic balance. For director Stephen Hopkins certainly proves he has chutzpah. Before the final flickers of this nouvelle light show ebb, not only does he pay unblushing lip service to family values, but also manages to slip a love angle or two into the bargain. But the greatest and most curious coup goes to William Hurt as

John Robinson, space scientist and wise family patriarch. That Mr. Hurt is able to assume this role without placing tongue in cheek is a testament to his ability, if not his clouded judgment.

Rounding out Space Family Robinson, there is Mimi Rogers as Mom, long-suffering but peerless complement to her famed spouse; comely Heather Graham as Dr. Judy, the straight-laced physician daughter; Lacey Chabert as teen-aged Penny, a galaxy of rebellious hormones; and young Will (Jack Johnson), misunderstood apple of his overly occupied dad's eye, virtual reality/robot master, and hero just waiting to happen.

It is a crowded Earth, circa 2058, that we are introduced to. Not quite the tawdry decadence witnessed in "Bladerunner," but it's obvious the neighborhood is changing. Things are looking a tad seedy, and of course we've been glomming the natural resources. Guess it's time to start again.

So it's a good thing those powers that be have discovered a fresh planet — Alpha this or that — which can support human life. But, of course, colonization won't be possible until someone can develop a workable hyperlink. Huh? That's right, a hyperlink. You know — the thing that allows you to travel light years away, a sort of space door through time. You don't have to be an Einstein to understand the concept, but a tolerance for sci-fi gobble-dyook is a prerequisite. Because this movie is full of it.

In any case, Professor Robinson is hip to the hyperlink and all that it entails. And so valued a research commodity is he that the space exploration CEO is letting him take his whole family on the dangerous mission. What a perk. Non-family members aboard the Jupiter 2 are, Matt LeBlanc (*Friends*) as handsome pilot Don West, because he's the love interest (see Dr. Judy); and Gary Oldman as stowaway Dr. Smith, a grandiloquent villain whose motive remains as muddled as the movie's plot.

Neighborhood Council Offers Job Seekers Help Via the Internet

The Westfield Neighborhood Council is now on-line with the New Jersey Department of Labor One Stop Career Center System. This system allows job seekers the opportunity to search through the available New Jersey Employment Listings via the Internet.

The service is available to all individuals seeking employment.

All interested individuals may come to the Westfield Neighborhood Council, 127 Cacciola Place in Westfield, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The program began on April 6.

Assistance is available for anyone who requires help using the Internet. For additional information, please call Ms. Johnson at (908) 233-2772.

Letters to the Editor Proposed Smoking Restrictions at Pool Follows That of Loud Music, Alcohol

A few observations and questions about smoking in public places, specifically at the Westfield pool ("Council Discusses Restrictions to Proposed Smoke-Free Law") April 1, *The Westfield Leader*.

1. There are many legal pleasures that, for reasons of safety, health, standards of appropriate conduct, people are prohibited or restricted from partaking in while in public places. Drinking alcoholic beverages and playing loud music are among the pleasures relegated to appropriate times and venues — and are among the behaviors prohibited from indulgence at the Westfield pool. Why should there not be similar prohibitions (or at the very least restrictions) regarding smoking?

2. Where exactly, according to Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick's directive, is a non-smoker at the pool, for instance, supposed to move to get away from the smoke, stench, flying ashes and smoldering butts of an inconsiderate smoker? (And frequently an underage smoker at that.) If the pool has no restrictions on smoking, a position Mrs. Vernick seems to favor, non-smokers will have no safe haven (save for the limited area near the children's pool), for wherever a non-smoker sits, a smoker will be free to light right up.

3. Why is it that states such as California and Vermont and the entire city of New York, can enact expansive smoking prohibitions, but Westfield shies from regulating smoking at the pool and elsewhere?

4. How could anyone but a tobacco grower, tobacco company employee, lobbyist, or die-hard smoker question the health or comfort impact of secondhand smoke on non-smokers, especially children?

Westfield: This should not be an issue.

Perhaps war hero Don is distracted by a renegade robot gone postal, or by the armies of alien bugs who attack the spacecraft. And then, maybe it's just that guy thing about asking directions. But as the title advertises, the gang becomes lost in space. And mind you, this isn't the plain, far away sort of lost. Messing with the hyperlink and such, they're lost in time, too. The E=MC2 kind of lost. Which may or may not mean that they are no longer. But it does mean an opportunity for yet more pseudo-scientific bilge as Dr. Robinson and crew try to find their way back to terra firma.

Treating its viewers as if they all suffer from attention deficit disorder, Mr. Hopkins's hellzapoppin production rushes about willy-nilly, its tacked on bromides and axioms masquerading as a script. Missing a sincere soul to match its noisy gadgets and contrivances, "Lost In Space" is no place to look for entertainment.

* * * * *

Lost In Space, rated PG-13, is a New Line Cinema release directed by Stephen Hopkins and stars William Hurt, Heather Graham, and Jack Johnson. Running time: 121 minutes.

Carole Lombard's Ethereal Quality On Screen Still Delights Film Fans

By Louis H. Clark

I never even heard of Carole Lombard, an actress in the '30s, until my wife's great-uncle told me that she had been his fantasy as a young man.

"But don't tell Viv about it," he said. "She doesn't know."

"Women have fantasies, too," I objected.

"But they only tell them to other women," he reasoned wisely.

"Okay," I replied. "So why was this Carole Lombard so different?"

"Naturally, she was a pretty girl, but she had a certain quality about her that made her look as though she could float away any moment," my uncle said.

"She was always used as a comedienne, but I think she would have made a wonderful Juliet. She looked as though she knew all about this world, but was not of it. Actresses nowadays look as though they not only know everything, but will hit you on the head to make sure you understand them."

Artslink Coming to Downtown Saturdays Throughout May

Artslink, The Westfield Arts Commission, is underway. As a unifying force in the fine and performing arts, Artslink will be the creative link to the wider Westfield community.

The group's first endeavor, Artist Celebrate Westfield, will take place on Saturdays in May in downtown Westfield this spring. As a pilot project last year, art from the Westfield Art Association and musicians from the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts joined forces to demonstrate the fine arts and to perform musical selections for the public, a spokeswoman for the group said.

Artists brought their easels to paint the Westfield landscape and sketch models in historical costume. The Jazz Band played their favorites with a beat, and the musicians from the Music Studio performed classical highlights.

This year the arts commission is looking to showcase representatives of many more individual and group performers in music, art, dance and theatre, etc.

Artslink has gained the sponsorship from the Mayor and Town Council, the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown West-



DOPE

You are about to get the "straight dope" on the origins and various meanings of the multipurpose, four-letter word, dope, with its definite "Dutch connection."

All sources agree that the origin of the word dope is the Dutch word *dop* (pronounced *dope*) meaning "a thick, molasses-like liquid that flows slowly." Freeman compared the viscous meaning of this Dutch word with the sluggish manner in which an unintelligent person's (a *dope*) mind functions.

The suggestion by Holt that when opium is heated it also flows slowly further established the Dutch connection between *dop* and *drugs*. The link between the slowness of the gooey opiate and a *dope* addict's impaired mental acuity was inevitable. *Dope* thus became synonymous with mind altering drugs.

In yet another context, when a horse was drugged before a race to enhance its performance, it was said that the animal was *doped*. Accordingly, to *dope* a race meant "to have advanced knowledge of the race's outcome."

From this connection the additional sense of "inside information or gossip" was assigned to the word. When all is said and done, it might be said that the straight dope on *dope* is that it is *dopey*.

"But please don't tell Viv."

"Okay, I won't." So there I am, home alone, while every-one is out, and clicking around the television set, stopping to look at the History Channel, but click that off when they call the Egyptian civilization the "oldest in the world," when everyone knows the Chinese civilization started about 6000 B.C.

The screen lit up, announcing William Powell and Carole Lombard in *My Man Friday*.

After the first few moments, I could understand Uncle Frank's infatuation. The screen was in black and white, but she made everything look as though it was in natural color.

The film itself was frothy, but she gave it significance just by being there. She had a high alto voice, but very distinguishable and very feminine.

She died in a plane crash in January 1942 while coming home from a triumphantly successful war bond drive.

Free Rabies Clinic Set for Wednesday

A free rabies clinic for cats and dogs sponsored by the Scotch Plains Health Department will be held on Wednesday, April 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northside Firehouse at the rear of the Municipal Building.

Cats must be contained in a "cat carrier" or a box and accompanied by an adult able to control the animal. Cats require an initial inoculation and revaccination the subsequent year before a three-year cycle begins.

Cat licenses for 1998 will be available at \$5 per animal. Cats will be vaccinated the first hour of the clinic, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dogs must also be accompanied by an adult able to control the animal. Revaccination is not necessary for three years unless the dog is aged 3 to 11 months, thus requiring revaccination the subsequent year.

Dog licenses for 1998 will be available at the clinic. The cost is \$6.20 if the animal is spayed or neutered, and \$9.20 if it is not. Dogs will be vaccinated during the second hour, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The New Jersey Department of Health has recommended vaccination every two years, and a license will not be issued by the township unless the vaccination is valid for the entire licensing period.

The Leader on the Internet

www.goleader.com

POLICY ON LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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

Letters to the Editor

New Drug Fair in Residential Area Could Jeopardize Quality of Life

On Thursday, April 23, the Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment will be holding a special meeting to discuss the possibility of building a Drug Fair on the Park Place Restaurant property at Martine Avenue and Raritan Road.

Our town officials have stressed the importance of redeveloping our downtown area. The new CVS drug store on Park Avenue street certainly functions as the anchor for this ongoing project. A Drug Fair at the south side of town, in a residential area, would only diminish the importance of revitalizing our downtown area.

With the southside field directly across from the proposed retail space, we are inviting tragedy. The possibility of even just one child being tempted to get a quick drink or candy bar while at a practice, and getting hit crossing Martine Avenue, is a risk that we, as a community, should not be willing to take.

When my husband and I chose to move out of New York, we looked carefully at this area, and we chose the south side of Scotch Plains because it was a residential area.

I have found out that there are over 100 families that also chose this lifestyle and have signed a letter stating that they also do not want any changes that would result in creating retail space in the south side of town.

Just as the residents chose their neighborhood, Mr. Filippatos chose to buy his property fully aware of the zoning status and the restrictions on further developing that property and he chose to buy it anyway.

I urge you to please come to the special hearing of the Board of Adjustment on April 23 at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building.

Maura Berger
Scotch Plains



IMPORTANCE OF DONORS...Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, center, is joined by members of the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary after he signed a donor card himself promoting April as Organ Donor Month. Pictured, left to right, are: Auxiliary members Lenore Ford, Rosemary Butler and Cheryl Higgins.

Overlook Auxiliary Promotes April as Organ Donor Month

More than 53,000 Americans will die if they do not receive organs soon, 1,000 in New Jersey alone, according to a spokesman for the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary.

To become a donor all one has to do is decide in their own conscience, to sign a donor card in the presence of two witnesses and share their decision with those closest to them, so that upon their death, these wishes

can be accomplished.

Thousands of people's lives have been saved or immeasurably improved due to the generosity and foresight of others.

Our committee has embarked on an ambitious plan of action to educate and enlist organ and tissue donors. Just phone (908) 522-2004 if you want information, donor cards or wish to join in our efforts.

Chansonettes, College Club Announce Joint Celebration

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains College Club, kicking off its 65th year, and the Chansonettes of Westfield, who this year celebrate their 50th year anniversary, will hold a joint celebration at the Monday, April 20, meeting of the College Club to be held at the First Methodist Church, located at 1171 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains, starting at 8 p.m.

This is a special program, entitled "Fifty Years...And All That Jazz!" Featured will be music from the 1940s to the present, including "Oh What a Beautiful Morn-

ing" from *Oklahoma*, "High Hopes" from *Hole in the Head*, the Everly Brothers' "Let It Be Me," and "Stop in the Name of Love" by the Supremes.

The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains was formed in March, 1933, and continues with its stated goal of providing scholarships, through various fund-raising activities, to local women planning four-year college attendance. Graduates interested in becoming a member of College Club may call (908) 233-6513.

Fanwood Library Reveals Roster of Upcoming Events

The Fanwood Memorial Library has announced its roster of events from Monday through Saturday, April 20 to 25, which is National Library Week. On Monday, the library's Children's Department will celebrate April as National Poetry Month with a Family Poetry Night from 6 to 7 p.m.

Poetry readings will be led by Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 821. Children who are Kindergarten age and older are invited to attend.

On Wednesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Healthy Avenues Van from Overlook Hospital in Summit will be parked at the front of the library, located on North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

Also on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will sponsor a program on cruciverbalism (crossword puzzles).

Richard Hughes will discuss the art of constructing and solving crossword puzzles, as well as the history of American crossword puzzles.

Dan Weiss, Director of the library, will conduct a program entitled "Kids Connect @ the Library" on Thursday, April 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. during the monthly meeting of the Teen Reading Club.

Also on Thursday, from 7 to 8 p.m., pharmacist Edwin Aaron will speak on "Pharmacy Past and Present."

Merchants Take Steps To Form Organization

The following is a reprint of an article that originally appeared in The Westfield Leader on Thursday, April 22, 1948 announcing the formation of, what would become, The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Wynant B. Cole of the Sports Center was named Chairman of a committee to formulate plans for a merchants organization at a meeting Friday morning in the Rialto Theatre. The committee, which includes Jesse Bonney of Bonney's, Paul Alleman, jeweler, Walter Burd of the Playfair and Nathaniel Cohen of Made in America, met this morning and will report at another meeting of merchants Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Rialto.

More than 40 merchants attended Friday's conference at which Al Buist, of the Rialto Theatre, presided. Mr. Buist was named temporary chairman.

Master Gardener to Discuss Lawn Care During Seminar

Master Gardener Lewis Seagull will discuss the step-by-step process of lawn renovation during a free seminar sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

It will take place on Monday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Administration Building, 300 North Avenue, East, in Westfield. The program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension's Spring Speakers series.

Participants will learn what the strange yellow patches on their lawn might be; the

proper way to water their lawn, and the correct way to mow their lawn, according to Rutgers Cooperative Extension spokeswoman Madeline Flahive.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides information and educational services to all people without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age.

Individuals may register for this program by calling Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at (908) 654-9854.



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.

Dinner and Movie Planned For Chamber's 50th Year

The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate 50 years of service to the Westfield business community with a special anniversary celebration.

The celebration includes a proclamation by Mayor Thomas C. Jardim of a special "Chamber Charter Day" in Westfield on Monday, April 27, commemorating the organization's original charter signing.

The windows of Rorden Realty will feature displays of the proclamation, photographs and memorabilia to add to the event.

Residents are also invited to test their knowledge about Westfield history by taking the 1948 Westfield Quiz, developed by GERALYN Keating of Westfield Tire and Ralph Jones of the Westfield Historical Society.

Three \$25 Westfield gift coins will be given as prizes to the winners of the Westfield Quiz on April 27 at 5:30 p.m. at The Windmill Restaurant.

Entries must be received at the Chamber office by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 24.

The Rialto Theatre will have a special showing of the 1948 film *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, starring Humphrey Bogart, at 7 p.m. A 1948-style dinner at the Windmill Restaurant will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Dinner includes a hot dog or hamburger, fries, and a small drink.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door, and are available along with copies of the 1948 Westfield Quiz, at Rorden Realty, Windmill Restaurant, *The Westfield Leader*, Brunners Opticians, Copies Now, and Scott Shoes.



Anthony DiSandro, Jr. and Miss Dana McMillan

Miss Dana McMillan To Wed Anthony DiSandro, Jr.

Gary and Monica McMillan of Westfield have announced the en-

Megan Roessler Welcomed By Troutman Family

Mr. and Mrs. Jay S. Troutman, Jr. of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Megan Roessler Troutman, on Thursday, February 12, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Megan weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce and measured 20 1/4 inches in length at birth.

She joins her sister, Kristin "Kristi" Elizabeth, 3.

The mother is the former Miss Elizabeth "Lisa" Clark Saunders of Westfield.

Megan's maternal grandmother is Mrs. Joyce F. Saunders of Westfield. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jay S. Troutman of Pittsburgh.

gagement of their daughter, Miss Dana McMillan, to Anthony DiSandro, Jr. He is the son of Anthony and Lillian DiSandro of Philadelphia.

The future bride graduated from Westfield High School in 1992 and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in finance, from Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania in 1996. She is employed as a stockbroker with Waterhouse Securities in Chatham.

A 1991 graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, Mr. DiSandro was awarded his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in finance, from Villanova University in 1995.

He is currently attending the Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia, from which he will graduate next month.

A wedding is planned for May of 1999.



Miss Ruth Engesser

Miss Ruth Engesser To Marry Cameron Dunnan

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Engesser of Chatham Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Ann Engesser of Morristown, to Cameron Scott Dunnan, also of Morristown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce T. Dunnan, Sr. of Scotch Plains, formerly of Westfield.

A 1982 graduate of Chatham Township High School, Miss Engesser earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Simmons College in Boston in 1986. She was awarded her Master of Business Administration Degree in Marketing from Rutgers University in Newark in 1991.

The bride-elect is employed as a language arts and writing teacher at the Upper School in Englewood Cliffs.

Her fiancé, who graduated with honors from Westfield High School in 1981, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island in 1985. He also received his

Master of Business Administration Degree from Rutgers University in Newark in 1991.

