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SPEAKING INFORMALLY...Westfield residents Wendy and Randy Parker talk to Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Michael La Place during Sunday's public forum on improvements for the downtown. Some of the suggestions from the two public forums will be incorporated into recommendations for the town's Master Plan for development.

GOVERNING BODY EXPECTED TO SIGN OFF ON FINAL VERSION TUESDAY NIGHT

Town Council Agrees to Move Forward On Westfield's Revised Zoning Code

By JEANNE WHITNEY Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Town Council agreed on Tuesday to move ahead in approving a long awaited revision to the town's zoning code which includes adjusting zone borders to conform to property lines.

In many cases, property owners had added property from a different zone to their lots through purchases. Sunrise Assisted Living on Springfield Avenue was one such case. Other lots had been subdivided, creating new lots.

"This is a very good zoning ordinance," Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr. said.

After council members said they would vote in favor of the final version of the code at next week's regular meeting, attorney for the town Planning Board, William S. Jeremiah, 2nd, told the council, "We need this thing desperately."

He indicated it had been at least four years in the making. Councilman Sullivan said the document was finalized over the past 13 months.

Mr. Jeremiah said the Planning Board would propose related guidelines for off-street downtown parking and floor area ratios, but nixed pole-mounted "pylon" commercial signs. A decision on commercial signs facing the railroad tracks would also

be postponed, he indicated. Other concerns in the updated zoning code dealt with reducing lighting from signs and parking lots, "ham" radio antennas and residential fence "screening" or shrubbery. The code proposes a fee for "interpretations" by town zoning officials of zoning applications.

The exact charges were not disclosed. Town Attorney Charles H. Brandt described the new changes saying, "It's a user fee concept."

On a separate issue, the council asked for a rework of a resolution to replace curbing on three streets — Kimball and Forest Avenues and Clark Street — for a cost of \$46,000. Homeowners in areas where curbs are improved will be assessed either 50 percent of the cost or two-thirds of 50 percent, according to officials.

The initial resolution included another \$63,000 for paving streets, officials explained, after Councilman Sullivan noted the budget discrepancy.

Officials added that the town will pick up 100 percent of the tab for street paving.

In another matter, Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko said that 16

local properties had been cited for violations under the six-month-old "exterior maintenance" code. Five complaints about a site are required in order for a violation to be considered.

"I'm citing them on the general appearance," said Mr. Gottko, who is in charge of enforcing the code.

Officials said violations run from grass and shrubbery overgrowth, roof, gutter, wall and fence damages to boats and other vehicles being stored on lots. All but five of the 16 offenders have responded to the complaints.

Mr. Brandt said some of the cited properties are in litigation over ownership or fire damage that has evidently delayed responses to the violations. Violators have 30 days to restore the property to code before they receive a second notice, followed by a municipal court action.

"A couple of these are going to end up in court," Mr. Gottko predicted.

Offenders may also appeal the action before the code's enforcement committee.

Mr. Gottko said maintenance code enforcement duties would shortly be transferred over to engineering and construction departments, where a

Parking Remains Hot Topic in Downtown During DWC Informal Discussions on the Master Plan

By ANDREW FISHKOFF Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

A performing arts facility, tiered parking, and a "Clean-Up Westfield Day" were just some of the ideas proposed by Westfield residents and merchants at the second of two public forums, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), the entity which operates the town's special improvement district.

The informal open house held last Sunday in the Municipal Building's Community Room was designed to gather ideas on downtown-related issues from both residents and merchants. DWC Executive Director Michael La Place indicated he will consider the suggestions and possibly incorporate them into the final draft of the town's Master Plan for

development. Mr. La Place, a certified professional planner in urban and regional planning, said that the DWC has already received positive feedback from residents about the downtown's atmosphere.

"Westfield is booming," claimed Mr. La Place. "We seem to have a lot of momentum going and we just need to keep that momentum up and build on it."

Residents at the two meetings provided input on parking, urban design, historic preservation, and environment. Some of the suggestions included possible locations for a tiered parking facility, more metered parking lots and new traffic signals.

Mr. La Place will now examine the dozens of suggestions before draft-

ing a public proposal after Labor Day in September which will then be presented to the DWC Board of Directors.

After the board's review, Mr. La Place may then submit a final proposal to the town Planning Board as

part of the Master Plan which is currently being redrafted.

According to Mr. La Place, the DWC will then be able to seek funding from the Town Council for its downtown initiatives.

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Westfield Traffic Circle, Light-Rail Projects To Be Funded Through Four-Cent Gas Tax Hike

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

As reported throughout the state, Governor Christine Todd Whitman received approval from Assembly Republicans this past Monday to support a phased in, four-cent increase

in the gasoline tax to help fund \$4.65 billion in state highway projects.

The plan will be phased in over the next three years, with the cost of gasoline rising by one cent a gallon in 1999, two cents in 2000 and three cents in 2001. Legislators will vote on the tax plan later this month, but it will not become law until it is approved by voters in November.

Three important projects — among 16 on a list for Union County that was supplied by the New Jersey Department of Transportation — are the proposed replacement of the Union Avenue bridge on Green Brook in Watchung and Scotch Plains; the proposed elimination of the Westfield traffic circle at South Avenue, and an Elizabeth-Newark rail link.

According to Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger of Westfield, who heads the Assembly Appropriations Committee, all of these projects are contingent upon the passing of the Transportation Trust Fund which, if renewed, will be done by January 1, 1999.

Assemblyman Bagger pointed out that the elimination of the Westfield circle has been approved for 10 years in concept — dating back to when he served on the Westfield Town Council — but that the state funding has

not been there.

According to Former Westfield Mayor Bud C. Boothe, "the dangers of the Westfield circle have been apparent for many years, but I especially noticed it when I drove my daughter to the (Westfield) high school. I am amazed that there have not been more serious accidents, especially when there are so many

students walking, riding their bikes and now even skateboarding to school.

"The dangers of the circle have been a primary concern for Westfield Mayors for many years," he added.

Mr. Boothe explained that because there are roads involved with the circle that are considered town, county

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DR. JANIE P. EDMONDS REPLACES DR. DAVID ROCK

West Milford Principal Named Town Assistant Superintendent

By JEANNE WHITNEY Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Board of Education approved the hiring, Monday, of an Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the coming school year at a salary of \$113,000.

Current Principal of West Milford High School, Dr. Janie P. Edmonds, will replace retiring Dr. David Rock as Assistant Superintendent in the Westfield district.

Board of Education Vice President Ginger Hardwick said that Dr. Edmonds was tapped for the job from "an outstanding pool of applicants."

Dr. Edmonds was a high school

chemistry, physics and mathematics teacher early in her career and also taught at Morris County College. She served in supervisory roles in Summit and Millburn Township schools and was Assistant Principal of Princeton High School.

Westfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley said, through a printed statement, that, "Janie Edmonds is an administrator with vision, enthusiasm, intelligence and sensitivity — all important assets which will be of benefit to our school district."

After her appointment, Dr. Edmonds said, "I am very proud and

honored to be here."

According to reports, one of Dr. Edmonds' first teaching jobs was a temporary assignment in Westfield's Roosevelt Intermediate School Science Department.

In other business, Dr. Foley said he was committed to holding Westfield High School graduation ceremonies on a Sunday afternoon next June, since the last day of school would probably fall on either a Friday or Monday, depending on "snow days."

He said the Optimist Club, which traditionally sponsors the "Bash" party for graduating seniors, had

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Green Brook Task Force Looks to Whittle Down Options for Proposed Water Detention Sub-Basin

By JEANNE WHITNEY Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

With two months to go, the Green Brook Task Force of the Flood Control Commission struggled last Thursday to whittle down a working list of 14 options to proposed water detention basins in Union County's Watchung Reservation that are part of a \$362 million flood control project for the Green Brook Sub-Basin and Raritan River area.

Chairman of the Task Force, Dr. Robert Hlavacek from Berkeley Heights said he wants to pass all viable solutions along to the Commission and the United States Army Corps of Engineers by the September deadline. The Corps drew up the original plans for the project.

Just this week the House of Representatives approved \$12 million to fund construction for the first phase of the flood relief project. At the request of Congressman Bob Franks, who represents the local Seventh District, funding for the project was included in the House and Water Appropriations bill. The legislation

passed by a vote of 405 to 4.

The United States Senate version of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill provides \$7.2 million for the project. A conference committee is expected to be appointed in the next few weeks to work out the differences between the House and senate bills.

Congressman Franks, a resident of Berkeley Heights, said he will urge the committee to provide the full \$12 million to prevent further delays in the project which has been on the drawing board for some two decades.

The task force was formed last year after it looked like Union County was going to mix the entire flood control project over objections to 11 acres of dry detention basins in Watchung Reservation. Congressman Franks secured a year's grace on the county's decision about the plan while looking to get \$12 million from the Federal government this year, to begin a separate downstream phase of the project.

Area business Connell Rice and Sugar has strongly opposed one of

the proposed detention basins in particular, claiming the plan would wipe out access bridges to its business center property and flood an area

between two of its office buildings.

A spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers indicated last month

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Office Building Proposal For Diner Site on Agenda Monday for Planning Bd.

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The Westfield Planning Board is set to hear the application of the Lekas family for an office building on the former Excellent Diner site this Monday, July 6.

The unkempt condition of the site has generated a great deal of interest among Westfield and Union County officials. Westfield applied for, and received, a grant as part of the Board of Chosen Freeholders "Pocket Park" matching grants program. Westfield was awarded \$100,000 from the county with the same amount appropriated by the Town Council for the acquisition of the property and creation of a park.

Soon after the governing body announced plans to either purchase or condemn the site, the family announced that they were planning to develop the site for commercial use.

Lee Honecker, an attorney and grandson of former Excellent Diner property owner, Stella Lekas, is seeking variances to build on the long-time vacant lot at 222 North Avenue. Mrs. Lekas has owned the property since the 1930's.

Mrs. Lekas is proposing to remove an existing building on that site and construct a three-story building with a basement for retail and office use. A total of six variances are being requested which include a reduction in

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STATE FUNDING?...The elimination of Westfield's South Avenue traffic circle is one of the projects approved by state legislators as part of a four-cent hike in the gasoline tax. The increase in the tax is slated to include a number of transportation projects.



PARK OR OFFICE BUILDING?...This site, formerly occupied by the Excellent Diner on North Avenue, will be the subject of a Planning Board hearing Monday night. The owners of the parcel have proposed to build a three-story office building while the town has proposed to acquire the land and convert it into a park.

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WESTERN ADVENTURE...Students in Linda Larsen's full-day Kindergarten class at St. Paul's Day School in Westfield are pictured here dressed for an imaginary trip to the state of Texas. The youngsters became curious about Texas when they discovered that two classmates are moving to Dallas this summer. The children learned songs and facts about Texas, prepared Texas-style snack foods and investigated plant and animal life in the Lone Star State.

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pushed for a definite date, in order to reserve the Ricochet Racquet Club for next June.

Board member Dr. B. Carol Molnar pointed out that the proposed date, Sunday, June 20, is "Father's Day." Also, it was unclear whether the Westfield National Guard Armory was available for the graduation ceremony on that date, in the event of rain.

Dr. Foley proposed that teachers volunteering to attend the graduation be given a weekday holiday, to compensate for the weekend ceremony.

"Let's experiment with having it on Sunday, at four in the afternoon," Dr. Foley said, "I think for this particular year it works the best."

Board President Darielee Walsh confirmed that, "We are planning it. Hopefully, on a Sunday, it will be looked at as more of a family event."

This past year, it was held on a Thursday night. On a separate issue, the board approved a \$13,000 Japanese language class for 10 high school students next year that will use ITV or interactive television technology. The students will attend first period in a classroom wired for ITV at Westlake School on Raritan Road. The school is owned and operated by the Union County Educational Services Commission.

The class is conducted through television screens, microphones, speakers and computers — with a teacher and students being able to see and hear each other.

The instructor is an administrator with Roxbury Public Schools in Morris County, according to Michael Seiler, President of the Teachers Association in Westfield.

Dr. Foley said about the initiative,

"We know it's expensive. We want to give this a try and see how this works. The alternative is not to do it at all."

Board members Susan Jacobson and Dr. Molnar said they were in favor of offering Asian languages in the district. Annmarie Puleio indicated she supported the ITV "pilot program."

Dr. Foley indicated that the experiment was a way to introduce Asian languages into the district since it was unlikely that a language instructor would be hired to teach only one class.

Under the ITV system, the district pays for the use of the Union County ITV classroom and shares the instructor with the Roxbury schools. One board member described the ITV method as "long distance learning."

On a separate matter, the board okayed a night home game with Linden High School this fall for the high school varsity football team, on Friday, October 23. Dr. Foley said a group of Boosters was paying to rent the temporary lights for the field.

Mrs. Jacobson reminded the group that area neighbors objected to night games in years past.

Ms. Puleio said her concern was that Friday night begins the Jewish Sabbath.

"I don't want to see this as an entree into Friday night games. I would not want to see this done on a regular basis," she said.

Mrs. Walsh responded, "I don't think that was ever proposed."

In other news, the board said that for the first time, 18 students will be helping the district with "computer technology" over the summer. Summer School classes started this past Monday.

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part-time person was hired for the job.

Another decision to be made by the council is related to a 1997 study of the sanitary sewer system and whether the town will proceed with a \$127,000 "closer look" at the system over a 15-month period. Ultimately, the studies should reveal what type of improvements need to be made to the system.

In other business, the council considered auctioning off for sale two undeveloped town lots on Union Street. After Town Engineer Kenneth B. Marsh estimated it would cost the town \$33,680 to pave and install drainage at the sites, the council considered selling the lots "as is." Officials said there are other similar properties in town.

Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, Chairman of the Laws and Rules Committee, said he was working towards an ordinance related to outdoor newspaper vending machines.

"We are looking at the town's ability to specify criteria for the new racks, so they can be pleasing and

uniform in appearance," he explained.

First Ward Councilman and Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, Gregory S. McDermott, said the town has been offered a six-month leasing deal on a "clean machine" — similar to a large vacuum sweeper — that would shine up and clear litter from downtown sidewalks.

Two weeks ago, officials revealed a 36-month lease would cost the town \$839 per month or \$30,000 in total.

Additionally, officials proposed having the Department of Public Works dismantle mountain bike jumps that have been constructed illegally on Dunham Avenue property.

Also, the council indicated it would agree to a request to demolish a house at 525 Elm Street.

Mr. Brandt said, "It's falling apart."

The council also agreed to place a resolution on its agenda for action to issue \$385,000 of temporary debt or bond anticipation notes in order to buy six trucks for the town.

A street sweeper vehicle was eliminated from the order to reduce costs.

Parking Remains Hot Topic During DWC Discussions

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Members of the DWC, residents, and merchants alike lauded the DWC for its continued support of downtown Westfield.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim called the DWC "the brightest of bright spots in downtown Westfield. They put a plan together and carry it out and they have the support of the community to do it."

Local resident Quaid Kapadia called the meeting "a great opportunity." Mr. Kapadia suggested a "Westfield shuttle," which would bring residents without transportation into the downtown area, thereby increasing the business of local merchants.

The DWC was formed in 1996 with a multi-faceted agenda for downtown Westfield that included economic development, designs, and promotions for town events, such as the Jazz Festival scheduled for late July.

The organization has played a major role in accommodating existing and new businesses throughout the downtown, officials noted.

By the end of the summer, downtown Westfield will see several new stores, including Williams Sonoma, Ann Taylor and Nine West opening. Others such as Banana Republic, Bombay Company and Poppyfields have recently opened.

However, with the increase in the number of stores, the number of parking spaces becomes the pressing issue, according to shoppers. Many merchants have expressed interest in converting some of the town's commuter permit parking spaces into metered parking for shoppers.

"The town needs to surrender some of the revenue they receive through permit parking," said Diane Barabas, owner of Diane B, which sells fine furnishings. "We need parking for people to shop in our businesses."

Office Building Proposal For Diner Site on Agenda

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the rear yard set back, a reduction in the side yard set back, location of exterior signs and for a reduction in window areas.

The applicant is also proposing to not have any parking spaces and proposing to not have any loading zones.

According to the public notice, Mrs. Lekas is proposing not to put in any additional parking spaces, where the town requires 32 for this particular type of application, according to current zoning ordinance requirements.

Because the owner had left the property vacant for several years, the Town Council has been considering an ordinance to acquire the

land and transform it into a park. The ordinance was tabled pending a rendering by the board on the application.

The ordinance, which had been introduced at its first reading in April, was done so on the same night that Mr. Honecker first addressed the council of his grandmother's plans.

On that evening Mr. Honecker had told the council that the reason he had come to address the council was that his family had been in the process of hiring an architect and engineers for their land development and then read in a newspaper article that the council had planned to purchase the land for a "Pocket Park."

He told the council that his family did not wish to be "overwhelmed with expenses" if the town had other plans for the property.

Mr. Honecker was assured that he and his grandmother could indeed go through with her applications for the needed variances and that the council was only considering the "Pocket Park" because of the years of neglect that the property endured.

Members of the council concluded that the land was considered an "eye sore" to the downtown area.

At that meeting, Mr. Honecker stated that the reason that his 93-year old grandmother had left the property unattended for so long was that she was grief stricken after the death of her daughter in 1996.

The land where the diner once stood has been vacant since 1995, when Mrs. Lekas sold the cab portion of the diner to owners in Germany.

A copy of Mrs. Lekas' application and site plan is on file with the Office of the Town Engineer located on 959 North Avenue West and can be viewed by members of the public Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Recent Home Sales

Estate of H. Jackson to Marlin J. Peterson and Susan C. Kowalenko, 224 Charles Street, \$269,000.

J.R. and S. Finkel to James D. and Kally D. Stryker, 112 Jefferson Avenue, \$257,500.

M.R. and J.M. Giesser to Gregory F. and Katherine A. Blatz, 540 Hort Street, \$240,000.

Estate of T.J. Gibbons to J. David and Elaine Manganello, 622 Dorian Road, \$344,000.

L.S. Melanson, Jr. and Lynne D. Melanson to Michael J. Connolly, 562 Pierson Street, \$189,000.

L. Boxer to David S. and Kimberly K. Ellner, 513 Fairmont Avenue, \$407,500.

D. Villane Construction, L.L.C. to E.A. and Linda S. Need, 966 St. Marks

Avenue, \$572,500.

P. and D. La Mastra to Leonides MacAlinao and Maria J. Ressorreccion, 323 Springfield Avenue, \$250,500.

E.M. O'Shaughnessy to Nicholas and Christine Melone, 447 Everson Place, \$285,000.

R.J. and C.V. Zupko to Philip A. and Megan T. Leary, 411 Everson Place, \$252,000.

M.E. and Y.M. Tierney to Richard and Robin Gasson, 737 Norman Place, \$294,000.

R. Patterson and E. Rowan to Darren and Michelle Composto, 929 Columbus Avenue, \$226,000.

R. and M. Colonna to Kara S. Fried and R. Rever, 1119 Grandview Avenue, \$281,500.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Theo Blue, 21, of New Brunswick, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license after he was stopped for speeding on Central Avenue, according to police. Bail was set at \$775 for the second offense.

A Grandview Avenue resident reported that tokens and sunglasses were stolen from her car while it was parked in front of her house. There was no sign of forced entry.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Two spotlights were stolen from the front yard of an office building on St. Paul Street.

A Grandview Avenue resident said his 1994 teal colored Plymouth Voyager was stolen from in front of his house.

The following day, Scotch Plains police arrested Walter Allen, 36, of Westfield, after he was found with the stolen vehicle on Route No. 22 after leaving a service station.

Allen was charged with receiving stolen property and possession of a stolen credit card, authorities said. He was released on a summons.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Jeffery Andrejewski, 20, of Parlin was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana after being stopped on Central Avenue for having a broken brake light on his vehicle, authorities said. Bail was set at \$250.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Three Westfield residents, all 18 years old, were arrested and charged with underage possession of a case of beer, according to police.

The suspects included the driver, Michael Zuraino, and passengers Thomas Spina and Nicholas Alice.

They were apprehended after being stopped by police for having a loud muffler on the vehicle in which they were traveling.

A Central Avenue resident said seven compact discs were stolen from her residence by an unknown person.

Residents of Belmont Terrace and Moss Avenue reported that their cars were spray painted with red paint while parked in front of their houses.

The Belmont Terrace victim said she saw an older white sedan pull alongside her automobile and vandalize it.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Anthony Tucker, 28, of Linden, was arrested and charged with theft of services after NJ Transit alerted Westfield police that he allegedly boarded a train without purchasing a ticket, according to police.

The suspect, who authorities said had claimed he had no money for a ticket, was released on his own recognizance.

WESTFIELD FIRE BLOTTER

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Six hundred block of Fourth Avenue — outside of structure fire.

One hundred block of Amy Drive — carbon monoxide detector activation.

Six hundred block of Fourth Avenue — refuse fire.

Fifteen hundred block of Lamberts Mill Road — system malfunction.

Three hundred block of First Street — smoke and odor removal.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Five hundred block of North Avenue East — wire down.

Six hundred block of Clark Street — electrical short.

Three hundred block of Clark Street — unintentional alarm.

Six hundred block of Summit Avenue — tree limb and wires down.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Six hundred block of Tice Place — propane tank leaking.

One hundred block of Elm Street —

unintentional alarm.

One hundred block of Elm Street — system malfunction.

One hundred block of Canterbury Lane — lock out.

One hundred block of South Avenue East — good intent call.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Four hundred block of East Broad Street — spill on roadway.

One hundred block of Pearl Street — wire down.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Two hundred block of South Euclid Avenue — refuse fire.

Four hundred block of West Broad Street — assist police.

Six hundred block of Boulevard — tree limb and wire down.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

One hundred block of Quimby Street — electrical short.

One hundred block of North Euclid Avenue — system malfunction.

Green Brook Task Force Looks For Water Detention Options

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that task force members must come up with definitive solutions and community support for the project's Upper Portion, in order for the Corps to lobby for additional Federal funding.

United States Democratic Senators Robert Torricelli and Frank Lautenberg first opposed the flood control project a year ago and blocked all Federal funding but now say they are willing to consider solutions.

One of the options now proposes creating a huge water detention basin in the northeast corner of Weldon Quarry, although storm water would have to be channeled to and from the quarry storage basin for drainage. Task force member J. B. Wiley said Weldon was "non-committal" about the proposal at this point.

Task force representative for Union County and former Freeholder Henry W. Kurz said he remembers that the Mayor of Watchung was "unalter-

ably opposed" to the use of the quarry for water detention.

Watchung representative to the task force John Gause said the quarry site represented future commercial development to the borough in 30 years when the quarry shuts down.

In April, Berkeley Heights Mayor Dan Palladino proposed storm water detention alternatives to the Reservation sites, including the use of existing Surprise Lake and Seely's Pond, creating basins underneath highway Route No. 22 and Blue Star Mall parking lot and using the front lawn of Mount Saint Mary Academy for a basin.

So far, the task force is yet to identify a solution guaranteed to garner public support, although by next month, members have agreed to rank proposed options based on seven criteria, including cost, flood control effectiveness and "acceptability to host community."

Four-Cent Gasoline Tax Hike Helps Fund Circle, Light-Rail

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and state roads, it was hard to get approval for the elimination of the circle.

Because the circle involves South Avenue, also known as Route No. 28, it is considered under the jurisdiction of the state and, therefore, could not be eliminated under town jurisdiction.

In July of 1996, months after state officials examined the circle during 7 a.m. traffic, a consensus was made that there should be an elimination of the circle and the town passed a resolution stating so.

According to Mr. Boothe, "the plan is now slowly making its way through the system." He also commented that the state is in the process of getting rid of all its traffic circles. He said that the total number of traffic circles in the state has been reduced from 70 to around 40.

Third Ward Councilman Neil F. Sullivan, Jr. who is the Chairman of the Town Council's Transportation, Parking and Traffic Committee, told *The Westfield Leader* that the project would entail the set up of an intersection with East Broad Street being signalized to

measure the flow of traffic.

Councilman Sullivan stated that "the only downside to the project is that some trees will be lost in the center of the circle."

He reported that the committee is also in the process of working on a Westfield Avenue plan which, if passed by the council, would allow two-way traffic on South Avenue between First Avenue and South Avenue. The proposal was tabled at the council's last public meeting held on June 23.

Both Councilman Sullivan and former Mayor Boothe concluded that the project is still years away from any ground breaking.

Another important project from the list of Union County transportation proposals is the Elizabeth-Newark rail link, which will link Elizabeth and Newark by way of a lighted car which, according to Assemblyman Bagger, could be described as a "modern trolley."

This federally-funded project, which will have state funds to match, will give passengers a ride between downtown Newark, to the Newark International Airport or to the Elizabethport section, where there will be a giant Jersey Gardens Mall (where IKEA is located).

According to Assemblyman Bagger, the rail line will use unused railroad routes that have been closed for many years. He also reported that there is a proposal to extend this light rail system all the way west to Plainfield.

The project will receive \$30 million from the Federal government as part of the Intermodal Service Transportation Efficiency Act of 1998, which was recently passed by Congress and signed by President Bill Clinton.



PROUD WINNER...Katie Anderson of Westfield and her father, center, proudly display her prize, an autographed picture of Mickey Mantle, which she won at the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Car Show on June 18. Also pictured, left to right, are: John Tosun, Service Manager, and Geraldyn Keating, of Westfield Tire and Auto Service, car show sponsor, and Mike Montagna, right, Good Year District Sales Manager.

New Officer Slate Installed By Garden Club of Westfield

At its June meeting, the Garden Club of Westfield installed new officers for the 1998-1999 year. The program consisted of the monthly meeting and installation of officers at a picnic.

Newly installed officers for 1998-1999 are: Jean Jones, First Vice President, and Irene Ilaria, Second Vice President. They join current officers Jody Melloan, President; Mary Ann Malloy, Recording Secretary; George

Bidgood, Corresponding Secretary, and Nancy Hoff, Treasurer.

Jody Melloan, President, presided over the installation ceremony. Hostess Chairwomen for the meeting were Jane Bender and Betts Sutman. They were assisted by Pat Brown, Joan Walsh, Otilie Griesemer, Dottie Schaefer and Betty Kopf. The Garden Club of Westfield is federated with The Garden Club of New Jersey, District V.



NEWLY INSTALLED...Officers of The Garden Club of Westfield at their annual June picnic. Left to Right: Jean Jones, First Vice President; Mary Ann Malloy, Recording Secretary; Jody Melloan, President; Irene Ilaria, Second Vice President. Missing from the photo is George Bidgood, Corresponding Secretary, and Nancy Hoff, Treasurer.



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READY TO BURN RUBBER...Paul DiMarco and his 10-year-old son, Matthew, stand next to this 1964 Ford Shelby Cobra which was on display during last Sunday's Classic Car Show and Craft Fair. The event was sponsored by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.



David B. Corbin for The Times

IT'S A CLASSIC...Jay Bierman of Scotch Plains sits in his first place yellow 1912 Model T Ford which was one of the early models on display during last Sunday's Classic Car Show. The fourth annual event, held in the center of the township, also featured a craft fair on the Village Green.

ERIC ROSENMEIER TAKES HELM LATER THIS YEAR

Gene Schiller Looks Back on 16 Years With SPFHs, Including Past 11 as Athletic Department Director

By HILL LOEWER
Specially Written for The Times

"An excellent football coach."
"Wonderful to work with."
"An asset to the district."

These are just a few of the comments about Gene Schiller from the coaches who work with him.

Mr. Schiller, who has been with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Athletic Department for the last 16 years, is retiring at the end of the year.

Eric Rosenmeier, who is currently Head Track Coach and Assistant Football Coach at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will step up to fill the slot.

Mr. Schiller grew up in South Plainfield and lived there most of his life. He attended St. Benedict's Prep School in Newark and Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts — graduating in 1954. While at Holy Cross, he was a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship baseball team.

After college, Mr. Schiller played with the Milwaukee Braves (now in Atlanta) baseball team for two years until a coaching career took him to Seton Hall University, in South Orange, in 1955; St. Benedict's, Newark, in 1958; Franklin Township High School, in 1972 and finally to Scotch Plains-Fanwood in 1982.

He served as football coach and Assistant Athletic Director at the high school until 1987, when he became the full-time Athletic Director. Among his most memorable accomplishments, Mr. Schiller said, "we've added a lot of sports programs over the years I've spent at Scotch Plains-Fanwood, especially for the girls. We've won more championships in the last 16 years than the school had up to that point."

Mr. Schiller said he coached Jeff

Hammonds in high school, who is currently an outfielder for the Baltimore Orioles Major League baseball team.

In an interview with *The Times*, Gary Kehler, former Westfield High School Athletic Director said, "Gene was outstanding as a coach and athletic director. He always was very

competitive and stressed sportsmanship. He always stood by his coaches and took great pride in his teams."

Mr. Schiller and his wife of 44 years, Yolanda, have seven children and 19 grandchildren. Many of the grandchildren are in sports programs in Scotch Plains. Mr. Schiller said he plans to spend his retirement watch-

ing his grandchildren play sports and traveling.

Mr. Schiller also said, "I'd like to thank the students, the parents, and the community for the opportunity to coach and be athletic director for so many years. It's wonderful to be able to have a job that let's you do some-

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John Shippen Tournament Brings Back Memories Of First Native-Born American Golf Professional

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
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He has been called the Jackie Robinson of golf. He died nearly 10 years before the phenomenal Tiger Woods was born.

