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Implementing Strategic Plan, Special Education Goals Among Top Issues Facing District in New School Year

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The 1998-1999 school year in Westfield, which begins this Wednesday, September 2, promises to be a crucial turning point and might even redefine the meaning of the word "education."

Forty-nine staff members are joining the ranks district-wide. In addition, new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Janie Edmonds, new Board Secre-

tary and Business Manager Robert Berman, and Assistant Business Manager Tamar Sydney, have been hired to replace vacancies left by retirements.

In addition, Anita O'Neal will fill the new position of Special Education Chairwoman at Westfield High School. Francine Elson has been hired as the Mathematics Supervisor for kindergarten through Grade 8 with Steven Stanger joining the district as an elementary grades com-

puter technician.

Several vital issues, such as the district's Strategic Plan, the School-to-Work Initiative, goals for Special Education programs, new teachers and technological advancements will be shaping the minds and futures of Westfield students.

The Strategic Plan for 1998-2003, sporting the motto "Share the Pride, Shape the Future," is designed to ensure academic achievement and excellence in Westfield schools.

According to Dr. Robert G. Petix, Principal of Westfield High School, the Westfield Board of Education "will approve and prioritize those goals which are the most desirable and implementable."

Dr. Petix said he believes that "whichever goals are approved or decided to be a priority will have an effect on the schools." He added, "It's a very significant event."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley said the Strategic Plan "makes strong statements about technology, academics and excel-

lence." He stated that one particularly positive aspect of the plan is that it "has activated citizens that are new to Westfield, to become a united force."

The School-to-Work Initiative, which has been proposed by the New Jersey State Board of Education, has also been a topic of much controversy and concern as the Westfield school district gears up for the year ahead.

The proposal would involve four days of school instruction and one day of student service and involvement in community businesses, with the goal of preparing students for future careers.

Dr. Foley responded, "How can we be expected to meet our requirements in just four days?" He added, "It is taking the notion of preparing kids and carrying it to some level of absurdity."

Although, Dr. Foley added, the concept of working harder and preparing students for their futures and careers is important.

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FINISHING TOUCHES...A workman paints some paneling for the backing on a new computer system at Westfield High School in preparation for the opening of school in the district this Wednesday, September 2.



Michael P. Babik for The Westfield Leader

HEADED FOR BUCKNELL...Kelly Korecky loads her suitcases into her parents' sports utility vehicle last week in preparation for her trip to Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where she is an incoming freshman. Last week was "getaway day" for many local students as they begin college life.

College Class of 2002 Packs Bags, Leaves Family, Chums Behind

By MICHAEL P. BABIK
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It's that time of year again, when the lines at Linens and Things grow to twice the usual volume, when the summer jobs and internships come to an end, and for many Westfield students, college rolls around.

Upperclassmen cannot wait to get back to a place without curfews and rules, while freshmen often get cold feet.

"Am I going too far?" "Do I really want this?" "Will I get along with my roommates?" or "Am I going to make the same kind of friends I made at home?" are among the thoughts which often run through the mind of a freshman-to-be in the last days of summer.

Trekking off to college — which often appears to be a large, impersonal institution — from the comforts of a vibrant, friendly community is certainly no easy task, and varies greatly for each student.

Some choose small regional colleges, not much larger than high school, while others select huge universities where they sometimes feel they are nothing more than a social security number.

Some prefer to study across the country, and some opt for a 15-minute commute. Most, however, go for the happy medium — close enough to come home often, yet far enough to prevent any surprise visits from eager and equally proud parents.

No matter how far away they travel or what type of school they choose to attend, going off to college marks a big step in life. Over the next four years, many will experience not only intellectual enlightenment which only a college can offer, but also social challenges — living with a stranger and learning how to handle new freedoms with responsible decisions. Most will look back at these years as the best times of their lives.

Over the next several weeks, 242 students (81 percent) from the Westfield Class of 1998, now the college Class of 2002, will begin their studies at four-year colleges throughout the state and the country.

Kelly Korecky, who left last week for Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, said she is happy with

her choice. "It has the right mix of location and size, and also has a pretty good academic reputation," she said.

So certain was Kelly with her choice of Bucknell that she applied for early admission and found out that she was

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Editor's Note: This is the second of a three-part series on Westfield property taxes. The second focuses on the Union County portion of taxes.

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When Westfielders study their tax bills closely they will notice that the only portion of their bills that decreased this year is that for county services. Residents will pay an average of \$1,400 for county services, \$4,480 for the local school system and \$1,120 for municipal services.

Although the county levy represents only 20 percent of the average Westfield residential property tax bill of just under \$7,000, residents have not seen a decline in the county tax rate since 1991 and only for the fourth time since 1982. The county tax rate this year in Westfield is 80 cents out of the total \$3.98 per \$100 assessed

property value, which is a decrease of three cents from last year. The school tax is \$2.55 and town taxes at 63 cents out of the \$3.98. The overall increase is six cents this year over 1997.

The county Board of Chosen Freeholders approved its \$282.2 million budget in the spring. Property taxes account for 52 percent or \$150.2 million of the revenues needed to support the budget.

The county tax levy rose sharply from 5.9 percent in 1988 to 12.2 percent in 1989 and 13.7 percent in 1990. Since 1992 the levy has dropped from 4.8 percent to a 1 percent decline this year.

As noted in Part I of *The Westfield Leader* series on 1998 property taxes last week, the average assessed property is \$174,000. As of 1996, the Union County Economic Development Corporation has indicated the average home in

town sold for \$286,000.

Assessments are roughly 60 percent of market value in Westfield, according to Town Administrator Edward A. Gottko. Westfield's last revaluation was done in the early 1980s.

County managers have looked at the county tax rate over the past few years, including the past two county managers, the current nine-member Democratic majority Freeholder board, and their Republican counterparts.

County officials have noted that Union County is one of only five counties in the state that have a "AAA" financial rating.

As a whole, Union County's tax levy dropped one percent this year for the first since 1991 when the county was facing a \$12 million deficit, at the beginning of the year.

The tax levy also dropped last year by half a percent. During the five

years that Republicans had the majority on the board, the county tax levy was 4.8 percent in 1992 and 1993, 3.5 percent in 1994, 3 percent in 1995 and no increase in 1996.

Over 13 years, the county budget has risen from \$122.5 million to \$282.2 million. After rising \$57 million from 1985 through 1989, the spending plan increased only half since 1994. During the same period, the amount raised from tax dollars has gone from \$85.1 million to \$150.2 million this year.

During a recent interview with County Manager Michael J. Lapolla, he said that the county has been taking a number of initiatives to lower the impact county taxes have on the 500,000 residents in the county.

While the number of county employees, 2,800, has remained constant over the years, the county saves money upon retirements by either

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School Board Discusses Prospect of Increased Enrollment As Available Space Dwindles at Westfield Public Schools

By MICHELLE H. LePOIDEVIN
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At Tuesday's meeting of the Westfield Board of Education, board members confronted the frustrating issue of dwindling space in Westfield's elementary schools. They attempted to balance and juggle numbers while facing the prospect of a significant enrollment increase through the year 2003.

According to Dr. William J. Foley, Superintendent of Schools, one of the largest enrollment problems is with the third and fourth grades at Franklin Elementary School and the third and fifth grades in McKinley Elementary School.

"Currently, we are having difficulty with space," he said. "This is a chronic problem and it is something that is not going to disappear anytime soon, and it is something we are going to have to address," he remarked.

He discussed with board members, options for alleviating the problem.

"These increasing numbers seem to persist and show no sign of dropping off," Dr. Foley concluded, and encouraged the Long Range Planning Committee to focus on the issue.

Board Vice President Ginger Hardwick noted that the enrollment issue is "a district-wide problem."

Board representatives also discussed the proposed Sunday, June 20, graduation date for Westfield High School students this year. The idea may cause controversy because for many, Sunday is the Sabbath and also, it is Father's Day.

The graduation date was decided

upon approximately one week after this year's commencement. According to the board, a number of factors were involved in making the decision for this specific date.

Board member Dr. Carol Molnar cited a letter to the parents of Westfield High School students announcing the graduation date. She stated, "Parents should have been notified earlier. I'm not happy with the process."

Board President Darielle Walsh asserted that she is counting on support from the staff of the Westfield school district.

Dr. Foley stated, "This year, I felt blocked with whatever way I tried to go on this." He stated it is important that a better explanation be given to parents regarding the decision on this graduation date, and added that, in the future, it might be prudent to consider scheduling graduation up to two years in advance.

Earlier, Dr. Foley said the choice of day also involved reserving a facility for the now-traditional "Senior Bash."

The board approved a new textbook series entitled "MathScape: Seeing and Thinking Mathematically" by 1998 Creative Publications for the seventh- and eighth-grade levels.

The textbooks will assist students who are struggling with the current mathematics curriculum, and help prepare them for algebra instruction at the high school level.

Developed by the National Science Foundation, the textbooks are project-based and thematic. While students are doing a project, they can research a mathematics topic that would "key into" the textbook, according to the board.

Mathematics instructors are reportedly enthusiastic about the new ma-

terials and have high expectations for their success.

Dr. Molnar addressed the School-to-Work Initiative, telling board members and the community, "We need to be proactive and aggressive on this."

Fire at Elm Street Supermarket Causes Damage to Building, Stock

By JEANNE WHITNEY
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A fire which started on the rear loading dock of Edwards Super Food Store on Elm Street in Westfield early Tuesday morning burned through part of a food storage room, causing an estimated \$25,000 in damage.

A section of the storeroom ceiling collapsed. No smoke damage was apparent in the consumer section of the building, officials indicated, and the facility remained open for business.

The investigation unit of the fire department confirmed there was no evidence to determine how the fire started, but said the cause appeared to be accidental.

One theory was that the fire may have been sparked by a lighted cigarette. Shelf stock employees and a night manager were working at the 24-hour grocery at the time of the fire. A Prospect Street resident first reported the fire to officials.

Westfield firefighters had the blaze under control within about 10 minutes, Deputy Chief Dennis Burke said, but spent at least another two hours at the scene dousing smoldering merchandise from the store room which they carried out to the parking

lot in a process called "overhauling." Primarily soda and perishables appeared to be scorched, and one fire official said, "It was a mess."

Deputy Chief Burke credited the store's sprinkler system in the storeroom with containing the blaze

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FIRE DAMAGE...The storage room just inside the loading dock at Edwards Super Food Store on Elm Street sustained damage following a fire Tuesday morning.

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SPORTY AND SPICY CARS...The Westfield Antique car show brought a sporty 1964 Ford A.C. Shelby Cobra, pictured above, to Quimby Street in the downtown last Thursday. This gleaming model is owned by Cranford resident Paul DiMarco, who said it sold new for almost \$5,000 nearly 35 years ago. Mr. DiMarco (not shown) said that A.C. Shelby is currently designing another sports car for Ford.

Class of 2002 Packs Bags, Prepares for College Life

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accepted in December. With the early decision program, a student must accept admission if offered it in December.

"I was afraid I might reconsider my decision in May," said Kelly, since most students are accepted then, "but I'm confident that I made the right choice." She is interested in studying English, education or psychology and may seek a career in teaching or counseling.

Kelly, like many local students, only considered eastern schools, and chose colleges within a six-hour radius of home.

"I did not want to apply to the schools I had to fly out to, and did not want to give my parents the added expense," she said.

Genghis Niver, who is attending the University of California at Berkeley, disagreed.

"I'm not one to get homesick," he explained when asked about his choice of a school close to over 3,000 miles away.

Genghis was accepted to Berkeley for the winter semester of 1999, giving him some time to prepare for the trip west and possibly get a part-time job.

Students often are encouraged to take up to a year off before college after being accepted to the school of their choice.

"Every year, about two dozen or so of the students to whom we offer admission choose to defer their entrance...for a year, some just to work, some to travel abroad on an American Field Service or similar program, some to continue private music study, and so forth," explained Fred Hargadon, Dean of Undergraduate Admission at Princeton University in his annual letter to prospective students.

Genghis will study molecular biology and is hoping to go on to medical school.

Fire Damages Supermarket Storage Area

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until firefighters arrived at about 3:30 a.m.

The sprinklers released about 20 gallons of water per minute onto the fire, according to officials, while fire hoses poured another 125 gallons per minute into the estimated 25- by 80-foot storeroom.

Eight firefighters responded from Westfield's two fire houses, and another 12 volunteers answered the call, as well.

A platoon of nine additional firefighters was summoned to cover the two fire houses during the blaze. Three engines and an aerial ladder truck were dispatched to the fire scene, and police cordoned off the area to traffic.

Westfield firefighters were "out of quarters" on a call to a Kimball Avenue residence, officials said, when the Edwards call came in. The Kimball Avenue incident was related to smoke from an air conditioner, according to the fire department.

Department personnel went directly to the grocery store upon receiving the call.

Westfield fire officials said Mutual Aid coordinators were not involved in the grocery store incident. Mutual Aid is administered through City of Elizabeth dispatchers who alert fire department officials to requests for help from neighboring towns.

Board of Health officials were notified concerning the Edwards fire, as required, since the incident involved food.

Strategic Plan, Special Ed. Among Issues Facing District

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Special Education programs will continue to prove valuable in the year ahead, school officials acknowledged, while maintaining that efforts to decrease the rate of referrals for these programs is key.

"They (special education classes) are continually growing for kids who need it," stated Dr. Petix. He advised, however, that "We should review it because of the costs. It is extremely expensive." Despite the costs involved, he said, "It's a wonderful program and it is extremely essential to a great portion of our kids."

Dr. Foley believes there should be an introduction to counseling special education students at the elementary level. He noted that there was a 20 percent increase in referrals to the program in the past school year, and he believes that new alternatives to the program need to be developed and different approaches taken in the classrooms.

He stated, "Right now, it is a growth industry and it is very difficult to cut. However, I would like to control the growth."

Revisions to the Comprehensive Family Living, Health and Safety and Drug Education Curriculum will also be implemented this year.

According to Dr. Foley, "These changes were simply implemented to update the curriculum, based on the latest research and requirements."

While the budget for last year is just closing out, and the opening for this school year's budget is ongoing, the process for developing the 1999-2000 budget will begin as early as the end of September, according to Mr. Berman.

He anticipates great strides in technological advancement with the wiring of Westfield High School for Internet hook-up, and continuing the same wiring in the elementary schools, he said.

Mr. Berman stated, "This will be a very big focus for the next 12 months." In the next two or three weeks, he said, he hopes to figure the cost of the work, noting that "the initial cost of this project may be significant, but students will benefit for years to come."

According to Dr. Foley, this school year will also see new instructors.

"We have hired over 50 new teachers between retirements and resignations," he said.

Updates in technology, and academic excellence continue to be high priorities for school officials. But, what is their overall vision for the school year ahead?

Dr. Foley stated, "I would like to see that we have implemented the technical plan and successfully passed the bond referendum recommended by the district's Strategic Action Plan Committee to adequately meet the educational needs of a growing student population."

He noted that he would also like to see student performance improve on all standardized and state tests.

Westfield Board of Education President Danielle Walsh said, "I'd like to move ahead and accomplish some objectives in the Strategic Plan, and to work on the proposed plans and initiatives."

"I'd like to continue to look at the increasing immediate enrollment problem at the elementary school level, and to look ahead at the increasing enrollment issue at the high school, which is quickly approaching."

Dr. Petix stated, "This will be a crucial year for us because the state code is being rewritten so extensively and in such a revolutionary way. Its effects will be profound and enduring in this school

(Westfield High School) and on education in this state."

He said he hopes that the high school will be able to "maintain the basic philosophy which underscores the importance of a liberal arts education and balance that philosophy with the intrusive requirements of the state."

The new staff members began with an orientation last week which included guidance and training, including a formal mentoring program for those teachers recently graduated from college.

Joining the staff, listed by school and subject or grade level, are: Roosevelt Intermediate School, Michelle Aquino, mathematics; Louis Cherchio, physical education; Michael Fackelman and Michele Hughes, instrumental music; Craig Juelis and Brian Vieth, social studies; Tara Przybos, English, and Elizabeth Scheuerer, mathematics.

New Westfield High School staff members include Carolyn Benner, resource room/English; F. Jennifer Cooper, Robert Jeremiah and David Lynch, Spanish; Elizabeth Fallon and Mary Tricarico, social studies; Charlotte Faltermayer, English; Marie-Laure Hollander, French; Louis Nappen, English; Margo Rosenmeier and Marie Trzepla, resource room; Laura Anne Russo, drama, and V. Rudy Scipioni, science.

Joining the staff at Jefferson Elementary School are Michael Craver, fifth grade, and Eric Jones, fourth grade. Edison Intermediate School will welcome David Duels, physical education; Elizabeth Hogan and John Stasi, social studies; Joseph Iaculla, mathematics; Marcia Stypa, resource room; Noah Tennant, English, and Debbie Vezos, language arts.

Joining Wilson Elementary School are Tova Felder and Maureen Hunt, first grade; Laura Fenn and Mary Kane, fourth grade; Susan Kaplan, resource room; Scarlett O'Neil, fifth grade; Rochelle Spagnola, resource room teacher, and Steven Stouffer, elementary instrumental music at both Wilson and Jefferson Schools.

Christine Esemplare and Karin Mellina have joined the staff at Washington Elementary School as first- and fourth-grade teachers, respectively. New staff at Franklin Elementary School are Lauren Folger, second grade; Jeanine Gottko, first grade; James McDonald, fifth grade, and Jacquelyn Stotler, third grade.

New Tamaques Elementary School staffers Kimberly Ford, a kindergarten teacher at both Wilson and Tamaques, and Gregory Slomczewski, fourth grade. Stacie Lee Saam is coming to McKinley Elementary School as a first-grade teacher.

Matthew Lembo and Frank Uveges have been added as student support personnel at the elementary school level.

A number of improvements have been completed or will be done in the district, including roof replacement, cabling, and renovation of bathrooms at the high school; upgrading of stage lighting and installation of a new sound system at Roosevelt; replacement of the Edison School roof; replacement of the intercom system at Washington, and reconstruction of the side entrance to the gymnasium, including gutters, at Wilson.

Other planned improvements include installation of a new fire alarm and blacktop play area at Tamaques, along with exterior renovation and replacement of the school's intercom, plus the addition of an elevator at the Elm Street administration building.

Westfield Residents Pay an Average of \$1,400 For County Portion of 1998 Property Tax Bill

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not filling vacancies or hiring new employees at far less salaries than long-term employees.

This year, Union County has appropriated \$120.18 million for salaries and wages, or 42 percent of the total budget. The county also created a new Department of Economic Development last year. Salaries in that department account for \$136,750 with another \$58,000 listed for various expenses.

Mr. Lapolla noted that the state has proposed taking over the prosecutor's office, an office which represents over \$12 million in expenses. The county manager, who previously served as First Assistant Prosecutor under the late Andrew Ruotolo, said he believes the takeover would "diminish" the office.

"My preference would be that the prosecutors maintain their autonomy," noting he would prefer a payment to counties from the state to offset costs.

This year, the county will spend \$23 million for county residents in state institutions for the mentally ill and the severely mentally retarded.

"That's a large part of our budget," said Mr. Lapolla.

Another significant expenditure over which the county has little control, is that of the county lockup. In 1983, when Mr. Lapolla began serving as a Freeholder, the old jail held 300 state inmates. That number has quadrupled to 1,200.

The county has appropriated \$21.1 million for salaries and another \$2.9 million of "other expenses" for corrections officers at the jail. The county has anticipated \$6 million in reimbursement revenues for state prisoners. The county currently has about 300 jail guards.

In an effort to reduce overtime costs for the guards, Mr. Lapolla said the county is now "aggressively" enforcing its sick-time policy. He also hopes to negotiate, in the future, better contracts, which he said currently tend to favor labor units.

He noted that, traditionally, the county loses money on state prisoners. The county is reimbursed \$65 a day for that service. However, with new state correctional facilities, the county is not paid for the many prisoners held await-

ing trial.

The county, however, does make money from housing federal inmates.

In addition to correction officers, there are 55 Union County Police officers who patrol the county parks and roads. A Sheriff's Department runs the security for courtrooms at the Union County Courthouse and picks up persons wanted on outstanding warrants. The Sheriff's Department budget this year is \$8.6 million and the Division of Police and Security is almost \$4.4 million.

He said some have discussed eliminating county police. He said the question would be whether Westfield would like to assume the cost of maintaining Echo Lake Park while other communities patrol the 1,920-acre Watchung Reservation.

Mr. Lapolla noted that the county also provides \$10.3 million to Union County College, and \$3.2 million to Vocational-Technical Schools.

In an effort to improve its economic standing, Union county has continued to look for methods of investing money in order to generate interest revenue to offset appropriations.

Lawrence M. Caroselli, Director of Finance for the County, noted that this year, the county anticipates revenue from interest of \$5.3 million, a slight increase over the \$5.1 million realized in 1997. He said the county has been earning between \$4 and \$4.5 million in interest the past few years.

Mr. Lapolla said the county has been more aggressive in searching for grants, such as the Federal Welfare-to-Work \$5 million grant awarded a few months ago to the county.

Between 1990 and 1997 the county's end-of-the-year surplus has risen from \$4.5 million to \$38.7 million — "which is the largest surplus in the history of Union County," according to Mr. Lapolla. The county has used \$21.4 million of its available surplus in this year's budget.

By contrast, Westfield has roughly \$7 million in surplus of which \$5.5 million is from revenues generated mostly from the sale town-owned land to developers or residents. The town generates roughly \$2 million surplus each year of which 90 percent is appropriated within the



WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

• A Cranford resident reported that a brown leather money clip holding \$280 was stolen from his locker at a local recreational facility.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

• A Raymond Street resident said someone fired a pellet from a pellet gun through his kitchen window.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

• A Central Avenue resident reported that two of her children's bicycles were stolen from her backyard.

• Police received a report from a Central Avenue resident that his garage at the Duncan Hill apartment complex was burglarized. A briefcase containing assorted papers was missing.

• A woman living on South Avenue, West, said she believed her residence had been burglarized three times since May, with the most recent incident occurring during the last week of July. Police have no suspects in the case.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

• A Sandra Circle resident reported the theft of a Honda motorcycle from his garage. Authorities said the motorcycle had not been recovered as of Tuesday.

• A Westfield woman reported the theft of a watch valued at \$950 from a local recreational facility. The victim said she had left the watch on top of her knapsack.

• A Prospect Street resident reported the theft of his wallet from the Memorial Pool complex.

• The manager of a South Avenue liquor store reported that a pack of cigarettes valued at \$3 was shoplifted from his establishment.

Ten-Kilometer Walk Set for Tomorrow

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Princeton Area Walkers, an affiliate of the American Volkssport Association (AVA), will hold a walk tomorrow evening, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside.

This free event is a 10-kilometer (six mile) trail. Hiking boots and a walking stick are recommended. Anyone may participate.

Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pets may take part if they are leashed. This is a non-competitive event and will be led by club members.

The walk will be held regardless of weather conditions. AVA credit is available for members who are interested.

The walk will start at the Trailside Museum parking lot, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

For information, please call Club President David Scull at (609) 275-1721.

Board Discusses Pending Rise In Public School Enrollment

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ramifications for the school board and staff.

Dr. Molnar encouraged the board to review the state's proposals and to work with legislators and become involved as soon as possible. She noted that the State Board of Education would be conducting hearings on the matter in October, as well as in January and April of 1999.

In personnel issues, the board accepted 15 resignations, 28 new staff appointments, the appointment of 13 paraprofessionals, 96 full-time lunchroom aides, 143 substitute teachers and nurses, 13 substitute custodians, 57 substitute secretaries and paraprofessionals, and 50 substitute lunchroom aides.

When the board opened the meeting to the public, parents voiced concerns about senior high school students being cut from sports programs.

One parent, Donald Mutz, stated that seniors are "patient, hardworking kids who love a sport," and then they are "dumped before their senior year."

Mr. Mutz added, "Why hire someone with this philosophy?" He said he believes that the coaches have a "misplaced coaching philosophy."

They challenged the board's appointment of Fall Coaches and Special Assignments, specifically the assignment of Mark Best, Assistant Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach, and David Shapiro, Head of Boys' Soccer, previously the Assistant Coach.

Dr. Foley responded that he was aware that three seniors were cut from their sports program, and agreed that some type of counseling for the students should have taken place. "How this situation is handled is very important," he added.

Dr. Foley said he would get more

information for board members about the practice of cutting seniors from sports programs, and promised that he would keep concerned parents informed as well.

The board approved educational specifications to be submitted to the state for additions to Franklin and McKinley Schools. Specifications also included alterations to Wilson Elementary School, which would allow a library addition to be constructed, and renovations to Westfield High School for potential new classrooms to be built.

The approval of a contract between the Board of Education and the Union County Educational Services Commission was tabled during the meeting.

This contract would permit the rental of the former Lincoln School for another three years, at \$122,000 per year, covering the period between June 1 of this year and June 20, 2001.

In addition to the rent, the county would be asked to reimburse the school board for half of the cost of capital improvements to repair the parapet walls. The estimated total costs are \$30,000.

In addition, the school board and the town are nearing a final lease agreement of the Lincoln school's playground to the town. Westfield has received a grant from Union County to upgrade the playground, including the purchase of new equipment.

Discussion of approval of the contract will continue during the board's work session scheduled for Monday, August 31.

The board approved the submission of the Union County Access 2000 Technology Funding Application for the school year for \$158,910. The grant would provide Westfield High School with over 100 computer workstations.

ratable to the City of Elizabeth and thus improve its economic climate, he responded that the development is "definitely a positive" for the county.

Another project is planned to develop a park along the Elizabeth waterfront and expansion of the Elizabeth Marina.

He said the stabilization of property values in Elizabeth for the first time in years "bodes well for the residents of the suburbs" such as towns like Westfield.

"Under property taxes, you're only as strong as your weakest community," he explained. Also, the decrease in tax appeals has stabilized taxes, as well, noting previous appeals from large corporations in the county such as AT&T in Berkeley Heights, General Motors and Tosco in Linden.

He noted that Merck & Co. will pay "millions (more) in taxes" through its expansion of facilities in Rahway and through its investment of "tens of millions" of dollars.

"And that's why we spend a lot of time in the Department of Economic Development going out to make sure companies stay (in the county) and expand. They are all taxpayers," he explained.

Mr. Caroselli noted that Westfield has seen a drop in the amount collected for county taxes over the past two years. However, between 1994 and 1995, the amount jumped over \$800,000. The increase between 1993 and 1994 was jumped \$1.1 million.

"I still see a shifting of taxes from the eastern section of the county to the western section of the county," he said.

Mr. Lapolla also noted that a redevelopment plan is underway at Linden Airport. The redevelopment will include distribution and warehouse facilities, retail and entertainment sites, a hotel and the redesign of the airport.

In addition, Schering-Plough Corp. is proposing to move its corporate headquarters from Madison to Kenilworth. The company is proposing to build a 160,000 square foot, four-story executive office building on Galloping Hill Road in Kenilworth where the firm already has a facility.



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FORTY-TWO TEACHERS JOIN DISTRICT OUT OF 1,000 APPLICANTS; INTERIM PRINCIPAL HEADS SPFHs

Despite Lack of New Teachers Contract, Enthusiasm Runs High for 1998-1999 School Year Which Starts September 8

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Enthusiasm is running high at the administrative offices of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school system as the superintendent, administrators and teachers prepare to welcome students back to class on Tuesday, September 8.