Mr. Dunnan is employed as a compliance auditor for the R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute, a division of Johnson & Johnson, located in Raritan.

The couple plan to be married in June.

Haley Bergen Welcomed By Monahan Family

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Monahan of Fanwood have announced the birth of their daughter, Haley Bergen Monahan, on Monday, March 23, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Haley weighed 7 pounds and 10 1/2 ounces at birth.

She joins her brother, Owen Cullen.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Bergen of Westfield. Haley's paternal grandmother is Mrs. Joan Monahan of Avon-By-The-Sea, formerly of Fanwood.

Calendar Is Amended As a Result of Unused School 'Snow Days'

As a result of the mild winter, which left two unused "snow days" on the Westfield public school calendar for 1997-1998, the Westfield Board of Education approved an amendment for the following:

School will be closed on Friday, May 22, for Memorial Day weekend, and will also be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 25.

The last day of school for students will be Thursday, June 18, which is also the date of Westfield High School's graduation exercises.

With these adjustments, the calendar will provide students with 181 school days as originally contracted.

Ashton John Born to Schraffs

Mr. and Mrs. John Schraff of London, England, formerly of Westfield, have announced the birth of their son, Ashton John Schraff, on Saturday, March 14, at 6:45 p.m. Greenwich mean time, at Portland Women and Children's Hospital in London.

Ashton weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces and measured 22 inches in length at birth.

He joins his sister, Veronica, 2. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Cup of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Ashton's paternal grandparents are Mrs. Louis Glashauser of Cape May and John Schraff of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

His paternal great-grandparents are Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of Bradenton, Florida and Mrs. Velda Wicker of Sarasota, Florida.



Dr. Alison Mitch and Dr. J. Michael Heffernan

Dr. Alison Mitch to Wed Dr. J. Michael Heffernan

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Mitch of North Caldwell have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Alison Mitch, to Dr. J. Michael Heffernan of Reading, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Mrs. Edna Heffernan of Westfield and the late William Heffernan.

Dr. Mitch is a graduate of West Essex High School and Rutgers University. She received her medical degree from the University of Medicine

and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson School of Medicine in Piscataway, and interned at Reading Hospital and Medical Center in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Heffernan graduated from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and George Washington University Medical School in Washington, D.C. He is in private practice in internal medicine in Reading.

An August wedding is planned.

Miller-Cory Plans Program On Popularity of Stenciling

The Miller-Cory House Museum will feature stenciling, tours of the historic farmhouse and open-hearth cooking this Sunday, April 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. The last tour will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Stenciling was a popular and attractive way to decorate early American homes. Prior to the availability of wallpaper, colonists stenciled a variety of designs such as flowers and animals on to their walls and sometimes floors.

The art of stenciling originated in China, but it was the French who first used it on walls. Stenciling came to America in the early 1700s, and stencil artists traveled from place to place and earned a wage by doing stenciling work in people's houses.

From about 1740 to 1860, stenciling was in vogue, and is the period during which most stencils were found. Dorothy Weiss of Westfield will demonstrate the techniques used to create a variety of stenciled ornamentation.

Joan Barna of Scotch Plains and Patricia Looloian of Mountainside will demonstrate open-hearth cooking using authentic early American recipes and cooking methods. Visitors will be able to enjoy taste treats as prepared by the cooks.

The gift shop offers a variety of Colonial-era reproductions, foods, cookbooks, and educational items. Admission to the museum and its grounds is free for children under six years of age, 50 cents for children over six, and \$2 for adults.

On Sunday, April 26, the museum

will celebrate its annual sheep-to-shawl day from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be crafts for children, a bake sale, and sheep shearing and spinning and weaving demonstrators.

For more information about the museum and its schedule of events, please call the museum at (908) 232-1776.

Seminar to Instruct Parents on Talking Effectively to Kids

"Better Communication With Your Children" will be the topic of a seminar sponsored by the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey to be held on Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Public Library, 1927 Bartle Avenue.

Elaine Dooman, a marriage and family counselor and a mother of five, will present a way of speaking to children that invites cooperation and solutions. Parents of children of all ages are invited to attend.

The Mothers' Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 by mothers, to help mothers. The group aims to take the stress out of parenting by offering discussion groups, day and evening workshops, guest speakers, social activities, library resources, and play groups.

On-site child care is available for participants in most daytime activities. New members are welcome at any time. For more information, please call (908) 561-1751.



STRIKE UP THE BAND... The Terrill Middle School Jazz Band of Scotch Plains recently began its spring performance schedule by opening the Jazz Festival at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The 20-member band is now preparing to compete with other schools from the mid-Atlantic region at the Festival in the Parks in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Band members warming up for their high school appearance, pictured left to right, are: standing, Andrew Machrone, Chanin Chavis, Michael Gleason, Anthony Ottati, Daniel Nelson, Aurpon Mitra and Bill Gonch, and sitting, Matt DeNichilo.

National Fire Academy Official Speaker for Two Hundred Club

The Two Hundred Club of Union County has announced that Dr. Denis Onieal of the National Fire Academy in Washington, D.C. will be the keynote speaker at this year's valor award luncheon.

Dr. Onieal, a native of Jersey City, has been a career firefighter since 1971, rising through the ranks to become Deputy Fire Chief in 1991, and Acting Chief of a uniformed force of 600. He has spent his early career as a line fire officer.

In 1995, Dr. Onieal was appointed Superintendent of the National Fire Academy located in Washington, D.C. He holds a Doctorate Degree in Education from New York University, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson Uni-

versity, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration from Jersey City State College.



Dr. Denis Onieal

He was a Professor in the Master and Doctorate Degree Programs in Education at New York University prior to his appointment, and has over 20 publications in the field of firefighting.

Each year police and firefighters in Union County are selected to receive the coveted Valor Award for action above and beyond the call of duty. This year's luncheon will be held at L'Affaire Restaurant in Mountainside, on Friday, May 8.

Tickets may be obtained by calling The Two Hundred Club of Union County headquarters in Scotch Plains at (908) 322-2244. Tickets are \$45 per person.

Mahmood Watts Makes Headmaster's List At Delbarton School

Mahmood Watts of Scotch Plains was recently named to the Headmaster's List for the 1998 Winter Term at Delbarton School in Morristown.

A 12th grade student, Mahmood achieved high honors, which are awarded to those who score between 87 and 89, according to the school.

Special Waste Days Set For Cranford, Springfield

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) will sponsor three spring Household Special Waste Days in Cranford, Springfield and Union.

UCUA Chairman James J. Kennedy announced that the first event for the spring will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Cranford Municipal Swimming Pool, located on Centennial Avenue.

The second collection will be held at the Springfield Municipal Swimming Pool on Morrison Road on Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The final event for the spring will be held in Union at the Department of Public Works Yard on Swanstrom Place, Saturday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Information regarding cancellation of any of the events due to severe inclement weather will be available by calling the UCUA after 3 p.m. on the Friday before the event.

There is no cost to participate; however, pre-registration with the UCUA is mandatory. The disposal of household special waste is open to Union County residents only and proof of residency is required.

Acceptable household special waste includes oil-based paint and varnishes, pool chemicals, corrosives and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, thinners, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and solids, motor oil, gasoline, motor oil filters, automotive products, batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), thermostats and mercury switches.

Only materials in their original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons or empty containers will be accepted. In addition, unidentified materials, explosives, radioactive materials, gas cylinders or materials containing PCB's will not be accepted.

Residents should note that latex

paint will not be collected as the UCUA is sponsoring a separate Latex Paint Collection Day that at the Westfield Municipal Swimming Pool, Scotch Plains Avenue, on Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

All Union County schools will also be able to dispose of their laboratory chemical waste at Household Special Waste Days for a nominal charge. In order to participate, schools must contact the UCUA at least two weeks before an event.

For more information or to register, please call (732) 382-9400.

Health Day Planned For Saturday, April 25

The Springfield Board of Health has announced that it will conduct a Health Day on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Sarah Bailey Center, located at 30 Church Mall.

The Health Program will offer an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, a Complete Blood Count (CBC) and a High Density Lipoprotein (HDL).

Robert M. Sherr, Director of Health, has noted that anyone taking the blood test must fast 12 hours before taking the test, with the exception of water.

Pre-registration for the blood test is mandatory and will be conducted by the Westfield Health Department, located at 425 East Broad Street in Westfield, weekdays beginning Monday, April 13. The registration deadline is Thursday, April 23, however, it may be discontinued if program capacity is reached.

Please call the Health Department for registration at (908) 789-4070 for information.

The Health Day will also offer a Blood Pressure Program. Hemmocult test kits will be available. Test packets and dietary restrictions will be distributed at the Health Program.

The Health Day is open to residents of Springfield, Garwood, Fanwood, Mountainside and Westfield.

Shade Tree Commission Sets Arbor Day Program

The Fanwood Shade Tree Commission will hold an Arbor Day program on Friday, April 24, on the grounds in front of the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad on Watson Road.

Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the roles of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care.

Ceremonies will begin at 4 p.m. There will be musical entertainment provided by the Troop No. 729 Junior Girl Scout Band and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend the event.



SHOW ENTRY... Artist Ralph Lermond selects his painting "Still Life with Mums" to exhibit in the Westfield Art Association's 74th annual Members' Watercolor, Graphics and Photography Exhibition to be held from Saturday through Tuesday, April 18 to 21, in the Westfield Community Room, 425 East Broad Street, in Westfield. The exhibit will feature a wide range of media and styles.

Art Association to Present Show Beginning Saturday

The Westfield Art Association will present its 74th annual Members' Watercolor, Photography and Graphics Show from Saturday through Tuesday, April 18 to 21, in the Westfield Community Room at the Municipal Building.

The exhibit will feature landscape, still life, figure and abstract work in a variety of styles, according to Art Association President Barbara Schwinn.

Judging the show this year will be award-winning artist Anthony Ventura. A Past President of the New Jersey Watercolor Society, he studied at Pratt Institute and the Art Students League. Mr. Ventura teaches oil and watercolor painting at his studio in Neptune.

The Westfield Art Association, Inc., formed in 1922, will honor members of the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, with a reception on Tuesday, April 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

The awards presentation will be held this Saturday at 2 p.m. Guitarist John Macey will perform at the reception.

Exhibition hours will be on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday from 7 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Westfield Community Room,

located at 425 East Broad Street, is handicapped accessible. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. For further information, please call (908) 232-7058.

SPBPA to Hold Quarterly Meeting April 23 at CEO

The Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA) will hold its quarterly meeting at CEO Executive Suites, 1812 Front Street, on Thursday, April 23, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The meeting will offer an opportunity for the 186 members of the SPBPA to meet with each other and promote their business or service while enjoying an evening together.

There will be a brief update of SPBPA upcoming events and town happenings. Any business owner or professional who has not joined the SPBPA is encouraged to do so.

Any current members who have not yet renewed for 1998 are asked to please do so as soon as possible. Annual dues are \$35.

For more information, please call Ray Pardon, President, from Nuts n' Plenty, at (908) 322-7388.

- Directory to Houses of Worship -

- ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-8047
Reverend Robert Griffiths
- BETH EL BAPTIST CHURCH**
539 Trinity Place, Westfield
(908) 232-4250
Reverend Kevin Clark
- THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**
1781 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-5556
Bishop Kirk Bristol
- COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Deer Path & Meeting House Lane, Mountainside
(908) 232-9490
Reverend Christopher R. Belden
- CONGREGATION ARI YEHUDA**
1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(732) 541-4849
(Rear entrance of Assembly of God Church)
- CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL**
1920 Cliffwood Street, Scotch Plains
(908) 889-1830
Rabbi George Nudell
- ECHO LAKE CHURCH OF CHRIST**
419 Springfield Avenue, Westfield
(908) 233-4946
Dr. Ellis Long
- EVANGEL CHURCH**
1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-9300
Reverend Kevin M. Brennan
- FANWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Martine Avenue & La Grande Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 889-8891
Reverend Stephanie Miller-McLane
- THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
170 Elm Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2278
Dr. Robert L. Harvey
- FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**
257 Midway Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 322-8461
- FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**
422 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 233-5029
- FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
United Church of Christ
125 Elmer Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2494
Reverend Dr. John G. Wightman
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
1171 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-9222
Reverend Sam Chong
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
1 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 233-4211
Reverend David F. Harwood
- GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
1100 Boulevard, Westfield
(908) 233-3938 or (908) 232-4403
Reverend Stanford M. Sutton, Jr.
- HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**
250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield
(908) 233-8533
Reverend Dimitrios Antokas
- HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Westfield Avenue & First Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8137
Reverend Joseph Mastiello
- IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY RC CHURCH**
1571 South Martine Avenue, Westfield
(908) 889-2100
Reverend John F. Kennedy
- METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH**
823 Jerusalem Road
(908) 233-2855
Reverend Clement Griffin
- MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL**
1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside
(908) 232-3456
Reverend Dr. Gregory Hagg
- OUR LADY OF LOURDES RC CHURCH**
300 Central Avenue, Mountainside
(908) 232-1162
Reverend Patrick J. Leonard
- THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WESTFIELD**
140 Mountain Avenue
(908) 233-0301
Reverend Dr. William Ross Forbes
- REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**
229 Cowperthwaite Place, Westfield
(908) 232-1517
Reverend Paul E. Kritsch
- ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
2032 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5192
Reverend Michael A. Merlucci
- ST. HELEN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
1600 Railway Avenue, Westfield
(908) 232-1214
Reverend Monsignor James A. Burke
- ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**
2387 Morse Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-6972
Reverend Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.
- ST. LUKE'S AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH**
500 Downer Street, Westfield
(908) 233-2547
Reverend Leon E. Randall
- ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
414 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-8506
Reverend Richard W. Reid
- SCOTCH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**
333 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-5487
Reverend Linda Hart
- TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH**
111 Valley Road, Clark
(732) 381-8403
Rabbi Shawn B. Zell
- TEMPLE EMANU-EL**
756 East Broad Street, Westfield
(908) 232-6770
Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff
- TERRILL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH**
1340 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 322-7151
Michael C. Seaman
- TERRILL ROAD BIBLE CHAPEL**
535 Terrill Road, Fanwood
(908) 322-4055
- WILLOW GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
(908) 232-5678
Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel
- WOODSIDE CHAPEL**
5 Morse Avenue, Fanwood
(908) 889-2375



ITS GOLDEN YEAR...Frances Ehrnman, the former long-time Director of the Presbyterian Nursery School of Westfield, right, and current Director, Iona Siegel, will help the school celebrate its golden anniversary on Sunday, April 26, at the school.

Presbyterian Church to Mark Golden Celebration April 26

Do you remember being designated a lamb, bunny rabbit, teddy bear or squirrel in school? Or possibly you visited the turtle garden? Does the name Frances Ehrnman sound familiar? If so, then you attended the Presbyterian Nursery School of Westfield, which is celebrating its golden anniversary Sunday, April 26, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The school, located at 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, was co-founded by Helen Coombe and Ruth Boetkee in January, 1948, with classes originally held in the home of Ms. Coombe on Euclid Avenue.

The Nursery School eventually moved to the Christian Education Building at the Presbyterian Church where it is presently located.

Formerly the Mindowaskin Nursery School, then the Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School, and now the Presbyterian Nursery School, the school has seen its enrollment rise from an initial class of 15 to over 200 students presently.

"It has always been the aim of the school to provide a place where children can be safe and free to learn and discover the world," stated Ms.

Ehrnman, former long-time Director of the school.

"I enjoyed working with the children. Their freshness and enthusiasm kept the atmosphere of the school vibrant and alive. I learned much more from them than I ever thought I would," said Ms. Ehrnman.

The basic philosophy of the school is simple: play, play, play. The current director, Iona Siegel, believes, "as the Nursery School celebrates its 50th birthday and enters the 21st century, it is adamant that its philosophy upholding the importance of 'play' continues. Play is recognized as the contributing factor in laying the foundations of skills, behaviors, and attitudes for later academic success."

The gala event will include viewing archival video footage, photographs and memorabilia, a tour of the school and refreshments on the front lawn. A dedication ceremony commemorating the school and Ms. Ehrnman will highlight the anniversary celebration. Current members of the school and former students and parents are being encouraged to attend.

For further details, please contact the school at (908) 233-0766.

Singers, Orchestra Create Vibrant St. John Passion

By JOSEPH ORCHARD
Printed with permission of Classical New Jersey.

As the opening Chorus unsheathes Bach's musical rendering of the *Passion According to St. John*, the composer draws the listener into a world folded in on itself. The music suggests an episode of the most profound nature that will be related with interior pain and sadness. At its conclusion, the musical narrative resists displaying the full potential of the event and its infinite implications.

Seemingly aware of this Passion's promises and challenges, conductor Trent Johnson assembled a body of fine soloists and instrumentalists to share in a poignant execution of this magnificent work. Aside from the conductor, the Evangelist bears the primary musical responsibility. Tenor Rufus Müller's Evangelist was a master story teller. He delivered most of his recitatives from memory, freeing him from the printed page and generating a sense of spontaneity. As he addressed the audience directly, unfolding the tale of Jesus's suffering and death, we sat rapt.