His name is John Shippen, the first native-born American ever to play golf professionally.

"Ship," as his friends called him, is best remembered locally for the years he spent at Shady Rest Country Club, which is now The Scotch Hills Country Club, in Scotch Plains.

For the past eight years, the legacy of John Shippen has been celebrated in a memorial golf tournament sponsored by the John Shippen Memorial

Committee in Scotch Plains. The tournament raises funds for golf scholarships for minority boys and girls.

Last Saturday, 66 golfers attended the most recent annual event at Shackamaxon Country Club. Most players came from Union and Essex Counties, with some participants coming from as far away as Wash-

ington, D.C.

This year, Arizona Beverage Company and Merck & Company Inc., sponsored the event.

"Ship" was not looking for a place in golf history in 1896, when the newly organized United States Golf Association (USGA) decided to host the Second U.S. Open right in his

own backyard of Shinnecock Hills, New York.

The 18-year-old Shippen was simply curious to see how his game matched up against the professionals golfers from England and Scotland. The game of golf originated in Scotland.

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Board of Education Eliminates Grade 7 Cognitive Test, 5-4

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
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Following a heated discussion, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education approved elimination of the seventh-grade Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) by a vote of 5-4 during the June 25 regular public meeting.

Board President August A. Ruggiero and Vice President Theresa Larkin, along with members Morris H. Gillet, Richard R. Meade and Jessica D. Simpson, voted for elimination of the CogAT, while Jean McAllister, Lance Porter, Thomas Russo and Edward J. Saridaki, Jr. opposed the motion.

A letter from Fanwood resident Victoria Manduca, a member of the standardized testing committee who opposed eradication of the test, was noted during the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. John R. Crews said the testing committee recommended elimination of the seventh-grade CogAT for two reasons. "We don't use the results in the district for any purpose," explained Dr. Crews. "And, parents are concerned about the extensive testing that's (already) being done."

Acknowledging that the CogAT is akin to an intelligence quotient test, Dr. Crews said a 30-minute Otis-Lennon School Ability Test could be administered to individual children "if a parent wants a child tested."

In March, the Otis-Lennon was chosen to replace the CogAT in grades 2 and 5 for the 1998-1999 school year.

"If we're not using it," said Mr. Gillet, "we're just throwing another test at the students."

"I'm disappointed by the professional administration of this district," said Mr. Saridaki. "When you take these results, you can clearly see tendencies among students." Using his own son's scores as an example, Mr. Saridaki said that disparity among certain CogAT scores (even for an "A" student) "reflects that the district is not doing its job in teaching a child the basics."

He cited spelling and vocabulary as examples.

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FORTY-SIX NEW UNITS PROPOSED FOR FACILITY

Chelsea Proposes Addition For Independent Living

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
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The Fanwood Planning Board heard a proposal last Wednesday from attorney Brian Burns for Chelsea at Fanwood, to build independent living apartments for senior citizens.

Owners plan to demolish a dwelling and an existing garage on the property adjacent to the assisted living building on the north side of South Avenue next to the local post office. They plan a 40-unit independent living senior residence with a six-unit addition to the assisted living residence with an additional 87 parking spaces.

When completed, the facility would span several addresses — from 277 South Avenue to 295 South Avenue.

According to Leonard Hirschhorn, who was the first of four witnesses to testify for Chelsea, there is a real need for independent senior apartments in Fanwood.

Mr. Hirschhorn said the one- and two-bedroom apartments are for seniors who do not need additional services or care. Mr. Hirschhorn said that of the 365 seniors who inquired about housing, 290 of them came from within a five-mile radius of Fanwood. He also stated that many seniors said they simply no longer wished to be responsible for larger homes.

Mr. Hirschhorn went on to explain that assisted living provides community dining and help with personal care and housekeeping. Mr. Hirschhorn said it was beneficial to have both types of housing at the same location.

Another witness testifying on behalf of the project was Rocco Palmieri, Vice President of Schoor DePalma, located in Parsippany, the engineer that prepared the site plan. He said there would be two parking lots and a plan to reduce the parking space sizes at the existing lot to create 24

more spaces.

According to Mr. DePalma, the new spaces would be nine feet by 18 feet. Six larger spaces were allotted for handicapped parking.

Mr. DePalma said the residence would have its own trash collection service.

Borough Engineer Richard

project, reported that in the front of the buildings there would be several community rooms, including a library, a multipurpose room and a warming kitchen.

Mr. Adison said the rooms could be used for parties and special occasions as well as an every day activity room. He proposed a front plaza with



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SEEKING EXPANSION...Chelsea at Fanwood officials are seeking to add an independent living wing to the assisted living facility located on South Avenue. The case is now before the borough's Planning Board.

Marsden said he had concerns about the sewer line system connected with the plan. Also, according to Mr. DePalma, there would be three entrances and exits at the complex including the easterly, north side driveways and direct access from South Avenue.

Mr. DePalma pointed out that in case of an emergency there was a driveway from the Post Office that could be utilized.

Sue Davis, representing the Fanwood Volunteer Rescue Squad, asked where a designated loading zone for a rescue vehicle would be and William Crosby, President of the Rescue Squad, said he had concerns about the smaller size of the new elevator.

Mr. Crosby said the current elevators at Chelsea were shorter by one foot in order to fit a stretcher. Mr. DePalma and Mr. Burns responded that there would be a designated loading area and that the new elevators would meet all requirements of the American with Disabilities Act.

Mr. Hirschhorn said the current elevators in the building were built by the previous owner for use as part of a hotel.

Paul Adison, architect for the

a retractable canvas awning. The existing building would be the main building and the new addition would match it. He also reported that

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School Board Files Impasse With SPFEA

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
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During the June 25 public meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, Vice President Theresa Larkin reported that "no settlement" has been reached over teachers contracts in negotiations with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA). The existing contract expired on June 30.

"We're plodding along," Mrs. Larkin said. The board and SPFEA have been negotiating since January.

Since last week's board meeting, *The Times* has learned that the board filed for impasse on June 23 in its

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TEERING OFF...Hanno Shippen Smith, the son of Clara Russel Shippen, watches as Ron Eisler tees off during last weekend's annual John Shippen Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. Clara Russel Shippen is the youngest child of John Shippen, the first native-born American ever to play golf professionally.

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LIFE IN INDIA...Tini Thomas spoke to Terrill Middle School, Scotch Plains, eighth graders about life in India following the class reading of the novel "Shabanu." Ms. Thomas, who is a student at Rutgers Law School, was born in India and raised in the United States. Though not from the desert region of India, she was able to answer student questions about customs that are practiced today and those that are changing in India. Students found the discussion of marriage and family life helpful to their understanding of the novel. Pictured in the photograph are Barbara Sacks, a counselor with Resolve Community Counseling Center who arranged Ms. Thomas' visit; Lana Sacks, a student; Ms. Thomas and students Leann Kascur and Caitlin Mahoney.

Final Honor Roll Told For Terrill Middle School

The names of 162 students who earned Honor Roll standing during the third marking period at the Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains were recently announced.

In the sixth grade, 28 children, or 19.86 percent of the 141-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll, which requires an "A" in all subjects.

Forty-four children, or 31.21 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll, which requires at least two "A's," no grade lower than a "B" in major subjects and at least a "C" in other subjects.

In the seventh grade, 12 children, or 8.28 percent of the 145-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll and 35 children, or 24.14 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

In the eighth grade, 11 children, or 7.69 percent of the 143-member class, were named to the Distinguished Honor Roll and 32 children, or 22.38 percent of the class, were named to the Honor Roll.

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
 Distinguished Honor Roll: Kristin Baird, Kathleen Donovan, Adam Bendick, Elena Goetz, J. Raymond Bover, William Gonch, Thomas DeCataldo, Jr., Michael Hughes, Matthew DeNichilo, Brian Kaplan, Lisa Morkowitz

SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
 Distinguished Honor Roll: Alyssa David, Sonali Phatak, Sofia Faingold, John Piniat, Annmarie Klimowicz, Nisha Tamhankar, Sarah Konzelman, Jorge Valladares, Malina Milonnet, Sarah VanWagner, Aurpon Mitra, Judith Mcker-Briscoe

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
 Distinguished Honor Roll: Flora Alexander, Amanda Miller, Ryan Aspell, Scott Moynihan, Erica Bloom, Jessica Neuringer, Alexander Clark, Vaidehi Patel, Dani Finkel, Tracy Salmon, Kristi Gayara, Barie Salmon, Hannah Greenspan, Kimberly Schurtz, Michael Hessemer, Alyssa Scizak, Cheryl Kaplan, Elaine Shea, Vani Kilakathi, Dana Skwirut, Morgan Larkin, Eric Swenson, Joshua Liss, Christopher Walden, Joseph Malchow, Talia Weinberg, Peter Miller, Sara Woods

EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
 Erin Baer, Leanne Kascur, Carolyn Barnett, Kellie LaForge, David Baumwoll, Carolyn Lathrop, James Bolante, Richard Lemence, Joanna Cichon, Caitlin Mahony, Angelica D'Annunzio, Daniel Nelson, Marquitta Davis, Christine Perrotta, John DellMauro, Jonathan Quijano, Jodi Dombush, Brian Raszka, Jayme Ferraro, Renneul Mar Razal, Brendan Fleming, Timothy Ryan, Megan Grabel, Lana Sacks, Susannah Grossman, Amy Schwartz, Jennifer Harrison, Julia Sheffield

Allison Hessemer, Stephen Swenson, Alaina Ingram, Robert Walden, III

SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
 Kendra Andrews, Angela Minio, Miriam Bamberger, Melissa Mollen, Joseph Bartolotta, Emily O'Connor, Nancy Callahan, Megan O'Leary, Rhea Chakraborty, Esther Ogumyemi, Raynor Donizlo, Elizabeth Pilkington, Gianna Ferrante, Steven Rodriguez, Benjamin Flath, Alexander Rosloff, Rachel Geriach, Amy Ryan, Tomo Gibson, Krystle Sanguiliano, Sarah Ginsberg, Delsa Slaugh, Alex Hofer, Bruce Smith, Jr., Dustin Jefferson, Erica Speer, Jovonne Jones, Timothy Voelker, Holly Kramer, Emily Walker, Daniel Kurter, Caroline Webb, Alicia Lazar, Amanda Wells, Kristen Wuest

SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
 Jesse Allen, Deryck Middleton, Ricardo Arocha, Christina Minniti, Theodore Baker, Jared Montagna, Louis Balestriere, Eric Nussenfield, Sara Beckerman, Lindsay Ordover, Shaun Bendick, Nathan Parker, Kristen Bover, Joshua Parker, Michael DeNichilo, Arianna Power, Rachel Diken, Lukasz Pukalo, Danelha Doe, Joseph Ruggiero, Caryn Feder, Rosanna Ryskasen, Brandon Femia, Perry Salfi, Bastien Francoulon, Allyson Salisbury, Amanda Frank, Juliana Sams, Michael Gallo, Kristin Scharden, Matthew Goldberg, Jonathan Sheffield, Jaime Gomez-Salvador, Danielle Stanley, Kara Kaskiw, Stephen Tavares, Daniel Kranz, Dustin Tenenbaum, Laura Manzi, Michael Thompson, Robert Maroney, Jonathan Wagner, Lauren McKinney, Tamie Walker



NEW GRADUATE...Scotch Plains resident Jeffrey McPartlan was among the 182 students to graduate from St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, on June 3. Jeffrey, a two-year member of the Jesuit school's baseball team, will attend Boston College in the fall. The graduation ceremony was held at the Yanatelli Life Center at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

Postal Customers Advised Against Mailing Fireworks

As America gears up for this year's Fourth of July weekend celebration, the United States Postal Service has issued a reminder to customers that mailing fireworks of any kind is prohibited, including the fuseless variety known as "Mexican Poppers."

"Fireworks have no place in the mail," explained Fanwood Postmaster John Alvarez. "It's clearly a safety issue."

The Postmaster said that all fireworks are Class 1 explosives and, as such, are prohibited from mailing. Inadvertent detonation could result in fire, personal injury and damage to the mail and property of others.

Mexican Poppers are approximately one quarter inch to three-eighths inches long and resemble crumpled aluminum foil. Unlike traditional fireworks, which require a fuse, Mexican Poppers are detonated by applying pressure.

Postal retail window clerks have been instructed to refuse acceptance of fireworks. Customers visiting Post Offices may learn specifics about items prohibited from or restricted for mailing.

The prohibitions and restrictions on mailing hazardous materials extends beyond fireworks, according to Postmaster Alvarez. Many hazardous materials are characterized by their flammability, corrosiveness, reactivity, or toxicity. Some hazardous material chemicals may exhibit more than one of these characteristics.

Flammable materials:
 • Can burn and/or explode.
 • Includes liquids with low flash points, flammable solids, flammable compressed gases and oxidizers.
 • Can spread to areas containing combustible materials. Examples are

lighter fluid, highway flares, aerosol paint and gasoline, among others.

Corrosive materials:
 • Can eat through containers and combine with other chemicals.
 • Can burn skin and eyes on contact, and can appear harmless until contact produces harmful effects. Some examples are caustic soda, hydrochloric acid and drain cleaner, among others.

Reactive materials:
 • Can explode, ignite, or produce toxic vapors when exposed to air, water or other materials.

• Can create hazards much more severe than the materials themselves.
 • Can take extended periods of time to develop. Examples of these are fireworks, chlorine and ammonia, among others.

Toxic materials:
 • Can enter the body through inhalation, ingestion, skin absorption, or injection.
 • Includes poisons that may create acute or chronic health effects. Acute are immediate and short term; chronic effects develop over time and are long term. Examples include lead, asbestos and chlorine, among other materials.

Most hazardous materials are not able to be mailed. A small number of certain specified hazardous materials that can be reclassified as consumer commodities may be mailed.

These materials are not accepted in quantities large enough to present a serious hazard to safety or human health. Hazardous materials which can be mailed are only accepted if properly packaged and labeled according to strict postal regulations. Customers are asked to check with their local post office for details.

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there would be 275 plants added to the site so that the "residents would be looking into green space and not parking lots."

Planning Board Chairman Gregory Cummings said he saw the existing building and that it already looked big. He said it was difficult to imagine how it would look with the additions.

Mr. Cummings also reported that the Fanwood Environmental Commission was concerned about the proposed four-story building.

Board member Nancy Koederitz asked if there was a main entrance in front of the building to which Mr. Adison replied, that there was not.

Portia Checchio, of Acacia Road in Scotch Plains, said she owns two properties in Fanwood that are affected by the project. Mrs. Checchio asked whether something could be done to prevent more lighting from the addition disturbing residents at 320 North Avenue and 324 North Avenue.

She proposed landscaping to block the bright lights and to serve as a sound barrier for the properties. Mrs. Checchio reported that early morning garbage collection at the existing building is also very noisy. Board members said the strip of land that

boarders her property is owned by NJ Transit railroad and not Chelsea.

Gene Bellamy, Deputy Chief for Fire Prevention, asked for a fire hydrant in back of the building.

After almost two hours of testimony the board briefly for a fourth witness, Susan Gruel, a professional planner. She told the board Chelsea was seeking nine variances required for the addition including a use and building height variances.

The plan has sought for a 45-foot maximum, where 35 feet is permitted under Fanwood zoning restrictions.

Mrs. Gruel testified that the population projections from Union County's Master Plan, which will be unveiled this week, shows a 2 percent increase in persons over 55 years of age by the year 2000 in the county. She claimed there are long waiting lists for senior housing all over Union County.

Mrs. Gruel will continue to testify at the next Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, July 22.

In other business, variances were granted to David and Lisa LaShell of Tillotson Road to build a deck and Maria Elena Fernando of Madison Avenue to build a fence.

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thing you really enjoy."

Mr. Rosenmeier will become Athletic Director at the end of 1998. He has been with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School sports program since 1991. He said he will not coach when he becomes Director.

Mr. Rosenmeier was lived in Clark and attended Colgate University, graduating in 1987. He also has a Master in Business Degree from Rutgers University. He and his wife,

Margo, live in Phillipsburg.

"Gene has taught me the importance of working for your community. He didn't get as much credit as he deserved, working behind the scenes. He's a great guy," Mr. Rosenmeier said.

"My plans for Scotch Plains' athletic program are to continue the tradition of Mr. Schiller and the high standard he has set. I'm happy to have the opportunity."

Shippen Tournament Brings Back Memories of Golf Pro

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While living on the Shinnecock Indian Reservation, young Ship had helped build the golf course. As assistant to the resident professional golfer Scotsman Willie Dunn, the teenager knew Shinnecock as well as anybody.

He had caddied there since he was 13 years old and played the course regularly. He gave lessons to wealthy businessmen like J. Pierpont Morgan.

In fact, "Ship's" own golf game was so good that his pupils put up the money for him to enter the tournament in July of 1896.

However, the competition did not make it easy for him. All 28 registered professional golfers threatened to boycott the tournament if Mr. Shippen and his friend, Oscar Bunn, were allowed to play in the game.

Why? John Shippen was the son of an African-American Presbyterian minister on the Shinnecock Reservation and a Native-American mother. Mr. Bunn was a full-blooded Shinnecock Native-American.

United States Golfers Association (USGA) President Theodore Havemeyer, a wealthy businessman from Rhode Island, ignored the professional golfers' threats. He assured the players that the tournament would be played with or without them, but definitely with Mr. Shippen and Mr. Bunn. Not one of the golfers withdrew from play.

After the first 18 holes of the tournament, Mr. Shippen was tied for first place with four other golfers. (Eighty-five years would pass before another African-American would lead the U.S. Open. He was Jim Thorpe, in 1981.)

During the second and final round of play, Ship got into trouble in the sand on the 13th hole. He lost the lead and was never able to regain it.

He finished the tournament in fifth place and won \$10 in prize money. Ship played in four more U.S. Opens before African-Americans

were prohibited from participating in USGA events — a ban later rescinded in the mid-1960s.

Mr. Shippen managed to earn a living at golf by giving lessons, working as a grounds keeper, playing challenge matches and even opening his own club outside the Washington, D.C., area.

In Scotch Plains, from 1924 to his retirement in 1960, Mr. Shippen served as the resident golf professional at what is widely regarded as the first African-American country club in the United States, Shady Rest.

"John Shippen never bragged on what he did," said Ralph Wise of Plainfield, "and we never knew how great he was."

As Mr. Shippen's last professional golf caddie, then 11-year-old Mr. Wise began working for his mentor at Shady Rest in 1940s. He helped the Pro clean the greens, rake the traps and organize tournaments.

For his labors, Mr. Wise said he was paid a hot dog, a soda and 25 cents.

"More valuable than the money," said Mr. Wise with a smile, "was the chance to talk to the players and hear John Shippen explain the game and talk about the players of the day."

Under Mr. Shippen's tutelage, young Ralph Wise earned a spot on the local high school varsity golf team as an eighth grader. As a team member and later as team captain, the younger Mr. Wise had access to private courses which were closed to Mr. Shippen.

"John Shippen would always ask to see the scorecards," recalled Mr. Wise. "And he would say, 'there's always room for improvement.'"

John Shippen died at the age of 90 in 1968.

In 1995, a public tribute to America's first golf professional was paid during the opening of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, where John Shippen put in his history-making appearance over 100 years ago.

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negotiations with the SPFEA "in an effort to expedite the settlement process."

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association, when the parties are stalemated in negotiations over the terms of teachers' contracts, bargaining continues with the assistance of the Public Employee Relations Commission (PERC).

PERC efforts include third-party mediation and fact-finding in which the parties may reach a voluntary settlement. If there is no resolution after a number of steps in the process, employers — in this case, the Board of Education — may impose the "last best offer" on teachers. Al-

though this is rarely done, it has been said the threat of the "last best offer" encourages settlement between the parties.

The next meeting of the negotiating teams is scheduled for Monday, July 13.

The last three-year contract with teachers was settled nearly two years ago after a marathon 17 months of negotiations. The parties met a dozen times with no results, until a PERC mediator was brought in. At that time, following the agreement, board member Richard R. Meade, of Fanwood, still insisted that, "I believe the settlement is higher than fiscally prudent."

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

• Jason Tucker, 19, of Scotch Plains and a 17-year-old Scotch Plains juvenile were arrested for underage drinking in Farley Park.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

• Someone drove over a Gallagher Avenue front lawn causing damage to the lawn and several shrubs.

• It was reported that a bicycle was stolen. The bicycle was left in a yard on Victor Street.

• It was reported that a vehicle windshield was smashed while parked on Montage Avenue. The incident occurred during the night.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

• Walter T. Allen, 36, of Westfield, was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and using a stolen credit card at a Route No. 22 service station at approximately midnight. The vehicle, a 1994

Plymouth Voyager was reported stolen out of Westfield.

• The theft of a cellular phone was reported. The phone was taken from a vehicle that was parked in the 1900 block of Church Street.

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Bilal Raybon, 18, of Newark, was arrested and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana pursuant to an officer's investigation during a motor vehicle stop in the area of East Second Street and Terrill Road.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

• Police reported that an 84-year-old Scotch Plains resident and his wife were assaulted and threatened with a knife by a man demanding money. The man broke into the back door of their house on Hunter Avenue. The victim was punched in the face and treated at a hospital and released.

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"If we don't use the test," said Mrs. Larkin, "what do we need it for? I don't need a drawer full of tests to see how my children are doing."

"I am generally opposed to the elimination of standardized tests," added Mr. Russo. "They can be useful. I'm not convinced that because they (cognitive ability tests) are not being used (now) they couldn't be."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye asked Dr. Crews to have the testing committee revisit the value of cognitive ability testing in seventh grade insofar as it "gives parents something of value" in the way of comparison.

In other business, the board reaffirmed relocation of the Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) class to McGinn Elementary School from Coles Elementary.

In reiterating the reasoning behind the move to McGinn, Director of Pupil Services Eleanor McClymont said, "There is a greater chance for stability at McGinn."

"While stability in staff is more important than the building, that doesn't negate our responsibility to maintain the environment," she added.

Jean Shanker of Scotch Plains asked the Office of Pupil Services for a commitment "to do everything in its power to keep the PDD class where it is."

PDD parent Debbie Grafox took the request a step further and called for "a motion tonight to have McGinn host the program for the next five years."

"Committing to five years in a building facing overcrowding is a tough call," responded resident Lisa McNally.

"It's counterintuitive to consider McGinn more stable when the greater stress is on the southside schools," said Mr. Meade.

He called Brunner Elementary School a more flexible alternative.

Mrs. McAllister also questioned the likelihood of keeping the PDD class at McGinn for a length of time.

"Is PDD a priority from a facilities standpoint?" she asked Mrs. McClymont.

Dr. Choye said, "It's unfair to put Eleanor (Mrs. McClymont) on the spot right now."

The superintendent noted that the new Facilities and Enrollment Task Force is looking at pre-kindergarten students as "part of the total picture."

"That was not the case when the task force made its 1994 recommendation."

In other business, the board approved summer programs for PDD and Pre-School Handicapped students.

"I commend the district for having extended the school year," said

Mrs. Simpson. "Using our own program generates tremendous cost savings, and children benefit from remaining in the district."

The board also accepted the kindergarten to grade 12 Content Standards and Proficiencies for the Social Studies Curriculum, and approved revisions to the curriculum guide for seventh-grade mathematics.

Seventh graders will use a new textbook for their pre-algebra course, as the board authorized purchase of "Transition Mathematics" for the new school year.

"The book talked about math in real terms," said Mr. Porter. "I wish I'd had a book like this at such a young age. It presents a good learning experience for pre-algebra students."

At the high school level, "Managing Your Personal Finances," was approved for the Business Education course.

Business Administrator and Board Secretary Matthew A. Clarke updated board members on the status of the six modular classrooms at the School One, Coles and Evergreen elementary schools.

According to the contractor, the modulars should be completed by Tuesday, September 1, "if not sooner." If so, completion will be approximately one year behind schedule.

In another matter, the board approved a five cent increase in lunch and milk prices for elementary and middle school students, and staff members. Lunch and milk are served a la carte at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Mr. Clarke noted that there had been no increase in milk prices (now 35 cents per day) in six years.

Board members also authorized a two-year agreement with NUI Energy of Bedminster for the actual purchase of natural gas at \$3.75 per dekatherm.

Mr. Ruggiero confirmed that the contract would save the district \$89,000 in natural gas costs over two years.

During the meeting, Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, of Westfield, congratulated Dr. Choye on her selection as New Jersey's Superintendent of the Year.

In reading the joint legislative resolution sponsored by himself, Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine and Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco, both of Scotch Plains, Mr. Bagger called Dr. Choye an "individual of outstanding character with an uncommon level of knowledge, commitment and creativity."

The superintendent expressed her thanks to the legislators for their support, and encouraged them "to continue to be champions for public schools."

Scotch Plains Voters Invited To Meet GOP Candidates

Scotch Plains voters will have an opportunity to meet the three Republican candidates for Township Council this Wednesday, July 8.

The candidates, Councilman Robert E. Johnston, Paulette Coronato and James Fawcett, will be at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

"This is not a fund-raiser. It is going to be an informal get-together where voters will be greeted by our candidates and can learn more about them," noted Gabe Spera, Chairman of the Scotch Plains Republican Committee.

"Having served on the Council since 1993, most residents know me, but I feel it's important to give them a chance to talk with me personally," Councilman Johnston said.

Ms. Coronato said that having lived in Scotch Plains for the past 21 years, and having volunteered in the community, she is also well known in the town, but wants people to get to know her on a different level.

"I want people to become familiar with me as someone who wants to represent their views on the Township Council," Ms. Coronato explained.

Through his work in real estate, Mr. Fawcett, an 18-year resident,

said he knows much about Scotch Plains and its people, but welcomes this opportunity to get to know more about both.

"I hope a lot of individuals will come out to introduce themselves to us and let us know what issues they are concerned about," Mr. Fawcett added.

"With two new candidates we hope to add a fresh perspective to the Town Council," Mr. Spera said, adding that Councilman Johnston will continue to provide leadership in many areas.

All are invited to the Meet the Candidates night. Dessert and coffee will be served. For more information, please contact Anthony Albanese at (908) 753-7355.

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County Signs Sister Agreement With City of Wenzhou, China

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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Both are located on major seaports. Both are located near major airports. Both are in the midst of expanding their economies through economic development initiatives.

And now, they are Sister Cities. Four years after first establishing diplomatic ties with the City of Wenzhou, Province of the People's Republic of China, Union County leaders and their counterparts from Wenzhou signed a Sister City Agreement Monday night which both sides anticipate will result in economic development as well as educational, technological and science initiatives in the years ahead.

When officials from the county and Wenzhou first established a "friendly exchange relationship" in 1994, delegations from each side agreed to initiate an informal exchange in the areas of economic trade, science, technology, culture and education, as well as other areas.

The Wenzhou delegation, representing a city of some seven million residents, included Wenzhou Mayor Qian Xingzhong, Deputy Secretary General Ye Zhengmeng, Consul General Qiu Shengyun, Deputy Consul General Qiu Shaofang, Consul for Intergovernmental Affairs Baoguang Li, Vice Consul for Overseas China Affairs Shiren Zhao, Director of the Wenzhou Planning Commission Chen Jike, Director of Financial Bureau Chen Hongyuan, Vice Director of Foreign Affairs Office Zeng Shanyue, Director of Overseas Chinese Affairs Xu Daoguan, Chairman of the Wenzhou Overseas Investment Corporation Shao Zixing, and Manager of the Wenzhou

Machinery Factory Li Jiang Zhong. Union County, which has a half million residents, was represented by Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan and Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari, as well as Freeholders Chester Holmes, Lewis Mingo, Jr., Alexander Mirabella, Mary P. Ruotolo, Deborah Scanlon, Linda Stender, Deputy County Manager and Director of the Department of Economic Development George W. Devanney and Freeholder Clerk M. Elizabeth Genievich. Also sitting at the dais was Sheriff Ralph G. Froehlich.

Last year, according to Mr. Devanney, a delegation from Wenzhou returned to the county, at which time a committee was created to "generate economic trade, cultural exchange and educational programs."

Following the official signing of the Sister City agreement, Freeholder Chairman Sullivan said in his remarks that the agreement will help Union County and Wenzhou "join as partners in the global marketplace."

In noting the common long-term goals of the county and Wenzhou towards international trade and economic development, Freeholder Sullivan said, "People are comfortable doing business and sharing information with people they know."

"For Wenzhou and Union County to enhance their economic visibility, we both must compete in the same international market," he said. Earlier in the day, ties were established between Wenzhou and Kean Universities which "will lead to a better understanding of the philosophies and success of our educational systems," Freeholder Sullivan added.

In his remarks, translated in English by an interpreter, Mayor Xingzhong described the Sister City agreement as being "like sewing a seed of a corporation."

He said since Union County sewed this, it is entitled to half of the benefits that are achieved from the agreement.

As a result of the Sister City pact, Mayor Xingzhong said he hopes the economic ties between Union County and Wenzhou will be "broader with more results achieved."

The City of Wenzhou lies in the middle section of China's coastline, bordering on the East China Sea.