This is despite the fact that the Board of Education and Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association have not yet reached agreement on a new contract. The old contract expired June 30.

The next negotiating session between the two teams is scheduled for this Tuesday, September 1. If an accord is not reached on that day, a follow-up session with a state mediator will take place Wednesday, September 2.

"We're hopeful," declared Superintendent Dr. Carol B. Choye. "We're optimistic that both sides will settle." She noted that a settlement is par-

ticularly important in light of the number of new teachers joining the district.

However, if an agreement is not reached immediately, the teachers and Board of Education are still bound by the existing contract, according to state law.

Anticipated enrollment across the district's five elementary, two middle schools and one high school, is 4,350 students.

Continued growth in student enrollment plus heavy retirements at the close of the 1997-1998 school year precipitated a big demand for new teachers.

Forty-two individuals were hired from among 1,000 applicants.

Dr. Choye called the incoming teachers an "outstanding group of people" who reflect the district's ongoing efforts to reach out to a diverse group of qualified candidates.

The superintendent and Board of Education President August Ruggiero

welcomed the district's newest staff members to the annual three-day staff orientation program on August 25.

Language Arts/Social Studies Supervisor Patricia Boland worked closely with Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dr. John R. Crews on creating a new focus for the orientation program.

"New teachers will learn how to deal with challenges that arise in the classroom," Mrs. Boland explained. "They'll have the opportunity to brainstorm with experienced teachers in how best to solve problems."

Among the district's priorities for 1998-1999 is implementation of a three-year teacher training program on instructional strategies, and training in the "4-MAT Learning System" which shows teachers how to manage a variety of learning styles.

Mrs. Boland, who is leaving the district to return to the Livingston

public school system, was instrumental in creating the revised social studies curriculum for middle school students, and the revised social studies and English curricula at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHs.)

"Pat's expertise and support will continue through August and September to see us through Phase One of the introduction of these new curricula," Dr. Choye pointed out. September will see additional changes in leadership at Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools.

Fred DeFeo, former SPFHs Assistant Principal, will return as Interim Principal while the search for a new high school principal continues in the wake of Dr. Terry Riegel's retirement last spring after 27 years at the helm.

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WELCOME ABOARD...Dr. Carol B. Choye, far right, Superintendent of Schools for Scotch Plains-Fanwood, welcomes new teachers at the Board of Education offices at Evergreen Elementary School Tuesday morning.



PACKING HER BAGS...Elizabeth Baker prepares to depart for Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, where she will be an incoming freshman. She joins many other students leaving home to begin college life.

'98 SP-F Graduates Ready to Begin Life At University Level

By MICHAEL P. BABIK
Specially Written for The Times

It's that time of year again, when the lines at Linens and Things grow to twice the usual volume, when summer jobs or internships come to an end, and for many Scotch Plains-Fanwood students, it's time for college. Upperclassmen can't wait to get back to a place without curfews and rules, while freshmen often get cold feet.

"Am I going too far?," "Do I really want this?," "Will I get along with my roommates?," or "Am I going to make the same kind of friends I make at home?," often run through the mind

of a freshman-to-be in the last days of summer.

Trekking off to college, often a large, impersonal institution, from the comforts of a vibrant friendly community is certainly no easy task and varies greatly from student to student. Some choose small regional colleges, not much larger than high school, while others select huge universities where they are sometimes nothing more than a social security number.

Some prefer to study across the country and some opt for a 15-minute

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SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS...Casey Hoynes-O'Conner of Fanwood, pictured lower left, and Billy Schlembach of Westfield, pictured lower right, each successfully completed the Fanwood 5-K race which ended at La Grande Park in Fanwood on August 22. Hoynes-O'Conner's time was 27:43 and Schlembach's time was 27:45. Allie Hoynes-O'Conner, age 9, and Mike O'Conner proudly hold the banner.

Sun Tavern Restaurant to Open in October At Long-Empty Former Goal Post Property

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Times

A Sun Tavern restaurant, featuring Italian-style cuisine and a bar, is set to open on South Avenue and Terrill Road in Fanwood in mid-October.

Ken Duda, the owner of four other Sun Taverns, purchased the former Goal Post property and said he completely renovated the 10,000-square-

foot facility for his fifth establishment. "It's going to be like a new building," Mr. Duda explained.

Fanwood Planning Board Chairman Gregory S. Cummings said, "We're pleased to have the spot being utilized. It will be a great addition to the community."

The Planning Board unanimously okayed a parking variance for the Sun Tavern in July. Fanwood ordi-

nances require 130 parking slots, but only 68 are available at the site.

Mr. Duda told the board he made an agreement with Young Paint & Varnish Company, located next door, to use 40 parking spaces in that lot during the evening, bringing the total number to 108 – only 22 shy of the requirement.

Mr. Cummings also noted that other eateries and clubs operated at

the same location for many years with the limited number of parking slots.

The number of parking spots required by law is determined by the square footage of the accompanying building, according to Planning Board officials.

Since the location had been unoccupied for at least the past five years,

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SIGNS PROVIDE TRIBUTE TO LONG-TIME RESIDENT GEORGE MEDERER

Directional Signs Help to Increase Visibility Of Fanwood Library in the Community

By BOBBIE BALDASSARI TURSI
Specially Written for The Times

When long-time Fanwood resident George Mederer passed away in January, his widow, Anne, requested that any donations in his memory be made to the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road directly across the street from the Mederers' home.

Library Director Dan Weiss said once he began receiving these donations in February, he was more than grateful. But now he was handed a task – what would be the most appropriate, yet practical, way to make use of the memorial funds?

For sure, the library did not need another piece of furniture, or more books. And Mr. Weiss, in his efforts to heighten community awareness of the library's many offerings, came up with another idea.

Since becoming Director of the library last October, he has been on

a mission to increase the library's exposure and public visibility as a viable community resource.

The better part of his mission was coming to fruition, he said. Mr. Weiss succeeded in such areas as illuminating the building at night and increasing library hours to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

He also had the library's book check system completely automated. But, Mr. Weiss revealed, he always had a tiny thorn in his side that pricked him every time someone would call the library for directions.

Time after time, he acknowledged, confusion resulted when someone tried to give directions to the library, due to its rather unusual location. It is positioned on somewhat of a triangular-shaped island at the intersection, veering off of Martine Avenue near the Fanwood train station.

Mr. Weiss said he felt that, "How



LIBRARY AHEAD...This directional sign for the Fanwood Memorial Library is one of many placed strategically around the borough.

can the library be of any use to the public if the public can't find it?"

Finally, he developed the idea of what he called "directional library road signs." With that in mind, he immediately consulted with Mrs. Mederer about his proposal for putting the donations in her late husband's memory to use.

She instantly agreed that this would be an excellent way to benefit the public, help the library, and most importantly, memorialize her husband, who was an avid library supporter, Mr. Weiss revealed.

The library Director's "master plan" was to erect 13 directional road signs, strategically placed throughout the borough, thus benefiting travelers from every direction. Green in color, each sign shows the international standard symbol for a library, with a directional arrow.

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Fanwood DPW's Vincent Testa Garners Second Place In Annual Truck Competition at Vo-Tech

By BOBBIE BALDASSARI TURSI
Specially Written for The Times

Vincent Testa, one of the newest and youngest equipment operators with the Fanwood Department of Public Works, recently made his colleagues and family proud by capturing second place in a truck competition requiring exceptional skill and concentration.

Mr. Testa, 26, of North Plainfield, trucked his way into the winners' circle at the third annual "Joe Strauss Rodeo" held in late June at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus parking lot on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

Hosted by the Public Works Association of New Jersey, the rodeo was created in memory of Joe Strauss, a public works employee and Past President of the association who died of a heart attack at the age of 48.

Titled a rodeo, but more closely

resembling a truck show, this annual competition is open to any Department of Public Works operator — spanning 560 municipalities throughout New Jersey. As a result, over 40 trucks were entered in this test of driving skill and ability.

Raymond Manfra, Director of Public Works in Fanwood, described the contest protocol: "This is an event involving all levels of management statewide," he explained. "Our judges are typically public works directors from local and statewide municipalities."

This year, some area judges who participated in the event were Frank Dann, Union County Director of Public Works; Ed Friedrich, Warren Township Certified Public Works Manager, and Guy Lyon, Warren Township Assistant Superintendent.

Also serving as a judge, though not during Vincent's demonstration, was

his father, Jerry Testa, a Past President of the Public Works Association of New Jersey.

To begin, each contestant's truck is

inspected for appearance and safety features. In addition, drivers are evaluated in categories such as speed

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PRIDE OF THE DPW...Vincent Testa, center, an equipment operator with the Fanwood Department of Public Works, displays a plaque he received for having placed second in the third annual Joe Strauss Rodeo which was held in June at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains. Pictured offering their congratulations are Public Works Director Raymond Manfra, left, and foreman Patrick Bellone.

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In addition, the board approved appointment of Eric Rosenmeier, social studies teacher and coach at SPFH, to succeed veteran Athletic Director Gene Schiller upon his retirement in January.

Director of Instructional Technologies Jeff Ross was appointed Interim Principal at Brunner Elementary School for the 1998-1999 school year. Principal Evelyn Shepherd will not be returning to Brunner this fall due to health reasons.

With Mr. Ross' reassignment, the board appointed Kindergarten through Grade 12 Math Supervisor Donald Williams as Interim Director of Instructional Technologies and Grade Six through 12 Math Supervisor.

Elementary teacher Merrie Snow will serve as Interim Kindergarten through grade five Math and Technology Supervisor.

Additional changes to academic programs include: new language arts writing handbooks for grades one through eight; earth science and world geography in grade six and a two-year world history program across grades eight and nine.

In the high school, Advanced Placement American History is now a two-year program rather than an elective third year of American History. A "Research in Science" elective is available to students interested in pursuing independent pre-college and college-level research with an emphasis on biotechnology.

Looking ahead, the district will explore school-to-work career initiatives in keeping with the state mandate on a "structured learning experience" for students. Thomas A. Henry of the State Department of Education is scheduled to address the board and public on the school-to-work issue during this evening's special board meeting.

Another initiative slated to go before the board at tonight's meeting is the district's new instructional support team.

The team is designed to replace teachers during planned absences for out-of-class demands such as two days of district-mandated computer-technology training.

"They're not just subs," explained newly-retired teacher Toni Fahrman, who worked closely with fellow retiree Roberta Kieffer on the support team program. "They'll be trained and given prepared lessons and activities appropriate to the grade to which they are assigned."

For example, one of the literature-based kindergarten through grade three lesson plans uses the book "Strega Nona" as the starting point for interactive activities in reading, writing, geography and mathematics.

Ms. Kieffer noted that teachers will be given lesson plans in advance to familiarize themselves with the material before entering the classroom.

The inaugural instructional support team will be led by Petty Officer Faulkner.

Petty Officer Faulkner Takes Part in RIMPAC
FANWOOD — United States Navy Petty Officer First Class Paul D. Faulkner, the son of Carmel Cox of Fanwood, recently participated in Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 1998 while aboard the guided missile destroyer *USS Paul Hamilton*, home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Petty Officer Faulkner was among several thousand sailors, Marines, airmen, soldiers and Coast Guardsmen from across the Pacific to participate in the month-long exercise conducted near Hawaii.

In addition to the military forces, more than 50 United States ships and 200 United States aircraft were involved in RIMPAC, along with naval forces from Australia, Canada, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

RIMPAC is a large-scale, multi-faceted exercise conducted to improve the interoperability of combined and joint forces in tactics, command and control, logistics and communications.

Petty Officer Faulkner is a 1979 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He joined the Navy in February of 1984.

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Kathleen-McGee-Daly
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Graduates Ready to Begin Life at University Level

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commute. Most, however, go for the happy medium...close enough to come home often, yet far enough away to prevent any surprise visits from eager and equally proud parents.

No matter how far away they travel or what type of school they choose to attend, going off to college marks a big step in life. Over the next four years, many will face not only intellectual enlightenment that only a college can offer but also social challenges — living with a stranger, or learning how to handle new freedoms with responsible decisions.

Almost all will look back at this time as the best years of their lives.

Over the next several weeks, an estimated 75 percent of the students from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district, now the college Class of 2002, will attend four-year colleges all over the state and the country, according to figures for last year in the September 1998 issue of *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*. Another estimated eight percent will continue on to two-year colleges.

"It's a good distance and although it's not a big deal, I thought it was a plus," explained valedictorian Joyce Chen who leaves next Friday for Princeton University.

Only one hour away, she sees the short travel time as a matter of convenience.

So certain was Joyce with her choice of Princeton, that she applied for early admission and found out that she was accepted in December. With the early decision program, a student is committed to accepting admission if offered it in December.

She intends to major in computer science, a decision she will not have to confirm until the end of her sophomore year. Although registration will begin when she arrives, Joyce said she will most likely take classes in physics, computer science and calculus.

"I liked that Princeton had computer science as an engineering major," she said.

At many schools, according to Joyce, computer science is not bundled with engineering majors. She, however, will have to follow all of the engineering requirements to graduate, taking 18 courses over four semesters.

"I'm not looking forward to the massive course load," she explained.

In a freshmen class of close to 1,100 students with median Scholastic Assessment Test scores between 1350 and 1530, out of a possible 1600, according to *US News and World Report*, Joyce has legitimate concerns. Many top students, often doubt themselves in classes full of students with equal or better credentials.

"A student who earns 'A's' in high school can find that his or her all-out efforts produce only 'B's' in college, and a solid 'B' student may be shocked with the first 'C,'" says a guidebook printed by Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and distributed to parents of incoming freshman.

Christian Sorge, who leaves today for the University of Maryland, thinks that Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School has prepared him for college. He was able to take advanced placement classes in chemistry and Spanish and will receive eight credits in

chemistry.

Christian is undecided about a major, but is registered for an introductory English class, a calculus class, a psychology class, and an introduction to theater. In addition to these, he is taking a one-credit course that is an introduction to college life.

Some colleges, like the University of Maryland, now offer freshman a specific class to get them settled into college and involved with campus activities.

"I'm looking forward to getting involved in college outside of the curriculum, doing some partying on the side," said Christian.

He hopes to be involved with a theater and music program, student government, as well as with an organization that is responsible for campus entertainment programs.

At nearly 21,000 students, Christian is happy with the size.

"I looked for a broad education and one that offered many career choices," he said.

Allison Zatorski was also looking for a larger college and will leave for the University of Michigan this Sunday.

"I wanted a big school, not in New Jersey, and I'd like to meet a lot of people," she explained.

Allison, who plans on majoring in communication studies, was not reluctant to travel far, although her parents discouraged her from going across the country. She sees Michigan as a good compromise.

"It's a one hour plane ride and if I really want to, I can get on a plane and come home," she noted.

Allison, who plans to use her degree to pursue a field in journalism or media studies, feels confident with her high school preparation. She, too, was able to take several advanced placement classes.

"It is a well-rounded high school. I had a broad-based education," she said.

Elizabeth Baker, who will depart today for Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, explained that distance did not limit her college selection process at all. Although she applied to colleges as far away as Atlanta, all her choices were in the eastern half of the country.

"Size mattered more for me," she said preferring to attend a college with no more than 6,000 undergraduates.

Colgate boasts an undergraduate population of nearly 3,000 students.

"It's a good school, I liked the size, and I'm looking for a liberal arts education," she said.

Elizabeth is still undecided about her major, but is leaning toward political science. She was one of 200 freshman selected in a "Leaders for the new Millennium" program. The group lives in a separate dorm, attends leadership activities, goes on trips, and has top priority in meeting guest speakers who come to campus.

Elizabeth is not looking forward to do having so much responsibility and having to everything on her own.

"I'll miss my friends and family most," she said, including a twin sister who will go to Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

"It's weird — with my twin sister — because we will be away and not together. This has never happened before."

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

• A resident of Clydesdale Road reported that someone smeared her vehicle with ground beef and bacon sometime during the night.

• A South Avenue business reported the theft of a number of checks from a receptionist's desk.

• Two Plainfield youths, age 15, were taken into custody for the theft of a bicycle from the Birch Street area, according to police. Both boys were released to the custody of their parents.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

• Lawrence Greene, 20, of Elizabeth was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice for allegedly having given a false name to police pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Route No. 22.

• A resident of Elizabeth Avenue reported finding a rear door storm window smashed.

• A Country Club Lane resident reported that someone gained entry to the home by way of a rear window sometime during the day. Miscellaneous jewelry was taken, according to police.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

• A resident of Mountain Avenue reported the theft of a bicycle.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

• Andrew A. Greco, 22, and Vincent J. Santimone, 3rd, 21, both of Bloomfield, were arrested and charged with criminal trespass and with theft in connection with an incident which occurred at an amusement facility on Route No. 22, authorities said.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

• A resident of East Second Street reported that his vehicle's rear window was smashed while the automobile was parked on the street.

FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

• Police reported that an attempted shoplifting took place at a South Avenue supermarket.

The suspect, described as a black male age 25 to 30, was seen allegedly attempting to carry merchandise from the store.

Authorities said the suspect dropped the items and fled when confronted by supermarket personnel. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

• A Scotch Plains police officer reported that an unknown person threw an unidentified object at his car. The incident occurred at La Grande Avenue and Fourth Street, authorities said.

Registration Planned

For Senior Aerobics

SCOTCH PLAINS — An aerobic exercise program geared for senior citizens is being offered through the Scotch Plains Recreation Department.

The exercises will be accompanied by music and vary from chair to standing routines.

Registration will take place Monday, September 14, through Friday, September 25 for residents, and Monday, September 21, through September 25 for non-residents, at a cost of \$5 and \$10, respectively.

Sessions will be held Monday and Friday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., and participants must provide their own transportation.

Scotch Plains Reveals Pending Collection of Tree Limbs, Brush

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains Township is planning a tree limb and brush pick-up program starting on Monday, September 21, at 7 a.m.

Since the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be going through the township once, all tree debris must be placed at curbside by this date.

Crews will be picking up tree limbs and shrub parts only. Grass, weeds, leaves, stumps and other materials will not be picked up.

The program will again be conducted in the same manner as leaf collection. The DPW will be working on the north side and the south side of the township simultaneously.

The material will be picked up in the same manner as the community's residential clean-up program in June, according to the DPW.

Tree parts must be placed in bundles not to exceed 50 pounds and four feet in length, for maximize speed and efficiency in pick up. Bundles should not be tied with metal wire.

In case of inclement weather, the DPW will temporarily suspend pick-up. However, service would resume as quickly as possible.

Vincent Testa Wins Second In Truck Skill Competition

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and accuracy. This involves precise maneuverability of a very large dump truck with a huge snow plow attached to it, according to Mr. Manfra.

Drivers are required to drive their vehicles as fast as they can through a course of complicated cones and lanes, he explained. The next task requires excellent reversal truck techniques, such as backing through the entire course, as well as backing up to a barricade as swiftly and as closely as possible with out contact.

Mr. Testa achieved perfect scores in all categories, but lost in the speed category by less than one second, landing him in second place.

"It was awesome, a lot of fun," remarked Mr. Testa, who said he was happy to bring the award back to Fanwood. "It was a nice day the way they performed it."

On behalf of his department, Mr. Manfra recognized Mr. Testa's efforts as well as the latter's display of skill during the competition.

"We are all proud of Vincent's display of training and experience; this perpetuates great morale for all public works employees," the Public Works Director remarked.

Mr. Manfra also stated that, "this was the first year Fanwood's Department of Public Works entered the contest, and we are honored to hang his award plaque in our building."

Fanwood was unable to participate in the contest the first two years because the department could not spare any operators due to the time of the year the contest was held.

"When the time came for this year's contest, I asked for volunteers in my department, and sure enough, there was Vincent, who exhibited a keen interest," Mr. Manfra recalled. He said he was extremely pleased

with the show of enthusiasm during the rodeo, as well as the turnout by some of New Jersey's Public Works finest.

The Public Works Association of New Jersey is, in part, Mr. Manfra's brainchild. He was one of the original founders and the first sitting President of the association.

Mr. Manfra noted that the association, which he called "the first of its kind," was incorporated back in 1978 through a bill signed by then-Governor Brendan Byrne.

The Public Works Director, who has been active in the public works field for 37 years, revealed the mission of the association.

"Our goal is to localize education and practices, and to promote better professionalism, as well as to become better affiliated within the leagues of municipalities throughout the state," he explained.

"In the past, we have increased our standards through more local training to create more experienced workers," he continued. "The association has even passed laws (for qualified people) to become a CPWM (Certified Public Works Manager)."

Today, the methods and standards of the association are strengthening the character of public works departments all over the state, Mr. Manfra stated.

"Through education, our people are more trained and more experienced than ever," he continued.

"We want the public to know the quality type people who are running this department, which handles an incredible amount of responsibilities such as the maintenance of our entire infrastructure; roads, trees, recycling, solid waste, leaf removal, side walks, parks, etcetera...this list can go on," the Public Works Director concluded.



RIGHT FACE...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood marching band practices its moves on the football field prior to opening day. The band performs on the field at half-time during football season, which begins shortly after the start of school. Just as importantly, students also practice their music, but off the field.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension Offers Tips on Saving Money

Many people are surprised at how quickly they can save money after changing just one spending habit, according to Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Michigan State University Cooperative Extension has offered the following tips to help people get in the practice of saving money:

Pay yourself first: Treat savings like one of your regular bills. Put a part of each paycheck — even if it is a small amount — into savings and leave it there. The best way to pay yourself first is to "automate" your savings through payroll deduction. Have your employer deposit your savings directly from your paycheck into a credit union, 401(k), or bank account. If you never see it, you won't miss it.

Pay loan installments to yourself: Once you pay off an installment loan, continue to make "payments" to your savings account. This is a good way to save for the down pay-

ment on your next car once the old one is paid for. Use this same technique when you have an expense, like child care or college tuition, that ends. Use the money you were previously paying for child care to increase savings or reduce debt.

Save your extra paychecks: Workers paid bi-weekly have two months a year with three payday; those paid weekly have four months with five paydays. Save all or part of these extra paychecks or use the money to reduce debt.

Save spare change: Place loose change in a can or jar. As money accumulates, place it in a savings account to earn interest.

Bank a raise: If you've recently received a raise, try living on your previous salary and save the difference.

For further information about MONEY 2000 and other educational programs, please call Dr. Karen Enslie at (908) 654-9854. Rutgers Cooperative

Directional Signs Increase Visability of Public Library

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Mr. Weiss knew, however, that he could not get the wheels in motion on this project alone. He reached out and, in turn, received enormous support from the community.

Nancy Koederitz, Fanwood's Zoning Officer, made sure the proposed directional signs would not violate any local ordinance, while Fanwood's Traffic Safety Officer Richard Trigo assisted in finding prime sign locations.

Angelo Papperella and his staff at Union County's Sign Shop helped design and manufacture the signs. William Anderson of the New Jersey Traffic Engineering Department and Bruce G. Connor, Director of Engineering with the Union County Traffic Bureau, also took active parts

in this endeavor.

Raymond Manfra, Fanwood's Director of Public Works, and members of his department physically erected the signs.

"This project turned out to be an example of a network of local people, services and departments uniting together to ultimately benefit the public," Mr. Weiss stated.

"This was an overwhelming response, from all parties involved, to a community need," he added.

Mrs. Mederer stated that, "George and my family made many weekly visits to our library. The librarians were nurturers and teachers to our children. We watched generations of people within the community pass through this library."

Strategic Planning Committee Recommends School Bond

Editor's Note: The following is the last of a seven-part series outlining the initiatives of the committees which worked on the Strategic Plan for the Westfield Public Schools District.

WESTFIELD - The Strategic Action Plan committee members who researched school building resources and requirements unanimously recommended that a bond referendum be presented to the citizens of Westfield to properly provide for a growing student population.

Members of the committee - which was comprised of parents, teachers, board members, and school administrators - spent months reviewing current enrollments, projected enrollments, facilities plans, and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

"We split into three subcommittees," explained committee Chairwoman Danielle Walsh. "A complete needs assessment was developed. In the end, it was apparent to all of us that our schools will not be able to provide adequate classroom and instructional space for Westfield's growing enrollment," she added.

Parent-Teacher Council President Denise Ricci, who served on the Action Plan Committee and has three children attending the Westfield public schools, commented, "The district is in a very good position to present a bond because our debt service is about to end."

"A bond would have minimal tax consequences and maximum benefits to provide classroom space for our children. This is a solution that we need," she stated.

The entire report submitted by the Action Plan Committee was presented to the Board of Education in

June. Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley has reacted to the bond referendum recommendation by inviting citizens to become part of a special advisory committee to assist in reviewing potential building and technology projects.

Anyone interested in volunteering on the Citizens Advisory Committee is asked to call the superintendent's office at (908) 789-4420 by Friday, September 4, for an application.

Additional recommendations made by the Action Plan Committee include:

- Update enrollment surveys annually.
- Assess actual physical needs of programs based on current available space.
- Develop a phase-in plan for creating optimal kindergarten through grade 12 classroom space.
- Analyze and recommend facility requirements for: classroom size, art and music rooms, physical education/large group (assembly), library, storage space, small group instruction, and health and guidance.
- Ensure that all programs will be ADA accessible.
- Make necessary changes in school buildings to become ADA accessible.

The committee members who proposed the recommendations for the district's strategic plan include: Stewart Carey, Anthony Cerami, Sue Dodge, Robert Eyre, Leslie Foltz-Morrison, John Fong, Gary Fox, Chic Hansen, Marcia Kanter, Kathleen Kelly, Linda King, Carrie Mumford, Donna Perch, Annmarie Puleio, Robert Rader, Denise Ricci, Doreen Rivell, James Rodino, Kenneth Shulack, Trudy Silverman, Danielle Walsh and Steve Zatk.

New Staff, Repairs Greet Mountainside Students

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

Many improvements have been made to Deerfield School in Mountainside just in time for a back-to-school kick off. On Wednesday, September 2, the first day of school, students will see a newly-refurbished gymnasium floor, a newly-renovated industrial arts classroom, and new science lab tables. In addition, the school's roof has been replaced.

"I am happy to report that we recently had a rain storm and there were no leaks," stated Mountainside's Chief School Administrator, Dr. Gerard A. Schaller.

Dr. Schaller reported that as of Tuesday, class and teacher assignments had been sent home to all students. He also revealed that a new Personnel-Teacher Handbook and Parent-Student Handbooks were developed over the summer and are ready for the new school year.

New teachers at Deerfield School include Arthur Vespignani for vocal and instrumental music, Diane Webb to teach grades 6 to 8 mathematics, Megan Schwingel for first grade, Susan Miller as a part-time computer education teacher, and Cynthia Meile as a part-time Learning Disability Consultant.

There have also been many improvements to Governor Livingston High School which will benefit high school students in the borough.

According to Thomas Long, Administrative Assistant in the Superintendent's Office for Berkeley Heights Public Schools, there are four new teachers at the high school and a new Sign Language I interpreter for hearing-impaired students.

Lisa Patete has been hired as a science teacher, John Crane will teach English, Patricia Nicholas is a teacher for the hearing impaired, and Yolanda Pozo will teach English as a Second Language. The sign language interpreter will be Lisa DeMarco.

Physical changes to the high school include both gymnasiums being completely repainted, with new ceiling lights installed there as well. Other renovations include a

new fire alarm system, restriping of the parking lot, and new lights and drop ceilings in hallways.

Mr. Long also noted that there is a new Advanced Placement course in economics, and a vocal music class has also been added.