Müller controlled the dramatic flow with the timing of a skilled thespian. His high, ringing tenor voice with its sharp, piercing quality was befitting of the role. David Scott sang Jesus with a darkened, serious sound. In the higher registers of some of the speeches, Mr. Scott pushed the sound, resulting in Jesus's pontificating to Pilate, giving the Lamb of God a strain of machismo.

The main challenge to soprano Esther Hardenbergh was that she had to wait almost two hours between each of her solos. Her first aria, "Ich folge dir," was done with a bright and joyful noise that remained consistent through different registers. This pleasantness was shaped with her intelligent phrasing. Her second aria, "Zerfliese," following an orchestral introduction full of pathos, got off to a less secure start; the luster had gone. It returned in the da capo, suggesting that sitting idle had taken its toll on her readiness. (Might this be an argument for having the soloists sing the chorales, thus keeping them warmed up?)

The other singers generally fared better in their second arias than their first. After some conflicts with the orchestra over dotted-rhythms in "Ach, mein Sinn," Scott McCoy's

"Mein Herze" soared as an effective proclamation. In general, his upper register was more enjoyable when gently approached.

Karen Anderson was given the famous "Es ist vollbracht!," but was outshone by the appropriately ponderous cello solo of Gerall Heiser. Heiser's task was not easy, since the solo is written for a viola da gamba, an instrument tuned significantly higher and with more strings. Patrick Blackwell's attractive bass did not convey the vibrancy found in the other performers.

Mr. Johnson handled his forces with discipline and clarity, combined with dramatic and musical intelligence. Within each musical number he focused on long-term goals. Minor technical weaknesses, inevitable in a group of mixed amateurs and professionals, were not allowed to frustrate larger concerns. To override lapses in dexterity or concentration, Johnson kept the energy level high, not with exaggerated gestures, but by capturing and conveying the sense of immediacy emanating from the music and the story.

The choral sections were histrionic only when they partook of the story, as in the exclamation, "Kreuzige!" (Crucify!). The Chorales, on the other hand, were treated as points of repose in the taxing journey toward Christ's crucifixion and death.

The orchestra's playing was generally solid, though poor communication among the violins sometimes inhibited their ability to coordinate. Ed Brewer's positif organ continuo was dependable, evidenced by its being virtually unnoticed. The chorus must be praised for an overall successful performance. Their diction, responsiveness, concentration, and quality of sound were all attributes in this moving performance of a Lenten treasure.

The Passion According to St. John was performed on Sunday, March 29, at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, featuring the Oratorio Singers and Orchestra conducted by Music Director Trent Johnson. Performers included Rufus Müller as the Evangelist; David Scott as Jesus; Esther Hardenbergh, soprano; Karen Andersen, mezzo-soprano; Scott McCoy, tenor, and Patrick Blackwell, bass.

Dance Company to Present Concert May 2 in Westfield

The Westfield Dance Company (WDC) will hold its spring concert, "Dance in the Park" on Saturday, May 2, at 1 p.m. at Mindowaskin Park, 425 East Broad Street, in Westfield.

WDC is a young people's dance company. The purpose of the company is to offer interested dancers an opportunity to perform, attend dance competitions, and study with world renowned choreographers and teachers, according to Artistic Director Jenny Logus.

This year the company will be presenting *The Carnival of the Animals*. WDC will be using the Leonard Bernstein version with his narration. "The audience will enjoy a jazzy lion, silly birds, graceful elephants, turtles that do a can-can and much

more. Dance lovers of all ages will love this concert," said Mrs. Logus.

Mrs. Logus is best known for directing the Broadway Dance Center in New York City. She noted, "Dance in the Park" will be free to the public as part of the Westfield Dance Company's philosophy to perform as a community service.

Also, Mindowaskin Park is part of the "Green Acres" program, which allows its facilities to be used by outside communities.

Area residents are invited to bring their lunch and a blanket and enjoy the spring concert.

For further information, please call (908) 789-3011. The rain date for the concert will be Sunday, May 3, at 1 p.m.

Thirty Parents Expected To Attend FANS Workshop

Thirty parents are expected to attend a Families Achieving the New Standards (FANS) workshop at the Jefferson Elementary School library in Westfield on Monday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 12, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The FANS Workshop informs parents about New Jersey's new standards in the areas of math, science and technology and how they can help their children achieve these standards. The workshop will be conducted by Bob Lipman, a Jefferson School Achieve program teacher. Refreshments will be served and there is no cost for the workshop.

FANS is a statewide project sponsored by the New Jersey Mathematics Coalition and funded by the National Science Foundation.

At the workshop, parents will be involved in hands-on activities which

will enable them to experience the kind of math and science that their children are learning in standards-based classrooms. They will view a videotape which discusses the standards and shows how the standards will better prepare their children for the jobs that will be available when they finish their education.

At the end of the workshop, parents will receive various materials, including a collection of activities that they can do at home with their children.

Over the next three years the goal of the workshop is to reach 300,000 New Jersey parents, according to a spokesman for the program.

Anyone interested in hosting a FANS workshop, or interested in attending a FANS workshop, is invited to contact Program Coordinator Jennifer Lomench at (732) 445-2894 or lomench@dimacs.rutgers.edu.



JOYFUL IMAGE...Darlene Foster, left, and France Kennedy of The Image Maker present a check for \$2,852.50 to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center's adoption counselor Rob Otero. Also pictured are pets that were recently placed in new homes by St. Hubert's animal shelter. The funds were raised during the photography studio's recent Pet Week pet portrait promotion.

Pet Week at Image Maker Benefits St. Hubert's Center

The Image Maker Photography Studios' fourth annual Pet Week promotion recently raised \$2,852 to benefit St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center of Madison.

More than \$10,000 has been raised by The Image Maker for St. Hubert's since the inception of Pet Week in 1994.

Pet Week is a special week dedicated to photographing pets and their people. Half of the fee for each photo session is donated to St. Hubert's to help support its extensive programming for animals and people, according to Image Maker spokeswoman Kelly G. Vanasse.

The Image Maker was established in 1982 and operates studios in Berkeley Heights, Mendham, and a newly opened studio in Princeton. Co-owners and master photographers, Bruce Lorenz and Joe Galioto, have made fund raising and community involvement an integral part of their business.

The Image Maker, which operates studios in Berkeley Heights and Mendham, as well as a newly-opened Princeton location, has donated thousands of dollars to local charities in the last decade, the spokeswoman said.

A Spring Special to benefit the Valerie Fund is currently being offered. Half of the fee for each photo session will be donated to the Valerie Fund, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting a network of Children's Centers for cancer and blood disorders. The offer will continue through Friday, May 1.

For more information about the Spring Special, or for information about photography services provided by the Image Maker, please call (908) 665-2089; e-mail the studio at ImMkr@aol.com, or visit the Image Maker's web site at www.TheImageMaker.com.

Past Gardenaires are Invited To Attend 'Tea' on April 22

At the Gardenaires' Wednesday, April 22, meeting, past members and past presidents are invited to attend a "tea" in celebration of the club's 40th anniversary. The meeting will be held at noon at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

During this meeting, Hollace Hoffman will present a program of slides titled "The Garden Grand Tour," featuring world-famous gardens which she has photographed.

Ms. Hoffman has been the Director of the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside since 1979, where she established a butterfly garden, a fragrance/touch garden, and a wild plant meadow.

The Executive Board meeting for March was held at the home of Rose Checchio. Lillian Boyko, Service Committee Chairwoman, headed a workshop on assembling spring arrangements of miniature wicker baskets with

silk flowers to place on the dinner trays for Mobil Meals recipients.

On Wednesday, May 27, the Gardenaires' 40th anniversary luncheon will be held at the Chanticleer Chateau in Warren, with Jean Farnworth presenting a program of music, songs and sing-a-longs. For further information, please call (908) 889-6740.

Lecture Slated at 'Y' On Cancer Prevention

The American Cancer Society will host a cancer prevention lecture at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street, on Wednesday, April 29, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Topics will include nutrition, smoking cessation and lifestyle assessments. There will also be time allotted for questions and answers.

To register, please call (908) 233-2700. This presentation is free and open to the public.

Ann Wennhold to Explore 'Art and Healing' at Redeemer

Anne Wennhold, speaker and workshop leader, will explore the topic of "Art and Healing" through the use of slides at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

The church is located at the corner of Clark Street and Cowperthwaite Place across from Roosevelt Middle School in Westfield. The program is presented in recognition of April which is "Cancer Prevention Month."

Ms. Wennhold is an artist and former teacher whose experience with cancer took place seven years ago. Following recovery she drew her feelings onto a roll of paper 150 feet long.

Many requests to view this mural and hear about the process of its development led to talks about art and

healing and drawing/painting workshops.

Her slide talk is entitled "Journey Toward Healing: My Personal Experience with Art and Cancer." As a result of her mural, she developed a line of T-shirts featuring her art heroine, Audrey Anne.

Ms. Wennhold's work has appeared in shows throughout the Northeast and her photographs and articles are published in a number of newspapers and magazines. She is a national consultant for Prentice-Hall Publishing Company, giving workshops and seminars to educational groups throughout the country.

She is also an art therapy consultant and keynote speaker listed with the National Cancer Survivors Speaker Bureau.

For more information about the program, or for directions to Redeemer Lutheran Church, please call the church office at (908) 232-1517.

Women's Sunday on Tap At First United Methodist

First United Methodist Church will celebrate United Methodist Women's Sunday on April 19 at the 11 a.m. service.

Reverend Kathleen Stolz, from Chatham's First United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. Her sermon is entitled "Answering to the Higher Authority."

The theme of the service will be the Bishop's Initiative on Children and Poverty. During the service there will be a presentation of special recognition pins to three members of the church.

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

Workshop to Address Faith In Context of Busy Lives

The First United Methodist Church in Westfield will present a two-day workshop on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, on balancing the demands of work, family and self, and how faith can add a sense of direction to busy lives.

The workshop, scheduled for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, will focus on integration of faith into the "Monday through Saturday" work week.

Three follow-up sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, May 6, 13 and 20, at 6:30 p.m., and will deal with faith in the workplace, family, and community.

Everyone is invited to attend. There is not cost to participate. Registration is suggested, and reservations must be made for child care. For further information and to register, please call the First United Methodist Church at (908) 233-4211.



RAFFLE PRIZE...Westfield craftsman George Plenty makes some final adjustments on the roof of a doll house he built, modeled after a Victorian mansion, which is being raffled by the Westfield Day Care Auxiliary. The 11th annual raffle will benefit the Westfield Infant and Day Care Scholarship Fund. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale at the Day Care Center at 140 Mountain Avenue, and at Rorden Realty Inc. at 44 Elm Street, and will also be available at the Day Care display at Westfield's Spring Fling this Sunday, April 19. The doll house

Raymond A. Van Sweringen, Jr., 76; Named to *Who's Who of Engineering*

Raymond A. Van Sweringen, Jr., 76, of Scotch Plains, died on Thursday, April 9, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he had lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains 35 years ago.

He had been employed as a mechanical engineer for Exxon Research and Engineering in Linden for 36 years, retiring as an engineering advisor in 1983. He proposed and supervised the first application of computer technology to the operation of pilot plants in the petroleum industry.

Mr. Van Sweringen received his

Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York in 1944.

He served as a Captain in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering society, and was admitted to *Who's Who of Engineering* in 1982.

Mr. Van Sweringen was active in the United Way of Union County and in the formation of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Westfield.

He was a past member of the Board of Directors of the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Murphy Van Sweringen; three sons, Raymond A. Van Sweringen, 3rd of Annapolis, Maryland, William H. Van Sweringen of Houston, Texas and Scott K. Van Sweringen of Ann Arbor, Michigan; a brother, Paxton Van Sweringen of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; a sister, Virginia Jirus of Upland, California, and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, April 14, at the First Congregational Church. Interment was private. Arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, in Fanwood.

Donations may be made to the United Way of Union County, 33 West Grand, Elizabeth, 07207.

April 16, 1998

Christopher Brownstein, 19

Christopher E. Brownstein, 19, of Westfield, died on Monday, April 13, at home.

Born in Summit, he had lived all his life in Westfield.

He was a 1996 graduate of Westfield High School.

Surviving are his parents, Steven and Abby (Hays) Brownstein, and his brother, Scott Brownstein.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. at Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, in Westfield. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

John Hluchy, 80, Had Vaudeville Act; Owned Westfield Radio & TV Studio

John S. Hluchy, 80, of Toms River, died on Saturday, April 11, in the Green Acres Nursing Home in Toms River.

Born in Detroit, he had lived in Mountainside before moving to Toms River nine months ago.

Mr. Hluchy had owned and oper-

Mary Rose, 69

Mary Rose, 69, of Mountainside died on Thursday, April 9, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Newburgh, New York, she had lived in Providence, Rhode Island and Waterbury, Connecticut before moving to Mountainside 34 years ago.

She was a member of the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Louis W. Rose; three sons, Louis Rose, William Rose and John Rose; two brothers, Vincent Yereance and Kenneth Yereance, and a grandchild.

A Mass was offered on Monday, April 13, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

April 16, 1998

Henry Hyde Banta, Jr., 70, Veteran; Active With Local 'Y' Swim Teams

Henry Hyde Banta, Jr., 70, of Westfield died on Tuesday, April 14, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born and raised in Plainfield, he had lived in Westfield for the past 42 years.

Mr. Banta had been an officer and underwriter for Atlantic Mutual Company in New York City for 35 years, prior to retiring in 1993.

He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts in 1950, a Master of Business Administration Degree from New York University in 1954, and a master's degree in medieval history from New York University in 1991.

Mr. Banta was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army during America's occupation of Japan.

He was a member of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters of New York and New Jersey and the Plainfield Historic Society, and was the former Treasurer of the Master Gardens of Union County.

He also was active with the swim teams of the Westfield YMCA and YWCA.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Mary Fitzpatrick Banta; four sons, Henry Hyde Banta, 3rd of Union, Cornelius Fitzpatrick Banta and Christopher Michael Banta, both of Westfield, and J. Edward Banta of Medford, Massachusetts; a daughter, Mary Margaret Banta of Plainfield, and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will be tomorrow, Friday, April 17, at the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice, 176 Husa Street, Linden, 07036.

April 16, 1998

Catherine Piccione, 78

Catherine Piccione, 78, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, April 12, in Rahway Hospital in Rahway.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Springfield and Clark prior to moving to Scotch Plains two years ago.

Mrs. Piccione had been a secretary of the Pacemaker Foundation at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and had volunteered there for seven years.

Surviving are a son, Sam J. Piccione, Jr.; a daughter, Kathleen Brodzicki; a sister, Joan Silchack; two brothers, Frank Jacoby and Thomas Jacoby, and four grandchildren.

A Mass was offered yesterday, Wednesday, April 15, at St. John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Linden, following the funeral from the Galante Funeral Home in Union.

April 16, 1998

NOWICKI, Edward G. — On April 7, 1998 Edward G. of Brooksville Fl. (Formerly of Haddonfield). Age 76 Years. Beloved husband of Patricia A. and the late Anna Rita (nee Tillson). Loving father to Dr. David E. Nowicki of Westfield, N.J., Barbara A. Wright of Baltimore, MD. and Edward P. Nowicki of Burlington Twp., N.J. Loving Stepfather to Michael, Jeffrey, Brian, and Todd Haferl. Also survived by a brother George J. Nowicki of Manhasset, NY. Grandfather of 16 and Great Grandfather of one. A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted on Tuesday at Christ the King Church in Haddonfield, NJ. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Cherry Hill, NJ. Arrangements were handled by the Hinski-Tomlinson Funeral Home, 81 Haddon Ave., Haddonfield, NJ. Memorial Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Anthony's Church, 20428 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, Fl., 34601 or to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 12260 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville Fl. 34613.

— Obituaries —

Robert Mulreany, 82, Former Mayor; Attorney was Active in Health Care



Robert H. Mulreany

Robert H. Mulreany, 82, of Summit, a former Mayor of Westfield, died on Sunday, April 12, at The King James Care Center in Chatham Township.

Born in Brooklyn, he had lived in Westfield from 1950 to 1993, when he and his wife moved to Summit.

A retired senior law partner, Mr. Mulreany began his 57-year career with the legal profession in 1933, when he joined the law firm now known as DeForest and Duer as an office boy. He worked his way through college and law school at New York University. He had also studied architecture at Brooklyn Technical High School.

Mr. Mulreany specialized in tax-exempt corporations, representing foundations interested in sociological problems, better management techniques, applying new medical discoveries, and fostering leadership.

Throughout his career, Mr. Mulreany took an active role in New York City affairs. He was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the New York School of Social Work at Columbia University, Chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Public Welfare, and Trustee and Chairman of the Community Service Society of New York, then the largest private welfare organization in the country.

He was President of the Provident Loan Society, Director of Manhattan Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Director of United Charities, Inc. and Director of Group Securities.

For many years Mr. Mulreany was a trustee of the John A. Hartford Foundation and the Smith Richardson Foundation, Inc. He served as Chairman of the New Jersey Wastewater Treatment Trust, and was Director, Secretary and later Chairman of United Water Resources in Hackensack.

He was also Director of the Spring Valley Water Company and Director of National State Bank.

In the 1950s, he was an adult leader in DeMolay, a youth organization within the Masonic Order, and was a Trustee of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama from 1966 to 1979.

Peter P. Lojewski, 63

Peter P. Lojewski, 63, a former resident of Fanwood, died on Tuesday, April 7, at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg, Florida.