Wenzhou Airport, which opened in 1990, has established 45 domestic air routes which link Hong Kong with Macao. Likewise, Newark International Airport, 60 percent of which lies in Elizabeth — the Union County seat — is among the fastest growing airports in the nation.

Wenzhou Harbor has been listed as one of the 20 main hub ports along the coastal area of China. Similarly, Port Elizabeth is the largest containerized, deep-water shipping terminal on the East Coast.

A delegation from Union County, led by Freeholder Stender, will visit Wenzhou in October.

The agreement with Wenzhou follows in line with other international ties being formed this year by the county. Freeholder Stender led a delegation this past January to Luxembourg.

In May, Saudi Arabia sent a delegation to participate in a trade mission hosted by the county. The county is planning to send a group to Portugal later this year to look into business opportunities in the European market.



BREAKFAST WITH THE GOVERNOR... Governor Christine Todd Whitman recently gave Northern New Jersey Republican Mayors an update on "State of the State" and what her administration is looking to accomplish in the new fiscal year. Attending the breakfast at the Governor's mansion, Drumthwacket, left to right, are: Roselle Park Mayor Joseph De Iorio, Union County Republican Chairman Frank X. McDermott of Westfield, Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papan, Governor Whitman, Mountainside Mayor Robert F. Viglianti, Cranford Mayor Wally K. Shackel, Jr., and Berkeley Heights Mayor Daniel A. Palladino, 3rd.



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TALE OF TWO CITIES...Members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders visit with Mayor Qian Xingzhong of Wenzhou City, People's Republic of China, during a luncheon held for the Wenzhou City delegation Monday at the Paprika Grille in Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Freeholders Linda d. Stender, Lewis Mingo, Jr., Mary P. Ruotolo and Alexander Mirabella; Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, Mayor Xingzhong, and Ken Marcotte of Paprika Grille.



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IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP... Union County Freeholder Vice Chairman Nicholas P. Scutari presents a gift on behalf of the county to Ambassador Chew Shin Uen, Consul General of the People's Republic of China from New York City, during Monday night's Sister City Signing Ceremony between Wenzhou City, China, and Union County. The event was held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elizabeth.

Michael Lapolla Named St. Elizabeth Trustee

The St. Elizabeth Hospital Board of Trustees recently elected three new members to St. Elizabeth Hospital's governing body. Among those elected was Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla. They will all serve three-year terms on the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lapolla, a Westfield resident, was First Assistant Prosecutor in the Union County Prosecutor's Office prior to being appointed County Manager last June.

He has also held positions as State Director of the Offices of former Senator Bill Bradley, Assistant Counsel to former Governor James J. Florio, an associate with Durkin & Durkin of Newark and as a sole practitioner engaged in the general practice of law in Elizabeth.

He is a past Chairman and past member of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

A graduate of Rutgers University in Newark, Mr. Lapolla received his Juris Doctor Degree in 1981 from Washington College of Law, American University in Washington, D.C., and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar that same year. A member of the New Jersey State Bar Association - Criminal Law Section and the Union County Bar Association, Mr. Lapolla is married to Susan M. MacMullan, a former Union County Assistant Prosecutor and the current Fanwood Municipal Judge.

They have one son, Michael Edward.

St. Elizabeth Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute care Catholic facility. Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, it is eastern Union County's teaching hospital.

Farmers Market Open for July 4

The Scotch Plains Jersey Farmers Market, now in its fifth year, will be open as usual this Saturday, July 4.

Organized by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association, it is held in the Municipal Parking Lot on Park Avenue on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The market offers local residents an opportunity to purchase fresh New Jersey grown produce. Among the produce available for sale will be fresh Jersey corn in time for holiday barbecues.

Amy Doherty Receives Bachelor's Degree

Amy E. Doherty of Westfield became a Dean's List graduate from The College of New Jersey, formerly Trenton State College, on May 15.

She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Psychology, and will be an elementary school teacher in the fall while pursuing a graduate degree in psychology for a career in counseling.

Ms. Doherty has been a member of the Order of Omega, the national Greek Honor Society, since 1997. She also served as Vice President and President of the Delta Zeta International Sorority.

She is a graduate of Washington Elementary School and of Roosevelt Intermediate School, both in Westfield, and of Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung.

Gwen Kealy Reappointed NJ Transit Corp. Secretary

The NJ Transit Board of Directors reappointed Gwen Watson Kealy, of Westfield, to a seventh consecutive

Transit Executive Management Team, which sets policies and manages all activities of the corporation. Among her duties, Ms. Kealy directs the activities of the Board of Directors' office, develops the agendas, and researches issues that affect the agency.

Ms. Kealy has been with NJ Transit for 18 years. She has served as the Director of Communications and Outreach for the NJ Transit Waterfront Transportation Program and as the Director of Publications and Special Events for the Corporate Headquarters.

The Seton Hall University, South Orange, graduate has also served as the Director of Information Services at the New Jersey Department of Energy and was an Account Executive at Grey Advertising in New York.



Gwen Watson Kealy

term as Corporate Secretary at its annual reorganization meeting held on June 17.

As Corporate Secretary, Ms. Kealy acts as board liaison between the statewide public transit corporation and the board Chairman, who is also the New Jersey Transportation Commissioner.

She serves on the 13-member NJ

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Two Residents Make Spring Dean's List At Miami University

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, recently announced that Deborah J. Shore of Scotch Plains and Diane L. Schwebel of Westfield achieved Dean's List status by earning a 3.5 or better grade point average for the second semester.

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KEY NOTE ADDRESS...Union County Freeholder Linda d. Stender, left, joined the many dignitaries, family members and well-wishers at the Fire Science Academy graduation ceremony that was recently held at the Union County College Cranford campus. Also pictured is retired Deputy Chief of the Westfield Fire Department, Roy Cross, who delivered the keynote address at the graduation.

Fire Training Academy Grads Recognized During Ceremony

Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan and Freeholder Linda d. Stender joined the many dignitaries, family members and well-wishers congratulating the graduates of this year's class at the Fire Science Academy Graduation Ceremony, held at Union County College last month.

"One of the most pleasant duties a Freeholder performs is that of congratulating the graduates of the Fire Science Training Academy," Freeholder Stender said.

"These men and women give up hundreds of hours to learn the dangerous skills of firefighting so they can enter burning buildings, answer calls in the middle of the night, battle fatigue, extreme heat and cold. They are also required to perform hours of maintenance, cleaning and upgrades to keep the fire fighting and rescue equipment safe and effective. We don't express our gratitude for your dedica-

tion and hard work as often as we should, but it is always there," Freeholder Stender said.

"We are particularly proud to be on the governing body which funds this academy. The science and skills of fighting fires and saving lives have changed dramatically over the past 50 years. Newer improved materials have become available in this field that save lives, making the training received at the academy vital to the welfare of our communities," Freeholder Sullivan said.

Among the spring graduates were Stephen Szanto of Fanwood, and Peter Hampton, Jr. and Stephen Marinaro of Scotch Plains.

"These graduates are continuing a proud and honorable tradition of sacrifice and dedication to the communities in Union County. We are proud for whatever role the county has played in helping prepare them to meet the challenges they will face," Freeholder Stender said.

Union County Responding To Demand for Soccer Fields

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' recent purchase of a 14-acre plot of land from the Kean family not only increases the amount of open space in Union County, but also will help meet the need for soccer fields in this area, according to Freeholder Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth.

He noted that the county has invested in new soccer facilities or in renovations to existing fields throughout the county in order to meet a growing demand for field space.

"As more and more young people, both boys and girls, take up soccer in our 21 municipalities, they are creating a huge demand for space in both municipal and county fields," said Freeholder Goncalves. "Union County is happy to step in and help."

Unlike baseball or football, he noted, soccer is played through the fall, spring and summer months, placing a constant demand for playing fields.

In addition, there is a great demand for adult-sized soccer fields in Union County, which is home to thousands of men and women from the soccer-playing nations in Central and South America and in Europe. They have formed leagues or informal soccer teams which present a strong demand for adult-sized soccer fields, the Freeholder explained.

In the past year, Mr. Goncalves pointed out that Union County has recently completed work on two new fields at Warinanco Park in Roselle. The county is also planning major renovations to a field in Mattano Park in Elizabeth, funded in part by the United States Soccer Federation, which donated \$50,000 toward the renovations. It will develop at least one soccer field at Ursino Park on land purchased from the Kean family on the border of Elizabeth and Union and will develop a field on Glenside Avenue in Summit. Union County is also working with officials from Scotch Plains and the Vocational-Technical Schools to develop a joint soccer/baseball field in the township.

"We responded with new fields or plans to create soccer fields in four county parks and with 'Project Pocket

Parks' which will fund athletic fields in our municipalities," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan.

He noted that the county's efforts help ease the burden on municipalities, since teams often use both local and county fields.

"It is my hope that our support for soccer in Union County will ultimately lead more young athletes to focus their time and abilities on the soccer field," said Freeholder Goncalves.

Mr. Ponte Resigns as Director Of County Jail; Mr. Coleman To Takeover Later This Month

Joseph Ponte, announced his resignation from the Union County's Director of Correction Services.

"In a short period of time, Joe Ponte improved the professionalism and culture of the county's correctional system," said County Manager Michael J. Lapolla.

James E. Coleman, an official with the City of Nashville, Tennessee, with more than 25 years of corrections experience, has been named to take Mr. Ponte's place. He will assume the position later this month.

Named Assistant Director of the county's Department of Corrections in April of this year, Mr. Coleman is a former corrections officer and director of an inmate work program for the Davidson County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Department. From 1980 to 1993, Mr. Coleman worked for the Tennessee Corrections Institute, developing training programs for local and county level corrections and law enforcement personnel as well as acting as a consultant in jail operations.

He left the Institute in 1990 to work with the National Statute of Corrections in Boulder, Colorado, where he coordinated management training programs for corrections departments across the country.

From 1993 to 1996, he was Director of Parole Training for the State of Tennessee, then worked and as a Nashville city official within the Mayor's office.

"James Coleman brings a strong background in corrections, having worked as an officer and in the area of officer training on the local, county and national levels," said Mr. Lapolla. "He continues this county's focus on training and professionalism."

On an average day, the county's jail system holds 1,300 to 1,400 prisoners, the numbers fluctuating widely depending on intake. It has a staff of 380, of which 330 are uniformed officers.

Mr. Coleman said that he plans to focus on overtime at the jail.

"I want to ensure that the facility has proper staff for each shift," he said. "I also want to focus on training and to ensure that the staff has the most up-to-date training possible."

Mr. Ponte began at Union County's jail in November, 1996, following a national search by the county.

He was retired from the position of Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections.

Mr. Ponte had also worked for the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, a private correctional firm, before coming to the county position.

As Director, Mr. Ponte focused on bringing greater professionalism and increased training to the system. He instituted a number of changes pre-

viously requested by county officials including a strategic planning process which provided staff participation to resolve problems at the jail. He also brought new management techniques to the jail.

Mr. Ponte, increased the officers training time to 26,000 hours in his first year, and began using the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Union County for corrections officer training. Orientation time for corrections officers increased from three weeks to five weeks per year.

He also increased the training staff by hiring a full-time training officer for the corrections department. Tougher, physical fitness requirements also were introduced for officer recruits.

"Overall I wanted to develop a more professional highly-trained staff within the county's corrections system, and we accomplished that," Mr. Ponte said.

College Retirees Include Three Township Residents

Thirteen Union County College (UCC) faculty and staff members who are entering retirement during the 1997-1998 academic year were honored by the college administration during a reception held on May 14 at the UCC Cranford Campus.

Dr. Thomas H. Brown, college President, presented each retiree with a gift and honored them with individual remarks.

Among this year's retirees and their years of hire at UCC are: Dolores Bruschetti, Vice President for Financial Affairs and Treasurer, 1976; Eleanor Fuller, Secretary in the Health Technologies Department, 1975, and Doris Schaefer, clerk in the Student Accounts Office, 1975, all of Scotch Plains.

Also retiring is Roy Smith, board secretary and former Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He has worked for the college since 1957.

Barbara Gilmour Awarded Scholarship At Campbell University

Barbara Gilmour, of Scotch Plains, has been awarded the Alton Glenn and Mary Green Johnson Fine Arts Scholarship from Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina.

Campbell University is a liberal arts university offering undergraduate and graduate programs.

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FAIR DAYS...Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan, right, and Freeholders Deborah Scanlon center, and Alexander Mirabella are seen at the Union County exhibit at the Nomahegan Park Crafts Fair held last week in Cranford. "The county utilizes these fairs as ideal opportunities to reach residents with the diverse recreational and cultural activities available to our residents," Freeholder Sullivan said.

Freeholder Speaks Before Chamber on County Projects Aimed at Economic Growth

Union County Freeholder Donald Goncalves recently spoke before the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce to discuss initiatives spearheaded by Union County, which will help spur further economic development.

The presentation included a discussion on the county's support of road and rail improvements leading to the Jersey Gardens Mall and the Elizabeth Center at Exit No. 13A on the New Jersey Turnpike, and increased development of Route 1 and Route 9 in Linden and Rahway.

The mall, now under construction, is expected to be completed by November of 1999.

Motorists will be able to access the mall and increased retail development, centered around IKEA, via a new overpass now under construction.

Sixty percent of the airport lies in Elizabeth which has resulted in officials now referring to the facility as the "Newark-Elizabeth Airport."

"The Route 1 and 9 corridor is the backbone of Union County, helping to connect our airport and seaport," stated Freeholder Goncalves. "Increases in development create a need to improve our road and rail infrastructure, that is what the Transportation Development District (TDD) allows us to do."

Another initiative referred to by the Freeholder was the recent approval of \$30 million for the Union County Light

Rail Initiative. This is included in the transportation legislation passed by both houses of Congress and awaiting President Clinton's signature.

"The original proposal to link Elizabeth exclusively to Newark did not give the residents of Union County the opportunity to connect directly to the airport as well as to the area where the major economic developments are taking place today, such as the Seaport," he said.

He added that the Union County Light Rail Project will help to connect towns such as Roselle, Roselle Park, Cranford and to the west, Plainfield.

The presentation ended with Freeholder Goncalves stating the philosophy of the board on economic development:

"People today are choosing places to invest in, based on quality of life issues," he told the Chamber.

He referred to the recent purchase of the Kean family property in Union to help increase parks and recreational opportunities for the residents of Union County.

"We can talk about economic development, but we can't make it our only priority. Improving parks, neighborhoods, major corridors as well as enhanced transportation is part of a overall package that helps to make Union County a more livable place and that should be our legacy for our children," he said.

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The X-Files: The ABC's of Paranoia

By Michael S. Goldberger



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

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Oooh, it's mysterious. Oooh, it's spooky. Oooh, it's intriguing. Oooh, it's conspiratorial. But, uh, what is this all about anyway? And are we ever going to see any aliens or what?

Paranoia sells. Witness the jump from boob tube to silver screen that The X-Files has made with no small amount of media fanfare. X-ers who have made successful this award-winning TV show about an alien-hunting division of the F.B.I. will doubtless make a satisfied pilgrimage to the feature length version. They will roll the lore's buzzwords on their tongues, speculate the possibilities of alien discovery, and be vicariously titillated (or even worse) by the possibility of agents Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) and Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) finally consummating their uniquely bizarre brand of sexual tension.

Meanwhile, the great unwashed who curiously venture forth into X-cult territory will reaffirm why they have never become fans in the first place. While "Seinfeld" was about nothing, it is never quite clear what The X-Files is actually about. But that's precisely the secret, its stock-in-trade.

The smirky self-satisfaction of this tantalizing drama derives from the insider status it confers upon its loyal adherents. Sort of like getting a secret decoder ring. Imagine it. A paranoia-driven series devoted to the search for alien life among us, week in and week out. Fellow X-ers at the office give each other knowing looks as they discuss the most recent developments, hushing up when an outsider approaches. How paranoia is that?

Still, there's something to be said for the beguiling chemistry Mr. Duchovny and Miss Anderson are able to maintain in their transition to the big screen. A sort of neurotic, 90's version of Nick and Nora Charles. As outlandish or obscure as the premise may get, the bond between these two soulful surfers of the paranoid seems quite genuine. A believable romance like theirs, even if it only is of the wait-and-see variety, can go a long way to legitimizing the surrounding scenario. And so the "X-Files" convoluted plot, featuring kinky characters new as well as familiar (like the Cigarette-Smoking Man), plays better than it really should.

As the tale opens, the files have been discontinued until further notice. Casualties of downsizing, Scully and Mulder have been relegated to toiling in the realm of anti-terrorist activities. But first, a 37-thousand-year flashback to Ice Age Texas. It appears that even cave men had their own version of the X-Files. Murky does ensue, haunting shades of 2001: A Space Odyssey. You never do get a good shot of the visitors. But Mark Snow's alarming music assures us that they must be heinous.

Director Rob Bowman (who has directed several TV episodes) puts this here in your bonnet: Maybe they were here before we were. So then, who are the real aliens? While The X-Files thrives on withholding answers, its real forte is posing great questions.

Flash forward to modern times, the same site. A boy falls into a pit, presumably the grotto where the cave folk met their match. The child goes comatose, his eyes turn black. He's a goner. Switch to Scully and Mulder. Kaboom! They narrowly escape the horrific explosion that levels a Federal building in Dallas, a chilling scene that uncomfortably trades on the obvious resonance. But it's all connected. Yup, believe it.

Plying his storied intuition, Mulder convinces Scully that their original mission is again worth pursuing. But while the mystical apparitions director Bowman populates writer Chris Carter's story with bespeak all sort of cabalistic dread, what it really boils down to is the derring duo taking turns saving each other's lives. Occasionally, a batch of space gook does a menacing splat.

Along the way, we are introduced to large-scale action in the Antarctic; are made privy to a clandestine meeting of self-appointed world leaders who mutter a lot of mumbo-jumbo about mankind's future; and hear the hammy admonitions of the unflagging Dr. Kurtzweil (Martin Landau), eccentric alien sleuth extraordinaire.

But the question is, do you get to see the aliens? Therein lies the rub. Would

Having Three Names for Center Of Scotch Plains is 'Ridiculous'

I regret that the Scotch Plains Township Council has chosen to bow out of the Centre Boulevard proposal because "it just isn't worth it."

I have been a Scotch Plains resident all my life and am tired of visitors calling "Fanwood" the center of Scotch Plains. The Scotch Plains Township Council should take on all battles that help improve the township's identity and enhance the central business district.

The Park Avenue to Martine Avenue name changeover is bad enough, but a major town road that has three names: East Second Street, Plainfield Avenue and Westfield Avenue, is ridiculous. Are we purposely trying to get out-of-towners lost with these convoluted street designations? Centre Boulevard signs won't make or break this town but they will help.

Local residents opposing this should see the benefits to their own neighborhood identities and the potential that the value of their homes may actually be enhanced.

I salute Councilman Martin Marks'

We congratulate all the college graduates and those that have achieved academic honors. We have been receiving many press releases in regard to the above achievements. We ask for your patience - we will publish them all. Thank you.

Thomas J. Ruggiero Scotch Plains

you settle for an extraterrestrial virus? How about if we up the ante by having the insidious bugs invade their human hosts for spawning? Would that be enough?

The X-Files teases on two fronts: Just as there wouldn't be much point to this sci-fi drama if Scully and Mulder were to reserve a catering hall and register at Nordstrom's, the story tension would be lost if indisputable contact were made with alien life. Hence, much of this movie's action takes place in the shadows and fringes, where nothing is quite what it seems. In fact, the only thing certain about The X-Files is its fascinatingly.

The X-Files, rated PG-13, is a 20th Century Fox release directed by Rob Bowman and stars David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson, and Martin Landau. Running time: 115 minutes.

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GYMNASIUMS

The naked truth about the word gymnasium is that it stems from "a place in ancient Greece or Rome where men (only) exercised in the buff." This lack of modesty probably explains why women were prohibited from watching the original "R" rated Olympic games held in classical Greece.

The present definition, of a gymnasium is, "a room or building equipped for physical training and sports." In European countries a gymnasium is also "a secondary school for students preparing to enter a university." Dress codes have changed for the modern counterpart of the ancient athlete, so that today, women are no longer banned from viewing or participating in such contests — nor is parental guidance suggested.

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Mother Encouraged to Seek 'Traditional' Form of Therapy

By Milt Faith, Executive Director Youth and Family Counseling Service



A reader writes: Let me tell you what has helped me most in therapy. I was raised in what is now called a dysfunctional family. I was determined to be able to stand on my own when I was an adult. I went to college, met the man I married (at a young age) and now live in New Jersey, have two children and found myself again in a difficult family situation.

My husband is a control freak himself and so we argue over everything. (Luckily I have no financial problems). A friend convinced me to see a therapist who is very unique. I realized that just talking about my problems didn't help me. He introduced me to "retail therapy" and I have never been happier. What it means is that I "shop till I drop." I buy items which make me happy.

He convinced me that I am entitled to make myself happy and if shopping makes me happy, why not do it. Do you use this and do you have any comments?

Answer: No comment would be my best comment. I don't know if you are serious or not. It is hard to believe that a competent professional would provide "retail therapy." It does not encourage you to look at your early formative years and resolve the traumas which you experienced in your family — traumas which affect your adult life. I would strongly encourage you to seek more traditional therapy during the times when you are not shopping. (Give me a break!).

A frustrated reader writes: I refuse to listen to radio unless I listen to music, just music, or news. I refuse to watch TV, unless it's fun TV. I am sick and tired of the anger expressed by so many talk radio hosts. And recently a friend actually appeared on the Judge Judy court show. She felt humiliated and insulted and wondered why she permitted herself to be verbally abused. What is your take on this.

Answer: Please don't start me on this again. I do not want to be labeled conservative nor liberal. My response is very clear. Talk shows are very successful and very competitive. The hosts realize, and are encouraged, to insult and incite in the name of ratings, and because it is "psychologically healthy to express oneself."

Not true. Talk show hosts, like Dr.

Laura; spouts moral platitudes based on what she judges to be moral. If a caller expresses a feeling contrary to the host's political view, look out for insults and name calling. And Judge Judy, or Judge Ed Koch; give me a break. Judge Judy should be fined and sentenced for her contempt and mockery.

And guess what? These hosts are the most highly rated ones on the media. Obviously listeners have some need met by tuning in. I recommend you do as you say you will do: don't listen to non-talk programs which are filled with hysteria and anger. Listen to music, news, sports or talk shows which are informative and entertaining, i.e., Joan Hamburg, Arthur Schwartz, etc.

A disgruntled father writes: My daughter told us recently that she plans to return to work as a theatrical agent (she used to love it and was successful) and my son-in-law will be leaving his job and become the homemaker to their two young children. What kind of a man does this? "Bob" is a very good father but won't this confuse the children? Won't they think less of him? I've worked all my life and cannot accept nor understand this.

My daughter tells me to be quiet and mind my own business. What is my role here? Answer: Your role is to be supportive and mind your own business. The children's decision to reverse roles is theirs to make, and it seems to be based on their wishes, needs and personalities. I don't know what Bob does professionally, but he may need less structure, less tension, more quiet, more involvement with the children. Your grandchildren will not think less of him. Past habits and beliefs which demanded that men and women play set, rigid stereotypical roles no longer hold.

Some men do well staying home as caretakers and some women are happier when they pursue professions which are fulfilling. Each person or couple has the right to make his/her own decisions based on family realities.

Please don't project your expectations onto them. If you have time, you might even enjoy joining Bob in helping the grandchildren with daily activities. (I wonder what my dad would have said about this issue. Ye gads!)

Letters to the Editor

Lets Here From Mayoral Contenders On Condition of Westfield's Sewers

Westfield Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko, "hesitant to provide too many details" on the Harrow Road sewer backups, "noted that sewer backups, while unpleasant, do occur" (The Westfield Leader, June 18). I wonder how many of us

would find a flow of sewage into our homes merely "unpleasant." And with what frequency, then, have sewers in Westfield been in fact discharging into homes?

I have in my possession a file, going back nearly two decades and documenting sewer breakdowns in Westfield as evidenced by fecal matter, toilet paper, fuel oil, etc. in the West Brook, which flows across the back of my property.

It has been clear for quite some time now, to some residents at least, that it is only a matter of time before sewage discharges into residences would become a fact of life in Westfield.

Now that this day has unfortunately come, perhaps the subject of Westfield's sewers will, finally, capture the attention of our elected officials. It is a subject that deserves more serious public discussion than has been the case to date.

A new election season dawns. May we hear from you, Mayor Thomas C. Jardim, you First Ward Councilwoman and Mayoral contender Gail S. Vernick, and you Norman N. Greco, Mayoral candidates, in this regard? And what about you, Fourth Ward Councilman Lawrence A. Goldman, through whose ward the West Brook flows for at least a mile?

Dr. Ferdinand Gajewski Westfield

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Wouldn't Funds Planned for Diner Site Be Better Spent on Existing Parks?

Ever since the Excellent Diner was moved from Westfield to Germany several years ago, the site has been an eyesore in the center of the downtown. The burning question currently is whether this site should be developed as a park or for commercial use.

This Monday night the Westfield Planning Board is scheduled to hear the Sekas family case to build a three-story office building with retail space on street level for the site. A total of six variances are being sought for the application.

If the office building fails to gain the nod of the board, perhaps the family might agree to sell the lot to the town for additional parking spaces.

While the Union County Freeholders "Pocket Park" plan is a good idea for preserving open space in the county, creating such a recreational area along a congested area of North Avenue, a state highway, is not money well spent. We believe that the county's funds would have been better spent on upgrading one of Westfield's existing parks, such as the concrete overlook at Mindowaskin Park.

Under the county program, municipalities were given the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to create a park or playground. Towns could apply for grants of up to \$25,000 each for "building, replacing, or renovating a playground." The maximum for the grants allowed was \$125,000 per town. So, Westfield could have applied for several \$25,000 grants adding up to the total rather than the one grant to acquire land for a park. The town did receive funds for upgrading the playground at the former Lincoln School building.

Some members of the council noted that they only became aware that the money could also be used on existing parks and playgrounds upon reading press accounts. In fact, of the 21 grants awarded to each of the county's municipalities, only four other communities (Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Summit) have proposed to buy land and create a park. All the other towns, many of which applied for the full \$100,000 grant for a park, plan to use these funds for the renovation of existing parks and fields. Cranford,

for instance, plans to renovate its tennis courts, soccer field, a park and its community center. Linden plans to renovate five of its parks.

The bottom line is that as a matching dollar-for-dollar grant program, these towns should be able to use their own "matching funds" to improve the recreational facilities for their residents. Under the county program, both county and municipal funds must be spent on the same park project.

This improves the "quality of life," one of today's buzz words, for all taxpayers while preserving "open space" which is another objective of our elected leaders. The latter is the main objective behind the "Project Pocket Park" program, an idea brought to the county this year by Daniel P. Sullivan, Chairman of the Union county Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Excellent Diner site was highlighted by the Freeholders when they chose the location to hold their press conference on the awarding of the grants back in May.

If the objective of the Town Council was to take advantage of the county grant, couldn't this be done by fixing Mindowaskin, the pond at Tamaques Park, or making improvements at Memorial Park or Sycamore Field projects already in the municipal budget?

Westfield Mayor Thomas C. Jardim has said the pocket park idea downtown has been brought forward as an alternative should the application for an office building fail at the site. He said if the "threat" of town pressure for a park has pushed the owners of the lot to develop, thus cleaning up the site, then the plan has worked. We agree with Mayor Jardim the lot has been unkempt for too long.

This is true to some degree. But, couldn't the same end have been achieved if the town had used the exterior property maintenance code to encourage the owners of the diner site to clean up the property, thus enabling county funds and town matching dollars to be earmarked to improve one of these other existing parks?

We will let our elected officials decide that question.

'New' Rialto Theatre Is a Pleasure For Westfield Community

Thanks to Jesse Sayegh, the new owner of the Rialto Theatre, for saving the Westfield movie theater. The removal of the exterior paint revealed a quite attractive building with interesting architectural details on the facade.

It will be a pleasure for all of us, and particularly for our young people, to have a local theater and one much improved.

I believe Westfielders will support to the fullest by their attendance at our "new" theater.

Mary D. Herberich Westfield

Emeralds Coaching Staff Has Taught Daughter to Be Well-Rounded Athlete

I would like to thank Mike Meriton, Joe Masterson, Joe Triola and James Gilmartin for the incredible gifts they have extended my daughter, Emily, as a member of the Emeralds Traveling Soccer Team.

Over the last six years, these four coaches have not only taught her incredible soccer skills, they have taught her how to be a well-rounded athlete. They have taught her what it means to be a team player. They have treated her with respect, kindness, and compassion all without losing sight of the fact that discipline was mandatory.

This is not to say that their critiquing of Emily's skills was always well received by her. However, as she matured, she started to understand that the critiquing was not personal, that it was necessary to help her to become the skilled athlete she is, and that it was offered by coaches who genuinely cared more about the athlete than the final outcome.

Emily came to understand this because these gentlemen never under utilized a single player. These girls knew they were important for the team because they all played. The coaches didn't just develop and play the top echelon, as is so common, and for their efforts they have a top scale team with every member contributing to its success.

The girls learned the game well and their love of the game was nurtured. Winning was never once placed ahead of these athletes. Yet win it what they did year after year, as evidenced by the number of trophies in Emily's room, to which she just added two more after this week-end of play.