According to Governor Livingston High School Principal Benjamin Jones, three new boys' soccer coaches have also been hired. James Pickel will serve the high school as Head Coach, and the two assistants include Matthew Lynch and Godfried Banning.

Lastly, a new addition to the district staff is George Kallaur as the Board of Education Secretary and Business Administrator. Mr. Kallaur started with the borough in July.

Leonard Baccaro, the borough's former Superintendent and Board Secretary, retired last June. He had served the borough for 12 years.

Fall Semester to Begin At Adult High School

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Union County Vocational-Technical Adult High School will begin its fall semester on Tuesday, September 8, at its Raritan Road campus in Scotch Plains.

According to Director John Crowley, the purpose of the adult high school is to encourage those who have dropped out of high school to re-enter and pursue a diploma in a setting designed for adults.

Past earned credit is awarded for both academic achievement and life experience, and the curriculum is geared to students' specific needs.

The school operates year round, with three regular semesters and a summer intersession. Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools provide training and job readiness skills for adults, and the program is fully endorsed by the State of New Jersey, Mr. Crowley confirmed.

Information on applying may be obtained by calling John Crowley at (908) 889-2904.

School Districts Hold Line On Student Security Policies

By JEANNE WHITNEY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

"Districts are in a heightened state of awareness," according to John Patella, spokesman for the New Jersey School Boards Association, "it can happen anywhere."

In the past year, student shooting deaths in Arkansas, Mississippi and Kentucky schools focused the attention of the nation's educators on the very real threat of violence, particularly at the middle school level.

As a result, many public school districts - including Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Westfield and Mountainside - will have policies in place at the start of the new school year, which deal specifically with weapons and other dangerous instruments.

"I think districts are looking at (their weapons and safety codes) closely, and making sure they have the strongest policy as possible," stated Mr. Patella, who represents member school boards.

Although none of the three local districts can recall any history of gun-related incidents, "We can't rule it out," according to Westfield's Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley.

Mountainside's Chief School Administrator, Dr. Gerard Schaller, concurred, saying, "In light of the national incidents, we just want to be prepared."

State legislation mandates policy on "the unlawful possession, distribution, and disposition of firearms and other deadly weapons."

Westfield schools' policy, in accordance with the 1995 Federal "Zero Tolerance for Guns Act," calls for a minimum one-year expulsion for any student found bringing a gun into a school or to related events. The criminal or juvenile justice system is also called into force, under the act.

Westfield's most recent weapons policy was adopted in June of last year, and covers guns, knives, stun guns, mace, tear gas, brass knuckles, sharp rings and jewelry, blackjacks and martial arts weapons.

However, Dr. Foley pointed out, "There has been no increase in violence" in the district. "We're fortunate that our students have well-parented families," he added.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood district revised its code this summer on discipline, suspension and expulsion of students, according to School Board President August A. Ruggiero. An offense such as "possession of dangerous instruments or volatile explosive substances" is met with either suspension or expulsion or both, under the policy.

A further tightening up of the policy added a passage about threats: "Any pupil who is guilty of...physical assault or threat of physical harm upon another pupil, a teacher, or any school employee, with or without a firearm or other weapon...shall be liable to punishment."

In both the Westfield and Scotch

Plains-Fanwood districts, the superintendents and school boards have final say on a student's expulsion, even though a school principal is responsible for immediate enforcement of the safety policy. Any such decision may be appealed to the state Commissioner of Education within 90 days.

Mountainside's Dr. Schaller said the district's weapons policy is in draft form but should be ready for approval by September. No details were released.

Importantly, school districts are turning increasingly to what they hope will be preventative measures to deter student violence.

Marie Koch, a Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) in the Westfield intermediate schools, stressed the important role communication plays.

"It's important to have open lines of communication between students and provide a safe place to talk, get information and get help," she said.

A peer leadership program, where students learn problem-solving skills, creates an "opportunity for kids to help kids," she said. "Students are not counselors," she emphasized.

"Peer-to-peer mentoring has shown a definite change in attitudes toward violent solutions to problems, and has improved the students' ability to think about dangerous risk-taking behaviors," she said.

Under the statewide model program, students are encouraged to realize that they cannot solve every problem alone, and to reach out for help. Ms. Koch said she believed that, in the nationally-publicized school shooting incidents, there were prior signs of trouble which, if recognized in time, could have averted the turn of events.

"In every case, someone knew something beforehand," she said, that could have prevented the tragedy.

"But we like to believe that we have enough safeguards in place to provide avenues for communication and help before anything could arise," Ms. Koch commented about the Westfield schools. Westfield schools also participate in a drug use prevention program, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), in cooperation with local police.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district keeps an independent counseling group on call to assist in conflict resolution, among other concerns. The district has considered peer mediation from time to time.

Although many theories abound over the incidence of youth violence, Ms. Koch speculated that greater exposure at a younger age - particularly through the electronic media - has had a negative impact.

On the other hand, she said she sees a trend toward religion in students.

Dr. Foley confirmed that, "We are sensitive to, and more closely monitor, what (students) write and say. Prevention is key."

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Compassion and Creativity Describe Child Care Centers

By MICHELLE LePOIVDEN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The sky is the limit for creative and enthusiastic young minds and child care programs in the Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood areas promote the mission that there is no limit to learning.

The Westfield "Y," Westfield Day Care Center, Westfield Neighborhood Council, Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey (JCC) and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA are examples.

The Early Childhood Program at The Westfield "Y" has been accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (NAEYC) which requires them to meet several stringent criteria for accreditation.

The curriculum for the Early Childhood Program includes special weekly themes and the children are not graded for their performance. Parents are always informed by a monthly newsletter and a bulletin board that is packed with activities and programs.

Programs at the Westfield "Y" also include a half-day preschool; all day child care for children 12 months to 5 years of age; full-day kindergarten, before and after school care with transportation provided; a KinderCare wrap-around program; Tamaques After School Program for children from kindergarten age to 5 years old and Extended Care from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The Westfield "Y" maintains several teen programs such as Club Mid for middle school youth; The Leader's Club which enables students to learn leadership and service to the community; and eight summer camp programs which may include nature studies, field trips, arts and crafts, singing, swimming and games. Counselor-in-training programs are also offered.

According to Public Relations Coordinator, Bona Weiland, the Westfield "Y" fosters values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

"We really care about family and values that build good character. I believe that is a Westfield value," she said.

The Westfield "Y," which serves the Westfield, Cranford, Garwood and Mountainside areas, encourages children in the program to give something to the community through book drives, food drives and the Coats for Kids program.

Ms. Weiland concluded, "Everything we do is more than just giving children a safe place to play. It's geared toward building their self-esteem so that each person can fulfill his or her potential. We think children are a part of that. Children require and deserve respect."

Preschool Age Child Director Susan Beelitz added, "We strive to make the child's life as happy and stress-

free as we can. It's a positive stepping stone for their education. It is a family-oriented environment where children come first with a staff of sincerely loving, caring people. They are 'child-people.'"

The Westfield Day Care Center, a non-profit organization celebrating its 30th anniversary, is housed in the Christian Education Building of the Westfield Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue. The center is also accredited by NAEYC. Sixty percent of their students are from Westfield and 40 percent are from surrounding communities or work in Westfield but live in different towns.

It is the mission of the center to address each child's social, emotional, physical and intellectual skills. There is a special emphasis on encouraging children to learn and to be intellectually stimulated through play.

Linnea W. Rhodes, Director for The Westfield Day Care Center, stressed that "children need to be interactive, feeling good about themselves and respecting the needs and rights of others."

The center offers a full-day program for infants and toddlers and a full-day kindergarten which allows children a "hands on" approach to learning and eventually helping the child develop concepts of science, math, language arts, health, music, art and fine and gross motor skills. There is also a part-time program, and features children of varied age groups.

Each classroom is fully equipped with areas and materials for reading, writing, dramatic play, music, cooking and art. Enrichment programs are also offered, bringing special visitors, presentations and a Rhythm and Movement program into the classrooms.

According to Ms. Rhodes, parents are always active in their child's care through bi-monthly newsletters, menus of activities, bulletin board postings, daily reports from teachers and parent-teacher meetings. Parents also become involved through pizza parties, family days, fundraisers, spaghetti dinners and Parent Work Days.

Parent Work Days allow the parents to be involved in activities from working on the playgrounds to repainting the cafeteria.

Ms. Rhodes said the center has a sliding scale for tuition fees. The center will analyze a family's finances and match whatever the family can afford to pay. She said this makes possible an environment of diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds.

The center has a Day Care Auxiliary that helps to raise money for scholarship funds.

The Westfield Neighborhood Council provides a Student Tutorial Enrichment Program (STEP) after

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Linda Schneider Resigns From Mountainside BOE

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

After serving 18 years on the Mountainside Board of Education, Linda Schneider officially announced her resignation, effective yesterday, August 26, during Tuesday's school board meeting.

Mrs. Schneider stated that her family had recently bought a home in Watchung after a search for another house in Mountainside came up empty. She went on to say that she was very sad to be leaving a town where she had lived for 27 years.

She also reported that her family is currently living in Union Township because they already closed on the sale of their Mountainside home.

Mrs. Schneider stated she was proud of the Mountainside school district and that, "the district is in very capable hands."

Fellow board member Richard Kress stated that "few board members have the type of ethics that Linda has; she will be missed."

Board President Patricia Taeschler also said she would miss Mrs. Schneider, saying, "in the six years that I have served on this board, I have looked many times to Linda and

valued her experience and expertise."

In related business, Chief School Administrator Dr. Gerard A. Schaller announced that he would be advertising in local newspapers and on Channel 35 to find a replacement for Mrs. Schneider, stating if the board did not find a replacement in 45 days, the County Superintendent would appoint someone to fill the void.

Dr. Schaller reported that interested candidates should submit a letter by Thursday, September 10, to board members stating their reasons for wanting to serve on the board. He said candidates, who must have lived in Mountainside for at least one year, should also submit background information on themselves, for example, a resume.

Mr. Kress added that whoever was appointed to the board would serve for the next six or seven months until school board elections were held next spring.

In other business, John Perrin of Foot Hill Way, who serves on the board's Strategic Planning Committee, informed board members that in Westfield, the Roosevelt Intermediate School's mission statement is displayed on a plaque just outside the school's entrance, and asked if the same could be done for Deerfield School.

Members of the board and Dr. Schaller thought this was an excellent idea.

Currently, the mission statement, which reads as follows, can be found on the front page of every board meeting agenda.

The mission of the Mountainside school district is to develop self-confident, independent, responsible, citizens by providing the highest quality education to all students through a school, family, and community partnership.

In other business, Dr. Schaller announced that Wayne Devicio, Deerfield's Building and Grounds Supervisor, was working towards getting a new electric curtain for the gymnasium to separate physical education classes.

Mr. Devicio stated that because the gymnasium floor is constantly settling, the original door is currently broken.

Dr. Schaller reported that replacing the door would cost \$60,517, while installing an electric curtain would cost \$6,100. Dr. Schaller said that the curtain would not be fully in place until December.

Volunteers are Sought For Fanny Wood Day

FANWOOD — The Fanny Wood Day Committee is looking for volunteers for the third annual Fanny Wood Day celebration on Sunday, September 27, from noon to 5 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity to get involved with the community and meet new people," said a committee spokeswoman. Please call Linda at 889-4935 for more information.

New attractions at this year's festival will include a pie baking contest sponsored by the Florida Fruit Shoppe of Fanwood. For more information on this event, please call Tricia Scarlata at (908) 322-7606.

Helen Ling of Enchantments will

sponsor a Little Miss Fanny Wood contest. She may be reached at (908) 322-6161 for more information.

The Fanwood Junior Women's Club will sponsor a Beautiful Baby Photo Contest. For further information, please call Carolyn at (908) 490-0130.

Craft vendors may apply for a 10-foot by 10-foot space for \$75. There is a special fee of \$65 for those who register before Tuesday, September 1.

For more information or an application, please call Neil Schembre at (908) 322-6066. All proceeds will go towards purchase of the Fanwood Millennium Clock.



BUY A CHANCE ON A FORD...Pictured is the 1931 tri-tone Model "A" Coupe to be raffled off on Sunday, September 20, by the Westfield and Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, headquartered at 321 Elm Street in Westfield. Proceeds from the raffle, which is limited to 300 tickets, will benefit the chapter.

1931 Ford Model 'A' Raffled By Local Red Cross Chapter

WESTFIELD — The Westfield and Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will raffie a 1931 Ford Model "A" Coupe at \$100-per-ticket as a fundraiser for the organization. Sales will be limited to 300 tickets.

The market value of the classic vehicle is \$15,000. The automobile was completely restored in 1992.

The drawing will be held at the American Red Cross, Westfield and Mountainside Chapter House, 321 Elm Street in Westfield, on Sunday, September 20, at 1 p.m.

To obtain a raffle ticket, please stop by the Chapter House or call (908) 232-7090, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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School Year Presents New Challenges To Teachers and Students in Districts

In the next two weeks, students from the Westfield, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Mountinside school districts will head back to freshly-painted and, at Westfield High School, computer-networked classrooms. Many new teachers have been added, most of whom are replacing retiring staff members.

In Scotch Plains-Fanwood, teachers are hoping the impasse will be resolved on talks with the Board of Education by the first day of school on Tuesday, September 8. As of August 6, 155 school boards in the state were still negotiating contracts with teacher unions. Another 62 districts have settled on new contracts.

According to the New Jersey School Boards Association, the average salary increase agreed in recent contracts was 3.8 percent. Approximately 35 percent of school boards report negotiating some type of change in the school day or year that results in staff members spending more time with students and parents.

Under a new mandate, adopted by the state Board of Education in May, teachers must complete 100 hours of training every five years.

As the school year begins, *New Jersey Monthly* recently published its ranking of high schools in the state based on information from the Department of Education for last year. Westfield High School came in 12th with an average Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) score of 1127, and a 95.3 percent pass rate on the High School Equivalency Test (HSPT). Ninety-one percent continued their education, with 83 percent going on to four-year schools.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood, which ranked 52nd, had a combined average SAT score of 1060, with 88.5 percent of students passing the HSPT, and 75 percent of the senior class of 1997 entering four-year

colleges. Another 8 percent went on to two-year schools. Meanwhile, Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights, which Mountinside students attend, was ranked 26th, with an average SAT score of 1131 and a 96.3 percent pass rate on the HSPT. Ninety-two percent of the Class of 1997 opted to attend college, with 78 percent going to four-year schools.

In Westfield, the district is looking to approve and implement its Strategic Plan which, among other things, calls for the integration of technology throughout the district, reducing class size at all levels, and establishing curriculum coordinators at each grade level. Another recommendation involves creating positions for six elementary counselors for kindergarten through grade 5.

Meanwhile, among the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district's priorities this year are the implementation of a three-year teacher training program on instructional strategies. Also, a new training program, known as the "4-MAT Learning System," will help teachers manage a variety of learning styles in the classroom.

As part of our back-to-school coverage, we have included stories on day care and pre-school programs and on school security policies in the wake of shootings by students at schools in various parts of the nation this past school year.

We believe the new school year is an opportunity for our communities to grow by getting involved in school programs, whether it be volunteering on a committee or in the school library, attending school productions and functions or by parents attending Board of Education and Parent-Teacher Association meetings as a way of remaining involved in their child's education.

1/2 of a popcorn
What did we do to deserve this anguish? Is Warner Brothers out to settle a vendetta to perhaps punish viewers for some ancient MovieLand grudge? Pardon the paranoia. It's just that no movie gets to be as bad as *The Avengers* solely by accident. This kind of ineptitude generally requires hard work and careful planning.

Could it be a scam to claim a business loss? Like the one perpetrated by Max Bialystok (Zero Mostel) in *The Producers*? In that classic farce, the sham backed-fired because *Springtime For Hitler* was so bad it was good. But there'll be no such luck for *The Avengers*.

Truth be told, everything goes wrong in director Jeremiah Chechik's big screen version of the 1960s television show, from concept and direction to screenplay and acting. The special effects are tatty. Even the audio sounds are muffled and cheap. It's a good thing Smell-O-Vision was never perfected.

Diehard fans may be pleased, but only in the very barest sense, and then solely by the film's nostalgia quotient. On a purely stand-alone basis, this discombobulated curiosity has no raison d'être. Casual walk-ins with no fealty to dapper secret agent John Steed (Ralph Fiennes) or his modishly alluring partner in buttoned-down heroics, Dr. Emma Peel (Uma Thurman), will either fall asleep or walk right out.

What is perhaps most amazing is Sean Connery's constrained performance as the megalomaniac villain, Sir August de Wynter. Determined to control the weather, this bad guy is to meteorology what Auric Goldfinger was to gold.

Telling of his aspirations, he exuberantly announces: "Rain or shine, it's all mine." Worse, while blackmailing an assemblage of world leaders, he warns: "Gentlemen, this is the winter of your discontent." It really takes some doing to make a movie so artistically inhospitable that even someone of the caliber of Sean Connery can't find a comfortable groove to glow in.

Whereas a good-natured satire of *The Brady Bunch* sitcom works because it is generally agreed that the sociology perpetrated therein invites (and deserves) ridicule, fans of *The Avengers* doubtless would like to re-experience the enlightened notions the series once disseminated. Alas, they may be at a loss.

For that was television, way back when. Violence and gunplay were minimal. Steed suavely outsmarted people and pretty much tripped them up with his bumpershoot. And hardly a discouraging (or dirty) word was uttered.

Uncertain how to tackle this cinematic conundrum, director Chechik, working from a screenplay that seems like it was written by someone with a head cold, sterile to keep it squeaky clean — but sterile is more like it. Though he gets a PG rating, it is painfully earned.

Whatever plague afflicts the writer and director quickly spreads to the lead actors. Witness Ralph Fiennes (*Schindler's List*, *The English Patient*). Attempting to portray the punctilious, tea-drinking Steed, Mr. Fiennes, ceremoniously adorned in bowler hat, is less than awe-inspiring. He looks more like a cross between Mary Poppins's younger brother and Stan Laurel, than the supposed grand wielder of London's meanest umbrella.

But it is outright strange how Uma Thurman (*Pulp Fiction*) succumbs to the film's virus of mediocrity. Usually a shade or two off the beaten path to begin with, casting her as the attractively outrageous Dr. Emma Peel seemed a stroke of genius. But that thought is short-lived. Her portrayal is frightfully run-of-the-mill, wild leather costumes notwithstanding. She and Fiennes hardly ever achieve the

sort of spark necessary for acceptable levels of that quality important to both adventure movies and Presidencies—sexual tension.

It becomes obvious that the real story isn't up on the screen, but somewhere behind the scenes. So a healthy curiosity sent your humble auditor to the Internet in search of answers. One web site following the progress of the movie during production told of an eleventh hour switch in directors. Maybe there was more to this saga of motion picture dysfunction. Attempting to reach "The Avengers's" official web site, the screen turns ominously gray and then bemoans: "An error has occurred in the script on this page. This script operation has been canceled. Object doesn't support this property or method."

Huh? You mean even its web site doesn't work? Can a movie just be cursed?

The *Avengers*, rated PG, is a Warner Brothers release starring *Uma Thurman, Ralph Fiennes and Sean Connery. Running time: 100 minutes.*

Letters to the Editor

Placing Newspaper Boxes on Sidewalks Is Not Protected Under Constitution

Newspaper vending machines have two major benefits for the publisher. First is the sale of newspaper products which is appropriately protected by the United States Constitution. The use of unmarked vending machines in com-

mon earth colors satisfies this Constitutional requirement in Westfield.

The second benefit is that the publisher gains free billboard space for the newspaper brand name. A distinctive newspaper vending machine with loud colors and bold graphics, properly placed in high traffic locations can gain millions of advertising impressions per year for the newspaper brand name.

I submit that the right to place billboards on our sidewalks for the promotion of newspaper products is not a right protected by our Constitution and is not permitted in Westfield under existing sign zoning ordinances.

I support our town's right and responsibility to enforce already existing commercial zoning laws against companies that consistently pollute our community with indiscriminate placement of outdoor advertising signs.

Our sign zoning law enforcement officials need to be more conscious of illuminated beverage vending machine signs placed in gas stations, real estate and building contractor signs on residential lawns, and lottery decal signs placed on retail windows without the required permits. I submit that all of these signs violate our strict sign zoning laws.

We need better enforcement of existing legislation to reduce Westfield's visual advertising pollution.

Sarah Rubenstein
Westfield

Town Street Repairs Should Take Place Where Most Needed

In its August 6 issue, *The Westfield Leader* reported that the town had reached its goal of repaving all streets in the business district.

Among repaved areas this month was the section of Prospect Street between Lincoln Way and Brightwood Avenue. Ironically, the town chose to improve one of the few parts of the street that did not need work.

The area between Brightwood Avenue and the end of Prospect Street has needed repaving for years. Drivers encounter countless holes, cracks and bumps in the cement, even as they avoid the road's wide border of gravel. I have heard more than one account of the gravel almost causing night drivers who are unfamiliar with the road to damage their tires.

The town should use its citizens' tax money in a practical manner and address its duties to all residents.

Brendan P. Culligan
Westfield

Resident Fears Council Delayed Seeking Rescue Squad Volunteers

The sudden announcement of the imminent collapse of both the Mountinside Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Volunteer Fire Department has created a crisis for the community. Not until last week were we informed that we will not have a rescue squad as of Wednesday, September 2, and that the fire department is unable to cope with the borough's needs.

We clearly have an emergency. All residents must be alerted to the urgency of the problem and be involved in the solution. Not until Monday, August 31, will an emergency meeting be held to consider possible solutions with a promise of a public meeting sometime afterward.

What is to happen in the interim? Has the council developed a contingency plan to provide immediate alternative services?

Once we have found solutions to the problem we must understand why the council waited until the emergency was here to call an emergency meeting. Why haven't we had a public meeting sooner to alert residents to this dangerous situation and to discuss solutions? A most important principle for business and government management is no surprises. How can a responsible governing body

place all Mountinside residents in such a perilous and potentially life-threatening situation?

Michael Krasner
Mountinside

Mountinside Squad Seeks to Remedy Manpower Shortage Via Local Appeal

As a 16-year life member of the Mountinside Rescue Squad, I feel compelled to address some inaccuracies about the squad and to comment on current staffing problems.

First, the motor vehicle accident delayed response time was due to a dispatch agency failure. Our squad did have a crew available and able to respond, but the squad was not alerted to the call.

Second, there is a critical manpower shortage. A chronic problem has now become acute, and in the interest of progressive and quality emergency care, the squad is proactively addressing this shortage before citizens' lives are endangered. We need your help!

Steven L. Susman
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Mountinside's Emergency Services Should Not be in a Crisis Situation

Mountinside residents have just learned that we face a crisis in two vital services — the rescue squad and the fire department. For lack of volunteers, Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti says, the rescue squad will not exist by the beginning of next week; and the situation at the fire department "is not far behind."

In recent weeks, the Mayor has revealed, each service has already failed at least once to answer a call.

Many other towns have had similar problems. But to my amazement, our Mayor and Borough Council were caught completely off guard and unprepared by these developments.

They didn't discover how bad our predicament was until early August, and only then did they begin to try to explore possible actions and their costs. As of the public council meeting on Tuesday, August 18, they hadn't even decided on what temporary emergency steps to take.

Despite the urgency of the situation, residents didn't receive the Mayor's emergency letter until Saturday. After outlining the problems to a tiny audience at last Tuesday's council meeting, the Mayor cut short residents' efforts to get

details and discuss the matter. He said the council needed more time to gather facts, but he didn't invite input from the community.

The Mayor and council have scheduled an emergency public "work session" for next Monday, August 31, to discuss their findings. But they say that even then they won't permit questions and comments from residents.

I think the Mayor and council have been woefully negligent in not monitoring these vital services and in not having contingency plans ready. I also think it's outrageous to block questions and input from community residents, whose lives and property have been put in danger.

Scott R. Schmedel
Mountinside

Where Most Needed

Addictions, in Whatever Form, Spark Highly Unusual Forms of Behavior

By Louis H. Clark

There are addictions and addictions. Every one has heard of addiction to drugs and cursed the "Colombian drug lords." But they are just selling to addicts. With profits of 2000 and 3000 percent, we should blame the users who, it seems to me, do it for the thrill of breaking the law. It was the same with liquor during Prohibition.

But there are other addictions. The one I am writing about here is addiction to catastrophes.

I have in mind one which has always stayed in my memory.

I was driving to Long Island one day when I heard an announcer saying in grave tones, "A plane is in trouble over Kennedy Airport. It is circling now over the airport to use up fuel. It is feared there will be a crash. There are more than 100 passengers on the plane."

He then gave the exact runway which was being "flooded with foam" to try and stop any fire.

I was about a mile from Kennedy when suddenly I couldn't go any further. People were just stopping their cars in the middle of the road and abandoning them to run to the airport. I heard one man yell, "I know that runway! It's right near here!"

Way in back of me, I could hear the sirens of police cars trying to get through. Ambulances couldn't make it either, and all the time, the announcer kept giving the details of what was going on as though it was a ball game.

Meanwhile, traffic was held up as far back as the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.

About an hour later, I heard the announcer say, with what I swear was disappointment in his voice, "The plane has landed safely. No one aboard was injured. The pilot of the plane is to be commended for his cool efficiency."

People began streaming back to their cars, parked all over the place. I actually heard one woman yelling at someone, "First the damn thing doesn't crash, and now I can't even get my car moving. Where are the cops when you want them?"

Next time you see a wreck on a parkway, just notice the other side of the parkway, where people are slowing down to see the accident.

Sometimes I think we will always have some kind of conflicts because people are addicted to catastrophes. Call it the "lets you and him fight it out — I'll watch."

WESTFIELD GIRL SCOUTS
Scouts to Celebrate 80th Year; Anniversary of Founder's Birth

Written by Girl Scouts for Girl Scouts

With the 1998-1999 school year upon us, start-up activities, including planning meetings and registration deadlines, have been scheduled.

In addition, a super-special celebration is in the offing for October — the joint celebration of Juliette Low's birthday and the 80th anniversary celebration of Girl Scouting in Westfield.

Leaders, please mark your calendar now for the following events:

The Westfield Girl Scout Service Team will meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 9:15 a.m. at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council. All Service Team members are asked to attend.

On Thursday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m., an orientation meeting for new leaders will be held at the home of Betty Riker at 641 Kimball Avenue. All designated new leaders, as well as anyone interested in becoming a leader, are asked to call Mrs. Riker at (908) 233-5705 to confirm your attendance.

All girl and adult registrations must be submitted to your school organizer on or before Friday, September 25. Call your school organizer with any questions you may have.

The first leaders meeting of this scouting year will be held on Monday, September 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Edison Intermediate School. Since this meeting provides materials and information relevant to the entire year, all leaders are requested to be present.

Of interest to all leaders: a Girl Scout "store" will be opening in the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council office by Tuesday, September 1. The store will operate on a limited basis offering pins, patches and badges, and handbooks for the convenience of leaders.

The super-special celebration of Juliette Low's birthday and the anniversary celebration of 80 years of Girl Scouting in Westfield is being planned for Saturday, October 31, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Featured in this exciting celebration is a cake decorating contest, with prizes to be offered in the following categories: (1) best "new" Girl Scout cookie; (2) most original Girl Scout cupcake, and (3) best Girl Scout Law theme cake.

In addition, the celebration will offer cakes, drinks, games, dancing and the opportunity to participate in a service project. Admission is \$3.50 per person, and troop registrations must be returned to Mary Bannworth no later than Monday, October 12. Registration forms will be provided to each leader in their packets.