Born in Bayonne, he had lived in Cranford, Fanwood and Edison for many years before moving to Florida in 1992.

He had been an operating engineer for Local No. 825 in Newark for 38 years, prior to retiring in 1992.

Mr. Lojewski was predeceased by his daughter, Robin Lojewski, in 1995.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Carol Meusel Lojewski; a son, Peter Lojewski; a daughter, Jill S. Proscia; two sisters, Joan Keenan and Barbara Wissel, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 14, at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Garwood.

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

April 16, 1998

Roderick Blocker, 42

Roderick "Rod" Blocker, 42, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died on Monday, April 6, at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte.

Born in High Point, North Carolina, he graduated from Essex County College in Newark.

Mr. Blocker was a scanner operator for Data Reduction in Charlotte.

Surviving are his parents, George and Ruth Scott of Charlotte; his biological father, Scotland Blocker of Irvington; three sisters, Aleatrice Youngbleed and Denise Patterson, both of Westfield, and Ollie Dreakford of Greenville, South Carolina.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 10, at the A. L. Jinwright Funeral Chapel in Charlotte.

April 16, 1998

Robert E. Lee, Coach and Musician; Decorated Veteran Also Wrote Book

Robert E. Lee, 73, of Billings, Montana, formerly of Scotch Plains, died on Thursday, March 26, in Billings.

Born in Brooklyn, he grew up in Scotch Plains and attended Scotch Plains High School. In the early 1940s, he founded a dance band at the high school, The Moon Glowers, whose theme song, "It Must Have Been Moon Glow," was played at the beginning and end of every dance.

He was also a drum major and won a New Jersey State Championship for baton twirling.

He received his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1949, and his master's degree in education, with an emphasis in administration and physical education, in 1954, both from the University of Denver.

Mr. Lee had been a high school coach for four years in Colorado and Wyoming before becoming head football coach at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming in 1955.

He had been a coach for Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1959 to 1964, when he accepted a coaching position at Eastern Montana College. From 1961 to 1963, Mr. Lee scouted for the Dallas Cowboys professional football team.

He was voted District No. 5 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) in 1965, 1970 and 1971.

Mr. Lee was a member of the United States Tennis Association, Montana Tennis Association, Billings Tennis Association, National Musicians Union, Billings Musicians Union and the United States Teaching Tennis Professional Association.

He also belonged to the Montana and Wyoming Officials Associations, Western Athletic Conference Basketball and Football Officials Association, NAIA and American Foot-

ball Coaches Associations, Skyline Conference Basketball Officials Association and Utah High School Basketball Association. Mr. Lee was President of the Salt Lake Valley Little League Football Organization.

He coached American Legion baseball and taught Red Cross swimming. He was also a survival instructor with the United States Strategic Air Command at Camp Carson, Colorado.

A United States veteran of World War II, Mr. Lee served with the 10th Mountain Division of Ski Troops. He was awarded the Purple Heart, among other commendations.

Besides The Moon Glowers, Mr. Lee played drums in many groups including the Binker Trio and Doc's Dixieland Band.

He co-authored, with Mike Harkins, a college text entitled "Beginning Tennis" in 1983, which was published by Burgess Publishing Company.

Mr. Lee was predeceased by his former wife, Barbara Kidder.

Surviving are his wife, Alicia Lee; eight sons, Renzi Lee and Kelbi Lee of Billings, Dirk Lee of Missoula, Montana, Robi Vaccina of Phoenix, Arizona, Ty Lee of Anchorage, Alaska, Cag Lee of Billings and Nat and Tali Lee, both of St. Paul, Minnesota; six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Michelotti, Sawyers and Nordquist Alderson Chapel in Billings. Interment with military honor took place at Mountview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Robert E. Lee Scholarship Fund, care of The Foundation of MSU-Billings, 1500 North 30th Street, Billings, Montana 59101-0298, or to the 10th Mountain Division Foundation, 1776 South Jackson Street, No. 603, Denver, Colorado, 80215.

April 16, 1998

Charles Benedict, 79, Retired Butcher; Had Worked for John's Meat Market

Charles W. Benedict, 79, of South Plainfield died on Friday, April 10, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Olyphant, Pennsylvania, he moved to Plainfield in 1940. He relocated to South Plainfield 47 years ago.

Mr. Benedict had been a butcher for over 25 years at the former Colonial Store in Plainfield. He was the owner and operator of the store from 1967 until its closing in 1981.

From 1981 until his retirement in 1993, he had been a butcher for John's Meat Market in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Margaret M. Acker Benedict; three

daughters, Judith A. Benedict-Tappen of Wolcott, New York, Patricia M. Hammock of Scotch Plains and Kathleen M. Smith of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; a son, Robert C. Benedict of Key West, Florida; a sister, Julia Callea of South Plainfield, and a grand-

son. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 14, at the McCriskin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield, followed by a Mass at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield.

Arrangements were handled by the McCriskin Home For Funerals in South Plainfield.

April 16, 1998

Town Symphony Continues Celebration of Gershwin

Continuing the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's (WSO) celebration of George Gershwin's birth, Maestro David Wroe and the symphony will present Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* in



CONTINUING GERSHWIN CELEBRATION...PNC Bank will sponsor Richard Hobson, baritone, in his portrayal of "Porgy" in the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's performance of George Gershwin's *Porgy & Bess* on Saturday, April 18. The performance, which begins at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, is another of the symphony's Gershwin Centennial Celebrations honoring the composer.

Delbarton to Present *Kismet* April 24 - 26

Delbarton's Schola Cantorum and Abbey Players will present four performances of *Kismet* by Robert Wright and George Forrest on Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m. in Old Main at Delbarton/St. Mary's Abbey.

Among the cast members is Michael Krivak of Westfield.

Admission is \$5. Delbarton/St. Mary's Abbey is located at 230 Mendham Road, three miles west of the Morristown Green.

For further information, please call (9973) 538-3231.

concert this Saturday, April 18, at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Performing the title roles are Richard Hobson, baritone, and Marilyn Moore-Brown, soprano.

Mr. Hobson has performed throughout the United States and Europe with both symphonies and opera companies including The Dallas Opera, Baltimore Opera, Mississippi Opera, North Arkansas Symphony, and the Dallas Symphony. Recently, he performed the leading role of Joe in the long-running Broadway production of *Showboat* at the Gershwin Theatre.

Ms. Moore-Brown has been highly praised by international critics and is rapidly emerging as one of today's versatile interpreters in opera, oratorio and concert repertoire. She has performed as a featured soloist in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Philadelphia's Academy of Music, and the John F. Kennedy Center's Terrace Theatre and the Concert Hall.

She has also performed a variety of operatic roles ranging from Purcell's *Fairy Queen*, Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*, and Strauss' *Ariadne auf Naxos*. She has performed the role of Bess in *Porgy and Bess* with the Teatro Municipal in Rio de Janeiro and the role of Clara in the same opera with Opera North at Philadelphia's Academy of Music.

Additional cast members include Roberta Gumbel, soprano, as Clara; Patrick Blackwell, bass-baritone, as Crown/Jake; Sharon A. Simms, soprano, as Serena, and Glenn Henderson, baritone, as Sportin' Life.

Tickets for the WSO's performance are available and can be purchased at the symphony office or by visiting a local ticket outlet. Prices are: \$25 for general admission; \$22 for seniors, and \$15 for students. There will be a pre-concert lecture about the opera given by Maestro Wroe at 7 p.m. at Westminster Hall at the church. For more information, please call (908) 232-9400.



IMPORTANT LESSONS...Officer Edward Maguire of the Westfield Police Department instructs Jefferson Elementary School cub scouts of Den No. 4, Pack No. 673 on neighborhood issues. The boys were given a demonstration of the officer's various pieces of equipment, and he advised them that the best way to help their local police department was "to do well in school and always listen to your parents and teachers." Pictured, left to right, are: Ojus Patil, Satya Tagat, Michael Freundlich, Tommy Bonard, Officer Maguire, John Martoglio, Eric Courtney and Doug Townsend.

Jazz Pianist to Entertain At Auxiliary's Luncheon

Nationally-known jazz pianist Joe Augustine will be the featured entertainer at the Overlook Hospital Auxiliary's spring luncheon and annual meeting on Friday, April 24, at the Chanticleer in Short Hills.

Now in its 82nd year, the Auxiliary is a volunteer service and fund-raising organization which supports Over-

look Hospital in Summit.

Members attending this year's event, entitled "Spring Serenade," will vote on a new pledge, elect officers and kick off their car raffle for a 1999 Mercedes-Benz ML320 Sports Utility Vehicle, according to luncheon Co-Chairwoman Julie Plank.

Guests are welcome and luncheon tickets, which cost \$35, may be reserved by calling Lee Wadelton at (908) 522-1321. The reservation deadline is this Saturday, April 18.

Luncheon attendees will have an opportunity to shop at a variety of boutiques which will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Merchandise will include fashion accessories, jewelry, cotton sweaters, stationery, hand-painted gifts, handbags, the Auxiliary cookbook, and Mr. Augustine's compact disk, which he will personalize following his performance.

Overlook Auxiliary members will begin selling tickets for their first car raffle at the luncheon. Chances for the Mercedes-Benz will be sold for \$100 each.

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held in September. Proceeds will benefit the new maternity center at Overlook Hospital.

During a brief business meeting, Auxiliary members will vote on the slate of officers for 1998-1999, as well as the Twig Town Coordinators.

Members will also choose between two projects — the hospital's new maternity center and the proposed neuroscience center — for the next Auxiliary pledge.

Westfield BOE Slates Organizational Meeting

The next scheduled Westfield Board of Education meeting, on Tuesday, April 28, will be the organizational meeting of the board.

Oaths of office will be administered at this meeting to newly-elected board members. School elections will be held on Tuesday, April 21.

The board will also elect its President and Vice President, and will approve the time, place and date for business and special meetings, and select official newspapers.

The agenda will include a recommendation by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William J. Foley, to end desegregation of students in the Cacciola Place area, and to permit attendance by the children in their neighborhood schools.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Board Room at 302 Elm Street. It is open to the public, with time allotted for public questions, comments and suggestions.

Local Artist to be Featured During May 2 House Tour



Patricia Kimsey-Bollinger

Landscape artist Patricia Kimsey-Bollinger will paint a garden scene as a special feature of the 1998 "Tour of Notable Homes" on Saturday, May 2, sponsored by the Friends of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra.

Ms. Kimsey-Bollinger, a resident of Westfield, will set up her French easel in the expansive garden of a Tuscan-

style villa in Mountainside, which is one of the five homes being showcased on the annual tour.

Ms. Kimsey-Bollinger, who was trained at the Art Students' League of New York, has had exhibits at the Union League Club in New York and the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

She additionally has taught painting and drawing for the Scotch Plains Recreation Department and the C. Loeber's Children's Art School in Westfield.

The homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$18 or on the day of the tour for \$20. They are available at Baron's Drug Store, Coldwell Banker Schlott Realtors, Lancaster Realty, Periwinkle's Fine Gifts, Rorden Realty and Weichert Realtors, all in Westfield.

In Mountainside, tickets may be purchased at Patterson's Interiors and in Scotch Plains at Richard Roberts Ltd. and Irma's Hallmark.

For further information, please call the Westfield Symphony Orchestra at (908) 232-9400.

Town Rotary Club Honors Mr. Coventry for 45 Years Of Service to Organization

The Rotary Club of Westfield recently recognized Past President Jimmy Coventry's 45 years of service to the Rotary International.

Rotarian William Henderson, who MC'd the event, gave a short history of Mr. Coventry from his birth in Scotland on May 14, 1905; he will be 93 next month.

Mr. Coventry was born in Dunfermline, in the Kingdom of Fife, the home town of another Scots immigrant who made a name for himself, namely Andrew Carnegie. In fact, Mr. Coventry attended the same school as did Carnegie 70 years before him.

After leaving school at 14, he served a six-year apprenticeship with a plumbing and heating company which led to his career in this field in Scotland and in New Jersey, after his emigration to the United States at 25 in 1930. He worked in East Orange for a time then in the Kearny Federal Shipyard where he worked on the first destroyer in the fleet build-up prior to World War II.

As a specialist he helped U.S. Steel set a record by building 26 ships-of-the-line in 52 weeks.

Mr. Coventry was married twice, once for 34 years and a second time for 10 years. Mr. Coventry moved to Westfield in 1934 and formed his own plumbing firm which he ran until he retired in 1970.



LONG-TIME ROTARIAN...The Rotary Club of Westfield paid tribute to Past President Jimmy Coventry in recognition of his 45 years of service to Rotary International. Mr. Coventry is shown thanking his fellow Rotarians and guests at the close of a celebration lunch last week.

Mr. Coventry has been a resident of Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Center for the past 14 years. During this time he was active in the organization of many activities for his fellow residents.

As the celebration continued, a Scottish bagpiper marched into the room in full regalia playing a Scottish march tune. The piper, Fran Frafertry, from Kearny, played a selection of Scottish tunes and showed the versatility of the bagpipe by ending with "When the Saints Come Marching In."

Rotary International District Governor John J. Wilczynski of the Rotary Club of Somerville thanked Mr. Coventry for his contributions to Rotary at home and abroad in 45 years of personification of the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."

On behalf of the club, Past President Linda Maggio presented Mr. Coventry with a tie and cap in the special Scottish tartan, designed for Rotary International and introduced at the R.I. Convention in Glasgow, Scotland last year.

The following Past Presidents spoke of their experiences in office at the club and of the assistance they received from Mr. Coventry in his capacity as Treasurer for 30 years and in the organization of 31 annual Pancake Days: Past Presidents Richard B. Ahlfeld, Grant M. Buttermore, Louis E. Lefevre, Byron E. Miller, Jack L. Cohen, Vincent W. Vincentsen, William J. Corbet and Donald R. Maxwell.

They also expressed appreciation in the work which Mr. Coventry did in the selection of candidates and in the disbursement of over \$1 million in scholarships to over 1,900 Westfield High School students many of whom support today's students by buying Pancake Day tickets.

Mr. Coventry has been an active Free Mason for 48 years and advised the club that he plans to move to the Masonic Home in Burlington in June.

Club President Dr. D. Michael Hart concluded the program by presenting Mr. Coventry with a metal bell mounted on a plinth inscribed with the names of all of the Westfield Rotary Club Presidents he had assisted. The service awards he has received from the Rotary are also noted on the plinth.

Memorial Day Event Planned in Fanwood

Fanwood's Memorial Day celebration will be held Monday, May 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at LaGrande Park in Fanwood.

All crafters are invited to participate. A reserved space costs \$25, and an additional space costs \$15. Crafters wishing further information and a dealer's agreement may call Laurie at (908) 322-4962.

Volunteers are needed for the Memorial Day celebration, and any interested individuals may call Linda at (908) 889-4935.



BROWNIES HELP OUT...In a group effort, the girls of Brownie Troops Nos. 498 and 879, have worked toward their "Let's Clean Up Our Act" patch by collecting soda cans from the families of Wilson Elementary School in Westfield. The girls donated the cans to the Westfield Fire Department, where the money received for turning the cans in is used to benefit the Children's Burn Center at St. Barnabas Medical Hospital in Livingston. This method of recycling the cans keeps them from filling up the landfills, while helping others in need.

Dave Rossi Wins Multiple Awards for Photography

Dave Rossi garnered multiple prizes during the Professional Photographers of New Jersey Convention held in Atlantic City from March 22 to 24, including several coveted awards which were presented by the organization.

Three of his photographs were entered and all three were awarded blue ribbons at the earlier print judging.

He was then called to the podium three times at the awards banquet to

accept additional honors, including a Court of Honors Award for the highest scoring commercial image, The Fuji Masterpiece Award, and the first-ever Commercial Image of the Year award given by the association.

These awards will be displayed in his studio, located at 104 Quimby Street in Westfield, and added to the many awards Mr. Rossi has acquired over the past several years, all of which were images created for clients, not competition.

These awards include several blue national ribbons, two Prestigious International Loan Collection Awards, one of which was featured in *The Professional Photographer* magazine, and a Court of Honor by the New York Society of Professional Photographers.

Mr. Rossi has been an established photographer since 1980, and has been located in Westfield since 1985.

He was awarded a Certified Professional Photographer (CPP) by the Professional Photographers Association of America in 1988. At that time, he was one of only 1,600 photographers worldwide who had attained the CPP certification.



NEEDS A HOME...People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event this Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PetsMart store located 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 Cinderella, described as a pretty brown and black tabby who is waiting for "Prince Charming" to adopt her. She is 1-year-old, spayed and current with her vaccinations. Cinderella was left in a box on a doorstep with her brother who has been adopted. This interesting cat likes to sleep in bed with her family and likes to chase and play with other cats. To adopt, or for information, please call (908) 688-1073. For low cost spay/neuter information, please call the People for Animals Clinic at (908) 964-6887. Spay/neuter surgery costs range from \$35 to \$55 and include rabies and distemper vaccinations.

NCADD to Offer 'Crisis Intervention' Workshop April 25

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) of Union County is offering a workshop entitled "Crisis Intervention" on Saturday, April 25.

The course will cover how to handle substance abusers and their families when crisis occurs.

The presenter will be Leo Battenhausen, licensed social worker (LCSW) and a certified alcohol and drug counselor (CADC). The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NCADD offices at 300 North Avenue, East in Westfield.

Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and pre-registration is required.

For further information and registration, please call (908) 233-8810.

Musicians to Accompany Glee Club in Two Concerts

Thomas Boothe, Director of the Westfield Glee Club, has announced the special accompanists who will perform with the chorus at the Spring Concerts to be presented on Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street in Westfield, and also on Sunday, April 26, at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman Street in Cranford at 4 p.m.

Beth Satkin, a junior at Westfield High School, will play the double bass accompaniment on Saturday night for the Civil War song "Goober Peas."

She was recently accepted into the National All Girls Orchestra in Washington, D.C., and is also the principal chair in the New Jersey All State Orchestra.

Chris Fiore of West Orange, a music graduate of Jersey City State College, did his student teaching in the Westfield schools. He plays double bass with a number of groups including The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) in Westfield. Mr. Fiore, who teaches music privately and also for the NJWA, will play at the Sunday concert.

George Lachenauer, piano accompanist for the Glee Club, will be joined by club member Howard Dreizler on the four-hand arrangements for "The



Beth Satkin

Rhythm of Life," arranged by Richard Barnes, and "The Musical Trust" by Joseph W. Clokey. The Glee Club will also sing some selections unaccompanied.

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.

Local BPW Chapter Sets Dinner Meeting For Tuesday Evening

The Berkeley Heights/Clark/Westfield Business and Professional Women (BCW/BPW) will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 21, at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

Networking will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. with dinner and a program. Non-members are invited to attend.

This month's meeting will be a panel discussion between four young girls and four BPW members, to help attendees better understand the views of young girls in terms of who they are and what they hope the future will hold for them, according to spokeswoman Denise Dagostaro.

It is also designed to enlighten the girls as to the goals and realities experienced by their predecessors, Ms. Dagostaro explained.

Advance registration for the dinner meeting is required. The cost of dinner is \$18 per person. The reservation deadline is Monday, April 20. For reservations and information, please call Gerri at (908) 276-9502.

Terrill to Take Part In Effort to Reduce Television Watching

Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains will join thousands of schools, libraries and community groups nationwide in a coordinated effort to encourage millions of families and individuals to turn off their television sets for seven days.

National TV-Turnoff Week, April 22-28, focuses not on the quality of television programming, but on the excessive quantity of television which most Americans watch, and the lost opportunities to read, converse, participate, think, create and do, according to Terrill School Principal John Foulks.

"The purpose of the TV-Turnoff Week is to take an extended break from this medium which so controls our lives," Mr. Foulks said. "Four hours of television watching a day is simply unhealthy for our children, families and communities," he added.

National TV-Turnoff Week is coordinated by TV-Free America, a national, nonprofit organization that encourages Americans to reduce the amount of television that they watch in order to focus more attention on their lives, families and communities.

Five Westfield Students Earn Academic Honors

Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange recently announced that several Westfield residents achieved academic honors for the second trimester of the 1997-1998 school year.

Receiving First Honors, for earning a grade point average (G.P.A.) of 4.0 or higher were Jamil Barody and Edward Smith.

Alexander Winnicker received Second Honors, which are awarded to students who earn a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher.

Commended students, who have earned a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher, included William Davidson and Brian O'Neill.



ITS 73RD SEASON...The Westfield Glee Club will begin its 73rd season of spring concerts with performances on Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, located at 301 Clark Street in Westfield, and on Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford. For further information, please call Dale Juntilla, (908) 232-0673.

Haven Unveils Internet Site To Assist Bank Customers

Haven Savings Bank has announced that customers can now visit the bank's Internet address at www.havenbank.com, enabling them to perform many aspects of their personal financial business from the comfort of their own homes.

"People can now easily reach us for a loan application request and can access their savings and checking accounts quickly and securely," reported Delfio A. La Marca, President and Chief Executive Officer of Haven Savings Bank.

"They can find out the latest rates we offer, and much more. We have even included some financial calculators to help

people figure out mortgage and installment loan payments," he continued.

With the addition of the website, Haven Savings now gives its customers four ways to do their banking, according to Mr. La Marca. They also have the options of visiting any of Haven Savings' four locations in person; by using FASTBanking Telephone Banking Service, and on the road from any automatic teller machine in the world, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Headquartered in Hoboken, Haven operates a branch at 128 Elm Street in Westfield. It operates additional branches in Secaucus and Westwood.

- Obituaries -

Vincent J. Donnelly, Sr., 82, Retiree; Was Member of Flying Tigers in War

Vincent J. Donnelly, Sr., 82, of Westfield died on Saturday, April 11, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Massachusetts, he had lived in Westfield for 46 years.

Mr. Donnelly graduated from the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts.

He had been a manufacturer's representative for many years with Sondra Manufacturing and for two years with Haywood-Schuster Company, both in New York City, before retiring in 1982.

Mr. Donnelly served in the United States

Army Air Corps during World War II and was a member of the Flying Tigers.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Rita Donnelly; a daughter, Patricia Donnelly Brown; a son, Vincent J. Donnelly, Jr., and four grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be offered today, Thursday, April 16, at 10 a.m. in St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, in Westfield.

April 16, 1998

THE WEEK IN SPORTS



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GRABBING THE BATON...Blue Devil Susan Hinds grabs the baton from Becky Hamilton during the 4x400 relay event at the Summit Relays on April 11.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

LAUNCHING THE DISCUS...Blue Devil Greg Gorski gives the discus a giant heave during the Summit Relays at Tatlock Field in Summit on April 11.

Blue Devils, Raiders Dominate; Shine at the Summit Relays

The Westfield High School boys' and girls' and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' track teams made a huge impact at the Summit Relays held at Tatlock Field in Summit on April 11. The Raider boys walked away with four firsts, the Blue Devil girls grabbed three firsts and the Blue Devil boys took two firsts. Raiders Karl Jennings and Blair Wood-

ward teamed to take first in the high jump with a combined height of 12 feet, 2 inches. The foursome of Jennings, Woodward, Adam Bowser and Mike Franzone had a collective time of 1:05.3 to capture first in the shuttle hurdles.

Bowser paired with Nathan Jones to soar 40 feet, three quarter of an inch to pounce upon first in the long jump. Bowser had a leap of 21 feet, one-and-one-quarter inch and Jones leaped 20 feet, one-quarter inch.

Raiders Dan Loomis, Scott Patterson and Jim Feeley combined for a total heave of 134 feet, one-and-one-quarter inch to take the team shot put. Loomis, a sophomore, shoved the shot 48 feet, four inches which was the longest toss of the day.

Blue Devils Alexis Anzelone, Susan Wilson, Rachel Ackerman and Lindsay Totams totaled 23:58 to place first in the 4x1,600 event followed by the Raider girls who placed second at 24:46.5.

Devis Becky Hamilton, Susan Hinds, Heather Dennis and Maura McMahon totaled 4:20.1 to seize first in the sprint medley relay and Dennis, Katie Egan, Sage Stefuk and McMahon had a combined time of 12:54.7 to take first in the distance medley relay.

Blue Devils Gordon Kaslusky, John Cognetti, Pete Anzelone and Bill Zacher turned in a total time of 8:11.7 to take top honors in the 4x800 event and Dave Citrin paired with Eric Clinton to tie for first in the pole vault B competition.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times

JUST CLEARING...Raider Karl Jennings skims over the bar set at six feet, two inches during the Summit Relays.

BRAMNICK SHOOTS 3-OVER PAR 39 Blue Devil Linksters Slice New Providence, 171-180

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Freshman Brent Bramnick shot a three-over-par 39 at the Westfield High School golf team out-shot a fine New Providence High School team, 171-180, at Echo Lake Golf Club in Westfield on April 7.

Pairing up with junior teammate Ronnie Kashlak, and Pioneers Tom Doyle and Kevin McFee, Bramnick started off on the right foot by paring the 400-yard downhill par-4 first hole. Bramnick hit a monster drive, then chipped slightly off the far side of the green. From there, Bramnick punched the ball to within five feet of the hole, then one putt for his par.

On the short 241-yard uphill par-4 second, Bramnick pitched on in two and two-putted for another par. The first bit of difficulty came on the par-4 third hole.

"This is a tough hole for me. I used a three wood to try to avoid hitting the ball into the woods," commented Bramnick. "I got on the fairway okay but hit my second shot into the left bunker, then cut my bunker shot about 10 feet short of the hole. After that, I two-putted," added Bramnick.

On the 495-yard downhill par-5 fourth, Bramnick got back on track with a par, then continued by paring the par-4 fifth.

"After I pulled my drive into the left fairway trap, I knew that I had no chance of reaching the green on two, so I laid up with a six iron, and put my third shot 10

feet from the hole. From there, I two putted for the par," said Bramnick of his experience with the fourth hole.

Bramnick bogied the par-4 sixth, but came back and parred the par-3 seventh. Bramnick had an experience on the par-4 eighth, but salvaged a bogie.

"I hooked the ball into the woods and had to pitch over a tree to get back onto the fairway. Then, I pitched onto the green and two-putted," stated Bramnick.

After dodging the bullet on the eighth, Bramnick confidently parred the par-4 ninth hole. Bramnick used a two-iron from the tee, pitched to within 10 feet of the hole, then two-putted.

Senior Rob McCullam paired with teammate Doug Brandely and Pioneers Rich Sachsel and Bill Kretchmer and benignly fired a 45. Blue Devil Brian Mann fired a 44. Doyle and MacFee each shot a 43 and teammate Lisa Aurora finished with a 45.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times

Pioneer Rich Sachsel



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times

SOCCER SKILLS AND DRILLS INC.

Because A Left Foot Is A Terrible Thing To Waste
A YEAR ROUND SOCCER TUTORING SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES. WE SPECIALIZE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BALL CONTROL SKILLS.
NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL & WINTER CLASSES
(908) 753-8240

GRAND OPENING • ONE ON ONE TRAINING • GRAND OPENING
ROWDELL'S FITNESS
ONE ON ONE PERSONALIZED TRAINING
908-233-9198
GRAND OPENING
Saturday • Sunday
April 18th & 19th
9am - 5pm
Come Meet
ROWDELL PETERWAY
• Certified Personal Trainer
• Over 10 Years Professional Fitness Experience
A fully equipped fitness facility dedicated to helping you meet & exceed your individual fitness goals.
215 North Avenue • Westfield
Non-Intimidating Atmosphere
Private One-on-One Sessions
Free, No Obligation Consultation

WAGNER GOES THREE-FOR-FOUR Devil Girls Jump First; Scare the Vikings, 7-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior pitcher Shannon Wagner opened the game with a leadoff double and the rest of the team followed suit, quickly jumping to a 6-0 second-inning lead, and the Westfield High School girls' softball team held off the Union Catholic girls, 7-3, in Westfield on April 8.

After retiring the first three Vikings in the top of the first, Wagner stepped to the plate and ripped a lead-off double just out of the reach of Viking left fielder Jen Britton and Blue Devil Head Coach Maggie McFadden immediately exercised her strategy by giving the bunt sign to Abby O'Neill. A well-executed slow-rolling sacrifice bunt back to Viking pitcher Liz Majchrzak allowed Wagner to reach third safely.

Designated hitter Colleen Ryan drew a walk. Catcher Sue Phillips stepped to the

4X400 DISQUALIFICATION COSTS DEVILS DEARLY Lady Minutemen Nudge Past Blue Devil Track Team, 63-59

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Every point counted dearly and neither team could afford a miscue; however, misfortune befell the Blue Devil girls' 4x400 relay team and the Elizabeth High School girls' track team pulled out a 63-59 victory in Westfield on April 7.

The Blue Devils did quite well in all of their traditionally strong events except in the 4x400-meter relay where the Blue Devils were disqualified when the leadoff runner accidentally jumped the gun. As expected, Devils Maura McMahon, Heather Dennis and Tara Bhandari swept the 800-meter event and Sara Carpenter, Lindsay Totams and Rachel Ackerman swept the 3,200-meter event. Also expected, senior Sage Stefuk and freshman Alexis Anzelone respectively placed first and second in the 3,200-meter event.

The Blue Devils did surprisingly well in the 100-hurdles when senior Becky Hamilton, freshman Susan Hinds and senior Diana Shineman swept one, two, three respectively. Also, junior Allison Checchio and senior Alicia Picou gave the Blue Devils a huge boost by placing first and second, respectively, in the javelin. Checchio, who threw a personal-best of 96 feet in the Group 3 Championships last year, started this season well with a toss of 91 feet, 2.5 inches.

Senior Katie Egan zoomed across the

finish line first in the 400-meter event. In the 400-hurdles Hamilton and Carpenter grabbed a second and a third, respectively, and Hinds picked up a third in the 100-meter dash.

The Westfield High School girls' and boys' track teams will host the Blue Devil Invitational at Gary Kehler Stadium on Saturday, April 18.

100-Dash: 1. L. Jones (E) :12.7 2. DiNai



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times

'PAC' LEADER...Blue Devil Sage Stefuk, front, leads the 'pac' in the 1,600 event against Elizabeth.

Parker (E) :13.4 3. Susan Hinds (W) :13.6
200-Meter: 1. Jones (E) :26.5 2. Katie Egan (W) :27.4 3. D. Parker (E) :28.9
400-Hurdles: 1. Nwameka Onyebeke (E) 1:12.6 2. Becky Hamilton (W) 1:14.6 3. Sara Carpenter (W) 1:14.8
400-Run: 1. Katie Egan (W) 1:00.5 2. Jones (E) 1:05.7 3. L. Carter (E) 1:05.8
800-Meter: 1. Maura McMahon (W) 2:21.6 2. Heather Dennis (W) 2:30.6 3. Tara Bhandari (W) 2:34.6
1,600-Meter: 1. Sage Stefuk (W) 5:32.4 2. Alexis Anzelone (W) 5:40.78 3. Esther Destine (E) 5:46
3,200-Meter: 1. Sara Carpenter (W), Lindsay Totams (W) and Rachel Ackerman (W)
100-Hurdles: 1. Hamilton (W) :17.2 2. Susan Hinds (W) :17.8 3. Diana Shineman (W) :19
4x400-Meters: Elizabeth by disqualification
Long Jump: 1. N. Onyebeke (E) 15-2.5 2. Vivi Wootton (E) 13-8.5 3. Tanya Hoffer (E) 13-7.5
Shot Put: 1. Jesse Townsend (E) 31-9.5 2. Hafiza Thomas (E) 31-7.5 3. Jamie Papatheodorou (E) 28-4
Javelin: 1. Allison Checchio (W) 91-2.5 2. Alicia Picou (W) 84-5 3. Townsend (E) 83-11
Discus: 1. Thomas and Townsend (E) 87-10 3. Papatheodorou (E) 75-7
High Jump: 1. Jones (E) 4-6 2. Heather Dennis (W) 4-4 3. Maria Massena (E) 4-4



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

BEGINNING OF THE ROAR...Raider Delmar Patterson hit a grounder as teammate Luke Cerchio, right, prepares to come home from third in the bottom of the sixth. Blue Devil catcher Dave Koye sees the action. The Raiders came from behind to defeat Westfield, 5-4, in Scotch Plains on April 11.

Raiders Roar With 5 in Sixth; Deafen Blue Devil Boys, 5-4

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School varsity boys' baseball team burst out of a five-inning batting silence, following for five runs in the bottom of the sixth to pass by the Blue Devils, 5-4, in Scotch Plains on April 11. Senior Luke Cerchio ended the noise and senior Jim Buccola ended the clamor in dramatic fashion.

Junior Lamont Turner crunched a solo home run and the Blue Devils added another to take a 2-0 lead after the top of the first inning. The Blue Devils tagged Raider pitcher Dave Gewirtz for two more runs in the second; however, that would be the last of their shelling.

Senior pitcher Greg Freisen was doing an excellent job of keeping the Raider bats in check until Cerchio banged a leadoff triple in the bottom of the sixth. The Blue Devil defense began to get edgy. Delmar Patterson grounded to short, but reached on an error as Cerchio came home to make the score 4-1. Patterson also bolted to second on the error.

Second baseman Doug Bishop ripped a single to center and Patterson flew around third to score the second run. Next, a pitch was dropped by the Blue Devil catcher and Bishop advanced to second. Adam Baumwoll ground out to third for the first out, then Gewirtz grounded to second baseman Lamont Turner, but the throw to first skid in the dirt and Gewirtz reached safely. Bishop scored on the play and the score narrowed to 4-3.

The Raiders were growling, but the deafening roar was yet to come. Buccola stepped to the plate and launched a towering home run which screamed over the right-center field fence. After Gewirtz and Buccola trotted home, the Raiders have taken the lead for good.

Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster brought in Luke Mistretta to relieve Freisen. Raider left-handed batter Dave Herrmann came to the plate and sliced a single to right, but Mistretta managed to get out of the inning without any further damage.

Gewirtz, who had settled down well



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

OUT AT HOME...The dust flies as Blue Devil Sue Phillips is nailed at home plate by Viking catcher Kristen Osada. Phillips tried to stretch a triple into a home run. Westfield beat the Vikings, 7-3.