We spent this last weekend at a tournament in Connecticut. This was the last time these girls would be playing for the Emeralds team, as they must disband and move onto another division. (Did I get that right fellas?) I cannot tell you how proud I am of these girls.

Their performance at this tournament was proof-positive testimony to what good coaching skills can do. This team couldn't have given these coaches a better fare-

well gift. They displayed incredible skills, endurance, camaraderie and above all they displayed exquisite good sportsman-like conduct.

Also, in all the time we traveled as a group, I've never once heard a parent complain about the coaches. Respect was mutually given and received. Thanks to these wonderful adults our children received a great message.

I have such appreciation for the wives of these coaches too. Marie, Lydia, Chris and Kathy gave up personal time with their husbands, so that these men could enrich the life of my daughter and her teammates. I will be eternally grateful to them all.

I have been an experience I will treasure always. I will never be able to give back to them or their husbands what they have given to my family, so instead, I will always keep them in my prayers. Thank you!

Karen E. Mortenson Westfield

Doesn't Scotch Plains Want an Identity With 'Boulevard'?

I have lived in Fanwood over 40 years and have seen some strange headlines in The Times over the years, but the issues surrounding Centre Boulevard produced the most bizarre local story I have ever seen.

Does Scotch Plains not want an "identity" to support its local businesses? Does Scotch Plains not want to unify the name of a main thoroughfare that currently has three different names, two of which are identified by the names of surrounding towns? Are questionable petitions running the decision making process on the Scotch Plains Township Council?

If Scotch Plains is serious about supporting and improving its downtown business district, the name of Centre Boulevard is a good idea in helping out-of-towners find town center.

Thomas J. Ruggiero Scotch Plains

Letters to the Editor

Discipline Against Students Fighting In SP-F District Needs to Be Stricter

This letter is to inform all parents and the members of the Board of Education that violence is very much alive in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

Our children are not safe in the high school environment. Our tax dollars employ a female security guard who has been seen dancing with the students after school. She is not their peer. She is employed to make our children safe and should be a figure of respect.

My daughters ages 15 and 17 and their friends have been verbally and physically harassed and threatened throughout the 1997-1998 school year by senior students, but avoided confrontation at all costs.

As a concerned parent, I personally notified an administrator at the high school and my daughters spoke to their guidance counselor about the problem, hoping to end the abuse. At the close of school on June 17, my eldest daughter and two of her friends were the target of a premeditated assault on school grounds, by this group of seniors.

Five members of this group sprayed my daughter and her friends with shaving cream, punched them in the head and literally scratched the new contacts out of my daughter's eyes. Natural instinct gave these victims the strength to defend themselves to the best of their ability. Security was still MIA.

After the senseless attack, there were numerous meetings and conversions with all parties concerned, including school officials. A decision was made to disregard the existing policy, which up until June 17, consisted of five days suspension for fighting on school property regardless of the time of the year, administered at the time of the incident.

These violent seniors were not suspended and allowed to attend the graduation ceremony. Parents were informed that if the seniors did not attend their ceremony, then the juniors would not be able to attend their graduation ceremony the following year.

Instead all students involved were given community service of cleaning desks for five days, to write letters of apology and the possibility of my daughter receiving reimbursement for her contact lenses. This reward for negative behavior sets a new precedent that allows senior students to invoke a riot during the last five days of the school year without any repercussions.

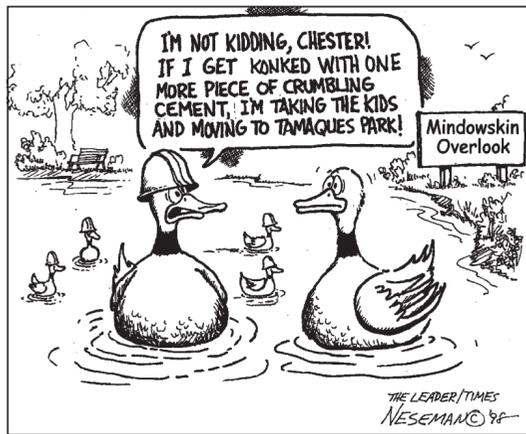
Were these the same warnings and signals ignored by administrators in Oregon, Arkansas, and Mississippi where students were slain or were these the same warnings handled effectively in Butler?

Parents of this community need to be made aware of our laissez-faire administrators. Wake up Board of Education and administration, the facts remain that violence exists in our suburban schools and we have ineffective

placating administration in place.

With the appointment of a new principal at the high school in progress, it is essential to consider an individual who will make decisions in a democratic fashion. One who has the ability to communicate with parents and students and is not fearful to administer proper discipline for the actions. What's next? Probably guns.

Cindy Soloway Scotch Plains



Scotch Plains Democrats Oppose Park Place Proposal For Expansion, Pharmacy

Scotch Plains Democratic candidates for the Township Council, Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley, and Geri Morgan Samuel, have announced their opposition to a plan before the Scotch Plains Planning Board that if approved would allow the Park Place restaurant property to add a 12,000-square-foot Drug Fair pharmacy and permit a major expansion of the restaurant facility itself.

The property, formerly known as the Sleepy Hollow Restaurant, is located at the intersection Raritan Road and Martine Avenue.

The three-some said in a joint statement that, "Commercial development in a residential zone is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of good planning and zoning. We further believe that the residents of the community desire to preserve the character and quality of life in Scotch Plains. The plan for this site is incompatible with those beliefs."

Mr. Donatelli, a life-long Scotch Plains resident, commented, "I was motivated to run for council by many residents who have expressed their deep concerns about the continued proposals that would erode the character of Scotch Plains."

"I strongly support the views of the many area residents and those throughout the township who know that this type of development is detrimental to the heritage of our com-

munity," said Mr. Donatelli.

Mr. Bromley, who, along with his wife, has been restoring his local pre-Revolutionary period residence, added, "Townspople have presented many valid reasons of concern. Among these is the fact that the area itself is one of historic significance. Historians report that much of the region was part of the Revolutionary War site of the 'Battle of the Short Hills,' one of the largest engagements of American patriots and British soldiers to take place in New Jersey."

Mrs. Samuel, mother of two children, expressed, "Neighbors have justifiably pointed out the tremendous, potential hazards to both children and adult pedestrians. There will be increased traffic and maneuvering of vehicles in an out of the already busy parking lot. This is among one of the busiest intersections in Scotch Plains. Vehicles are reported to travel at particularly high rates of speed in this area."

Mr. Donatelli, Mr. Bromley, and Mrs. Samuel concluded by stating, "Simply put, this proposal does not serve the best interests of the residents of Scotch Plains. Moreover, its approval could serve as a bad precedent that could lead to additional commercial development at that site as well as a rationale to encroach into other residential neighborhoods in Scotch Plains."



AGAINST PARK PLACE PLAN...Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley, and Geri Morgan Samuel, pictured left to right, Democratic candidates for Scotch Plains Township Council, have announced their opposition to a plan before the local Planning Board that would allow the owners of the Park Place Restaurant, formerly the Sleepy Hollow, to construct a 12,000-square-foot retail store in a residential zone.



A WEALTH OF LEADERSHIP...Six former Republican Westfield Mayors attended Sunday's Republican fund-raiser for First Ward Councilwoman and GOP Mayoral candidate Gail S. Vernick. Pictured, left to right, are: standing, former Mayors Raymond W. Stone, Bud C. Boothe, Richard H. Bagger (currently a State Assemblyman), Allen Chin, and Ronald J. Frigerio; seated, Councilwoman Vernick and former Mayor H. Emerson Thomas.

Mrs. Vernick's Mayoral Bid Draws Republican Support

First Ward Councilwoman Gail S. Vernick, the first female Republican Mayoral candidate in the history of Westfield, was honored by more than 150 local residents and dignitaries at the home of recently re-elected Union County Republican Chairman and former state Senator Frank X. McDermott and his wife, Patricia, on June 25.

Mr. McDermott enthusiastically endorsed the candidacy of Councilwoman Vernick for Mayor, stating that he was pleased to have a Republican woman seeking the town's highest office.

In addition, former Mayors Ronald Frigerio, Alan Chin, Bud C. Boothe, and H. Emerson Thomas were present in support of Mrs. Vernick's Mayoral bid.

The councilwoman's running mates in this year's Westfield election are Jon Bramnick, who is seeking election to the Town Council from the First Ward; Councilman Jim Gruba, who is running for reelection in the Second Ward, Noreen Lund, seeking election in the Third Ward, and Fourth Ward candidate for council, Tom Cusimano.

In addressing the guests, Mrs. Vernick's speech focused on her Westfield experience, her initiatives which have had a positive response from town residents, and her history of service as a member of the Town Council.

"I'm looking forward to January, when I can roll up my sleeves, and get the job done," the councilwoman stated.

Council Candidates To Meet Residents At July 8 Gathering

The three Republican candidates for the Scotch Plains Township Council will meet with residents on Wednesday, July 8, at the Scotch Hills Country Club on Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The candidates include incumbent Councilman Robert Johnston, Paulette Coronato and Jim Fawcett.

Gabe Spera, Chairman of the Scotch Plains Republican Committee, said everyone is invited to this free get-together.

"The candidates are looking forward to learning the views and receiving input from people in our community in an informal, friendly setting," he noted.

"We hope many residents will join us for our Meet the Candidates night," he added.

Desserts and coffee will be served. For more information, please call Anthony Albanese at (908) 753-7355.

Jacquelyn A. Gibbons Is Awarded Degree From U. of Alabama

Jacquelyn A. Gibbons of Scotch Plains was among 2,200 students who were awarded degrees at spring commencement exercises held recently on the Tuscaloosa campus of the University of Alabama.

Resolution Urges Congress To Remedy Aircraft Noise

The Senate Transportation Committee approved a resolution on June 22, sponsored by State Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco, which urges President Clinton and the United States Congress to enact the provisions of the federal "Quiet Communities Act of 1997," and to provide funding for the reestablishment of the Office of Noise Abatement and Control, so that the issue of excessive aircraft noise can be addressed.

"Many communities in New Jersey are affected by the noise of thousands of aircraft, whose flight patterns require flying over these communities en route to LaGuardia Airport, Kennedy International Airport and Newark International Airport," said Senator DiFrancesco, who represents the 22nd Legislative District which includes Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Mountainside.

"The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) predicts there will be 36 percent more flights in these airports by the year 2007," he continued. "Something must be done to address this growing problem."

In 1982, the Office of Noise Abatement and Control was closed due to an absence of funding. The United States Environmental Protection Agency remains responsible for enforcing regulations adopted and implemented pursuant to the Noise Control Act of 1972, even though funding for the Office of Noise Abatement and Control has been terminated.

"This is more than just a quality of life issue. Excessive aircraft noise poses a serious health risk to New Jerseyans," remarked Senator DiFrancesco. "Chronic exposure to

noise has been linked to an increased risk of cardiovascular problems, strokes, and nervous disorders."

Senator DiFrancesco added that studies have shown that especially loud, intermittent noise over which the exposed person has no control is particularly jarring to the nervous system, and can result in nervous or even violent behavior.

"Excessive and nuisance noise causes sleep deprivation, task interruption, illness and disorders that pose immeasurable loss of productivity and other costs on society," he said.

The resolution calls for the federal government to correct the aircraft noise problem sanctioned by the FAA, and calls for the "Quiet Communities Act of 1997" to be enacted and funded under the reestablished Office of Noise Abatement and Control.

Mr. Augustine Reveals New Office Location

The District Office of Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine has moved to 1811 Springfield Avenue in New Providence. The telephone numbers for the office will remain the same.

Assemblyman Augustine, who represents Union, Somerset, Morris and Middlesex Counties, serves as Chairman of the Assembly State Government Committee, and is a member of the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee.

"Our new offices will enable my staff to better serve our constituents," Mr. Augustine said.

The telephone number at the office is (908) 665-7777, and the fax number is (908) 665-0903.

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Craig Curty and Miss Wendy Kennedy

Miss Wendy Kennedy To Marry Craig Curty

Mike and Brenda Kennedy of Trinity, North Carolina have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Wendy Kennedy, to Craig Curty of High Point, North Carolina. He is the son of Alfred and Joan Curty, formerly of Westfield.

An alumna of Trinity High School in Trinity, the future bride graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Andrea Duchek, Jessica Schneider Receive Degrees

Andrea Elizabeth Duchek, of Westfield, and Jessica Ilyse Schneider, of Mountainside, were among 620 students who received degrees from Union College, Schenectady, New York, during recent commencement exercises.

Jessica, a 1994 graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology, cum laude.

Andrea, a 1994 graduate of Westfield High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology.

Her fiancé graduated from Westfield High School in 1989 and from High Point University in North Carolina in 1993. He is presently studying for his master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and is employed as Assistant Director of the Learning Center at High Point University.

The couple plan to be married later this month in North Carolina.

Eric Shea Earns Honors At Lynchburg College

Eric Shea, son of Eric and Denise Shea of Scotch Plains, received Dean's List honors for the spring 1998 semester at Lynchburg College in Virginia.

Eric is a 1995 graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. He is a senior majoring in political science.



MR. AND MRS. GUSTAVO PENA-LE RIVEREND
(She is the former Miss Kerry Ann Weiss)

Miss Kerry Ann Weiss Weds Gustavo Pena-Le Riverend

Miss Kerry Ann Weiss, the daughter of Elizabeth and David Weiss of Westfield, was married on Saturday, June 6, to Gustavo Eduardo Pena-Le Riverend, the son of Rosa Amelia and Gustavo Antonio Pena of Coral Gables, Florida.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Reverend Joseph Iudano at the Four Seasons restaurant in New York City, followed by a dinner reception. The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Ms. Maureen Cara Weiss-Driscoll of New York City, the sister of the bride, served as the matron of honor. Eamon Manley, also of New York City, was the best man.

The bride, a 1989 graduate of Westfield High School, graduated cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, and will begin her Master in Business Administration program at the Owen School of Man-

agement at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee this fall.

She is employed as an editor at Standard & Poor's, a financial data service in Boston.

Her father is the founder of Weiss Associates, a marketing research company in Westfield. Her mother retired as an art specialist in the South Orange-Maplewood school system.

The bridegroom graduated from Florida International University and attended the University of Oklahoma. He is the Director of Marketing Communications for the Brookstone Company in Nashua, New Hampshire.

His father is a producer for CBS TeleNoticias, a Spanish language television station in Miami. His mother is the Program Director for Renacer Mental Health Services in Miami.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Rico, the couple reside in Boston.

Ms. Ardis DeCamp To Wed Dr. Andrew Perry

Dr. Andrew Bruce Perry of Westfield and Ms. Ardis Kennedy DeCamp of Palo Alto, California have announced their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. DeCamp of Los Angeles. She is a 1973 graduate

Daughter, Mackenzie, Born to Pinkins

Steven and Krista Pinkin of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Elizabeth Pinkin, at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Mackenzie weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and measured 20 1/4 inches in length at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are John Mahoney of Parsippany and Mary Regan of Glendale, New York.

The paternal grandparents are James and Lois Pinkin of Westfield. Mackenzie's maternal great-grandmother is Mary Regan of Woodside, New York.

Her paternal great-grandmothers are Alice Pinkin of Bricktown and Lillian Pushman of Bradenton, Florida.

of Tappan Zee High School in Orangeburg, New York.

Ms. DeCamp earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado in 1977. She was awarded her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Columbia University in New York in 1986.

She received her master's degree in nursing from the University of California in San Francisco in 1996, and is employed by Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford as a pediatric nurse.

The future bridegroom is the son of Joseph Perry and Mrs. Gertrude K. Perry, both of Brooklyn. He is a 1971 graduate of Sheepshead Bay High School in Brooklyn.

Dr. Perry attended the State University of New York at Binghamton, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1976 and a master's degree in education in 1979 from State University College at Buffalo, New York.

He earned his doctorate in education from Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York in 1993. Dr. Perry is the Principal of Wilson Elementary School in Westfield.

A summer wedding is planned.

Volunteers and Donations Sought for Music Program

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA), a non-profit organization based in Westfield, is seeking volunteers and financial support for "String Magic," a program of stringed instrument instruction, offered at the Washington School in Plainfield.

Conceived by Dr. Theodore K. Schlosberg, NJWA founder and Director, the program was originally offered to second graders in January

and was expanded in March to incorporate third through sixth graders. Dr. Schlosberg revealed that although "String Magic" has been well received by the Plainfield school district, the city currently does not have the funds to support the program, which thus far has survived on volunteerism and philanthropy.

A total of \$200 is required to provide one child with a violin, bow, case, rosin, music, and stand. Through donations of money and instruments, each child in the program was supplied with his or her own violin to use.

Dr. Schlosberg is presently the only volunteer instructor for the program. Support from grants and corporate funding will be crucial to making the program a continuing success, according to the NJWA Director.

"String Magic" is scheduled to continue next year at Washington Elementary School. Enrollment in the program will be based on the number of available instruments.

Prospects for expanding the curriculum to include other instruments and additional school districts depend on additional funding, according to Dr. Schlosberg.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or donating money or instruments for the program may call the NJWA at (908) 789-9696.

Local Students Earn Honors at Academy

Several area residents studying at Newark Academy in Livingston earned honors for their academic achievements during the spring term.

Arti Mattu, grade 7, and Emilie Cobert, grade 9, both of Westfield, and Jacob Mentlik, grade 12, of Mountainside, achieved High Honors for earning all grades of "A minus" or above in each of their courses.

Douglas McNamara, grade 11, of Mountainside; Avni Shah, grade 7, of Scotch Plains; and John Acquadro, grade 8, Sharad Mattu, grade 9, Nicole Panzam, grade 10, Minda Rock, grade 9, and Maria Villafranca, grade 10, all of Westfield, achieved Honors for earning all grades of "B minus" or above in each of their classes.



FINE ARTS FINEST...Frank A. MacPherson, President of the Westfield Foundation, congratulates the Westfield High School (WHS) seniors who received Bristol Scholarships this year. They include, pictured left to right, Melissa Miller (vocal), Colleen Donovan (drama - behind the scenes), Duane Lacey (poetry), Ben Siegel (instrumental music), and Ji-Yoon Lim (art). More than 40 awards were presented during the Fine Arts Senior Recognition program, held at WHS on June 8.

WHS Holds First Awards Ceremony for Fine Arts

The Westfield High School's Fine Arts Department held its first annual Fine Arts Senior Recognition on June 8 at which time the following scholarships and awards were presented:

Westfield Coalition Scholarships: Music — Ben Siegel and Ben Schwartz; Art — Ji-Yoon Lim and Abigail Bercovicz; Drama — Melissa Miller and Sabrina Hyman, and All-Around — Alice Kelman and Colleen Donovan.

The Bristol Scholarships were awarded as follows: Instrumental Music — Ben Siegel; Vocal Music — Melissa Miller; Drama (behind the scenes) — Colleen Donovan; Art — Ji-Yoon Lim, and Poetry — Duane Lacey.

Westfield High School Marching Band Scholarships and Plaques were awarded to Alice Kelman, Ben Schwartz, Brian Scaperrotta, Tom Coraggio, Lisa Feldman, Debbie Ehrlich and Kelly Boulos. Alice Kelman and Ben Schwartz both received the John Boulos Sousa Awards. Receiving the Keith Hertel Scholarship was Melissa Miller. The

Director's Award for Orchestra went to Mariana Yu. Teacher Grants were awarded to Karen Yula, vocal music teacher, and Robin Naylor, strings music teacher. Both elementary school teachers.

The Charles Addams Art Award went to Craig Long with the Westfield Women's Club Award given to Patty Chumplitz. Receiving the Concert Choir Award was Jennifer O'Brien. Drama Recognition was given to Charlie Irwin and the Marian Glass Award was given to David Citrin.

The Parent-Teacher Organization's (PTO) Fine Arts Award was given to Helen Mastrangelo and the Vocal Award, also sponsored by the PTO, was awarded to Regina Shopiro.

The WHS Purchase Awards were given to seniors Ji-Yoon Lim, Dan Brown, Sarah Nesenjuh, Craig Long, Alice Kelman, Dave McCabe, and Bridget Benish, as well as junior Daisy Um and sophomore Emily Allen. The Westfield Education Award (WEA) Purchase Award was awarded to Ji-Yoon Lim.

Saxophone Soloist Rich Casey On Tap for July 9 Band Concert

The Westfield Community Band, under the direction of Elias J. Zareva, will continue their 86th season of Summer Concert performances in Mindowaskin Park, located on East Broad Street in Westfield, on Thursday, July 9, at 8 p.m.

The evening's musical feature will be a saxophone solo by Richard Casey, a resident of Edison, on "Beautiful Colorado" by Joseph De Luca.

Mr. Casey, a former member of the Fort Hamilton Army Band, has performed on various instruments for the past 35 years. In addition to a variety of saxophones, Mr. Casey performs on the clarinet, bass guitar, keyboard and flute. A three-year member of the band, he is also a member of the King's Road and Summit Swing Bands.

Continuing the band's celebration of the legacy and the 100th anniversary of George Gershwin's birth, the

Westfield Community Band will perform The Symphonic Gershwin. The Symphonic Gershwin spotlights three of Gershwin's most sophisticated musical creations — "An American in Paris," "Cuban Overture," and the internationally known "Rhapsody in Blue."

An additional feature for the evening will be the "William Tell Overture," which features one of the three most recognized melodies by Rossini.

In the event of inclement weather, the rain site is the Westfield Community Room at the Municipal Building next to Mindowaskin Park in Westfield. All events are free to the public and it is suggested that the audience bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The Westfield Community Band will finish their Summer Concert series on Thursday, July 16, in Mindowaskin Park featuring Master Sergeant Ruth Schlenker, clarinetist from the President's Own United States Marine Band, and Chief Petty Officer Michael Allan McDonald, principal clarinetist from the United States Navy Band.

For more information on the band, please call (908) 789-4080.

Former Israeli Ambassador Speaks Before Rotarians

At a recent meeting, Westfield Rotarians heard of peace prospects in the Middle East when Israeli Ambassador (retired) Yossi Ben-Aharon spoke on the subject which relates to the fourth item to be encouraged in meeting the object of the Rotary.

"The object of the Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular to encourage and foster 'The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal service,'" he said.

Between 1996 and 1980 Ambassador Ben-Aharon served Israel's Foreign Service in Burma, Washington, D.C., and New York City. He served as Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, coordinating the Prime Minister's work with special emphasis on foreign relations.

Throughout the years of the American involvement in advancing an Arab-Israeli peace process, being promoted by then Secretaries of the State George Shultz and James Baker, Yossi Ben-Aharon played a key roll in drafting speeches, diplomatic correspondence and position papers.

In addition, he took part in top-level negotiations held between 1987 and 1992 including the Madrid Peace Conference. He was head of delegation at the negotiations with Syria.

Following the change in government, Yossi Ben-Aharon retired from the Civil Service and now spends his time writing for the media in Israel and abroad and lecturing on political issues. He is an occasional advisor to the current Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu.

Yossi Ben-Aharon brought greetings from the members of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem to the fellow Rotarians in Westfield.



INFORMATIVE MEETING... Israeli Ambassador (retired) Yossi Ben-Aharon, a former Chief of Staff to former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, was guest speaker at a recent luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Westfield Rotary Club President Dr. D. Michael Hart, Ambassador Yossi Ben-Aharon, Westfield Rotary Club Past President Jack L. Cohen and Dr. Luis Fleischman, Director of Community Relations and Public Affairs, Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

F-SP Thrift Shop to Open For Summer on Tuesday

Fully restocked and refurbished, The Thrift Shop, operated by the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League, will open for the summer season this Tuesday, July 7.

Summer clothes for children are available as are dresses, sportswear, accessories and shoes for women in the Designer section.

Also in stock are boys' play clothes, slacks and jackets. The shop's new

Crafts Department has Christmas craft items on hand.

The Thrift Shop, located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in July and August.

For further information, please call the shop's 24-hour hot line at (908) 322-5420.



OPENING FOR SUMMER... Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League volunteers will be on hand to help shoppers when the Thrift Shop reopens for the summer on Tuesday, July 7. Shop hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays throughout July and August. The shop is located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. Volunteers pictured above, left to right, are: front row, Nancy Anderson, Donna Kuhn, Evelyn Whitehorn, Edith Ross, Angelina Mazarisi and Harriet Shaner, and back row, Lynn Bandtlow, Mary Graham and Dorothy Bandola.

Osborn Cannonball To Display Flags For Independence Day

The Osborn Cannonball House Museum, a circa 1760 salt box farm house, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will be open to visitors on Sunday, July 5, from 2 to 4 p.m.

To celebrate Independence Day, the day of adoption of the Declara-

tion of Independence in 1776, a collection of flags dating from the 13 star- Revolutionary War flag to the present 50-star banner will be on display.

Docents will give tours of the museum and surrounding gardens. There is no admission charge.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER... Vice-Commander Jim Brennan of Martin Wallberg Post No. 3 of the American Legion in Westfield congratulates Megan Clarke, a graduating senior at Westfield High School, who was named the recipient of the post's first scholarship award of \$500. Megan, the daughter of Michael Clark, will be attending Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia in the fall.

School One Students Get A Taste of George Gershwin

Students at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains were treated to a morning of George Gershwin on June 15. Actor and musician Dennis Kobray gave an informative and entertaining performance in which he portrayed himself as George Gershwin.

He described how Gershwin taught himself to play the piano by watching the notes being played by a friend's player piano. He explained how the composer wrote his music as a way of telling a story or creating a painting, but that instead of using words or paint, he used musical notes.

Throughout his performance he played many of George Gershwin's most popular songs on the piano, including, "I Got Rhythm," "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris," and "Swanee."

At the end of the performance, Mr. Kobray noted that this year is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Gershwin. The assembly was sponsored by the Cultural Arts Committee of the School One Parent-Teacher Association. The members of the Cultural Arts Committee are Mary Everson, Kathy Shelus and Barbara Cronenberger-Meyer.

Sweets Sounds of Jazz Coming to Downtown

The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce have joined together to present the second annual "Sweet Sounds of Downtown" Jazz Festival.

The streets of the downtown shopping district will be filled with the sounds of jazz, as more than 40 different acts perform their own special blend of jazz, in styles ranging from classic to big band to funky fusion.

The festival will be held over two consecutive weekends, Friday through Sunday, July 17 through 19, and Thursday through Sunday, July 23 through 26.

Musicians will perform at various locations throughout the central business district. Program books listing exact dates, times, acts and locations will be available at selected downtown businesses throughout Westfield, as well as the offices of the DWC and the Chamber.

The second weekend of the jazz festival coincides with this year's sidewalk sale in downtown Westfield. As Michael La Place, Executive Director of the Downtown Westfield Corporation explained, "Shoppers will have the opportunity to enjoy the sights, the sounds and the stores of Westfield!"

Bryson can be seen on Saturday,

Jennifer Kassakian Makes Dean's List

Jennifer M. Kassakian, the daughter of Edward and Sharon Kassakian of Westfield, was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 1997-1998 year at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

A sophomore at the college, Jennifer is majoring in biology with a concentration in environmental science.

BASH'98 Again a Success For Westfield High Seniors

The parents of the Westfield High School senior class were able to sleep soundly on graduation night, June 18, even though their sons and daughters were out at an all-night party.

Concern over that traditional drive to the shore, after a night that included one-too-many drinks by their teenager, was a thought that did not enter their mind, according to Don Pray, Project Graduation "BASH '98" Chairman.

That is because a total of 267 seniors or 88 percent of the graduating class attended BASH '98, an all-night, fun-filled, drug and alcohol-free party on their graduation night at Ricochet Racquet in South Plainfield.

Co-sponsored by the Optimist Club of Westfield, the Westfield High School Parent-Teacher Organization and the Westfield Recreation Commission, the party achieved its objective of making graduation night a safe, sober and, above all, fun way to mark the end of the high school experience, Mr. Pray stated.

"The entire Westfield community deserves credit for the success of the BASH '98 Graduation Party, as this event received overwhelming support from our Board of Education, parents, teachers, local businesses,

clubs, professionals, corporations, sponsors and the senior class to make it a success.

"Special thanks are also due to all of those individuals who worked on the project and the 28 chaperones who attended BASH '98, many of whom stayed the entire evening," he added.

"As project chairman and on behalf of the co-sponsors, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of those individuals who supported or worked on BASH '98. We can all be proud of the response of our community to this worthy undertaking for the Class of '98 and future seniors at WHS."

"Westfield is a special place to live and the success of BASH '98 is testimony to the positive spirit that exists in this community," said Mr. Pray.

Alex Winnicker Cited At Seton Hall Prep's Graduation Ceremony

Westfield resident Alex Winnicker

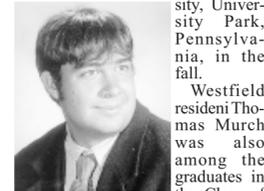
was honored at the Seton Hall Prep School graduation exercises on Saturday, June 13. He was a recipient of the Monsignor Thomas J. Tuohy Medallion, awarded to those graduates who, over the four years of their study, achieved a cumulative average of "A" or better. He will attend Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, in the fall.

Westfield resident Thomas Murch was also among the graduates in the Class of 1998. He will attend Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The graduation ceremony was held in the South Mountain Arena in West Orange.