Troops wishing to participate in the cake decorating contest should put on their thinking caps as soon as possible; this promises to be a fun celebration. Please remember that attendance does not require participation in the cake decorating contest.

The Juliette Low Birthday and 80-year anniversary event is being planned by the Cadette Girl Scouts of Troop No. 99. Older girl assistance is needed for this event. Cadette and Senior Girl Scout leaders are asked to call Mrs. Bannworth at (908) 317-9291 if you have girls interested in serving at this event.

Any adult interested in serving in any capacity with the Westfield Girl Scouts, or any girl wishing to become a Girl Scout, is asked to call Liz Fallon at (908) 233-3484 for further information. The opportunity to work with our young girls is a very rewarding service. So too, the experience of being a Girl Scout is always a memorable one, as evidenced by the fact that so many of our leaders were Girl Scouts themselves.

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

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Democratic Candidates Call To Deny 'Reserve' Project

SCOTCH PLAINS — The three Democratic candidates for Scotch Plains Township Council called upon municipal officials last week, in a written statement also released to the press, to reject plans for construction of 116 townhouses on 7.7 acres of land on the north side of Route No. 22 behind a McDonald's restaurant.

An application to build a multi-unit facility at the site, otherwise known as The Reserve, has been before the Scotch Plains Planning Board this year.

Democrats Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley, and Geri Morgan Samuel are looking to unseat Republican Councilman Robert Johnston and gain two other seats which will be left vacant by Republican Councilwoman Irene T. Schmidt and Mayor Joan Papen.

The Democrats charge that the proposed development could cause flooding in the north side of Scotch Plains and place a tremendous strain on an already overcrowded public school system.

Mr. Donatelli, a lifelong Scotch Plains resident, said in his written statement, "The project is slated to be built in the natural flood way of the Blue Brook."

"Many long-time residents such as me remember all too well the devastation wrought on Scotch Plains when the Blue Brook overflowed its banks in the early 1970s. Property damage was enormous and life actually was lost further down stream in another community," he continued.

"Earlier this decade, too, our Park Avenue central business district was flooded due to torrential rains bringing flood waters from the north side of Route 22," Mr. Donatelli remarked.

Mr. Bromley was quoted as saying, "It has been publicly reported that this development will add 30 to 60 students to the public schools. With per pupil costs estimated at about \$9,400 per pupil, the economic cost is staggering in itself, but the adverse impact upon our public schools goes beyond the potential costs. One must ask, 'Where will we put these new students?'"

Mr. Bromley went on to say in the statement, "The board of education presently is looking into various options such as converting the board

office into classrooms and either buying or leasing office space. The board also is looking into adding additional classrooms on Coles and/or McGinn School to accommodate our burgeoning enrollments.

"There also is a possibility of converting Terrill Middle School into a sixth elementary school, creating a district-wide middle school," he added. "The influx of 30 to 60 additional pupils from the 116-townhouse project could be the straw that will trigger costly school construction projects."

Ms. Samuel added in the statement, "Building this enormous project of 116 townhouses on such a restricted piece of land equates to 15 housing units per acre. The additional pressure put on our water supply, our sewerage system, and storm water runoff capabilities of the land is enormous."

"Then there's land needed for roadways, parking, patios, trash dumpsters, and some landscaping," she commented. "The potential flood damage to north side residences is frightening. It is contrary to the nearly 20 years of study towards vitalizing the downtown business district, which can ill afford to be flooded out."

The statement concluded, "This land is contiguous to Union County park land. It readily could become part of a flood detention basin. The county has funded such flood projects. Acquisition of the land by the county would provide a number of critical benefits: (1) flood protection to north side residents and merchants, (2) increasing park lands in Union County, (3) preservation of open space in Scotch Plains, (4) less pressure on the rising enrollment in our school system, and (5) the property owners would still be able to sell their 7.7 acres."



DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGE... Democratic candidates for Scotch Plains Township Council, pictured left to right, Franklin P. Donatelli, Tarquin Jay Bromley, and Geri Morgan Samuel, gather at the Blue Brook dam behind a restaurant on Route No. 22. The three want the 7.7-acre site preserved for open space and flood control rather than have it developed, according to a statement released last week.

Mayor Connelly Speaks Out On Senior Citizens' Issues

Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, the Democratic challenger for the Seventh Congressional District, and United States Senator Frank Lautenberg held a press conference last Friday to discuss issues of importance to New Jersey senior citizens.

Mayor Connelly supports proposals outlined by Senator Lautenberg to strengthen Social Security. "We need to ensure that people who work hard their whole lives have enough money to continue a decent standard of living after retirement," she told a group of senior citizens gathered at the F. Edward Bieruempel Senior Center in Union Township.

Mrs. Connelly listed her accomplishments as the Mayor of Fanwood, which include advocating senior housing. "Seniors should be able to stay in the area where they raised their family, supported the school system, and contributed to the community," she remarked.

She further commented on the importance of Medicare and health main-

tenance reform, and on what she called the "poor record" of her opposition.

Mayor Connelly is opposing Republican Congressman Bob Franks to represent the Seventh District. The incumbent is running for his fourth term in the House of Representatives this year.

"My opponent, Bob Franks, is not a friend to New Jersey seniors. He voted to cut Medicare by \$270 billion dollars and to increase Medicare premiums by \$1,000 a year," stated Mrs. Connelly.

She continued, "The National Council of Senior Citizens rated Bob Franks 27 out of 100 for his poor record on seniors' issues."

The Seventh District includes portions of Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Essex Counties. Among the 17 Union County communities in the district are Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield and Mountainside.

Mayor Connelly, who recently retired after working 28 years at AT&T, is the immediate Past President of New Jersey Elected Women Officials.

Bob Franks Made Honorary Local Campaign Chairman

David Trumpp and Wilfred Coronato, Republican candidates for Fanwood Borough Council, announced that Congressman Bob Franks will be Honorary Chairman of their election campaigns.

Announcement of Congressman Franks appointment was made at the Fanwood Republican Club's annual picnic on August 23.

Mr. Trumpp said "I think it's an honor to have the top of the Republican ticket involved with a local campaign that is committed to the same level of service to Fanwood as Congressman Franks does for the seventh congressional district."

Mr. Coronato said Congressman Franks has set a standard of public service which he hopes to match in Fanwood. "It's a wonderful opportunity — to have a well-respected public servant such as Congressman Bob Franks — to assist our campaign."

Mr. Trumpp said Congressman Franks is sensitive to national issues that concern Fanwood residents, and pledged that he and Mr.

Coronato will be equally responsive to Fanwood residents on their local concerns.

Neighborhood Council Will Hold Street Fair

The Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC) will hold a Street Fair on Saturday, October 10, at the WNC Center on Cacciola Place, in Westfield, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. A rain date of Sunday, October 11, is scheduled.

The fair will feature a variety of multi-ethnic entertainment including gospel singers, a barbershop quartet, and step and jazz dancing. There will be rides and a "moon walk" for young children, carnival games for all ages, and a variety of foods prepared by WNC members.

In addition, the WNC invites the Westfield community to tour its Center to demonstrate the achievements of the last 29 years, since its founding. The WNC is an integral part of Westfield and the association encourages the community to save the date and enjoy the street fair.

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Chansonettes Begin Rehearsals; Invite Others to Join Group

WESTFIELD - The Chansonettes of Westfield, a women's singing group, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:45 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield on Mountain Avenue.

The Chansonettes sing four-part harmony. The music is a variety of classical to pop tunes.

This year's theme for a holiday performance is "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and will include

such songs as "Christmas is a Birthday," "Oh Holy Night," "Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah" and "Slow Dancing in the Snow."

Performances for this season will be at various nursing homes and other organizations in the area.

Anyone who loves to sing is invited to come to a rehearsal. For further information, please contact Director Jean Schork at (908) 232-5776 or Acting President Nancy Lau at (908) 654-5130.

Lions Clubs to Present Car Show, Craft Fair

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Fanwood Lions Club and the Scotch Plains Lions Club will present an Antique/Classic Car Show and Craft Fair on Sunday, September 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at LaGrande Park in Fanwood.

"Entertainment with Sophistication," featuring a variety of music from the 1930s to the present, will entertain those in attendance. Children's activities are also planned.

For those who don't want to pack a lunch, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beverages, hot pretzels and Italian ices will be available at the refreshment stand.

In the event of inclement weather, the rain date is the following Sunday, September 27. For more information, please call (908) 322-7851.

Mothers Center Sets Consignment Sale For September 16-17

The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will hold its semi-annual consignment sale on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, Watchung Avenue at East 7th Street, in Plainfield.

The sale will feature gently-used children's fall and winter clothing in sizes from newborn to 14, including coats and boots. Other merchandise will include toys, maternity clothes, and baby equipment.

Over 100 consignors will provide high-quality items at a fraction of retail prices, according to Julie Murphy, a spokeswoman for the Mothers' Center.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the activities of the Mothers' Center, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization founded in 1978 by mothers for mothers.

The group offers daytime support and study groups, evening parent education workshops, social activities, and library resources for women throughout central New Jersey. New members are always welcome.

For more information, please call (908) 561-1751, or visit the Mothers' Center Web site on the Internet at <http://westfieldnj.com/mccnj>.

Westfield Historical Society To Meet on September 2

WESTFIELD - Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Specialized Hospital Richard B. Ahlfeld, will speak on the history of the hospital and its volunteers at the First Wednesday luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon on September 2 at B.G. Fields Restaurant.

A statewide specialty hospital, Children's has 117 beds for rehabilitation and skilled nursing at its Mountainside and Tom's River facilities. It also provides ambulatory services such as school programs and pe-



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS H. BUSHELL
(She is the former Miss Stephanie E. Morrow)

*Miss Stephanie Morrow
Weds Douglas Bushell*

Miss Stephanie Elise Morrow, the daughter of Drs. Franklin and Lesley Morrow of Scotch Plains, was married on Sunday, August 23, to Douglas Harlan Bushell. He is the son of

Leonard and Phyllis Bushell of Upper Saddle River.

The ceremony and reception took place at the Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange.

An alumna of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, the bride recently graduated from the Seton Hall University School of Law. She is an associate for the law firm of Graham, Curtin and Sheridan in Morristown.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Cornell University, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. He is employed as a stock trader for the Electronic Trading Group in New York City and Woodbridge.

The couple reside in Springfield.

*Ryan Christopher
Welcomed By
Tannenbaums*

Jamie and Donna Tannenbaum of Fanwood have announced the birth of their son, Ryan Christopher Tannenbaum, on Wednesday, July 29, at St. Peter's Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Ryan weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces and measured 22 inches in length at birth.

He joins his brothers, Alex, 4½, and Eric, 2.

Ryan's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Remler of Fanwood.

Parents' Coffee Slated At Tamaques Sept. 2

WESTFIELD - A welcome-back-to-school coffee will be held for all new and returning parents of Tamaques Elementary School children on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 2.

The coffee will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. All parents are invited to attend. Tamaques School is located at 641 Willow Grove Road.



MR. AND MRS. CRAIG CURTY
(She is the former Miss Wendy Kennedy)

*Miss Wendy Kennedy
Marries Craig Curty*

Miss Wendy Kennedy, the daughter of Mike and Brenda Kennedy of Trinity, North Carolina, was married on Saturday, July 25, to Craig Curty of High Point, North Carolina. He is the son of Alfred and Joan Curty, formerly of Westfield.

The Reverend Ken Curtis and the Reverend Marsden Kitley officiated at the evening ceremony, which took place at the Hopewell United Methodist Church in Trinity. A reception was held in the Grand Room of the Holiday Inn in High Point.

The bride, who was escorted down the aisle by her father, wore a matte satin, A-line gown with an Alençon lace bodice beaded with pearls and sequins. The hem of her gown was trimmed in Alençon lace.

She wore a detachable, tulle, chapel-length train adorned with Alençon lace appliques, and carried a bouquet of white and lavender roses, mountain lilies and stephanotis.

Miss Kelly Kennedy of Trinity, the sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridal attendants included Ms. Pamela Curty of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, the sister of the bridegroom; Ms. Suzanne Horn Flores of Greensboro, North Carolina, Mrs. Barbara Blake Gonzalez of El Paso, Texas, Ms. Amanda Holden and Ms. Kimberly Kennedy, the cousin of the bride, both of Trinity, and Mrs. Cynthia Gardner Schofield of Thomasville, North Carolina.

The maid of honor and bridal attendants all wore lilac crepe and satin, floor-length, A-line gowns, and carried white and lavender roses with mountain lilies.

Christopher Curty of Rahway, the brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Ushers included Matthew Curty of Rahway, another brother of the bridegroom; Alan Barnhardt of Monroeville, Alabama, Kevin Hampson and Barry Kitley, both of High Point, and Edward Suciich of Burlington.

A 1988 alumna of Trinity High School, the bride graduated from the

University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1992 and is pursuing her master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is employed as a teacher of English at West Davidson High School in Lexington, North Carolina.

The bridegroom, who graduated from Westfield High School in 1989, earned his bachelor's degree from High Point University in 1993. He is a candidate for a 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.

A rehearsal dinner party was hosted by the parents of the bridegroom at the Colonial Country Club in Thomasville, North Carolina. A luncheon shower was given at Act I restaurant in High Point by Mrs. Sarah Gomez and Mrs. Barbara Blake Gonzalez.

A luncheon was also hosted by Ms. Suzanne Horn Flores at the Jamesford Meadows Clubhouse in Jamestown, North Carolina, and a bridal shower was given at the Trinity home of Katherine Robbins by Miss Kelly Kennedy, Ms. Kimberly Kennedy and Mrs. Cynthia Gardner Schofield.

Following a wedding trip to Savannah and St. Simon Island in Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina, the couple reside in Trinity.

Westfield 'Y' Offers

'Swing' Dance Classes

WESTFIELD - Area residents can learn to "swing" at ballroom dancing classes offered this fall at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

Classes begin Monday, September 14, and will be held for seven consecutive weeks from 8 to 9 p.m. Partners are not required, and the fee is \$32 per person.

A basic membership to the Westfield "Y" is required. There will be a practice session following the class for a fee of \$5 per person.

Individuals may register at the "Y" or call Karen F. Simon at (908) 233-2700, extension number 246 for more information.

Lionel Hampton to Perform At Blockbuster Jazz Festival

Legendary vibraphonist Lionel Hampton will headline a star-studded lineup at the upcoming Jersey Jazz by the Lake festival sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The free festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, at Nomahegan Park in Cranford, and will feature continuous music both days.

Known as the "King of the Vibraphone," Mr. Hampton recently celebrated his 90th birthday at the White House. He played backup for Louis Armstrong in his younger days and later performed with Benny Goodman's quartet. He still tours and records music.

In addition to music, the festival will offer a fully-supervised Kids' Kingdom featuring children's entertainment such as improvisational acts, theater groups, performers and area musicians.

Rides and games will also be available throughout the Kids' Kingdom, along with educational and hands-on activities.

"We want this to be an event everyone can enjoy," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "This

School of Dance Offers Morning Youth Classes

The Westfield School of Dance, 402 Boulevard, will offer morning classes for children ages 3 to 6 years old, according to new owner Joanne Carey.

Miss Carey is best known for her work with young children. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts, and a Master's Degree in Dance Education from New York University.

She is also a Middlesex and Mercer County Substitute Certified teacher.

Miss Carey has taught at several nursery schools and is the Director and owner of the Turning Pointe Creative Arts Center, which freelances dance instructors for nursery schools.

Classes will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Tots, for 3 year olds, will be held from 9:15 to 10 a.m. For 4 and 5 year olds, there will be ballet from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and tap from 10:30 to 11 a.m. For 5 and 6 year olds, ballet will be offered from 11 to 11:30 a.m. and tap will be taught from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Fall registration at the school will take place Tuesday through Thursday, September 1 to 3, from noon to 8 p.m. For further information, please call (908) 789-3011.

Preschool Program To Begin October 6 At Green Forest Park

SCOTCH PLAINS — A recreational program for preschoolers age 4 and 5 will begin on Tuesday, October 6, at the Towne House in Green Forest Park in Scotch Plains.

A variety of games, arts and crafts, tumbling and storytelling will be featured. The children will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m., once a week, for six weeks on Tuesdays.

Volunteers are needed for the program. Interested individuals may offer their services when they register their children.

This program is strictly limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents may register starting on Tuesday, September 8, at a cost of \$25 per child; space permitting, non-residents may register for \$30 starting on Monday, September 14.

Marching Band Invites Community to Attend Special Event on Sept. 3

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD — The Raider Marching Band of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School has invited the public to an evening of music, fun and games next Thursday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Field between Evergreen Elementary School and the high school.

The marching band will conclude two weeks of practice and preparation for this year's show with a musical performance and an invitation for friends and supporters to join them on the field.

All ages are welcome, and refreshments will be served. Guests are invited to bring lawn chairs.

This event is being offered by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association and the high school's music department.

Pet Adoption Slated Sunday in Township

SCOTCH PLAINS — Wag N' Bark Pet Adoption has announced that Baquiera, a loving, three-year-old, purebred German shepherd, will be available for adoption on Sunday, August 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at "It's A Dog's World," 1818 East 2nd Street in Scotch Plains.

Baquiera is fully vetted and neutered, and prefers to be the only pet in the home, according to Wag N' Bark.

There will be many other dogs, both small and large, as well as cats available for adoption at Sunday's event.

All the animals are spayed/neutered and are fully vetted. For further information, please call (908) 245-5949.

is something families can bring their kids to, no matter what their ages. People can come for the afternoon, or enjoy a meal with the music in the evening."

Space at the festival will be provided for area restaurants. Tents, tables and chairs will be provided throughout the site.

Featuring the theme "What is Jazz?", the festival will bring together diverse musicians and musical styles, including blues, gospel swing, and acid-jazz artists.

Ample parking is available at Union County College, across from Nomahegan Park.

The Freeholders are presenting the jazz event with the sponsorship of Comcast Cablevision and Novartis, and with support from Dock Resins Corporation, NJ Transit, ShopRite, Meeker Sharkey, the United Way of Union County, the Elberon Development Company and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

P.A.L. Cheerleaders

Seek Raffle Donations

WESTFIELD — The 1998 Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) Cheerleaders are asking local business owners to donate goods or services to be raffled off at the ninth annual FestiFall Street Fair in downtown Westfield.

Festifall will be on Sunday, September 20, from noon to 6 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, September 27. The money raised will be for youth activities sponsored by the Westfield P.A.L.

To make a donation of goods or services, please call (908) 233-7105. All donations will be picked up by Saturday, September 12.

All other donations may be made to: Westfield Police Athletic League Cheerleaders, P.O. Box 873, Westfield, 07090.



SONG OF THE SCOUTS...The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus is a multi-generation ensemble. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Callie Gravanis, Kayley Graham, Erin Klein and Briana Redmount; second row, Natalie Alcock, "Skip" Adams and Carina Gerveshi; third row, Dipal Patel and Harriette Koved; fourth row, Jessica Cunningham and Louise Wanzer; fifth row, Heather Schwendeman, Marie Mankowski, Phyllis Cunningham and Helen Grayce; sixth row, Arlene Zegan, Christine Migton and Rebecca Mason, and top row, Jennie Zegan, Chris Gerveshi and Judy Klein. Not pictured are Carly Athan, Rachel Chech, Carly Goldberg, Claire McNamara, Jenny Mannino, and Mariel Rosen.

Girl Scout Council Chorus Kicking Off Sixth Season

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Chorus, which is starting its sixth season of singing and service, recently received an Honorable Mention Award from the Colgate Youth for America Campaign for its contributions to the community and the nation.

The chorus has invited any

girl or adult interested in singing with the chorus to register and join as soon as possible. There are several mother/daughter pairs in the chorus, and two senior citizens.

For more information, please call the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council at (908) 232-3236.

Freeholders Consider Trail In Scotch Plains Reservation

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is considering a wildlife trail in the Ash Brook Reservation, located on the border of Scotch Plains and Clark townships.

At its Thursday meeting, the board heard Dean Talcott of the county's Division of Engineering describe a plan to build a one-and-a-quarter-mile trail though part of the reservation.

Mr. Talcott said the project would consist of both a dirt walkway in the wooded uplands and a boardwalk in the swampy areas deep inside the reservation.

"This project would give residents the opportunity to enjoy nature in its most primal state," stated Freeholder Alexander Mirabella, who is freeholder liaison to the county's Division of Parks and Recreation.

"The county has many playgrounds and athletic fields, but this is a very different use; it would leave the site mostly undisturbed," he added.

A 350-acre plot of woodlands and swamp, the reservation is one of the last undisturbed woodlands in the county, according to the Freeholder board.

While the county has not conducted a survey of the wildlife there, it is believed the reservation is home to deer, foxes and small animals, snakes and frogs, turkeys, many species of warblers, hawks, ducks, herons and egrets.

Similar boardwalk trails already exist at the Great Swamp in Morris County and Lord Sterling Park in Somerset County.

The reservation is bordered by the Martine Avenue Extension, the Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses, and the John H. Stamler Police Academy and the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools on Raritan Road.

The trail would begin near the school so visitors could use the park-

ing lot, the Freeholder board revealed.

"We hope that a trail like this would bring a better appreciation for nature and wildlife to children and adults," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan.

"With open space at a premium in this county, places like this are very important to our quality of life," he observed.

Students May Register At UCC for Fall Classes Through September 15

For those who have been taken by surprise that many schools are beginning classes before Labor Day, Union County College (UCC) has a solution.

The college is opening its doors for fall semester classes before Labor Day, which falls on Monday, September 7. It is possible, however, to sign up at UCC through Tuesday, September 15, and still gain the full benefit of the fall semester.

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 2, but students may register later. Registration hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Included in these dates are Saturday, September 5, during Labor Day weekend.

In addition to traditional lecture and laboratory courses, the college also offers non-traditional opportunities through Telecourses and Interactive Television courses.

Students may register at UCC campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield, and are not required to sign up at the same location where they plan to study.

For more information, please call the UCC Admissions Office at (908) 709-7500.

Lester R. German, 81, Captain in War; Worked With Handicapped and Veterans

Lester Reader German, 81, of Westfield died on Monday, August 10, at home.

Born in Lambertville, he had lived in Westfield since 1956.

Mr. German was a 1938 graduate of Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

He majored in biology and chemistry, and was a member of the choir,

the Glee Club, the College Body Senate and the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Mr. German had worked as a chemist in the RCA plant in Harrison prior to World War II. After the war, he had worked at Western Electric in Kearny as a Personnel Counselor, and later as a Managing Director of the Department for the Handicapped of the Brooklyn Bureau of Social Service.

He had subsequently worked as a manpower specialist and veterans' employment representative with the State of New Jersey Labor Department.

From April of 1941 until the end of World War II, Mr. German served at military installations in the United States and overseas, and was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Surviving are his wife, Hannah Comer German; a daughter, Gail B. Myers of Loudonville, Ohio, and two grandsons.

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

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

August 27, 1998

Mary D. Angelo, 77

Mary D. Angelo, 77, died Tuesday, August 18, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Jersey City, she had lived in Westfield the last 40 years.

Mrs. Angelo was a saleswoman at the Woolworths Store in Westfield for 25 years, retiring 20 years ago.

She was a communicant of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Surviving are her husband, Peter Angelo; a son, Dennis Angelo of Westfield; a brother, John Petrizzo of Florida; a sister, Grace Formica of Rutherford, and three grandchildren.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

August 27, 1998

Helene P. Reilly, 90

Helene P. Reilly, 90, of Westfield died on Saturday, August 22, in Elizabeth General Medical Center in Elizabeth.

Born in Union City, she had lived in Dobbs Ferry, New York for 63 years before moving to Westfield a year ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia D. Pittius; a son, Laurence J. Reilly; a sister, Ruth Holm; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of the McCracken Funeral Home in Union.

August 27, 1998

— Obituaries —

Edward Benish, 81, USO Drummer; Owned Coffee-Break Vending Service

Edward L. Benish, 81, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, August 21, at home.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Scotch Plains for more than 50 years.

Mr. Benish, who was self-employed since 1949, had owned the Coffee-Break Vending Service in Scotch Plains and the Springfield News Delivery Service before retiring in 1993.

Earlier, he had been an electrical engineer for Western Electric in Kearny.

A drummer, Mr. Benish had played with the Andy Mangione Band and at USO shows during World War II. He had served in the United States Army during the war.

Mr. Benish was a member of the American Federation of Musicians of Elizabeth and Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Dorothy L. Benish; two daughters, Marsha J. Trout and Andrea L. Thompson, and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

August 27, 1998

Warren Loewenstein, 49, Developer; Rutgers Graduate Co-Authored Book

Warren Loewenstein, 49, of Westfield died on Saturday, August 22, in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Hoboken, he had lived in West New York, Woodbridge and Union City before moving to Westfield 20 years ago.

Mr. Loewenstein was a real estate developer and had a partnership with MLB Construction and Consulting in Hoboken. Previously, he had been a consultant for Stat-Tech in Westfield for four years, and a marketing manager for International Paper for

10 years.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Rutgers University in New Brunswick and Newark, respectively.

Mr. Loewenstein also co-authored a book on real estate development.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Loewenstein, and a brother, Howard Loewenstein.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 24, in the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

August 27, 1998

Thomas E. Ricketts, 78, Was Chemist; Instrumental in Church Restoration

Thomas Emory Ricketts, 78, a lifelong resident of Plainfield, died on Wednesday, August 19, at home.

Mr. Ricketts received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

He had been a chemist at American Cyanamid Corporation in Bridgewater for 40 years, retiring in 1980.

Mr. Ricketts was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Plainfield.

He was Chairman of the historical restoration of St. Mary's Church, and was instrumental in having the church listed as a state and national historic location.

He was a Past President of the Plainfield Historical Society, Treasurer of the Westfield Genealogy Society, and Treasurer of Learning for Life in Plainfield.

Mr. Ricketts had also volunteered at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Fredericka O. Ricketts; two sons, Thomas R. Ricketts of Margate, Florida and Phillip C. Ricketts of Gainesville, Florida; two daughters, Judith

Ricketts-White of East Lyme, Connecticut and Barbara G. Friedman of Lake Oswego, Oregon; a brother, William R. Ricketts of Wayne, Pennsylvania, and three grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Monday, August 24, at St. Mary's Church. Arrangements were handled by the Higgins Home for Funerals in Plainfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Historical Restoration Fund, 516 West Sixth Street, Plainfield, 07060 or Muhlenberg Hospice, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, Plainfield, 07061.

August 27, 1998

Grace M. Low, 73

Grace M. Low, 73, of Pittstown, died Sunday, August 23, at home.

Born in Elizabeth, she had lived in Mountainside and in Springfield before moving to Pittstown 13 years ago.

Mrs. Low was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Catherine's of Siena Roman Catholic Church in Pittstown.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Andrew V. Low; a daughter, Charlann Low Colella of Oradell; a son, Douglas Low of Pittstown; two sisters, Charlotte Holder of Olympia, Washington and Ann Davies of Colonia; two brothers, Raymond Murray of Manahawkin and Vincent Murray of Franklin, and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Martin Funeral Home in Clinton.

August 27, 1998

Angela M. Gara, 78

Angela M. Russo Gara, 78, of Raritan Borough died on Friday, August 21, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in South Orange, Mrs. Gara had lived in Raritan Borough for the past 60 years.

She had been a secretary at National Starch in Bridgewater for 30 years prior to retiring in 1985. Previously, she had been a secretary for the General Services Administration Depot in Belle Mead for about 15 years.