Area High School Golf Results:

Scotch Plains-Fanwood (1-0) 153, Wardlaw-Hartridge 200 (Scotch Hills, Par 33)

Scotch Plains-Fanwood: Mike Milberger 37, Erich Schnellenberger 38, Louis Schultz 38, James Thomson 40

Wardlaw-Hartridge: Alex Hooshany 43, Ryan Hegna 44, Mike Carabuena 46, Nick Sullivan 47

Westfield (2-0) 169, East Side 288 (Echo Lake, Par 36)

Westfield: Ron Kashlak 40, Brent Bramnick 41, Doug Brandely 43, Rob McCullam 45

East Side: David Mann 72, Eduardo Perez 72, Ruben Weber 72, Jose Clarke 72

March Scholar Athlete

| | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|---|
| Subs, Deli & Catering 221 South Ave Westfield 233-0430 | 261 South Ave Westfield 232-1919 | 109 E. Broad St. Westfield 233-5609 | 789-0140 | Taylor & Love 436 South Ave Westfield 654-6666 |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|---|

VICKY NUSSE...Senior Captain of the girls' Basketball team. Nusse has been the team leader, has averaged 7.2 assists per game, 5 steals per game and 8 points per game. In addition Nusse has made a significant rebounding contribution. Nusse was selected by *The Courier News* as an All-Union/Middlesex Honorable Mention. This is the second time in this school year that Nusse has been selected. Nusse was named as the Scholar-Athlete for the month of November for her outstanding skills in soccer. Academically, Nusse remains near the top and is acknowledged as a model student and citizen. The Scholar-Athlete of the Month is selected by a panel of judges from the Optimist Club of Westfield.

Educational Achievement
Athletic Achievement
Good School Standing
Leadership
Enthusiasm



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WAITING FOR THE BATON...Raider Dan Harrison waits to receive the handoff from Adam Bowser in the 4x400 relay event during the Summit relays.

Blue Devils, Raiders Dominate; Shine at the Summit Relays

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

Blue Devils Greg Gorski, Jason Krieger and Anthony Pecoraro combined to take third in the team javelin with a



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
SPEEDING HOME...Raider James Canterbury, front, dashes toward the finish line during the Summit Relays.

total of 387 feet, five inches and the Devil girls led by Allison Checchio and Alisha Picou totaled 243 feet, three inches to stick a third in the javelin.

The Raider boys turned in respective times of 1:35.4 and 3:30.1 to take thirds in the 4x200 and the 4x400 events and the Raider girls totaled 28 feet, one inch to grab third in the long jump.

The Devil girls also took fourths in the 4x200, the long jump and the shot put events while the Devil boys had a fourth in the 4x400. The Raider girls placed fourth in the 4x400, the intermediate hurdles and the high jump events, while the Raider boys grabbed fourth in the pole vault.

The Devil girls placed fifth in the 4x400 and the Raider boys took fifth in the 4x100 and in the intermediate hurdles. The Raider girls came in sixth in the distance medley relay B event.

Both the Westfield and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School track teams will be competing along with many other teams throughout the state in the upcoming Blue Devil Invitational to be held at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on Saturday, April 18.

Blue Devil Laxers Ruin Ridge Laxer Girls, 20-7

By MEGHAN CORBETT
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School girls' varsity lacrosse team evened its record to 2-2 on April 8, at home against Ridge. The Blue Devils posted a decisive victory over the second year team, 20-7.

Senior Megan Clarke lead the Blue Devils in scoring with five goals. Senior Tri-Captain Kelly Korecky and sophomore Julia Gates each added a hat trick to Ridge's deficit. Senior Tri-Captain Meghan Hely notched two goals. Korecky and senior center Sarah Chance both finished with three assists. First home junior Kelsey III pulled her weight with one goal and one assist.

Westfield's goalie, senior Tri-Captain Kit Simons, made 15 saves and led the Blue Devil defense to hold Ridge to only four goals in the first half. Senior defender Jessica Brewster started at third-man and marked Ridge's top attacker. Seniors Meg Corbett, Jamie Darcy, Amelia Hanley and Susanne Schrader and sophomore Aubrey McGovern maintained the back defensive positions and held the back line of defense, rotating at point and cover point.

Seniors Christina Ho, Jessica Humphreys and Pamela Lygate, junior Katie Gildea and McGovern kept Westfield strong in the midfield defense-wing positions. A strong midfield attack, played by Chance, senior Jocelynn Pushel, and sophomores Leigh Kendrick, Gates and Kristin Salmond aided Westfield's stellar offensive play. Chance, Pushel, Kendrick and Salmond each added one goal to the Blue Devils' lead.

The victory over Ridge gave the Blue Devils' attack confidence after suffering a disappointing 11-4 loss to the Hun School at Princeton on April 6. Although the Blue Devils played outstanding man-to-man defense and Simons made 17 saves, the Westfield girls connected only four goals, despite 18 shots and three free position shots on goal. Hun set-up in a tough zone defense that caught the Blue Devils in double teams and the attack had difficulty finding open players or breaking through the zone. Hely had one goal and one assist. Korecky scored once, and Salmond twice.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
HEADING FOR A SCORE...Blue Devil senior midfielder Steve Kassakian, No. 44, sprints down field as Mike Baly, No. 12, and Andy Cambria, No. 25, lend support against West Morris Central. Westfield won 5-4 in double overtime.

Devil Boy Laxers Roll; Earn 7th Rank in State

By STEVE ABELLES
 Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Westfield High School varsity boys' lacrosse team has started the 1998 season off with a perfect, 3-0 record. The Blue Devils' "wrecking crew" have beaten state powers West Morris, Hunterdon Central and Summit to earn them an seventh-place ranking in the state.

On April 6, the Blue Devils faced the West Morris Wolfpack in West Morris. The Blue Devils were deadlocked for a good part of the first quarter until Senior attackman Bryan Gates ripped a shot to the back of the net from 12 yards out. The quarter ended with the Blue Devils ahead 1-0.

The second quarter belonged to the Blue Devil defense consisting of seniors Brendan Hickey and Dan Todd as well as junior Matt Krug. The defense controlled ground balls and did an exceptional job keeping the ball out of the Blue Devil zone. At halftime the Devils had garnered a 3-1 lead.

The Blue Devils lost their momentum in the third quarter when West Morris scored three unanswered goals to snatch the lead 4-3. During the fourth quarter, Senior Tri-Captain Kevin Mansfield forced overtime when he fed junior midfielder Mike Stotler to tie the score at four apiece.

Gates won it all for Westfield in the second overtime when he blasted a shot past the West Morris goalie with only :56 remaining. The Blue Devils had won, 5-4.

After the game an elated Gates said, "The win against West Morris was a tremendous way to start off the season. We started off a little rocky but I was very confident that we could step up as a team. And that's exactly what happened. We hung together and earned the first victory

of the season." Against Hunterdon Central, the Blue Devils got off to a sluggish start as they found themselves trailing 2-0 at the end of the first quarter. During the second quarter, Senior Midfielder Steven Kassakian came up big when he found the back of the net twice in a four-goal spurt by the Blue Devils.

Kassakian's first goal got the Devil "wrecking crew" rolling in high gear when he beat his defender on an isolation play. Bryan Gates added the second goal from a feed from Kevin Mansfield and Mike Baly followed up with the third goal. Just before the half, Kassakian netted his second goal to put the Blue Devils up by two.

The rugged Blue Devil defense of Todd, Hickey and Krug hindered Hunterdon Central's opportunity to get many good angles on the goal. Goalie Steve Abelles, however, did make some marvelous saves whenever the Red Devils did get good shots on goal. Abelles finished with 14 saves. The 5-3 win improved Westfield's record to 2-0.

Against Summit, Mansfield scored a hat trick in the third quarter to put the Devil "wrecking crew" ahead 5-1. The defense played another stellar game, allowing a modest three goals as the Blue Devils won their third game of the season, 6-3.

Mansfield said, "We're off to a really great start. Our offense is running like a grand and the defense is practically suffocating the other teams."

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Westfield | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 05 |
| West Morris | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| Westfield | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Hunterdon Cen. | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Westfield | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | |
| Summit | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |

Blue Devil Boys Pour It On; Soak Soggy Vikings, 22-5

A cloud burst power by seniors Greg Freisen and Dave Koye spurred the Westfield High School boys' baseball team as they overwhelmed the Union Catholic High School boys, 22-5, in five innings in Scotch Plains on April 8.

Three was a big number for Freisen

as he thumped two triples, drove in three runs and scored three runs. Koye poked two singles and also drove in three runs and scored three runs. Brian Flynn went three-for-four and had one RBI. Christian Fagan drilled a double and drove in three runs.

Viking senior Chris McPherson slapped two singles and drove in two runs while Ed and Mike Goworek had identical statistics, each hitting a double and a single.

Blue Devil Matt Williams picked up the victory while McPherson received the loss. Westfield has won four straight after dropping the season opener to Cranford. Union Catholic dropped to 1-3.

| | | | |
|----------------|-----|----|----|
| Westfield | 507 | 37 | 22 |
| Union Catholic | 302 | 00 | 05 |

POSTERS

The Westfield Leader and The Times have the capabilities of making large color posters (24x18 and smaller) of sports photos or any photos you may wish to be reproduced. Prices are reasonable. Call David Corbin at (908) 232-4407 or e-mail Dave for information at dave@goleader.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Board of Education of Westfield in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, by authority of said Board, solicits sealed bids for pupil transportation. Bids to be received at the Business Office of the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 up to 10:00 AM, APRIL 30, 1998.

SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION TR99-1
SUMMER TRANSPORTATION FOR 1998/1999

Specifications and full information may be obtained upon application at the Business Office of the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

All bids must be submitted on a bid form which will be furnished upon application at the Office of the Board of Education, and bids not submitted on such form may be rejected.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27), Affirmative Action.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
 By order of the Board of Education,
 Robert C. Rader
 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 1 T - 4/16/98, The Leader Fee: \$31.11

Devil 'V'ballers Win Fourth-Straight

Senior Megan Devitt served four aces, slammed three kills and made one block to lead the Westfield High School girls' volleyball team past Rahway, 15-10, 15-11, in Westfield on April 8. Senior Suzanne Vinegra slashed four kills and added two blocks. The Blue Devils lifted their record to 4-0.

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|---|----|
| Westfield | 101 | 200 | 0 | 04 |
| Rahway | 300 | 306 | x | 12 |

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
 NOTICE is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, April 14, 1998, an ordinance entitled: **AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING GAMES OF CHANCE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 1998 AND JUNE 28, 1998 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS** was duly passed on second and final reading.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
 Barbara Riepe
 Township Clerk
 1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$14.79

Devils Come From Behind; Defeat Rahway Boys, 6-5

Catcher David Koye punched a single to seal a two-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Westfield High School boys' baseball team a 6-5 come-from-behind victory over the Rahway squad on April 6 in Westfield. Don Seelye started the comeback with a leadoff double.

The Blue Devils' bats were silent in the first three innings as the Indians added a run to their total in each of the first four innings. In the bottom of the

Rahway Boys Drop Viking Boys, 12-4

Rahway capitalized on three Viking errors in the bottom of the sixth and erupted for six runs to blow the game wide open, giving the Indians a 12-4 romp in Rahway on April 11. The Vikings also committed two additional errors earlier in the game.

Senior Chris McPherson collected two hits and scored one run for Union Catholic. Sam Shipley had three hits for the Indians and sophomore Steve Brown got the victory. Rahway improved to 2-1 while the Vikings slid to 1-4.

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|---|----|
| Union Catholic | 101 | 200 | 0 | 04 |
| Rahway | 300 | 306 | x | 12 |

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 THE ANNUAL I.R.S. RETURN FOR THE RUTH AND PETER METZ FAMILY FOUNDATION, INC. IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS FOR ANY CITIZEN WHO REQUESTS INSPECTION WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION.

THE FOUNDATION'S MAIN OFFICE IS 1009 MARY ALLEN LANE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092 AND THE PRINCIPAL MANAGER IS W.P. METZ.
 1 T - 4/16/98, The Leader Fee: \$13.26

fourth, senior Greg Freisen blasted a two-run triple as the Blue Devils scored three runs, narrowing the Indians' lead to 4-3.

Each team scored a run in the sixth inning. After Seelye doubled in the seventh, the Indian pitcher allowed three-straight walks before Koye capped the victory. Westfield collected nine hits while Rahway got five. Freisen also had a double and teammate Bob Baykowski ripped a double and thumped a triple. Rich Coghlan drilled two doubles for the Indians.

Luke Mistretta got the win and Elliot Edwards received the loss. Westfield upped its record to 3-1. Rahway evened at 1-1.

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|---|----|
| Rahway | 111 | 101 | 0 | 05 |
| Westfield | 000 | 301 | 2 | 06 |

Local High School Track Results:

- APRIL 7:**
Boys: Elizabeth (2-0) 78, Westfield (1-1) 53
 100- Hakim Johnson (E) :11.4
 200- Johnson (E) :22.2
 400- Johnson (E) :49.5
 800- Freddie Castro (E) 2:03.6
 1,600- Feder Estelus (E) 4:31.1
 3,200- Chuck Taylor (E) 10:44
 110-Hurdles- Steve Dennis (W) :15.7
 400-Hurdles- Maurice McClain (E) :56.7
 4x400-Hurdles- Westfield 3:31.1
 High Jump- McClain (E) 6-4
 Long Jump- Patrick Nau (E) 20-7.5
 Pole Vault- Dave Citrin (W) 12-0
 Shot Put- Yosef Holmes (E) 47-3
 Discus- Greg Gorski (W) 123-6
 Javelin- Eugene Miller (E) 158-10

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 Mr. and Mrs. Jared Scher for bulk variances to erect a shed and from requirements of Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provisions of subparagraph 93-9b(1)(c) (side yard width) and 93-9b(2)(a) (rear yard depth) on the property at 34 Poplar Place, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 115, Lot No. 5 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 Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jared Scher
 34 Poplar Place
 Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
 1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$23.97

Local Area High School Boys' Tennis Results:

- APRIL 6:**
Cranford 4, Union Catholic 1
1st Singles: - Chris Mason (UC) d. Jeff Tierney, 6-0, 6-2
2nd Singles: - Brett O'Malley (Cr) d. Ken Soriano, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4
3rd Singles: - Kevin O'Donnell (Cr) d. Tom Werner, 6-0, 6-3
1st Doubles: - Derrick Brooks and Conor Leddy (Cr) d. Martin Fleming and J. T. Wilkinson, 6-1, 6-1
2nd Doubles: - Dan Springer and Chris Sallee (Cr) d. Bill Cuartas and Luke Partyka, 6-0, 6-2
- APRIL 7:**
Livingston 5, Westfield 0
1st Singles: - Randall Shu (L) d. Dan Aquila, 6-1, 6-0
2nd Singles: - Bobby Rainforth (L) d. Jeff Diamond, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
3rd - Cameron Parke (L) d. Sam Fleder, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0
1st Doubles: - Matt Fleisig and Ben Melinger (L) d. Peter Lau and Tom O'Connell, 6-1, 6-1
2nd Doubles: - George Pushinsky and Bryant Shu (L) d. Adam Kendler and Jeremy Chilnick, 6-2, 6-3
- APRIL 8:**
Scotch Plains-Fanwood 3, Union Catholic 2
 Raider senior Mike Bostwick defeated his third Union County opponent in a row as he downed Viking Chris Mason, 6-4, 6-2, in Scotch Plains. Two of

Bostwick's toughest county rivals Justin Jackson of Plainfield and Kevin Bielen of Linden also won their matches against their respective Newark East Side and Elizabeth opponents.

- 1st Singles:** - Mike Bostwick (SPF) d. Chris Mason, 6-4, 6-2
2nd Singles: - Ken Soriano (UC) d. Dave Hassan, 7-5, 6-4
3rd Singles: - Tom Werner (UC) d. Chris Schlegel, 6-2, 6-7, 6-0
1st Doubles: - Dan Sweedlund and Shawn Larkowitz (SPF) d. Martin Fleming and J. T. Wilkinson, 6-3, 6-0
2nd Doubles: - John Corbin and Doug Gillie (SPF) d. Keegan Rollins and Jim Decaril, 6-0, 2-6, 6-2



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
PLACEMENT...Raider John Corbin, left, prepares to place the ball as Doug Gillie looks on during their match with Union Catholic.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
 NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 96-19 ADOPTED JUNE 12, 1996 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

The purpose of the ordinance: Establishing salary or wage range classification for Principal Account Clerk to be \$12,000 to \$34,000 per annum.
 A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.
 A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE
 Township Clerk
 1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$23.64

When You Want the Best.

THE EARDLY T. PETERSEN COMPANY
 SALES • SERVICE • PARTS
 RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL

Honda Masters.™

- Powerful 5hp Honda OHV engine
- Hydrostatic Drive (infinitely variable speeds)
- Converts to mulch or side discharge with optional kits
- 6 mowing height adjustment
- Many more features

HONDA Lawn & Garden
 Products That Work.
 Your Authorized Full Service Dealer.