Alexander Winnicker



Thomas Murch

Commuters Invited To Attend Meeting Of Raritan Commission

The Raritan Valley Line Commuter Commission (RVLCC) will be hold its next monthly meeting Thursday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Administrator's Conference Room of the Westfield Municipal Building.

The RVLCC was formed to identify and address problems with the train commute along NJ Transit's Raritan Valley Line. Any interested commuter is invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

Blood Drive Slated For 'Y' on July 2

A blood drive will be held at the Westfield "Y," located at 220 Clark Street, on Thursday, July 2, between 2 and 7:30 p.m.

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Fanwood Code Now Available on Computer At Borough Library

The Fanwood Memorial Library now offers the complete text of the most up-to-date Fanwood Code on computer. This database includes all general and permanent local ordinances currently in effect in the borough and is fully searchable by index or keyword.

In other library news, the Friends of the Fanwood Library will present a "Touch of Nature" on Wednesday, July 8, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Jerry Zelenka will introduce children to the wonders of nature with animals they can see, touch, and come to understand. Mr. Zetenlu is a naturalist and educator and has spent much time caring for animals and sharing his animal love with children.

There will be two shows and seating is limited and only those children who are four and older and who can sit without an adult present will be admitted. For more information, please call the Children's Department at (908) 322-4377.

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1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains
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Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel</p> <p>WOODSIDE CHAPEL
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Faith Lutheran Church Plans Appalachia Trip

Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence is planning a work trip to Appalachia this summer. To date, 32 members of the congregation have signed up to spend a week in Cosby, Tennessee, leaving on Sunday, July 12, and returning on Saturday, July 18.

Approximately half the volunteers will run a day camp for children ages 4 through 13, while the other half spends their days doing housing rehabilitation. The trip is being underwritten by Faith Nursery School, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

In addition, the group will be bringing a number of items to be donated to local organizations assisting the poor. Needed items include new or like-new children's clothing, toys, books, and sporting goods.

Area residents are invited to donate any of these items to Faith Lutheran Church, located at 524 South Street in New Providence, for transport to Appalachia. Donations must be received no later than the

morning of Friday, July 10, to allow time to pack everything prior to departure.

Please call the church office at (908) 464-5177 for more information.

Church Sets Series On Memoir Writing

First United Methodist Church in Westfield recently announced a series of sessions entitled "Memoir Writing or How to Release and Creatively Express Your Life Time of Stories."

The classes will be held on five consecutive Sundays beginning Sunday, July 12. David Cates will be the facilitator.

Participants will meet in Room No. 105 from 9 to 9:45 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at One East Broad Street in Westfield.

For further information, please contact the church office at (908) 233-4211.



NEW CHINESE MINISTRY... Pictured are members of the Chinese Language Ministry at First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains. Pictured, left to right, are: back row, Reverend Sam Chong, Mission Coordinator, Reverend John Chung, Supervising Pastor, Reverend David Wu, Executive Secretary of the Board of Global Ministries and Evangelist Robert Lim.

Scotch Plains Methodists Hold Chinese Language Classes

A Chinese language ministry now meets weekly at the First United Methodist Church of Scotch Plains on Terrill Road. The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church and the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference sponsors the Chinese speaking ministry

among Chinese speaking immigrants around the world.

"It is most exciting for me as I share the Gospel to the Chinese immigrants from the Peoples Republic of China and Asia who have never heard the Gospel and who are now hearing the Good News for the first time," Evangelist Robert Lim said. "Ministry among the recent immigrants is multi-faceted. We need to meet their immediate needs, helping them find housing, securing a driving license, help interpret in Chinese when requested and assist with English as a second language," he said. The Chinese language service is at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The First United Methodist Church also sponsors an English as a Second Language program. English speaking volunteers are members of the congregation and meet each Sunday at 2 p.m. If you are interested in the mission project, call the Reverend Sam Chong at (908) 322-9222 or Robert at (973) 262-8248.

Christian Men to Hold Business Luncheon

The Christian Business Men's Committee will hold a business luncheon Tuesday, July 7, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Sorrento's Restaurant, located at 631 Central Avenue in Westfield.

For reservations, please call Bob Wishon by Friday, July 3, at (732) 889-7888 or George Dick at (732) 232-1762.

Matthew J. Rocco, a criminal investigator with the Essex County Criminal Superior Court, will be the guest speaker.



IN THE PLANNING... Ten of the 32 members of Faith Lutheran Church, in New Providence, will take part in a work trip to Appalachia later this month. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Serina Norvold of Chatham and Matt Cleaves of Westfield; back row, Fred and Theri Rossol of Edison, Carl and Treva Bohning and Christine and Carol Suiter of Scotch Plains, and Katie and the Reverend Walter Lichtenberger of Chatham.

Caitlin Nish Attends G.C.I. As Delegate for High School

Caitlin Nish, the daughter of Jeanne and Wayne Nish, recently attended the 52nd annual Girls Career Institute (G.C.I.) as a delegate. She was sponsored by the Woman's Club of Westfield after being chosen by the Westfield High School faculty.

The purpose of the G.C.I. is to encourage awareness of political and social problems and encourage the delegates to consider their role in the coming decades.

It also gives the delegate a taste of college life, living in a dormitory and meeting delegates from all over the state. The program is held at Douglass College in New Brunswick.

Caitlin, who recently completed her junior year at Westfield High School, has been on the Honor Roll since 1995 and was recently inducted

into the National Honor Society. In her high school career, Caitlin has been a Student Council representative, Vice President of the high school Student Council, Tri-Editor of the student newspaper, *Hi's Eye*, Secretary of the French Club, Secretary of the Rotary-sponsored Interact Club and a member of the Westfield High School volleyball team.

In 1998, she was the recipient of the Xerox Award for Academic Excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences, invited by the National Student Leadership Conference to attend the Institute on International Law and Diplomacy at American University, Washington, D.C. and a



CALIFORNIA DREAMING... Westfield High School classmates pictured, left to right, are: Nick Friedman, Dave Citrin, Chris Owens and Steve Dennis who left for California on June 25, culminating nearly five years of dreaming and planning.

Four WHS Grads Head to West Coast As Dream Road Trip Begins Summer

Four members of the 1998 Westfield High School graduating class, David Citrin, Steve Dennis, Nick Friedman and Chris Owens, all stowed the last of their gear in Nick's car and pulled out of the driveway on the morning of June 25 and headed for California.

As friends and family saw them off, the boys began a journey that they have dreamed of and planned for more than four years.

"I guess we started talking about how neat it would be to drive to California when we were in 7th or 8th grade," said Dennis, who was president of the senior class. "We kept talking about it as we went through high school and began real serious planning more than a year ago."

As the boys figured out what the trip would cost, they began saving up money. In the early stages of planning their dream trip, Nick even calculated how many sandwiches

they could get from a jar of peanut butter so they could stretch their money on the drive across the continent. Birthday and graduation gifts — including a Global Positioning System (a satellite locator) and several travel books — helped bring everything together.

The route will take them to Nashville, New Orleans, Dallas, Tulsa, Albuquerque, Phoenix, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and Chicago before they return home. Along the way, they will stay with friends and relatives and camp in several national parks.

Among those who came to see them off was a friend they will later visit on the trip. Tim Clarke, a former classmate who moved to Oklahoma two years ago, will play host to his old pals in early July and introduce them to boating and water skiing in the Sooner State.

Their first stop will be with another former school chum — Steve Tobbetts — in Virginia, where they plan to go caving and rock climbing.

Chris, Dave and Nick have known each other since kindergarten at Washington School. Steve moved to Westfield just before they all started 6th grade at Roosevelt School. As they went through school, they developed different interests and friendships, but they still shared the California trip dream. Now, with their long-held dream coming true, classmates gathered for a farewell barbecue one evening at Nick's house while the boys continued to pack the car with duffels, sleeping bags, a tent and even fishing tackle. "Road Trip '98" was here at last.

Christie S. McGovern Graduates With Honors From Williams College

Christie S. McGovern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGovern of Westfield, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude with honors in psychology, from Williams College at the 29th commencement on June 7.

Williams College is a private liberal arts college with 2,000 undergraduates.



A LOOK BACK... Clad in historic scouting dress, Cadette Troop No. 741 recently hosted Holy Trinity Interparochial School's Court of Awards in Westfield. The seventh-grade cadettes completed their Leadership Interest Project by coordinating the awards program for the Brownie and Junior troops in their school. Each cadette scout spoke at the podium and modeled a Girl Scout or leader's uniform from the past. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Kelly Gibbons and Breanne Crawford; back row, Kristen Miner, Debbie Oravez, Rachel Schwartz and Kate Grecni.

Jeanne Meiklejohn Joins Youth and Family Board

Jeanne Purmort Meiklejohn is the newest board member of the Youth and Family Counseling Service in Westfield. Ms. Purmort has lived in Westfield for over 50 years.

She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism and has been a "volunteer reporter" for many of the clubs that she has belonged to.

She has worked for the *Milwaukee Journal* and *Chicago Tribune* and was the Society Editor for the *Milwaukee Journal* before her marriage to Robert Meiklejohn. Her main career since has been raising her now grown four children, all schooled in Westfield.

Presently, Mrs. Meiklejohn is a member of the Westfield Service League, the College Women's Club, Westfield Day Care Auxiliary and the Westfield Historical Society.

Currently, she is active in the Bible Study Fellowship in Springfield.

Youth and Family Counseling Services, located in Westfield, serves the needs of persons living in Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, Rahway, Scotch Plains and Westfield. Since 1918, Youth and Family Counseling Service has helped individuals and families to identify and resolve problems. It works closely on the client's behalf with community resources

including: schools, churches, doctors, friends, courts, employers and managed health care.

First Night Westfield Gains \$15,000 Foundation Grant

First Night Westfield has received a grant of \$15,000 from the Westfield Foundation to help fund publicity and to underwrite the performance of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra for this community-wide celebration to be held on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31.

"This grant is a manifestation of the commitment of the Foundation to enhance and support the quality of life of the citizens of Westfield," said First Night spokeswoman Karen F. Simon.

"First Night Westfield, now in its third year, is a shining example of the fulfillment of the principle criteria for grants from the Foundation. First Night is a cultural event, very special in nature, because it targets all Westfield residents, regardless of age," she added.

Events are selected so there will be entertainment for all members of the family. This donation enables First Night to introduce the Westfield Symphony to people who otherwise would

not have the opportunity to attend, and gives young people the opportunity to experience a different genre of music. Ms. Simon explained

For more information regarding First Night, please call the Westfield "Y" at (908) 233-2700.

Janet Hoesly Receives Law School Degree At Temple University

Janet L. Hoesly of Philadelphia, the daughter of Robert R. Hoesly of Westfield and the late Barbara T. Hoesly, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs W. Timberman, Sr. of Elmer, graduated from the Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia on May 21.

Ms. Hoesly previously earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Douglass College of Rutgers University, and is a graduate of Westfield High School. She plans to practice law in either New Jersey or Pennsylvania.



Caitlin Nish
Girls State nominee.

Caitlin is a Peer Minister and Retreat Coordinator at Saint Helen's Roman Catholic Church. She is a guest lecturer to elementary school classes on environmental issues and rainforest preservation based on a study trip to the Costa Rican rainforests, and is an algebra tutor for a middle school student.

The Woman's Club of Westfield is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, a non-profit organization founded in 1894 with a current membership of over 18,000.



NEWLY-CONFIRMED... Bishop Joe Morris Doss of the Diocese of New Jersey visited St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield on Sunday, May 31, to confirm this year's class. Pictured, left to right, are: Bishop Doss, Reverend Eric K. Hinds, newly-confirmed members of the church Stephanie W. Finn, Laurette Partridge, Sean Devaney, Gregory Kivetz, Wade C. Anthony, Christopher G. Thayer and Lawrence Kao.

Lynne E. Byrnes, 41, Was State Deputy Attorney General

Lynne E. Byrnes, 41, of Lawrenceville, died on Saturday, June 27, at home.

Born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, she had lived in Scotch Plains and Princeton before moving to Lawrenceville in 1990.

Ms. Burns graduated from Colorado State University in 1978 and received her master's degree in psychology from Rutgers University in 1980. In 1983, she earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from Seton Hall University Law School in Newark.

She served as a Deputy Attorney General focusing on environmental law for the State of New Jersey in Trenton, since 1987. Earlier, she had been a law clerk with Superior Court Judge Arnold Stein and an Assistant Counselor for former Governor Thomas H. Kean.

Ms. Byrnes was a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Surviving are her husband, Gregory Romano; her parents, Thomas P. and Elsie Byrnes; a brother, Robert S. Byrnes, and a sister, Deborah

Byrnes.

A Funeral Mass was held at on Wednesday, July, 1 in the Aquinas Institute, Princeton.

Arrangements were held by the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home in Princeton.

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Harriet Antle Thomas

Harriett Antle Thomas, a former long-time resident of Westfield, died Thursday, June 25, in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Mrs. Thomas had been a member of the United Methodist Church.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Clifford L. Antle; by her second husband, Issac Thomas, and by a daughter, Phyllis Antle Bingham.

Surviving are three grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Pumphrey Funeral Home in Bethesda, Maryland.

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Harry L. Heller, 88, F & AM Master; Was Chairman of Insurance Company

Harry L. Heller, 88, of Scotch Plains died on Tuesday, June 30, at home.

Born in New York City, he had lived in Elizabeth and Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains in 1985.

Mr. Heller had been the Chairman of the Board of the Greenwich Agency Inc. of New York City before retiring last year. He had worked in the insurance industry for more than 60 years.

He was a member of the Professional Insurance Agents, a national organization, and had been a Master of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 219 of the Free and Accepted Masons in Carteret.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Madeline Heller; two daughters, Nancy B. Gard and Linda C. May; a sister, Mary Lebkus; six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

A chapel service will be held today, Thursday, July 2, at 11 a.m. in Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

Arrangements are being handled by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home in Westfield.

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Elizabeth F. Ely, 100

Elizabeth F. Ely, 100, died on Sunday, June 28, in Vicar's Landing Nursing Home in Pointe Vedra Beach, Florida.

Born in Baltimore on August 3, 1897, she had lived in Mountaineer before moving to Ponte Vedra Beach 10 years ago.

She was a graduate of Goucher College in Towson, Maryland.

Surviving are two sons, Richard F. Ely and Allen Ely, Jr.; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home and Crematory in Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

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STUDENTS DONATE A TREE...Fifth graders at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains recently participated in a tree dedication ceremony at their school. The 58 youngsters, who will be graduating from School One and attending Park Middle School in the fall, had collected pennies over the past few months in order to purchase the pink dogwood tree as a farewell gift to their school. All of the students participated in the ceremony by stating what trees means to them and by singing a song. Pictured, left to right, are: Morgan Scully, Candice Grimes, and Rolanda Franklin.

That which was bitter to endure may be sweet to remember.

— English Proverb

Obituaries

John J. Powers, 68, Retired Police Lieutenant in Township

John J. Powers, 68, of Scotch Plains, died Friday, June 26, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Kenilworth, he had been a lifelong resident of Scotch Plains.

Mr. Powers served in the United States Navy for five years during the Korean Conflict as a flight mechanic aboard aircraft carriers, one of which was the first canted deck carrier.

He was employed by the United States Post Office in Scotch Plains, until he resigned in 1961 to join the Scotch Plains Police Department. He retired from the Police Department in 1995 with the rank of Lieutenant and 34 years of service to his community.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion Post No. 209, Policemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 87, all in Scotch Plains, the Emerald Society of Union County as well as a volunteer with Boy Scout Post No. 209 in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Powers was predeceased by a son, James O'Hara Powers, an assistant swimming and girls volleyball coach and substitute teacher at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, on June 6.

Surviving are his wife E. Beverly Johansen Powers; four sons, Lawrence Powers of Bridgewater, Christopher Powers of Union, John

Edmund Pedicine, 88

Edmund Pedicine, 88, of Clark, died on Saturday, June 27, at the Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains.

Born in Newark, he had lived in Belleville before moving to Clark in 1961.

Mr. Pedicine was a construction worker for the Construction Workers Union Local No. 342 of Newark for 25 years before retiring in 1968.

Surviving are his son, Frank Pedicine; a brother, Albert Pedicine; a sister, Edith Pedicine; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday, June 30, at the St. Agnes Church in Clark.

Arrangements were held by the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home also in Clark.

July 2, 1998

Helen Bell McMartin, 92

Helen Bell McMartin, 92, of Westfield, died on Friday, June 26, at home.

She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and lived in various communities, before moving to Westfield.

Mrs. McMartin attended Sullins College in Tennessee which is now known as King College.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Hans Heer, in 1959.

Surviving are her husband, John S. McMartin; a sister, Louise Chapman of Houston, Texas; a brother, Frank T. Bell of Tequesta, Florida, as well as one nephew and two nieces.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, June 30, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

July 2, 1998

Alexander Bentley, 75, PSE&G Supervisor, Elder at Presbyterian

Alexander A. Bentley, 75, of Westfield, died on Tuesday, June 23, in Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Yonkers, New York, he had lived in Metuchen for many years before moving to Westfield 33 years ago.

Mr. Bentley was a United States Navy Veteran of World War II. He served for three-and-a-half years during which time he was aboard the *U.S.S. Boyle*, a destroyer in the Pacific and Mediterranean Theatre.

Mr. Bentley was employed with PSE&G in Newark for 36 years as a Senior Field Supervisor before retiring in 1987.

He was ordained as an Elder of the Presbyterian Church and was a mem-

ber of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and the Monday Morning Craftsmen, the Chapter 13 Seniors Club and a long-time member of the Triangle Bowling League, all of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Mr. Bentley was also a member of PSE&G's bowling league, and a member of the Old Guard of Westfield. He was also a volunteer in Union Hospital in Union.

Surviving are his wife, Carole Scharff Bentley; three daughters, Debra Genabith of Watchung, Sheila Bower and Brenda Kuhnenn, both of Glendale, Arizona, and seven grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, July 10, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or The Valerie Fund, in care of Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Arrangements are being handled by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.

July 2, 1998

George J. Ferro, 73

George J. Ferro, 73, of Belleville, died on Thursday, June 25, at Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

Born in New York City he had been a lifelong resident of Belleville. Mr. Ferro served in the United States Army during World War II.

He was a graduate of Seton Hall University in South Orange.

Mr. Ferro was the President of Ferro Trucking in Hillside, retiring in 1997.

He was a member of the Forest Hill Club in Bloomfield as well as the PGA (Pro Golfers Association) National in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

He was predeceased by a grandson, David Ferro, in 1995.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Hnatew Ferro of Belleville; a son, Stephen Ferro of Scotch Plains; two daughters, Cindy Ferro of Delray Beach, Florida, and Janice Ferro of Belleville, and another grandson.

A Funeral Service was held on Monday, June 29, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1250 Broadway Avenue, Suite 2001, New York, New York 10001, or the American Heart Association, 2550 U.S. Highway 1, North Brunswick, 08902-4301.

July 2, 1998

Mary E. O'Sullivan, 79

Mary Elizabeth O'Sullivan, 79, of Waldwick, died Monday, June 29, at home.

Born in Bayonne, she had lived in Westfield and Roselle before moving to Waldwick in 1979.

Mrs. O'Sullivan was a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph the Carpenter Roman Catholic Church in Roselle and St. Gabrielle's Roman Catholic Church in Upper Montclair.

She was a member and Past President of the Maternity Guild at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Elizabeth for more than 20 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Gilbert and Kathleen McTague; a son, Joseph F.X. O'Sullivan, Jr.; two sisters, Angela Hourigan and Barbara Dalton, and eight grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be offered today, Thursday, July 2, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit. Arrangements are being handled by the William A. Bardley & Son Funeral Home in Chatham.

July 2, 1998

Lorraine Patterson, 49

Lorraine Patterson, 49, of Scotch Plains, died Monday, June 22, at home.

Born in Plainfield, she had lived in Westfield before moving to Scotch Plains several years ago.

Ms. Patterson was a graduate of Penn State University and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Surviving are her mother, Martha W. Patterson, and her grandmother, Courtney Walker.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, July 4, at 10 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, located at 529 Trinity Place in Westfield.

Arrangements are being handled by the Plinton Curry Funeral Home in Westfield.

July 2, 1998

John L. Nadolski

John L. Nadolski of Fanwood died on Sunday, June 28, at home.

Born in Bayonne, he had lived in Fanwood since 1953.

Mr. Nadolski had been a machinist at Exxon Corporation in Linden for 37 years prior to retiring in 1978. He was a member of the Exxon Annuity Club.

He was a United States Navy veteran and had served during World War II.

Surviving are a son, Robert J. Nadolski, and four grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be offered today, Thursday, July 2, at 10 a.m. in St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield. Arrangements are being handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

July 2, 1998

THE WEEK IN SPORTS



COMING IN TO SCORE...AI Manzi of the Mattress Factory leaps in to score in the fifth inning against Chaos at Memorial Field in Westfield on June 26. Chaos won 5-3.

HARCOURT HAMMERS CHAOTIC TRIPLE

The "Chaos" Confuses Mattress Factory, 5-3

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Chuck Harcourt's fourth inning triple and Dave Kervick's calculated mix of pitches confused the Mattress Factory and gave Chaos a 5-3 victory in Westfield Men's Softball League action at Memorial Field in Westfield on June 26. The win moved Chaos to within one-half game behind the first-placed Checchio Chiropractic.

The Mattress Factory jumped to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Clint Factor drew a walk with two men out and Ron Shovlin dug in at the plate and shattered a triple to deep right field to drive in Factor. Mike Varona punched a single to left and

Shovlin shuffled home with the second run. Mattress Factory pitcher Al Manzi allowed only a single to Joe Penzak in the first inning and retired all three Chaos batters in the second while Chaos pitcher Kervick managed to escape the second inning, giving up singles to Gary Nikrak and Mike Cheety, and a walk to Rob Rowland. A fine double play turned in by Chaos third baseman Bill Harcourt saved a potentially hazardous inning for Kervick.

Kervick retired all three Factory batters in the third and Chaos returned to the plate. Chuck Connery looped a leadoff single to left field and Jim McKeon yanked a single over third base. Kervick drilled a liner toward short but Factory shortstop Kevin Lombardi made a great leaping stab to get the out. Brian Keller knocked a single to left to bring home Connery, and Penzak tied the score when he chopped an RBI single to third.

With the help of a nice diving catch by right-center fielder Al Rabinowitz, Kervick retired all three Mattress Factory batters in the fourth. Chaos batter Mike Costello led off the fourth with a base-on-balls, then Harcourt hammered his triple to right to drive home Costello. Harcourt rounded third and scored when the throw to home eluded the catcher.

Now facing a 4-2 deposit, the Mattress Factory had to go on the offensive. Manzi bopped a single to center, Cheety chipped a single to left and Rowland curled a single by



OUT AT HOME...Just after crashing a triple to right, Greg Kasko of Checchio's gets tagged out at home by Jolly Trolley catcher Dave Heinzelman. Checchio's won 7-2 at Tamaques Park in Westfield on June 25.

FOUR RUN SIXTH DERAILS TROLLEY

Checchio Chiro. Rolls; Wrecks Jolly Trolley

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Checchio Chiropractic increased its lead on first place in the Westfield Men's Softball League by stopping the Jolly Trolley, 7-2, at Tamaques Park in Westfield on June 25. Checchio's cracked four runs in the sixth inning to put an end to a fine pitchers' duel.

Checchio's ace pitcher Manny Perez allowed a single only to Trolley catcher Dave Heinzelman in the first. After Joe Dasti drilled a leadoff double and Jim Freel reached first safely on an error, Trolley pitcher Lee Marks regained his composure and got the next three batters out to escape the inning undamaged.

Perez retired the next three Trolley batters in the second and Checchio's offense started cracking in its half of the inning. Pat Brady bounced a single to left, Orlando Rivera ripped a double to center and big Greg Kasko crashed a two-run triple to deep right field to give Checchio's a 2-0 lead.

With one man out, Paul Stofa reached first safely on an error, Don Tobey tapped a single to center and Heinzelman walked to load the bases. Just as the Trolley appeared to be getting a head of steam, Perez got the next two batters to ground into force plays.

Marks' only blemish in the bottom of the third was allowing a two-out double to Greg Chaparro, but that was quickly covered up when Chaparro was picked off at second. In the top of the fourth, Perez allowed walks to Marks and Stofa, but escaped the inning unscathed.

Jack Failla hacked a leadoff double

in the fourth and scored when Rivera beat out a chopper off the glove of the first baseman to give Checchio's a 3-0 lead, but the Trolley clanged and banged its way back into the ball game in the fifth. Keith Johnson hooked a one out double to center, then Tom Jogis stepped to the plate and jerked a towering two-run homer between the left-center fielder and the right-center fielder to tighten the score to 3-2.

Marks was on the mark in the bottom of the fifth when he retired the next three Checchio's batters. During that inning, Trolley shortstop Stofa made a beautiful diving snag of a line drive off the bat of Dany Mendelli.

The Trolley rang loud and clear in the sixth but could not score. Tobey poked a single to left and Joe Doherty punched a two-out single to left, but Checchio right fielder Kasko caught Jogis' lined shot in right to end the inning.

Sensing the heat from the Jolly

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VARSOLONA HAMMERS 3-RUN HOME RUN IN 3RD SP-F Mets Storm Back to Grab Little League Title Over Tigers

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Sean Varsolona thumped a three-run home run in the top of the third inning to provide the Mets with the momentum it needed to overtake the pesky Tigers and eventually went on to win, 8-5, to claim the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Little League Major Division Title at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on June 24. The Mets swept the best-of-three series, winning 5-3 in the first outing.

The Mets, champions of the National League, batted first and leadoff hitter Matt Powers whacked a double to center field. Tigers pitcher Jared Montagna got the next batter to ground out, then struck out the remaining two batters to end the inning.

The American League Champion Tigers roared with three runs in the bottom of the first. Chris D'Annunzio ripped a one-out single to left field, Dan Metzger chopped an infield single and Montagna stepped to the plate and launched a three-run homer over the left field fence.

In the second inning, Montagna struck out two of the next three Mets batters and Metzger, the catcher, pulled off a beautiful back-pick play to catch the runner at first in a run down. The Tigers now had their second opportunity to score and threatened when Andy LoBrace walked and Matt LoBrace

bashed a single to right field. Zach Von Langen reached first safely to load the bases, but the next batter grounded out to third to end the threat.

Montagna, still going strong, struck out the first two Mets batters in the third. The left handed Powers got things moving for the Mets with a sizzling single to center and alertly moved to second on a throw. Moments later, Powers stole third, then

scored the Mets' first run after the throw to third skid by the third baseman. With the bases now empty, Jim Knechtel hopped a single past first, Kyle Baker wiggled a single past third, then Varsolona crushed his three-run homer to put the Mets in the lead, 4-3.

The bottom of the third was dominated by spectacular defensive plays.

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SAFELY SLIDING INTO THIRD...Matt Powers of the Mets slides safely into third base in the third inning. Tigers third baseman Matt LoBrace attempts to put a tag on Powers. The Mets won the title at Booth Field in Scotch Plains on June 24.

Westfield Softball League Standings:

(As of June 28)
(Reported Results Only)

TEAM	W	L
Chaos	8	2
Checchio Chiropractic	7	3
Mattress Factory	8	4
A. J. Jersey Forklift	7	6
Jolly Trolley	4	6
Cellular Signal	4	7
Charlie Brown's	4	7
Sour Grapes	2	8

REPORTED SCORES:
Chaos 5, Mattress Factory 3
Mattress Factory 4, Checchio Chiropractic 3

Jolly Trolley defeated A. J. Jersey Cellular Signal defeated The Sour Grapes
Cellular Signal 12, Charlie Brown's 6

Scotch Plains Men's Softball League:

(As of June 24)

A Division:

TEAM	W-L	Percentage
The Hideaway	13-3	.813
PEPCO	12-3	.800
Sneakermania	10-4	.714
Phoenix Tube	7-9	.438
Malibu	7-9	.438
Bravo Landscaping	7-9	.438
Jade Isle	3-12	.200
CTC Renovations	3-13	.187

Bravo Landscaping swept two from Phoenix Tube
Sneaker Mania and PEPCO split
The Hideaway swept two from CTC Renovations
Malibu and Jade Isle split

B Division:

TEAM	W-L	Percentage
C & C Landscape	8-3	.727
D & L Locksmith	10-4	.714
Starlight Cleaners	7-4	.636
S. P. Post Office	7-7	.500
Flanagan's	5-6	.454
Depth Chargers	5-7	.417
Appezatto Const.	3-8	.273
Fridays	3-9	.250

League Offers Reward For Criminal Arrest

The Westfield League is offering a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons who set fire to two portable bathrooms and dug up the grass infield at Gumbert Field Park on South Chestnut Street in Westfield last week. Contact the Westfield Police Department at (908) 232-1000.

BAUMGARTNER BELTS CATAclySMIC HOME RUN Wise Old Stars Out-Sparkle Clockwork Orange, 13-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Astrologers indicate that it's all in the stars; in this case, it was all in the Old Stars who used well-placed hitting and well-positioned defense to overcome Clockwork Orange, 13-8, in Jewish Community Center (JCC) Softball League action at Farley Field in Scotch Plains on June 28. Old Star Jim Baumgartner belted a cataclysmic two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning which made Clockwork Orange blue.