Mrs. Gara was a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Raritan Borough and was a former member of its Altar and Rosary Society. She also was a member of the Raritan Senior Citizens and the Ladies Auxiliary of Raritan Volunteer Fire Relief Hose Company No. 2.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Vincent A. Gara; a son, Daniel Gara of Scotch Plains; a daughter, Andrea Gara of Raritan Borough; three sisters, Virginia Cappetta of Raritan, Sue Lupinski of Middlesex and Mildred Allegar of Somerville, and three grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered at St. Ann's Church on Tuesday, August 25, following funeral services at the Branchburg Funeral Home in Branchburg.

August 27, 1998

Harold J. Aman, Jr., 75, Navy Veteran; Freight Conductor With Erie Railroad

Harold J. Aman, Jr., 75, of Fanwood died on Sunday, August 23, at home.

Born in Orange, he had lived in Maplewood before moving to Fanwood in 1953.

Mr. Aman had served in the United States Navy aboard the USS *Cleveland* during World War II.

He had been a freight conductor for the Erie Railroad in Secaucus from 1945 until his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Aman was a parishioner of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains, and was a member of American Legion Post No. 209, also in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Madelon Reynolds Aman; a daughter, Donna Gaffney of Berkeley Heights; three sons, Richard Aman of Cedar Run, Michael Aman of North Plainfield, and Steven Aman of New Providence; a sister, Elizabeth Castner of Florida, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral will be held today, Thursday, August 27, at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

A Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church,

1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

August 27, 1998

Herbert Weitz, 82

Herbert Weitz, 82, of Cranbury died on Tuesday, August 25, at home.

Born in Ellenville, New York, he had lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Cranbury four years ago.

Mr. Weitz also maintained residences in Boca Raton and Delray Beach in Florida for 15 years.

He had owned and operated Qualco Products, a chemical manufacturing company in Fanwood, for many years before retiring 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League in Irvington and the Private Pilots Association.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Weitz; three sons, Howard Weitz, Neil Weitz and Robert Weitz; a sister, Beatrice Walters, and eight grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held today, Thursday, August 27, at 1 p.m. in Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

Arrangements are being handled by the Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union.

August 27, 1998

Christine Marsh, 93

Christine Marsh, 93, of Naples, Florida died on Monday, August 24, at her home.

Mrs. Marsh had lived in Westfield before moving to Naples 23 years ago.

While living in Westfield, she and her late husband, John Albert Marsh, were members of the Echo Lake Country Club and the Baltusrol Country Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Anna H. Marsh of Doylestown, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Muller-Thompson Funeral Chapel in Naples.

August 27, 1998

Edythe K. Monett, 95

Edythe Koppe Monett, 95, of Westfield died on Monday, August 24, at home.

Born in New York City on January 15, 1903, the daughter of the late Paul J. and Elizabeth Mohme Koppe, she had lived in Westfield since 1929.

Mrs. Monett was a homemaker. She was a 60-year member of Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Surviving are her husband, Edward Monett; a son, Jack E. Monett of Warren; a daughter, Betty-Lou Hess of Deerfield, Illinois; a brother, Clifford Koppe of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, 07090.

August 27, 1998

Raymond F. Scott, 77

Raymond F. Scott, 77, of Congress, Arizona died on Thursday, August 13, in the Community Medical Plaza in Glendale, Arizona.

Born in New Jersey, he had lived in Scotch Plains and Piscataway before moving to Florida in 1973. He had also lived in Colorado for 23 years before moving to Congress a year ago.

Mr. Scott had been a self-employed mason in Central Jersey for many years.

He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Scott was a former member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield.

His first wife, Marie Hellebrand Scott, died 10 years ago. Mr. Scott was also predeceased by two brothers, Paul Scott and Al Scott.

Surviving are his wife, Gayle Hemmenway Scott; two sons, Wayne P. Scott of Piscataway and Raymond G. Scott of South Plainfield; three grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Local arrangements were handled by the McCrisky Home for Funerals in South Plainfield.

August 27, 1998



DANCE CHAMPS...Modern Academie of Fine Arts, located at 1820 East 2nd Street in Scotch Plains, took first place gold the Show Stoppers National Dance Competition on July 4 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Pictured, left to right, are: top row, Nicole Kreger and Francie Spatola; middle row, Nicole Troiano and Leslie Wepner, and bottom, Meredith Wepner.

Decorative Wall, Furniture Painting Offered at Westfield 'Y'

WESTFIELD—If you like doing your own home improvement and are looking for something other than wallpaper or solid color paint, the Westfield "Y" is offering an "Introduction to the Art of Decorative Finishes" workshop on Saturday, September 26, from 1 to 6 p.m.

It is taught by local decorative painter Lynne Applebaum, whose work ranges from tromp-l'oeil or "optical illusion" wall treatments to custom furniture painting. The workshop will cover preparing walls and furniture before painting, as well as basic faux style techniques, such as ragging, marbling and sponging.

The goal of the workshop is to show how to approach a project from start to finish, according to Ms. Applebaum. "They will be amazed at what they are capable of

creating," she said.

Using water-based paints, Ms. Applebaum will demonstrate how to create glazes, mix colors and use a variety of brushes and tools to paint a textured finish on a wall or a piece of furniture. She studied at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and the Old Church Cultural Center in Demarest with decorative artist Sandra Holzman.

The fee for the workshop is \$90. "Y" membership is not required. Bring one or two cans of latex paint in colors of your choice. You may also bring along a small piece you've been meaning to work on. All other materials will be provided.

Register at the Westfield "Y" on Clark Street, or call Karen Simon at 908-233-2700, Extension No. 246, for more information. Space is limited.

Volunteer Advocates Needed For Nursing Home Residents

Adults over age 21 are needed to become certified volunteer advocates for the elderly, according to Sue Rosenkranz, Director of the Volunteer Advocacy Program of Senior Services, a non-profit agency in Orange.

Hope Hospice to Hold Lecture Series on Grief

MOUNTAINSIDE — Center for Hope Hospice will offer "Journey Through Grief" lecture series on Tuesday, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Central Avenue in Mountainside. Lectures are non-denominational. Speakers will be Center staff, and will discuss the experience of bereavement. There is no fee, but donations are welcome.

Directions to the church: Traveling west on Route 22, turn right onto New Providence Road. Drive to Wood Valley Road and turn right. Continue to Central Avenue and turn right. The church is in the center of the block, on the left. There is ample parking.

When traveling east on Route 22, drive to New Providence Road exit. The exit ramp will take you to the intersection of Route 22 and New Providence Road. Cross the highway and continue on New Providence Road, using directions above.

If you use the Garden State Parkway, note that Route 22 and the Garden State Parkway intersect in the Town of Union. Ask the toll taker for additional information in hooking up with Route 22.

The lectures are open to all adults; bring friends or family.

Congregations to Hold Labor Day Weekend Communion Service

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD — On Labor Day weekend, members of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains will join the congregation of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church in a communion service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 6, at the Fanwood church, located on the corner of Martine and La Grande Avenues.

The Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel, Pastor of the Willow Grove Church, will preach on the topic, "Whose Work? What Work?", and will be assisted by the Reverend Stephanie Miller-McLane and the Reverend Meredith Docs from the host church.

A combined choir, under the direction of Robert W. Gangewere, Jr., will participate in worship as well. Choir rehearsal for the service is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fanwood church.

Members of both communities are invited to attend the communion service. The church is wheelchair accessible.

For further information, call the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at (908) 889-8891.

istered by Senior Services and supervised by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Senior Affairs.

Ms. Rosenkranz said the volunteers will be certified by the state after completing a free training course given in the fall. They will then be given assignments as advocates in Union, Hudson, Essex, and Morris Counties, and will monitor the treatment of elderly residents in institutions.

Their role is to visit and address concerns related to such issues as living conditions, daily activities and quality of care, according to Ms. Rosenkranz.

In their work, the advocates will receive guidance and support from professionals at Senior Services, she added.

After completing 32 hours of training in communication, observation and trouble-shooting skills, the advocates visit nursing facilities near their homes a minimum of four hours each week.

Training will be conducted in September. For further information and an application, please call Ms. Rosenkranz at Senior Services, Inc. at (973) 673-0640, Extension No. 38.

Worship Service Set For Start of School At Redeemer Lutheran

WESTFIELD — Redeemer Lutheran Church and School have invited all students, teachers and their families and friends to the parish's annual "Back-to-School" worship service on Wednesday, September 9, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

This year's service will feature special music under the direction of Stefeny Stofa, Redeemer's new Director of Music. Pastor Paul Kritsch will base his sermon on Psalm 119:73. Redeemer is located at the corners of Clark Street and Cowperthwaite Place.

For more information, please call the church at (908) 232-1517.

Torah Center to Hold Chai Elul Farbrengen

WESTFIELD — The Union County Torah Center will commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of the Baal Shem Tov (1698-1760), the founder of the chassidic movement, with a special program on Wednesday, September 9.

The center will celebrate "Chai (18) Elul," the 18th of the Hebrew month of Elul, with a "Chassidic Farbrengen" (an informal gathering in which people get together to celebrate their Judaism through songs, stories and words of inspiration) beginning at 8 p.m.

There is no charge and everyone is invited to attend. For more information call the Torah Center, 418 Central Avenue in Westfield, at (908) 789-5252.



FESTIVAL DANCERS...These youngsters, wearing traditional Greek costume, demonstrate a folk dance celebrating their heritage. St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Union will hold its annual Greek Festival the weekend of September 10-13, featuring an array of food, music, crafts and culture. Pictured, left to right, are: Polyxeni Noulas of Westfield, Sophia Diakos of Elizabeth, Zoe Aspromatis of Linden and Christina Kontos of Union.

St. Demetrios Lists Dates For Annual Greek Festival

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Union will hold its annual Greek Festival Thursday through Sunday, September 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The four-day event will showcase a variety of traditional foods and pastry treats under huge tents in the church parking lot at 721 Rahway Avenue.

Beverages including soft drinks, coffee, beer, Greek wines and Ouzo, a traditional liqueur, will also be available. The festival will additionally feature Greek music and dancing, crafts and culture.

At the "Greek Import Gift Boutique," visitors will have an opportunity to

purchase a variety of imported articles, including jewelry, komboloia (worry beads), vases, dolls, ceramics, tapes, and many other items. For the children, there will be many games of skill as well as a variety of rides.

Music will be provided by Chris Zavolas and his Orchestra. For those who wish to stop by on their lunch hour, "Lunch Under the Tent" will be offered on Friday, September 11, from noon until 2:30 p.m. Patrons may call in their orders early, and pick them up at their convenience. Admission to the lunch is free.

The festival hours are as follows: September 10 and 11, 6 p.m. to midnight; September 12, noon to midnight, and September 13, noon to 8 p.m.

Admission for adults is a \$1 donation; children accompanied by an adult will be admitted free. Free parking is available all around the church grounds. For further information, please call either (908) 964-7957 or (732) 381-3681.

Redeemer Lutheran Expands Kindergarten

WESTFIELD — Redeemer Lutheran School in Westfield is offering a full-day kindergarten program as an expansion of the school's regular kindergarten curriculum.

According to Principal Roger G. Borchin, the extended program gives children more in-depth coverage of the basic academic subject areas such as reading, language arts and mathematics.

The full-day program, under the direction of Marlene Sabanosh and Jane Borchin, provides an enriched program that includes science, social studies, Bible studies, physical education, art and music.

Class sessions are from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. For working families, Redeemer School offers Morning Care beginning at 7:30 a.m. and Extended Care until 6 p.m.

For additional information and a tour of Redeemer Lutheran School's facility, please call (908) 232-1592.

'Training Wheels' Lets Jewish Families Share Their Heritage

WESTFIELD — Training Wheels/Al Galgalim, a program for families with children ages 2 to 5, is now being formed by the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah.

This new Jewish family education program was developed by Hadassah and the Whizem Institute of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles.

It combines songs, fun-filled activities and learning experiences which enable adults and children to experience together the joy of celebrating Shabbat and the Jewish holidays.

Training Wheels, through its friendly, small group setting, provides a support system for parents and grandparents who share concerns about raising children in the Jewish tradition, according to a spokeswoman.

Nine, one-and-a-half to two-hour Training Wheels sessions will be led by Jacqueline Bass, a professionally trained Hadassah facilitator. Prior knowledge of Jewish customs and holidays is not necessary.

The \$75 fee includes Hadassah membership as an added bonus, as well as materials for the program.

For further information, please call Ms. Bass at (908) 889-1750.

United Fund of Westfield To Kick Off '98 Campaign

WESTFIELD — The United Fund of Westfield is about to commence an ambitious campaign, headed by Chairwoman Danielle Walsh, with a goal of \$615,000.

United Fund Executive Director Linda Maggio said Mrs. Walsh "will lead a team of volunteers to solicit support for the 20 agencies that receive United Fund help, in what is traditionally the broadest-based volunteer effort in Westfield."

Mrs. Walsh, who has chaired the Residential and Major Gifts Divisions for past campaigns, is a current member of the United Fund Board of Trustees.

A native of New York, she has resided in Westfield for 19 years with her husband, Michael, and their two sons.

Mrs. Walsh is President of the Westfield Board of Education, and is Secretary of the Westfield "Y" Board of Directors and the Westfield Education Fund. She is also active with the Westfield Service League and the Rotary Club.

"Mrs. Walsh has demonstrated a great commitment to Westfielders, and we are delighted to have her as Chairwoman of this year's general campaign," stated Alan Gutterman, President of the Board of Trustees.

With each of the 11 divisions in the campaign structure having a dollar goal, all of the 1998 Campaign Cabinet members have their teams ready for the kick-off.

This year's cabinet includes Pillars Club, H. Emerson Thomas; Special Gifts, Henry K. "Mike" Kelly; Advanced Gifts, John C. Leshner; Major Gifts, Lynne Pomerantz; Special/Retail Business, Frank Isoldi; Dentists, Dr. Thomas Streko; Doctors, Dr. John F. Tabachnick; Lawyers, Frank Sahaj; Residential, Cyndi Cockren and Dolores Kosierowski; Organizations, James McCabe, and Schools, Superintendent Dr. William J. Foley.

"It is a privilege to work with people who contribute their talent, enthusiasm and leadership to the United Fund campaign efforts," Mrs. Walsh noted. "With this year's theme — A Community United By Caring — we have pledged to reach our goal of \$615,000 and we will, with the help of Westfielders and their generous tradition of response in support of our 20

member agencies," she added.

United Fund moneys are allocated to: American Red Cross, Arc of Union County, Boy Scouts, Cerebral Palsy League, Community Access Unlimited, CONTACT We Care, Girl Scouts, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service Agency, Mental Health Association, Mobile Meals of Westfield, Union County Legal Services, UCPC Behavioral Healthcare, United



Danielle Walsh

Service Organization, Visiting Health Service, Visiting Nurse Service System, Westfield Community Center, Westfield Neighborhood Council, Westfield "Y," and Youth and Family Counseling Service.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent position. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us and all who invoke your aid. AMEN. Say three "Our Fathers, Three Hail Mary's and Gloria's." Publication must be promised. This Novena has never been known to fail. — L.M.



GRAB A SHOVEL...Westfield Mayor Thomas Jardim, standing at center, observes a July groundbreaking for a new entrance and elevator at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield on East Broad Street. Also pictured, left to right, are: Reverend David Harwood, Senior Minister, Dot Reeder, Financial Secretary of the Access-Now Building Committee, the Mayor, and Doug Merrill, Chairman of the Access-Now Building Committee. The ceremony was followed by an old-fashioned ice cream social. The morning events were organized by a committee chaired by church member Carolyn Greasham.

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THE WEEK IN SPORTS

THE 1998 ALL CORBIN TEAM



Sports Editor's Comments on The 1998 All Corbin Team:

The All Corbin Team is dedicated to all of the players in all of the seven softball leagues which had been covered this summer. Special thanks is given to these players who had been so gracious, so competitive and so entertaining. The selections were made on a variety of photos only! Special consideration is given to John Madden who originated the concept of the All Madden Team. Look out next year for an even more expansive and sophisticated All Corbin Team.

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| 1. Best swing and miss by 'righty' Pat Brady (Westfield League) | 6. Best Straight-on Pitching Delivery. Ed Nugent (Westfield League) | 11. Best Airborne Slide. Dom Deo (Union County Sr. League) |
| 2. Pitcher who threw the ball to Brady. Al Manzi (Westfield League) | 7. Best Low Slide (with ball hitting photographer). Jimmy Morrison and Rich Vinasi (Mountainside League) | 12. Best Slip Slide. Jay Hoynowski and Pat O'Sullivan (Scotch Plains League) |
| 3. Best St. Bart's League Slide. Jim Hoelzel (St. James Gang) | 8. Best Potential for an Out Call. Matt Vilade and Pat O'Sullivan (Scotch Plains League) | 13. Best Hit-by-Pitch. Frank Malta (Fanwood League) |
| 4. Best Unassisted Slide. Clint Factor (Westfield League) | 9. Best Extension on a Home Run Swing. Nick Piscopo (Scotch Plains League) | 14. Best Crowd Participation (Tie) (Mattress Factory/ Chaos) |
| 5. Best Collision Without Injury. Brian Chapman and Chris Masterson (Westfield League) | 10. Best Potential for a Safe Call. Bill Strep and John Alpert (JCC League) | 15. Best Crowd Participation (Tie) (Mattress Factory/ Chaos) |

WALSH, DANIELLE, JOHNSON JOLT HOME RUNS

Russell Road Rumbles Over Poplar; Advances to Finals

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Defending Fanwood Old Men's Softball League Champions Russell Road advanced to the finals by rumbling over Poplar Place in six innings, 13-6, in the second game of its semifinal series at La Grande Park in Fanwood on August 20. Joe Walsh, Lou Danielle and Scott Johnson all jolted spectacular home runs to insure the victory.

The "Road" crew defeated Poplar Place, 9-5, in the first game of the best-of-three series and had their goals set at sweeping it. In the top of the first, Tim Walsh smashed a double off the netting in left field, tagged up and moved to third on an outfield fly, then scored before Scott Johnson got tagged out in a rundown between first and second.

"Road" pitcher Tom Culinane had a rocky start in the bottom of the first but escaped without yielding a run. Mike Kelly and Rick Jackson both singled, but Russell Road second baseman Arnold Peoples made a key, running catch in shallow right field, then Culinane snagged a line drive back to the mound to quell the threat.

Although Joe Walsh and Clint Factor led off the second inning with walks, the "Road" crew failed to score. Kelly, the Poplar center fielder made an amazing shoelace catch during that inning.

Poplar was pumped after Kelly's catch and tied the game in the bottom of the inning. Tom Smoot walked, Dave Comer singled to center and

Carlos Vasquez sliced an RBI single to right.

Culinane chopped a single over first for the "Road" crew in the third. Tim Walsh walked and Dave Buchwald wiggled a single past short to load the bases. Johnson got the first of his five RBI by drawing a walk and Russell Road took the lead, 2-1.

Poplar was relatively sedate in the third. Only Jackson could roust a single to right; however, the "Road" crew roared in the top of the fourth. Danielle, Dennis O'Conner and Peoples all singled, then Bob Picarski looped a deceptive RBI single behind

second base. Culinane drilled a two-RBI single to center to put the "Roaders" ahead, 6-1. During that inning, Poplar catcher Vasquez, first baseman Comer and third baseman Smoot executed a unique pick off at third base.

Chris DeNoia began the lower half of the fourth with a single to center and Steve Skaar sizzled an RBI single past third. Any further Poplar rally ended when Buchwald made a brilliant sliding catch in center field.

Amazingly enough, Buchwald led off the fifth with a single to left, then Joe Walsh walloped his two-run

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
CALM BEFORE THE STORM...Joe Walsh of Russell Road calmly ignores the high pitch as Poplar Place catcher Carlos Vasquez prepares to catch it. Later, Walsh crashes a thunderous homer into the playground beyond the left field screen.

CHUPKO GOES 3-FOR-3; HICKS, MIRTO USE SOLID 'D'

St. Louis Uses Solid Defense; Gives St. Anne the 3-2 Blues

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

St. Louis turned on some offense late in the game and pulled out a 3-2 victory over St. Anne at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 21. John Chupko wasted no time, swinging on the first pitch every time, as he went three-for-three. Bill Hicks and Bill Mirto put on stellar defensive performances to uphold the spirit of St. Louis.

Tom Ulichny led off for St. Louis in the top of the first by reaching base safely on a throwing error, then he advanced to second when Hicks grounded out to St. Anne pitcher Steve Mihansky. Glen Walz ripped an RBI single to left to put St. Louis in front, 1-0. Mirto also singled in the inning but was left stranded on first.

St. Louis pitcher Pete Vanderheyden retired the first three St. Anne batters in the bottom of the first as Chupko caught two fly balls at third and Hicks snagged a fly ball in center. Although Chupko thumped a triple to deep center, St. Anne pitcher Mihansky got the other three St. Louis batters to pop out in the top of the second.

Mike Brennan hacked an infield single to third in the bottom of the

second for St. Anne. Mihansky followed by wiggling a single past third, then Frank Del Re drove Brennan home with the tying run by looping a single to left.

Hicks singled in the third and Mirto singled in the fourth, but St. Louis

was unable to bring any runs across the plate. St. Anne, however, took a 2-1 lead in the lower half of the fourth. Wally Bradshaw bashed a leadoff single to right-center and moved to third on Steve Pirella's

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
IS HE SAFE OR IS HE OUT?...Wally Bradshaw of St. Anne slides into home as St. Louis catcher Gary Cardinale attempts to tag him. St. Louis won a 3-2 thriller at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 21. Read story for results of the call.

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WIRKUS WORKS; GOES 5-FOR-5 AND DRIVES IN SIX

PEPCO De-feathers Phoenix; Seizes SP Softball 'A' Crown

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

PEPCO weathered the inclement conditions and de-feathered Phoenix, 23-9, to seize the Scotch Plains Softball League A Division Championship from the defending champions at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 18. Dale Wirkus had a perfect day as he went five-for-five and drove in six runs for the determined PEPCO squad.

PEPCO began its 25-hit attack

PEPCO was gaining energy and added two more runs in the fifth to take a 5-1 lead. Butch Hellwig drilled a double to center and Greg Peterpaul pounded an RBI single to left, then advanced to third when the ball was misplayed by the outfielder. As a result, Butch Torsielli's fly ball to center enabled Peterpaul to score.

Rick Wilson lined a double down the third baseline for Phoenix in the fifth. Greg Roe hopped a single past third to score Wilson, but after Fred

in at the plate and hammered a three-run double to left to put PEPCO in the lead, 14-4.

Being of quality plumage, Phoenix fought back and soared with four runs in the seventh. Matt Hoynowski crashed a triple off the right field fence and Roe sacrificed him home. Behr bopped a single to left and Nies nailed an RBI single to left-center. Niemczyk drew a walk, Reale rapped an RBI single to center, then Jay Hoynowski knocked an RBI single to left.

The power force of PEPCO was too strong. Greg Peterpaul led off the eighth with a walk and Torsielli hit an RBI double to left. Legg followed with another RBI single and Gillmore hit an RBI sacrifice fly to right. Jim Hellwig looped a single to center, then Wirkus ripped a two-RBI single to center to increase the lead to 18-8.

Phoenix loaded the bases in the eighth. With Matt Hoynowski on third, Nies drew a walk to bring him home, but Phoenix was burned too badly by PEPCO's offensive fire and was unable to shed the ashy debris as they could score no more.

Still with plenty of heat, PEPCO radiated five more runs in the ninth. Butch Hellwig, Pat Peterpaul and Greg Peterpaul all singled. Torsielli smashed a two-RBI single to center and Legg had an RBI sacrifice fly to left. Gillmore ended the obliteration by launching a two-run homer to deep right field.

Knowing that the battle was over, the defending champion Phoenix yielded the title to the new champions, PEPCO.

Scoreboard table showing PEPCO 020 121 845 23 and Phoenix 000 112 410 09

St. Louis Uses Solid Defense; Gives St. Anne the 3-2 Blues

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double to right. Ed Marchelitis tapped a grounder back to the mound as Bradshaw came barreling home. But as he slid toward home, St. Louis catcher Gary Cardinale put on a high tag and Bradshaw was ruled out. After some discussion, the game resumed. Brennan walked and Mihansky lobbed a sacrifice fly to center. Pirella tagged up, sped to third, then scored when the ball was misplayed.

Chupko and Cardinale had back-to-back singles to begin the fifth inning and St. Louis posed a major threat. After Nate Mangiris flied out to center, St. Anne shortstop Mirto fielded a grounder, tagged Chupko as he dashed to third, then fired to first for the inning-ending double play.

Al Weber singled for St. Anne in the fifth, but no runs were scored and St. Louis came to bat in the top of the sixth with a 2-1 disadvantage. The



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times A LITTLE TOO LATE...Mike Michalisin of St. Blaise is a little too late to nab Ken Hoelzel of St. Joseph at the plate in the third inning.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times FLY BALL TO CENTER...Gerry Spitzer of St. Joseph launches a fly ball to center field in the first inning against St. Blaise.

ROTHENBERG HOMERS, TRIPLES, DRIVES IN 4 RUNS

St. Joseph Puts Out the Fire; Douses Smoldering St. Blaise

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

St. Joseph maintained its firm grip on second place in the Angels Division of the St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League by dousing St. Blaise, 8-1, at Forest Road Park in Scotch Plains on August 19. Dave Rothenberg provided a drenching bucket of power by collecting four RBI, thumping a triple and crushing a thunderous home run.

The first squirt came in the top of the first. Chuck Krajskic led off by splashing a triple to deep center, then scored on Rothenberg's sacrifice rain-drop to right field.

In the top of the second, Tony Barattucci squibbled a single to second and Don Rowbotham bloomed a single over first. When Dean Talcott grounded into a neat second-to-first double play initiated by "Blaising" pitcher Tom Sherwin, Barattucci barreled home to give St. Joseph a 2-0 lead.

St. Blaise was held in check in its half of the first in second by ace pitcher Bill Wolff. In the first, Gerry Riepe reached first on an error; however, he became a victim of a double play. In the second, Bob Pudlak and Bob Brennan reached base safely on errors but failed to score.

The deluge arrived in the third when St. Joseph poured five runs onto the "Blaise." Rich Varsolona hooked a single to left, Krajskic walked, then Rothenberg blasted his two-run triple to right. Wolff followed with a wiggling single to third, Gerry Spitzer forced the shortstop's hand and reached first safely, then Barattucci sacrificed Wolff's courtesy runner home. Rowbotham stepped up and sliced an RBI triple to right to give St. Joseph a 7-0 lead.

After the dousing, the "Blaise" fizzled, but managed to score its only run of the game in the bottom of the third. Tom McGall yanked a single down the first baseline and Riepe plunked a single over short. Bob Cummo grounded to short, but when the ball was misdirected to first, McGall galloped home to score.