Old Fashioned Quality and Service
 224 ELMER STREET • WESTFIELD
 908-232-5723
 Closed Wed. and Sun

www.westfieldnj.com/etpetersen

1998 RAIDER SOCCER CAMP

at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

Director: Tom Breznitsky
 in association with
THE DUTCH SOCCER ACADEMY
 Director: Roger Bongaerts - European Training Specialist

SESSION I - July 13-17

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Camp Features | B O Y S | G I R L S | Camp Features |
| • Novice to Advanced | | | • Tactical Camp for Teams |
| • Ability Grouping | | | • Goalkeepers School |
| • Kinder Soccer Program | | | • Indoor Facilities |
| | | | • Family Discounts |

SESSION II - August 3-7
 For a camp brochure please call:
Tom Breznitsky - (908) 322-6102
 Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School
 Home of the '87, '89, '91, '92, '95, '97 NJ State Champions Boys Soccer Team



THIRD TO FIRST...Blue Devil third baseman Christian Fagin, left, throws the ball to the first baseman for the out in the sixth inning against the Raiders.

Raiders Roar in 6th; Deafen Devils, 5-4

after the second inning, put out the Devils' fire in the seventh and preserved the come-from-behind victory. Gewirtz allowed the Blue Devils to just five hits and picked up his second victory against one defeat. Gewirtz also recorded six strikeouts and gave up no walks. Other than the home run to Turner, the only extra base hit given up by Gewirtz was a double to Dan Seelye. Freisen received the loss for Westfield which slipped to 4-2.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Runs, Hits, Errors. Westfield 220 000 0 04, Sc Plns-Fnwood 000 005 x 05.



RUN NO.1...Raider Luke Cerchio zooms home to score the first run of the sixth inning.

Cougar Baseballers Claw Past the Raider Boys, 8-7

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' baseball team gave the second-ranked Cranford High School team all it could handle but the Cougars managed to pull out a palm-sweating 8-7 victory in Cranford on April 6. The Cougars had to play catch-up before they could finally inch into the lead. The Raiders held the Cougars' big guns scoreless for the first three innings while mounting a 5-0 lead. Leadoff hitter Delmar Patterson got the Raiders on the board in the first inning after reaching on an error by the third baseman and scoring after the Cougars set up a second-to-first double play.

Area High School Baseball Results:

APRIL 6: Union 13, Plainfield 3. Union 011 323 3 13, Plainfield 110 000 1 03.

APRIL 7: Johnson 6, Governor Livingston 3. Gov Livston (1-3) 000 210 x 03, Johnson (2-1) 301 020 x 06.

New Providence 14, Roselle Park 4. Roselle Park (0-2) 000 22 04, New Prov. (2-0) 121 46 14.

Summit 6, Parsippany 0. Parsippany (1-3) 000 000 0 00, Summit (2-1) 005 010 x 06.

Union 14, Irvington 1. Union (3-1) 102 (10)00 1 14, Irvington 000 001 0 01.

Brearlley 5, Manville 3. WP-Mark Armento.

APRIL 8: Scotch Plains-Fanwood 14, Shabazz 0. The Raiders left Shabazz in shambles after scoring all 14 runs in the first inning.

APRIL 11: Summit 6, Governor Livingston 2. Gov Liv (1-4) 011 000 0 02, Summit (4-1) 002 400 x 06.

MENDEZ DRIVES IN GAME WINNER Raider Softballers Shock Cougar Girls in 7th Inning

ers narrowed the Cougars' lead to one with only one inning remaining. After holding the Cougars to no runs in the seventh, Jan Weiner slapped a single and Lauren Regenthal drew a walk to setup the stunning final by Mendez. "In the sixth Wendy hit a shot and Chrissy Romeo singled to make the score 3-2," commented Raider Softball Head Coach Frank Butz about the action in the bottom of the sixth.

Things were going according to plan for the Cougars as they held the Raiders scoreless for the first five innings and had a 3-0 lead after batting in the top of the sixth. The Cougars got their first run in the third by putting together two walks and a single, then added another run in the fourth when Samantha Marano walked and later scored on a single from Megan Zambell. In the sixth, Zambell slapped another single, stole second, then later sped home on a fly to right. Situations got shaky for the Cougars in the bottom of the sixth when the Raider bats came alive. Jen Stewart poked a single and moved to second on a passed ball. Wendy Underwood stepped to the plate and crashed a triple to bring home Stewart. Chrissy Romeo skid a single and brought home Underwood. The Raiders pitched ace Jillian Mazzagetti tossed a five-hitter to pick up her second win of the season. The Raiders earned seven hits as the Cougars slipped to 2-1. Morano got the loss. The Raiders boosted their record to 2-0.



ANOTHER FOUL BALL...Viking Kelly Sretenovic hits another foul ball as Blue Devil catcher Sue Phillips looks on. Westfield defeated Union Catholic, 7-3, in Westfield on April 8.

Blue Devil Girls Jump First; Scare the Vikings, 7-3

lined an RBI single to left, then moved to second when O'Neill slashed a single up the middle and Phillips drove in Wagner to give the Blue Devils the fourth run of the inning. Wagner continued her pitching excellence, retiring the next three Viking batters; but finally, the Viking offense were able to break the ice by scoring two runs in the top of the fourth. Kelli Raimonde poked a single to center. Britton hooked a single to left-center, then Vogel brought Raimonde home with a sacrifice fly to center. Katie Wood drove in the second run when she crunched a double right-center.

Sc Plns-Fnwd 122 000 2 07, Cranford 000 530 x 08.



TAKING A CUT...Raider Jan Weiner takes a cut at the softball as Blue Devil catcher Sue Phillips prepares to catch it.

Devil Girls Blank Rahway Girls, 3-0

Freshman shortstop Courtney Thornton went 2-for-3, punching a single and hammering a triple, at the Westfield High School girls' softball team got its first win of the season by shutting out Rahway, 3-0, in Rahway on April 6. Senior Shannon Wagner struck out four Indians and allowed only three hits as the Blue Devils evened to 1-1. Dana Sides received the loss for Rahway which slipped to 0-1.

Westfield 021 000 0 03, Rahway 000 000 0 00.

More High School Golf Results:

APRIL 8: Scotch Plains-Fanwood (2-1) 225, Summit (0-2) 235. (Canoe Brook, par 37). Scotch Plains-Fanwood: Steve Bush 44, Erich Schnellenberger 44, John Cosmas 45, Louis Schultz 45, Mike Milberger 47.

APRIL 9: Westfield (4-0) 175, Franklin (0-3) 198. Westfield: Doug Brandley 42, Brian Mann 43, Rob McCullam 44, Brent Brannick 46.

Cougar Boys Edge Raiders in Tennis

Raider senior first singles player Mike Bostwick easily knocked off his second-straight Union County opponent, but the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys' tennis team fell short of taking the team victory, losing 3-2 to Cranford. Senior Ian Doeberber and freshman John Corbin earned the other Raider victory by defeating Dan Springer and Chris Sallee, 6-4, 6-7 (0-7), 7-5.

Westfield 5K Race Will Begin April 25. Runners, serious or part-time, can start getting into shape for summer by joining in Westfield's 8th annual five mile, or 1-mile fun run, on April 25.

Fanwood Rec Needs Youth Ball Umpires

The Fanwood Recreation Commission is seeking umpires for the Fanwood Baseball League. Umpires must be 14 years of age or older. Good wages are offered. For more information call Scott B. 889-6422.

PUBLIC NOTICE: SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1207-92.

PUBLIC NOTICE: SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-00120-97.

PUBLIC NOTICE: SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15729-97.

PUBLIC NOTICE: SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14173-97.

PUBLIC NOTICE: SHERIFF'S SALE. SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14618-97.

Devil Softballers Hex Raider Girls, 12-3

Liz McKeon's power and Paige Corbett's five RBI helped the Blue Devil girls' varsity softball team cast a 12-3 spell on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls in Westfield on April 11. Blue Devil pitcher Shannon Wagner scattered nine hits to minimize any Raider chances of getting a big inning. Corbett slapped a two-run single in the first to get the momentum rolling in Westfield's favor and later picked up another single and three more RBI. In the second inning, after Courtney Thornton walked, then stole second and another Blue Devil drew a walk, McKeon stepped to the plate and thumped a triple over the center fielder's head to drive in two runs. With McKeon on third, Corbett bopped a sacrifice fly to left field, bringing in McKeon. Westfield and Wagner improved to 3-1 while the Raiders and Mazzagetti slipped to 2-1.

Area High School Softball Results:

APRIL 6: Union 15, Plainfield 0. Plainfield (0-2) 0 00 00 00, Union (3-1) (10) 32 0x 15.

APRIL 7: Johnson 1, Governor Livingston 0. Johnson (2-0) 000 100 0 01, Gov. Liv. (3-1) 000 000 0 00.

APRIL 8: Roselle Park (4-0) 10, New Providence (1-2) 0. WP-J. Davidson.

APRIL 8: Roselle Catholic (2-1) 5, Dayton (1-2) 1. Cranford 13, Rahway 7.

Rahway Girls Rout Viking Girls, 10-2

Rahway pitcher Dana Sides struck out 10 Vikings and walked only two as the Indians routed the Union Catholic High School girls' softball team, 10-2, in Scotch Plains on April 11. Sides also provided offensive clout by smashing a two-run double. Kelly Petroski poked two singles and drilled a double for the Indians while Heather Vogel and Katie Wood had two singles apiece for the Vikings.

Rahway 002 043 1 10, Union Catholic 100 010 0 02.

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Board of Health Ordinance No. 01-1998 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF LEAD BASE PAINT DURING EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINTING AND FOR CLEAN UP AND DISPOSAL OF LEAD BASE CHIPS AND DUST"

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.

Summit, East Meadow Stop WLA Eighth Grade Laxers

The Westfield Lacrosse Association's eighth grade team took a 10-2 soaking in Summit on April 9 and bounced back to play brilliantly against a superior team from East Meadow, Long Island in a sun-drenched match at Rutgers before losing, 8-7, on April 11.

The Blue Devils took a 7-6 lead half way through the final quarter. After two quick tallies by the visitors, the Devils took a time-out to regroup for a final assault, but couldn't get the ball in the net before the final horn.

Viking Baseball Squad Slicks Malcolm X. Shabazz, 10-9

The Union Catholic High School boys' baseball team stopped a late rally from the Malcolm X. Shabazz baseball team and won its first game of the season on April 6 in Scotch Plains. Leading the Viking attack was junior James Rogoshewski.

Shabazz rally in the top of the seventh with an RBI double. Edwards also scored two runs. Viking senior Ed Goworek struck out nine batters and walked only two to lift his record to 1-0.

Rogoshewski started the scoring with an RBI single in the bottom of the first, then added another RBI single in the third. Later in the fourth inning, Rogoshewski smashed a two RBI double.

Shabazz rallied in the top of the seventh with an RBI double. Edwards also scored two runs. Viking senior Ed Goworek struck out nine batters and walked only two to lift his record to 1-0.

POSTERS

The Westfield Leader and The Times have the capabilities of making large color posters (24x18 and smaller) of sports photos or any photos you may wish to be reproduced. Prices are reasonable. Call David Corbin at (908) 232-4407 or e-mail Dave for information at dave@goleader.com.

SP Rec Announces Tennis Lessons

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will again offer beginner tennis lessons for youth aged 13 to 17 and for adults. Wileta Bacote will be the tennis instructor. All classes will be held at the Kramer Manor Tennis Courts in Scotch Plains.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 98-07-S
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$28,300 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS FOR THE RENOVATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT, PURCHASE OF JAWS OF LIFE, REPLACEMENT OF CARGAGE HOUSE WINDOWS, AND SLURRY SEAL OF VARIOUS STREETS
was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on April 9, 1998.
Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$17.34

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-17650-97.
CITICORP MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JOSE CRUZ AND FLORA CRUZ, H/W, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 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 13TH 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 98-08-S
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 31, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, AND CHAPTER 25, POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on April 9, 1998.
Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81



HELPFUL ADVICE...Coach Marianne Flood, with hat, gives advice during a practice session to some of the fifth and sixth grade girls of the Westfield Lacrosse Club.

S Pi-F Soccer Asso. Will Hold Tryouts for Intercity Program

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association will be holding open tryouts at the Park Middle School soccer field to select teams for the 1998-99 Intercity Program for all boys and girls who live in Fanwood or Scotch Plains.

All players should come prepared to play - shorts, cleats, shin guards, water bottles, etc. No Intercity, Intercity, or House League uniform jerseys can be worn during tryouts. Tryouts will be held rain or shine. Cancellations and make-up dates will be announced at the field.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Boys, U-14, born between 8/1/84 and 7/31/85 - Wednesday, April 29, and Tuesday, May 5, at 4:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Boys, U-13, born between 8/1/85 and 7/31/86 - Tuesday, April 28, and Friday, May 8, at 4:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Boys, U-12, born between 8/1/86 and 7/31/87 - Friday, May 1, and Wednesday, May 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Boys, U-11, born between 8/1/87 and 7/31/88 - Monday, May 11, and Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Boys, U-10, born between 8/1/88 and 7/31/89 - Monday, May 18, and Thursday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Girls, U-14, born between 8/1/84 and 7/31/85 - Thursday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Girls, U-13, born between 8/1/85 and 7/31/86 - Thursday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Girls, U-12, born between 8/1/86 and 7/31/87 - Thursday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Girls, U-11, born between 8/1/87 and 7/31/88 - Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Girls, U-10, born between 8/1/88 and 7/31/89 - Wednesday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Girls, U-9, born between 8/1/89 and 7/31/90 - Tuesday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Registration starts 30 minutes before the actual evaluations at 4 p.m. for 4:30 p.m. tryouts and 5 p.m. for 5:30 p.m. tryouts. Plan on two to two-and-one half hours for the evaluation sessions. In age groups with anticipated large numbers of players, tryouts will be conducted in two sessions. Players must attend both sessions.

Scotch Plains Masters Basketball League:

(As of April 9)
(All Players over 40)

| TEAM | W-L | Percentage |
|-----------------|-----|------------|
| Merrill Lynch | 8-0 | 1.000 |
| Cumming Motors | 7-2 | .778 |
| Int'l Realty | 5-4 | .556 |
| Scotch Plains | 5-4 | .556 |
| Warren Warriors | 1-7 | .125 |
| The Express | 0-8 | .000 |

APRIL 7:
Cumming Motors 62, International Realty 51
Merrill Lynch 74, The Express 26
APRIL 9:
Cumming Motors 77, Warren Warriors 51
International Realty 45, Scotch Plains 32

Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the winning team of the "100% Handicap Stroke Play" tournament held April 7.

FLIGHT A
Low gross, Laura Botto, 39.
First low net, Laura Botto, 30.
Second low net, Olga Rose and Mary Hughes, 32.

FLIGHT B
Low gross, Gert Simons, 51.
First low net, Gert Simons, 33.
Second low net, Jane Peterson and Mary Pearsall, 35.

FLIGHT C
Low gross, Phyllis Coumbe, 61.
First low net, Phyllis Coumbe, 33.
Second low net, Rita Tierney, 36.
Third low net, Dot Rastelli, 38.

Low putts, Olga Rose.
Chip-ins, Joan Voci, Olga Rose and Doris Molowa.
Eagle/Birdies, Margaret and Laura Botto.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION NO. 98-04-56
CONTRACTOR: Abeles, Phillips, Preiss & Shapiro, Inc., 434 Sixth Avenue, New York, New York 10011.
NATURE OF SERVICE: Planning Consultant/Master Plan Zoning Ordinance/History Preservation Regulations.
DURATION: For a period ending no later than April 1, 1999.
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$9,150.00.
A copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.
1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$16.32

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION NO. 98-04-53
CONTRACTOR: DeBiasse & Seminara Architects, 80 Watson Road, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023.
NATURE OF SERVICE: Architectural services for the Municipal Building.
DURATION: For a period ending no later than May 15, 1998.
AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$5,400.00.
A copy of the Resolution and Contract relating to the services are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.
1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$15.81

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5946-97.
FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. IVOIR DASILVA A/K/A IVOIR DA SILVA AND NAIR DASILVA, H/W ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 29, 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 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-11764-97.
STARBARRE III PARTNERS, L.P., PLAINTIFF vs. JO-CO, INC., GIBALTAR PARTITION CO., INC., ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 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.

SP-F Sabers Beat Somerset, Tie Flemington in Soccer

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Sabers capped an exciting weekend of soccer with an impressive 5-1 win over Somerset Hills. Sean McNelis led the way with a three goal hat trick while Jeff Bell and Bill Schoenbach added the other goals.

were there to stop the rare shot on goal. The midfield defense was smartly led by Robert Lasher and Casey Hoynes-O'Connor.



LEAGUE CHAMPS...The Westfield Basketball Association High School League Champions, from left to right, front row: are: Dan Brown, Matt Rosenhow, Dan Rock and Tom Lee, back row: Sean Zukowski, Tom Caraggio and Rob Albino.

SP Rec Will Sponsor NJ American Indian Pow Wow Trip

The Scotch Plains Recreation Department of Parks will have a bus trip to Kennedy Park in Sayreville on Saturday, May 16, to help celebrate the 13th anniversary of the Indigenous People of our country. This Pow Wow will be held rain or shine according to Bob White Eagle, Master of Ceremonies.

Kevin McLane Nears Laxer Scoring Record

Boston College senior Kevin McLane, from Westfield, scored the 100th goal of his collegiate career in a 9-8 victory over Yale on April 8. Coupled with 73 career assists, McLane now has 173 career points. With six regular-season games remaining, he needs only eight points to surpass Jim Sullivan (Class of 1974), and become the leading point scorer in Boston College history.