Brian Shlissel slapped a single to left in the top of first but the Orange were unable to score. Steve Aronson singled in the bottom half of the inning but the Old Stars also were unable to score. Orange man Dave Kadish drilled a double in the second but was also marooned.

The skies brightened in the bottom of the second and the Old Stars pelted the Orange with a meteor shower of five runs. Baumgartner bounced a single toward first, Bob Rosen ripped a single to right and Jim Kerstein knocked an RBI single to left. Darren Drapkin dropped an RBI single to left, then Marc Schweitzer swatted a two-run triple to deep center field. Bruce Harris hacked a single over first to send Schweitzer home with the fifth run.

Andy Novick looped a single in the third but was left stranded in the Old Stars' defensive domain. Old Star Aronson punched a single to left and scored when Scotty Burns "beamed" him home with a laser-shot double down the first baseline.

Still out of sync, Clockwork Orange could muster only a single from Ira Reisenberg in the fourth. The Old Stars flashed and threatened in their at-bat but were unable to strike pay dirt. Lowell Weiner whacked a double to left, but was later nailed out sliding into third and Kerstein hit a single but could not score.

With two men out in the fifth, both Ed Bartosik and Kadish singled to

center, then Dave Baer drove Bartosik home with the first Clockwork run. Unfortunately for the Orange, Old Star left fielder Aronson made a wonderful running snag of a liner hit by Novick to cut short their rally.

The Old Stars took a 7-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth. Harris hooked a double to left and scored on Rick Wolf's single to left. Knowing that

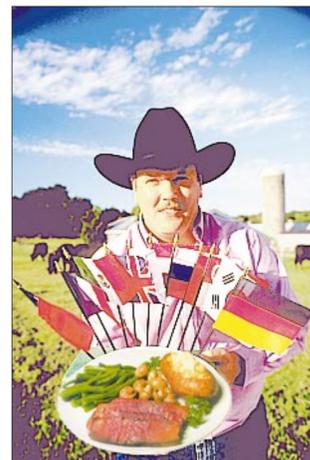
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PRELUDE TO A HOME RUN...Old Star Jim Baumgartner fouls the ball, but later blasts a two-run homer to center field against Clockwork Orange at Farley Field in Scotch Plains on June 28. The Old Stars won 13-8.



SOARING AT THE WOMEN'S GAMES...Katie Arancio, age 11, of Annandale clears 4-6 in the high jump during the Women's Games at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on June 27. See additional picture on page 13.



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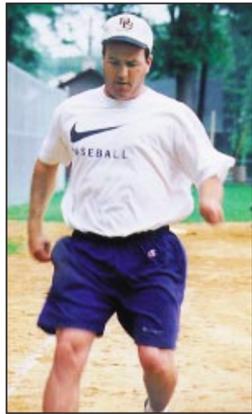
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TAKING A MIGHTY SWING...Ralph Vaserberg of Shady Lane takes a mighty swing but fouls the ball into the dirt. Moments later, Vaserberg crushed his second homer of the game against Poplar Place on June 23 at La Grande Park in Fanwood.

VASERBERG HAMMERS 2 HOMERS Poplar Over-Shadows Shady Lane, 10-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Back-to-back two-RBI doubles by Kevin Newell and Dave Comer in the fifth inning darkened the evening for Shady Lane, but allowed Poplar Place to see its way clear to a 10-7 victory in Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association action at La Grande Park in Fanwood on June 23. Shady Lane did have its bright spots when Ralph Vaserberg hammered two towering home runs.

Poplar Place popped into the lead with three runs in the top of the first.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
TROTTLING HOME...Matt Smoot of Poplar Place trots home to score in the first inning.

Mike Kelly drew a walk and Matt Smoot singled to right-center. Tom Smith loaded the bases with another walk, then John DeNoia brought Kelly home with a sacrifice fly to left field. Chris DeNoia duplicated John's action, then Steve Skaar wiggled an RBI single up-the-middle.

Shady Lane quickly tied the game in the bottom of the second. John Cholankeril and Phil Manno both singled, then Vaserberg launched his first home run over the left field netting.

Still in awe of Vaserberg's homer, Poplar Place failed to score in the second, then Shady Lane took the lead with a run in the bottom of the

second when Manno singled home Brett Melworm, who had singled earlier in the inning. During the inning, John DeNoia of Poplar made the first of his several great sliding catches in left field.

Shady Lane increased its lead to 6-3 in the third. Vaserberg walked, Ron Greco reached first safely on an error and Vaserberg alertly scored. Kevin Maloney mashed a double down the left field line and Greco sped home for the score.

Poplar responded with a run in the fourth when Kelly hacked a single to center to drive in Carlos Vasquez, then took an 8-6 lead in the fifth. Smith walked, John DeNoia singled and Skaar walked to load the bases. Kevin Newell drilled his two-run double, then Comer followed with a two-run double to the left field screen.

Stunned by the sudden turn of events, Shady Lane recovered to pick up a run in the fifth with Vaserberg's second home run over the left-center field netting. From that point on however, Shady Lane would no longer be able to mount an offensive attack.

Poplar Place, however, added two more insurance runs in the top of the seventh. John DeNoia reached base on an error and Chris DeNoia looped a single over third to bring John in to score. Skaar slashed a single and Comer sacrificed Chris DeNoia home with a fly to left.

Vaserberg turned in several fine fielding plays at second base, including a brilliant second-to-first double play in the sixth inning. John DeNoia continued to dazzle everyone with two more impressive catches in the seventh.

Poplar Place upped its record to 3-6 while Shady Lane slipped to 2-5.

Poplar Place	300	140	2	10
Shady Lane	312	010	0	07

Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association

FOMSA STANDINGS:
(As of June-30)

TEAM	W	L
Willoughby Road	7	2
Russell Road	6	3
Hunter Avenue	7	4
Montrose Avenue	5	5
Shady Lane	3	6
Poplar Place	3	6
Sun Valley	2	4
Marian Avenue	3	7

What's New for February at Your "Y"

It seems as though everyone's interested in their health or the "wellness" of someone they love...Want an assessment of some key health items? Check out the list below, gather yourself, friends and family, and don't miss the **HEALTH FAIR on Sunday, February 8, from 12 - 3 p.m.** Free and open to the public, this annual event has something for all ages:

- Blood pressure, diabetes and carotid artery screenings
- Blood mobile
- Teddy Bear clinic
- Face Painting
- Body composition testing
- Aerobic & Cycling classes
- Fingerprinting and more!

We know how important your health is...and how you can improve your lifestyle to feel better every day.

REGISTRATION for the Early Spring Session begins **Sat., Feb. 7** (current members) and **Wed., Feb. 11** (new members). We offer traditional favorites— aerobics, aquatics, fitness and strength training, plus...have you considered:

- Lifeguard Training and Certification

- Tai Chi/Meditation/Yoga
- Stress Reduction Workshops
- New Youth Basketball Skills/League
- New "Performance Workshop" for 6-12 yrs. old...kids explore set & costume design, props, music, etc. to culminate in a performance at the last class.

Two great **PARENTING WORKSHOPS** are open to the public this month: **Diminishing Sibling Rivalry**, with practical tips to help kids get along better (**Tues., Feb. 10**) and **Coping & Growing as a Single Parent**, a roundtable discussion format with other single parents. Both **7:30 - 9:00 pm.**

New pilot school age child care program opens at Tamaques School March 2-April 24, featuring after school child care, homework assistance, and enrichment programs like cooking, karate & computers. **REGISTRATION Monday, Feb. 16...**details available at Tamaques & the "Y" next week.

Coming March 14: Summer Camp Registration (Teen Programs included!)

The Westfield "Y", 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ
For information about "Y" programs call 233-2700

St. Bartholomew's Men's Softball League Results

St. Bart's Oldtimers Softball League:

(As of June 19)

Angels Division:

TEAM	W-L-T	Percentage
St. Jude	5-0-0	1.000
St. Thomas	4-0-1	1.000
St. Joseph	2-3-0	.600
St. Paul	3-2-0	.600
St. Blaise	0-3-0	.000

Saints Division:

TEAM	W-L	Percentage
St. Patrick	2-2-0	.500
St. James	2-3-0	.400
St. Michael	2-3-0	.400
St. Anne	1-2-1	.333
St. Louis	1-4-0	.200

St. Joseph 11, St. Louis 1

On June 16 Bill Wolff pitched a five-hitter and helped St. Joseph defeat St. Louis 11-1. For St. Joseph, Chuck Krajcsik had four hits, Tom Straniero and Harry Semple each had three hits, and Dave Rothenberg and Karl Grossman had two hits apiece.

St. Paul 16, St. James 15

St. Paul scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to beat St. James 16-15. Derrek Von Langen (5 runs scored), Mike Camfield (5 RBI) and John Wilkinson each had three hits for St. Paul. Hitters for St. James include Al Antoine with four hits, Stan Grausso and Bill Canata with three hits and Pete DeCristofaro, Captain Jim Hoelzel, Joe Matuska and Bob Pielhau with two hits apiece.

St. Jude 20, St. Blaise 11

St. Jude got their fifth win of the season by defeating St. Blaise 20-11 on June 17. For St. Blaise Brian Williams (4 RBI), Tom Faitoute and Tom McCall had three hits apiece and Gerry Riepe, Rory Ruhl, Mike Michalisin and Rookie Jim "double

XL" Ruggiero had two hits each.

St. Jude sluggers included Jeff Friedlander with 3 hits and Bob Elmi (4 runs scored), Marty Bernstein (5 RBI), Dave Bell and Captain Tony Perfilio (4 RBI) with two hits each.

St. Joseph 15, St. Anne 5

St. Joseph got their second win of the week by defeating St. Anne 15-5 on June 18. Tom Straniero (5 RBI), Bill Wolff, Gerry Spitzer, Dave Rothenberg, Karl Grossman, Ken Hoelzel & Tony Barattucci had two hits apiece for St. Joseph. Mike Brennan and Ed Marchelitis each had two hits for St. Anne.

St. Thomas 11, St. James 7

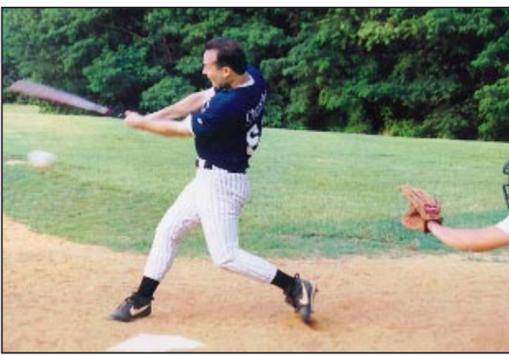
St. Thomas beat St. James 11-7 on June 18. For St. Thomas Terry Gallagher had three hits and Frank Pepe, Lee DiDonato, Ed Belford, Jerry Baker, Captain Tom Henderson and Stan Lesniewski had two hits apiece. For St. James Lou Ballestiere had three hits and Dan Perrine, Captain Jim Hoelzel and Al Antoine had two hits each.

St. Louis 7, St. Michael 3

St. Louis notched their first victory of the season by beating St. Michael 7-3 on June 19. Glen Walz had three hits and Bob Veeck had two hits for St. Louis. Tony Williams and Floyd Roberts had two hits apiece for St. Michael.

St. Patrick 16, St. Blaise 6

St. Patrick beat St. Blaise 16-6. For St. Patrick Steve Magnotta had four hits, John Esposito and Tom Kucin had three hits and Ken Larson, pitcher Joe Murano, Pat Citera and Tom Swales had two hits apiece. For St. Blaise, Gerry Riepe and Rory Ruhl had three hits each and Brian Williams, Tony Giannacini and Bob Cummo each had two hits.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WHOOOPS...Pat Brady of Checchio's takes a wicked cut at the ball and whiffs for the first strike; however, Brady got even and slashed a single to left in the second inning.

Checchio Chiropractic Rolls; Wrecks the Jolly Trolley, 7-2

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Trolley, Checchio's snapped to action in the bottom of the sixth. Freel poked a leadoff single in the gap in right-center, Chaparro hit a high, looping single to left-center, then Freel flew home on a mishandled ball in the outfield. Failla drew a walk and Dave Buchwald launched a sacrifice fly to center to bring home Chaparro. With one man on base, Brady bashed a shot to right, Buchwald scored and Brady flew around the bases to

score the fourth run of the inning just as the relay throw bounced across home plate.

Leading 7-2, Checchio's brought in ace reliever Pete Lima to mute the Trolley's clang. After allowing a lead-off single to Marks, Lima silenced the next three Trolley batters. Checchio Chiropractic boosted its record to 8-2 while the Jolly Trolley skid to 3-7.

Jolly Trolley	000	020	0	02
Checchio Chiro.	020	104	x	07



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SMASHING SINGLE TO RIGHT...Joe Penzak of Chaos smashes a single to right field in the first inning against the Mattress Factory.

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The Chaos Confuses Mattress Factory, 5-3

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third to load the bases. Lombardi lashed a sacrifice fly to right-center, scoring Manzi, but a heads-up double play initiated by Chaos shortstop Penzak prevented the Mattress Factory from having a very productive inning.

Not confident with its 4-3 lead, Chaos scored another run in the bottom of the fifth when Keller thumped a triple to deep center and alertly scored on an off-course throw. Kervick gave up a single to Factor in the sixth and Manzi shut down all three Chaos batters in the bottom of the sixth.

Kervick endured a final inning threat by the Factory, giving up singles to Cheety and Rowland, but allowed no runs to score and Chaos had secured the victory. Chaos upped its record to 7-2 while the Mattress Factory slipped to 7-4.

Mattress Factory	200	010	0	03
Chaos	002	210	x	05



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RIPPING A SINGLE TO LEFT...Rich Conzo of Crest Refrigeration ices a single to left against Comcast in a Union County Seniors Softball League game at Memorial Field in Westfield on June 22. Comcast won 23-8.

MALFETTI, VIRGILIO GET 5 RBI EACH Comcast Coolly Conquers Crest Refrigeration, 23-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Comcast took no prisoners and conquered Crest Refrigeration, 23-8, in Union County Seniors 50+ Softball League action at Memorial Field in Westfield on June 22. The bombardment was led by Ron Torsiello and Ron Virgilio who banged in five RBI each.

Crest Refrigeration became the first team to break the ice by chipping out two in the top of the first. Rich Conzo chopped a single to left, Pat Garvey reached base on an error and John Kennedy banged an RBI single to center. Lee Brandyberry knocked in the second run by hitting into a fielder's choice.

Crest Refrigeration shivered when Comcast responded with eight runs in the bottom of the first. With one run already in and two men on base, Torsiello hooked a two-RBI double over third base. After Tony Yarusi singled and Norm Stumpf stomped an RBI single and Frank D'Amato added another RBI, Virgilio stepped to the plate and drilled a two RBI double to bring in the seventh and eighth runs.

Comcast chilled Crest Refrigeration in the second, then sounded off with three more in its half of the inning. After Jim Airey singled and Chuck Ramsthaler reached first on an error, Dom Deo punched an RBI single to right and Charles Lehman lashed an RBI single to left. Yarusi drove in the third run with a single to center.

Steamed by being behind 11-2, Crest

Refrigeration sizzled with six runs in the third. Conzo and Frank Catena both singled and Garvey hit into a force play at second. Kennedy dug in and knocked a two-RBI double to center. Sal Fillipone rapped an RBI single to left and Pete Salerto followed with a single. Paul Brody bopped an RBI single to center and Bob Oxner hacked a two-RBI single to left.

Not stiffened by the cool reception, Comcast pushed two more runs across the plate in the third. Kopatz and Coren singled, then Virgilio brought them both home with a double down the left field line.

For the remainder of the game, Crest Refrigeration's offensive posture would be frozen. Singles by Ramsthaler and Deo enabled Torsiello to bring them both home with a single to left in the fourth. Kopatz, who singled in the fifth, was driven home when Virgilio nailed a single to left.

With Crest Refrigeration motionless and in shock, Comcast sensed the kill and took final action in the sixth. Three-straight walks loaded the bases for Torsiello who tapped an RBI single. With the bases still loaded, Jim Malfetti mashed a triple to remote center and three more Comcast runners crossed the plate. Yarusi stepped forward and poked an RBI single to left, Stumpf singled, Kopatz reached base on an error to bring home Yarusi and Coren ended the massacre by hitting an RBI sacrifice fly to center to give Comcast a 15-run-rule win.

Crest Refrid.	206	000	08
Comcast	832	217	23



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
COMCAST MAKING CONTACT...Jim Malfetti of Comcast hammers a fly ball to center in the second inning against Crest Refrigeration.

White Sox Beat Cardinals; Win Major League Title

The Westfield Baseball League Major League World Series featured the White Sox, coached by Bob Hearon, against the Cardinals, coached by Tim Power. The table was set for an exciting series as the teams played three one-run games during the regular season.

The fans were not to be denied. It was a best of three series and after two very close games it came down to a third and deciding game. The White Sox got on the board first when Sam Kim blasted a two-run home run over the right field fence.

The Cardinals grabbed the best seat in an early-inning sea-saw battle by taking a 3-2 lead in the second inning. Adam Gerkens, Matt Sofka and Bryan Power provided the heavy artillery in the inning for the Cardinals. The White Sox retaliated and went ahead for good with three

runs in the fourth inning. A strong pitching performance by Josh Dennerlein kept the Cardinals in check.

The White Sox later increased their lead with clutch hits by Billy Hearon, Tommy Riccuti, Alex Crawford, Andrew Skoller, Paul Cobuzzi and Dan Clark. Although the Cardinals continued to climb back, the win was clinched for the Sox with a two run home run by Jesse Abramowitz.

Other players with big hits for the Cardinals included Mike Huber and Matt Calvaruso.

Other contributors for the White Sox were Mike Checchio, Tommy DelDuca and Kevin Hopson. Congratulations to all.

White Sox	203	315	14
Cardinals	210	221	08



MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPS...The Westfield 10-year old White Sox, pictured, left to right, are: front row, Jesse Abramowitz, Mike Checchio, Billy Hearon, Tom DelDuca, Tom Riccuti, Dan Clark and Andrew Skoller; middle row, Coach Bob Hearon, Alex Crawford, Josh Dennerlein, Paul Cobuzzi, Sam Kim and Kevin Hopson; back row, Assistant Coaches Rich Skoller, Paul Cobuzzi and Frank Riccuti.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
FLY BALL TO RIGHT...Scott Mack of Clockwork Orange whacks a fly ball to right field in the fifth inning. The Old Stars defeated Clockwork Orange, 13-8, at Farley Field in Scotch Plains on June 28.

Wise Old Stars Out-Sparkle Clockwork Orange, 13-8

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scoring was possible. Clockwork Orange answered with another run in the sixth when Jeff Marx mashed a double, Curt Rubin tapped a single and Shlissel's grounder to second allowed Marx to score.

Wisely sensing that Clockwork Orange thought that time may be on its side, the Old Stars realized that they would need to continue sparkling on offense. Aronson led off with his third single of the game, and Baumgartner crashed his two-run homer to boost the Old Stars' lead to 9-2 entering the seventh inning.

Brilliant defense ruled the entire seventh inning. Old Star Drapkin made a great leaping snag of a sizzling liner off the bat of Dave Sanders and Aronson followed with a full-striding catch of a line drive off the bat of Ken Moskowitz. Later, Orange shortstop Reisenberg initiated a perfectly timed second-to-first double play.

Finally, Clockwork Orange's offensive timing got on track in the eighth. Baer belted a single but was forced out at second on the next play. Robin Cherkes arced a single to center and Marx poked a single to left, then Rubin rapped an RBI single to left. Shlissel slapped a two-RBI single

to right. Reisenberg tomahawked an RBI single to right-center and Bob Vogel followed with an RBI single to left. Sanders slashed in the sixth run of the inning and the Orange now were within striking range of the Old Stars' system, trailing only, 9-8.

Wisdom and experience prevailed; however, as the Old Stars realized that their proper distribution and placement of singles would eventually win out. Harris hopped a single to right, Howard Flisser flicked a single to left-center and Kendler loaded the bases with a single to left. Wolf whacked a sacrifice fly to center to score Harris, Ron Brachman grounded into a force play, then Aronson cleared the bases with a shot past the center fielder and scored himself before the relay throw reached home.

Now down 13-8 in the ninth, Orange was crushed. After Novick singled to left, Old Star right fielder Scotty "beam me up" Burns dramatically ended the game with a diving, rolling, head-over-heels catch of a lined shot off the bat of Marx.

The Old Stars upped its record to 4-1-1 and Clockwork Orange slipped to 3-3.

Clockwork Orange	000	011	060	08
Old Stars	051	012	04x	13

WAL Baseballers Defeat Springfield Legion, 7-6

The Westfield American Legion baseball team, in its normal fashion, pulled out a dramatic come-from-behind, 7-6, victory over the Springfield American Legion at Edison School in Westfield on June 27. It was the fifth time this season that Westfield has won its game in the seventh inning.

Springfield took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first but Westfield answered loudly with three in its half of the inning. Kevin McCormack drew a base-on-balls, then stole second. Brian Flynn reached safely on an error and Lamont Turner stepped to the plate and lashed a single to center to bring in McCormack. Jay Merritt sizzled a grounder off the glove of the shortstop to drive in Flynn and Turner.

Springfield regained the lead with three in the second and Westfield came back to tie the score at 4-4 by the end of the second. After exchanging runs in the third, Springfield took a 6-5 lead in the fourth when Mike Piccolo walked, stole second and third, then scored on a sacrifice fly to center. From that point, Turner switched from shortstop to relief pitcher and shut down the Springfield offensive machine.

The score remained 6-5 until Flynn

smashed a triple and scored on Turner's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the sixth. After Turner retired the Springfield batters in the seventh, Josh Falcone led off with a walk, then Jeff Johnson ripped a single to right as Falcone flew to third. Shaken by the gravity of his predicament, the Springfield pitcher nervously tossed a wild pitch and Falcone soared home with the winning run.

The victory lifted Westfield's record to 6-2-1. Turner pitched four innings, allowing only one hit to pick up the win. Flynn went 2-for-4 and Falcone went 2-for-2. Flynn, as the catcher, had a beautiful "back-pick" of a Springfield runner at first base.

Later, on June 28, the Westfield American Legion team defeated Kenilworth 11-9 and lost to Cranford 10-2. With that split, Westfield's record moved to 7-3-1.

After 11 games, Falcone amassed a batting average of .444. Turner was at .421, Luke Mistretta was third at .368, Merritt was fourth at .344, Gabe Perez was fifth at .316 and Flynn was sixth at .310. Defensively, Flynn has performed marvelously, allowing no passed balls and throwing out 10 potential base stealers.

Springfield	131	100	0	06
Westfield	311	001	1	07



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SINGLE TO CENTER...Brian Flynn of the Westfield American Legion rips a single to center during a game against Springfield at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield on June 27. Westfield won, 7-6.

Mets Storm Back to Win SP-F Title Over Tigers

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First, Mets right fielder Ted Sensor made a slick one-handed stab of a fly ball off the bat of Metzger. Second, pitcher Varsolona dove to his right and knocked down a steaming grounder hit by Montagna. He rolled to his knees and threw Montagna out at first. Finally, Sam Gordon made a brilliant running snag of a liner hit by Dave Kosces.

Josh Kay led off for the Mets in the fourth and drilled a liner to center which was nicely caught by Von Langen. Gordon drew a walk, then glided to second on a wild pitch. Powers came to bat and pummeled a single to left to drive in Gordon. Powers, then pranced to second on the throw to home. Moments later, Powers rounded third and scored on Knechtel's chopper to second and the Mets took a 5-3 lead.

Vinnie Losavio led off the fourth for the Tigers by lashing a double to down the right-field line. Later, Losavio trotted to third on a balk call. Losavio was ready and itching to score; however, Mets pitcher Varsolona struck out the next three Tiger batters to escape the inning.

Varsolona led off the fifth and reached first safely on an error. Jim Scalfaro got his second hit of the evening by slapping a single to right, then Sensor slashed a single to left to bring home Varsolona. With the situation appearing to get out of hand, Tiger pitcher Montagna struck out the next three Mets batters and prevented further damage.

Down 7-3, the Tigers needed to show some muscle, and did, in the bottom of the fifth. Von Langen squibbed a single toward second, then D'Annunzio hammered a two-

run shot over the left field fence to narrow the score to 7-5. Later in the inning, Kosces drew a walk and Losavio nailed his third hit of the evening, but Varsolona struck out the next Tiger batter for the third out.

The Mets increased the lead to 8-5 in the sixth when Baker bashed a double to right and Varsolona brought him home with a single to right field. Now back on the mound, Varsolona seemed to gain strength and struck out two of the next three Tiger batters and got the third batter to ground out. The Mets had won the championship, 8-5.

Dan Kaiserman, Steve Mineo and Sam Jones also participated for the champion Mets and Dan Kurter, Josh Parker and Pete Miller saw action for the American League Champion Tigers.

Mets	004	211	08
Tigers	300	020	05



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
SINGLE TO CENTER...Matt Powers punches a single to center in the third inning for the Mets.

Two Westfield Matmen Will Enter Garden State Games

Two Westfield High School wrestlers will be representing Region 3 in the upcoming Garden State Games, slated for July 12, at Somerville High School. Jimmy Villane, a freshman, and Matt Castaldo, a senior, each wrestled their way into the final round of the regional qualifier held on June 9 at Cranford High School.

The top two wrestlers in each weight class will battle opponents from the other seven regions in the scholastic competition next month. The team is preparing for the tournament by practicing twice a week at Cranford High School.

Villane pinned Matt Mitchell of Columbia High School in the opening round and defeated Lou Panetta of Roselle Park 7-3 in the semi-finals before losing to District 10 champion, Rory Adams of Roselle Park in the finals of the 119 pound class.

Villane, a first-year wrestler, completed a successful rookie campaign for the Blue Devils this past season. The freshman ended the year with a 6-2 record on the junior varsity level, which included a second place showing at the Union County Junior Varsity (JV) Cham-

pionships. In addition, Villane gained valuable experience winning two matches on the varsity level.

Castaldo used solid defense and a late takedown to win a close 4-3 decision over Cory Mitchell of Columbia High School to reach the finals. In the finals, Castaldo wrestled well but was eventually pinned by Region 3 runner-up, Joe Salerno of Chatham High School. Castaldo will represent the team at 152 pounds.

Castaldo, who will be a senior on the Blue Devils varsity team next winter, finished his junior year with an 8-2 record on the junior varsity level. Three of Castaldo's wins came at the Union County (JV) Championships, where he was the 1998 champion. Castaldo, like Villane, saw some varsity action this past winter and will be expected to contribute to next winter's varsity team.

Nick Clark, a junior, competed at a heavyweight class that included some of the most talented athletes in the state. Clark, a varsity letterman who won six matches for the Blue Devils this past winter, lost to two-time District 12 finalist Colin Hunter of South Plainfield and Region 3 finalist Jeremiah Fleming of Columbia.

Westfield White Wins Four Straight Games

Westfield's Nine-Year-Old White team is off to a 4-0 record this season. Under the coaching of Mike Venezia, Pat Ferro, and Joe Hennessy, the traveling team has won four straight games.

The White Team's first victory came with a 18-8 win against Chatham. Pitching for the win were Mike Venezia, Jr. and Ross Abromowitz.

A second victory came in Long Hill, where the heavy hitting of the team ran up the score to 28-7. Those getting multiple hits included Sean Ferro, Danny Dickson, Billy Nason, and Eric Hoens.

The White team handily beat New Providence PAL by a score of 16-9. Pitchers Kevin Hennessey and Tim Jacob, along with fielders Chris Sailors, Colin Callaghan, and Derek Anderson kept the PAL team just out of reach.

Saturday's score of 19-6 against New Providence Club was another rout with the pitching of Sam Crawford and Peter Rucinsky, and three triples by Mike Venezia.

WTA Men's Singles Ladder Results Told

June 28 marked the end of the fourth reporting period for the WTA Men's Singles Ladder. Fierce competition from new participants "stirred up" the standings.

Applications for the Men's Winter/Spring Ladder will be available next week. Please report results of matches to Frank DeSantis at 654-9331 Extension No. 1. Next reporting period ends July 12.

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| 1. Robert Errazo | 24. Bill Gottdenker |
| 2. Peter Sharpe | 25. Allan Chow |
| 3. Don Rosenthal | 26. Mike Feldman |
| 4. Jeff Pollock | 27. Dewey Rainville |
| 5. Steve Parker | 28. Joe Donolo |
| 6. Elvin Hoel | 29. Neils Jensen |
| 7. Vince Camuto | 30. Alan Lo |
| 8. Jason Sprung | 31. Mike Panagos |
| 9. Len Reznikov | 32. Frank Orbach |
| 10. Simon Lee | 33. Jim Bender |
| 11. Gary Wasserman | 34. Hugh Coleman |
| 12. Frank DeSantis | 35. Mike Walters |
| 13. Roger Lowenstein | * Donald Dohm |
| 14. Jim Osislo | * Michael Sanaman |
| 15. Mark Daaeman | * Joseph Bobak |
| 16. Simon Lack | * Ken Arida |
| 17. Mike McGlynn | * Achim Buecklers |
| 18. Russ Finstein | * Quaid Kapadia |
| 19. Bill Wilhelm | * Thomas Schaves |
| 20. Dave Leiz | * George F. Sincox |
| 21. Steve Satkin | * Steve Goodman |
| 22. Gary Yee | * Juan Antonio Perez |
| 23. Charles Carl | * Micheal Weingarten |



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FLYING HIGH...Colleen Farrell, age 12, of North Hunterdon flies 13 feet in the long jump event at the Women's Games in Westfield on June 27.