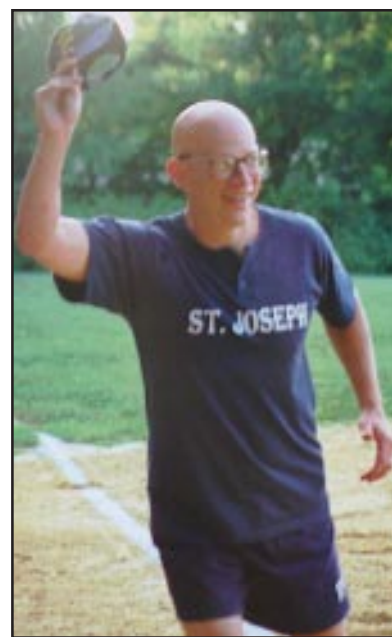
All three St. Joseph batters were retired in the fourth and St. Blaise offered a mild threat in the lower half of the inning. Pudlak punched a lead-off single to left and Tom Faitoute grounded a shot off the shortstop, but Wolff extinguished the next three "Blaise" batters.

In the top of the fifth, Rowbotham hammered his solo homer into the swings beyond right field and St. Joseph took its 8-1 lead. Later in the inning, Spitzer snaked an infield single but was left stranded at first.

McGall singled in the bottom of the fifth, but the "Blaise's" fire was nothing more than a waning ember. Rowbotham singled in the sixth for St. Joseph, but became a victim of St. Blaise's second double play. Ken

Hoelzel added a single but could not score.

Nothing seemed to be working offensively for the "Blaise." Pudlak poked another single, Faitoute flied out to left and Brennan bopped a single to left. Mike Michalisin lined out to short for the second out and Sherwin singled to left-center, but Pudlak got caught in a rundown between third and home and was tagged out for the final



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times WAVING HIS HAT...A happy Dave Rothenberg of St. Joseph waves his hat to the cheering fans after crushing a majestic home run to deep right field against St. Blaise.

out of the inning. The "Blaise" defense pulled off its third double play of the game in the top of the seventh, but the big, bad Wolff stamped out the "Blaise's" final flicker to give St. Joseph its victory.

Scoreboard table showing St. Joseph 115 010 0 08 and St. Blaise 001 000 0 01



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times FLY BALL TO LEFT FIELD...Mike DeRosa of PEPCO whacks a fly ball to left field against Phoenix in the final series of the Scotch Plains Softball League. PEPCO defeated Phoenix, 23-9, at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 18 to win the title.

somewhat deceptively as Dave Legg was the only batter to get a hit in the top of the first. All three Phoenix batters were silenced in the bottom of the first.

Game three hero Jim Hellwig led off the second inning for PEPCO with a walk and Joe Lamiera followed with a single to right. Wirkus whacked an RBI single to center, then Butch Hellwig grounded to short to bring Lamiera home to give PEPCO a 2-0 lead.

Phoenix flapped its wings and got singles from Jay Hoynowski and Mark O'Dea but failed to get off the ground in the lower half of the second. Neither team scored in the third; however, PEPCO responded with a run in the top of the fourth. Lamiera lashed

Behr singled, Anthony Jurist flied out to right to end the inning.

Curtis Gillmore hacked a single to right for PEPCO in the sixth, but a great second-to-first double play erased the bases. With two men out, Lamiera poked a single to right, then Wirkus thumped an RBI triple to center.

Beginning to shed some of its ashes, Phoenix flew briefly with two runs in the sixth. Tony Niemczyk ripped a single to center and Andrew Reale reached base safely on an error. O'Dea stepped up and whizzed a two-run single past second to make the score 6-4.

Despite the downpour, PEPCO's energy could not be dampened in the seventh; in fact, PEPCO did some



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times PACKED FULL OF POWER...PEPCO batter Curtis Gillmore's swing is packed with power. Gillmore thumped a home run over the right field fence in the ninth inning against Phoenix.

a double to center and scored on Wirkus' single to right.

Phoenix batter Mark Nies squawked loudly and blasted a solo homer into the trees far beyond the left field fence; but the next three Phoenix hitters remained grounded in the bottom of the fourth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14618-97. GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. ALFREDO PACHECO AND PAULETTE J. PACHECO, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JANUARY 20, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES. By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$156,577.53. The property to be sold is located in the TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1489 CENTRAL AVENUE, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090 a/k/a 101 ROGER AVENUE. Tax Lot No. 6 in Block No. 57177/k/a 551. Dimension of Lot: approximately 90.00 feet wide by 120.52 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: Central Avenue. Situate at a point on the northerly side of Roger Avenue distance approximately 24.48 feet easterly from its intersection with the easterly side of Central Avenue. There is due approximately the sum of \$164,753.80 together with lawful interest and costs. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF ACKERMAN, Attorneys 1139 Spruce Drive P.O. Box 1024 Mountaintide, New Jersey 07092-0024 File No. XWH 36834 1-908-233-8500 CH-753936 (WL) 4 T - 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 & 8/27/98 Fee: \$183.60

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-21177-97. MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. LUIS F. FERNANDES, ET AL., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 18, 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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$89,880.94. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, New Jersey. Commonly known as: 105 Division Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201. Tax Lot No. 188 in Block No. 7. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 27 feet wide by 100 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the southeasterly side of Division Street 38 feet from the northeasterly side of East Jersey Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$92,322.22 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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DEADLINE INFO.

Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-14361-97. WILSHIRE FUNDING CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MANUELL ALVAREZ, ET ALS, DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED APRIL 23, 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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$113,377.85. MUNICIPALITY: City of Elizabeth. COUNTY AND STATE: UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 502 Riverside Drive, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07208. TAX LOT NO. AND BLOCK NO.: LOT NO. 1324 BLOCK NO. 11. DIMENSIONS: Approximately 64.05 feet x 99.08 feet x 50.51 x 100 feet. NEAREST CROSS STREET: Property is near the intersection of Parker Road and Riverside Drive. There is due approximately the sum of \$116,425.20 together with lawful interest and costs. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF HACK, PIRO, O'DAY, MERKLINGER, WALLACE & MCKENNA, Attorneys 30 Columbia Turnpike P.O. Box 941 Florham Park, New Jersey 07932-0941 CH-753937 (WL) 4 T - 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 & 8/27/98 Fee: \$169.32

Scoreboard table showing St. Louis 100 001 1 03 and St. Anne 010 100 0 02

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4116-97. CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. DAVID SOLORZANO, MARRIED AND CARLOS SOLORZANO, MARRIED, ET AL., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED AUGUST 26, 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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$127,882.38. THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. TAX LOT NO. 5 IN BLOCK NO. 765. DIMENSIONS OF LOT (APPROXIMATELY): 25 X 100. NEAREST CROSS STREET: SIXTH STREET. PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 550 FRANKLIN STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY. There is due approximately the sum of \$131,926.69 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 FROELICH SHERIFF HUBSCHMAN & ROMAN, Attorneys 318 Bergen Boulevard Palisades Park, New Jersey 07650 CH-753400 (WL) 4 T - 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 & 8/27/98 Fee: \$163.20

SLIDING UNDER THE TAG...Mike Brennan of St. Anne slides under the tag of St. Louis third baseman John Chupko in the second inning. Brennan managed to score one of St. Anne's two runs in the game. St. Louis managed to score three runs.

Scoreboard table showing St. Louis 100 001 1 03 and St. Anne 010 100 0 02

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-9730-94. PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF vs. HENRY DIXON, JR., KATIE M. DIXON, HIS WIFE, ET ALS., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 29, 1996 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES. By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The judgment amount is \$16,230.81. Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as 204 South 5th Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey. BEING KNOWN AS Lot No. 1183, Block No. 5 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth. Dimensions: (approximately) 10.00 feet x 25.00 feet. There is due approximately the sum of \$20,399.58 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.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorneys Suite 505 Sentry Office Plaza 318 Haddon Avenue Westmont, New Jersey 08108 CH-752773 (WL) 4 T - 8/20, 8/27, 9/3 & 9/10/98 Fee: \$161.16

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-000208-97. COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. DORIS MIRANDA, ET AL., DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 14, 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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$162,465.71. MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth. COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. STREET AND STREET NO.: 438 Franklin Street a/k/a 438-440 Franklin Street. TAX BLOCK NO. AND LOT NO.: BLOCK NO.: 21. LOT NO. 26 and p/24. DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 33.20 feet x 100 feet. NEAREST CROSS STREET: 291.80 feet from the intersection of 5th Street. There is due approximately the sum of \$167,277.93 together with lawful interest and costs. There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., Attorney 737 Stokes Road P.O. Box 1088 Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962 CH-753460 (WL) 4 T - 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 & 8/27/98 Fee: \$161.16



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times
GOING STRONG...This young fellow becomes the first youth to cross the finish line at the Fanwood 5-K with a time of 19:10.

Willoughby Road Darkens Shady Lane's Hopes, 8-4

By MICHAEL P. BABIK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The Fanwood Softball League is led by one man—Bob Brelinsky. He umpires, helps chalk the lines on the field, puts up his homemade standings board and is well-versed in every rule of the game. So it was not surprising to see "Bobby" as he is known by all in the league, making the last minute preparations at La Grande Park in Fanwood on August 19.

The comeback squad from Shady Lane was out to combat the veteran Willoughby team in the first game of a best of three semi-final round.

The inning was started with a hit by first baseman Phil Manno who tapped a right up-the-middle. Matt Betau, who went four-for-four in the

game, also singled. A sac fly courtesy of veteran slugger Ralph Vasserberg advanced the runners. Hal Breuninger recorded the second out and Matt Betau was tagged out to end the top of the first with no runs.

Willoughby hit the first inning hard with singles by Matt Depalma, Scott Gaito and Joe Smith. Although Depalma was tagged out at second, Gaito and Smith were able to score on a single by Matt Maloney. At the end of the first, Willoughby led, 2-0.

Three Shady batters were retired in a row in the top of the second. Kevin Walsh popped up to first base, Joe Vivano flew out to center and Sean Kelly brought Shady's offense to a close, grounding into a 6-3 out. Good pitching by Al Betau, helped to keep the second inning safe for the Shady Lane.

Shady Lane needed some hope in the third, and hope they got with singles by Manno, Vasserberg, and Matt Betau. Betau and Manno's hits were good for runs bringing the Shady club out of the darkness and into a 2-2 tie.

The Willoughby players answered their call and, although they were dealing with two outs, answered fast in the bottom of the third. Depalma and Gaito both singled, then scored on singles by Smith and Fred Giamboa.

In the fourth the Willoughby club would add three more runs, making the score 7-2. Paul Frias smacked a

beautiful hit far into right field which amounted to an in-the-park home run. Kevin Sicala walked and scored on a triple by Cerchio. Later, Cerchio would score on a single by Park.

Shady tried to comeback in the top of the fifth, but they couldn't. Doug Heintz flew out to left field, John Cholankeril snapped the pitch to first base and Phil Manno popped up to retire Shady consecutively. They were able to hold off Willoughby in the bottom of the inning, allowing for only one single and no runs scored.

Shady entered the sixth needing some luck and it was luck they seemed to have, at least at the beginning of the inning. Leading off, Matt Betau singled and Vasserberg was able to get on base due to an error on the third baseman. Kevin Walsh singled and to send home Matt Betau. Too few runs, too late, however, for Shady as they couldn't cut more into Willoughby's four run lead.

Willoughby matched the run in the sixth, courtesy of Paul Frias, who singled. A solid hit, right up-the-middle gave Cerchio a double and an RBI pulling in Frias. After six innings, it was Willoughby 8, Shady Lane 3.

Cholankeril tapped a two-out, bunt single for Shady Lane in the seventh. Manno singled, then Matt Betau poked an RBI single. Vasserberg followed with a single, but Shady Lane was unable to score any more.

Shady Lane 002 001 1 04
Willoughby Road 202 301 x 08



Michael P. Babik for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SCORING THE FIRST RUN...Scott Gaito of Willoughby Road scores the first run of the game in the first inning against Shady Lane. The first-seeded Willoughby Road team won the first semifinal game over Shady Lane, 8-4, at La Grande Park in Fanwood on August 19.



Michael P. Babik for The Westfield Leader and The Times
LONG DRIVE TO CENTER...Joe Viviano of Shady Lane raps a long drive to center in the first inning against Willoughby Road.



SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF 1997-98...Mike Baly, center, receives the 1997-98 Westfield High School Scholar Athlete of the Year plaque from Regional Manager of the PNC Private Bank (Westfield) Daria Placitella, pictured, left, and David B. Corbin, Sports Editor of The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Baly, who will be attending Harvard University, excelled in soccer, was qualifier for the states during his career in wrestling and was named Second-Team All-State in lacrosse. The award was created last year by Mr. Corbin and sponsored by the PNC Private Bank.

Russell Road Rumbles Over Poplar; Advances to Finals

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homer deep into the playground beyond the left field screen and strutted triumphantly around the bases. Not to be outdone, Danielle stepped to the plate, readjusted his golf swing to a softball swing, then crushed a devastating home run into the playground. Danielle also pranced triumphantly around the bases and savored the wonderful sounds of the cheering fans.

Being of competitive caliber, Poplar responded with three runs in the bottom of the fifth. Vasquez and Bill Newell both walked and Kelly knocked an RBI single to right. Jackson got his third hit of the game and John DeNoia sacrificed Newell home. Chris DeNoia dug in and hacked an RBI single to left to make the score 9-6.

Culinane collected his third hit of the evening but became the victim of a force play after Don Weber singled and Tim Walsh grounded to third. Buchwald beat out an infield single to load the bases, then the stage was set for Johnson as he approached the batter's box. The

left-handed Johnson obliterated the ball, traumatized a tree behind the right field fence and trotted around the bases with a glorious grand slam homer.

Poplar right fielder Chris DeNoia, in awe of Johnson's remarkable achievement, emphasized, "All I could do was just watch it sail way up into the tree. If the tree wasn't there, it would have hit the house across the street."

The skies were dark, but not as dark as the situation was for Poplar in the lower half of the sixth. Trailing 13-5, Poplar needed a miracle. Skaar led off with a walk, then stole second. Smoot smacked an RBI single to right, Comer and Vasquez both flied out and Bill Newell tapped a single to right-center. Kelly walked but Kevin Newell grounded to third for the third out. The miracle never materialized and the darkness thickened. Two plays into the seventh inning, umpire Bob Brelinsky called the game.

Russell Road 101 434 13
Poplar Place 010 131 06



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SECOND RUN OF THE INNING...Courtesy runner Dave Buchwald of the "Road" crew slides safely into home in the fourth inning against Poplar Place. The "Road" crew blasted three thunderous home runs in the game and paved its way to the finals by rolling over Poplar Place, 13-6. Russell Road is on the prowl for its fifth consecutive Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association title.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4368-96.
THE BANK OF NEW YORK; ET ALS., PLAINTIFF vs. FRANK A. PAUL; BARBARA PAUL, OCCUPANT, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED DECEMBER 4, 1996 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$121,050.30.
BEING KNOWN AS Lot(s) ACCT No.: 53, BLOCK WARD No.: 5, FORMERLY KNOWN AS Lot(s) No. 18, Block No. 9, ON THE TAX MAP OF City of Elizabeth, New Jersey.
MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 37 Atlantic Street.
Property. The property consists of the land and all the buildings and structures on the land in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey. The legal description is: Which is known, numbered and designated on a certain Map entitled "Map of Property owned by Jacob T. Merritt in Elizabeth, New Jersey" on file in the Office of the Register of the County of Union, as Lot number 18 (eighteen) in Block number nine (9) as laid down on said Map.
There is due approximately the sum of \$125,923.09 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16515-97.
CITICORP MORTGAGE INC., PLAINTIFF vs. JOSE LUIS HEREDIA AND ELSY HEREDIA, HIS WIFE ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 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 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$66,950.63.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 428 FRANKLIN STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07206.
Tax Lot No. 735 in Block No. 5.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 25.017 feet wide by 100.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Fourth Street.
Situate at a point on the southwesterly side of Franklin Street distance approximately 350.24 feet northwesterly from its intersection with the northwesterly side of Fourth Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$68,816.28 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.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-10713-96.
BANK OF AMERICA, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. SONIA RODRIGUEZ; GABRIELA RODRIGUEZ; AND RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 15, 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 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$142,714.92.
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth.
COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
STREET AND STREET NO.: 602 Adams Avenue.
TAX LOT NO. AND LOT NO.: BLOCK NO. 12 LOT NO. 36.
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 149.22 feet x 25 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 25 feet from Fairmont Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of \$150,586.69 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 FROELICH SHERIFF

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-937-96.
THE SUMMIT TRUST COMPANY, PLAINTIFF vs. MARION SABANOS, ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1996 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$83,624.72.
MUNICIPALITY: OF Elizabeth.
COUNTY AND STATE: UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 28 Fourth Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
TAX LOT NO. AND BLOCK NO.: LOT NO. 0682 BLOCK NO. 05.
DIMENSIONS: 25.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 25.00 feet x 100.00 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Approximately 75.00 feet from the intersection with Marshall Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$89,583.02 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

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St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League Results

League Standings: (As of August 21)

Angels Division:

TEAM	W-L-T	Percentage
St. Jude	19-2-0	.905
St. Joseph	16-5-0	.762
St. Thomas	11-9-0	.550
St. Paul	6-14-0	.300
St. Blaise	4-17-0	.190

Saints Division:

TEAM	W-L	Percentage
St. Michael	13-7-0	.650
St. Louis	11-9-0	.550
St. James	9-11-0	.450
St. Anne	7-13-0	.350
St. Patrick	6-15-0	.276

St. Joseph 8, St. Blaise 1
Leading the offense for St. Joseph were "Donny Softball" Rowbotham with three hits and Dave Rothenberg (1 triple, 1 HR & 4 RBI) and Gerry Spitzer each with two hits. For St. Blaise, Bob Pudlak had three hits and Tom McGall and Bob Brennan contributed two hits apiece.

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 August 23. Please report results of the matches to Charles V. Gibilaro at (908) 654 9331 Extension No. 2. Next reporting period ends September 7.

1. Ronde Aliche	8. James Logan
2. Robert Errazo	9. John Dalton
3. Elvin Hoel	10. Hugh Coleman
4. Irwin Bernstein	11. Dewey Rainville
5. Joe Gadzak	12. Charles Carl
6. Mike McGlynn	13. Michael Weingarten
7. Michael Sanaman	14. Charles Gibilaro

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BLAZING ACROSS THE FINISH LINE...Megan Roquemore of South Brunswick blazes across the finish line at the Fanwood 5-K race held in Fanwood on August 22. Roquemore, who will be attending Rutgers University, was the first woman to cross the finish line and recorded a time of 20:40.



David B. Corbin for The Leader and The Times ARUNAWAY...Amie Duarte of Newark easily becomes the winner of the Fanwood 5-K race with a time of 15:26. The event was completed at La Grande Park in Fanwood on August 22.

WTA Women's Singles Tennis Ladder Told

Listed below are the standings for the Westfield Tennis Association Women's Singles Ladder, which reflect a few late season upsets among the 37 matches played through August 23.

This last reporting period concludes at 8 p.m. Labor Day, Monday, September 7, and will determine the final standings for the season. Playoff qualifiers, those with eight or more matches, will be notified after September 7. All match scores must be reported to Jean Power at 654-7418 by then.

- 1. Cindy Fechter
2. Vanessa Barber
3. Jean Power
4. Karen Dorne
5. Joann Purdy
6. Sherri Bender
7. Liz Mitchell
8. Anna Murray
9. Leslie Streit
10. Dianne Mroz
11. Erica Resnikoff
12. Karen Fried
13. Carla Molowa
14. Clara Karnish
15. Andrea Lowenstein
16. Monica Gundrum
17. Helaine Wasserman
18. Ginny Luppescu
19. Jan Velasco
20. Carol Gross
21. Diane Fleming
22. Diedre Gelline
23. Pat Page
24. Terry Macri
25. Tina Wasilewski
26. Charlotte Lee
27. Janet Cornell
28. MaryAnn Kent
29. Diane Evans
30. Paula Long
31. Carole Smillie
32. Maureen Meylor
33. Kathy O'Neill
34. Diane Barabas
35. Adrienne Carson
36. Elene Smith
37. Andrea MacRitchie
38. Liz Fischer
39. Jeannie Arida
40. Debbie Thomas
41. Theo Tamborlane
42. Suzanne Minken
43. Clare Minick
44. Susan Tatum
45. Midori Yokoyama
46. Ginny Leiz
47. Charlotte Cleveger
48. Jill Sharpe

WTA Mixed Doubles Tennis Ladder Told

Below are the standings of the Westfield Tennis Association's mixed doubles ladder reflecting the matches played through August 23. The number of matches played to date are indicated next to each team.

Teams are reminded that to qualify for the post season tournament they must complete a minimum of eight matches. Teams yet to play a match have been dropped from the standings but will be reinstated upon playing a match.

- 1. Boyle/Karp (7)
2. Britt/Britt (7)
3. Karnish/Aliche (11)
4. Robins/Robins (8)
5. Shiner/Shiner (14)
6. Fechter/Fechter (10)
7. Myers/Dunman (11)
8. Thompson/Klingerhoffer (6)
9. Bernstein/Bernstein (9)
10. DeSantis/DeSantis (5)
11. Bender/Bender (6)
12. Mitchell/Mitchell (2)
13. Cleveger/Cleveger (1)
14. Barber/Barber (1)
15. Ridings/Ridings (1)
22. Charles Carl
23. Steve Salkin
24. Simon Lack
25. Bill Wilhelm
26. Mike McGlynn
27. Alan Chou
28. Hugh Coleman
29. Mike Weingarten
30. Alan Lo
31. Quaid/Kapadia
32. Neils Jensen
33. Thomas Schaves
34. Mike Walters
35. Mike Walters
*Donald Dohm
*Joseph Bobak
*Ken Arida
*Achim Buecklers
*George F. Sincx
*Steve Goodman
*Juan Antonio Perez



UNDEFEATED SEASON...Westfield 9-10 Baseball Team 2 completed its season undefeated. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row, Matt Garrone, Kris Kagan, Bryan Callahan, Johnathan Helfand, John Boyle and Will Uhr; top row, Assistant Manager Bill Hughes, Evan Pantano, Joey Schurig, Patrick Hughes, James Hoban, Manager Charlie Scudato and Eric Scudato. Missing from the picture are: Eric Anderson, Tim Hogan and Alexander Mucci

WTA Men's Singles Tennis Ladder Told

August 23 marked the end of the 8th reporting period for the WTA Men's Singles Ladder. A "two-tier" playoff round will be held after the September 7 reporting period ends, for 1-16 in the standings and 17-32.

- 1. Robert Errazo
2. Vince Camuto
3. Gary Wasserman
4. Jeff Pollack
5. Jason Sprung
6. Don Rosenthal
7. Elvin Hoel
8. Mark Daaleman
9. Russ Finestine
10. Peter Sharpe
11. Arvin Adler
12. Steve Parker
13. Len Resnikoff
14. Simon Lee
15. Frank DeSantis
16. Roger Lowenstein
17. Jim Osislo
18. Gary Lee
19. Michael Sanaman
20. Dewey Rainville
21. Dave Leiz
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Westfield Team 2 Wins Baseball Division

Team 2 swept the nine and ten-year-old division of the Westfield Baseball League 1998 summer in-town league. The team, skippered by Charlie Scudato and Bill Hughes, completed an undefeated season with a 20-5 win over Team 1 on July 31.

Coch Scudato credited the spectacular season to a well-balanced team. "We were fortunate to have depth in all positions. Even with constant vacations we were always able to fill a strong squad."

Tony Garrone, Dan Kagan, Bill Uhr, Joe Schurig and Jack Boyle were invaluable to the team, filling in throughout the season. Garrone and Uhr battled early in the season for the umpire spot. Uhr won out and he looks forward to the opportunity to umpire next year.

WTA Women's Doubles Tennis Ladder Told

Following are the standings for the Westfield Tennis Association Women's Doubles ladder through August 23. The next (and last) reporting period ends at 8 p.m. on Monday, Labor Day, September 7. Please report matches immediately to Andrea MacRitchie at 654-9375.

The evening of September 7 each team will be called with their playoff assignment. The first playoff round must be completed within one week. If you are unable to play within one week you must forfeit in order not to delay the playoffs — no exceptions.

- 1. Lillian Louie/Kathy Ostrow (16)
2. Shelly Nichols/Carol Thompson (10)
3. Joan Dreyer/Lydia Masterson (15)
4. Karen Dorne/Clara Karnish (12)
5. Cindy Fechter/Lee Perry (10)
6. Liz Mitchell/Jean Power (12)
7. Carol Greco/Pat Vlach (13)
8. Sherri Bender/Aleta Zorn (10)
9. Wendy Hansen/Rikke Thomsen (4)
10. Karen Dorne/Clara Karnish (11)
11. Lynne Augis/Pat Page (13)
12. Rebecca and Barbara Goldberg (15)
13. Diane Barabas/Charlotte Cleveger (15)
14. Laurie Blumberg/Teri Macri (12)
15. Andrea MacRitchie/Eileen Mitchell (15)
16. Vanessa Barber/Andrea Lowenstein (6)
17. Catherine Gioia/Gert Cohen (13)
18. Lela Bernstein/Susan Shusman (9)
19. Michele Fine/Debbie Gatesy (11)
20. Susan Dunn/Marci Fisher (9)
21. Helen Leong/Allyne Zorn (9)
22. Adrienne Carson/Lynne Pomerantz (4)
23. Robin Bailey/Karen Bunn (2)
24. Susan Tatum/Debbie Thomas (1)
25. Lori Ridings/Carol Smillie (4)
26. Anna Murray/Diane Mrozek (3)
27. Cindy Gallagher/Peg Sheridan (1)
28. Suzanne Minken/Claire Mick (1)

Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the winning team of the "Handicap Stroke Play" and Club Championship 1st Round tournament held August 18.

FLIGHT A
Low gross, Linda Moncur, gross 43.
First low net, Nancy Phares, net 32.
Second low net, Alice Kehler, net 33.
Third low net, Olga Rose, Linnea Rhodes, Carol Nichols and Janice Lawyer, tied, net 34.

FLIGHT B
Low gross, Pat Herring, gross 49.
First low net, Pat Herring, net 30.
Second low net, Doris Molowa, net 33.
Third low net, Rosemary DeWitt and Lew Fisher, tied, net 35.

FLIGHT C
Low gross, Carol Katz, gross 53.
First low net, Phyllis Coumbe, net 30.
Second low net, Carol Katz and Dot Rastelli, tied, net 31.
Chip-ins, Alice Yorks and Doris Molowa, Hole No. 9; Kathy Blatt, Hole No. 5, and Phyllis Coumbe, Hole No. 8.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 1998, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, to consider the Site Plan application of Planagan Construction, Inc., 2330 Waldheim Avenue, Block No. 6801, Lot Nos. 30 and 31, M-1 Zone, which proposes the construction of a one-story building for a contractor's storage yard. The following variances are requested: Section 23-2.3(1)3 - front yard parking Section 23-3.4a-Para. N. Col. 10 - Rear yard setback

Required: 35 feet
Proposed: 2 feet
Section 23-3.4a. Para. N., Col. 11 - Maximum lot coverage
Required: 35%
Proposed: 40.5%
All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.
Barbara Horev
Secretary to the Planning Board
1 T - 8/27/98, The Times Fee: \$27.54

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-16108-97.
CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. JOSE M.V. MARQUES ET AL., DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 15, 1998 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower) 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER A.D., 1998 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is \$112,710.10.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: City of Elizabeth, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey.
PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 219 South 7th Street.
TAX LOT NO. 1188 BLOCK NO. 9.
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 100 feet X 25 feet.
There is due approximately the sum of \$115,726.09 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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Ash Brook Women Tell Golf Results

A spokesman for the Ash Brook Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the winners of the "Lean on Pat" tournament for 18-Holers and "Colored Ball" for 9-Holers on August 20.