Scotch Plains Senior Basketball Playoffs:

(All players over 50)
Scotch Plains came out on top in the season ending Senior Basketball Tournament, which was confined to the top eight teams from the Scotch Plains and Monmouth Senior Basketball Leagues, at Scotch Plains on April 11.

Scotch Plains Senior Basketball Playoffs:

Scotch Plains averaged a 19-point margin in their three wins, with their five starters together for one of the first times all season.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 98-05-R
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD TO PROVIDE FOR SIDEWALK CAFES
was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on April 9, 1998.
Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 4/16/98, The Times Fee: \$14.28

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-7717-94.
NEW JERSEY MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY, PLAINTIFF vs. ROLANDO M. GERONIMO, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 23, 1996 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 13TH 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.



LEGISLATOR HONORED... Shirley DiLibero, New Jersey Transit Executive Director, presents Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine with a Certificate of Distinguished Achievement on behalf of the North Jersey and South Jersey Transit Advisory Committees, recognizing his sponsorship of the Railroad Immunity Act. Signed into law in January, the act states that any adult injured while trespassing on railroad property cannot recover damages from the company which owns or operates the railroad.

Soroptimists to Hold Dinner/Fashion Show

Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area will hold its annual spring dinner and fashion show, "Spring Soiree," this Wednesday, April 22, at L'Affaire on Route No. 22 in Mountainside.

The show will feature fashions by Christine Jaeger, Inc. and presented by models as seen in *Vogue*, *Glamour* and *Cosmopolitan* magazines.

The cost of the fashion show and full dinner is \$35. Net proceeds will benefit the Domestic Violence Center of Union County and other local charities.

Soroptimist International is the oldest and largest classified service organization for women in the world, according to spokeswoman Nancy N. Jackson.

Individuals interested in attending the dinner and fashion show may call Judy LeWand, Reservations Chairwoman, at (908) 272-3301.

For more information about Soroptimist of the Greater Westfield Area, or about becoming a member, please call Susan Brand, President, at (908) 232-0900.

Mr. Augustine Is Recognized For Railroad Immunity Act

Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine has been honored by the North Jersey and South Jersey Transit Advisory Committees for his advocacy on behalf of New Jersey Transit, and for his efforts in ensuring the enactment of the Railroad Immunity Act.

Assemblyman Augustine represents the 22nd Legislative District which includes Westfield, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Mountainside.

At a recent joint meeting, the two groups presented Assemblyman Augustine with a Certificate of Distinguished Achievement, and passed a resolution expressing appreciation for his legislative efforts.

In presenting the award, Shirley DiLibero, NJ Transit Executive Director, noted, "The Railroad Immunity Act is a giant step forward for common sense, fiscal responsibility and railroad safety."

"It sends a clear message to the public that New Jersey taxpayers will not pay for injuries that are completely avoidable. We are grateful to Assemblyman Augustine for the enactment of this important new law," she added.

"The Railroad Immunity Act achieves two goals I have always sought to accomplish as a legislator," Mr. Augustine said. "First, it will save taxpayers millions of their hard-earned dollars, and secondly, it will hold individuals accountable for their actions."

Under the Railroad Immunity Act, sponsored by Assemblyman Augustine and signed into law in January, any adult who is injured while trespassing on railroad property cannot recover any damages from the company owning or operating the railroad.

Since 1981, NJ Transit has spent ap-

proximately \$24 million settling 300 such claims.

Members of the North and South Jersey Transit Advisory Committees said trespassers' injury claims represented a significant financial expense for the New Jersey Transit Corporation, which relies on state funding for a significant portion of its operating budget.

Art and Craft Show On Tap for May 16 At Mindowaskin Park

Mindowaskin Park in Westfield will be the location of an art and craft collection on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The collection, featuring work by more than 50 crafters in New Jersey, is being run by The Center For Hope Hospice Auxiliary.

Proceeds from this event will benefit The Center For Hope Hospice. Refreshments will be available during this juried show. Balloons and clowns will be available to entertain children at the event, while adults will also be provided with entertainment throughout the day. There will also be raffles for a variety of prizes, including cash.

For more information about The Center For Hope Hospice or this art and craft collection, please call Barbara McCutcheon at (908) 486-0700.

Fitness Counselor To Address OWL At Saturday Meeting

Personal trainer and fitness counselor Sandra Pruzansky of New Providence will be the guest speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Older Women's League (OWL) of Central New Jersey this Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m. at the YWCA of Summit, at Morris and Prospect Streets.

Ms. Pruzansky is certified by both the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America, with a specialty in mind/body fitness for older adults, and by the Arthritis Foundation.

She will explain the benefits of range-of-motion, strengthening and aerobic exercise, as well as balance, coordination and body awareness activities.

Ms. Pruzansky will also hold a mini class of gentle movement, featuring dance-like movements which can be done in a chair. Those attending are asked to wear comfortable clothes and shoes to the meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public.

OWL is a national grassroots organization which seeks to improve the image and lives of midlife and older women through research, education and advocacy, according to Teresa D'Errico, President of the local chapter.

For further information, please call (908) 272-5671 or (908) 755-8951.

Local Residents Earn Dean's List Honors At Johnson & Wales

Brian Schaefer of Scotch Plains and Marc Phillips of Westfield were recently named to the Dean's List for the winter term at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Brian is majoring in Information Science, while Marc is a Culinary Arts major.

To receive a Dean's List commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or above.

Johnson & Wales University, an accredited, private institution, offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, food service, hospitality and technology.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Special Meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains scheduled for **April 23, 1998** to hear the application of **George and Eleni Filippatos** pertaining to property located at **1900 Raritan Road (Block No. 13901, Lot No. 9)** has been canceled. When a new date has been established, a notice will be advertised herein and delivered to neighboring property owners.

Linda M. Lies
Secretary to the
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Township of Scotch Plains
1 T — 4/16/98, The TimesFee: \$16.83

Lauren Montemurro Named to Dean's List At Marist College

Lauren Montemurro of Westfield, a freshman, was awarded second honors on the Dean's List for the Fall 1997 semester at Marist College.

She is the daughter of Jim and Susan Montemurro.

Marist, an independent liberal arts college, is located in Poughkeepsie, New York.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 27, 1998 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

BID NO. B8-122

MECHANICAL RENOVATIONS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

Plans and Specifications will be available on April 17, 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 — 4/16/98, The Leader Fee: \$56.61

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS INVITATION TO BID

Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following project:
LINE STRIPING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Bid will be accepted only by mail or in person to the Office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (Attn.: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until May 7, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. The Township of Scotch Plains (hereinafter "Township") shall not be responsible for any bid mailed which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service. At the above time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Bid for Line Striping/Pavement Markings, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076". No bid will be received after the time and date specified.

After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except if provided for herein. The bid of any bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between bidder and the Township.

All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the bid package. Specifica-

PUBLIC NOTICE

tions and bid forms may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Property, 2445 Plainfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bid proposals and all required documents must be completed and submitted by the date as set forth above. All documents in the enclosed bid package must accompany the bid proposal.

In addition to the above documents, a certified check, cashier's check of bid bond issued by a responsible bank, trust company or insurance company, payable to the Township of Scotch Plains shall be submitted with each bid as a guaranty that if a contract is awarded the bidder shall execute said contract. The bid security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower.

All bid security, except the bid security of the three (3) apparent lowest responsible bidders shall, if requested in writing, be returned after ten (10) days from the opening of the bids (Sundays and holiday excepted) and the bids of such bidders shall be considered withdrawn.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial informalities, or to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township of Scotch Plains, will be in the best interest of the Township all in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-

PUBLIC NOTICE

et seq. In the event of an equal or tie bid, the Township shall award the bid to the Bidder which, in the Township's sole discretion, best serves the interest of the Township.

The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids if sufficient funds are not available and/or appropriated.

The selected bidder, will, within seven (7) days of award of the bid, enter into an appropriate contract with the Township.

All bidders must comply with P.L. 1975, Chapter 127 entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the 'Law Against Discrimination' approved April 16, 1945 (P.L. 1945, Chapter 169)", N.J.A.C. 17:27, as amended from time to time, and the Americans with Disability Act.

Where applicable, prevailing wage rate shall be paid to all workers on the job as per N.J.A.C. 34:11-56, 25 et seq.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WALTER F. DINIZO
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

BARBARA RIEPE
TOWNSHIP CLERK

1 T — 4/16/98, The TimesFee: \$83.13

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS INVITATION TO BID

Invitations are extended to qualified Bidders to bid for the following Project: **GLENSIDE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT E98-1**

This project consists of the construction of storm sewer, drain inlets, granite block curbing, the reconstruction of the roadway, and appurtenances.

This project will be partially funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Aid.

Bids will be accepted only by mail or in person to the Office of the Township Clerk, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 (ATTN: Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk) until **10:00 a.m. on May 5, 1998**. The Township of Scotch Plains (hereinafter "Township") shall not be responsible for any bid mailed which is lost in transit or delivered late by the Postal Service. At the above time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids must be presented in sealed envelopes which are clearly marked "Bid for "Glenside Avenue Improvements", Contract E98-1, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076". No bid will be received after the time and date specified.

After receipt of bids, no bid may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening except if provided for herein. The bid of any Bidder who consents to an extension may be held for consideration for a longer period of time as may be agreed upon between Bidder and the Township.

All bids must be on the bid forms provided by the Township of Scotch Plains in the Bid Package. Plans and Specifications for this work may be examined at the Office of the Township Engineer, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, during business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning **April 20, 1998**, and purchased for a **\$25.00** non-refundable fee.

Bid proposals and all required documents must be completed and submitted by the date as set forth above. All documents in the enclosed Bid Package must accompany the bid proposal.

In addition to the above documents, a certified check, cashier's check or bid

bond issued by a responsible bank, trust company or insurance company, payable to the Township of Scotch Plains shall be submitted with each bid as a guaranty that if a contract is awarded the Bidder shall execute said Contract. The Bid Security shall be in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid or Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is lower.

All bid Security, except the Bid Security of the three (3) apparent lowest responsible Bidders shall, if requested in writing, be returned after ten (10) days from the opening of the bids (Sundays and holiday excepted) and the bids of such Bidders shall be considered withdrawn.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive immaterial informalities, or to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township of Scotch Plains, will be in the best interest of the Township all in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law **N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.** In the event of an equal or tie bid, the Township shall award the bid to the Bidder which, in the Township's sole discretion, best serves the interest of the Township.

The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids if sufficient funds are not available and/or appropriated.

The selected Bidder, will, within seven (7) days of award of the bid, enter into an appropriate contact with the Township.

All Bidders must comply with P.L. 1975, Chapter 127, entitled "An Act Relating to Affirmative Action in Relation to Discrimination in Connection with Certain Public Contracts and Supplementing the 'Law Against Discrimination' approved April 16, 1945 (P.L. 1945, Chapter 169)", **N.J.A.C. 17:21**, as amended from time to time, and the Americans With Disability Act.

Where applicable, prevailing wage rate shall be paid to all workers on the job as per **N.J.A.C. 34:11-56, 25 et seq.**

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Thomas Atkins
Municipal Manager

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk

1 T — 4/16/98, The TimesFee: \$92.31

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, April 14, 1998, the following ordinance was duly passed on second and final reading.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN APPROXIMATELY FIVE ACRE PARCEL OF LAND (THE FORMER SCOTCH PLAINS ZOO PROPERTY) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$600,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$570,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF SUCH APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, New Jersey (the "Township") has ascertained and hereby determines that it is necessary and desirable to raise money to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance, which improvements are hereby authorized to be made by the Township. For said improvements or purposes stated in said Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$600,000, said sum being inclusive of all other appropriations heretofore made therefor and including the sum of \$30,000 as the down payment for said improvements or purposes required by law and now available therefor by virtue of provisions for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the part of said \$600,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$570,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Revised Statutes (the "Local Bond Law"). In an-

icipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in the principal amount not exceeding \$570,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. No bonds or notes of the Township shall be issued unless necessary.

Section 3. (a) The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for the financing of which said obligations, if necessary, are to be issued are the acquisition, by condemnation or otherwise, of an approximately five (5) acre parcel of land (the former Scotch Plains Zoo property), such parcel being Lot No. 1 Block No. 14802 on the Tax Map of the Township of Scotch Plains, located on Raritan Road and Terrell Road, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefore on file in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes of the Township to be issued for said purposes is \$570,000.

(c) The estimated cost of said purposes is \$600,000, the excess thereof over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, if necessary, being the amount of said \$30,000 down payment for said purposes.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are properties or improvements which the Township may lawfully make as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable lives thereof computed from the date of said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs in the State of New Jersey (the "Division"), and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as de-

finied in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$570,000 and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$65,000 for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering costs and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of said improvements.

Section 5. Any funds from time to time received by the Township as contributions-in-aid of financing the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance shall be used for financing said improvements or purposes by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said improvements or purposes, or to payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Township authorized therefor by this bond ordinance. Any such funds so received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said improvements or purposes shall, be held and applied by the Township as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Township authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 6. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct and unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all of the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 7. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board of the Division showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division, are on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

Section 8. The Township intends to issue bonds or notes to finance the cost

of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. The Township expects that the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes which will be issued to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is \$570,000. If the Township incurs any such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Township intends to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or notes.

Section 9. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by the Local Bond Law.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION STATEMENT

The Bond Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on April 14, 1998, and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Bond Ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T — 4/16/98, The TimesFee: \$166.77

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 98-09-R AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on April 9, 1998. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 78, of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood relating to the hours of operation and fees for sidewalk cafes.

A public hearing on this ordinance will be held on May 14, 1998.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T — 4/16/98, The TimesFee: \$18.87

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

The Bond Ordinance published herewith (Ordinance No. 98-06-S) has been finally adopted on April 9, 1998 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this statement.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 98-06-S

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$485,000 AND AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF \$460,750 BONDS FOR VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH INCLUDING ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING OF MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT, CURB REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT, SIDEWALK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT, VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF A VEST POCKET PARK, MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, SANITARY SEWER AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, A UTILITY VEHICLE, PLOW, POWER MOWER, FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood, in the County of Union, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION I. For the various improvements or purposes described in Section III of this bond ordinance, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriations made for improvements or purposes, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$485,000 including the aggregate sum of \$24,250 as the various down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

SECTION II. In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by application of the down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$460,750 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION III. The purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement, the down payment available for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are respectively as follows:

| Purpose | Appropriation and Estimated Cost | Estimated Maximum Amount Of Bonds Or Notes | Down Payment | Period Of Usefulness |
|--|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| a) Reconstruction of North Avenue | \$116,000 | \$110,200 | \$5,800 | 15 years |
| b) Vest Pocket Park | 30,000 | 28,500 | 1,500 | 15 years |
| c) Improvements to Borough Buildings Including Carriage House and Municipal Building | 66,100 | 62,795 | 3,305 | 15 years |
| d) Resurfacing of Municipal Parking Lot | 50,000 | 47,500 | 2,500 | 15 years |
| e) Slurry seal of various streets | 23,000 | 21,850 | 1,150 | 5 years |
| f) Rehabilitation and improvement of various sanitary and storm sewers | 14,000 | 13,300 | 700 | 40 years |
| g) Bikeway Path | 1,000 | 950 | 50 | 15 years |
| h) Curb and sidewalk repair and replacement | 27,500 | 26,125 | 1,375 | 10 years |
| i) Drainage Reconstruction and Improvements | 58,000 | 55,100 | 2,900 | 15 years |
| j) Miscellaneous Equipment Including Exhaust Fan, Plow, and Power Mower | 35,000 | 33,250 | 1,750 | 15 years |
| k) Utility Vehicle | 20,000 | 19,000 | 1,000 | 5 years |
| l) Computer equipment | 44,400 | 42,180 | 2,220 | 15 years |
| TOTAL | \$485,000 | \$460,750 | \$24,500 | |

SECTION IV. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION V. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:
(a) The purposes described in Section III of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are improvements that the Borough may lawfully acquire or make as general improvements, and not part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
(b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized herein for each purpose and the reasonable lives thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. This statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law will not be increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$95,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 may be included as part of the costs of the purposes of improvements authorized herein and is included in the foregoing estimates thereof.

SECTION VI. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and



ARROW OF LIGHT... The Cub Scouts of Pack No. 98 in Scotch Plains and their families recently came together for the Arrow of Light, which is the highest award that can be earned by a Cub Scout and is presented at a ceremony which marks the passage to Boy Scouts. Webelos scouts and their leaders, pictured left to right, are: Sera Scalfaro, James Scalfaro, Trevor Rowbotham, Alex Gerveshi, Jason Livingston, Michael Leighton, Yogan Cheng, Brendan Weber and Barbara Leighton.

Two Westfield Students Named to Dean's List At Brandeis University

Westfield residents Susanna Chilnick and Philip Robinson were recently named to the Dean's List at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts for the Fall 1997 semester.

Qualifying students must have grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher.

Susanna is the daughter of Janet and Larry Chilnick and is a member of the Class of 1999 at the school.

Philip is the son of Marie Friedman and Benjamin Robinson, and is a member of the Class of 1998.

interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION VII. The capital budget of the Borough of Fanwood is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

SECTION VIII. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Maryanne Connolly, Mayor

Attested:
Eleanor McGovern, Borough Clerk
1 T — 4/16/98, The Times

Fee: \$266.22

Coldwell

3x6

Coldwell

6x 10 1/2