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Ash Brook Women Tell Golf Results

A spokesman for the Ash Brook Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the winners of the "Handicap Stroke Play" tournament for 18- and 9-Holers on June 25.

Also announced was the winner and runner-up of the Vice Presidents Cup.

18-HOLERS

Flight A
 Low gross, Marilyn Anderson, 84.
 First low net, Mary Anderson, 67.
 Second low net, Marilyn Anderson, 68.
 Third low net, Rhoda Faughnan, 72.

Flight B
 Low gross, Ethel Araneo, 90.
 First low net, Araneo, 68.
 Second low net, Joyce Bukowicz, 70.
 Third low net, Margaret Hickey, 71.

Flight C
 Low gross, Barbara Doane, 102.
 First low net, Doane, 65.
 Second low net, Shirley Casarola, 73.
 Third low net, Natalie Pines and Terry Komorosky, tied, 76.

Low putts: Hickey, 26.
 Chip-ins: Marge Perretta, No. 4; Margaret Hickey, No. 17; Elaine Baker, No. 4, and Nancy Wolcott, No. 2.

9-HOLERS

Flight A
 Low gross, Jeanne Holback, 52.
 First low net, Vera Shereyko, Holback and Janice Lawyer, tied, 39.

Flight B
 Low gross, Marj Ruff, 58.
 First low net, Ruff, 37.
 Second low net, Jean Hopke, Kathy Blatt and Nancy Christensen, tied, 40.

Flight C
 Low gross, Liz Youngs, 66.
 First low net, Arlene La Tourette, 40.
 Second low net, Ginny Sandhusen and Youngs, tied, 42.

Low putts: Ruff, 15.
 Chip-ins: Ruff, No. 12, and MaryJane Hoerner, No. 14.

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AND ALL THAT JAZZ... The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Jazz under 10 inter-city soccer team completed their 1997-1998 year with an overall record of 24-12-2. The Jazz entered six tournaments and finished with a 13-4-1 record with one first place trophy and three second place trophies. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Hallie Mintz, Lauren Mains, Allie Hambleton, Loni Kaye and Katie Van Haasteren, and back row, Head Coach Joe McGuire, Jess McGarry, Lauren Hercul, Briana Falco, Becca McGuire, Gaby Falco, Maddie Wasser, Betsy Kipping and trainer Tony Mendes. Not present were Shannon Hauser and assistant coaches Pat Hambleton and Bob Hauser.

'Judy Lee Day' Honors Success of Pool Coach

By WILLIAM McMEEKAN, JR. Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

It began humbly enough. "Judy Lee started out as a booth attendant," explains Westfield Assistant Director of Recreation James Gildea, "and she just went on from there."

Where Judy Lee went in her 25 years with the Westfield Memorial Pool has not only put her at the forefront of New Jersey's summer swimming programs but also has made her a vital part of many of Westfield's youth.

Under her guidance as head swimming coach, the Memorial Pool "Blue" team has remained undefeated in the North New Jersey Swim League for the past 14 years.

"Throughout the league, the reputation of the Memorial team is unmatched," says former Mountaintop Community Pool Coach Steven Fowler. "It's an amazing record."

Lee's quarter-century of service was acknowledged on June 30 in a ceremony at the pool.

"She is one of the most inspirational swim coaches around," Fowler explained, "always smiling, and loved by everyone, friend and competitor alike."

Westfield High School Girls' Swim Team Captain Heidi Shoemann agrees, saying, "Judy keeps it competitive, but she also makes it fun." According to Gildea, "Where other teams sometimes have a tough time finding enough swimmers to fill all the events, Judy regularly has 200 to 300 kids swimming for her."

Lee's coaching has also proved invaluable well beyond the summer months. The success of local "Y" and high school teams, including the 42-year reign of the Westfield High School Boys' as Union County Champions, has clearly been aided by the 14-year winning streak of the Memorial Pool team.

"Judy is a great person," says Bruce Johnson, former Westfield High School swimming coach, "her program at Memorial (Pool) is our lifeblood. Every town should have a Judy Lee."

Johnson is the author of "The History of New Jersey Interscholastic Swimming." Stan Kaslusky, Executive Director of the Westfield "Y," and the parent of two former Memorial Pool swimmers said, "The community owes Judy a great debt. She is a wonderful youth teacher who encourages children at all levels to learn new skills and be part of a team."

"Judy is completely dedicated to our pool and does an exceptional job," said Gildea. "I hope she stays another 25 years."

One of the factors behind Lee's success, it has been said, is her understanding of the challenges a swimmer faces, since she herself continues to train and compete as a swimmer in the master's division. She often sees her former swimmers the second time around as master's level teammates.

When she is not coaching or swimming, Lee is a teacher and coach at the Pingry School in Martinsville.

Parents of swim team members proposed the celebration known as "Judy Lee Day" and friends, family members and former swimmers were invited.

WTA Women's Doubles Tennis Ladder Told

Following are the standings for the Westfield Tennis Association Women's Double ladder through June 28. What an active session! Kudos to all teams that played multiple matches and returned lots of challenges.

Already two teams have qualified for the playoffs. A special welcome to the new teams that have joined the ladder. Please make an effort to get these new teams involved in the ladder.

Report all matches to Andrea MacRitchie at 654-9375. Please return phone calls immediately. Teams that do not play during a reporting period drop three places for inactivity.

The next reporting period ends at 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 12.

- 1. Shelly Nicholas/Carol Thompson
2. Karen Dorne/Clara Karnish
3. Cindy Freudenberg/Berry
4. Joan Dreyer/Lydia Masterson
5. Liz Mitchell/Jean Power
6. Carol Greco/Pat Vlach
7. Lillian Louie/Kathy Ostrowski
8. Rebecca and Barbara Goldberg
9. Karen Fried/Tracy Gordon
10. Sherri Bender/Aletta Zwick
11. Andrea MacRitchie/Eileen Mitchell
12. Diane Barabus/Charlotte Clevenger
13. Lynne Augis/Pat Page
14. Rosemary Lombard/Genny Shinneman
15. Michele Fine/Debbie Gately
16. Helen Leong/Allyne Zorn
17. Adriene Carson/Lynne Pomerantz
18. Laurie Blumberg/Feri Martens
19. Liela Bernstein/Susan Shusman
20. Vanessa Barber/Andrea Lowenstein
21. Catherine Gioia/Gert Cohen
22. Susan Dunn/Marci Fisher
23. Robin Bailey/Karen Brown
24. Lori Ridings/Carol Smille
25. Gina Gagliardi/Peg Sheridan
26. Cindy Gallagher/Peg Sheridan
27. Wendy Hansen/Rikke Thomsen
28. Suzanne Minken/Claire Mick
29. Anna Murray/Diane Mronz

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NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS CONTRACTOR: EKA Associates, P.A., 2050 Route No. 22 East, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.
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NATIONS BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONS BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, FKA KEYCORP MORTGAGE, PLAINTIFF vs. JUAN TAVARA AND MIRTHA TAVARA HIS WIFE, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 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 29TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$105,796.78.
NATIONS BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONS BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, FKA KEYCORP MORTGAGE, INC. vs. JUAN TAVARA AND MIRTHA TAVARA, HIS WIFE, ARTURO E. MARTINEZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; GAF LINDEN EMPLOYEE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; ROBERTO NIMA.
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 219 SOUTH 2ND STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.
TAX LOT NO. 978 BLOCK NO. 2.
DIMENSIONS: 25.00 FEET WIDE BY 100 FEET DEEP.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: SITUATE ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SOUTH SECOND STREET 225.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SECOND AVENUE.
There is due approximately the sum of \$200,362.77 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20938-97.
THOMAS DEL ENDIS INC., PLAINTIFF vs. IVAN E. PENNA AND SONIA PENNA, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 16, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$150,699.10.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 215 PALMER STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.
Tax Lot No. 7 in Block No. 1012.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 50.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Second Avenue.
Situate at a point on the northerly side of Palmer Street distant approximately 174.07 feet westerly from its intersection with the westerly side of Second Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$154,672.53 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20938-97.
MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. CRISTOVAO PINTO AND INACIA PINTO, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$73,543.42.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 604 LIVINGSTON STREET, UNIT 1, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.
Tax Lot No. 702.1 in Block No. 7.
Being known and designated as Unit 1 in Newport Condominium, together with an undivided 17.7% interest in the common elements thereunto as described in the Master Deed recorded September 7, 1989 in Deed Book 3702, Page 101, et seq., as may have been or may be lawfully amended.
There is due approximately the sum of \$75,575.11 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20938-97.
MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. CRISTOVAO PINTO AND INACIA PINTO, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$195,268.97.
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 441 WEST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090.
Tax Lot No. 21 in Block No. 2901.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 50.0 feet wide by 140.0 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Rahway Avenue.
Situate at a point on the southeasterly side of West Broad Street distance approximately 534.0 feet southwesterly from its intersection with the southeasterly side-line of Rahway Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$200,362.77 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-202719-97.
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. RICARDO MOTTA, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 4, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$130,125.96.
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth.
COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
STREET & STREET NO.: 334 Vine Street.
TAX BLOCK NO. AND LOT NO.: BLOCK NO. 13, LOT NO. 1449.
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 33.33 feet by 174 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 233.33 feet from the intersection of Grove Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$133,576.91 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

WTA Senior Men's Tennis Ladder Told

Below are the standings of the 1998 Westfield Tennis Association (WTA) Senior Men's ladder reflecting the results of the matches through June 28.

Please report results of matches to Charles V. Gibilaro at (908) 654-9331 Extension No. 2. Next reporting period ends Sunday, July 12.

- 1. Ironde Aliche
2. Mike McGlynn
3. Robert Errazo
4. Irwin Bernstein
5. Elwin Hoel
6. Dewey Rainville
7. Joe Gadzak
8. James Logan
9. John Dalton
10. Michael Weingarten
11. Mike Pangos
12. Charles Carl
13. Hugh Coleman
14. Charles Gibilaro
15. Dan Hickey
16. Tom Detrano
17. George Sincox
18. Donald Dohm
19. Ted Moss
20. Lowell Doak

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15180-94.
DEL NORTE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. WILLIAM LAMORTE AND MICHELE LAMORTE; SELRITE MILLWORK CORP.; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 14, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$212,720.54.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as 1000 Byron Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. Tax Lot No. 223 in Block No. 10.
Dimensions of Lot: Approximately 100 feet by 120 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Beginning at a point in the southwesterly side line of Byron Avenue distant northwesterly 120.00 feet measured along the said side line of Byron Avenue and Byron extended from its intersection with the northwesterly side line of Shelley Avenue extended.

There is due approximately the sum of \$218,251.83 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
MICHAEL O. BERTONE, Attorney
217 Chestnut Street
Newark, New Jersey 07105
CH-753840 (WL)
4 T - 6/18, 6/25, 7/2 & 7/9/98 Fee: \$171.36

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education, Westfield, New Jersey, in the Board of Education Office, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, at 10:30 A.M. (Prevaling Time) on July 15, 1998 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for:

"ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS"
Plans and Specifications will be available on July 6, 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 441 West Broad Street, 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. Payment of the fee upon proper notice and payment of a check for Forty Dollars (\$40.00), payable to M. DISKO ASSOCIATES, said costs 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 qualified in accordance with Chapter 105, Laws of 1962, as amended by Chapter 188, Laws of 1968 as set forth in Instructions to Bidders.
Labor in connection with the project shall be paid not less than wages as listed in Prevailing Wage Rate Determination, pursuant to Chapter 150 of the New Jersey Laws of 1963, or the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determinations, whichever are higher for each class of labor.
Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL 1975, C.127 (NJAC 17:27).
Bids may be held by the Board of Education for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualification 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 - 7/2/98, The Leader Fee: \$57.63

WTA Men's Doubles Tennis Ladder Told

Steve Satkin and Russell Finestine have emerged as the new leaders for the Westfield Tennis Association's Men's Doubles Ladder for this reporting period.

Satkin and Finestine welcome challenges. The new standings are reflected below and new teams are always welcome.

The next reporting period ends July 12, 1998. If interested in joining the ladder, please call or e-mail Mark Daaleman at 654-9331 or at mdaaleman@phks.com.

Current standings are:
1. Satkin/Finestine
2. DeSantis/Daaleman
3. Dreyer/Mathews
4. Yee/Chou
5. Lo/Weingarten
6. Haesler/Rainville
7. Bender/DeSorbo
8. Sincox/Chiesa

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, June 23, 1998, an ordinance entitled:
AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF "CLIFFWOOD STREET" was duly passed on second and final reading.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS Barbara Riepe Township Clerk
1 T - 7/2/98, The Times Fee: \$13.26

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4460-97.
LUIS DAVID RODRIGUEZ AND NELLY RODRIGUEZ, H/W, PLAINTIFF vs. ROBERTO ALVAREZ, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 2, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$132,310.34.
Block No. 3, Lot No. 351.
654-562 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
Distance to nearest cross street - At the intersection of the southerly side of East Jersey Street and the southerly side of Sixth Street.
Size - 100 feet by 127 feet.
There is due approximately the sum of \$135,822.90 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

HOWARD D. LIPSTEIN, Attorney
535 Morris Avenue
Springfield, New Jersey 07081
CH-753864 (WL)
4 T - 6/25, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98 Fee: \$148.92

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20938-97.
MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. CRISTOVAO PINTO AND INACIA PINTO, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
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The judgment amount is \$73,543.42.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 604 LIVINGSTON STREET, UNIT 1, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202.
Tax Lot No. 702.1 in Block No. 7.
Being known and designated as Unit 1 in Newport Condominium, together with an undivided 17.7% interest in the common elements thereunto as described in the Master Deed recorded September 7, 1989 in Deed Book 3702, Page 101, et seq., as may have been or may be lawfully amended.
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RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The judgment amount is \$195,268.97.
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 441 WEST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090.
Tax Lot No. 21 in Block No. 2901.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 50.0 feet wide by 140.0 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Rahway Avenue.
Situate at a point on the southeasterly side of West Broad Street distance approximately 534.0 feet southwesterly from its intersection with the southeasterly side-line of Rahway Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$200,362.77 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20938-97.
MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. CRISTOVAO PINTO AND INACIA PINTO, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

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The judgment amount is \$195,268.97.
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
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RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20938-97.
MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. CRISTOVAO PINTO AND INACIA PINTO, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

Bernstein Wins Track Gold Medal in 800M

Irwin Bernstein of Westfield won a gold medal at the Garden State Athletic Club Classic Track and Field Meet at Randolph High School on June 28.

Representing the Shore Athletic Club in the 65-59 age group, Bernstein recorded a season best time of 2:48.76 to win the 800-meter run.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-15568-94.
NATIONAL HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JOAO M. AVILA AND EMILIA AVILA, HIS WIFE; MARIA AVILA; ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 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 22ND DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$254,261.37.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 636-638 WESTMINSTER AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208.
Tax Lot No. 1674 Block No. 11.
There is due approximately the sum of \$261,444.69 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

SHAPIRO & KREISMAN, Attorneys
406 - J Lippincott Drive
Marlton, New Jersey 08053
CH-753419 (WL)
4 T - 6/25, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98 Fee: \$150.96

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-20938-97.
MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. CRISTOVAO PINTO AND INACIA PINTO, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$105,796.78.
NATIONS BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONS BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, FKA KEYCORP MORTGAGE, INC. vs. JUAN TAVARA AND MIRTHA TAVARA, HIS WIFE, ARTURO E. MARTINEZ, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; GAF LINDEN EMPLOYEE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; ROBERTO NIMA.
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 219 SOUTH 2ND STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.
TAX LOT NO. 978 BLOCK NO. 2.
DIMENSIONS: 25.00 FEET WIDE BY 100 FEET DEEP.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: SITUATE ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SOUTH SECOND STREET 225.00 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SECOND AVENUE.
There is due approximately the sum of \$200,362.77 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

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THOMAS DEL ENDIS INC., PLAINTIFF vs. IVAN E. PENNA AND SONIA PENNA, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 16, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
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The judgment amount is \$195,268.97.
The property to be sold is located in the TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 441 WEST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090.
Tax Lot No. 21 in Block No. 2901.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 50.0 feet wide by 140.0 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Rahway Avenue.
Situate at a point on the southeasterly side of West Broad Street distance approximately 534.0 feet southwesterly from its intersection with the southeasterly side-line of Rahway Avenue.
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RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. CRISTOVAO PINTO AND INACIA PINTO, HIS WIFE, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall

Strategic Plan Unit Focuses On Respect and Tolerance

Editor's Note: The following article is the first of a seven-part series outlining the initiatives of the committee which worked on the proposed Strategic Plan for the Westfield Public Schools District.

The Westfield Public School's draft summary of its newly proposed Strategic Plan includes the report of Action Committee No. 3, which addressed the importance of respect and tolerance through the curricula.

Chaired by outgoing Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Dr. David Rock, the recommendations of the committee include:

- The convention of a task force to coordinate a review of curricula and recommend revisions and media materials to ensure that students are exposed to committee recommended similarities and differences.
- The accessibility of all available resources such as STS (Sharing Talents and Skills), Diversity 2000, SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity), celebrations and contests, assemblies, films, etc.
- The development of student-centered learning activities that promote respect.
- The fostering of an awareness of diversity through artistic and cultural experiences.
- The review of available software and websites and development of activities to promote a climate of respect for diversity.
- The creation of a centrally coordinated annual district-wide celebration of diversity.
- The creation of a district-wide coordinating committee to oversee and monitor the implementation of

the plan. Joining Dr. Rock on the committee were parents Vickie Algarin, Ellen Zambo Anderson, Ann Bergin, Meryl Chertoff, Veronica Blake-Greenaway, Kathleen Hintze, Ronnie Lambert, Sharon McGuire, Karen Mortenson, and Alicia Zurlo; as well as teachers Josie Ho, Nathan Hollis, Donna Hornish, Debbie Lyons, MaryBeth Mansfield, Katharine McDuffie, Maureen Pigott, Diane Russell, and Margaret Teitelbaum. Administrator Paula Roy; former board member Keith S. Hertell and board member Susan Jacobson; Westfield citizen Charlotte Moseley, and Westfield High School students Mark Matthews and Kelly Langton were also included on the committee.

In commenting on their findings, Dr. Rock said, "One of the most early encouraging conclusions of the committee was how quickly they reached consensus on diverse issues faced by Westfield students.

"This consensus allowed the group to focus very early and very quickly on actions and recommendations to achieve the goal of assuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve," he said.

Dr. Rock noted that the committee had two subcommittees which addressed two strategies: to ensure curricula that promote a climate of respect, and to provide mandatory staff development programs and address issues of diversity.

"There was no pre-formulated conclusion or opinion," stated Dr. Rock. "Both subcommittees were open and willing to discuss, debate and share different views and opinions."



PROMOTING TOLERANCE...Some of the members of the Strategic Planning Action Committee which addressed the infusion of respect and tolerance into Westfield Public School curricula include, left to right, front row, Josie Ho, Paula Roy and Ronnie Lambert, and, back row, Karen Mortenson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Dr. David Rock and Ann Bergin.

Middle is a dispiritingly practical age. There is a tendency to sift through unfulfilled dreams and chuck out the wilder ones.

— Alan Coren

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
Notice is hereby given that on July 13, 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. Kenneth Duda for preliminary and final site plan approval and for a bulk variance for a restaurant and from the requirements of Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provision of subparagraph 93-16E(10) (parking spaces - present 57 - proposed 68) on the property at 15 South Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 55 Lot No. 2 on the Fanwood Tax Map.

All interested persons may be present and heard.
The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Mr. Kenneth C. Duda
290 North Wyoming Avenue
South Orange, New Jersey 07079
1 T - 7/2/98, The Times Fee: \$25.50

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16110-97.
DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE COMPANY, L.P., PLAINTIFF vs. SHANTI M. SAVLA AND KOKILAS. SAVLA, HIS WIFE ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 1, 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 22ND DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$221,795.48.
Property to be sold is located in the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 1062 Sunny Slope Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey.
BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 5, Block No. 7F on the official Tax Map of the Borough of Mountainside.

Dimensions: (approximately) 175.00 feet x 100.00 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Summit Road.
There is due approximately the sum of \$227,556.25 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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216 Haddon Avenue
Westmont, New Jersey 08108
CH-753856 (WL)
4 T - 6/25, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98
Fee: \$167.28

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, June 23, 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: To set salary or wage range for Greenskeeper \$18.00 per hour — \$20.00 per hour.
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.
A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE
Township Clerk
1 T - 7/2/98, The Times Fee: \$30.00

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3619-98.
REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK, PLAINTIFF vs. CARMEN MONTALVO, ET AL., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 14, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 29TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$138,912.48.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 15-17 Amity Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.
Tax Lot No. 41 in Block No. 7.
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 feet wide by 96 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the north-easterly side of Amity Street, 245 feet from the easterly side of Second Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$142,584.28 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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File No. XWM 36777
CH-753878 (WL)
4 T - 7/2, 7/9, 7/16 & 7/23/98
Fee: \$171.36



NEWLY INSTALLED...At the annual installation dinner held recently, District Governor John J. Wilczynski, second from left, installed the new officers for 1998-1999. Also pictured, left to right, are: President Carol Wood, first from left; Vice President Andy Calamaers, third from left; Treasurer Pat Sigmon, fourth from left; and Sergeant-at-Arms John Turnbull, fifth from left. They are shown with board members Lori de Mill, the outgoing President, Steve Prato and Chet Ring, past President. The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at noon at the Park Place Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

Realtors Begin Online Home Sales Marketing

To help consumers keep up with the real estate sales market, Coldwell Banker has developed a customer service feature on the Internet called "Personal Retriever." It is an automatic online retrieval service for individual home buyers listed on www.coldwellbanker.com.

"Personal Retriever" allows a buyer to register on-line and indicate the type of house they want. The computer conducts a search of the Coldwell Banker data base and provides the home buyer with matching information. There is an average of 170,000 homes on line according to Coldwell Banker.

As new properties come on the market, the home buyer is notified by e-mail. The buyer can then contact a real estate agent and see the house before others are notified.

This is a tool for prospective buyers from another state or country. A New Jersey resident can shop for a ski house

in Vermont or a beach house in North Carolina.

For homeowners, Personal Retriever is an entirely new way to reach prospective home buyers.

For information on how Personal Retriever call your local Coldwell Banker office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

Notice is hereby given that on July 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. Mark Kaplan for preliminary and final site plan approval and from the requirements of Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Fanwood and from provision of subparagraphs 93-9A(2)(c) (side yard width); 93-9A(1)(f) (building coverage) and existing house 93-9A(1)(h) (front yard depth); 93-9A(1)(i) (side yard width) on the property at 210 Belvidere Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 109, Lot No. 17 on the Fanwood Tax Map.

All interested persons may be present and heard.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kaplan
210 Belvidere Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 7/2/98, The Times Fee: \$27.03

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18921-97.
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. GREGORY W. McDONALD AND MAUREEN A. McDONALD H/W WT AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 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 22ND DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$167,129.42.
MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth.
COUNTY & STATE: Union County, State of New Jersey.

STREET & STREET NUMBER: 617-619 Jefferson Avenue.
TAX LOT NO. & BLOCK NO.: LOT Acct No.: 498, BLOCK Ward No.: 12.

DIMENSIONS: 33 feet x 145 feet x 33 feet x 145 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 202 feet from Fairmount Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$172,086.98 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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Newark, New Jersey 07102
CH-753150 (WL)
4 T - 7/15, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98
Fee: \$165.24

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-19724-97.
FORD CONSUMER FINANCE COMPANY, INC., A NY CORP., PLAINTIFF vs. ALESSANDRO LEITE, IGNEZ OLIVEIRA; THE KINGSLAND GROUP, INC.; ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 28, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$108,416.03.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 421 FIRST AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.
Tax Lot No. 531 in Block No. 5.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 25.03 feet wide by 124.38 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Fifth Street.
Situate adjacent on the northerly side of First Avenue distant approximately 525.53 feet easterly from its intersection with the easterly side of Fifth Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$111,323.58 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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4 T - 6/18, 6/25, 7/2 & 7/9/98
Fee: \$173.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-18921-97.
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. GREGORY W. McDONALD AND MAUREEN A. McDONALD H/W WT AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 21, 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 22ND DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$74,958.54.
The property to be sold is located in the BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

It is commonly known as: 242 APPLE TREE LANE, MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07093.

Tax Lot No. 17 in Block No. 3B.
Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 161.62 feet wide by 29.07 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the north-easterly side of APPLE TREE LANE, 585.01 feet from the SOUTHEAST-ERLY side of ORCHARD ROAD.

There is due approximately the sum of \$77,033.73 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
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CH-753862 (WL)
4 T - 6/25, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98
Fee: \$173.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3863-97.
RESOURCE BANCHARRES MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. DIEGO GOMEZ; MARTHA GOMEZ AND MR. GOMEZ HER HUSBAND ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 8, 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 JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$149,785.81.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 473 THIRD AVENUE A/K/A 473-475 THIRD AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208.

Tax Lot No. 1399 WO-5 in Block No. 5 A/K/A TAX LOT ACCT. NO. 1399 BLOCK WARD NO. 5.

Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 102.33 feet wide by 51.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the EASTERLY side of THIRD AVENUE, WITH THE SOUTHERLY side of FIFTH STREET.

There is due approximately the sum of \$152,283.31 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
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Marlton, New Jersey 08053
CH-753858 (WL)
4 T - 6/25, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98
Fee: \$173.40

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-6342-97.
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOC., A UNITED STATES CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. BERNICE RATIONI, PLAINTIFF vs. BERNICE MCKISSIC, WIDOW; IMPERIAL ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION; ET AL, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MARCH 3, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$10,386.61.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

It is commonly known as: 873 Flora Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Its known and designated as Block No. 8, Lot No. 746.

The dimensions are 50 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Situate on the north-easterly line of Flora Street, 150 feet from the southerly line of Henry Street.

Prior lien(s): None.
There is due approximately the sum of \$10,883.51 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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4 T - 6/25, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98
Fee: \$179.52

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-19030-97.
FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. DONALD RAVAIOLI AND ELEANOR RAVAIOLI, HIS WIFE, MARK RAVAIOLI AND KELLY RAVAIOLI, H/W, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED MAY 1, 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 22ND DAY OF JULY A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is \$53,120.71.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 452, Block No. 10 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.

Dimensions: (approximately) 105.00 feet x 35.00 feet.
Nearest Cross Street: Eaton Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$54,840.14 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

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4 T - 6/25, 7/2, 7/9 & 7/16/98
Fee: \$161.16



ISN'T THAT ROMANTIC... Following the musical, *Carousel*, at NJPAC, the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre's (WYACT's) will present Wendy Wasserstein's comedy hit, *Isn't It Romantic*, at the Cranford Dramatic Club on Friday, July 31, Saturday and Sunday, August 1 and 2. Pictured above are Kate Cuca (Tasha), Richard McNanna (Simon), and Shana Golembo (Janie). Tickets are available at the Music Staff on Quimby Street in Westfield. For information, please call (908) 233-3200.

Victoria Catenacci Receives Medical Degree From Yale

Victoria A. Catenacci has earned a Doctor of Medicine Degree at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut.

Dr. Catenacci is a 1990 graduate of Westfield High School and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1994. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catenacci, and Carol Raftis, both of Westfield.

At Yale's 297th Commencement on May 25, Dr. Catenacci was awarded her degree cum laude, Yale Medical School's highest honors, which is conferred on students whose academic performance shows unusual

merit.

She was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society, which recognizes students for their scholastic excellence, integrity, capacity for leadership, compassion, and fairness in dealing with colleagues.

Dr. Catenacci also received the Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation, awarded to outstanding women students in the Class of 1998.

Later this month, Dr. Catenacci will begin an Internal Medicine residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital, also in New Haven.

Westfield Farmers Market Has 'Jersey Fresh' Produce

The Westfield Farmers Market is up and running, offering "Jersey Fresh" produce at the South Avenue parking lot of the Train Station.

Local New Jersey farmers bring their products to Westfield every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The early crops are now available, including blueberries and raspberries from Pineland Farms.

Bill Maxwell will be offering many

Burgdorff ERA To Sponsor NJPAC Performance Series

Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves has announced that the firm will be a sponsor of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's (NJPAC) Bell Atlantic Passport to Culture SchoolTime Performance Series for 1998-1999.

The announcement was made at the June 15 company meeting at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel.

Burgdorff's contribution to the program will help provide the means for tens of thousands of New Jersey school children to experience enlightening, live performances at NJPAC's state-of-the-art facility on the Newark Riverfront.

"We are very excited and proud to place our support behind NJPAC and its highly regarded SchoolTime program," said Ms. Reeves.

"In this, our company's 40th year, we are grateful for the opportunity to provide the means for our school children to see, feel and hear the joy of artistic expression through performances of this high caliber," she added.

A full roster of acts, dance, theater and music will be presented during the 1998-1999 NJPAC season, ranging from New Jersey theatrical companies to national and international performers.

varieties of zucchini, lettuce, beets, carrots and potatoes.