- 18-HOLERS
Flight A
Low gross, Jane Jones, 88.
First low net, Ethel Araneo and Gloria Glickman, tied, 67.
Second low net, Sue Mills, 68.
Flight B
Low gross, Jacqui Woodring, 96.
First low net, Alice Kehler, 63.
Second low net, Evelyn Coppola and Jacqui Woodring, tied, 65.
Flight C
Low gross, Olga Rose, 106.
First low net, Renee Olin, 63.
Second low net, Pat DeFelice, 64.
Third low net, Natalie Pines, Terry Komoroski, Nancy Phares and Barbara Doane, tied, 66.
Low putts: Billie Warrington, 28.
Chip-ins: Margaret Hickey and Alice Kehler, both on hole number 8.

9-HOLERS
First place, Gail Lockhart, Gert Simons, Rosemary DeWitt and Kathy Blatt, and Carole Katz, Liz Young and Claire Knaus, tied, 37.
Second place, Arlene LaTourrette, Janice Lawyer and Shirley Sodono, 41.
Low putts: Claire Knaus, 13.

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-4628-96.
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. JOSEPH A. CHARLES; MARIE J. CHARLES; MARIE V. PAUL; ET ALS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 25, 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 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$198,082.59.
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth.
COUNTY: Union, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
STREET AND STREET NO.: 837-39 Anna Street.
TAX BLOCK NO. AND LOT NO.: BLOCK NO.: 8 LOT NO.: 170.
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100.00 feet x 60.00 feet.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 451.50 feet from Division Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$207,789.80 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., Attorney
737 Stokes Road
P.O. Box 1088
Medford, New Jersey 08055-9962
CH-753058 (WL)
4 T - 8/27, 9/3,
9/10 & 9/17/98 Fee: \$161.16

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Planning Board at its special meeting on August 10, 1998 memorialized the following Board action of July 6, 1998 re:
98-10(V) TOWN OF WESTFIELD (APPLICANT), JEAN M. PARTNER-JONES (OWNER), 15 KENT PLACE, BLOCK NO. 101 AND 103, LOT NO. 21, MINOR SUBDIVISION OF SINGLE EXISTING LOT INTO 3 PROPOSED LOTS - approved.
98-11(V) TOWN OF WESTFIELD (APPLICANT), MARIANNE WHITTIER (OWNER), 12 KENT PLACE, BLOCK NO. 101, LOT NO. 22, MINOR SUBDIVISION OF SINGLE EXISTING LOT INTO 4 PROPOSED LOTS - approved.
98-12(V) TOWN OF WESTFIELD (APPLICANT), DWIGHT R. AND CHRISTY A. EVANS (OWNER), 8 KENT PLACE, BLOCK NO. 101, LOT NO. 23, MINOR SUBDIVISION OF SINGLE EXISTING LOT INTO 3 PROPOSED LOTS - approved.
98-13(V) TOWN OF WESTFIELD (APPLICANT), JEROME AND IRIS SHERMAN (OWNER), 4 KENT PLACE, BLOCK NO. 101, LOT NO. 24, MINOR SUBDIVISION OF SINGLE EXISTING LOT INTO 3 PROPOSED LOTS - approved.
98-14(V) TOWN OF WESTFIELD (APPLICANT), JOSEPH AND EVA WAGENSOMMER (OWNER), 57 BARCHESTER WAY, BLOCK NO. 101, LOT NO. 26, MINOR SUBDIVISION OF SINGLE EXISTING LOT INTO 2 PROPOSED LOTS - approved.
98-15(V) TOWN OF WESTFIELD (APPLICANT), MAURICIO AND TAMARA FUTRON (OWNER), 61 BARCHESTER WAY, BLOCK NO. 101, LOT NO. 27, MINOR SUBDIVISION OF SINGLE EXISTING LOT INTO 2 PROPOSED LOTS - approved.
and memorialization of Board action of August 3, 1998 re:
98-16(V) CONJOE REALTY CO., INC., 530 SOUTH AVENUE, BLOCK NO. 2510, LOT NO. 19, PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL WITH VARIANCES - approved.
Kenneth B. Marsh, Secretary
Westfield Planning Board
1 T - 8/27/98, The Leader Fee: \$55.59



SPIRITED DONORS...Owners of "The Wine Barrel" recently donated adult beverages to the St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League All-Star game. The store (formerly Scotchwood Liquors) is located on South Avenue in Scotch Plains. Pictured from the left, are: St. Joseph captain Dean Talcott, store owners Joe Kalkstein and Chris Pells and St. Paul Captain Paul Nadolny. The St. Bart's League is celebrating its 20th anniversary and will end the season with the championship game on Labor Day at 10 a.m., at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains. A picnic will follow the game.

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1193-97.
ROOSEVELT BANK, PLAINTIFF vs. RONALD S. MANTON AND ELVA L. TORRES MANTON, HIS WIFE; ET ALS, 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 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$123,922.34.
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: 128-130 LINCOLN AVENUE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS 130 LINCOLN AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07207.
Tax Lot No. 609, in Block No. 13.
Dimensions of Lot (Approximately) 50 feet wide by 89.48 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the SOUTHERLY side of LINCOLN AVENUE, distant 475 feet from the WESTERLY side of CHERRY STREET.
There is due approximately the sum of \$127,767.16 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
FRANK J. MARTONE, Attorney
4 Brighton Road
Clifton, New Jersey 07012
CH-753566 (WL)
4 T - 8/27, 9/3,
9/10 & 9/17/98 Fee: \$171.36

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5689-97.
CITICORP MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF vs. EYDIE L. VEGA AND RENE FLORES, HUSBAND OF EYDIE L. VEGA; ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JULY 10, 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 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$120,448.23.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 660-672 North Broad Street, Unit 10, Building A, Elizabeth, New Jersey.
Tax Lot No. 1081 in Block No. 11.
Being known and designated as Unit No. 19, Building A, Sunrise Manor, a Condominium, together with an undivided 1.6666% interest in the common elements and more as described in the Master Deed recorded March 25, 1998 in Deed Book 3545, Page 192, et seq., as may have been or may be lawfully amended.
There is due approximately the sum of \$123,657.35 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, Attorneys
Suite 201
7 Century Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
CH-753980 (WL)
4 T - 8/20, 8/27,
9/3 & 9/10/98 Fee: \$183.60

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-3017-98.
CORPSE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. MANUEL MACHADO AND NEVIA MACHADO H/W ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 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 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$137,799.24.
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 926 MADISON AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07201.
Tax Lot No. 685 in Block No. 12.
Dimension of Lot: approximately 35.50 feet wide by 145.00 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Fanny Street.
Situate at a point on the northerly side of Madison Avenue distance approximately 303.50 feet northeasterly from its intersection with the northeasterly side-line of Fanny Street.
There is due approximately the sum of \$141,444.61 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, Attorneys
Suite 201
7 Century Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
CH-753970 (WL)
4 T - 8/20, 8/27,
9/3 & 9/10/98 Fee: \$183.60

DEADLINE INFO. Sports deadlines are: All sports that take place during the week MUST be submitted by FRIDAY, 4 P.M. Weekend sports ONLY will be accepted up till Noon on Monday. Articles must be typed, double spaced, upper and lower case and no longer than 1-1/2 pages. NO EXCEPTIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-17365-96.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO AS TRUSTEE UNDER THAT CERTAIN POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF APRIL 1, 1995, FOR RTC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1995-1 WITHOUT RECOURSE, PLAINTIFF vs. CARNINE ANTONIO AND KATHRYN ANTORINO H/W, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED FEBRUARY 19, 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 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$485,632.50.
The property to be sold is located in the BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1437 DUNN PARKWAY, MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY.
TAX LOT NO.: 17 BLOCK NO.: 10.E.
Dimensions of Lot are (approximately) 55 feet wide by 161.20 feet long, irregular.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Situate on the SOUTHEASTERLY side of DUNN PARKWAY, distant 135.07 feet from the SOUTHWESTERLY side of NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD.
There is due approximately the sum of \$498,665.93 together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.
RALPH FROEHLICH SHERIFF
PETILLO & STERN, Attorneys
Suite 300
1170 Route 2E East
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807-2926
CH-753743 (WL)
4 T - 8/27/98,
9/10 & 9/17/98 Fee: \$193.80



KINDERFUN...Parents Cathy Rutherford, left, and Valerie Jones work with children, pictured left to right, Kaitlyn Rutherford, Michela Cavanaugh and Sabrina Cavanaugh, during a Kindermusik Beginnings class at the Carolyn Klinger-Kueter Music Studio in Westfield.

Kindermusik Enhanced At Klinger-Kueter Studio

WESTFIELD — The Carolyn Klinger-Kueter Music Studio in Westfield is enhancing its Kindermusik program this year by offering many well-known programs for young children.

There are special classes for each level of a child's development, including Kindermusik Village (up to 18 months), Kindermusik Beginnings (18 months to 3 years), Kindermusik Growings (3 to 4 1/2 years), and Kindermusik for the Young Child (4 1/2 to 7 years.)

In Kindermusik, children learn cooperation, listening, creativity, coordination, language/vocabulary and analytical skills.

Parental involvement, including interaction with the younger children and other primary caretakers in the class, are an essential part of the program, according to Ms. Klinger-Kueter, who has taught music for 38 years.

Parents also learn how to continue

Y-Squares Schedule Free Open House On September 15

In celebration of National Square Dance Month, Y-Squares, a local square dance club with members from Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Fanwood invites the public to a free open house.

The program will take place on Friday, September 11, beginning at 8 p.m. at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School on Mildred Terrace in Clark.

Participants will be treated to an evening of fun and an introduction to modern American square dancing, according to Lillian B. Krov, spokeswoman for the Y-Squares.

Lessons will be given on Tuesday evenings at Frank K. Hehny School on Raritan Road in Clark, beginning on September 15 at 7:30 p.m.

their child's enjoyment of music, as well as the skills they have acquired in Kindermusik classes, at home throughout the week.

For a free brochure or further information, please call (908) 233-9094.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-5083-96.

BLUE BONNET SAVINGS BANK, FSB, PLAINTIFF vs. ISIDRO RODRIGUES, ET ALS., DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED JUNE 12, 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 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 \$179,375.96. Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as 254 Inslie Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey. BEING KNOWN as Lot No. 274, Block No. 1 on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth.

Dimensions: (approximately) 100.00 feet x 25.00 feet. Nearest Cross Street: 3rd Street.

There is due approximately the sum of \$184,072.19 together with lawful interest and costs.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF FEDERMAN AND PHELAN, Attorneys Suite 505 Sentry Office Plaza 216 Haddon Avenue Westmont, New Jersey 08108 CH-753933 (WL) 4 T - 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 & 8/27/98 Fee: \$161.16

Registration for Fall Session Taking Place Now at YMCA

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS — The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA is currently holding registration for the Fall 1998 session, which begins on Monday, September 14.

A variety of membership plans allows seniors, adults and children to participate in programs and classes at the YMCA.

In addition to a Wellness Center which offers cardio and strength training machines, adult fitness classes are offered at a variety of times for all levels, while seniors may participate in classes and programs designed for them.

Adult aquatics classes provide participants with an opportunity to improve their fitness level while reducing stress on joints.

The YMCA's Skippers program offers swimming lessons for infants as young as six months to children up to 8 years old. The Youth Progressive Swim Program for children 6 to 12 years old includes stroke development, personal water safety, synchronized swim skills and water sports for beginners through advanced levels.

Parent/Toddler Gymnastics classes allows parents to devote 45 minutes of

undivided attention to their children who are walking through 3 years old. The progressive Preschool Program uses gymnastics and a positive attitude to promote self-esteem in 3 to 5 year olds.

Girls may participate in Youth Gymnastics, where they learn the four Olympic events of women's gymnastics. Kinderym is designed for kindergarten girls, while the Progressive Skills Program helps girls in grades 1 through 12 develop strength and coordination in a safe environment.

Teen and youth activities include classes in Tae Kwon Do, Boxing, Youth Roller Hockey, Youth Sports, Pee Wee Soccer and Youth Roller Hockey.

The Indian Guides and Princess Program helps develop the foundation for a lifelong relationship between fathers and their children ages 5 to 12. Registration for this program will be held Thursday, September 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Red House.

For information on membership or programs, please call the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at (908) 889-8880 or visit the Member Service Desk at 1340 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.



GOING WEST...Monica Gundrum's third-grade class at Tamaques Elementary School in Westfield recently invited Carol Wilson, Assistant Director of the Westfield Memorial Library, to speak about the summer reading program at the library. The theme of the program is the "Wild West." The young audience members, pictured, back to front, are: Derek Anderson, Anthony Arnold, Philip Buonocore, Zach Harris, and Josh Bornstein.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that a resolution as follows was passed and adopted by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held August 11, 1998.

Joy C. Vreeland Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional services to provide a comprehensive energy management program designed to deliver substantial immediate and long term energy cost savings to the Town, and

WHEREAS, NUESI Energy Solutions, Inc., One Elizabethtown Plaza, P.O. Box 3175, Union, New Jersey 07083-1975, has agreed to provide the necessary services as outlined in the document entitled "Union County Energy Program" submitted by NUI dated April 2, 1998, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the Town can realize substantial energy costs savings over the contract term, and

WHEREAS, it is vital that the program should immediately take full advantage of natural gas and electricity deregulation which is currently at hand, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a Resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for professional services "without competitive bidding" must be passed by the governing body and shall be advertised and be available for inspection by members of the public, and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-51(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be provided are engineering services furnished by licensed professional engineers and experts in related components;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield that NUESI Energy Solutions, Inc. is hereby awarded a contract to provide the necessary services as outlined in the above document for a three year period commencing August 11, 1998, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of such contract is expressly subject to the negotiation of a formal contract between the parties which shall be fully acceptable to the Town Attorney and approved by the Town Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published according to law within ten (10) days of its passage. 1 T - 8/27/98, The Leader Fee: \$48.96

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on SEPTEMBER 10, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, the Scotch Plains Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing to consider the following appeal(s) for variances:

JOAN GROVES for a Temporary Operating Permit to allow the temporary placement of a mobile home at the property located at 1635 FRANK STREET (BLOCK NO. 16201, LOT NO. 5), Scotch Plains. Permission, if granted, is pursuant to Section 23-4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance allowing for temporary permission for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

JEROME and LIZA ROSENZWEIG for a Variance to permit the installation of a six-foot-high fence at the property located at 2 FENIMORE DRIVE (Block No. 11902, Lot No. 9), Scotch Plains, contrary to Section 23-2.30 of the Zoning Ordinance whereby maximum height for fencing in the front yard area is four (4) feet; proposed six (6) feet.

ILYA and GAIL SIBER for a Use Variance to permit the construction and operation of a child-care center at the property located at 1650 RARITAN ROAD (BLOCK NO. 14001, LOT NO. 5), Scotch Plains. Said use is prohibited in the R-1 Zone pursuant to Section 23.3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance. In addition, bulk variances from the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance are also being requested:

Section 23-3.4a, Paragraph A Column 2 whereby minimum lot width required is 160 feet; existing and proposed: 100 feet; Column 8 whereby minimum side-yard setback required is thirty (30) feet; proposed: 9.5 feet; and Column 9 whereby minimum total for both side-yard setbacks

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is sixty-five (65) feet; proposed: 23.5 feet. If the above Use Variance is granted, a Site Plan application will be required which will be heard on a date to be determined and subsequently announced.

DION NATALE for a Use Variance to permit the addition of a second-floor apartment over a contractor's storage yard at the property located at 2378 WALDHEIM AVENUE (Block No. 6801, Lot No. 29), Scotch Plains. Said use is prohibited in the M-1 Zone pursuant to Section 23.3.14d7(g) of the Zoning Ordinance which prohibits any type of residential use in said Zone. In addition, bulk variances from the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance are also being requested:

Section 23-3.4a, Paragraph N Column 3 whereby minimum lot size required is 7,500 square feet; existing and proposed: 5,500 square feet; and Column 4 whereby minimum lot width required is 75 feet; existing and proposed: fifty (50) feet. In addition, applicant is requesting Site Plan approval for this project together with any and all design waivers which may be deemed necessary.

MARTIN SCHMIEDE for a Use Variance to permit the addition of a second floor to the contractor's storage yard, which is a non-conforming use in the B-2 Zone pursuant to Section 23-3.11 of the Zoning Ordinance, at the property located at 2298 SOUTH AVENUE (Block No. 8201, Lot No. 16), Scotch Plains. The proposed addition constitutes an expansion of the non-conforming use. Applicant is also requesting modifications to the previously approved Site Plan for this site.

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Scotch Plains, and is available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Linda M. Lies Secretary to the Zoning Board of Adjustment Township of Scotch Plains 1 T - 8/27/98, The Times Fee: \$99.96

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998 AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 425 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY FOR THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT USED IN THE COLLECTION OF LEAVES FROM THE STREETS, WALKWAYS, AND PARKING LOTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD.

EQUIPMENT TO BE RENTED ON AN HOURLY BASIS WITH OPERATOR, OR AN ELAPSED TIME BASIS, WITHOUT OPERATOR, INCLUDES TRACTOR TRAILERS, DUMP TRUCKS, AND RUBBER TIRE FRONT END LOADERS. THE SPECIFICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATE ITEMS:

D. HAULING FROM THE TOWN CONSERVATION CENTER TO THE UNION COUNTY COMPOSTING FACILITY IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP ON A FIXED UNIT PRICE BASIS, EXCLUSIVE OF DISPOSAL FEE.

E. HAULING FROM THE TOWN CONSERVATION CENTER TO AN APPROVED PRIVATE COMPOSTING FACILITY ON A FIXED UNIT PRICE BASIS, INCLUSIVE OF DISPOSAL FEE.

PROPOSALS MUST BE IN WRITING AT THE PLACE AND BEFORE THE HOUR MENTIONED ABOVE, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED CHECK, OR BID BOND, MADE PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) TO INSURE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT.

BIDDERS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 127 PL 1975, SUPPLEMENT TO THE LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (AFFIRMATIVE ACTION).

SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE SEEN AND PROCURED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, 959 NORTH AVENUE, WEST, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY, IF IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN, IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE TO DO SO. KENNETH B. MARSH TOWN ENGINEER 1 T - 8/27/98, The Times Fee: \$53.55

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held August 11, 1998, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 15th day of September, 1998, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

Joy C. Vreeland Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION AND UPDATE OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield as follows: SECTION 1 - That the existing Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Westfield shall be and is hereby repealed, and a new Land Use Ordinance, as hereinafter set forth, shall be and is hereby adopted. Said Ordinance being in excess of six (6) typed pages of ordinary print is proposed to be enacted without publication in full pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. 40:49-2.1.

SECTION 2 - The principal changes effected by said ordinance are as follows:

- The ordinance is a complete rewriting and reorganization of the entire Land Use Ordinance, designed to make the ordinance easier to use and understand, to make the ordinance consistent with current State and Federal laws and court decisions, to streamline, where appropriate, the processing of minor development applications and to implement numerous desired procedural and substantive policies concerning the use and development of land in the Town of Westfield.
- In Article 2, *Definitions*, numerous definitions have been added, deleted or revised. Statute citations have been added. The applicability section has been broadened.
- In Article V, *Fees, Deposits, Guarantees and Other Payments*, the fee schedules have been revised. Provisions have been added regarding payment of professionals involved in the processing of development applications and in the inspection of improvements.
- In Article 7, *Procedures for Variance Applications, Appeals, Requests for Interpretations or Other Special Questions*, the appeal of Board of Adjustment decisions to the Town Council has been eliminated as a procedural option.
- In Article 8, *Site Plan and Subdivision Review Procedures*, the list of exemptions from the site plan approval requirement has been expanded, and site plan waiver provisions have been clarified. The nature, timing and procedures for construction or required improvements at the time of preliminary and final approval have been revised and clarified. The procedures and limitations on conditional approvals have been revised, including deadlines for compliance with conditions.
- In Article 10, *Design Guidelines, Standards and Construction Specifications*, Provisions regarding the New Jersey Residential Site Improvement Standards have been included or referenced. General guidelines have been added.
- In Article 11, *Zone District Regulations*, the following principal changes are proposed:
 - The zoning map has been amended to correct several situations where existing properties are split by a zone boundary. In one location, a zone boundary has been amended to make two lots conforming with the zone regulations. In one location, four properties consisting of an entire zone district have been merged with an adjacent zone district.
 - The residential zone district regulations have been amended to permit community residences and shelters as a principal use, pursuant to recent State and Federal legislation.
 - The regulations in all zone districts have been revised to permit all types of antennas which are accessory to permitted uses.
 - The regulations of floor area ratio, coverage by above grade structures and coverage by improvements for single family detached and two-family residences have been revised to regulate these improvements by lot area. The actual standards have been placed in Sections 12.04E, F and G; the zone district regulations merely reference these sections. For floor area ratio, a three year transition period from the current regulations to the proposed regulations has been provided.
 - Office uses have been prohibited on the first floor in the CBD district.
 - The regulations in the GB-2 zone district have been revised to prohibit businesses conducted outside the confines of a building.
 - The regulations for the C zone district have been rewritten so as to be consistent with the balance of the ordinance. This is not a major policy change, but a technical cleanup of the regulatory language, designed to maintain the current permitted uses and bulk standards.
- In Article 12, *General Provisions Applicable in all Zone Districts*, the following principal changes are proposed:
 - Authority to approve "de minimus" departures from the ordinance has been given to the Zoning Officer.
 - Exceptions from the maximum height limitations and minimum yard requirements have been revised and broadened.
 - Provisions for fences and retaining walls have been substantially revised.
 - Regulations for exterior illumination of one- and two-family dwellings have been added by referring to the illumination design standards for site plans.
 - Performance standards have been substantially revised, referencing other governmental standards where appropriate, and have been made applicable to all uses throughout the Town.
 - The general regulations for front yards have been revised to provide for a more

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practical determination of neighborhood front yard patterns and requirements. 7. Cigarette vending machines have been prohibited.

I. In Article 13, *Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures*, the following principal changes are proposed:

- The floor area of buildings accessory to residential use has been limited to 750 square feet.
- The setback requirements for accessory buildings in the rear yard have been substantially revised, and related to the size of the accessory building.
- The coverage limits for accessory buildings in the rear yard have been made applicable in all zones.
- Provisions have been added for sheds, hot tubs and other miscellaneous structures accessory to residential use.
- Provisions prohibiting skateloading facilities have been added.
- A substantial revision of antenna regulations has been made, in response to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and F.C.C. rules. Specific regulations for amateur radio stations have been added.
- The provisions regulating the bulk storage of flammable and hazardous chemicals have been revised to permit slightly greater storage amounts.
- Provisions regulating the storage of liquefied petroleum gas have been added.
- Pump canopies have been added as a permitted accessory structure for gasoline filling stations and gasoline service stations, with appropriate regulations.

J. In Article 14, *Home Occupations*, provisions regulating traffic generation have been expanded. The list of prohibited home occupations has been increased.

K. In Article 15, *Outdoor Storage*, much greater regulatory specifics have been provided for the storage of vehicles, equipment and materials.

L. In Article 16, *Signs*, the following principal changes are proposed:

- General sign regulations have been expanded.
- Greater regulatory specifics have been provided for various types of signs.
- Additional numbers, types and areas of signs are permitted in various cases.
- The provisions concerning sign removal for change of occupancy have been revised.
- Provisions regarding nonconforming signs have been added.
- The list of prohibited signs has been increased.

M. In Article 17, *Off-street Parking, Loading Zones and Driveways*, the following principal changes are proposed:

- Provisions have been added to include or reference the Residential Site Improvement Standards, including but not limited to the required number of parking spaces for dwellings.
- Provisions for joint parking areas have been added.
- The parking requirements in the CBD district have been modified to provide a streamlined review and waiver process, in recognition of the presence of public parking and frequent absence of private off-street parking spaces.

N. In Article 18, *Conditional Uses*, the following principal changes are proposed:

- The "public utility facilities" conditional use has been divided into two separate conditional uses, "residential" and "industrial type" public utilities, with appropriate regulations for each. Residential type public utilities are permitted in all zones. Industrial type public utilities are permitted in the O-3 and C zone districts.
- Community residences and shelters have been eliminated as a conditional use.
- The existing "public garages or gasoline service stations" conditional use has been divided into three separate conditional uses, "gasoline filling stations and gasoline service stations", "automotive service shops and automotive repair shops", and "automatic car washes and drive-through lubricating establishments", with appropriate regulations for each.
- Lumber, building material and garden center sales has been added as a conditional use in the C zone district.
- Dish antennas have been eliminated as a conditional use.
- For schools, a 40 foot minimum setback for outdoor use areas has been added.
- For automobile body repair shops and automobile painting facilities, the requirement for minimum distances from other uses and intersections has been eliminated.
- The regulations for cellular telecommunications antennas have been amended to prohibit same in the RS-single family residence district.
- Gasoline filling stations, gasoline service stations and public garages have been added as conditional uses in the GB-3 zone district.
- In Article 19, *Non-conforming Uses, Buildings and Structures*, the provisions concerning nonconforming lots have been broadened. Provisions concerning certification of nonconforming uses and structures have been added.

P. Article 20, *Official Map*, has been revised, pending an reexamination and revision of the Master Plan, and pending an update of the Official Map.

SECTION 3 - At least three (3) copies of said full proposed ordinance and proposed zoning map are on file in the office of the Town Clerk for public examination and acquisition. Copies are available for inspection or acquisition during regular weekday working hours and arrangements have been made for the publication of said full proposed ordinance which will be available for purchase from the Town Clerk.

SECTION 4 - This ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 1998 or on the first day of the first month after publication and passage, whichever occurs last. SECTION 5 - The Town Clerk is hereby directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this ordinance to the Union County Planning Board, and to all others entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. Upon adoption of this ordinance, after public hearing thereon, the Town Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of this ordinance as finally adopted with the Union County Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16 and with the Town Tax Assessor. 1 T - 8/27/98, The Leader Fee: \$264.18

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Westfield will sell at public auction, all its right, title and interest in the following vacant property:

Address and Tax Lot and Block Number	Approximate Size	Minimum Price
900 Union Street Lot No. 3.011 Block No. 3607	150x178x229 16,900 Square Feet (triangular)	\$150,000.00
900 Union Street Lot No. 3.012 Block No. 3607	84x170 16,100 Square Feet (rectangular)	\$150,000.00

CONDITIONS OF SALE

- Bids at open auction will be received by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield on Friday, September 18, 1998 at 3:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing time, in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 at sea., for the purchase of the aforesaid real property owned by the Town of Westfield.
- Such public bids at open auction must be made in person at the place and the hour mentioned above, at the call of the auctioneer and must be accompanied by cash or a certified check, made payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Town of Westfield, in an amount equal to at least 10% of the amount of the bid. The Town will accept a certified check for 10% of the minimum price and a personal check for 10% of the difference between the minimum price and the amount of the bid. If the successful bidder neglects, refuses or fails to complete and perform the purchase of this real property and pay the balance of the bid price on tender of the deed by the Town, his deposit shall be retained by the Town of Westfield on account of, as and for, liquidated damages for such failure to perform.
- The Town Council of the Town of Westfield reserves the right to accept or reject the highest bid, or any and all bids, and receipt of the highest bid at public auction does not constitute such acceptance, which requires a Resolution of the Town Council. The auctioneer is authorized to withdraw any property from auction at any time at his sole discretion.
- All these properties are larger than the size required for development under the Municipal Land Use Ordinance or have variances permitting development and are without capital improvements.
- All sales are subject to a deed restriction that the property may only be used for the development of detached single family dwellings.
- The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to:
 - any and all restrictions and easements of record, if any, including particularly an easement for the existing stream.
 - such state of facts as an accurate survey may reveal, and any and all applicable municipal zoning restrictions and any limitations on development or utilization imposed by the presence of fresh water wetlands or transition areas, if any, the presence of a detention basin to the rear and the location of an open stream on the right side of Lot No. 3.011 Block No. 3607 at the property line. A copy of a map prepared by the Town Engineer's office showing the locations of the features known to exist is available in office of the Town Engineer for inspection.
 - the balance of the purchase price in cash or certified check to be paid to the Town at the time of closing of title, which closing shall take place no later than forty (40) days subsequent to the time of acceptance of the bid by the Town.
 - no real estate or legal commission will be paid by the Town.
 - the name or names of the grantee which the bidder wishes in the deed is to be given to the auctioneer at the time of the auction.
 - the Town will convey title by "Bargain and Sale Deed", which deed will not be accompanied by an Affidavit of Title.
- The Town of Westfield will install all street drainage, curbing, and grade and install the road base course on Union Street as well as an improved drainage system on Sherman Street, at its own cost and expense. At closing, each purchaser of these lots shall pay to the Town of Westfield the amount as shown below to establish an escrow to pay the cost of the finished macadam top course for the portion of Union Street abutting these properties to the street center line.

Lot No. 3.011	\$1010.00
Lot No. 3.012	\$560.00

 After construction on the lots are complete, the Town of Westfield will utilize these funds as well as other funds to complete the final paving of Union Street and will refund any escrow amount in excess of that required to install the top course in front of each of these properties.
- The development will be subject to a tree save plan approved by the Town Engineer.
- The purchasers will be required to pay the town attorney the sum of \$700.00 as document preparation fees for each parcel at closing.

1 T - 8/27 & 9/3/98 Fee: \$246.84

Local School Districts Have Impact on Real Estate Values

WESTFIELD—"During this back-to-school time of the year, we are reminded that school districts should play an important part in the decision-making process when you're ready to buy a home," said Jean Massard, Vice President and Manager of the Westfield office of Burgdorff ERA.

Westfielder Takes Part In Bioscience Program At Tufts University

Alexander Escobar of Westfield is one of 18 undergraduate students participating in a summer bioscience research program at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts.

The program, which is in its ninth year, is funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

"This is a critical opportunity for undergraduates to work closely with our faculty members in biology and biotechnology engineering to gain experience in carrying out original scientific research," said Ross S. Feldberg, Associate Professor of Biology at Tufts, and Director of the Hughes Bioscience Program.

At many colleges and universities, direct research experience is available only to graduate students, he said.

Students in this year's program come from Tufts, the University of Virginia and the University of Northern Iowa. Each student researcher receives a \$2,800 stipend for the 10-week program.

In addition to their laboratory work, students attend weekly seminars and will present oral reports on their projects during a three-day symposium at the end of the summer.

system often goes hand in hand with the demand for housing," she continued. "Better schools will usually translate into a higher demand for real estate.

"The bottom line is that a recognized school district can mean higher real estate values in a strong market, or steadier values in a weak market," she added.

Ms. Massard has invited all prospective home buyers to stop by the Westfield office for more detailed information on school districts throughout New Jersey.

"Not only do schools affect the future of our children, they also affect the quality of your real estate investment," she concluded.

Founded in 1958 and celebrating its 40th anniversary in 1998, Burgdorff ERA has more than 600 sales associates and 30 offices across New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania.

Fitness for Golfers Commences at 'Y' Beginning Sept. 2

WESTFIELD — Starting in September, the Westfield "Y" will present a new fitness class specifically designed for those who golf.

The classes will meet once a week for four weeks, and will emphasize the proper strength and flexibility exercises needed for successful golf performance.

The fee is \$80. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 2, and will be held from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street in Westfield.

Interested individuals may call Michael Johnson at (908) 233-2700, Extension 251.



VOICE OF TECHNOLOGY...Rotarian Jonathan Klausner, left, President of Computer Vision and Voice, located at 504 North Avenue, East, in Westfield, recently brought along David Sacco, his Director of Marketing and Training, to demonstrate a voice-activated computer for fellow members of the Rotary Club of Westfield. Mr. Sacco, who demonstrated the device from his wheelchair, commenced by establishing voice recognition by repeating 15 to 20 words from which the computer extrapolated sounds and was able to understand all commands and tests.



ROTARY INTERACTION...During a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Westfield, representatives of Rotary's Westfield High School Interact Club accepted a check for \$250 to be added to Interact's general fund. Interact was the beneficiary of the Women's Games Track and Field meeting held recently in Westfield. Rotarian Mark Zenobia, President of On Your Mark Productions, second from right, is pictured presenting the check to Interact officers. They are, pictured left to right: Elizabeth Ancharski, Vice President, and Co-Presidents Liz Winberry and Laura Krasnov. Looking on is Rotarian Mark Swingle, Liaison between Rotary and the Interact Clubs.

Town Book Store to Give Credit to Local Schools

WESTFIELD — The Town Book Store, 255 East Broad Street in Westfield, is starting a "Stock the Shelves" fundraising program to help local schools. The program will build store credit for schools, based on purchases made by each school's supporters.

During the month of September, all Town Book Store customers will be able to designate which portion of their sales receipt should be donated to a specific school by the book store. At the end of the month, the store will tally the receipts and provide store credit to each school's account.

September will be a "warm-up" for a school's participation in the full program. No sign-up is required for the month.

Participation in The Town Book Store's "Stock the Shelves" school fundraising program will begin with a "Kickoff Day" — an all-day Saturday in-store collection of any receipts donated by customers.

Receipts from purchases at the store will be collected in the school library or office, and presented to the store

periodically, at which time the credit would be applied to the school's store account.

Credits will not expire; however, participation will need to be renewed annually. Please call Grace Roth at (908) 233-3535 for additional information.

Registration on Tap At Westfield Library

WESTFIELD — Registration will begin on Wednesday, September 2, at the Westfield Memorial Library for Toddler Time Stories, to be held on Wednesday, September 16, from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Children must be 2½ years old, be registered in person, and be Westfield Library members.

Toddler Time is a one-session introduction for youngsters and accompanying adults to story time, special collections and other services of the library.

The 30-minute program consists of audience participation in finger games, songs and very simple stories.

Burgdorff's Carol Tener Named Tops in Production

WESTFIELD — Carol Tener, a top producer at the Westfield office of Burgdorff ERA was tops in production for the months of April and July, with sale accumulations of 5 Units each for both months.

Ms. Tener has been a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors (NJAR) Million Dollar Club every year since 1984, earning the Gold Achievement Award in 1992 and 1993 with more than \$10 million in business.

In addition, she garnered Silver Awards in six other years. Ms. Tener has also received the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club Award, a recognition of professional accomplishment for those who have achieved the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Club for a minimum of 11 years.

She also was recognized as a member of Burgdorff's "Elite Group" at the 1998 Annual Awards Luncheon held at the Parsippany Hilton in February.

WHS Graduate Won Three Broadway Roles

WESTFIELD — Westfield resident and 1997 Westfield High School graduate Coleen Sexton joined the Broadway musical *Jekyll & Hyde* as an understudy for two lead roles and a third supporting role this summer. She auditioned for the Broadway role in July, for Frank Wildhorn, the composer. Coleen just completed an album and television series contract in Europe.

Coleen made her Broadway debut on July 31, after a special dinner with her family and high school drama teacher Joseph Nierle.

She performed the role of Kate in her debut and appeared as three different characters throughout the summer.

Currently, Coleen is represented by the Nani/Saperstein Talent Associates. She resides in Westfield with her mother, Eileen Halloran



Coleen Sexton

Westfield 'Y' Invites Non-Members to Try Fall Fitness Classes

WESTFIELD — For the first time this fall, the Westfield "Y," 220 Clark Street in Westfield, is offering non-members the opportunity to try a fitness class.

On Tuesday, September 15, from noon to 12:45 p.m., there will be an Introduction to Indoor Cycling class, which will be repeated on Saturday, September 19, from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 16, from 5 to 5:55 p.m., the public will have the opportunity to experience the Step/Aerobics/Sculpt class.

This shortened version of the "cross-training" class will give attendees a sample of the various types of classes offered at the "Y."

The fee is \$5 per class, but registration is required due to space limitations. Individuals may register at the "Y" or call Karen F. Simon at (908) 233-2700 for more information.

Piano Students Garner Awards in Competitions

Several piano students from Westfield recently won prizes in competitions held in New York and New Jersey, and had performances in Weill Hall, formerly Carnegie Recital Hall.

Kathryn Chern won first prize in the Russell E. Lanning Division of the Piano Teachers Society of America, performing "Etude Hommage a Chopin" by Nicholas Flagello on May 24.

She also won first prize in the first Andrew G. DeGrado Memorial Accompanying Competition, with Jason Tammam performing on the cello.

In addition, Kathryn was a winner in the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey. She performed in the solo division at Weill Hall on May 30.

She was a finalist in the New York Congress of Piano Teachers CAMI Hall Annual Competition in April. Kathryn will be a senior at the Kent Place School in Summit and is a member of the Junior Musical Club of Westfield.

Shannon Kang, who will attend Rutgers University in the fall, was the recipient of the one scholarship awarded by the New Jersey Music Teachers Association for a high school senior.

She won the \$1,000 award performing a full recital program for a jury at Westminster Choir College, of Rider University in Lawrenceville, earlier this season.

Shannon and Kathryn Chern additionally won second prize in the Music Educators Association (MEA) of New Jersey Gifted Competition, which was held at Montclair University in March.

Earlier this season, Angela Kim performed in the Weill Hall winners recital of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey. She also won the second prize, along with fellow piano student Kate Bowers, in the MEA ensemble division for 14 and 15 year olds. Angela also won third prize in the solo division of the MEA Gifted Competition.

Kathryn Chern and Kate Walsh, also of Westfield, won "highest honors" and "honors," respectively, in the New Jersey Music Teachers Association auditions. As a result, they performed in recital in Princeton in May.

Kate was also awarded a \$50 check for 10 years of outstanding grades in the MEA annual auditions. She will attend the Eastman School of Music Summer High School Program, as well as Piano Camp at Rider University, this summer. Angela and Kate Walsh were also among the winners in the annual Bridgewater Library competition, and performed there in an April recital.

A seven year award of \$25 was presented to Jason Tammam for superior grades in the MEA annual auditions.

Kathryn, Shannon, Angela, Kate Walsh, Kate Bowers and Jason are all students of Sondra Tammam of Westfield. Jason is also a student of Leo Wang of Fanwood.

Ms. Tammam was awarded the Drake Pedagogy Award for outstanding ensemble teaching and the Madame Genia Robinov Award for Pedagogy at the Piano Teachers Society of America Concert at Weill Hall on May 23.



Marc Kelley Realtors, 2 Alden Street, Cranford, has announced its participation in the sale of this lovely four bedroom Colonial at 119 Makatom Drive, Cranford. Heidi-Ann negotiated the purchase of this property on behalf of the buyers. She then dealt with all matters pertinent to this sale until it closed.



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ENJOY OUR HOSPITALITY...The Friends of Hospitality House prepare for their upcoming Charity Travel, Service and Craft Auction, scheduled for Saturday, October 24, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall in Union. Proceeds benefit poor and homeless people. Pictured, left to right, are: Mary Clare Kubicz, Iris Rispoli and Virginia Scarpelli.

Westfield 'Y' Camps Celebrate Season's End With Festive Carnivals

WESTFIELD — The Westfield "Y" Summer Camp Program ended its 1998 season with camp carnivals held recently at Echo Lake Park, the First United Methodist Church and the "Y."

More than 250 children enjoyed a variety of games geared to each group level — preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 through 5 — as well as prizes, face painting, snowcones and cotton candy for everyone.

Favorite attractions were "Dunk the Counselor" and the shaving cream toss.

Over 1,000 children participated this year in the Westfield "Y's" camp program, which provides fun-filled, wholesome activities in a safe and caring environment.

The goals of the camps are to develop confidence, leadership and the ability to contribute to and benefit from group situations, whether as a preschooler or a teenage "Counselor in Training," according to "Y" representative Bona Wieland.

Highlights of the summer included daily swims, weekly trips and outdoor adventures.

The Westfield "Y's" fall session begins on Tuesday, September 8, with school-age child care beginning on Wednesday, September 23.

Transportation is provided for Westfield students to and from the Westfield "Y." Questions regarding child care may be referred to Susan Beelitz, for preschool, or Stacy Dixon, school age, at (908) 233-2700.

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Hospitality House Auction To Aid Poor and Homeless

The Friends of Hospitality House will sponsor the 13th Annual Charity Travel, Service and Craft Auction to benefit the poor and homeless on Saturday, October 24, at the Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Morris Avenue and Suburban Road, in Union.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is free and complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Last year's event raised over \$15,000. All proceeds were distributed between two exceptional projects — Hospitality House, which provides transitional housing for the homeless working poor of Union County, and the St. Joseph Social Service Center, which provides a soup kitchen, medical clinic, and various counseling and educational programs for those in need.

Area businesses and individuals have donated an assortment of prizes for the event, including vacations and get-away weekends to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Vermont, Atlantic City, and other locations.

Other prizes include tickets for sports events, shows and attractions, restaurant and store gift certificates, handcrafted items, home-cooked meals, toys, giftware, and more.

There will be items in every price range, and ample bargains, according to Auction Chairwoman Muffy Basile.

For more information, please call Ms. Basile at (908) 277-2688, or Mary Clare Kubicz at (908) 204-9772.

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Compassion and Creativity Describe Child Care Centers

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school for children 6 through 12. The STEP philosophy supports growth of the whole child — the mind, body and spirit — noting that children need time to be allowed to “be children.”

In past years, children were delivered by 3:30 p.m. to the program by school buses, three, four or five days a week. The program schedule coincides with the public school schedule.

Students receive help with homework from volunteers, and enjoy other activities and projects, until 6 p.m. The center is licensed by the Bureau of Licensing of the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.

Teens 13 to 18 years of age also meet at the Neighborhood Council three evenings a week from 6 to 9 p.m. An adult leader organizes activities in tandem with participants.

Council Director Ezella Johnson said she looked forward to increased community participation in the organization and its programs, “giving them a sense of ownership over this center.”

The Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey (JCC) has many state-licensed programs and is another example of a community child care provider.

The curriculum and mission of the JCC is to develop social, emotional and intellectual skills. But, the child's education will also be developed in areas of math, reading, science, language, social studies, the arts, physical education, swimming and computers, while maintaining the unique goal to instill “a positive Jewish identity” in each child.

The curriculum is based on “a building block process” which enforces skills learned at an earlier age and continues to expand and develop them as the child grows.

Director of Early Childhood Services Susan Bennett believes “it is an excellent curriculum. It's a hands-on approach and they will remember this for a lifetime.”

The Nursery School staff is comprised of college graduates and experienced teachers and assistants. Nursery School teachers belong to a local chapter of the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children.

The JCC also offers programs for children from 2 to 5 years of age with a full-day kindergarten, extended day classes for children 3 to 5 years old and several stimulating enrichment programs such as cooking, sports, music and com-

puters. A special feature of the JCC is The Ellen Geller Drop In Center which allows children from 2 to 5 years old to use their creative skills through music, art, cooking and holiday programs.

The Kindergarten Kids program offers children special activities, which include Judaica, art, reading, math readiness and mini field trips.

During an interview with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood*, the hallways were bursting with activity and enthusiasm from children of all ages. Ms. Bennett explained that there is always a special activity or program in the center at the JCC which always invites the community to attend the children's art shows and special events.

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, which is licensed by the State of New Jersey, offers several special child care options. The center encompasses the Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Clark areas as well as surrounding communities.

The YMCA offers programs for infants to pre-kindergarten age children during weekdays and follows the philosophy that “Playtime is Learning Time.”

There is a special focus on enhancing a child's behavioral, social, problem-solving, language and coordination skills.

A Kinder Kare program is also provided for half-day kindergarten students to supplement local school programs. Transportation is available from Hehny School in Clark and kindergartens in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district.

Before School and After School Programs are also offered and allow children time to work on homework, interact with friends and play card and board games. Other programs such as Gym Jams for Nursery School age children is provided and their summer camp involves field trips, nature walks, swimming instruction, gymnastics, soccer, basketball, baseball and golf.

Lynne Bradley, Director of the child care programs, highlighted a number of programs offered by Gym Jams including art shows, family nights, open swimming nights and center involvement with organizations for the handicapped and wellness centers as some of the events which involve the YMCA with the community.

She concluded, “We have a very professional, qualified and caring staff.”



HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS IN SUMMER...Mary Ann Flood, left, of Westfield Twig II gains a nod of approval from Kay Cross, the owner of “Flowers...Naturally,” who conducted a recent workshop in preparation for the “Holiday Treasures” fundraiser to be held Thursday through Sunday, November 19 to 22, to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH). Hundreds of handcrafted “holiday treasures” are being created by designers and members of the CSH Auxiliary and Twigs for the event, which will be held in the Westfield National Guard Armory.

Philathalians to Hold Auditions Sept. 8-9 for *On Borrowed Time*

FANWOOD — The Philathalians of Fanwood will hold open auditions on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. for *On Borrowed Time*, a nostalgic comic

play by Paul Osborne.

There are parts for actresses and actors of all ages, including 14 speaking roles, in this fantasy about a family's dealings with “Mr. Brink,” a mysterious character who turns out to be death incarnate.

Especially needed are older performers (capable of playing 60 plus years old), and two youngsters, 7 and 10 years old.

The Philathalians, now nearing their 70th year in Fanwood, are also seeking people interested in offstage theater work. Anyone with a knack for (or interest in learning) makeup, wardrobe, lighting, props or any theater craft are invited to attend.

The theater is at the Fanwood Carriage House, 129 Watson Road, at the corner of Park Avenue adjacent to Borough Hall.

For directions or further information, please call (908) 322-8686 or (732) 815-1110.

Volunteers Sought For Discovery Shop

WESTFIELD — The Union County Unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to work Saturdays at the Discovery Shop, the organization's upscale, resale store located at 311 North Avenue in Westfield.

The shop is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are responsible for accepting donations, pricing clothing and displaying merchandise. No experience is necessary, but volunteers must be personable.

Bag Sale Days will be held at the Discovery Shop on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and 29. A bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled to the rim with all summer merchandise.

As the clothing racks become empty, fall and winter donations will be accepted at the store. All items must be clean, stylish and in good condition. Donations must not be more than three years old.

All proceeds raised from the sale of Discovery Shop articles directly support programs in research, education and patient services.

For information about volunteering or donating items, please call the Union Unit at (908) 354-7373.

DPW Issues Correction On Brush Pickup Dates

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Department of Public Works has issued a correction regarding the dates for its Brush Program. A brochure mailed to borough residents stated the program would commence on the first Monday of September.

Brush pickup will actually take place on the north side of Fanwood from Monday, August 31, through Friday, September 4. On the south side, pickup will occur between Tuesday, September 8, and Friday, September 11.

Please call (908) 322-7404 if you have any questions.

Junior Woman's Club Invites Public to Submit 'Beautiful Baby' Photos

FANWOOD — The Junior Woman's Club of Fanwood is sponsoring a “Beautiful Baby” photo contest to take place on Sunday, September 27, at the third annual Fanny Wood Day celebration, which will be held from noon to 5 p.m. in the borough's downtown.

Photographs submitted may feature a child from birth to 5 years of age, and must be no larger than 4 by 6. All photographs will be on display, separated into two age categories, and a prize will be awarded to both winners.

Winners need not be present, so parents are asked to print their child's name and their telephone number on the back of photographs which are submitted.

Photographs should be mailed by Monday, September 21, to: Fanwood Junior Woman's Club, P.O. Box 452, Fanwood, 07023.

Residents will have an opportunity to cast their votes, for \$1 each, during the Fanny Wood Day festival. All proceeds will benefit the Fanwood Junior Woman's Club, which has been helping the community since 1946.

For further information, please call Carolyn at (908) 490-0130.

Superintendent to Establish Citizens Advisory Committee

WESTFIELD — Westfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. William J. Foley has invited interested Westfield residents to participate in a Citizens Advisory Committee to review potential building and technology projects in the schools.

In a recently concluded report by the Strategic Planning Action Committee which analyzed school facilities, the 22 volunteers recommended that a public bond referendum be proposed which would allow for adequate facility needs.

“In response to this recommendation, I am looking for a cross-section of community members to review enrollment issues, facilities problems and tax impact,” said Dr. Foley.

“We will also be including some technology recommendations which we have received from the strategic planning committees as well,” he noted.

Dr. Foley expects to select the Citizens Advisory Committee the first week of September, with the initial meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 12.

“The commitment will be short-termed but intense,” explained the Superintendent, “with an anticipated recommendation from the volunteers by September 30.”

“Much of the research and leg-work has already been accomplished by the Action Plan Committee established earlier this year to help develop a district Strategic Plan,” said Dr. Foley.

“Thanks to the efforts of those

Gem and Mineral Show Coming to Fanwood On September 12

FANWOOD — The New Jersey Mineralogical Society, Inc., will hold its 27th annual Gem and Mineral Show on Saturday, September 12, between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Train Station, located at North Martine and North Avenues. The rain date is Sunday, September 13.

Dealers will display a variety of specimens, including fossils and jewelry. For information, please call (732) 469-1047.



A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME...Williams Nursery recently donated 55 rose bushes to help the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit revive their rose garden. Reeves Reed Horticulturist Carolyn Lydon is shown planting one of the rose bushes with intern Steve Passafaro, a Rutgers University student.

Rose Bush Donations Revive Memorial Garden in Summit

WESTFIELD — David Williams of Williams Nursery donated 55 rose bushes to the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit in an effort to revive its Susie Graham Reeves rose garden following its reported decimation by deer. The original rose garden was created in 1925 and contained similar plants.

The donated beauties included hybrid teas, floribundas, rambling roses and, as pictured, standard roses that resemble topiaries. These are the

people, led by Chairwoman Darielle Walsh, the new Citizens Advisory Committee will have an enormous amount of resource materials at their disposal,” he remarked.

Anyone interested in participating on the new committee is asked to call the Superintendent's office at (908) 789-4420 for an application form. Applications should be returned by Friday, September 4.

Westfield 'Y' Camps Celebrate Season's End With Festive Carnivals

WESTFIELD — The Westfield “Y” Summer Camp Program ended its 1998 season with camp carnivals held recently at Echo Lake Park, the First United Methodist Church and the “Y.”

More than 250 children enjoyed a variety of games geared to each group level — preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 through 5 — as well as prizes, face painting, snowcones and cotton candy for everyone.

Favorite attractions were “Dunk the Counselor” and the shaving cream toss.

Over 1,000 children participated this year in the Westfield “Y's” camp program, which provides fun-filled, wholesome activities in a safe and caring environment.

The goals of the camps are to develop confidence, leadership and the ability to contribute to and benefit from group situations, whether as a preschooler or a teenage “Counselor in Training,” according to “Y” representative Bona Wieland.

Highlights of the summer included daily swims, weekly trips and outdoor adventures.

The Westfield “Y's” fall session begins on Tuesday, September 8, with school-age child care beginning on Wednesday, September 23.

Transportation is provided for Westfield students to and from the Westfield “Y.” Questions regarding child care may be referred to Susan Beelitz, for preschool, or Stacy Dixon, school age, at (908) 233-2700.



AWARD OF MERIT...During a recent ceremony held at The Pentagon, Charles L. Cragin, left, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, presented the Meritorious Service Medal to United States Navy Captain Bill Hughes of Westfield. Captain Hughes is stationed in Washington, D.C. and serves as Director of Operations, National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey, on Monday, September 14, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey for the following:

One (1) 1998/1999 Sedan, Mid-Size Vehicle, 4-door.
Proposals must be delivered at the place and before the hours above mentioned in a sealed envelope marked “Bid for Vehicle” bearing the Name and Address of the bidder, addressed to the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey and must be in the office of the Purchasing Agent on or before the hour named.

Bids must be accompanied by a proposal guarantee in the form of certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in an amount of 10% of the total bid, payable to the Town of Westfield. Each proposal must be accompanied by a surety company certification stating that the said surety company will provide the bidder with the required performance bond in the full amount to be contracted.

Bidders must be in compliance with all provisions of Chapter 127 pl 1975 supplement for the law against discrimination (Affirmative Action). Bidders statement of Ownership, as required by Chapter 33 of the Public Laws of 1977, must be submitted with all bids.

Specifications and proposal forms can be examined and procured at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any and all bids, also waive any informality if it is deemed advisable so to do.

Marianne K. Horta
Purchasing Agent
1 T - 8/27/98, The Leader Fee: \$40.29

Overlook to Raffle Mercedes-Benz For Maternity Wing

The Overlook Hospital Auxiliary is offering raffle tickets for a Mercedes-Benz ML320 to raise money for the maternity center at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

One thousand chances to win this sports utility vehicle are being sold for \$100 apiece. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 19, during “Great Performances,” Overlook Hospital's gala at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. (The winner need not be present.)

To purchase a raffle ticket, please call the Auxiliary business office at (908) 522-2004, or send a check for \$100, payable to Overlook Hospital Auxiliary, to Overlook Auxiliary, 99 Beauvoir Avenue, Summit, 07902.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

A special meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 1998 at 7 P.M., Mayor and Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood to discuss the proposed pocket park at Watson Road. The Pocket Park Committee will make a presentation to the public and welcomes suggestions and comments.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 8/27/98, The Times Fee: \$12.75

Westfield Service League To Reopen September 2

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Service League's Thrift Shop and Consignment Shop, located at 114 Elmer Street, will reopen for business on Wednesday, September 2, at 9 a.m.

The shop's racks are full with fall

merchandise. In addition to offering clothing for the whole family, books, toys and jewelry also will be sold at affordable prices. Visitors are invited to browse through the newly stocked shelves. All proceeds benefit local charities.



REOPENING FOR FALL...Debbie Gatesy, left, and Darlene Finne, Co-Chairwomen of the Westfield Service League Thrift Shop and Consignment Shop, stand outside the shop, located on Elmer Street, in preparation for the re-opening of the shop on Wednesday, September 2.

Correction

WESTFIELD — The Honor Roll submitted by Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield for the fourth marking period, which appeared in the August 6 edition of this newspaper, listed Kathryn A. Wade on the Seventh Grade Honor Roll. She should have been included on the Distinguished Honor Roll.

Lt. Joseph Boscia Finishes Jumpmaster Training

WESTFIELD — First Lieutenant Joseph W. Boscia, an Engineer officer with Headquarters Company, 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, recently completed Jumpmaster training.

This qualification means that in future parachute drops, he will be responsible for the safety during pre-jump preparation, flight, and exiting of a planeload of paratroopers.

Last fall, Lieutenant Boscia completed the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Sapper School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

This course taught skills essential to combat engineers. Lieutenant Boscia was the officer in charge for the detachment he led from Fort Bragg. After completion of the course, he received a new assignment there as Headquarters Company Executive Officer in the 307th Engineer Battalion.

He is a graduate of Holy Trinity

Elementary School in Westfield and St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, and has an electrical engineering degree from the University



First Lt. Joseph W. Boscia of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. His parents, Sue and Joe Boscia, are Westfield residents.