Matthew Fierst will have tomatoes along with fresh basil while the Big Sky Bread Co. will be offering many varieties of fresh baked breads, including cinnamon raisin, and sundried tomatoes and herbs.

The Farmers' Markets are a combination of town and country, affording the farmers an opportunity to sell their products directly to their customers, and offering local residents the availability of fresh "just picked," produce, according to Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbie Schmidt.

"The Westfield Market has five farmers participating every Thursday this summer. The Farmers Market attracts attention to the downtown area, benefiting all the local businesses, and also provides the community with a special family event where they can shop for wonderful fresh, high quality produce," said Ms. Schmidt.



FRESH FROM THE FARM... Fresh basil, peas, lettuce and tomatoes are just a few of the "Jersey Fresh" products available at the Westfield Farmers Market every Thursday, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the South Avenue Train Station parking lot



ROTARY BUSY... At a June meeting of the Rotary Club of Westfield, Andrea Karsian, a Vice President at Toresco Enterprises Automotive Dealership in Springfield, explained the mission and goals of the Junior Achievement Program. The purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and be "workforce ready." They have programs in schools from Kindergarten through high school. Sixty-seven schools in Union County participate, 195 businesses sponsor and 450 students train. Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. D. Michael Hart, President of the Rotary Club of Westfield, Andrea Karsian, and Ken Mayti, the Rotary Club's Program Director.

Navy Couple Graduate From University of Maine

Navy Senior Chief Stephen Sworen and his wife, Joyce, also a Navy veteran, are both members of this year's graduating class at the University of Maine at Machias.

Mr. Sworen, who will retire this year from military service after 22 years, received a bachelor's degree in history. Mrs. Sworen earned an associate degree in Business Technology and Accounting.

The couple, who have three children, plan to relocate to Seattle, Washington, where he plans to become a teacher and she will seek employment in the bank loan business.

A Westfield native, Mr. Sworen joined the Navy immediately after graduating from high school. He met his wife, who is from Montana, while both were stationed in Virginia in the early 1980s.

They married, and Mrs. Sworen, after a four-year hitch, swapped her military career for a role as a

Navy wife and mother.

Military service took the couple from post to post around the world, including a stint for Mr. Sworen aboard a vessel assigned to support duty during Operation Desert Storm.

Mr. Sworen, who earned a two-year associate degree while stationed at Charleston, South Carolina, worked in data processing at the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Cutler, where he also served as base career counselor and educational officer.

During his years of military service, Mr. Sworen was assigned a tour of duty in the Seattle area. It was an experience that led to the family decision to settle there after his retirement from the Navy.

"My dream has always been a home with a white picket fence," Mrs. Sworen said. Because of their desire to get college educations, their dreams are about to come true.

Coldwell Banker Office Earns Highest Distinction

Coldwell Banker's Westfield office was recently selected as a Coldwell Banker Premier Office, the highest honor given to Coldwell Banker real estate offices which consistently demonstrate exceptional performance and dedication. This is the 10th year the office has been given this distinguished award.



Marilyn Kelly

"The Premier Office designation is the most impressive honor among individual Coldwell Banker offices," said Alex Perriello, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Marilyn Kelly, Manager, and the members of the sales associate team in the Westfield office have established a standard of excellence for offices throughout the Coldwell Banker system," he continued.

The Westfield office has been setting and breaking records since 1986, when it was first recognized as the number one sales office. Thirteen unprecedented years later, it is still number one in the corporation, as well as being number one in the area

and the local Board of Realtors, Mr. Perriello revealed.

"Our office is comprised of the very best sales associates in the business. Proudly we boast the only five Gold Level Million Dollar Club members on the Board of Realtors, as well as 17 Silver Level Million Dollar Club members and a grand total of 38 Million Dollar Club members," lauded Ms. Kelly.

"This melange par excellence is one of the reasons our office has continuously had such success and will continue to do so," she added.

The office is located at 209 Central Avenue in Westfield, and may be reached by calling (908) 233-5555.

Works of Two Artists To Be Displayed At Town Book Store

The original works of art by two members of the Westfield Art Association will be on display in single-artist shows during the summer at The Town Book Store, located at 255 East Broad Street in Westfield.

During the month of July, Ann Mann of Westfield will be displaying an assortment of works in watercolor and oil.

During August, Judith Gambert of Brooklyn will be displaying her framed and unframed works in a variety of media. These works of art are accessible to the public daily during the Town Book Store's hours of operation. A wide assortment of unframed works by other members of the Westfield Art Association will also be displayed.

For more information, please call The Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535.

Faith Maricic Is Recipient Of Leader's Circle Award

Faith Maricic, a Sales Associate with Burgdorff ERA's Westfield Office, recently earned the ERA Leader's Circle Award for her production of over \$5 million.

Ms. Maricic achieved nearly \$9 million in production, placing her within the top 5 percent of all 27,000 ERA sales agents worldwide.

Her successful marketing and sales techniques have enabled her to qualify for numerous awards, according to Jean T. Massard, Vice President and Manager of Burgdorff Realtors ERA.

She was named Salesperson of the Month three times in 1996 and four times in 1997. Since she began her career in 1987, she has been a member each year of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Sales Club.

Ms. Maricic also won the Silver Achievement Award for 1992, 1996 and 1997.

She is a member of the Burgdorff's Presidents Elite for 1997 and 1998, and also earned NJAR's Lifetime Membership in the Distinguished Sales Club for Recognition in Achieving the Real Estate Million Dollar Award Club for over 10 years.

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Ms. Massard remarked.

Ms. Maricic may be reached directly at (908) 233-4646.



YOUNG COMPOSER...Linden High School sophomore Adler Perotte, center, is pictured with the Cassatt String Quartet following their performance of a composition he wrote for them. The quartet visited Linden High School, Soehl Middle School and McManus Middle School in Linden as part of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's String Master Teachers Program. This was the fifth year the ensemble worked with students in the Linden school district.

String Quartet Inspires Teen To Compose Musical Piece

Adler Perotte, a 15-year-old sophomore at Linden High School, recently composed a piece for The Cassatt String Quartet, which visited his school as part of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's (WSO) String Master Teachers Program.

The Cassatt String Quartet provided 12 master classes and performances for middle and high school students in Linden through the String Master Teachers Program.

The program, which has been in existence for five years, provides for the in-school quartet residency from No-

ember through May.

Adler, who has been working with the quartet for two years, has been studying violin for seven years, piano for 9½ years, and music composition for four years.

The String Master Teachers Program has had a significant impact on the number of students beginning and continuing the study of orchestral instruments, according to WSO spokeswoman Linda Onorevole.

Inspired by the quartet, Adler composed the piece specifically for them. Throughout the year, the quartet had numerous run-throughs of the work at all stages, and performed it on May 28 when they visited the Linden High School students for the final time this season.

WSO Music Director and Conductor David Wroe expressed his delight in the work of the students and the String Master Teachers Program.

"I want to make (the Westfield Symphony) relevant to the community," WSO Music Director and Conductor David Wroe remarked about the work of the students and the String Master Teachers Program. "It is supported by the community and must give back to it. Education is the way."

Boston University Awards Degrees To Area Scholars

Scotch Plains residents Alexandra R. Foster and Jennifer A. Mardysk were awarded degrees during graduation exercises recently held at Boston University in Massachusetts.

Alexandra was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Film and Television, cum laude.

Jennifer earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Painting from the university.

Center Also 'Enrichment' For Improving Test Scores

Standardized test results were recently released by the local school districts to parents of students in all grades.

"Parents should use these scores as a preliminary baseline to determine if their child(ren) are performing at an appropriate level," stated Rhoda Asch, a partner of The Enrichment Center in Westfield.

The Center has expanded its summer program offerings this year. Classes are being offered for students in Kindergarten through grade 12. The first session began Monday, June 29, and runs through Friday, July 24. The next session runs from Monday, July 27, through Friday, August 21. Morning and evening classes are available: 9:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. Registration can be done through the mail or by phone and class size is limited.

Students can study their course material for classes in September or review material that was not mastered during the previous school year. The Center is offering phonics and reading classes at all levels to encourage improvement in

reading skills.

In terms of math, the Center's teachers help to create a love of math and build self-esteem in students who may be wary of the subject. Gifted and talented classes are also offered for those students who are one to two years ahead of grade level.

Classes are also available to help those students who did not do well on the eighth grade Early Warning Test (EWT). Classes are offered in EWT math, English and composition writing. The classes are designed to help students prepare for this test and to prepare for the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT).

A full range of programs to help students study for the Pre-Scholastic Assessment Test/Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT/SAT) are also available.

Classes are also offered in creative writing, public speaking, elementary Spanish, art, elementary science and games of strategy.

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SP-FHS ALUMNI... The officers for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association for 1998-1999 were installed in May. Pictured, left to right, are: President Marie DiFrancesco Leppert, Recording Secretary MaryAnn Duchinka McMillan, Corresponding Secretary Kristi Murdoch Hawkins, Treasurer Kathleen Geary Van Horn, and three-year Trustee Diane Kunstmann Carboy. Other Trustees not pictured are John Gausz, Sue Harrigfeld and Honorary Trustee Dr. Terry Riegel. Meetings are held five times a year at the high school.

Alumni Group Gives Books and Scholarships

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SP-FHS) Alumni Association recently donated two books to the high school library written by alumna Jacqueline Harper Cecchetti, class of 1949. Ms. Cecchetti wrote "Fanwood: The Way It Was" and "Four Towns Remembered: Fanwood, Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Westfield." The two books describe the towns when they were mere villages and most residents knew one another. "This is local folklore at its best to be enjoyed by future generations," said a spokeswoman for the association.

The alumni association announced that Nicole Kreger and Christian Sorge, both SP-FHS graduating seniors, will each receive grants of \$500. Both have excellent academic records and busy extra curricular schedules.

They are both descendants of SP-FHS alumni.

Nicole, the daughter of Maureen and Brian Kreger, is a Bloustein scholar and a National Merit Commended student. She has won many dance awards, three of them in national competition and recently choreographed the high school musical production. She spent four years in the SP-FHS marching band, symphonic band and full choir. Possible majors at James Madison University for Nicole include Ger-



Nicole Kreger

man, math or science.

Christian Sorge, son of Phyllis Sorge and the late Edward Sorge, may major in science or math at the University of Maryland. He spent four years in the marching band and Air Force ROTC, Spanish Club and Repertory Theater. He is certified as a first responder with Emergency Medical Services and is treasurer of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad—a group his father presided over for 15 years as president.



Christian Sorge

Christina M. Van Wyk Graduates With Honors From Misericordia

Christina M. Van Wyk, the daughter of William and Florence Van Wyk of Westfield, was among 319 students who received undergraduate and graduate degrees during commencement exercises at College Misericordia in Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Miss Van Wyk graduated cum laude with College Honors, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Studies and a Master of Science Degree in Physical Therapy. She participated in the honors program.

College Misericordia, founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of Dallas, Pennsylvania, is a Catholic liberal arts undergraduate and graduate institution. Approximately 1,700 students are enrolled on a full- or part-time basis.

Master Gardeners Host Garden and Plant Fair

The ninth annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale, hosted recently by the Master Gardeners of Union County at Trailside Nature Center in Mountainside, was another success, according to a spokeswoman for the program with a total of 1,379 fair visitors were counted.

"The main purpose of the fair was to raise public awareness of the Master Gardener Program," said Joanne Krueger, fair organizer. "We do this through lectures and displays featuring horticultural topics and the various services provided by Master Gardener volunteers year round. The plant sale raises funds to enable us to provide those services."

"Many of the plants were donated

from Master Gardeners' own gardens, or were cultivated in our experimental garden, also at Trailside. The rest were generously donated by merchants in the county," said Katherine Sabatino, Master Gardener President.

Master Gardeners offers a number of programs and services including a Garden Hotline, which can be reached for garden inquiries at (908) 654-9852, include horticultural therapy, a speakers' bureau, community beautification, and gardening with children.

Master Gardeners also maintains an experimental garden at Trailside. For questions and more information on the program, please call (908) 654-9854.



ANOTHER SUCCESS... The Master Gardeners ninth annual spring Garden Fair, which was recently held at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, was deemed another success. Pictured, left to right, are: Master Gardeners Frank Schaeffer and Susan Fraser of Westfield, Teresa Bryan of Fanwood, Stacey LaForge of New Providence, and Pat Margulis of Westfield as they get ready to serve visitors and answer their queries on perennials. The event was hosted by the Master Gardeners of Union County. Just under 1,400 people attended.

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Park Middle School Honors Eighth Graders

On June 12 Park honored its eighth grade students during an assembly. The following Special Awards were presented:

Continuous "A" Average - Matthew Deegan and Allison DeMaio; President's Award for Academic Excellence - Erin Breznitsky, Regina Cappio, Michael Chester, Christopher Delaney, Sonia Dutta, Jessica Green, Karen McCourt, Raj Mukherji, Kristy Novak, Matthew Ortyl, John Park, Andrew Pavoni, Catherine Trombley, Alison Golinski, Jennifer Ordelt, and Alfred Twu.

Also receiving awards were: President's Award for Educational Improvement - Laine Bonstein, Patrick Carroll, Tiffany Kane, Emily Rodino, Bill Simpson, Christine Troiano, Jennifer Alonzo, Alia Berry, Lauren DeMartino, Kristina Eide, Joshua Finkelstein, Jaclyn Fiorino, Michael Furnari, Jillian Kosciellecki, Steven Lowen, Kerry McVey, Becky Novoro, Michael O'Neil, Sharon Opila, Hana Pardon, Bretton Pocarobba, Kerri Quinn, Matthew Ruggieri, Alia Shaalan, Jennifer Vadas, Kim Weinberg, and Eva Stepanowicz; Mingle Award - Amany Ibrahim; Continental Math League - Michael Chester, Sonia Dutta, Alfred Twu, Patrick Carroll, Raj Mukherji, Michael Heinrich, Karen McCourt, Lauren DeMartino, Allison DeMaio, Emily Rodino, Matthew Ortyl, John Park, Kristy Novak, and Sharon Opila.

Additional awards presented were: George Jackson Award - Matthew Deegan and Christopher Delaney; Jan Link Award - Regina Cappio; Ginny Mennuti Award - Steven Lowen; Dan O'Hara Award - Raj Mukherji and Tiffany Kane; P.T.A. Handbook - Jesus Gonzalez; V.F.W. Writing Contest - David Campbell; Perfect Attendance - Louis Cacciuto, Sonia Dutta, Lindsey Filo, Matthew Richards, Catherine Trombley, and Michael McLoughlin; American Mathematics Competitions - Matthew Ortyl, Michael Chester, and Alfred Twu; KMO Quiz Bowl - Patrick Carroll, Michael Chester, Lauren DeMartino, Sonia Dutta, Jennifer Ordelt, Raj Mukherji, Matthew Sturm, Catherine Trombley, Alfred Twu, and John Park.

The following Academic Awards were given: Instrumental Music - Ayanna Abrams, Jennifer Alonzo, Elizabeth Black, Erin Breznitsky, Julianne Buro, Regina Cappio, Patrick Carroll, Lindsay Curry, Gregory Cvetovich, Allison DeMaio, Lauren DeMartino, Matthew Deegan, Christopher Delaney, Elizabeth Dobis, Marcus Dockery, Sonia Dutta, Todd DuVoisin, Kristina Eide, Ashley Esposito, Lindsey Filo, Stephanie Fowler, Alison Golinski, Jessica Green, Michael Heinrich, Melissa Heller, Jillian Kosciellecki, Jacquelin L'Heureux, Karen McCourt, Jennifer McLoughlin, Michael McLoughlin, Kerry McVey, Kristy Novak, Rebecca Novoro, Sharon Opila, Hana Pardon, John Park, Stephanie Pennica, Bretton Pocarobba, Kerri Quinn, Emily Rodino, Matthew Ruggieri, Matthew Schaible, Lisa Schwahl, Christopher Sheldon, William Simpson, Lauren Spiegel, Michael Trainor, Michelle Trimpin, Christine Troiano, Alfred Twu, Ian Wehrle, Hanna Woo, Lindsey Zebleckas, and Yendi Jones.

Receiving Art Awards were: Jennifer Alonzo, Gregory Cvetovich, Elyse Klecan, John Park, Rachel Stewart, Lan Trinh, Ashley Esposito, Raj Mukherji, Kristy Novak, Alfred Twu, Matthew Deegan, Michael Heinrich, Amany Ibrahim, Karen McCourt, Michael O'Neil, Matthew Ortyl, Andrew Pavoni, Lisa Schwahl, Alia Shaalan, Kimberly Weinberg, Erin Breznitsky, Michael Furnari, Jessica Green, Andrew Hines, Jacquelin L'Heureux, Marlon Mfattos, Stephanie Pennica, Kenji Hasegawa, Rebecca Novoro, Jennifer O'Brien, Emily Rodino, Michael Chester, Keith Baratucci, Laine Bonstein, Jillian Kosciellecki, Kristine Michael, Joseph Negron, Jennifer Ordelt, Matthew Ruggieri, Ian Wehrle, and Allison DeMaio.

Chorus Awards were presented to: Ayanna Abrams, Kaitlyn Adelaar, Alia Berry, Laine Bonstein, Sojourna Cunningham, Lauren DeMartino, Elizabeth Dobis, Sonia Dutta, Lindsey Filo, Meghan Fitzgerald, Stephanie Fowler, Melissa Heller, Andrew Hines, Kim Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Yendi Jones, Jillian Kosciellecki, Jacquelin L'Heureux, Karen McCourt, Brian McGonigle, Jennifer McLoughlin, Kerry McVey, Raj Mukherji, Joe Negron, Kristy Novak, Rebecca Novoro, Jennifer Ordelt, John Park, Kevin Reedell, Jason Subbie, Lan Trinh, Christine Troiano, Katie Trombley, Alfred Twu, Jennifer Vadas, Ian Wehrle, Kim Weinberg, and Hanna Woo.

English awards were presented to John Park, Jacquelin L'Heureux, Rebecca Novoro, Michael Hanford, Jennifer Nigro, Rebecca Zimman, Christopher Woodward, Steven Lowen, Christine Troiano, Regina Cappio, Lindsey Filo, Michael O'Neil, Emily Rodino, Lauren DeMartino, Alison Golinski, Melissa

Heller, Andrew Pavoni, Alia Berry, Christopher Delaney, Raj Mukherji, Marta Stepanowicz, Jaclyn Fiorino, Allison DeMaio, Kristy Novak, Jennifer Ordelt, Jessica Green, Erin Breznitsky, Karen McCourt, Michael Chester, Sonia Dutta, Matthew Deegan, Catherine Trombley, and Sharon Opila; Literacy Achievement - Jackie Nanfria, Louis Cacciuto, Cory Ayala, Seth Pellum, Lauren Spiegel, and Alesha Brown.

Other awards presented were Family and Consumer Science - Lauren DeMartino, Sharee Bowles, Regina Cappio, and Christopher Delaney; Foreign Language Michael Chester, Sonia Dutta, Ashley Esposito, Jaclyn Fiorino, Kristy Novak, John Park, Rory Verducci, Jennifer Alonzo, Josh Finkelstein, Kerry McVey, Karen McCourt, Andrew Pavoni, Lauren DeMartino, Jennifer Ordelt, Emily Rodino, Eva Stepanowicz, Marta Stepanowicz, Catherine Trombley, Rebecca Zimman, Sharon Opila, Alia Berry, Michael Heinrich, Matthew Deegan, Ayanna Abrams, Allison DeMaio, Erin Breznitsky, Alison Golinski, Jessica Green, Jacqueline L'Heureux, Raj Mukherji, Rebecca Novoro, Matthew Ortyl, Christopher Delaney, Kenji Hasegawa, Jennifer Nigro, Jennifer Vadas, Christine Troiano, and Lan Trinh.

Additional awards were given to: Information Technologies - Steven Lowen, Christopher Delaney, Laine Bonstein, Jennifer Ordelt, William Simpson, Matthew Sturm, Ian Wehrle, Jessica Green, Alfred Twu, Michael O'Neil, Matthew Ortyl, Matthew Deegan, Giovanni Burton, Michael Hanford, Jason Subbie, Brian McGonigle, Jennifer Alonzo, Cory Ayala, and John Park; Mathematics - Lindsey Zebleckas, Willie Simpson, Bretton Pocarobba, Karen McCourt, John Park, Alfred Twu, Kerry McVey, Jennifer Ordelt, Lauren DeMartino, Matthew Deegan, Jennifer Alonzo, Lan Trinh, Jennifer Vadas, Erin Gillooly, Keisha Griffiths, Matt Sturm, Regina Cappio, Allison DeMaio, Sonia Dutta, Joshua Finkelstein, Matthew Ortyl, Catherine Trombley, Patrick Carroll, Tiffany Kane, Laine Bonstein, Jaclyn Fiorino, Jennifer McLoughlin, Jennifer Nigro, Gregory Cvetovich, and Jamie Rigano.

Also receiving awards were: Science - John Park, Matt Knego, Eva Stepanowicz, Brett Pocarobba, Greg Cvetovich, Jackie Fiorino, Kristy Novak, Josh Finkelstein, Andrew Pavoni, Alfred Twu, Michael Chester, Allison DeMaio, Matthew Ortyl, Catherine Trombley, Jennifer Ordelt, Patrick Carroll, Sonia Dutta, Matthew Deegan, Lauren DeMartino, and Karen McCourt; Social Studies - Michael Chester, John Park, Allison DeMaio, Jennifer Ordelt, Catherine Trombley, Erin Breznitsky, Lauren DeMartino, Matthew Deegan, Christopher Delaney, Sonia Dutta, Raj Mukherji, Alison Golinski, Alfred Twu, Emily Rodino, Karen McCourt, Kristy Novak, Regina Cappio, Jessica Green, Jackie Nanfria, Katie Reedell, and Seth Pellum; Study Skills - Brad Belford, Robert Carriero, Latasha Gray, Michael Jensen and Korri Keats;

The following Activity Awards were given: Multicultural Club - Ian Bundy, Tonya Hardy, and Lincoln Williams; Student Council - Tracy Fitzgerald, Matthew Sturm, Andrew Pavoni, Lindsay Curry, Chris Vadas, Ian Bundy, Jillian Kosciellecki, Hanna Pardon, Raj Mukherji, E. J. Maguire, Tiffany Kane, Steven Lowen, Karen McCourt, John Park, Sonia Dutta, Lindsey Filo, and Alfred Twu; School Store - Alfred Twu, Steven Parker, Seth Pellum, and Marcus Smith; Newspaper - Alfred Twu, Michael Heinrich, John Park, Katie Reedell, Raj Mukherji, and Brett Pocarobba; Photography Club - E. J. Maguire, Andrew Pavoni, Chris Vadas, Julianne Buro, Kerry McVey, Jennifer McLoughlin, Elizabeth Dobis, Joshua Finkelstein, Alison Golinski, Jillian Kosciellecki, Rory Verducci, Lauren Spiegel, Kristine Michael, Hana Pardon, Cory Ayala, Sonia Dutta, Michael McLoughlin, Tracy Fitzgerald, Steven Lowen, Bradley Belford, Jennifer Ordelt, Jackie Fiorino, Kristy Novak, Matt Deegan, Becky Novoro, Ashley Esposito, Tiffany Kane, Kristina Eide, Regina Cappio, and Christine Troiano.

Other awards included: Yearbook - Jessica Semple, E. J. Maguire, Andrew Pavoni, Christopher Vadas, Julianne Buro, Mike O'Neil, Kerry McVey, Christopher Delaney, Joshua Finkelstein, Lauren DeMartino, Lindsey Filo, Alison Golinski, Jillian Kosciellecki, Tiffany Johnson, Jessica Green, Rory Verducci, Lauren Spiegel, Kaitlyn Adelaar, Jennifer Alonzo, Kristine Michael, Joseph Negron, Hana Pardon, Catherine Trombley, Sonia Dutta, Michael McLoughlin, Tracy Fitzgerald, Steven Lowen, Bradley Belford, Jennifer Ordelt, Jacquelin Fiorino, Matthew Deegan, Kristy Novak, Becky Novoro, Ashley Esposito, Tiffany Kane, Kristina Eide, Regina Cappio, Jennifer McLoughlin, Elizabeth Dobis, Kerri Quinn and Christine Troiano.



STRAIGHT "A's"... On June 12, Park Middle School in Scotch Plains honored its eighth grade students in an awards assembly. Pictured, are Allison DeMaio, left and Matthew Deegan, right, who were presented with awards from Principal Chester Janusz for a continuous "A" average.



SCHOOL CLEANUP... Under the direction and supervision of seventh-grade teacher Susan Beyer, and with the help of the Township of Scotch Plains and Shop Rite Supermarkets, the Terrill Middle School seventh graders recently launched "Pick Up Litter Day" to keep their school grounds clean. Each group was assigned to a different area of the school grounds, then given plastic bags and gloves donated by Shop Rite. Students filled about 15 plastic bags with litter, and brought aluminum cans which were found on the grounds to recycling bins. They plan to continue this project during the 1998-1999 school year. Pictured, left to right, are: Ali Rosloff, Gianna Ferrante, Colleen Coyol and Emily O'Conner.

County News

'Pop' Lloyd and Impact On Negro Leagues Topic Of Dr. Lawrence Hogan

Union County College's Dr. Lawrence Hogan is back in the spotlight with the latest in his endeavors to educate the public on the history of Black baseball.

The Fanwood resident and senior Professor of History, gave a presentation on his efforts, and those of a committee of which he is a member, in renovating the John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Stadium in Atlantic City to honor a player of the former Negro Baseball Leagues who placed his mark on baseball history.

Dr. Hogan presented a seminar entitled, "The John Henry 'Pop' Lloyd Project: A Model for Baseball Public History" at the 10th annual Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, held June 10 through June 12 at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Dr. Hogan helped to spearhead the stadium's renovation in 1992, and when the project came to fruition two years later, he led the committee to extend its goals and purposes to include a commemoration of next year's 50th anniversary of the stadium's original construction.

Dr. Hogan says that he has focused his energies on honoring Lloyd "because he was a model for public base-

ball history." The professor worked with his committee to obtain \$400,000 in donations for the renovation, largely through the assistance of Bally's Park Place Casino and Casino Redevelopment Authority funds.

On May 14, "Pop" Lloyd was inducted into the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame at the Meadowlands, East Rutherford, the highest attainable honor for a New Jersey athlete.

Lloyd played shortstop and first base from 1905 to 1932 for several championship teams in the Negro Leagues and participated in five Negro League World Series. He had a lifetime batting average of .368.

Dr. Hogan's research in Black baseball history includes the development of a nationwide traveling exhibition of memorabilia featuring Black baseball before its integration into general organized baseball in 1946.

Major league baseball was subsequently integrated the following year. Dr. Hogan has also produced a video on Black baseball, having interviewed players and their families and conducted extensive library reviews on individual players and the concept of Negro League baseball as it existed before Jackie Robinson became the first Black to be admitted to professional baseball.

Freeholder Goncalves Calls On Authority to Notify Towns Of Intent to Buy Properties

Union County Freeholder Donald Goncalves has called on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to notify affected municipalities when they plan to buy additional properties.

"The need for better notification was highlighted by the Port Authority announcement that they are conducting a maritime study regarding expansion of Port facilities by an additional 700 acres. A portion of the new land purchases may include Elizabeth.

"Everyone favors economic development. The point is, however, when Port Authority purchases property, it becomes a tax exempt aide. At the very least, the affected communities should be notified, and the bi-state agency should be sensitive to the community

desires before, not after, the purchase," he said.

Freeholder Goncalves noted that the Port Authority land holdings in Union County, exceeds the size of eight different municipalities. He added, the economic development of the Port, and the land creation through dredge spoils are subjects of concern to municipalities.

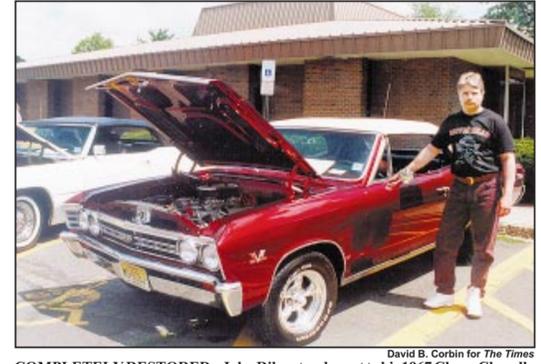
His resolution emphasizes the need for candid and timely discussion.

Freeholder Goncalves previously had pressed the Port Authority on fair share funding between New York and New Jersey.

"I am a supporter of the Port Authority. There is a growing need by the Port Authority, however, to seek input and opinion before decisions affecting municipalities are made," he said.



SHE'S A LADY... This 1951 convertible, named "Pink Lady," was purchased by Lillian Estok and Michael Hopelawn, pictured, from a friend of theirs five years ago. The car, originally green, contains all its original parts. The car was just one of the many autos displayed during the Classic Car Show and Craft Fair held Sunday by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.



COMPLETELY RESTORED... John Riley stands next to his 1967 Chevy Chevelle convertible 454. The classic model features four speed and two to four merlin heads. The Chevy, which has been completely restored, was one of many classic cars on display during the Classic Car Show and Craft Fair held last Sunday by the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association.